

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Sep/Oct 2013

Commander's Comments

Well we find ourselves at the close of summer and the school year has begun again. School buses will run on the streets again and we will have to leave a little earlier to make it to work so you can get ahead of the school buses. There are a lot of things that are going on at the post. With the new football season starting up we have put a 70 inch TV in the hall in anticipation of people coming to watch the game on game day at the post. We will be running beer specials with buckets of beer. 5 bottles for \$10.00 in a bucket of ice. The quiet of the hall to watch the game and the room to bring the whole family. We have once again brought back the bar menu with many new items on it for the members to get a bit to eat. Fish fry's are going well and as always we can use help. If you're willing to come help with set up, bus tables or tear down. We have started to sell Pasty's at the bar by request of some comrades. You can order them to take and bake (to go) or to eat there. Just remember if you plan to eat them there it is at least 30 min cook time to get them.



There are 324 members of our post and the people that patronize the post the most during the week are mostly non-members of the post. We have new hours 2pm till 11pm so come on down and check out the changes we have made. Remember this is your post and unless you just want a club house we need to get members to patronize the place. You all did a great job making a new post home so how about coming in for a beer or soda and say high to your fellow comrades. I will leave you all with some food for thought.

Choice vs. Decision

By Steve Rogers & Danish Ahmed

Who is in charge of my life? If I was in charge, would I not achieve at least those things that are attainable through effort? It's one thing to give away to destiny and unknown forces those things where other forces have say, but what about those things that simply require effort? Is it not, simply, a decision? When no other forces have say, is it not, simply, your say that has power? You're the only one who can make it happen, or not. So, how do we take that available power, and at least choose to turn those things that are in our power into our reality?

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Calendar of Events for September

Sep 11	Assemble RAMBLIN' ON
Sep 16	VFW House Committee
Sep 23	VFW Business MEETING

Calendar of Events for October

Oct 12	Chicken Fry
Oct 19	Post Cleanup
Oct 21	VFW House Committee
Oct 28	VFW Business Meeting

VFW Post 9156 Duty Schedule

Monday 9:00 am	(4th Monday) Set up for meeting
Tuesdays 9:00 am	(morning crew) Clean, maintenance, burn flags, etc.
Fridays 9:00 am	Peel potatoes and butter bread
Fridays 4:00 pm	(Fish Fry), wash dishes, bus tables, etc.
Fridays 8:30 pm	Fish Fry tear down

Calendar of Events for November

Nov 1	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due
Nov 1	VOD & PP due
Nov 11	Vet's Day North High
Nov 13	Assemble RAMBLIN' ON
Nov 18	VFW House Committee
Nov 25	VFW Business Meeting

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The distinction between choice and decision is the one that fuels the distinction between plan and program. The choice is the plan, the decision is the program. The choice is the dream. The decision is the action. Choosing implies opening a door and seeing what happens. Deciding implies giving something up and receiving something in return. With a choice comes possibility. With a decision comes commitment. There are two ways to live. Avoiding decisions, or embracing them. A decision has no power until it is embraced with integrity.

If we can decide something one day, and the next day we can undecided, what we decided. We have no power in our life; we have no power to choose our path. For choice to flourish, decision must flow through.

Remember it is your choice and your decision alone that makes us successful as a unit.

Thank you and Please direct all questions to:
Commander Jeffery Cummings
(920) 254-8623

Chaplain's Corner



Sick Call: *(all R&R at home unless indicated)*

Robert Wilson – Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #205

Earl Sargent—
1416 North 31th Street

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #215

Dick Henning—Pine Haven #19
531 Giddings Ave. Sheb Falls

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #243

Heard Around the Table

Agent Orange Larry Elmer became an advocate for veterans fighting effects of Agent Orange after he was diagnosed with diabetes. “(Doctors) said without a doubt it’s because of Agent Orange exposure,” he said. The group recalled many area veterans who died from cancers they think are a result of Agent Orange. Several cancers, birth defects and diabetes now are accepted as effects of Agent Orange and receive compensation, Elmer said. He urges affected veterans to file claims at their local veterans affairs offices.

No escaping the memories Any time a helicopter flutters overhead, the smell of diesel fuel wafts in the air or the notes of Taps are played, veterans flash back to the jungles of Vietnam. Glenn Clark did an “awful lot” of night combat assaults as a helicopter pilot, logging 2,000 hours of combat flight time. “That is one of the things I still have nightmares about,” he said. “The flares, the bullets, the noise and everything else. It’s almost a sensory overload, but it was part of life. You felt like you were part of that aircraft. You’d get up in the morning, you’d strap that aircraft on your back, and that aircraft became an extension of you.” A member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Clark still meets annually with service friends. Heat, rain, smell. “It just never got out of your system,” McCaslin said. “I tried not to think about it.”

Welcome home Luck was involved throughout the veterans’ service, many of them said, but what greeted their return home wasn’t as full of good fortune. On Oct. 23, 1969, Erpenbach flew back to Fort Lewis, Wash., to be discharged and given a uniform. Worried he’d fall asleep on the flight home and end up in New York, he stood on the plane from Seattle to Chicago. “As soon as I got off the plane, the first bathroom I came to I took my uniform off,” he said. “It wasn’t a happy time to come home. We weren’t very welcome by anybody in the states at that time, so that was a sad experience.” While other soldiers returning from Vietnam were spit on, yelled at and generally didn’t receive respect from citizens the way veterans do today.

Gordon Ringhand told his comrades around the table they all should be proud they served. Now it’s an honor to march in parades as a veteran, Dean Devlin said. Ending a discussion about what it was like to be just a kid returning from war, John Petterson elicited a round of applause only the veterans could really understand. “I’d like to say one thing to everyone,” he said. “Welcome home!”



Roger Gering, Post Chaplain

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Auxiliary News

Membership: October 15th is the deadline for Dues of \$12.50, after that date \$15.50. To save \$3.00, get your dues paid NOW. The deadline for paying dues is November 30, 2013. I hope we can reach 100%.

Men's Chicken Fry October 12th.

Sisters, can you help at this event? We need workers for the food line, bake goods and raffles. Hours are 10.30AM—1PM, 1PM - 3PM, or 3PM—6PM. We also need bakers. If you can help in any way, please contact me at 457-3715.

Our Auxiliary gave a \$1,000.00 donation to R.C.S. from Memorial money received from Sister Millie Martin. A representative from R.C.S. gave us information on projects that this money will finance.

National Home: Our National Home is in need of U.P.C. codes off of Campbell products. Pat Gabrish is our Chairwoman and would like to receive bags full of codes. They can be brought to our meetings or to the Post.

Thank you to all our faithful bakers on Friday Night Fish Fry's, the men for washing our messy pans, our Friday morning Volunteers and Jack who maintains the yard work. We are always in need of volunteers. If you can help with any of these projects, contact the VFW. It would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting is September 11 a 7:00PM. Hope to see more Sisters in attendance.

Our thoughts and prayers to all who are ill, lost love ones, or are in Nursing Homes.

Meadow View
Sophia Oostdyke

Beach Health Care
Lorraine Schultz

Morningside
Mildred Braeger

Pine Haven
Assisted Living
Vi Gutoski

The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.



Joann Seymour
President

From the Quartermaster



According to the current membership list we have 305 members in this post. Below is a list of our members.

Arno Albrecht, Jeffery Anderson, Kurk Anderson, Danny Austreng, Daniel Bartz, William Baumann, Stephen Baumhardt, Bradley Beeman, Thomas Behrens, Alfred Beinemann, Charles Berger, Tom Bigler, Peter Binder, Jason Borden, Cory Bouck, Larry Bouelle, Ronny Bowen, John Brennan, Mark Brill, Joseph Brillowski, Michael Brocher, Gervase Brown, George Bruss, Eugene Buhler, Bruce Burton, Lynn Carpenter, Raymond Clark, Eric Cobian, James Conrad, Forest Crone, Douglas Crow, James Cummings, Jeffrey Cummings, Donald Cvetan, Calvin Dahl, Herbert Dallas, Paul Damkot, Mark De Long, Richard De Sombre, Bernard Dederling, Roger Dekker, Robert Derus, Nicholas Dickrell, Allison Diebels, Leonard Doelder, Wallace Doro, Saverio Dorsano, Joseph Drees, John Drossel, Michael Dufek, Michael Eberhardy, Steven Edler, Ross Eggebeen, Michael Ehaney, Robert Eldridge, Alton Erickson Sr., Bernard Falk, Vernon Feldt, Lawrence Ferguson, Frederick Fibiger, Daniel Fox, Thomas Frane, Randall French, Harry Frick, Jerome Gabrish, Antonio Gamez, James Genz, Roger Gering, Donald Gerrits, Andrew Giesen, James Gilligan, August Glazer, James Graves, Henry Gross, Donald Grube, James Gruber, Roman Gruenke, David Grulkowski, Larry Grunow, Donald Grzezinski, Sean Hackney, Daniel Hahn, Donnel Hanson, Donald Harder, Jan Harmelink, Albert Harp, George Heaney, James Heckert, James Heling, Kenneth Hemenway, C R Henckel, Frederick Henckel, Richard Henning, Michael Hiebing, Arnold Hoepfner, James Hoerz, Timothy Hoerz, Frederick Hofmann, Otto Hofmann, Robert Holmes, Kenneth Holzer, David Hornes, Richard Horzen, Ronald Hummitzsch, Wayne Isaacson, Ellsworth Jaeger, Matthew Jasper, William Johnson, Leo Kaltenbrun, Leroy Kellner, William Kessler, Wayne Kiley, Robert King Jr., Eugene Kisiolek, Raymond Klabecek, Arthur Kleine, Thomas Klemme, Paul Kloppenburg, Raymond Kohlmann, Clifford Kolbe, Gerald Konz, Vincent Korb, Vincent Kotnik, Robert Kraus, William Kregel, Larry Krieski, Adam Kroener, Gene Krueger, Robert Kuehlmann, Raymond Kuhn, Otto Kurtz, James Lail, Robert Latowski, Mark Lawrence, Thomas Lawry, Kenneth Leffin, James Lieghty, Stanley Leis, Christopher Lemke, Chester Leonard, Lee Lester, Mark Levey, Arthur Lloyd, Anthony Lorenz, Jack Lorenz, William Lorier, Donald Losey, William Marotz, George Marthenze, Joel Martin, Don Mathes, Grant Mayer, Michael Mayer, Harold McCandless, James McCoy, Thomas McCabe, Darwin Menzer, Norman Mertes, Edward Mervar, Ted Metzner, Lawrence Meyer, James Mintner, Gordon Moen, Thomas Mohar, John Molitor, Walter Morris, William Neal, Ralph Nimmer, Patrick O'Brien, Ted O'Grady, Wesley Olsen, Andrew Opgenorth, Robert Osieczek, Robert Osthelder, Donald Perronne, Lloyd Petermann, Harold Peterson, Anton Petrauski, Norbert Pflingsten, Carl Pfister, Gustav Pfister, James Pfister, Andrew Pieri, Robert Pils, Darry Pippert, Leonard Ploeckelman, Robert Ploeckelman, Clarence Polster, Roger Poppy, Robert Portschy, David Poster, William Presutti, Frederick Quasius, Sylvester Rach, Steven Rahn, George Raml, Gene Ramsey, Walter Randolph Jr., James Regutis, Lloyd Reilly, Henry Reimer, Eric Reinecke, Melvin Reineking, Ralph Reineking, Randall Reineking, Linda Reinert, Roy Reinwand, Alphonse Reiter, Edgar Rhoads, Mark Rieger, Michael Rittenhouse, Chester Robinson, R O Rommelfaenger, William Rose, Kenneth Rosso, James Ruh, Michael Sachse, John Samuels, Earl Sargent, Stanley Savinski, Jack Schaefer, Herbert Scharrer, Walter Scharrer, Victor Schill, James Schinabeck, Michael Schmidt, Walter Schmidt, Eugene Schmitz, George Schneekloth, Roland Schoenenberger, Orlin Schrimpf, Timothy Schroeder, Charles Schuette, Burdette Schuldt, Mark Schultz, Harvey Schulz, Frank Schuster, Peter Schwartz, Kerry Scribner, Leander Selk, Lawrence Seymour, William Shimck, Walter Siech, Robert Simmelink, David Sipe, Shane Sipiorski, Anthony Smerke, Gladney Smith, Robert Sommer, Hilarion Spaeth, Leroy Spatz, Chad Spitz, William Stalter, Thomas Steen, Clem Steffes, Philip Stegemeyer, Arthur Stein, Robert Steinbruecker, Albert Steinpreis, Mickey Stempihar, August Stiefvater, Wendell Storm, Timothy Stricker,

Robert Strohschoen, Stacey Summerfield, Leroy Terhardt, James Tershner, Larry Tershner, Verlyn Thomack, Scott Thomas, William Thompson, Curtis Torry, Ralph Uraynar, Philip Van Ess, Darrel Veldboom, Leonard Verhulst, Gerald Voelker, Michael Vollmer, John Voss, Daniel Wahlen, Matthew Wallner, John Webb, Frederick Weber, James Weber, Ronald Weber, Andrew Wehner, Kenneth Weinaug, David Weinknecht, Richard White, Michael Wieck, Edwin, Wiegand, Robert Wield, John Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Thomas Witt, Gary Wolff, Michael Wright, Todd Yurk, Marko Zagar, Steven Zallar, Douglas Zimmerman.

Less than ten percent of the people on this list patronize the post or help with things at the post that are necessary for it's proper operation. This post belongs to YOU, please help insure the post remains in operation by patronizing and helping any way you can.

The bar will be running buckets of beer and wing specials for regular season Packers games. We now have a 70" TV in the hall so the games can be watched there so there will be room for all. Come in and check it out!

Yours in Membership,
Wayne F. Kiley, Post Quartermaster

BUDDY POPPY NEWS

Total money taken in on both days by MEN———\$1833.70

Total money taken in on both days by WOMEN———\$845.01

Total hours worked was 162.5

A very large THANK YOU to all that worked this year and I sure hope and pray that we can do much better in 2014.

Ken Hemenway

Our bar menu has the following offerings.

PIZZA

12 inch Pizza \$7.00-\$7.50

Depending on toppings

Spicy Boneless Wing Zingers

1 lb. \$7.50

½ lbs. \$4.00

6 CHIC. Wing Dings \$4.00

12 Chic. Wing Dings \$7.50

Chic. Tenders \$3.50

Bourbon Street Mix \$6.00

Brew House Mix \$6.00

Pub burger \$4.00

Pub burger with fries \$5.50

Brat patty \$4.00

Brat patty with fries \$5.50

Food Served Tues.-Sun.

No Food on Friday's Fish Fry

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made payable to The USA for an amount "*up to and including my life*".**



Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

James "Jim" Rozman, 8/10/13, U.S. Army, WWII

Al Beinemann, 8/28/13, U.S. Army, WWII

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