

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Nov/Dec 2013

Commander's Comments

Well, here we are thanksgiving right around the corner and Christmas on the way shortly after. It is the time of year when we find ourselves thinking of others. We still have money in the relief fund, so if you think of people in need send them our way, and if they have a "214" we can help. That being said, here is an article I wrote on the homeless veterans in America.



Homeless In America

Homeless in America is a very serious problem. I am going to take a veterans point of view on this topic. I watched some video on homeless in America veterans and it is disturbing to me. Homeless in America is a problem, and will become more and more viable to everyone that walks down the street in the coming years if nothing is done about it. I know your asking yourself what can I do about it? How do I know that if I give them money it won't go for drugs or alcohol? How is it going to help or even matter if I help and no one else does? These are the kind of questions you find yourself thinking when you see the homeless in America. As a child you're brought up not to stop and talk to strangers much less a homeless stranger. This is a core value that your parents teach you from a young age on. And you teach it to your children. You never know who you will meet on the streets and that scares people. It scares people to the point that rather than stop and talk to a homeless person you find yourself walking down the opposite side of the road. Thinking back I can recall growing up and seeing strangers and homeless people that when I was alone walking I would cross the street. The whole time I would think as long as I don't have to talk to them I would be safe.

Homeless In America

The older I get the more educated I get. If you would have told me as a kid growing up that I would get smarter with age I would have told you that would not happen. I spent 8 1/2 years in a Special Forces unit and a majority of my time was spent in third world countries. Now there is a overwhelming amount of homeless in these countries. In 1986 I went to a country called Honduras. I had the opportunity to go to down town Lasaba and in this city there was homeless people everywhere. The people would be sleeping on the sidewalks and under bridges. The employment rate was probably 50% unemployed and the people that did work had jobs like cutting the grass on the highway. Now keep in mine they do not cut grass like we do in the United States. These workers would walk around with machetes and cut the grass by hand. They would walk from city to city cutting down the grass. They would leave at dusk and get back at dawn.

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Calendar of Events for November

Nov 1	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due
Nov 1	VOD & PP due
Nov 11	Vet's Day North High
Nov 11	Veteran's Day @ South High Radio BB93 @ Post
Nov 13	Assemble RAMBLIN' ON
Nov 18	VFW House Committee
Nov 25	VFW Business Meeting
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day

Calendar of Events for December

Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Dec 7	Children's Christmas Party
TBD	Belly Dance Show
Dec 16	VFW House Committee
Dec 23	VFW Business Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 27	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due

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
Fridays	(summer) mow, trim and yard

work

Snow days Blow and shovel snow

Calendar of Events for January

TBD	Chili Supper
Jan 8	Assemble RAMBLIN' ON
Jan 20	VFW House Committee
Jan 27	VFW Business MEETING

Notes from Your Honor Guard Person

Thank You to all of you that have been so willing to drop everything to help out with the Honor Guard when your phone rings. I tell you this means so much to me and to all of the families that we have served. But we are not done yet as there will be lots more to come. From the Funeral Homes also, a very large THANK

Chaplain's Corner



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

Robert Wilson – Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #205

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #243

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

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #215

In 1870, an educator stood up in a conference of his peers and said, "I predict that within 50 years, man will be able to fly like a bird." There happened to be a certain bishop in the township where this educator lived who, after having heard what the educator had predicted, came to visit him and said, "Sir, flight is reserved for the angels. You'd best retract what you predicted, lest you be found guilty of blasphemy. Man will never fly!"

The name of the bishop (who said man would never fly) was Milton Wright. Milton Wright had two sons.....Orville and Wilbur. And 30 years later, on the sandy beaches of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, man DID fly like a bird. That story tells us this truth - we had better be careful what predictions and prophecies we make. If we say something is going to happen (or not going to happen), we have to be absolutely certain.

SO - - with that thought in mind, let me give you my TOP TEN PREDICTIONS for 2014. (No, I haven't lost my mind..... yet)! These predictions will come true as sure as the sun rose this morning..... guaranteed! Here they are:

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work. If you pray, don't worry. If you worry, don't bother praying.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move and work in the hearts and lives of people everywhere.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be the singing of praises to the King.
7. God will still pour out His blessings on His people.
8. There will still be room at the cross for one more.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save those who are lost if they will come to Him in sincere repentance.

There you have it. All 10 of these predictions WILL COME TRUE in 2014. So what are you worrying for? Cast your cares upon Him, for He cares for you. Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently on Him. Take His yoke upon you, and you will find rest for your soul. His yoke is easy and His burden is light.



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Auxiliary News

Men's Chicken Fry : Thanks to all who worked, baked or bought raffles. We had 12 bakers, 16 workers for 64 1/2 hours. Raffles brought in \$500, bake goods \$195, for a total of \$695. It will be voted on at our November 13th meeting, who will receive some of the profit.

Our Christmas Party: will be at Majerle's, December 4th. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30. Order off the menu. Contact our Chairwomen, Emma Stack, at 457-7025 by November 26th.

Children's Christmas Party: December 7th from 11:30 to ? For children 0 to 11 years. Contact Shirley Hemenway at 458-6037 or me at 457-3715 if you are attending. The deadline is November 25th so that we know how many gifts to get and have a count for the lunch.

Membership: We have 44 paid Sisters and 54 Life Members. We are still short to meet our 100%. The cost is now \$15.50. we are still looking for new members. Thanks to our Membership Committee who are doing a terrific job.

Chili Soup Supper For Cancer: in January. There will be an update in the next Ramblin' On.

Happy Thanksgiving To All

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

Progressive
Elaine Morrell

Pine Haven
Assisted Living
Vi Gutoski

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more,
YOU are a leader.



Joann Seymour
President

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Homeless In America

In foreign countries you had soup kitchens and you would offer someone on the street to join you in a bowl of soup. You would think nothing about it. You never thought about getting robbed. You just felt bad and wanted to do what you could. I was always told never give money or offer them to get something to eat with you. Yes some smell really bad but the joy it will bring you when you see the person eat some soup or a meal from somewhere is priceless. In a lot of the Central American countries I have been, the soup kitchen is a place they can go and get a warm bowl of soup for as little as 25 cent to 50 cent a bowl. You would not find that in America. People could not operate the soup kitchen if they sold that low. The kitchens that can are getting donations from others to help defer the cost.

Think about this! Every 30 min every fast food restaurant in America has to throw away the food that is prepared because they can get sued if someone would get sick from eating it. That is tons of food that could be given to homeless people. You tell a homeless person that every half hour be at the local McDonald's or Burger King and they would be fed and you would have people show up in lines waiting.

Sure it would not look good having 100s of people waiting at the back door of a restaurant. But you could feed a lot of people with what we waste every day. Makes you wonder what if we were all taught at a young age to help people rather than fear them. How many homeless do you think would be off the streets then. It is too bad that the crime in the communities have people so scared that they will not even stop to say "Hi" to a homeless person.

Thank you and hope you all have a great holiday season.

Jeffery Cummings
Commander 9156

A SOLDIER DIED TODAY

O! Joe was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
He sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
Of his exploits with his buddies,
They were heroes, every one.

And 'though sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew whereof he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Though a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young
But the passing of a Soldier
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Soldier,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.

For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:

**“OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY.”**

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
1/2 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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RETURN SERVICE
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**A Veteran is someone who in his life wrote a blank check
made payable to The USA for an amount "*up to and including my life*".**



Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

Earl F. Sargent, 9/7/13, U.S. Army, Korea

Norman L. "Jiggs" Mertes, 9/14/13, U.S. Marine Corps, Korea

Eugene M. Kisiolek, 9/20/13, U.S. Army, WWII

Mission:

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