

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Oct 2019

Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! It is hard to believe our summer is over and we are into our fall season! I hope you will get to enjoy the fall colors as they start to appear throughout the state. I have taken a minute to look back at our summer accomplishments and I must say it was a crazy, busy summer we had at our Post.

Our kitchen project is in the last stages and heading towards completion. The final insulated duct work has been installed, next will be the installation of the exhaust fans on the roof. Fire suppression for new hood is scheduled for installation as well as completion of the wiring. After final calibration and testing our kitchen will be fully online and totally functional. Target date is Friday, October 4, 2019.

Our kitchen goal was to increase our meal services by offering lunch and dinner service. Starting out we will offer a Sunday brunch menu to order from. Starting on Sunday's in the

month of October from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Our hall project, the interior has been completed

for the most part except for the Northwest wall work that needs to be done after the walk-in cooler has been installed. The walk-in cooler is onsite and scheduled for installation to start the week of September 30, 2019. Once walk-in cooler is installed the carpenter will be able to do their installation of the cooler doors in the Northwest wall. Target date for completion of construction work, electrical, running the beer tap lines and painting is end of October.

One goal for our hall was to expand the seating. We accomplished that goal by increasing our seating capacity by 30 seats on the hall floor from 96 seats to 126 seats. The goal of both projects was to have contractors work Monday



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Calendar of Events for October

Oct 7	Honor Guard Meet
Oct 7	Membership Committee
Oct 9	Assemble RAMBLIN'ON
Oct 28	VFW House Committee VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for November

Nov 2	Chicken Fry
Nov 4	Honor Guard Meet
Nov 11	Membership Committee
Nov 25	VFW House Committee VFW Business Meet
Nov 28	Thanksgiving

Calendar of Events for December

Dec 4	Honor Guard Meet
Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day
Dec 7	Children's Christmas
Dec 11	Membership Committee
Dec 11	Auxiliary Christmas
Dec 23	VFW House Committee VFW Business Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 27	RAMBLIN'ON Due

Calendar of Events for January

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Honor Guard Meet
Jan 13	Membership Committee
Jan 8	Assemble Ramblin' On
Jan 27	House Committee VFW Business Meeting

VFW Post 9156 Duty Schedule

Monday 9:00 am (4th Monday)
Set up for business meeting

Tuesdays 9:00 am (morning crew)
Clean, maintenance, burn flags, etc.

Fridays 9:00 am
(Fish Fry), Setup hall for evening, etc.

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

Chaplain's Corner



Whether in times of war or peace, **veterans** and their families devote their lives to the service of **our** country and the ideals we hold dear.

The sacrifices they make are without parallel: In times of war, **veterans** put their lives on the line to protect **our** freedoms.

Not only do our **veterans** protect our rights and freedoms, but they also provide services and aid to those in need. In many instances, the U.S is the first on the scene providing medical aid, food, and water at a level no other country can come close to during disasters both home and abroad.

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

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Roger Gering, Post Chaplain
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Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members;

With the closing of VFW Post 1230 the Auxiliary members have automatically been transferred to our Auxiliary. Some members have chosen to stay with us and we welcome them with open arms. Some members will transfer to other Posts of their choosing, or not join a Post and continue on as Members at Large. If you have any questions give me a call (920-207-7645).

A quick reminder to pay your 2020 Annual Memberships as soon as you can. Annual dues are \$ 15.50 and must be paid prior to December 31, 2019. We are very close to being at 100%, so please send your payment as follows:
VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary
Attn: Amy Wieland – Treasurer
552 S Evans St, Sheboygan, WI 53081

Saturday, Nov 2nd is the annual VFW 9156 Chicken Fry. Many volunteers have already signed up to work the food line or at the dessert table. You can help by baking your favorite bars, cake or cookies for the dessert table. Call me at 459-8611 or 207-7645 if you can help out.

The Children’s Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 7th, 9:00am – 11:00am. We are going ahead with the “Pancakes and Pajamas with Santa” theme again this year. Age limit for gifts is up to 10 years old. ahead and call on time. Any suggestions/help to make this a fun

time are appreciated. You can call me at 459-8611 or 207-7645 or Joann Seymour at 457-3715.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party is Wednesday, Dec 11th. We will celebrate at the Post with great food, fun games, gifts and a whole lot of laughter. Bring a wrapped exchange gift \$5-\$10. If you have any suggestions for any games, give me a call. We will need a head count by Dec 4th. You can call me at 459-8611 or 207-7645 or Joann Seymour at 457-3715.

Our Annual Chili Supper will be Saturday, January 18th. Mark your calendar and hope to see you there.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00. Hope you can drop in.

Kathy Mallmann – President

Be the change that you wish to see in the world – Mahatma Gandhi

Our thoughts and prayers to all Sisters who are ill, have lost loved ones or are in Nursing homes.



**Kathy Mallmann -
President**

Sheboygan Health
Sue Morris

Pine Haven
Vivian Veldboom

Terrace Estates
Emma Stark

Harvest Home Howards Grove
Diane Frane

Progressive
Florence Mulloy

Membership Committee

The committee has been busy setting up our membership booth at the Farmer's Market twice in August and once in September.

Membership will be manning a stall at the annual Book Worm Garden's Halloween in the Garden in October. They will be there Saturday, October 19th and Saturday, October 26th.

The committee is looking at bringing back movie night hopefully in fall.

Membership applications has been strong. Committee has been averaging 2 applicants a month starting in March 2019. The Post has gone back to back reaching 100% membership. With the current number of applicants plus the merging of VFW 1230 we are heading towards a third year reaching 100% membership.

We are also looking for members to join our Membership committee. If you are interested, please contact any of one of the Membership committee members or Post Commander. We are also in need of a Membership Committee Chairman. If interested contact the Post Commander.

Membership Committee meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. (CT) on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

On behalf of VFW Post 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

House Committee

The committee has been busy this summer. The Kitchen project and the hall/walk-in cooler project has kept them busy. Landscaping of the grounds has been done and our landscape crew will be back in October to complete trimming the bushes that had flowers on them. Looking at turning areas back to grass to keep things simpler. Need to trim the large bushes by our flagpole. We will try trimming and if the bushes start dying, we will remove them.

We had Mullen's siding stop by, checked out our siding and fascia. They replaced items. They donated their time and materials.

Committee has been looking at other projects that need to be accomplished during the year and will schedule accordingly.

We need Post members joining the House Committee. If you are interested contact a House Committee member or the Post Commander. Also, we need a chairman for the House Committee. If interested, please contact the Post Commander. House Committee meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. (CT) on the 4th Monday of the month prior to our Post business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Freitag - On behalf of VFW Post 9156 House Committee Chairman

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– Thursday so we could continue having our Fish Friday on Friday nights. With our amazing members, our Auxiliary and volunteers, we were able to clean both kitchen and hall Thursday afternoons and set-up for our Friday fish fry! We never missed a fish fry! Kudos, to all who made this possible!

One of the fundraiser events we were involved in was the Dog to Dog Tags poker run in July. This was a successful event for the Dog to Dog Tags organization.

Our second annual VFW Post 9156 golf outing held September 14, 2019 was also a successful event. The word of the day was “FUN”! I believe everyone that took part in our golf event had a “FUN” and great time.

The merging of VFW Post 1230 into our Post has been completed, effective September 2019. I have received our new charter showing our charter year as of 1924. Both our charter of 1947 and VFW 1230’s charter will be displayed with the new charter displayed in the middle showing the two Posts merging into one Post.

I welcome those members that transferred from VFW 1230 into our Post. I am tentatively planning a meet & greet with our VFW 1230 members and VFW 9156 membership in October.

Another accomplishment that has been long over do is “Adopting-a-Unit”. I am excited to inform you that we have adopted Coast Guard Station Sheboygan, effective September 18, 2019. I will inform Senior Chief Dwyer, officer in-charge of Coast Guard Station Sheboygan that VFW National has approved our “Adopt-a-Unit” request. I have already received the certificate packet from VFW National. Senior and I will plan to have an official presentation at Coast Guard Station Sheboygan. The station has 30-32-member crew that we and VFW 9156 Auxiliary have adopted.

We had our annual district 6 inspection on September 23rd. We passed our inspection with flying colors. Great job preparing for our inspection by our Quartermaster, Trustees and Adjutant. Kudos!

Our Honor Guard made up of VFW, American Legion and Marine Corp League members continue to provide

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military honors for our deceased veterans multiple times a week. They also handle color guard duties at events when requested. They are an amazing group that just keeps on going! KUDOS Honor Guard! Well Done!

Our House Committee continues to be busy handling the duties of our House Committee overseeing landscaping, building maintenance and the Post projects.

Our Membership committee continues to our membership drive. Aside from merging of VFW 1230 membership we have ben averaging 2 members a month since March 2019. We are heading towards our third year in a row reaching 100% membership.

Our fish fry continues to amaze me every week. Thank goodness we increased our seating capacity by 30 seats because we needed those extra seats. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that makes out fish fry so successful.

All the great things that we do at our Post would not be possible if it were not for all of you stepping up and making a difference. Our team is truly a combined effort of VFW membership, VFW Auxiliary, Veteran's and Non-veteran's working together to make our Post the Best of the Best! Thank You for all you do for our Post! I am so proud of our Post and all of you! KUDOS All!

As always, I will refer to my Navy core values to help guide me.

God Bless all of you and God Bless the United States of America.

Take care, be safe, and stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,

Dave Freitag

Commander - VFW Memorial Post 9156

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



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