

# RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

December 2019

## Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! As we say farewell to 2019 and get ready to welcome 2020 it is time for me to reflect and review all the great accomplishments our Post has made this past year. I am sure I will be repeating myself from previous Rambling-On issues.

I must say 2019 was an exciting year for our Post. We have had new membership joining our Post monthly ever since March. We have been averaging one to two new members a month. We also saw VFW 1230 close their doors and saw a good portion of VFW 1230 membership transfer to our Post.

Refreshing our Post with a fresh coat of paint has made our Post look clean, fresh and squared away. Our Post was always a great place to hang out, but today it is even a better place to hangout

Our Recruit Meet & Greet was successful even having only the Marine Corp and Navy recruits in attendance. Hopefully in 2020 we will be able to get all branches in attendance.

Our Steak Dinner night in February went well and the St Patty's Day corn beef & cabbage dinner in March was a big

success. The Dog for Dog Tags Poker Run fund raiser was a great success for our first year helping with this

I believe one of our major accomplishments was adopting Coast Guard Station Sheboygan. Senior Chief Dwyer and his crew welcomed us with open arms.

The VFW Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party was the first function that we were able to invite Coast Guard Station Sheboygan too. I was told that they were the largest group in attendance. Awesome start to a great relationship!

Our Breakfast Brunch has been going well and our evening food service has increased a little. It all takes time, but I am seeing good things starting to happen. Our Fish Fry continues to go well. The extra 32 seats from the hall



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## Calendar of Events for January

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Honor Guard Meeting
Jan 9	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Jan 13	Membership Committee
Jan 18	Assemble Ramblin' On
Jan 18	Sheepshead
Jan 27	House Committee 6:00 p.m.
Jan 27	VFW Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

## Calendar of Events for February

Feb 2	Super Bowl
Feb 3	Honor Guard Meeting
Feb 8	Annual Chili Supper 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Feb 10	Membership Committee 6:30 p.m.
Feb 12	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Feb 14	St. Valentines Day
Feb 15	Date Night (Steak Night)
Feb 22	Sheepshead
Feb 24	House Committee 5:00 p.m.
Feb 24	VFW Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Feb 24	VOD/PP Awards Dinner 7:00 p.m.

## Calendar of Events for March

Mar 2	Honor Guard Meeting
Mar 8	Begin Daylight Savings Time
Mar 9	Membership Committee
Mar 11	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Mar 14	St Patty's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Night
Mar 23	Post Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Mar 28	Post Brat Fry

## Calendar of Events for April

Apr 1	Rambling On Input Due
Apr 5	Palm Sunday
Apr 6	Honor Guard Meeting
Apr 8	VFW Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Apr 12	Easter Sunday
Apr 13	Membership Committee
Apr 27	House Committee 6:00 p.m.
Apr 27	Post Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### 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.

# 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)*

<b>Donald Harder</b> — Pine Haven 701 Pine Drive Oostburg, WI 53070	<b>Bernie Dederling</b> — Sheboygan Senior Community 3505 County Road Y Sheboygan, WI 53083	<b>Lloyd Reilley</b> — Sheboygan Senior Community 3505 County Road Y Sheboygan, WI 53083
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# Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members;

**NOTICE: Our Annual Chili Supper will be Saturday, February 8th.** Due to a scheduling conflict we had to move the fund raiser into February. The menu will include chili, soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Mark your calendar with the change in date to Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 and hope to see you there. We donate all profits from the chili supper back into our community.

The Auxiliary October meeting included guests Linda Schluter (Dept Senior Vice) and Lenore Otto (Dept Treasurer). Due to the consolidation of Post 1230 and Post 9156 new elections were held as according to the national by-laws. The result of the election had all officers maintaining their current positions.

Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> was the annual VFW 9156 Chicken Fry. Thank you to the many volunteers who worked the food line or the dessert table, the guys outside who fried the awesome chicken, the cleaning crew and those who sold raffle tickets. This year the Auxiliary raised over \$ 1,200.00 during the event. The profits were turned around and given back locally: \$ 1,000.00 in gift cards were given to the Sheboygan County Veterans Service Office for their Christmas Cheer Program, and \$ 200.00 was donated to Shop With a Cop and Blue Santa (each organization received a \$ 100.00 donation).

Our last Bingo at Progressive Nursing Home was held in early December. Each participating resident received a goody bag of treats for their first bingo. They enjoyed the bags, but really liked the quarters that they won. They look forward to the Auxiliary returning in March. If you can help out, it's generally the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. Please call me 920-207-7645.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held Sat, Dec. 7th. This year the VFW and Auxiliary extended an invitation to the families of the American Legion, Marine Corp League and Coast Guard. Thanks to kitchen crew Justin, Joe and Tim for cooking the eggs, pancakes and sausage. Thank you Doris and Debbie for your shopping skills to ensure Santa had a gift for each child. The kids enjoyed the Bouncy House and the giant Christmas Stocking raffle and most important of all, the visit by Mr. and Mrs. Santa along with Ruby the naughty elf.

The Friday night dessert table supports an important project for our Auxiliary – Scholarships. This program is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members for their children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. Each July the Auxiliary awards students scholarships for the upcoming school year. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline, so request a form now from an Auxiliary member.

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

Kathy Mallmann – President

***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

## **Membership Committee**

The committee has been busy getting out and about at the Farmer's Market. We joined forces with our VFW Auxiliary. Hopefully we can get new members for both organizations.

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Membership applications has been strong. Committee has been having new applicant's monthly.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

On behalf of VFW Post 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

## **House Committee**

The House Committee had a very busy year full of some major accomplishments. The kitchen remodel and hall renovation were two major projects. The landscaping was done that made the exterior of our Post look great.

Our sign was damaged to the point of no longer being usable. That sign was removed. The bushes around the flagpole were removed. Now our flags do not get hung up when they are at half-mast.

Committee has been looking at projects that need to be accomplished during 2020 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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renovation has helped getting customers seated versus waiting. We were seating 96 people in the hall and now we can seat 128 people.

The Normandy Invasion presentation and recently the Karl Kellner presentation were great presentations.

So, what's happening in 2020. So far I know the Steak Fry is in February, March 28<sup>th</sup> is our Brat Fry fund raiser, April, looking at an Easter buffet, Memorial Day would be our G.I. Breakfast, Not sure when the Dog for Dog Tags fund raiser is, August, Coast Guard Birthday, Recruit Meet & Greet around Armed Forces Day, September 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Third Annual Golf outing. November is our Chicken Fry followed by the VFW Auxiliary Christmas Party in December. I am sure I missed a few functions, but it looks like 2020 is going to be another busy year for our Post.

Our Honor Guard made up of VFW, American Legion and Marine Corp League members continue to provide military honors for our deceased veterans are a resilient team of individuals. They just keep on going and doing the honors our Veterans that have passed deserve. Sometimes multiple times a day or multiple times a week. They are an amazing group!

KUDOS Honor Guard! Well Done!

Our House Committee has done an outstanding job in 2019. A lot of things were going on at our Post that they were involved in.

Our Membership committee continues to amaze me getting out and about at the Farmer's Market during the summer months and manning a station at the Haunted Gardens in October.

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 and employees 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!

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### **Reminder – On the two items below:**

Please remember the Fox Hole is open to the public, therefore, **“DO NOT”** discuss any VFW business in the Fox Hole!

When visiting our Fox Hole please **“Control your swearing and use of offensive language!”** Especially when children and women are present!

**I appreciate and thank you in advance for your cooperation with both items above!**

**Hospital Note – We have received an electric mini chair at the Post. It is only about 6 months old and in great condition. If you have a need for this type of chair, please contact Bob King our Hospital Chairman at (920) 783-6488.**

That big wheel continues to turn and is moving forward! Working together as a team has made everything, we do a positive experience! Plus, I always have that big bad fire hose close, reminding me of the way it was when I first became Commander.

Being your Post Commander is an honor and a privilege. I cannot thank all of you enough for all your support and help to make my job a little easier and to make our Post such a great place! I continue to learn something new about being a Post Commander every day. I will continue to be dedicated to our Post and our membership. I will continue to do the right thing for the right reason

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

I wish each one of you a healthy and prosperous New Year! May you all accomplish everything you want to in 2020!

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

Take care, be safe, and stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,  
Dave Freitag

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