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VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

Oct 2019

Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades!

As my year as Commander is coming to an end I sit back and all I can think of is what a crazy time for us and for the world dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. I surely was not prepared to see anything like this in my lifetime. I hope all of you are doing well and following the directives that our President and Governor have put in place and doing everything possible to stay safe and healthy. This is sure not the way I expected to start spring 2020!

As many of you probably already know we have closed our Post. The Fox Hole and our hall are closed per our Governor's directives effective Tuesday, March 17th. Also, our annual Post Brat Fry has been postponed until we are back to normal. If the social distancing is lifted April 30th, we will look at a possible May/June time frame to hold our Post Brat Fry. This is a major fundraiser that we will hopefully have in 2020. ****Note – All Brat Fry tickets from March 28th are and will be val-**

id when we hold our Post Brat Fry.

Our April 27th, Post business meeting is cancelled because of the government directives. This also includes all April committee meetings.

Because of Memorial Day being on May 25th, which is also the 4th, Monday we will hold our May VFW business meeting on **Monday, May 18th, starting at 7:00 p.m.** The House committee will also meet on May 18th, starting at 6:00 p.m. The Membership committee will meet Monday, May 11th, at 6:30 p.m. This will happen only if the social distancing is lifted April 30th.

A couple of things have taken place since we closed our post. Thanks to Justin, who is our Operations Manager, has created a two day a week take-out & delivery menu to continue our food business to bring income into our Post

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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	No Membership Committee— 6:30 p.m.
Apr 27	No VFW House Committee No VFW Business Meeting— 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events for June

Jun 1	Employee Staff Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Honor Guard Meeting
Jun 8	Membership Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Jun 10	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Jun 20	Dog to Dog Tags Poker Run
Jun 22	House Committee – 6:00 p.m. Post Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events for May

May 4	Employee Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Honor Guard Meeting
May 10	Mother's Day
My 11	Membership Committee - 6:30 p.m.
May 16	Highway Clean-up Armed Forces Day
May 18	House Committee - 6:00 p.m. VFW Business Meeting - 7:00
May 25	Memorial Day G.I. Breakfast?

Calendar of Events for July

Jul 1	Rambling-On input due
Jul 4	Independence Day
Jul 6	Employee Staff Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Honor Guard Meeting
Jul 8	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Jul 13	Membership Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Jul 27	House Committee – 6:00 p.m. 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.

Fridays 8:30 pm
Fish Fry tear down

Fridays
(summer) mow, trim and yard work

Snow days Blow and shovel snow

Chaplain's Corner



Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

By Joanna Fuchs

Prayer credit: Actionministries.net

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

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Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members:

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

The Annual Chili/Soup Supper held Saturday, Feb 8th was a great success. Profits from this event were \$459.00 of which \$300.00 has already been paid out to a young man who was in an auto accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Funds were sent to offset medical expenses.

Kathy Mallmann – President

“Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud”

The Auxiliary Christmas party proceeds were \$200.00 which we donated as follows: \$100.00 was sent to Bookworm Gardens and \$100.00 was sent to Whisper Hills Clydesdales in Fond du Lac.

Memorials were held Jan and Feb for members that have passed away: Betty Kotnik 12/27/19, Emma Starck 1/17/20 and Helen Toerpe 2/5/20. Memorials have been sent in their names to VFW Auxiliary WI and designated to go to the hospital fund to help our veterans.

We welcomed new member Deborah Mahon who joined in February. Welcome!

Voice of Democracy and Patriotic Pen awards were given in February after the VFW business meeting. We awarded \$375.00 in cash prizes as well as medals and pens. Thank you to Auxiliary members that made and donated desserts for the Saturday Valentine Date night. It was a successful event for the Post and they are looking at doing it again.

Due to COVID-19 quarantine our April meeting was canceled. Hopefully we will be able to hold our May meeting which will consist of the quarter-end audit, election of officers and installation of the new officers.

Remember that the Friday night dessert table helps the Auxiliary award scholarships to VFW and Auxiliary members eligible descendants. July 1st is the deadline.

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



Sheboygan Health Services

Sue Morris

Pine Haven

Vivian Veldboom

Sunny Ridge

Doris Zallar

Sheboygan Shores Assisted

Living

Viloet Weinberger

**Kathy Mallmann -
President**

Membership Committee

The committee has met in March and went through our active roster listing those members that have undeliverable addresses, non-payment of dues, etc. Post Commander will contact these members.

Went through the new applicants, Post Commander will contact all our new applicants via phone calls versus meeting in person with the committee because of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We will hopefully meet in May and finalize our Farmer Market dates. We did last year and hopefully again this year will continue to join forces with our Auxiliary.

We will also work with our Auxiliary and hopefully they will work a stall at the annual Book Worm Garden's Halloween in the Garden in October.

May meeting we will confirm hosting an A's night at The Sheboygan A's ballpark.

No meeting in April because of the Governor's directives concerning the Coronavirus.

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 House Committee last met in February. No meeting was held in March because of the Governor's directives concerning the Coronavirus.

What I can mention is the small unfinished projects at the Post are being completed by Justin and a very small crew helping him. There was some painting and staining that needed to be completed.

Justin has started a take-out/Delivery service on Thursday from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. offering 4 piece broasted chicken dinner, plus offering full weekday menu. Friday nights from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. offering fish fry dinners, plus full Friday menu. This started Thursday, March 19th. Has been well supported by our members and customers!

Hopefully, we will be able to meet May 18th at 6:00 p.m. if the social distancing directive is lifted and the Coronavirus Pandemic has been resolved.

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. Normally at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Dave Freitag - On behalf of VFW Post 9156 House Committee Chairman

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during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The take-out & delivery business started on Thursday, March 19th from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. offering 4 piece broasted chicken dinners plus a full weekday menu. Friday night's from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Fish Fry dinners, plus a full menu is being offered. Justin and his skeleton crew have done an outstanding job making our take-outs available to our members and the public. KUDOS and a BIG THANK YOU on a job well done!

A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to every member, every customer that has supported our Post on Thursday and Friday nights. It is because of you that these two nights have been very successful. Without your continued support who knows where we would be once this Coronavirus Pandemic is over and we are back to normal? You have proven without a doubt that we are all in this together and we will survive this because of your support! You all make me so darn proud of you and your continued support of our Post! We are a team that will succeed! KUDOS ALL!

Also, Justin and his very small team have been going through our Post completing all the small projects that still needed to be completed.

Our Steak Dinner night February 2020 went very well with 62 attendees. Last year was in the 20's attending. We were able to hold the Post's Corn Beef & Cabbage diner Saturday, March 14th, going through 160 pounds of corn beef. We also hosted two Brat Fry's on Saturday and Sunday, March 7th & 8th, Saturday was the American Legion Baseball team fry and Sunday was Peterman's Conservation Club's Fry. Very successful events for both organizations and our Post from bar revenue.

As we push forward, we are still looking at a busy year ahead of us with several VFW functions scheduled as well as several non-VFW events scheduled in our hall. So far April events have or are being cancelled because of the government directives. We all need to hang in there, take care of each other and keep the faith as this Coronavirus Pandemic runs its course and we can get back to our normal lives.

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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, 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!

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.

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

Take care, be safe, stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,
Dave Freitag

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