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VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

June 2020

Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! Well it sure has been an interesting spring and continues into our summer months. I hope you all are enjoying your summer so far while continuing to stay safe and healthy.

So, what has been happening at our Post since the last Rambling-On? Our food take-out continues with Broasted Chicken Thursday's, Fish Fry Friday's, and Breakfast Brunch Sunday Morning's. "The Fox Hole" opened effective Saturday, May 23rd. Bar operation is back to normal days and hours. We have also started renting our hall out for functions.

We held our Post business meeting on Monday, June 22nd. This was our first meeting since February. It was great to see a lot of people I have not seen during the spring. It was a bittersweet meeting for me as I said good-bye to John Samuels who is leaving the area heading to El Paso, Texas taking a two-year active duty assignment as a battalion commander there. John was a Past commander of this Post from 2015-2016. He was also our Post Service Office since 2016. I wish John all the best as he starts his new chapter. Thank you, John for all you have done for our Post. You will be deeply missed. Normally, we hold our officer nominations in March and April with elections in April. We were not able to do that because of the Covid-19 stay at home orders. We are required to submit our election report by end of May. We were given the option to keep our officers from 2019-2020 in place for 2020-2021, which we did.

All officer positions remain the same for 2020-2021 with one exception, which was our Chaplin Roger Gering who requested to be replaced at our June meeting. We held nominations for

Chaplin and held election. Burt Schuldts was nominated and elected to the position of Chaplin. We sent in an amended election report. Roger has been our Chaplin for as long as I have been with our Post and I am sure longer than that. Roger was one who took his responsibility as Post Chaplin seriously and full of passion. Thank you, Roger for being you and all you have done for our Post.

Going forward we will continue to hold our Post business meetings the fourth Monday of the month. We are being cautious concerning holding Post events at our Post because of the guidelines. We will keep you all posted via our Website/Facebook as changes occur and decisions need to be made going forward.

Unfortunately, we are running out of time to hold our annual Post Brat Fry, which is one of our major fund raisers this year. We need to start focusing on our annual Chicken Fry, which is also a major fund raiser, scheduled for Saturday, November 7th. We will be holding a special drawing for the March 28th brat fry ticket prizes in the near future.

As we push forward to get back to normal, I believe there is a good portion of the year left for our post to do great things. We have had a few VFW functions scheduled such as the "Dog for Dog Tags" poker run back on June 20th, plus people have reserved the hall for bridal showers, baby showers, etc.



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Calendar of Events for July

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.

Calendar of Events for August

Aug 3	Honor Guard Meeting
Aug 4	Coast Guard Birthday
Aug 10	Membership Committee - 6:30 p.m.
Aug 12	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Aug 24	House Committee - 6:00 p.m. VFW Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events for September

Sep 1	Honor Guard Meeting
Sep 7	Labor Day
Sep 14	Membership Committee – 6:30 p.m.
Sep 16	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Sep 19	3rd Annual Golf Outing
Sep 28	House Committee – 6:00 p.m. Post Business Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events for October

Oct 1	Rambling-On Input due
Oct 5	Honor Guard Meeting
Oct 12	Membership Committee - 6:30 p.m.
Oct 14	VFW Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00 pm
Oct 26	House Committee - 6:00 pm Post Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
Oct 31	Halloween

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



In the movie “Saving Private Ryan”, in those last scenes, where Ryan comes and brings his family to the cemetery where those men who saved him are buried. We see him, now an old man, standing alone in front of the grave of the leader of the squad that fought through to him and died, so that he could be saved to return to his family. He speaks aloud “every day I tried to live my life the best I could”. “And when I think of what you did on that bridge – I hope it was enough”. “I hope I earned what all of you have done for me”. And then his wife comes up to stand beside him and, looking for reassurance, he says to her “Tell me I’ve led a good life”. “Tell me I’m a good man”.

When we weigh our lives against the counterweight of the sacrifices made for us by those men and women who served; the freedom they preserved and the opportunities for us provided by their sacrifice; all of us, like Pvt Ryan, should ask every day, have I lived my life the best I could?

And pray it was enough.

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

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Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members:

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members; Due to the COVID-19 quarantine our April meeting was canceled. A very brief May meeting was held as nomination, election of 2020-2021 officers and installation needed to be done. The VFW hall is large enough that social distancing was not a problem. Thanks to past president Shirley Hemenway for installing the officers. Elected results for 2020-2021 are as follows: President – Kathy Mallmann, Senior Vice – Joann Seymour, Junior Vice – Deborah Hewitt, Treasurer – Amy Wieland, Chaplain – Agnes Kunstmann, Conductress – Joni Bowen, Guard – Judi Sommer and 3 Year Trustee – Rosie Hickmann.

A donation was received from the family of Emma Starck who passed away in January of this year. The funds were used to put new shelving in the Auxiliary closet. Thanks to her family for this donation. We also thank Justin and Tim for doing the work to install the shelves and to Joe Tauschek for purchasing a rubber mat to protect the dessert table sneeze guard.

VFW/Auxiliary members, family and friends gathered to place flags on the graves of our veterans at Greenlawn and Calvary cemeteries. Thanks to all who helped.

Our annual draping of the charter for members who have passed away this past year was held at the June meeting. Members honored during the service were Mary Wilterdink, Diane Frane, Laverne Vantatenhove, Florence Mulloy, Betty

Kotnick, Emma Starck and Helen Toerpe. Though the VFW could not be fully open for the last few months we were able to have take-out service for both Thurs Broasted Chicken and Fri Fish Fry. Thanks to Aux members who volunteered: Lynn Fields, Tim Mallmann, Joe Tauschek, Mary Weaver and Amy Wieland. I know Justin, Dave and the VFW appreciated our help.

The Friday night dessert table is back up and running and help is always needed. You can drop off a dessert on Friday by 4:00, you can work Friday evenings or you can help by purchasing desserts. Profits from the dessert sales helps us with our student scholarships, relief funds for VFW/Auxiliary members and to pay our required donations to VFW Auxiliary Wisconsin to aid and assist our veterans.

July 1st is the start of the 2020-2021 year for the Auxiliary. The start of the new year means annual dues need to be paid by December 31, 2020. Annual dues remain at \$ 15.50. This is the first call to send your check to VFW Auxiliary Post 9156, attention Amy Wieland, 552 S Evans St, Sheboygan, WI 53081.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00. Please find time to attend one of our meetings.

Respectfully,
Kathy Mallmann – President

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed”

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



Kathy Mallmann - President

Sheboygan Health Services

Sue Morris

Sunny Ridge
Doris Zallar

Pine Haven

Vivian Veldboom

Sheboygan Shores Assisted Living

Viloet Weinberger

Sheboygan Progressive Health Services

Lynn Fields

Membership Committee

The committee met in June and discussed upcoming events.

We are planning to have a membership night this year at the “A’s” ballpark depending on what changes if any with the Covid-19 guidelines.

Post Commander went through all new applicants and brought them up for acceptance at our business meeting. All applicants were accepted.

We are planning to be at the Farmer’s market at Fountain Park in September. Again, all depends on the Covid-19 guidelines.

We are still planning to work the “Haunted Garden” in October. Again, all depends on the guidelines.

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

All inside projects have been completed or will be the week of June 29th.

East entrance, West wall project was approved at the June 22nd business meeting to install a vinyl picture of all branches of service, VFW Post Officers, VFW Auxiliary Officers active and decrease rosters for both groups.

Outstanding projects that need to be addressed & scheduled:

1. Parking lot - Patching and sealing.
2. Building floor - Stripping, waxing & burnishing.

Equipment Repairs:

1. Front bar - A/C circuit board replaced.
2. Hall A/C - Freon leak – Repaired leak and added freon

Bar/Hall Updates

1. Fox Hole - Opened Saturday, May 23rd. Bar is back to normal days & hours.
2. Take-out/Delivery service – Continued offering take-out service on Thursday, Friday and Sunday mornings. Offering limited seating in the hall.
3. Hall rental – Taking reservations for hall functions. Already had a couple of functions. Looking at July 1st to possibly expand hall seating.

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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with all functions falling within the hall capacity guidelines.

I know I keep saying it , but “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 very 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, stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,

Dave Freitag

Commander - VFW Memorial Post 9156

Reminder – On the two items below:

1. Please remember the Fox Hole is open to the public, therefore, “**DO NOT**” discuss any VFW business in the Fox Hole!
2. 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!

As always 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.

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