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VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! "Happy New Year" I hope you all had a great holiday season especially under our current situation with the pandemic still causing issues for our country. Our fall season has come and gone rather quickly, but we were able to enjoy some great fall days. As we have experienced colder days and snow covered days, we can officially say farewell to 2020 and welcome hopefully, a back to a somewhat normal 2021.

This is usually the time of year that I take a few moments to reflect on our past year. I must say it has been one heck of a year to say the least! I am sure I will repeat accomplishments during my end of year review, but they are important items and should be repeated. This year our Post's resiliency has been tested time and time again and we survived. The pandemic definitely provided a challenge for our Post, but we prevailed, the State of Wisconsin shutting down bars and restaurants in March through May was another hurdle that we as a Post were able to overcome using resources available to create foodservice options for food pick-up and delivery capabilities to keep our Post afloat.

We were unable to hold our annual Brat Fry in March because of the pandemic shut down, but we created two drive through Brat Fries that were very successful. Our volunteers/staff that helped prepare food for take-out was outstanding, the customer support of our Post has been outstanding. Our survival during these tough times has been accomplished through

the efforts of an exceptional team of volunteers, staff and those customers that supported us! KUDOS and Thank You All!

Having several events cancelled this year because of the pandemic was a major hit to our fundraising efforts, but we were still able to hold a few events after the shutdown was lifted. We held our annual G.I. Breakfast on Memorial Day, followed by our Dog to Dog Tags fundraiser in June. We hosted the "Hogs for Hero's" event in July that presented one of our Post 9156 members, Todd Richter, with a brand-new Harley Davidson motorcycle. We held our third annual golf outing in September, and we were able to hold our Annual Chicken Fry Fundraiser in November. We also held our first Thanksgiving Day dinner offering in November. Preparing both dine-in and take-out orders.

As we get ready to move into 2021, we are looking at getting back to a fairly normal routine planning to hold our normal yearly events such as: our annual Valentine's Day Steak night dinner in February, in March we are planning to hold our St Patty's Day Corn Beef & Cabbage dinner, also in March we are planning on holding our annual Brat Fry.



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Calendar of Events for January 2021

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 4	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
Jan 7	Membership Committee - 6:30 pm
Jan 13	VFW Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00 pm
Jan 25	House Committee - 6:00 pm Post Business Meeting - 7:00 pm

Calendar of Events for March 2021

Mar 1	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
Mar 8	Membership Committee - 6:30 pm
Mar 10	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 pm
Mar 14	Peterman's Club Brat Fry
Mar 20	St Patty's Day Dinner
Mar 22	House Committee - 6:00 pm VFW Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
Mar 27	Post Brat Fry

Calendar of Events for February 2021

Feb 1	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
Feb 6	VFW Auxiliary Chili Supper
Feb 8	Membership Committee – 6:30 pm
Feb 10	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 pm
Feb 13	Valentines Steak Dinner
Feb 22	House Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm Post Business Meeting - 6:30 pm



The VFW Auxiliary with Da' Grinch & Santa!

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



Our Pastor asked a group of us to name our favorite things about Christmas. The answers ranged from; Jesus's birth, the beginning of our Christian religion; to fruitcake. Included in the answers were Christmas music, Candlelight services, Christmas decorations, family get-togethers, and gift giving. I guess my answer would be all of the above.

I hope your Christmas was as wonderful as we expect ours to be. While in the Air Force I spent four Christmases away from home, in Texas, Korea, Florida, and England. So I have a special concern for our service men and women who won't be with their families this year.

Jesus is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

“For unto us a child is born....And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

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Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members:

The mission of Post 9156 Auxiliary is to support our veterans. A donation of \$500.00 was sent for the Zablocki VA Medical Center program "Xmas with the Vets". As our local veterans are very important to us, we purchased \$1,000.00 in gift cards for the Veterans Service Office to hand out to those in need. Continuing with local support, the Auxiliary and the VFW made donations to Scout Troop #831 who made ditty bags for our veterans. The bags were everyday items such as: toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, razor, shaving cream, lip balm, lotion, hand sanitizer, deodorant, tissues, candy, crackers and socks (donated by Wigwam). The bags also included notes and letters of thanks to the veterans for their service. Thanks to Bob King for making some of the deliveries to veterans that he knew could use the bags. The remaining bags will go to the Cleveland VA Clinic. Thank you Troop #831 for supporting our veterans.

Due to COVID, the children's Christmas Party was a drive thru Christmas party held on Sat, Dec 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Santa along with Ruby the elf showed up to greet the 24 children who came visit. Each child received a gift as well as a goody bag of treats. The Grinch was a hit with all the kids as well as the adults.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party was at the Post on Wed, December 9th. Auxiliary members enjoyed cocktails and a great meal provided by Justin and Caesar. We had a great night of fun and fellowship.

Unfortunately I have to report we have lost two long time life members: Shirley Lueck on Nov 17th and Violet Weinberger on Nov 26th. Our condolences to the families.

Auxiliary members in nursing homes: Sue Morris, Vivian Veldboom and Doris Zallar were visited by Joann and Rosie who left them gifts from the Auxiliary and Scout Troop 831.

Mark your calendars! The Auxiliary annual Chili supper Fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 6th, with a new time of 3:00-6:00. We will continue with several different types of chili as well as two soups. We are discontinuing the "all you can eat" event. We will sell chili and soup by the bowl and quart. Of course, we will have grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts such as bars and cookies to purchase. We will be serving both dine in and to go orders. Please help support us with this event as all proceeds are given back into the community.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00. Please find time to attend one of our meetings. Bring a friend or relative with you.

Respectfully,
Kathy Mallmann – President

"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."

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 - Sheboygan Falls

Vivian Veldboom

Sheboygan Senior Community

Doris Zallar

**Kathy Mallmann -
President**

Membership Committee

The committee last met December 14, 2020.

Our November meeting was devoted toward reviewing and selecting Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy winners. The committee was joined by Ken Hemenway and Gary Hauch to review the entries. This year we had 61 Patriot's Pen entries, which almost doubled last year's entries of 39 and 6 Voice of Democracy entries versus 1 entry last year.

Based on the number of entries we were able to submit 4 Patriot Pen entries and 1 Voice of Democracy entry to District level for consideration.

Our December meeting was a planning meeting 2021 for events we participate in during the year. Such as:

1. Recruit Meet & Greet – Held in May around Armer Forces Day.
2. Night at The Ballpark with the Sheboygan "A's". June/July
3. Coast Guard Birthday – August 4th.
4. Farmer's Market – Attend 3 Saturday's in Fall
5. Haunted Gardens – Held at Bookworm Gardens. We usually attend 2 Saturdays during that event.

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 December 21, 2020.

Completed Projects:

Building floor - Stripping, waxing & burnishing – November 16, 2020

Completed installation of 100-amp circuit & panel project.

Walk-in Freezer Project

Freezer is up & running as of Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Shelf racks for freezer have been installed.

Food containers have been labeled and installed.

The walk-in freezer will replace 3 freezers. These units will be sold, the proceeds will cover the cost of the selves and containers for the walk-in freezer.

Kitchen 18,000 BTU Ductless A/C Unit Project – Install Kitchen A/C unit to offset extreme kitchen heat during summer months. A/C unit has been installed. Electrical hookup needs to be completed and will be scheduled in spring.

Vinyl Door Signs – All vinyl signs to show Post is open Monday through Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - Close. Kitchen hours 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. have been updated.

Delivery & Curbside Pickup signs – We installed 1 delivery vehicle parking sign and 2 curbside pickup signs in Westside of parking lot before North driveway entrance.

Floor Burnishing – Hall, Hallway & Bar were burnished Monday, November 16, 2020. Next burnish is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020.

Post Landscape Project – All areas around the post have been landscaped for the year. Bushes cut back for winter. Total hours spent on this project in 2020 was 185.5 hours volunteer hours. Total cost - \$40.00 for landscape river rock.

Pending Projects

Second 100-amp circuit project – Waiting on quote - To give us 200-amp service versus 100-amp. DeTroye Electric determining whether the second 100 amp is necessary? With the new 100-amp circuit both of our walk-in coolers and new walk-in freezer were added to the new 100-amp panel. With the potential kitchen A/C unit to work with the intake air service added to the 100-amp service will the 100-amp service be sufficient?

Vinyl Post Logo Mural for East entrance West wall – Waiting on vendor to schedule – Officer pictures for both VFW and Auxiliary will be taken in January.

Post Maintenance/Issues

Resolved Issues

North East entrance door issue has been resolved. Took part from automatic door from bar door to repair North east entrance door. Part is on order to replace the bad part for the Bar door.

Schedule filter change – Outside unit's A/C units and cleaning of roof filters for air intake. Should be done every 3 months.

Fox Hole Fans - Fan speed adjustment controls have been replaced with proper speed controls.

Maintenance Items

Floor Burnishing – Hall, Hallway & Bar were burnished Monday, December 21, 2020. Next burnish is scheduled for Monday, January 18, 2021.

Annual Lawnmowers/Snowblowers Switch – Lawnmowers were swapped out with our snowblowers.

Exterior Light Replacement:

Replaced the last light with LED light on Eastside of building. Completed

Fixing or replacing the floor light Westside Southeast corner to illuminate the open area on Westside of hall. Inprocess.

Pending Issues

Colored lights under hall bar – Need to schedule this to be fixed and re-installed.

Repair wall marks – Marks on West wall by walk-in cooler door. Need to schedule repair and touch up painting.

Paint white pillars East Entrance – This is a 2021 spring/summer project. Need to schedule spring/summer timeframe.

Repair/Replacement of BBQ Grill bricks – Need to replace/fix outdoor BBQ grill bricks. Need to schedule repair when weather permits.

The House committee has elected the following officers. Chairman – Ken Hemenway, Vice-Chairman Mike Weick and Secretary – Gary Hauch. House Committee meetings are held at 5:30 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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If you did not know “The Fox Hole” is now open seven days a week. This also includes kitchen hours from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. seven days a week. It has been a few months now and all is going well.

We are still being cautious concerning holding Post events at our Post because of the state/county/city guidelines. We will keep you all posted via our Website/Facebook as changes occur and decisions need to be made going forward.

We continue to hold our membership meetings the second Monday of the month and our house committee meeting and Post business meeting the fourth Monday of the month. Our Honor Guard meets the first Monday of the month.

As we continue to push forward, we will continue to focus on getting things back to normal. 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 all for all you do for our Post! I am proud of our Post and all of you! KUDOS All!

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!

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.

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.

Please take care of yourselves! Stay safe and stay healthy!

Respectfully Yours,

Dave Freitag

Post Commander - VFW Memorial Post 9156

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