

# RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

April 2021

## Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! Spring is in the air and winter is behind us. Hopefully, all is well, and you all are doing well. I am excited to see things getting back to a somewhat normal state with small business, schools opening and having face to face interaction taking place more, versus virtual.

Our Post has been a busy place so far this year with holding our Date Night/Steak & Lobster dinner in February followed by Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> we hosted a Brat Fry, Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> we held our Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner, Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Post Brat Fry, finally we held out Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a busy four weekends for our staff and volunteers! Thank you to everyone who worked those long weekends and to all those who supported our Post. We would not have been able to do all of this without all of you!

Looking ahead this summer we are looking at several events starting with May, the Recruit Meet & Greet dinner held around Armed Forces Day, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> a benefit Bart Fry will be held at our Post, Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> we will have our Memorial Day G.I. Breakfast. In June on the Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> we will be supporting the Dog-to-Dog Tags Poker Run. In July, we will be celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, August we will be celebrating the Coast Guard's Birthday, Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup>. Coast Guard Sheboygan is our VFW adopted unit.

Our Honor Guard has and continues to perform Military Honors at funerals for our Vet-

erans that have passed. They continue to average 2 to 3 funerals a week. KUDOS Honor Guard!

Our VFW Post Garden Club has been hard at it already cleaning up the lawn trash from the winter months and planting a few new flowers. The outside area of our Post is looking great! KUDOS Post Garden Club!

The East entrance wall has a new look with the wall mural. The names of our active and deceased members are in process. Pictures will be taken after the elections of officers in April and then put on the wall. When you walk into our Post from the East entrance that mural is impressive!

We have started up a website committee and appointed Andy Denson to chair that committee. Andy is also our Web Master, who has done an awesome job improving our website and maintaining it.

**One of the items we are proposing is providing our Rambling-On electronically versus snail mail. To do that we need your help. If you have an email address, please email your address to:**

[contact@vfw9156.org](mailto:contact@vfw9156.org) and include your full name in the email or visit the website at

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## Calendar of Events for April 2021

April 4	Easter Sunday
April 5	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
April 6	Marine Corp League Meeting
April 12	VFW Membership Committee - 6:30 pm
April 14	VFW Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00 pm
April 26	VFW House Committee – 4:30 pm (Special Time) VFW Post Business Meeting – 5:30 pm (Special Time) VFW Patriot’s Pen & Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet – 6:30 p.m.
April 27	American Legion Meeting

## Calendar of Events for May 2021

May 3	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
May 4	Marine Corp League Meeting
May 10	Membership Committee - 6:30 pm
May 12	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 pm
May 22	Benefit Brat Fry – Non-VFW
May 24	House Committee - 5:30 pm VFW Business Meeting - 7:00 pm
May 25	American Legion Business Meeting

## Calendar of Events for June 2021

June 1	Marine Corp League Meeting
June 7	Honor Guard Meeting
June 9	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 pm
June 14	Membership Committee – 6:30 pm
June 19	Dog to Dog Tags Poker Run
June 28	House Committee Meeting –5:30 pm Post Business Meeting - 6:30 pm

### 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



Almighty God, You know every veteran by name. You know their deeds, their hard work, and their perseverance. You know their needs, both material and spiritual. Please draw each one closer to you and grant them all the peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7), the peace of Christ to rule in their hearts (Colossians 3:15), and 'joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand' forevermore (Psalm 16:11).

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

**Wally Scharrer**  
Shores of Sheboygan  
3315 Superior Ave  
Sheboygan WI 53081

**Steve Conto**

**Post Chaplain**





# Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members;

Our Auxiliary annual Chili supper Fundraiser was held on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success! I have to say our best ever! The usual format of an “all you can eat” event was discontinued, and soup/chili was sold by the bowl and quart. We had multiple bucket raffles for some awesome baskets put together by our talented Amy Wieland. Members donated some great prizes to fill the baskets. Also, Justin donated a Bloody Mary basket on behalf of the Foxhole. We have already donated funds to 2 families with high medical bills and looking for others in our community who need assistance. A big thanks to the VFW for supporting this event with donations of soup, to-go containers, and a great place to hold our event. Great job everyone to helped make this a successful day!

The decision was made after discussion to increase our prices at our Friday night Fish Fry dessert table as well as our chili, brat/chicken fry dessert tables. Surprisingly the increase was met with little criticism from our customers. The funds raised at these tables are used to support our donations to scholarships, relief, and cancer/medical needs. Hats off to our bakers who bring in

the delicious desserts that the VFW diners love. Hats off to those who work to keep the tables going. And a tip of the hat to everyone who buys the baked goods. We appreciate every purchase as it all goes to a good cause! The annual presentation of Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen awards will be held on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. We will present awards/cash prizes to both VOD and Patriot Pen winning participants.

VFW/Auxiliary members, if you have a child or grandchild graduating and going on to college please request an application for our scholarship program. Applications can be requested from an Auxiliary member. Applications must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Unfortunately, I have to report we lost 2 members: Natalie Stoelb on 1/1/2021 and Ann Reinemann on 3/14/2021. Our condolences to both the families.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00. Elections of officers for the upcoming 2021-22 year will be at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please plan to attend. Respectfully,

Kathy Mallmann – President

**“Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future”**

***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

We are looking forward to a more normal year in 2021 than we had in 2020. Looking at several membership event initiatives for 2021.

The events that we planned in December 2020 we will go forward with the planning process.

The events we will be planning are as follows:

Recruit Meet & Greet – Held in May around Armer Forces Day.

Night at The Ballpark with the Sheboygan “A’s”. June/July

Coast Guard Birthday – August 4<sup>th</sup>. Founded on August 4, 1790 – 231 years old.

Farmer’s Market – Attend 3 Saturdays in Fall.

Haunted Gardens – Held at Bookworm Gardens. We usually attend 2 Saturdays during that event.

Additional function we will hopefully be getting involved in is with our adopted unit, Coast Guard Sheboygan’s Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year selection and award program.

Congratulations to VFW Post 9156 for earning our State Commander, Jason John’s “Red Carpet Award” for 2020-2021. Our Post Commander received a phone call from our State Commander stating he has selected our Post as a “Red Carpet Award” recipient for 2020-2021. Award presentation will be held at the VFW State Convention, June 23-26, 2021. This award is based on increasing and retaining current Post memberships.

This award would not have been possible without the dedication and devotion of our Post Membership Committee members, Dan Fox, Stan Leis, Bob King and Andy Denson as well as our Post membership working together to make our Post and the VFW stronger for future generations. KUDOS and THANK YOU for a job well done!

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

Interim VFW Post 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

## House Committee

**\*\*\*\* No Information At Time of Publication\*\*\*\***

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Vfw9156.org and navigate to the Ramblin' On page. There you will see a sign up that will collect your email address.

We hope to have the process in place that you will receive an email with your Rambling-On. If you do not have an email or PC will continue to send you the Rambling-On via snail mail. Why are we doing this is to save money in printing and mailing costs.

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. Our Auxiliary meets the second Wednesday 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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