

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST # 9156

Jan/Feb 2022

Commander's Comments

Hello Comrades! Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It seems we cannot get rid of this post pandemic in our country. Covid came in 2020 followed by the Delta Variant, now the Omicron variant and I heard of a Deltacron variant detected in Greece. Who knows how long we will be dealing with this and how many vaccinations and boosters will be developed to combat this variant and that variant? Continuing doing what you need to keep yourself and your family safe. It is your choice how you all proceed taking care of yourselves. We currently have no mandates or restrictions at our Post.

As most restaurant and bars have and are experiencing product and staff shortages, we have been fortunate being able to purchase product in advance before that product becomes unavailable because we have our walk-in cooler and freezer. Those two units have helped us continue to offer our full menu especially at our Friday Night Fish Fry's. It seems every week there is an item that is or will be going unavailable.

Our Operations Manager, Justin has been constantly working with our vendors making sure we get the items we ordered or need to order, not only for the upcoming week but weeks in advance to ensure we have that product in house before it becomes unavailable. He has done an outstanding job playing this game as he calls it. Without Justin's efforts our Friday Night Fish Fry would not be as successful as it has been and currently is.

If you are not aware our Sunday breakfast has changed to a buffet style serving an awesome selection of items. Thanks to Justin changing our Sunday breakfast, that started Sunday, January 2nd we have seen an increase in our breakfast sales Sunday morning. People seem to love the buffet.

We are also dealing with some staff shortages, but we are doing everything we can to hire people to fill our unfilled shifts whether it is bartending and cooking. We are fortunate that we also have a volunteer core of

people that has been stepping up and helping where they can.

What's been going on since our last Rambling-On, in November we had a successful Post Chicken Fry, followed by our Thanksgiving dinner. In December our Auxiliary had their annual Children's Christmas breakfast party with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Ruby the Elf. Later that day The Sheboygan Police Department had their Blue Christmas, which is also a great event for the kids. December was Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at the Elks, we had a couple of Christmas parties we catered.

What is happening the first part of 2022. January 1st Justin and team put out awesome food starting at 10:00 a.m. for our customer appreciation. We also had a couple of functions in our hall so far this year. Coming in February our Auxiliary will have their Chili Supper on Saturday, February 5th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Last year was a great turnout and I am hoping the turnout is even better this year. Saturday, February 12th will be our Post Date Night. Saturday, March 19th the Post is planning our annual St Patrick's Day Corn Beef & Cabbage dinner. Saturday, March 26th from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. will be our annual Post Brat Fry fundraiser.

We have lost several members in 2021/2022, but there are three that I need to single out who provided me with support during my tenure as Commander of our Post. Burt Schuldt who served as my Adjutant, Judge Advocate and as the Post Chaplain, passed on Memorial Day, 2021. Burt guided me through my tenure as Commander, having been a Past Commander of our Post, Herb Dallas who was my Officer of the Day, Herb was always there to provide me with whatever support I needed, passed away November 2021, Bob King, who served as our Post Hospital Chair-



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Calendar of Events for January 2022

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 3	Honor Guard Meeting
Jan 4	Marine Corp League Meeting
Jan 10	VFW Website Committee Meeting VFW Membership Committee
Jan 12	VFW Auxiliary Meeting
Jan 24	VFW House Committee VFW Post Business Meeting
Jan 25	American Legion Meeting

Calendar of Events for February 2022

Feb 1	Marine Corp League Meeting
Feb 3	Four Chaplains Day
Feb 7	Honor Guard Meeting - 6:00 pm
Feb 12	Post Date Night
Feb 14	Valentine's Day VFW Website Committee Meeting VFW Membership Committee
Feb 16	VFW Auxiliary Meeting – 6:00 pm
Feb 28	VFW House Committee VFW Post Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for March 2022

Mar 1	American Legion—No Meeting? Marine Corp League Meeting
Mar 5	Seabee Birthday
Mar 7	Honor Guard Meeting
Mar 9	VFW Auxiliary Meeting
Mar 13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 15	American Legion Birthday
Mar 17	St Patrick's Day
Mar 19	Post Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Calendar of Events for March 2022 Continued

Mar 21	VFW Website Committee Meeting VFW Membership Meeting
Mar 26	Post Annual Brat Fry Fundraiser
Mar 28	VFW House Committee Meeting VFW Post Business Meeting
Mar 29	American Legion Meeting? National Vietnam War—Veterans Day

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, we thank You for bringing us together this day. Inspire us to worthy deeds and sound decisions and direct us toward the attainment of our goal. We pray that You would bless and protect all of our people.

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

Wally Scharrer
Shores of Sheboygan
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Sheboygan WI 53081

Post Chaplain - *Matthew Wallner*





Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members;

The VFW invited the Auxiliary to participate in the VFW September Golf outing this year. Tim Mallmann had golfers throw dice for a chance to win a closer spot to the hole for a low score. Naturally, the golfers had to pay for the opportunity, but the game raised \$ 320.00 which will go towards our scholarship program. Thank you to the VFW and Tim.

Pancakes and Pajamas with Santa was held on Sat., Dec. 4th. Invites were sent out to VFW/Auxiliary members as well as American Legion, Marine Corp League and the Sheboygan Coast Guard. Breakfast was cooked by Tim and Justin consisting of eggs, sausage and pancakes along with fresh fruit and Christmas cookies. Mr. and Mrs. Claus as well as Ruby the Elf did a surprise visit and presented gifts and goody bags to each child 0-12 years.

The annual Auxiliary Christmas party was Wed, Dec 8th. The Auxiliary enjoyed a great meal, cocktails and lots of fun. Thanks Mary Weaver and Amy Wieland for hosting. Great job!!!

Not forgetting our Auxiliary sisters in nursing homes or assisted living we purchased and filled gift bags for each member. A huge thank you to Rosie Hickmann for playing Santa and delivering the gift bags to Sue Morris, Vivian Veldboom, Doris Zallar, Betty Schuldt, Lucille Menzer and Judi Sommers.

As Christmas is a special time for giving and remembering our community and veterans the Auxiliary added several December donations: Sheboygan Police Dept Blue Santa, Sheboygan Shop With a Cop, Zablocki Christmas With the Vets and She-

boygan County Veterans Service Office (gift cards for Vets).

Mark your calendar for the annual Chili/Soup Supper fundraiser to be held Sat, Feb 5th 3:00-6:00.

Plans are to have 3 soups and 3-4 different types of chili as well as cheese sandwiches. Prices for soup/chili will be \$ 4.00, \$ 7.00 and \$12.00 and sizes 16oz, 32oz and 64oz. Proceeds from this event are donated back into our community. Please stop down to support us if you can.

Auxiliary meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00. I hope you plan to attend.

Respectfully,
Kathy Mallmann – President

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more”

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

Pine Haven, Sheboygan Falls

Betty Schuldt

**Kathy Mallmann -
President**

Terrace Place

Lucille Menzer

Membership Committee

We met on Monday, January 10, 2022. Use this meeting as a planning meeting for events our Membership Committee will be involved in.

The events we will be planning in 2022 are as follows:

- Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Awards Banquet – Monday, April 18th
- Recruit Meet & Greet – Monday, May 16th
- Celebrate Coast Guard's Birthday – Thursday, August 4, 2022
- Farmer's Market – Three Saturdays on September 10th, 17th & 24th
- Haunted Gardens – Two Saturdays on October 22nd & 29th
- Post & Auxiliary Sheboygan A's Ball Game – Date to be determined once A's scheduled is available for 2022.
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - 80th Anniversary – Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

Review of our Post roster as of December 7, 2021, we have current roster with 244 life members, 14 continuous and 3 new members for a total of 261 members. Our membership percent is at 92.88%. The new or transferred members added to our Post roster in 2021, which was roughly 8-10 members do not show up in our percentage until 2022. We did reach 100% in 2020/2021 year. Our membership was adjusted from 281 prior year to currently at 261. The change in total is because of transfers, expired memberships and members that have passed within the last year.

We had 3 of our members pass away that we are aware of, 10 members whose memberships have expired. We will be contacting those 10 members informing them that their memberships have lapsed. We also have 18 members whose membership will expire in 2022. We will be contacting them as well to make them aware that their membership will lapse in 2022.

Note from District 6 Commander - Post officers if they have annual memberships, they need to make sure they are current with their memberships when they are an officer or run for office. If their membership expires while in office, they will be removed from their officer position and cannot be hold a Post officer position until they are current with their membership and they need to wait 1 year before being eligible to serve as an officer.

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

Interim VFW Post 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

Golf Committee

Mark Saturday, September 17, 2022, on your calendars for this year's Fifth Annual VFW John Inovskis four-person team scramble. Our committee has not met but will start meeting soon.

As a reminder all proceeds from our Post golf outing goes to our scholarship program. We currently award five scholarships with one of those scholarships being awarded to a student pursuing an IT (Information Technology) degree.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

VFW Post 9156 Golf Reservation Committee

House Committee

The House Committee last met January 24, 2022

Completed Projects:

Counter & Cabinet Project – Cabinet and countertop installed in front of kitchen window – **Project Completed**

Pending Projects

Vinyl Post Logo Mural for East entrance West wall – Rosters of active and deceased member have arrived and are being put on the wall – Once completed this will complete the project other than the names seem to be small, hard to read. We will check with Sign Shop.

Post Maintenance/Issues Resolved

Replaced and added new motion and break sensors and added a control panel by North Hall doorway.

Tractor has been checked over and all issues have been fixed or replaced.

Post Maintenance/Issues

South parking light is out – Need bulb replaced.

Maintenance Items

Floor Burnishing – Hall, Hallway & Bar skipped in January because of scheduling issue. Deep scrub and burnishing are scheduled for third Monday in February.

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

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 – Still pending and needs to be scheduled. Need to schedule 2022 spring/summer timeframe.

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

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

Website Committee

The Post Website Committee meets the second Monday of every month prior to the Post Membership Committee.

Most recent changes to the website is two pages under the Membership tab.

- Apply for VFW Membership
- Apply for VFW Auxiliary Membership

Both pages highlight the requirements to become a member and allow the interested individual to click on a button that opens up a fillable pdf form.

For the electronic Ramblin'On newsletter sign-up, the Post is at about 35% of our roster signed up. Members that do sign up receive a professionally crafted email campaign with a button to click on that opens up a pdf on their browser among other links to the website. Also in this issue of the Ramblin'On, I added new color photos of the Post Commander and Auxiliary President. Only picture needed is our Post Chaplin. More to follow on that for the website with a Post Officers page and Auxiliary page. My vision is to have pictures of the members for each position and a bio next to their pictures.

I am learning as I go and find this type of volunteering enjoyable. I'd like to give a special thanks to the Post Website Committee members that assisted in entering emails in the database. If you have an interest in web development and want to join the Post Website Committee, please contact me at contact@vfwpost9156.org for details.

Respectfully,

Andy Denson
Website admin and Ramblin'On editor

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man, providing medical equipment to our veterans. If you needed something and Bob did not have it he would find it for you, Bob also served as our Post Surgeon and Safety chairman, giving his monthly reports on both health and safety items. All three of these outstanding Men, were great VFW Post members and Veterans who will be remembered and never forgotten.

Our Honor Guard has and continues to perform Military Honors at funerals for our Veterans that have passed. KUDOS Honor Guard!

I have gone through our roster as of December 2021 and added all the email addresses to the electronic mail system. If you do not have your email on file, please use the information below to get your Rambling-On electronically in the future.

We can reduce our printing and mailing expenses by being able to offer the Rambling-On electronically versus U. S. Mail. To do this we need your help. If you have an email address, please email your address to: CONTACT@vfwpost9156.org.

Those members that do not have email addresses will continue to receive a hardcopy of our Rambling-On via U. S. Mail. Please register your email address by sending your address to the contact above.

Our Post Website committee meets the second Monday of the month prior to the Post Membership committee. The Post House Committee meeting and Post Business meeting meets on 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. If you are interested in any of these committees or groups please contact a Post member or contact me.

We continue to work hard to make our Post the best it can possibly be. All the changes that have taken place over the last few years shows me how much everyone truly cares about our Post. I keep saying, our team is truly a combined effort of VFW membership, VFW Auxiliary, Veteran's, Non-veterans, 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!

Post elections will be held in April. Nominations for Officer positions will be held in March and April. The following elected positions are Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplin, and Three-Year Trustee.

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 still have that big bad fire hose, reminding me of the way it was when I first became your Post Commander. I cannot thank you all enough for all your support to make my job a little easier. 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 refer to my Navy core values to help guide me.

God Bless You All 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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made payable to The USA for an amount *"up to and including my life"*.



Mission:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is an organization of war veterans committed to ensuring rights, remembering sacrifices, promoting patriotism, performing community services and advocating for a strong national defense.