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VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST 9156 NEWSLETTER

July 2025

Commander's Comments

Hello All! I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. For those that travel around the state or out of state during the summer months I wish you all safe travels.

Since our last Rambling-On we had several functions, starting in April we had our Annual Brat Fry Saturday, April 5, 2025. We ran our Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 20, 2025. The month of May was full of events as well. We had a wedding on Saturday, May 3, 2025, Morgan Napp Brat Fry on Saturday, May 10, 2025, Sheboygan A's Hall of Fame Dinner, Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Project Grill, Thursday, May 15, 2025, Marine Corps League Detachment 1446 Brat Fry, Sunday, May 18, 2025, Post Centennial Celebration, Saturday, May 31, 2025. In June we had a celebration for Life on Saturday, June 21, 2025 and Paws Up Pet Rescue Meat Raffle, Sunday, June 22, 2025. Thank You to all our volunteers and staff who through their support helped make all these events successful! The success of hosting these events are made possible by the support of our volunteers. Our volunteers are the key to all our successful events. If you can volunteer for even an hour or two that would be a huge win for our event and greatly appreciated.

The results of the voting for Post officers for the year 2025/2026 are as follows: Dave Freitag, elected Post Commander, Michael Wright, elected Post Senior Vice Commander, John

Ison elected Post Junior Vice Commander, Anita Kohlhausen elected Post Quartermaster, Kevin Hafemeister, elected Three Year Post Trustee. All offices

were duly installed in May by Ken Hemenway, Past Post and District 6 Commander. Michael Wright was installed at a later date by Post Commander Dave Freitag. Congratulations to all Post Officers.



What's in store for the Post going forward? Nothing much going on in the month of July, except for we will have a presence in the 4th of July parade. In August, hopefully Good Boy Vodka will once again put on a breakfast for all Veterans and bring their Power Boat to the Post parking lot for everyone to take a look at. That would take place on Thursday, August 7, 2025. The Miracle League is an organization that provides children and adults with the capability of playing baseball. Our Post will help The Miracle League by sponsoring their Brat Fry and Golf outing on Saturday, August 16, 2025. All funds raised at the golf outing, all food sales and raffles from Brat Fry will be donated to The Miracle League. Our Annual Post Golf Outing will be held Saturday, September 27, 2027. The committee is looking at running a Brat Fry in conjunction with the Golf Outing that will be open to the public in an effort to help raise

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Calendar of Events: July - August - September

Calendar of Events for July 2025

July 1	Marine Corp. League Meeting
July 4	Independence Day
July 7	VFW Website Committee Meeting - 1730 VFW Membership Committee - 1830
July 9	VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting - 1800
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July 27	National Korean War Veteran Armistice Day
July 28	VFW House Committee – 1730 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900
July 29	American Legion Executive Meeting American Legion Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for August 2025

Aug 4	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
Aug 4	Marine Corp League Meeting
Aug 7	Purple Heart Day
Aug 10	Department of Defense Birthday
Aug 11	VFW Website Committee Meeting - 1730 VFW Membership Committee - 1830
Aug 13	Honor Guard Meeting
Aug 13	VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting - 1800
Aug 25	House Committee - 1730 VFW Business Meeting - 1900
Aug 27	American Legion Executive Meeting American Legion Business Meeting
Aug 29	Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

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

Calendar of Events for September 2025

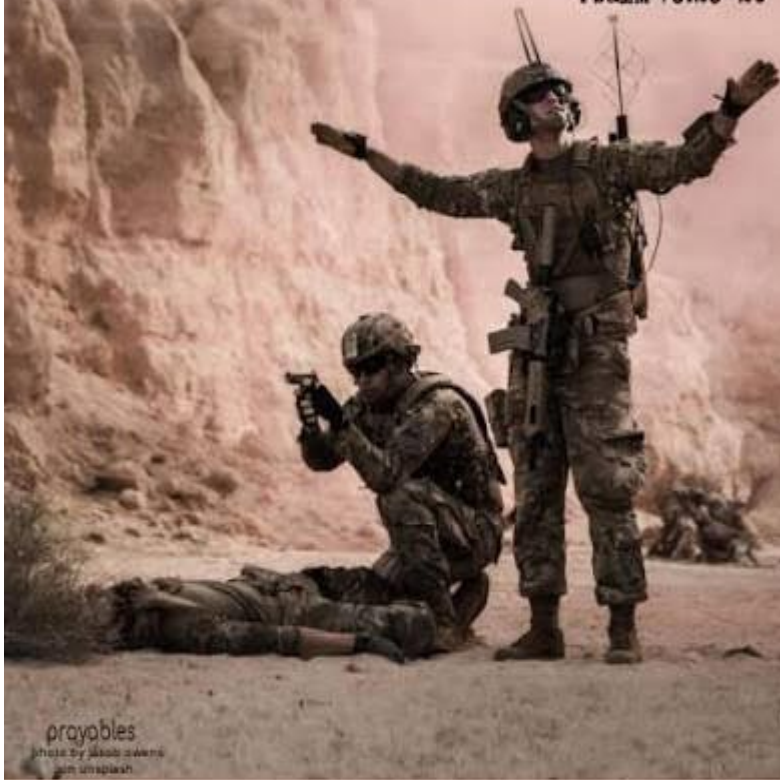
Sep 2	Labor Day
Sep 8	Marine Corp League Meeting
Sep 8	VFW Website Committee Meeting - 1730 VFW Membership Committee - 1830
Sep 10	Honor Guard Meeting
Sep 11	VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting – 1800 Patriot Day
Sep 18	Air Force Birthday
Sep 19	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sep 22	House Committee Meeting – 1730 Post Business Meeting - 1830
Sep 23	American Legion Executive Meeting American Legion Business Meeting
Sep 29	VFW Day

Chaplain's Corner



I am always with You. You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:23-26



Post Chaplain - Matthew Wallner

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



Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members,

Elections were held in April. The only change in officers was a newly elected 3 year Trustee – Stacey Rajchel-Bahr. Sandy Steinbruecker has relocated to Nevada, therefore Deb Aurich was elected to her remaining term as 1 year Trustee. Thank you both for accepting these positions. Thank you Sandy for your time as Trustee. We wish you well and please know that you will be missed. Also thank you to all members who continue to serve as officers, appointed positions and committee chairpersons. You all help to keep our Auxiliary alive and active!

The VFW brat fry was again a major success for the Post and Auxiliary. Thank you all who helped in every way to make this event successful!

The awards banquet in April honored students who participated in Patriotic Pen and Patriotic Art. The VFW as well as the Auxiliary awarded monetary prizes to students who wrote amazing essays and created impressive art work. We are honored as the student's art that we forwarded to state took 2nd place in the state competition!

We just learned that our Auxiliary sister Bernice Walter had passed in November of last year. A donation to the state Hospital Fund has made in her honor.

April was also a time for awarding local students scholarships. Our Auxiliary awarded 8 scholarships this year! Our Friday dessert table allows us to continue giving to our VFW/Auxiliary children/grandchildren assistance to further their education. A huge thank you to those who bring their awesome desserts to fund this cause.

Due to the possible closure of the WI 6th District we recently did a mass mailing to all 9156 Auxiliary members. We had numerous letters returned as undelivered. If you have any information be it current

phone number or address for the following members please let me know: Donna Altmann, Sandra Bolle, Mary Cappelle, Nancy Crabb, Joan Osthelder, Agnes Soerens and Jeanette Veldboom. Any help you can provide is appreciated. Please remember to notify an auxiliary member of any changes in address, any member who goes into nursing/assisted living or any other life changes.



Respectfully,
Kathy Mallmann – President
920-207-7645

Nursing Home residents:
Sue Morris – Sheboygan Health Services, Sheboygan
Vivian Veldboom – Pine Haven, Sheboygan Falls
Gloria Vanengen Lorenz – Plymouth Health Services, Plymouth

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

Pine Haven - Sheboygan Falls

Vivian Veldboom

Plymouth Health Services

Gloria Vanengen Lorenz

Sheboygan Health Services

Sue Morris

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee held their monthly meeting in June.

Jay mentioned that he has been posting membership flyers at various locations.

Jay has been in contact with a couple of potential new members.

Jay mentioned that he has completed going through the membership roster contacting those members whose membership has expired or will be expiring soon.

We are also looking for members to join our Membership committee. If you are interested, please contact Jay Giuliani, Membership Chairman or any of one of the Membership committee's members; Stan Leis, Andy Denson or Post Commander, Dave Freitag.

If interested contact the Post Commander. Membership Committee meetings are being held at 1830 on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

On Behalf of Jay Giuliani VFW Post 9156 Membership Committee Chairman

Golf Committee

The Golf Outing Committee held their meeting on Thursday, June 19th.

Modern Woodmen has committed to being a major sponsor for our Golf Outing this year. Donation to be used as needed.

Next Golf Outing Committee meeting will be scheduled for Monday, June 30th starting 6:30.

Discussion as to whether we should hold the golf outing this year was the main topic. Another topic was do we stay the course or change the format. One suggestion was to use the KISS approach and keep it simple.

The thought was what if we started golf early in the morning, provide no lunch or dinner. Instead, hold a brat fry at the Post. Give the golfers tickets for a sandwich and a beverage at the Post. What does that do for our event? It allows us to reduce the amount we charge the golfers. We would not have the expense for lunch we make or dinner at Town & Country. The brat fry would be open to the public versus just golfers. Opportunity to raise more funds for scholarship is possible. Also, looking at reducing the games on the course. Golfers feel we are always asking for donations throughout the course. Even though there were only 5-6 games plus the 50/50 through 18 holes it seemed to be a lot.

By charging golfers \$20-\$25 over the cost of golf, which would be \$50 for 18 with a cart. We have the opportunity to bring in more golfers/teams by reducing the golfer entry fee.

The June 30th meeting will decide the direction the committee wants to go.

At this time the Golf Committee wants to remind everyone that our 8th Annual John Inovskis Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2025. Please mark your calendars to save the date for this great event.

Respectively Submitted,
Dave Freitag
VFW Post 9156 Golf Committee

House Committee

The House Committee held their monthly meeting in June 2025.

House Committee Items:

Maintenance Items

Water filters - For the bar areas and ice machine have been changed in June 2025.

Schedule filter change – Tim Schroeder will take care of this.

North hall Door – Repairs have been made and completed. Both doors are completely functional again.

Roof Replacement – Per our insurance company our roof is not in question or an issue and does not need to be replaced at this time.

Suggestion Box

The House committee continues to monitor the suggestion boxes gathering information from our customers concerning food and service.

So far results have been positive concerning both our food and service. We will continue using the suggestion box as a method to stay in touch with our customers.

House Committee Bylaws

House Committee members are reviewing and updating the committee By-Laws. House Committee meetings are being held at 1730 on the 4th Monday of the month prior to our Post Business meeting. If you are interested in serving on the House Committee, please contact Ken Hemmingway – House Committee Chairman.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Freitag - On behalf of Ken Hemenway VFW Post 9156 House Committee Chairman

Website Committee

Our website meeting was held in June. Not much to discuss at this time.

I am currently working behind the scenes making a new website.

We are looking for members to join our website committee. If you are interested, please contact myself, Andy Denson, or our Post Commander, Dave Freitag.

The website committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 1730.

Respectively,

Andy Denson

VFW Post 9156 Webmaster/Website Committee Chairman

Hospital Services and Surgeon Corner

Currently we have 2 wheelchairs, a couple of walkers, crutches, canes and an adjustable cushion for a wheelchair or chair. We also have a lift chair available for someone in need.

This month we distributed a lift chair, a wheelchair, two walkers, a mobility scooter and one of the adjustable cushions.

Home repair and modification assistance.

We have two programs available to veterans that need help around the home.

First is a program offered through the Veterans Administration known as Home Health Assistance. This non-medical aid in the home is available to any veteran that has a VA disability rating. You see your VA primary care physician and ask him to write the prescription to get a HHA contractor in to your home for a set number of hours a week to help with cooking, shopping, cleaning, washing, rides to appointments and such. It is not for medical assistance. You can get this even if you have a spouse that is your normal care giver.

We currently have two veterans receiving this assistance in the area.

The second program is offered to veterans through the folks at Habitat for Humanity. They have two separate programs. They currently have some grant money good through the end of September to be used to modify homes to improve accessibility and living conditions. This is offered at no cost to the veteran and there are no prerequisites to speak of. They have installed a wheelchair ramp for one of our vets already and have a good chunk of the grant left.

The second program from Habitat is one that offers home repairs at no cost for the labor using volunteer contractors and technicians. The veteran would be responsible to pay for the materials.

If you have any questions, contact Jay Giuliani at 484-471-9011

See Page 13 for the Habitat For Humanity Veteran Housing and Modification Program Fact Sheet

See Page 14 for the Cornerstone Caring Quality Care Giving Right At Home flyer

Honor Guard

Our Honor Guard continues to provide families with Military Honors for families loved ones that serve their country and has passed.

At our June business meeting, Tim Schroeder, our Honor Guard Commander reported that the Honor Guard was pretty business during Memorial Day with being at several locations throughout the day. Tim also mentioned that the Honor Guard has been averaging 2 to 3 funerals per week.

I cannot say enough for our Honor Guard, they provide exceptional military honors to the Veteran and for the family. I have received nothing but compliments concerning our Honor Guard's professionalism and passion when providing military honors. KUDOS Honor Guard!

As a reminder our Honor is made up of multiple units as follows: VFW Post 9156, American Legion Post 83 and the Marine Corp. League Detachment 1446.

We are looking for members to join our Honor Guard. If you are interested, please contact our Honor Guard Commander Tim Schroeder or our Post Commander, Dave Freitag.

The Honor Guard Commander will notify the Honor Guard members when meeting are necessary for weapons cleaning, etc.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

On behalf of Tim Schroeder – Honor Guard Commander - VFW Post 9156 Honor Guard

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funds for our Youth and Scholarship Programs.

If you are interested in joining one or several committees at our Post or becoming a member of our Post Honor Guard the following meeting days, times and contact individuals are listed as follows: Post Honor Guard contact Tim Schroeder, Honor Guard Commander; the Post Website Committee meets the second Monday of the month, meeting starts at 1730, contact Andy Denson; Chairman of Website Committee; Post Membership Committee meets the second Monday of the month, meeting starts at 1830, contact Jay Giuliani; Chairman of Membership Committee, Post House Committee meets the fourth Monday of the month, meeting starts at 1730, contact Ken Hemenway, Chairman of House Committee. You can also contact Dave Freitag, Post Commander on any committees you may be interested in including the Honor Guard.

If members of your family would like to join the VFW Post Auxiliary, they meet on the second Wednesday of the month, the meeting starts at 1800, contact Kathy Mallmann or any of the Auxiliary members for more information and how to join the VFW Post Auxiliary.

The Post business meeting meets on the fourth Monday of the month; the meeting starts at 1900. If you are interested in any of these committees or groups, please contact the Committee Chairman, Post Commander, or the VFW Post Auxiliary President.

****SPECIAL NOTE** - Remote Call-in in Available** –We now have remote conference call-in capability for our monthly business meetings. If you cannot attend the business

meeting in person you can now call-in remotely by dialing the following phone number: **(701) 801-6610**. You will be asked to identify yourself. Once you do, you will be joined into the conference call for the business meeting. The Post Adjutant controls the remote call-in, if you have any questions please contact our Adjutant, Gary Hauch.

It is a team effort of VFW membership, VFW Auxiliary, Veteran's, Non-veterans, and employees working together to make our Post the "Best of the Best"! I continue to be amazed how much everyone cares about our Post and the constant effort to continue making our Post the best of the Best! I appreciate all of you and all you do for our Post! I am proud of our Post and all of you! KUDOS All!

****REMINDER** - 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 all 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 been a positive experience! Plus, I have not discarded that big old fire hose, it is a constant reminder to me of the way it was when I first became your Post Commander.

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Working together you all continue to make my job as Post Commander 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 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



Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Program (VHRMP) Fact Sheet

Purpose: To meet the needs of the veterans in our community by making critical home repairs and modifications to keep veterans in Sheboygan County safe and preserve their home assets.

Exterior: Replace/repair steps, decks, railings, ramps, exterior doors, windows, siding/sheathing, trim, fascia, gutter boards, downspouts; paint; weatherization and insulation
Interior: Replace/repair interior doors, ceilings, walls, and floors/flooring
Accessibility: Grab bars, ramps, accessible kitchens and bathrooms

You may qualify the program if you can answer yes to the following questions:

1. Are you a veteran with a general or honorable discharge, any year, from any branch of service?
2. Do you own and occupy a single-family home in Sheboygan County?
3. Are your house payments up to date?
4. Do you have a homeowners insurance policy in effect?
5. Is your home in need of critical repairs?
6. Will you work with Habitat Lakeside staff & volunteers to facilitate the home repairs?
7. Does your income fall within these guidelines?

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MINIMUM ANNUAL INCOME	MAZIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$35,000	\$53,100
2	\$35,000	\$60,700
3	\$35,000	\$68,300
4	\$35,000	\$75,850
5	\$35,840	\$81,950
6	\$38,465	\$88,000
7	\$41,160	\$94,100
8	\$43,785	\$100,150

Next steps: To learn more about the **Veterans Housing Rehabilitation and Modification Program (VHRMP)**, please contact:

Penny Rayfield
Family Services Manager
Habitat for Humanity – Lakeside
Phone: 920.458.3399 x 307
Email: prayfield@habitatlakeside.com

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Cornerstone CAREGIVING

QUALITY CARE RIGHT AT HOME

WHO WE ARE

Cornerstone Caregiving specializes in providing professional caregiving services that aim to improve the lives and overall well-being of your family. Allow us to offer support and provide compassionate care for your loved ones, lightening your load. At Cornerstone Caregiving, we understand the challenges of family caregiving and specialize in offering in-home care services tailored to meet the unique needs of loved ones and their families.

WHAT WE OFFER

- **Personal Care**

Bathing, grooming, and dressing

- **Respite Care**

Temporary relief for family caregivers to rest and recharge

- **Medication Management**

Assistance with medication reminders

- **Meal Preparation**

Nutritious meals prepared according to dietary needs.

- **Companionship**

Engaging conversation, social activities, and outings.

- **Light Housekeeping**

Laundry, dishes, and tidying up.

- **Transportation**

Assistance with getting to appointments, shopping, and errands

- **Care Coordination**

Collaborating with healthcare providers and family members to ensure comprehensive care and support.

- **Fall Prevention**

Implementing measures to reduce the risk of falls and injuries.

- **And More!**

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- Sheboygan County
- And the Surrounding Areas

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A Veteran is someone who in his life wrote a blank check
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.