

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST 9156 NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Commander's Comments

Hello All! Well summer sure flew by quickly and here we are into the early part of fall. Already trees in our area are turning colors. Hopefully, we will still have some great days left that will be filled with blue skies and sunshine and in the 70's. I hope you all had a great summer and you are enjoying the start of the fall season when Mother Nature waves her magic wand and changes the green leaves of the trees to vibrant colors! For those of you that travel during the fall season I wish you all safe travels.

Since our last Rambling-On, July we had a few functions, starting with Rockline team building event, welcome home event for a boot camp graduate and a Celebration of Life. In August we had our breakfast, sponsored by Good Boy Vodka on Thursday August 7th prior to the Power Boat races that weekend, followed by The Miracle League Brat Fry and Midstate's Dart League Captain's meeting. September was a busy month with something going on every weekend. We had back-to-back Celebration of Life functions, followed by Koenig's Conservation Club Brat Fry and then our Annual Post Golf Outing/Brat Fry. Running a Post Brat Fry in conjunction with the golf outing this year the intent was to be able to reduce the entry fee for golfing, hopefully increasing the number of teams participating. Plus having the public join in the fund raising funds for our youth programs and Veteran's Relief.

What is happening in October, well it is another busy month. Every weekend we have something scheduled starting Thursday, October 2nd cooking for the 2025/2026 Project Grill Kick-Off meeting, followed by October 4th with the VFW District 6 meeting, then we have a birthday party celebration on the 11th of October. The Marine Corp League will be running a Brat Fry on Saturday, October 18th, followed by a 20-year Wounded Warrior Celebration on Saturday, October 25th. In November we start off with our Post Annual Chicken Fry on Saturday, November 1st. This will be our 70th year holding our Chicken Fry, followed by North High Dance Team will hold their Bray Fry on Saturday, November 8th. December 6th, we start with our VFW Auxiliary Kids Christmas Party and we have the Marine Corp. League's Christmas Party Sunday, December 21st. For now, that pretty much closes out 2025, except for the Army/Navy Game, Saturday, December 13th. Just saying!



The success of hosting these events are made possible by the support of our volunteers and staff. Our volunteers and staff 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.

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Calendar of Events: October

Oct 4 VFW District 6 meeting – At Our Post – (1000-1400)
 Oct 7 Marine Corp. League Meeting
Oct 8 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting
 Oct 13 Columbus day
 Oct 13 United States Navy Birthday
Oct 13 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730
Oct 13 VFW Post Membership Committee Meeting – 1830
Oct 16 Ballhorn dinner and presentation for our military units.
 Oct 18 Marine Corp. League Brat Fry
 Oct 26 National Day of Deployed
 Oct 26 Post First Trunk or Treat Event
 Oct 27 Navy Day
Oct 27 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730
Oct 27 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900
 Oct 28 American Legion Executive Meeting
 Oct 28 American Legion Business Meeting

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.

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 (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: November

National Veterans & Military Family Month

National Family Caregivers Month

Nov 1 Post Annual Chicken Fry (70th Year)

Nov 1 All Saints Day

Nov 4 Marine Corp League Meeting

Nov 10 United States Marine Birthday
(Celebrating 250 years)

Nov 10 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730

Nov 10 VFW Membership Committee Meeting – 1830

Nov 11 Veterans day

Nov 12 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting – 1800

Nov 24 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730

Nov 24 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900

Nov 25 American Legion Executive Meeting

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Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

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Calendar of Events: December

Dec 2 Marine Corp. League Meeting

Dec 6 VFW Auxiliary Kids Christmas Party

Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 8 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730

Dec 8 VFW Post Membership Meeting – 1830

Dec 10 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting – 1800

Dec 13 National Guard Birthday

Dec 13 Army/Navy Football Game 126th meeting

Dec 15 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730 - Date change

Dec 15 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900 – Date Change

Dec 20 Space Force Birthday

Dec 20 National Wreaths Across America Day

Dec 21 Marine Corp League Christmas Party

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Dec 25 Christmas Day

Dec 31 New Years Eve

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Chaplain's Corner



I have not received any notifications of comrades in distress.

Chaplin's Bible Verse:

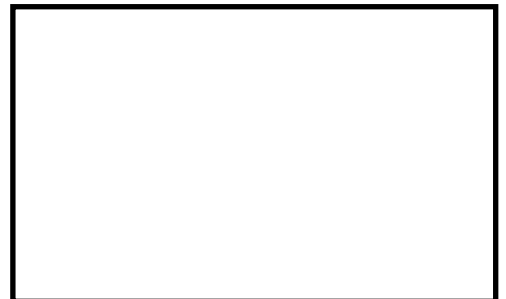
Ephesians 6:11 ESV

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Peace,
Chaplain Matthew Wallner

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

**Post Chaplain - Matthew
Wallner**





Auxiliary News

Greetings VFW Post 9156 Auxiliary members,

It's that time of the year when notices go out to our Annual members that their membership dues need to be paid. Deadline to maintain your Annual membership and attend meetings is December 31, 2025. Thank you to Doris and Stacey for your efforts to contact our Annual members. Currently, we are at 95.92% paid membership. If you are an Annual member please consider paying your dues at this time.

Please welcome Holly Dean as a new Lifetime member when you see her. Holly has worked numerous Brat Frys, Chicken Frys and other fundraising events at Post 9156. It is awesome that she has come on board. I am sure she will continue to help out whenever she can. Thanks for joining us Holly!

Due to the pending disbanding of the 6th District Auxiliary we did a mass mailing to all 9156 members notifying them of the possibility of the closure. Through the mailing, we learned of the passing of our Auxiliary sisters Susan Karlik (member since 1988), Rose Rommelfaenger (member since 1976) and Mary Capelle (member since 2001). A donation was sent to the state Hospital Projects in their honor. Please remember to send us a notice of any members address change, phone number or any other life changing event.

Yes, I know it's early, but, I need to get the word out about Christmas. The VFW/Auxiliary Children's Xmas Party will be Saturday, De-

cember 6th 9:00-11:00 at the VFW. All VFW/Auxiliary family members (kids, grand kids and great grand kids) are invited. The long standing theme of "Pancakes and Pajamas with Santa" is happening again! I just got the notice from Mrs. Claus that we are on their calendar! Doris and Deb are stepping up to assist Santa and are anxious to shop for gifts for the kiddos. November 21st is the deadline to RSVP as to the ages and genders of children attending. Age range for gifts/goody bags from Santa is babies to 12 years old. You can call/text me at 920-207-7645 or Doris at 920-917-1792 or let a member know when you see them. It's a great event put on by the VFW/Auxiliary for their members and their families.

Auxiliary Xmas party will be Wednesday, December 10th with cocktails at 5:00 and party starting at 6:00. No further details at this time.

"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day!"

Respectfully,
Kathy Mallmann – President
920-207-7645

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



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

Sheboygan Senior Community

Doris Zallar

Sheboygan Health Services

Sue Morris

Plymouth Health Services

Gloria Vanengen Lorenz

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee held their monthly meeting in September.

Jay recommended one person for membership in August. Membership motioned, seconded and approved.

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

Our Post Commander mentioned that our Quartermaster has gone through our Post roster and requested those members that have deceased be removed from our active roster.

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 2nd Monday 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, September 25th and with the course volunteers to go over the agenda for the Golf outing on Saturday, September 27th.

The Golf Outing went off as planned without issue. A BIG THANK YOU and KUDOS to all our volunteers, members, auxiliary members, sponsors and especially all the golfers, who made this event a huge success!

This year we have four event sponsors: Oostburg State Bank, Modern Woodmen, Midwest Communications and Jacobs Customs. We had five game sponsors, eighteen-hole sponsors, five lunch sponsors, a trophy sponsor and a beverage cart sponsor. We had 20 teams participate in this year's Golf Outing. This year we also replaced dinner for the golfers with a Brat Fry open to the public. The thought of running a Brat Fry was being able to reduce the entry fee per golfer, hoping to fill the Golf Outing with 36 teams. We were able to reduce the entry fee to \$75.00 per golfer.

Next Golf Outing Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th starting 5:30 p.m. at the Post. This meeting will be a follow-up meeting after the event to discuss how the event did, what went well and what needs to be improved or changed.

Save the date: The Golf Outing for 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

VFW Post 9156 Golf Committee Chairman

House Committee

The House Committee held their monthly meeting in September 2025.

House Committee Items:

Maintenance Items

AC/Heating units filter change – Tim Schroeder will take care of this.

Water filter change – Tim M. will handle

Floor Burnishing – Heaven's Best was sold on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Previous owner said he is working with new owner, who is his Nephew. They can do scrubbing and burnishing but cannot do stripping and waxing at this time. Our Commander will look into other options if necessary.

House Committee ByLaws

New House Committee By-Laws have been written and distributed to the committee members for final review and approval.

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 September. Our Webmaster continues to work on improving our website to make our website a one stop shop for any and all information you may need concerning our Post.

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

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

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

On behalf of Andy Denson – VFW Post 9156 Webmaster/Website Committee Chairman.

Honor Guard

Our Honor Guard continues to provide Military Honors for Veterans that serve their country and have passed.

At our August business meeting, Tim Schroeder, our Honor Guard Commander, reported that our Honor Guard had several funerals in August. The Honor Guard still averages around two funerals per week.

Our Honor Guard continues to provide exceptional Military Honors for our Veterans. I continue to receive compliments from families complimenting the professionalism and passion our Honor Guard provides. KUDOS Honor Guard!

As a reminder our Honor Guard 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 Honor Guard meetings are required 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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KUDOS AND Thank You to all who have helped to make our events successful!

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

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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.