

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST 9156 NEWSLETTER

January 2026

Commander's Comments

Hello All! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas Holiday. I would like to take this moment to wish you all a very "Happy and Prosperous New Year"! As we are closing out 2025 and welcoming in 2026, I must say old man winter decided to bless us the last few days of 2025 with some major cold weather, along with some snow. Still this year sure has flown by, and it is hard to believe it is 2026.

Since our last Rambling-On, it was a quiet October, but things started happening in November with our annual Post Chicken Fry, Saturday, November 1st. Then we hit December, which was a crazy busy month with several Christmas parties at the Post. It was nice to see groups contacting the Post to reserve the hall for their Christmas functions in December. Especially groups that were first time users of our hall and catering. Habitat for Humanity Christmas party, Thursday, December 4th was a first time group, followed by the Auxiliary's Annual Kids Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th, then we had the Cross Fit Athletes get together on Tuesday, December 9th, followed by the Coast Guard Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 10th, then our Post Auxiliary Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 11th followed by the Slovenian's Christmas party on Thursday, December 18th and finally the Marine Corp League's Christmas party held on Sunday, December 21st. December was definitely a busy month for sure! KUDOS to the kitchen staff for making outstanding meals for

all these functions. We received nothing but compliments from every group.

Looking at what is coming up at the Post it starts Saturday, January 3rd with a Celebration of Life Saturday, followed by Saturday, January 10th with Mid-State's dart tournament, then on Saturday January 24th, Paws Up Pet Rescue event and Sheepshead on Saturday, January 24th. Moving into February there is an Honor Guard Certification class on Saturday, February 21st followed by the VFW/Walk About Softball Team Brat Fry. Moving into March, Peterman's Annual Brat Fry will take place on Sunday, March 8th, followed by the American Legion having their banquet on Saturday, March 21st, on Saturday, March 28th the Marine Corp. League will have their Brat Fry. Sunday, April 5th is Easter this year, and the Post's Annual Brat Fry is schedule for Saturday, April 18th.

The Patriot's Pen 2025/2026, we were able to summit 6 finalists to District for the next level of judging, we were also able to submit 1 Voice of Democracy finalist to District. We will have an awards banquet for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy finalists in April for the students and their families and teachers. As our fiscal year is ending it is time to hold our Post Officer elections for 2026/2027 fiscal year. The Post Officer positions available are as follows: Post Commander, Senior



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Calendar of Events: January

Jan 1 Happy New Year

Jan 3 Celebration for Life

Jan 6 Marine Corp. League Meeting

Jan 7 Cribbage Group

Jan 10 Mid-State Dart Tournament

Jan 12 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730

Jan 12 VFW Post Membership Committee Meeting – 1830

Jan 13 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

Jan 14 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting

Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr., Day

Jan 20 Walleye Club Meeting

Jan 21 Union Meeting

Jan 24 Paws Up Pet Rescue Event

Jan 26 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730

Jan 26 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900

Jan 27 American Legion Executive Meeting

Jan 27 American Legion Business Meeting

Jan 28 Cribbage Group

Jan 31 Sheepshead

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: February

Feb 1 National Freedom Day

Feb 3 Marine Corp League Meeting

Feb 3 Four Chaplains Day

Feb 9 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730

Feb 9 VFW Membership Committee Meeting – 1830

Feb 10 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

Feb 11 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting – 1800

Feb 13 Marine Corps Women's Reserve

Feb 16 President's Day

Feb 17 Walleye Club Meeting

Feb 18 Union Meeting

Feb 19 U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

Feb 21 Honor Guard Certification Class

Feb 23 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730

Feb 23 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900

Feb 23 Iwo Jima Flag Raising Anniversary

Feb 24 American Legion Executive Meeting

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Feb 27 Persian Gulf Cease-Fire Day

Feb 28 VFW/Walk About Softball Team Brat Fry

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Calendar of Events: March

Mar 3 Marine Corp. League Meeting

Mar 3 Navy Reserve Birthday

Mar 4 Cribbage Group

Mar 5 Seabee Birthday (Naval Construction Battalions)

Mar 8 International Women's Day

Mar 8 Peterman's Conservation Club Brat Fry

Mar 9 VFW Post Website Committee Meeting – 1730

Mar 9 VFW Post Membership Meeting – 1830

Mar 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Mar 10 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

Mar 11 VFW Post Auxiliary Meeting – 1800

Mar 13 K9 Veterans Day

Mar 15 American Legion Birthday (1919)

Mar 17 Walleye Club Meeting

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day

Mar 18 Union Meeting

Mar 21 Rosi the Riveter Day

Mar 21 American Legion Banquet

Mar 23 VFW Post House Committee Meeting – 1730

Mar 23 VFW Post Business Meeting – 1900

Mar 25 Medal of Honor Day

Mar 28 Marine Corp League Brat Fry

Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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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,

Sad news to report that Sandra Kolenc, long-time member, passed in September. Sandy had been an Auxiliary member since 1992. A monetary donation in her honor was sent to VFWA-WI designated towards hospital projects. Our condolences to her family.

Auxiliary members again showed up and worked at this years Chicken Fry. Auxiliary members worked as bartenders, food servers, fryers, raffle sellers, cleaners and whatever else was needed. As always, a great group of volunteers! Thanks everyone!

The Auxiliary took on the project to purchase and have all new high rise/fast flushing toilets installed for both the mens and womens bathrooms. Thank you, Amy and Commander Dave, who worked with the plumbers, on this project. We feel that the portion of funds that we raise should be used to make improvements to our Post.

Our Auxiliary has again decided to support our community Warming Shelter this winter. We will shop monthly (November – April) for much needed food items that the shelter requests. Also, at our Auxiliary Christmas party we asked everyone for a monetary donation, therefore, our December grocery donation was twice the amount of groceries! Thank you, Rosie, for both November and December grocery deliveries to the Warming Center.

The VFW/Auxiliary Children's Xmas Party was Saturday, December 6th. Breakfast was served thanks to Tim and Sandy in the kitchen. Breakfast consisted of pancakes, eggs, bacon and sausage. Santa, his lovely wife Mrs. Claus and Ruby the elf arrived and

were greeted by anxious children. Santa didn't get too far into the room before he received hugs from those excited kids! Each child was given gifts and a goody bag full of treats. Thanks to Doris and Deb as they helped Santa have a gift for each child. A huge thanks to some generous donations of stuffed toys so every child also received additional gifts.



Gifts were purchased for our members in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Thank you, Rosie and Mary, for delivering their gifts.

“Here’s to a new year full of newfound opportunities and endless possibilities!”

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 Services, Plymouth
Shelley Klein – Country Side Manor

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee held their monthly meeting in December.

Jay is in the process of recommending a new applicant. They have met with the applicant and went through the vetting process and are ready to recommend the applicant for joining our post.

Jay also has a couple more people that may be interested in joining our Post as new members.

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.

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 Tuesday, December 30, 2025. We reviewed the updated sponsor form for 2026. Discussed the other forms that need to be updated as soon as possible so we can get those form out to the businesses.

We also updated the committee concerning our major event sponsors from 2025. All of our major event sponsors from 2025 have verbally committed to coming back in 2026, as well as trophy sponsor and beverage sponsor. We need to focus on lunch sponsors. We also have a verbal commitment from Cousin Subs to handle our lunch requirement in 2026. We need to focus on our hole and game sponsors as well as the lunch sponsors.

Dave will contact Town & Country to get a quote for the cost per golfer for our event. Looking at options to provide food and drink after golf at the Post. We are hoping to keep the cost at the same amount in 2026.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 27, 2026 starting at 5:30 p.m.

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 December 2025.

House Committee Items:

Maintenance Items

AC/Heating units filter change – Was completed in December.

Water filter change – Tim M. will handle

Floor Burnishing – Have not scheduled a burnish. Waiting to see when the new owner will be able to strip and wax.

Snow Removal

Company has been hired to remove snow from pour parking lot.

House Committee ByLaws

New House Committee By-Laws have been approved.

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 December. Recently, our Webmaster has been focused on improving ADA accessibility and achieving WCAG 2.1 AA compliance across the Post website, reinforcing our goal of making the site a one-stop resource that is usable for all members and visitors.

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 December business meeting Tim Schroeder, our Honor Guard Commander, reported that our Honor Guard had attend only a couple for funerals in December.

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.

There will be an Honor Guard certification class on Saturday, February 21, 2026 starting at 9:00 am. until 1:00 pm. Please contact Tim Schroeder if you are interested in certifying with the state.

Respectively Submitted,

Dave Freitag

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

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Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, First Year Trustee. Nominations for these positions will be held at the Post business meeting in March and April with election of officers to also take place at the April Post business meeting.

Committees have been doing their thing. Jay our Hospital chairman has been getting out and about meeting Veterans and talking with them. House Committee has been overseeing both the building and grounds maintenance. We have a new company handling the snow plowing of our parking lot. They have done a very good job keeping our parking lot clear prior to business hours. Our Auxiliary has funded a project to replace all of our toilets in the Post restrooms and install grab bars in the stalls. This project has been completed. Thank You Auxiliary for always being there to support our Post. I appreciate you and all you do for our Post! Golf committee is meeting on a regular basis. We have verbal commitments from our major event sponsors from last year to be event sponsors again in 2026. We also have a commitment from Cousin Subs to provide lunch for our golfers and course volunteers again in 2026.

Our Post went through our yearly inspection by the 6th district. Inspection covers financials, insurance, meeting minutes and how we run our business meeting. We passed our inspection without issues.

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. KUDOS

and Thank You to all who have helped to make our events and Post 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, 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.

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****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.

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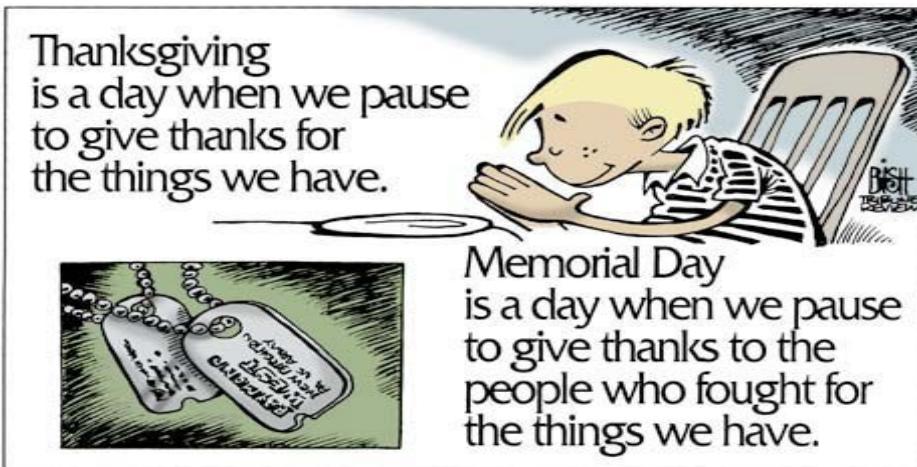
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made payable to The USA for an amount ***"up to and including my life".***



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