

RAMBLIN' ON

VFW SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL POST #9156 NEWSLETTER

October 2014

Commander's Comments



Well there is a lot I want to cover in this edition of the Ramblin-on so I hope I cover it all and don't lose anyone in the process so here we go. First thing I would like to address is the rumors going around. There are too many people talking about things they do not know anything about and don't ask to get the right information on them. One of them is the rumor that the post is broke. First off the post is not broke nor is it anywhere close to going broke. We have more money in our general fund then we have ever had in the history of this post and if you don't believe that then you can contact me and I will take you through all the post ledgers going back to the early 60's and 70's. This is a rumor that I have talked to people about and they are telling me who is spreading it and that person being an officer of the post will be dealt with according to the by-laws of conduct non becoming of an officer. If you don't know what by-law that is or what it says it goes as follows. Read the sections 901 thru 907 of the congressional charter by-laws manual of procedure ritual. (Your national by-laws) if you don't have a copy you can get the book on the state web site and read or print the sections out for your copy. Enough said on that. Please before you open your mouths about something make sure you have all the facts and you can get them at the post meeting or by asking to see the books. That is your right as a VFW member. As Chet Robinson puts it you are all stock holders in this post and you all have one share in the post and one vote in the post. Thank you.

The next area of concern to me is the way the donations are being handled at the post level. For years in the past donations were given to the post for many reasons. Sometimes they are mailed to the post and other times they are given to honor guard members to give to the post. This has to change! I have gotten calls this year by family members that have given donations to the post that have not had them deposited against their account. There are only two ways this can happen. One is the donation is given to a member and that member does not turn it in or forgets about it and it is eventually lost in the mix of things. The second is that we do not receive it at all in the mail for some reason i.e.: wrong address or something like that. This is clearly marked out in the post by-laws state by-laws and the national by-laws. On how to handle funds at the post and donations and monies made at special functions that are held under the post name. It states that all monies or donations regardless of what it is for shall go through the post quartermaster no exceptions period. If you are not bonded through the post you cannot handle any funds at the post. This is a by-law that cannot and will not any longer be over looked. If you are approached by a family member and given money tell them you are sorry but it must be mailed to the post or dropped off at the post to the quartermaster. If the donation is for a certain thing that the family wants done it must be written in the memo on the check.

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Calendar of Events for October

Oct 8	Assemble RAMBLIN'ON
Oct 18 & 19	Post Cleanup (3rd weekend)
Oct 20	VFW House Committee
Oct 27	VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for November

Nov 1	Chicken Fry
Nov 1	VOD & PP due
Nov 11	Vet's Day—South High 10:30
Nov 17	VFW House Committee
Nov 24	VFW Business Meeting

Calendar of Events for December

Dec 14	Children's Christmas Party
Dec 15	VFW House Committee
Dec 22	VFW Business Meeting
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	RAMBLIN' ON Input Due
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

Calendar of Events for January

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 7	Assemble RAMBILN' ON
Jan 19	VFW House Committee
Jan 26	VFW Business Meeting

VFW Post 9156 Duty Schedule

Monday 9:00 am	(4th Monday) Set up for meeting
Tuesdays 9:00 am	(morning crew) Clean, maintenance, burn flags, etc.
Fridays 9:00 am	Peel potatoes and butter bread
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



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

Robert Wilson – Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #106

Raymond Clark-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #324

Anthony Smerke-Golden Living
3129 Michigan Ave.

Jim Tershner—Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #215

Frederick Schultz-Sunny Ridge
3014 Erie Ave. #211

Richard De Sombre
1911 Mapledale Ct.

Ken Leffin—Golden Living
3129 Michigan Ave.

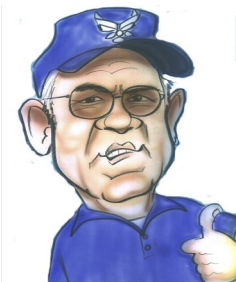
Who knew ...

When I was a tot, I was cute as a bug, so my mama said.

When I was a teen, I was a geek with a mind like a trap with an accordion on my back.

When I was a mature man, I was as dashing as an aviation ace and as bright as a mathematical genius.

Now that I am an old, wrinkled, bald man, I am at peace. You see, God knows the truth and loves me anyway.



Roger Gering, Post Chaplain
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Auxiliary News

MEMBERSHIP: It sounds like a stuck record, but hopefully all Sisters will have their dues paid by November to be a member in good standing.

Thank you cards were read at our August meeting from students who received \$1000 each (6) from our Scholarship fund. James Lorenz was present to tell us about his future plans.

Our inspection went well. President Vicky's remarks were that our Auxiliary should keep up the good job we are doing. This is working together.

A \$100 donation was voted on to give to Emergency Disaster. One does not know if some one from our Auxiliary needs help.

Men's Chicken Fry November 1st:

The Auxiliary will be needing Bakers and Workers either food line or selling the bake goods. Can you help a few hours? Please contact me for working shifts 10:30 to 1:00, 1:00 to 3:00 or 3:00 to 6:00.

Our annual Christmas party will be on our regular meeting night December 10th. Pat Gabrish is our Chairperson and is checking on where to have it.

Annual Children's Christmas Party: Date is Sunday, December 14th, time 1pm to 4pm. If attending please contact our Chairperson Shirley Hemenway at 458-6037 or me at 457-3715. Deadline is December 7th.

Our Auxiliary will be doing cook books. We have requests from patrons who come for the fish fry, especially the desserts. There will be an update in next newsletter.

Sisters, don't forget to buy some Calendar Books, these make nice gifts. Contact our chairperson at 693-8498 or have some at the post.

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

Progressive
Elaine Morrell

Morningside
Mildred Brager



Joann Seymour
President

Commander's Comments cont.

If it is simply made out to the post or the honor guard it will always go in the account that is designated for that fund. Yes there is an account just for honor guard money contrary to what is being said by some. Donations do not go in the general fund to be spent unless it is voted on at the post meeting. There is only so much money at a time put in the honor guard checking account to cover uniforms and supplies when that money gets low more is taken from the honor guard savings account and added to it. It is being said that the money goes in the general fund and is spent on other things and that is not true. You all have a right to know this and see it in the 30 to 40 page document our accountant gives us every month just ask to see it and the quartermaster will explain it to you.

OK now for the informational part of the letter. There are some new committee's that have been formed at the post by some of the newer and older members to try and get members to come back to the post that have not been here for one reason or another. One of these committees is the retention/membership committee. I am excited about this committee because they formed right at a meeting of the post and there are 6 or 7 members on the committee and I have met with them on a couple of their meetings and they have some great ideas to bring family back into the post. So keep informed on the events and please partake in some of them. They are looking for ideas from members and will be sending out a survey to the membership so when you get it be honest when you answer the questions and return them to the committee we can only fix things if we know what is broke. Bob Latowski is the chairman of the committee so if you see him at the post cutting grass or trying to beatify the post stop and say hi to him. Just so everyone is aware of the committee's at the post here is a list of committee's and there chairman. Some committee's will list members and some I don't know all the members that have join as of yet. Here is what I have so far.

Fish fry committee: Chairperson Nikki Tanner Member's commander of the post. SR. Vice and JR. Vice commanders, Quartermaster, Burt Shultz Wally Morris.

Scholarship committee. Chairperson Rodger Gering Members: commander, SR. Vice, JR. Vice Quartermaster, George Heaney

By-Law committee: chairperson Commander Members. Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Quartermaster Burt Schultz, judge advocate

Retention/Membership committee. Chairman Bob Latowski members Tony Lorenz, Dave Frietag, Lloyd Riely, Dan Fox

That is what I have for now will give a full report at the next meeting.

Chicken Fry will go on November 1st 11-6pm. If you want to volunteer to help leave your name and number at the canteen sign-up sheets are there.

Our quartermaster is going to start a Facebook page for the post for now she will be the administrator of it. If you want to post something it will be reviewed prior to posting to make sure there are no by-law violations. Chat will be open to others.

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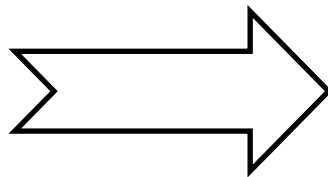
The Ramblin-on will be on our website at two locations. One that our Chaplin Roger Gering made at <http://vfw9156.org/> and the other at the state website at. <http://myvfw/post9156.org> I would also like to let you know we will be adopting a unit to give moral support to the younger veterans and their family when their parent is deployed. Now I know I will get the same handful of people that fight the changes we try. But if we do not start to help out in the community and with the veteran's family while they're deployed we will not get those veteran's to ever join the post as members because they will think of the time they needed something, or some kind of help and we turned them away. That my comrade is poor PR work for our post. Then what will happen is 5-10 years down the road we will not exist as a post because the people that fight the change now will no longer be around. Leaving us younger veterans to try and pick up the pieces that are left. It will be too little too late to make anything work. If you go to any of the VFW conventions and listen to what the younger veterans are saying you would realize that they want to be involved. These veterans are the future of the VFW and we have to start to cater to their needs. Remember just because something did not work in the past does not mean it will not work in the future. Thank God that our forefathers had the courage to look at the future when they made decisions or you would still be looking at the flag of England flying overhead instead of the American flag. So changes need to be made and the future of our post depends upon it in order for us to carry on the tradition of the VFW. If you have any ideas please send them to the post in care of myself so they will be considered in the changes for the future of the post.

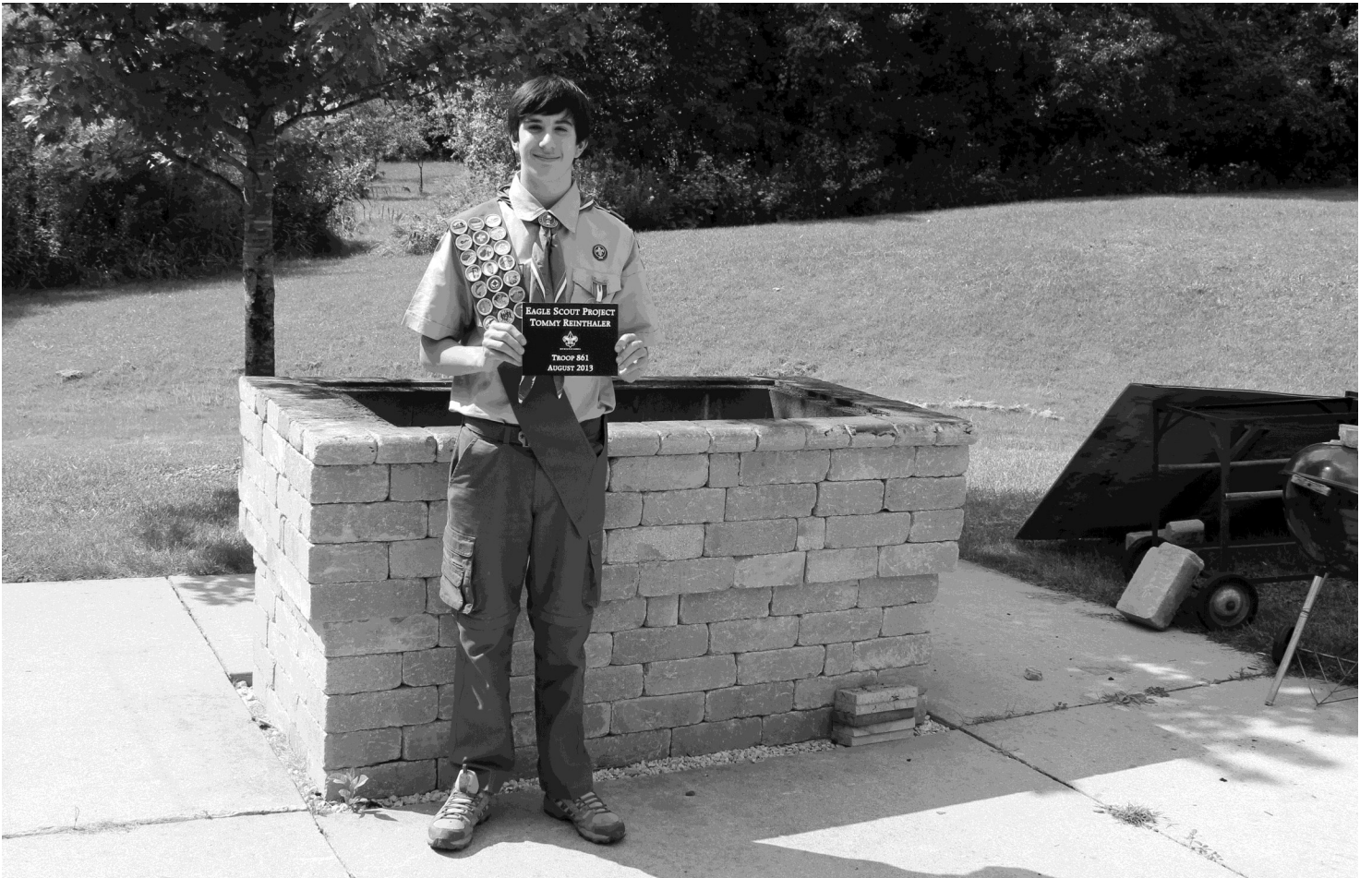
Thanks for your time and service.

Yours in comradeship.

Commander Jeff Cummings

**Thank You
Tommy Reinthaler**





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Condolences: Families in Distress Deceased:

Lloyd Petermann, 8/15/14, U. S. Army, WWII

Frederick Henckel, 8/24/14, U.S. Army, Cold War



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