

EARL N. MEYER AMVET POST WI 151, MADISON
FOURTH QUARTER
"THIS & THAT" AND "POST GOSSIP"

Preamble

We, the American Veterans who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during and since World War II, fully realizing our responsibility to our community, to our state and to our nation, associate ourselves for the following purposes: to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; to safeguard the principles of freedom, liberty and justice for all; to promote the cause of peace and goodwill among nations; to maintain inviolate the freedom of our country; to preserve the fundamentals of democracy; to perpetuate the friendship and associations of these veterans; and to dedicate ourselves to the cause of mutual assistance, this by the grace of God.

WHERE DO WE MEET?

Our meetings are held in the VFW Auxiliary Room in the basement of **VFW Post 7591, 301 Cottage Grove Road, Madison.**

WHEN DO WE MEET & WHAT TIME DO WE MEET?

The meeting is held on the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month, so you can mark that on your calendar **RIGHT NOW!** For the rest of this year it will be **20 Sep 10, 18 Oct 10, 15 Nov 10 and 20 Dec 10.** And, if you happen to have January 2011 on that same calendar mark the **17th** as the date of the first meeting of the new year. We begin at **7:00 pm, or 1900 hours** and are usually always done by **8:00 pm, or 2000 hours.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING DURING THIS QUARTER

This is a busy time of year for the members of this post and September is going to be a very busy month:

SATURDAY, 18 SEP is our second **Brat Fry** fund raiser. It will be held at the VFW post on Cottage Grove Road where we meet each month. Volunteers are needed to help sell food, soda, and give good cheer. Commander Baumann will be there at 0800 and hopes a lot of members will too.

We also kick off another one of our fund raisers the same day at the same event and that is the sale of **Bucky Books** and **Entertainment Books**. The prices are \$35 and \$30 respectively, but you more than get your money

back from the purchase and the Post makes money to help support our service to **VETERANS** and the community.

MONDAY, 20 SEP is the regular meeting.

SATURDAY, 25 SEP is our annual banquet and **White Elephant Auction**. It will be at **Monona Garden Family Restaurant, 6501 Bridge Road, Madison**. This is the same place as in the past few years. For those who haven't been there before it is between the Beltline and Broadway, and almost next door to the WPS Insurance Complex. Cocktail hour starts when you get there. We will be ordering from the menu about 1900, and be paying on your own. **Although it isn't required, it would help for planning if you would please call AMVET Sig Peterson (his number is in the officer list) and let him know how many in your party will be there. There is no requirement to prepay for anything.**

After we eat AMVET Virgil Matz will conduct the auction. Be sure to bring your White Elephants or anything else you want to try and get rid of and enjoy the fun. It is rumored that two daughters and a grandson who like to bid against a key member of their family will be there to do their part in making sure we make money. This event is one of our biggest fund raisers and provides a good time for all.

The Department's AMVET of the year for 2010 is Francis Beer, Post 69, New Glarus. Before organizing the New Glarus Post he was a Charter Member of Post 151! We hope to see him at this event again this year.

MONDAY, 18 OCT is the regular meeting.

THURSDAY, 11 NOV is **VETERANS DAY** and it is also the day we start our **ANNUAL WHITE CLOVER OFFERING** which lasts through Saturday, the 13th. We do not have a price on the White Clover; it is a free will offering by those who want one. We have given them to employees of a business when we are stationed outside their doors. In other cases, we have placed cans with the clovers in eating establishments. The Chairman of the Offering is AMVET Frank Hansberry. In our 2009 effort he distributed 1,000 clovers **on his own at one location!** If you are interested in distributing White Clovers, or would like to help Frank or some else, please contact him at his number listed in the Appointed Officers below, or, better yet, attend the next meeting and talk to him about it.

All money raised from this effort is used for veteran care or services or to support active military personnel, including National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve in need of help.

MONDAY, 22 NOV is the regular meeting.

MONDAY, 20 DEC is the regular meeting.

MONDAY, 17 JAN 2011 is the first meeting of 2011!

THE QUILT!



There is a group of ladies in Stoughton that goes by the name, ***Quilting by the River Friends***. All year long they make quilts with one theme and one thought in mind and then, on Veteran's Day, they take all of these quilts to the VA'S **WM. S. MIDDLETON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** in Madison and distribute them to the veterans who are there in the hospital. In 2008 this Post made a donation of \$50 to the QBTRF. In 2009 we increased that to \$100 and in 2010 we upped it to

\$200. In appreciation of our support they made a quilt and donated it to us to use as a fund raiser. We are still planning on when and how we can accomplish the sale of the quilt to raise the maximum amount of money we can. Our plan is to return that to the group to help them in this noble effort. If you have any ideas or comments on this, please call Commander Baumann, send us an e-mail, or better yet, come the meeting and tell us your thoughts.

FROM THE COMMANDER

Every group communication has a spot where the "Chief" can put in a few words to the members and this one is no different. In this case it was necessary to call AMVET Baumann at his work to get a few words. Here is what he had to say: "The Post is alive and well. We have between 60 and 70 members, depending upon which report you read. Recruiting is everyone's job. (Ed. Note: AMVET Baumann received a "challenge coin" for the outstanding job he has done in recruiting new members.) I would like to see more faces at our monthly meetings, even if it is only a few times a year."

WHO ARE THE ELECTED OFFICERS?

POST COMMANDER:	AMVET Joseph P. Baumann, 608-221-1220
POST 1ST VICE COMMANDER:	AMVET Larry L. Joseph, 608-222-7701
POST 2ND VICE COMMANDER:	AMVET Michael A. Woodards, 608-223-1137
POST ADJUTANT:	AMVET Bruce A. Grainger, 608-825-2685
POST FINANCE & RENEWAL:	AMVET James R. Miller, 608-873-0231

WHO ARE THE APPOINTED OFFICERS?

POST ACTIVITIES REPORTER:	AMVET Richard Lindberg, 608-835-3961
POST JUDGE ADVOCATE:	AMVET Cheryl Larson, 608-244-2127
POST PROVOST MARSHAL:	AMVET Eugene Brink, 608-8379537
POST HISTORIAN:	AMVET Frank Hansberry, 608-257-8919
SERVICE OFFICER:	AMVET Joseph P. Baumann, 608-221-1220
POST CHAPLAIN:	AMVET Sigdor M Peterson, 608-221-4249
POST PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER:	Currently vacant

We do not have a building or club room of our own so we do not have a **Trustee** at this time.

WHAT ARE THE DUES?

That depends on the type of membership you want:

Annual dues are \$22 a calendar year. \$13 goes to the national, \$5 goes to the Department or State and \$4 stays with the post.

Even though the annual membership year begins on 1 Jan and ends on 31 Dec, the National "Renewal Notice Year" starts in August and runs until the end of the year. That means you get billed for the upcoming year even though you are current at the time. We hope that everyone gets their renewals in so they can be processed before 31 Dec, but if you don't the world doesn't come to an end. It is my understanding that the first renewal notices that went out this year may have said \$25, but it is still only \$22.

If you want to pay a one time fee and not have to worry about dues in the future we have a **lifetime** membership that costs \$180 until midnight the 31st of December 2010. One half, or \$90 goes to the National, one fourth, or \$45 goes to the Department and the other one fourth, or \$45 stays with the Post. At this time we put that \$45 into a CD. Beginning in 2011, the cost of a lifetime membership will increase to \$200 and in 2012 it will stop, at least for now, at \$250!

FINAL ROLL CALL

Charter member AMVET Gordon Landphier passed away shortly before his 85th birthday.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This issue's spotlight is on AMVET Sigdor (Sig) Peterson for taking the initiative in the new retirement complex he and Maxine moved into last fall. Sig got to checking how many residents were veterans and how many had been in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. When his numbers became double digit and in the 20s he went to work and organized a Memorial Day program for the community! He contacted the Police Department for permission to have a firing squad, found a bugler, contacted the Monona newspaper for coverage, got the management to provide a sound system and approve the use of the front entrance for a ceremony, got flags placed along the walkways, convinced two Madison television stations to cover the event, found two women to read the ***Gettysburg Address*** and ***On Flanders Field*** and arranged for another Post member to assist in narration of an honor roll of the residents. All together there were between 75 and 100 people who took part in the event. Afterwards he worked with both of the television stations to obtain a CD of the event for the Post archives.

IS THERE A PLAN FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

At the August meeting of Post 151 we did some brain storming on the need for a newsletter, what it should be called, what it should include, how often it should be published and a few other things. This is an effort to put all of the ideas and suggestions into some sort of order for you, the member, to read, criticize and comment on. Our present plan is to publish quarterly, with special notes for things that come up that require you being immediately notified. I know that some of you prefer to receive this online and arrangements have been made to have it posted on the Department of Wisconsin web site <http://www.amvets-wi.org/> . Click on the **POST NEWSLETTERS**, and it will take you to the listing.

Come to a meeting and let us know what you like or don't like about this issue and what you would like to see in future issues. I realize it would be a little difficult for some of you to make it to Madison from your homes in other states, but you can send me an e-mail at grdslm@charter.net, call me at 608-873-0231 and snail mail me at 499 Hyland Drive, Stoughton, WI 53589-1136 to let me know. You are a member of this Post and it is your newsletter.

Put together by Jim Miller.