

**GERMANTOWN MEMORIAL  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
POST #9202**

**February 2009 newsletter**

For all of you comrades & sisters with a discerning eye, you will notice an old familiar style to this month's newsletter.

Danny O'Toole is putting the newsletter together while Commander Brown recovers from arm surgery.

Since I'm way too old to change my style now, you folks will have to put up with the newsletter as it was written from 2002 to 2006.

**Post Meeting 26 January 2009**

There were sixteen (16) members present for the meeting. Not too bad, but we can do better than that.

-Commander Brown announced that there will be automatic yearly payments of \$75.00 to each of the "required" programs as determined by the VFW State office. If memory serves me right, there are about 5 or 6 of these, all of which benefit our members and youth state wide. This also includes the VFW National Home in Michigan.

See the changes to the Post BY-Laws in this newsletter.

Any questions can be directed at Commander Brown.

-By the time you receive this newsletter the Wisconsin VFW 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting will have taken place in West Bend, WI. On Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

There may be big news reference our own Commander Brown coming out of that meeting.

See Commander Brown or Comrade Ken Puls for details.

-The 2009 VOD program theme is "Does America still have heroes?"

The 2009 Patriots Pen theme is "When is the right time to honor heroes?"

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-Any WWII veteran member of Germantown VFW Post #9202 that wants to participate in the “Honor Flight” program should contact Commander Brown for the details.

If we have a WWII vet in the post that would like to do so, the post will pay the \$500.00 cost of the trip.

You need to act quickly on this because the list is presently about 400 vets wanting to make the flight. They can accommodate only about 125 per flight and they take the vets in the order that they signed up.

-The Ladies of the Auxiliary received their annual \$1,000 check from Commander Brown. There were lots of smiles from our hard working ladies. Thanks for all that you do to support the post.

-The controversial “laptop deal” was finally put to rest. There will be a laptop computer purchased by both the VFW & American Legion with help from Wal-Mart (I think).

This laptop WILL NOT go to Post #9202 member Mark Bell at the King Veterans Hospital because he purchased his own.

This laptop will go to the rehab clinic at King Hospital for the general use of the vet patients.

The amount donated by Post #9202 will be deducted from the annual donation to King. That should end that subject for now.

-The Christmas tree committee requested approval of funds in order to update existing signs and equipment. Members present (see how important it is to be present) voted a maximum of \$750.00 to be spent.

-A motion was made & passed to have the Post purchase an additional \$100.00 in VFW State raffle tickets. This should put us in a position to be reimbursed 100% for all the ticket sales money that we submitted to state VFW headquarters.

The Post has “earned” \$470.00 to date on this program. This was mainly due to Commander Brown & Comrade Puls “pushing” the state raffle tickets and selling \$940.00 worth.

What would we have “earned” had each of our 118 members sold \$20.00 or \$30.00 worth of tickets? This is much easier than freezing your tail off selling Christmas trees.

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### **Ya Gotta Love the Irish**

A Muslim was sitting next to Paddy on a plane. Paddy ordered a whiskey. The flight attendant asked the Muslim if he'd like a drink. He replied in disgust "I'd rather be raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips" Paddy quickly handed his drink back & said "Me too, I didn't know we had a choice".

### **BY-LAW CHANGES**

We must post any BY-LAW changes in the newsletter. There have been two changes recently.

#1- Article IV sec. 4. To read "Members of this Post who are serving on Active Duty will have their dues paid by the Post each year that they remain on Active Duty.

#2- Article VIII, Sec. 4 To read "The Quartermaster has the authority to make the necessary donations not to exceed \$75.00 for the following programs, without first having those payment approved by the membership via a vote on the floor." Those programs are as follows:

- . Bobby Nelson Fund
- . Emergency Disaster
- . Frank Brown Scholarship
- . Hospital Fund
- . Veterans Assistance
- . WI VFW Trust Fund
- . WI Cottage at National Home

### **Dedicated Deer Hunter**

A group of Wisconsin friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day.

That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of a ten point buck.

Where's Henry?" the others asked.

'Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail,' the successful hunter replied.

'You left Henry lying out there and carried the deer back? They inquired.

'A tough call,' nodded the hunter. 'But I figured no one is going to steal Henry!'

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### **AWARDS BANQUET**

The 2009 annual VFW Post #9202 Awards Banquet will take place at the American Legion building on Saturday 28 February 2009. Cocktails at 1:00 PM and dinner at 2:00 PM with the awards being presented after that.

This is a Post function and it would be nice if each post member attending were to bring a door prize. We will have a number of guests that day, and we cannot expect them to bring a door prize.

If we do this right, each person attending that day will walk out with a door prize.

Don't be the one “cheapo” that eats up all the chow and enjoys the afternoon without bringing a door prize. We'll all know who you are!!!!

### **FEBRUARY CAPLAINS CORNER**

Now that the National Elections are behind us, we can concentrate on our elections within the Post. It seems as if the same individuals are there each year to volunteer their time and efforts to keep the post going. When we took our oath of membership we pledged to work and help our post be the best there is.

The problem of individuals making decisions on the basis of which you like or dislike should have no bearing on our Detachment. The beliefs and faith that we pray to as we open our meetings has no limitations, that faith treats each and everyone the same. Our Lord died on the cross for all of us. He blessed us and prayed for us, now why can't we do the same? Our Lord has His hand in the activities of all Military Organizations since their original inception. His blessings go to us each and every day! Let's be there for Him as well as all of our Comrades in Arms. Any questions, concerns or someone sick please call Rev Paul Bollmann at 262-628-0469.

### **FUND RAISER**

We really have to hand it to Commander Brown. He is always out there hustling for the post. He has arranged a deal with the “Sportzone” (Squire & Mequon) to have them donate \$5.00 to Post #9202 for each player in the Sportzone “Texas Hold-Em” poker tournaments on March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>.

By the way, if you like Texas Hold-Em, you can join the fun for about \$55.00. See Commander Brown for more detail.

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### HUH?

A Georgia State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-75. The trooper asked, ‘Got any I.D.?’

The driver replied, ‘Bout whut?’

### Donation of Power Chair

As you all know, we lost a post member named **Michael Plaisance** late last year. Mike & I, along with Post members **Kendel Feilen, M.J. Zvara, Pete Enstrom** and “**Doc**” **Roberts** were stationed together in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Mike’s widow, Mary Plaisance has generously donated a ‘like new’ battery powered handicapped chair that the family purchases shortly before Mike passed.

Mike’s daughter Beth delivered the chair to the Legion Hall where I and Mary Heimann accepted it in Mike’s name.

Ground rules for the use of the chair will be hashed out by the officers of both the VFW & American Legion however I envision the chair being used primarily in and around the Legion building.

More on this later.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of Germantown VFW Post #9202 will be on Monday, 23 February 2009 starting at 7:00 PM at the American Legion Hall on Freistadt Road, Germantown.

Stay safe one & all.

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## Ladies Auxiliary

Hello Ladies!

Happy Valentine's Day to each of you!

Our 26 January meeting was attended by 7 sisters – a nice turnout! Some of the larger auxiliaries don't have that many! Needless to say I'm very pleased and appreciative of your attendance.

At our meeting the Quarterly Audit was completed as required by our National Bylaws. There was a motion made and seconded that we send \$50.00 to Unmet Needs, \$25.00 to the Lillian Campbell Scholarship Fund, \$25.00 to the Frank Brown Scholarship, \$50.00 to buy “goodies” for the Department Convention Bake Sale. Proceeds will go to the PAC/Legislation Program. With new leadership in Washington, we don't want our Veterans to be neglected or forgotten. Thank you letters from the St. Boniface Food Pantry and the Tomah VAMC were read. Both organizations appreciated our donations that will help make a difference in someone's life. Commander Darrell, on behalf of the Post presented us with a generous donation to continue our after meeting luncheon that we provide. “Yours truly” will be providing the February's luncheon on 23 February.

The mid-winter Department convention will be 21 February. Ellain and I will be attending the meetings. The raffle drawing will take place during the Department Convention. Hopefully someone from our Auxiliary or Post will be a winner! The State Raffle is the major fundraiser for so many of the VFW's sponsored programs. Because of the economy, raffle ticket sales are down. Several days ago I received a letter from President Marla for a donation from each Auxiliary to be sent to the Department (Ladies Auxiliary) to support our programs. I'm sure I'll be hearing more about the deficit on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held on 28 February at the American Legion Hall. The Post and Auxiliary will be honoring a few people in our community who make a difference. Also the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners will receive their awards. Our Department President, Marla, will be attending as her husband, Bill Knudson, is the quest speaker. Also it's the Auxiliaries 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Post's 30<sup>th</sup>. Thus this will be a special banquet. Please RSVP Darrell or Mary at 262-251-9037 or Ken and Ellain at 262-251-0256. Hopefully the weather will be nice so that you will be able to attend!

See you at our next meeting on 23 February at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall on Freistadt Road.

In Friendship  
Mary Brown  
President