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August Minutes

The commander called the meeting to order with a salute to the colors, opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the charter at 1900 hrs. Roll call of the officers was taken and all were present. The Minutes and the Quartermaster Report were read and approved. The Service Officer, **Comrade Bollman**, offered to supply any Comrade with information concerning the

programs offered by the VA, which may be of interest to you, or that you think would be beneficial to you. Furthermore, the Service Officer would like to be kept informed of every single Comrade in distress. He would like to see an improvement in the communication between himself and the distressed veteran or family. The Quartermaster reported that the Christmas trees have been paid for and the Post to save \$920 by paying this bill early. A motion was made, seconded, and past, stating that the Post will no longer sell Christmas Wreaths or Garland during their Christmas tree sales. A new buddy poppy chairman will have to be appointed at a later time this year. Past Commander Brown made a motion to donate \$50 to the Ladies Auxiliary to purchase their raffle tickets. This motion was seconded and past. A motion was made for the Post to buy \$100 of the Wisconsin State raffle tickets. This motion was seconded and passed by a majority of members present. From this purchase, the Post will save \$50 on the raffle tickets as raffle tickets are a 50-50 raffle. In other words, for every \$10 in sales we get to keep \$5 for the Post. The meeting was adjourned at 1958 hrs.

New Commander's Comments



If we have not **met**, I am Dan Schlegel, the new Commander of post 9202. First, I appreciate your service. Few Americans are combat veterans and eligible for membership. I feel honored to be

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among you. I joined the VFW, for one simple reason, **Veterans helping Veterans**. We have Served, or are currently Serving our Country and now have the opportunity to help our Brothers, who have also served. I understand we are all busy and have many commitments; I with a young family, a demanding job, currently serving in the Wisconsin Army National Guard, and supporting Project Lead The Way. I do not expect all members to attend all meetings and commit significant personal time, although several members do. We are over 120 members strong, but I see only 12 to 13 members consistently attending meetings and volunteering. As the new Commander I ask you to do **three things each year:**

- **Attend 1 meeting.** I look forward to meeting my fellow Veterans, because I am sure we cross paths in Germantown. The meetings are usually the last Monday of the month and last approximately one hour.
- **Donate four hours of your time to sell Christmas trees.** We will have a schedule in October for you to attend a fight when you can donate some time.
- **Donate four hours of your time helping to sell Poppies** were to come on schedules as this gets close.

This is **10 hours per annum** in addition to your membership fees. As we are all busy, I have a work conflict with the September meeting, but I look forward to meeting each of my fellow Veterans. Veterans helping Veterans!

Daniel K. Schlegel.
Commander
VFW Post 9202

Patient Care Group Scam

The VA Has Received Reports That Rather Been Contacted by a “Patient Care Group” that claims it is helping to administer the VA’s prescription medicine program. “Patient Care Group” is saying the VA recently changed its pharmacy billing procedures. Therefore, a personal credit card number is now required for

prescription payments in advance of filling those prescriptions. **This is a scam! Do not provide credit card information over the phone to anyone who claims to represent the VA!** The VA has not changed their pharmacy procedures, and they do not ask veterans to disclose personal financial information over the phone. If you should receive such a call, do not give them any information. Tell them you are busy and try to get a name and callback number. Report that information to your local police.

VFW Legislative Alert: Save the Women’s Healthcare Bill

Current Status:

S. 252, which passed the Senate Veterans Affairs committee earlier this year, is stuck in the Senate. With time winding down in the year and the Senate is taking on many complicated bills, we need to ensure that the Senate approve this before the end of the session.

Background:

S. 252 includes a broad range of health-care improvements for all veterans, including expanded mental health services and grants for homeless veteran programs. It also includes a number of significant improvements for female veterans and the healthcare and services VA provides to them. Improving the care and treatment of female veterans is a VFW Priority Goal. This is among our highest priorities.

The women veteran’s provisions to include:

- Studies into what access barriers exist.
- Requiring VA to provide a detailed plan on services and how to provide.
- A detailed study on the long-term health consequences of female vets serving in the Gulf Region.
- Improvements into training and care for military sexual trauma.
- Providing limited childcare services for veterans seeking treatment at VA.
- Providing limited newborn care.

Other important provisions: improvements to recruiting and retention of medical professionals; pilot program on dental care; expanded mental

health counseling through Vet Centers.

Action Needed:

Contact your two Senators to urge them to support this critical bill and to pass it before adjourning for the year. Its provisions – especially the ones aimed at female veterans – are among the VFW’s highest priorities. Let them know that you expect their strong support for this legislation, and that you expect them to quickly approve the bill.

Veterans Day

On September 16 Past Commander Brown and the Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Brown visited the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School to deliver the Voice of Democracy brochures. While at the high school they found out that the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has a Veterans Day Observance. All veterans, current military personnel, reservists, and their families are invited to join the students as they recognize our country’s military on Veterans Day. I am asking all veterans of this Post to attend this observance. They meet in the cafeteria of the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School after 9 AM. The program begins at 9:20 AM and the single missing man table will be set up for this observance. You are asked to please register at:

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School
3399 Division Rd.
Jackson, WI 53037-9707
Phone 262-677-4051 extension 1101
E-mail: wzimmerm@kmlhs.org.

Chaplain’s Corner

Now that the relaxed days of summer are behind us! As we prepare for our God given obligations again to our families, to Cod and the Comrades of our VFW Post here in Germantown. I am asking everyone to assist our Officers with membership, recruiting and fundraising. As we get older it does become difficult to assist in various activities. However, our Faith and belief in each other, does give us enough energy to participate with God's blessings in all of our

activities.

I ask all of you to pray for our **Comrade Mel Ewert**, who was in the hospital.

I also ask your prayers for Past Commander Darrell Brown, who has been elected the 6th District Commander. I am honored to be on his staff. He is doing an excellent job in a prayer for him will make his burden easier.

We have a lot to be thankful for our post is because of the faith we have in each other, though hard work we do or assist in, and God's blessing to all Members and their families. PLEASE NOTIFY ME IF BETTER. There is ANY ONE IN NEED OR IN THE HOSPITAL; call me at 262-628-0469. Rev Paul Bollman.

Dues, Dues, Dues

As of this date, if you have not paid your dues, you are in arrears. The dues are still \$25 and have not gone up. If they are paid now, they will not expire until 30 June 2010. If you need to pay your dues, please send them to:

**Ken Puls
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Germantown, WI 53022**

This Month in History

September 1.

1939 - at 5:30 AM, Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

1983 - Korean Airlines flight 007 was shot down by a Soviet fighter plane, while en route from New York to Seoul, killing all 269 persons on board.

September 2.

1789 - the third presidential cabinet the U.S. Treasury was est. by Congress.

1864 - Atlanta was captured by Sherman's army, "Atlanta is ours, and fairly one," Gen. William T. Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln.

1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day, commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the allies aboard the USS Missouri

in Tokyo Bay

1962 - the Soviet Union agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October missile crisis after the shipments were discovered by the US.

September 3.

1783 - the Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary war.

1939 - England and France declared war on Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

September 4

1886 - the last major US -- Indian war came to an end as Geronimo was captured. He died of natural causes in 1909 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

September 5.

1774 - the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia.

September 7.

1940 - the German Luftwaffe or began its blitz bombing campaign against London during World War II.

September 8.

1883 - the Northern Pacific Railroad across the US was completed.

1941 - the German army began its blockade of Leningrad, lasting until January 1944, resulting in the deaths of almost 1,000,000 civilians.

September 9.

1776 - the USA came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the United States

1943 - the invasion of Salerno began during World War II in Europe as Allied forces under Gen. Mark Clark made amphibious landings along the western coast of Italy, near Naples

1948 - following the pro-Soviet forces from North Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was proclaimed with Pyongyang as its capital.

September 10

1943 - German troops occupied Rome at the end of the protection of Vatican City

September 11

2001 - the worst terrorist attack in US history occurred as four large passenger jets were hijacked and crashed into the twin towers killing nearly 3000 persons.

September 12.

1990 - a treaty was signed by East and West Germany in the World War II Allies, allowing for the restoration of sovereignty to a reunited Germany.

September 13.

1788 - the U.S. Congress chose New York as the federal capital of the new American government.

1814 - the Battle of Fort Mifflin and Baltimore Harbor occurred, observed by Francis Scott Key aboard a ship. He watched a British attack overnight and at dawn saw the American flag still flying over the fort, inspiring him to write the verses which were later coupled with the tune of a popular drinking song and became the US national anthem in 1931.

September 14

1901 - eight days after being shot, Pres. William McKinley died from wounds suffered during an assassination attempt in Buffalo, New York. He was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.

1975 - Elizabeth Ann Sutton became the first American saint.

September 15.

1776 - British forces under Gen. William Howe captured New York during the American Revolution.

1916 - tanks were first used in combat, during the allied offensive at the battle of the Somme, in World War I.

1935 - Nazis enacted the Nuremberg Laws depriving Jews of the rights of citizenship.

1940 - the height of the Battle of Britain occurred as massive German air raid took place against London, Southampton, Bristol, party, Liverpool and Manchester. The British claim 185 German planes were shot down.

1944 - the first entry of American troops in the Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the US, 7th and 5th Corps reached a southwestern frontier of Germany.

September 16

1620 - the Mayflower departed from England, bound for America with 102 passengers and a small crew. The ship weathered dangerous Atlantic storms and reached Provincetown, Massachusetts on November 21. The Pilgrims disembarked at Plymouth on December 26.

September 17

1787 - at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, delegates from 12 states voted unanimously to approve the proposed U.S. Constitution.

1939 - the Soviets invaded eastern Poland, meeting little resistance in taking over 200,000 Poles prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

September 18

1947 - the US air force was est. as a separate military service.

September 19

1676 - Jamestown, Virginia, was attacked and burned during a rebellion led by Nathaniel Bacon against the royal governor, Sir William Berkeley.

1994 - US troops invaded Tahiti, with the stated goal of restoring democracy.

September 20

1873 - the New York Stock Exchange was forced to close for the first time in its history as a result of a banking crisis during the financial panic of 1873.

September 22

1776 - during the American Revolution, Nathan Hale was executed without a trial after he

was caught spying on British troops on Long Island, his last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.

1862 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves in territories held by Confederates as of January 1, 1863.

September 24

1957 - President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the National Guard to enforce racial integration of schools in Little Rock Arkansas.

1980 - war erupted between Iran and Iraq as Iraqi troops crossed the border and encircled Abadan, then set fire to the world's largest oil refinery.

September 25

1789 - the first U.S. Congress proposed 12 amendments to the Constitution, 10 of which, compromised in the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

September 26

1918 - the last major battle of World War I, the Battle of the Argonne, began as a combined force of French and Americans attacked the German along a 40 mile front.

1960 - the first ever televised presidential debate occurred between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

1984 - Britain agreed to allow Hong Kong to revert to Chinese's sovereignty in 1997.

September 29

1941 - Nazis killed 33,771 Jews and the Babi Yar massacre near Kiev.

September 30

1949 - the Berlin Airlift concluded after 277,264 flights carrying over 2 million tons of supplies to the people of West Berlin, blockaded by the Soviets.

1966 - not see war criminals Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach were released from Spandau prison after serving 20 years. The prison, originally built for 600 inmates, was left with only one prisoner, Rudolf Hess.

Humor Corner

Do Not Mess with Farm Kids.

A young boy goes down for breakfast. Since they live on a farm, his mother as it is done is George. "Not yet," said the little boy.

His mother tells him no breakfast until he does his chores. Well, he is a little ticked off so we feed the chickens, he kicks a chicken. When he feeds the cows, he kicks a cow, and when he feeds the pigs, he kicks a pig. He goes back in for breakfast, and his mother gives him a bowl of cereal. "Why don't I get any eggs and bacon, and why don't I have any milk in my cereal?" he asks.

"Well, his mother says, I saw you kick a chicken so you don't get any eggs for a week. I saw you kick the pig, so you don't get any bacon for a week either. I saw you kick a cow. So for a week, you aren't getting any milk."

Just then, his father comes down for breakfast and kicks the cat halfway across the kitchen.

The little boy looks up at his mother with a smile, and says, "You gonna tell him or should I?"

The Itch

Once upon a time there lived a beautiful Queen with large breasts. Ross the Dragon Slayer obsessed over the Queen for this reason. He knew that the penalty for his desire would be death should he try to touch them, but he had to try. One day Ross revealed his secret desire to his colleague, Horatio the Physician, the King's chief doctor. Horatio thought about this and said that he could arrange for Ross to more than satisfy his desire, but it would cost him 1000 gold coins to arrange it. Without polish Ross readily agreed to the scheme.

The next day, Horatio made a batch of itching powder and poured a little into the Queen's bra while she bathed. Soon after she dressed, the itching commenced and grew intense. Upon being summoned to the royal chambers to address this incident, Horatio informed the King and Queen that only a special saliva, if applied for four hours, would cure this type of itch, and that test had shown that only the saliva of Ross would work as an antidote to cure the inch

The King, he could help his Queen, quickly summoned Ross to their chambers. Horatio then

slipped Ross, the antidote for the itching powder, which he put into his mouth, and for the next four hours, Ross worked passionately on the Queen's large and magnificent breasts. The Queens itching was eventually released, and Ross left satisfied and hailed as a hero. Upon returning to his chamber, Ross found, Horatio demanding his payment of 1000 gold coins. With his obsession now satisfied, Ross couldn't have cared less knowing that Horatio could never report this matter to the King and with a laugh told him to get lost.

The next day, or racial slipped a massive dose of the same itching powder into the King's underwear. The King immediately summoned Ross.

The moral of the story.....

Pay your bills...

A Little Wisdom

One of life's mysteries is how 2 pounds of chocolate can make a person gain 5 pounds.

My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.

The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes.

The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.

Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing and then marry him.

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Hello Sisters!

Hopefully, you are enjoying the beautiful fall. If fortunate, you may be enjoying all the fresh fruits and vegetables that late summer brings us. Synonymous with fall is a new school year. Plus, our Patriot's Pen program is underway, along with the Voice of Democracy. Patriot's Pen brochures have been distributed to middle school students. Also, brochures/applications are available on the internet's VFW website. This year, Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School is participating in the Voice of Democracy because the Jackson VFW Post is not sponsoring this program. Darrell and I were welcomed with open arms by the office staff! Americanism and Love of Country were overflowing by the staff as we discussed other programs. Post-9202 and Ladies Auxiliary are invited to the Veterans Day program being held on November 11 at the school. Darrell and I left with a renewed pride in the veterans.

Our annual POW/MIA single man table is on display in the library until 30 September.



On the 18th our Auxiliary donated a children's book **The White Table** to Roberta Olson, the head librarian. The Children's Librarian Stephanie was also in attendance. The personnel in the picture below are from left to right are Gerry Meyer, Betty Peck,

Stephanie, Roberta Olson, Ellain Puls, Mary Brown, and Carol Rieder.



This year as seen in the picture below the Community Events sign "announced" September 18th is POW/MIA day and that a display, for the citizens to see, was set up in the library. There are so many citizens who are very proud of the veterans and thank them for their service, and what they represent.



At the May District meeting, Karen Degner

from Plymouth spoke about "Operation Snuggles". Earlier this month I called Karen to receive more information, and she gave me a name, Kris Lindsey. Kris started this noteworthy project in July 2005 when her son was "reactivated" after being discharged from the service 10 years ago! Having grandchildren, Kris made quilts for them since their Dad wasn't around to "snuggle" with them. Four years later 8000 quilts have been distributed to deployed **Wisconsin** service members and 900 quilts to "Wounded Wisconsin Warriors"! Because of the magnitude of this project, another person oversees a "**Gold Star**" quilt program. Currently, Kris is in desperate need of single bed size quilts. If you are a quilter or know of any quilters, Kris needs fabrics, threads, quilt squares and/or tops. The fabric needs to be 100% quilter cotton. Kris has volunteers to make/assemble the quilts; she needs of supplies. Call me if you have any items to donate or a finished quilt. Also, call me if you know of any children whose parents are in Afghanistan for Iraq as they are eligible to receive a "snuggle quilt". On a final note, Kris was a guest on the "Martha Stewart Show" where she received recognition for her project! What an honor!

Another program is the "Camo Quilt Project" also out of Plymouth. This too is for "**Wisconsin Warriors**". This quilt is 45" x 72" and folds up like a sleeping bag. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League in Plymouth started this program. They have just rendered over 1800 quilts to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. The only cost is for the shipping. For more info, call me.

Several months ago I wrote briefly on the DAV Transportation program for all Veterans. I haven't received any of the information that I had hoped to. I went to the Washington County Veterans Service Office and was given an address to write to. So I will be working on that, and hopefully I will have better information in the next newsletter. Even though this is a State run program, there are National issues that affect our Veterans. By attending a Town Hall meeting, you can voice your concern about the Veterans Health-Care Reform, or any other programs that will have an impact on us. Representative Sensenbrenner will hold a meeting at the Germantown Village Hall on October 17 (Saturday) at 9 AM.

Membership and cancer insurance dues are now payable to Ellain Puls. Ellain's address is on the dues notice that she sent out in August.

We are approaching 100%, but we need more members. Daughter/granddaughters (16 or older) are eligible. In order to continue Auxiliary Programs (all levels) we need members. New members bring new ideas to keep the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars afloat. Cancer pins and calendar raffle tickets are still available. Call me.

Lastly, Ellain and I attended a Secretary/Treasurer workshop that was held in Plymouth. Much of the dispensed information was a review, but both of us learned some new things. "Behind the Scenes" the Treasurer has many types of forms to complete and send to the right person. The two minutes that it takes to read the Treasurer's Report are only a small fraction of what is included in her duties. If you see Ellain, give her a big Thank You! She deserves it!

Hopefully, everyone is healthy, and I will see you at the next meeting on September 28th at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall located at N120W15932 Freistadt Road. This month's luncheon will be provided by Phyllis.

In Friendship
Mary Brown
President
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