

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

**Financials** As of our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting we had \$9,151.53 in our checking account of which \$4,000 is set aside for a new flag pole in Memorial Park. Our savings accounts have \$28,603.15 of which a portion is restricted for Scholarships and Honor Guard. All capital improvements to the post have been completed and scholarships (\$4,000) were paid out of our checking account.

**Membership:** Stands at 82 active members (25 have not paid their 2024 dues) with 6 paid up for life and 3 new joining since our last newsletter. Six (6) members will be dropped shortly for non-payment of dues for over 2 years. Dennis Haefke was presented with a 50 year membership plaque and sadly passed away shortly thereafter. Dick Wachter will be presented with a 70 membership plaque on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Knoll. Six (6) members, including Dennis, Jerry Baird, Robert Kellner, Earl Kneever, John Schmid, and Richard Schoneman, passed away in the last year. Please send in your dues soon, contact Dan Riviers (920-912-2000), or use this link to pay your dues online: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](https://mylegion.org).

**Home Bound:** Dick Wachter (920-449-1975); Carl Zettel (920-458-7225) inpatient physical therapy after hospitalization; Richard Kosup (920-226-0756) needs ride to veterans dinner.

**House:** Frank Sterzen fixed water leakage problems at post when water bills were too high. Use this website to view all on-line minutes, pictures and scheduling for rental of post hall. ([WELCOME! - Sheboygan Falls American Legion Post 149 \(wipost149.org\)](https://wipost149.org))

**Camp American Legion:** Cabin 15: Jim Sabel, Charlie Dunn, Ken Willhite, and Randy Reineking placed patio blocks from road to ramp, cleaned up the cabin/deck/under cabin, painted railing, installed new toilet seat and generally got the cabin ready for winter. Thanks guys.

**Honor Guard:** Twenty (20) honors have been completed so far in 2023, our thanks to Jim Willfahrt and the team. Honor guard now has standard shirts and gloves, thanks Larry Ter Maat. Pictures were published in American Legion Badger of post 149 Memorial Day celebration as well as presentation of plaque to Dennis.

**Service Officer:** If the VA is your primary care organization make sure that in a local hospital or clinic emergency (e.g. after hours or weekends) **you must notify the VA within 72 hours (844-724-7842)** so that all costs will be covered. If any veteran has questions regarding VA services and eligibility they can reach out to Chuck or VA service officer Craig Stewart at (920) 459-3053.

**Consolidated Post Report (CPR):** Please continue to keep a log on all activities: Driving veterans; visiting (in person or calling) veterans, Camp American Legion, Blood Donation, Veterans Court, conducting honors, working with any other veterans organization, time spent in schools with students, donations to Wisconsin veteran organizations, etc.

**Future Post Meetings:** November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 & January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, social time at 1830, meeting starts at 1900.

### New Business:

1. **Veterans Day Dinner at Post** – Contact Phil Riebling (920-287-5342) **ASAP** for reservations. Cocktails at 1700, dinner at 1800. \$15/Veteran and significant other, pay at the door. Post picks up cost difference.
2. **Veterans Park Flag Pole** – Dan Riviers is coordinating (Dan is on the Sheboygan Falls Park committee), post will donate \$4,000 towards pole and Jim Sabel will donate \$1,000. Other donations are welcome.
3. **Legion Riders** – June 28-30, 2024 post will be a stop for the riders, mark your calendars.

### Calendar of Events:

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**, District 2 Veterans/Presentation dinner, Vet/Spouse \$25/each to be held at Amore Banquet Hall (18 West Mill Street, Plymouth) starting at 12:30 with cocktails and dinner at 13:30. Will honor local people, organizations and vets who support the post with a certificate. Mail check/reservations to: SCC Vet Day Event, P.O. Box 482. Jackson, WI 53037 as soon as possible. Get a receipt and post will reimburse you.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** Veteran's Day Honors at Howards Grove Middle/Grade schools will start at 0800. Honor Guard participants need to call Jim Willfahrt (920-287-1455) for meet at post time and to make sure we have enough for the Honor Guard. Speaker will be a Tabitha Dekanich a Post 149 Army member. All veterans will proceed to Howards Grove grade school for short ceremony following Middle School presentation. No luncheon after this as it's the day before Veterans Day and they only serve free meals on Veteran's Day. All post members are invited to attend Dick Wachter's 70 year membership presentation at Rocky Knoll (N7135 Rocky Knoll Pkwy, Plymouth), starts at 1400 sharp.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** Post Dinner (1700 cocktails, 1800 dinner/\$15 person, check made out to Post) at post for members, significant others, and widows. Phil Riebling will coordinate dinner, supported by Alex Kruschke, Dan Kanitz and Tabitha Dekanich. Setup for hall and bar for the dinner will start at 1200. Please call Phil at 920-287-5342 if you can help with setup.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Christmas parade in Sheboygan Falls need at least 4 people to march in the parade, would like more if possible. Please contact Jim Willfahrt (920-287-1455) if you can participate, or tell him at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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