



Newsletter

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES ROSEMOUNT, MN. POST 9433

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Support Our Troops - Until and After They All Come Home

Commanders Corner

Comrades,

Time sure flies when you are having fun! It is very hard for me to believe that my 3 years of being commander of VFW Post 9433 is quickly coming to an end.

The Post has come a long way in a short amount of time. Some of the highlights for me over the past 3 years include the remodeling of parts of the club, replacing the roof, constructing the outdoor patio, installing a new kitchen and becoming more involved with youth organizations in the community. None of these things would have happened without your input and support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped me uphold the ideals and beliefs of the VFW.

The VFW along with its partners, the American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America just finished putting on the Memorial Day program in downtown Rosemount. I am so amazed at how well we all work together by planning and running the actual ceremony and recruiting the large honor guard which respectfully pays tribute to veterans buried at five local cemeteries.

Every year the program gets better and better thanks to all that give so selflessly of their time. If you missed it this year, we had a female Iraq war vet give the keynote address. In her speech she recounted several of her unique experiences while serving in Iraq. By the time she concluded her speech, many people in the crowd had tears in their eyes based on the experiences she recounted. Thank you to everyone for helping make this year's program another huge success.

Now it is time for me to step aside and allow other members with fresh new ideas to lead the post. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Post commander. May God bless all our veterans and their families and all the men and women of our armed forces.

Sincerely, Mark Monson, Commander Post 9433

Donate Blood for OUR Wounded Soldiers VA Blood Donor Center: 612-725-2275.

Reminder: If a loved one who is a Post or Auxiliary Member passes away please contact me so I can get the information needed to post their passing in the TAPS section of the newsletter. John Lowe - 952-953-3594.

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President's Place

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone had a happy & safe Memorial Weekend and that you had a chance to attend Memorial Day Services in you're community.

The Ladies Auxiliary will doing a fund raiser at the Von Hanson's Market in Eagan. The market is located on Duckwood Trail across from the Wal-mart. We will be selling Hot-dogs & Brats on Sat. & Sun., July, 26 & 27 from 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. both days.

Proceeds will go to purchase batting for Quilts of Honor and the Mpls. Veterans Home.

Sherrie Groff, President of Ladies Auxiliary

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2010 House Committee - 6:00 P.M. Post & Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 P.M. Be There !

VA Updates Online Application for Health Benefits

WASHINGTON (May 5 2010) - Veterans will find it easier and faster to apply for their health care benefits now that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its online Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits."

This revised online application provides enhanced navigation features that make it easier and faster for Veterans to apply for their health care benefits. This new version also allows Veterans to save a copy of the completed form for their personal records.

The most significant enhancement allows Veterans to save their application to their local desktop and return to the application at any time without having to start over.

Veterans may complete or download the 10-10EZ form a the VA health eligibility website at https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez

Veterans may also contact VA at 1 (877) 222-8387 (VETS) or visit the VA health eligibility website at www.va.gov/healtheligibility.



Minnesota Korean War Veterans to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 1:30 P.M.

Minnesota Korean War Memorial
State Capitol Grounds
Saint Paul



Reception to follow :

Minnesota National Guard Armory - 600 Cedar St. St.Paul MN.

This event celebrates the sacrifices that American service members made during the Korean War and the close ties between the Minnesota Korean American community and the Minnesota Korean War Veterans.

The ceremony will include an Honor Guard parade, traditional Korean drumming and dance, and performances by the Choir of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota.

A short memorial service will take place at the Minnesota Korean War Memorial to honor and pay tribute to the more than 750 service members killed in action and missing in action between 1950 and 1953.

A reception and light refreshments will follow at the Minnesota National Guard Armory, 600 Cedar Street in St. Paul. This event is open to the public. The Minnesota Korean War Memorial is located on the east side of the Minnesota Capital Grounds near Cedar Street.

For more information contact: Tom Clawson, MN. Korean War Veterans at (651) 457-6653.

The "Forgotten War"

The Korean War has been called the "Forgotten War," historically overshadowed by World War II and Vietnam, though it figures prominently in the development of events.

The Korean War was one of the first episodes of the Cold War and involved many of the great personalities of the era: Truman, MacArthur, Mao, and Stalin.

The Korean War began in the early hours of 25 June 1950, when North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. The war featured some of the most intense fighting ever experienced by American soldiers--and some of the worst conditions. 34,000 American servicemen lost their lives in three years--the majority of losses concentrated in the first year--a significantly higher figure per year than the 58,000 American casualties spread over ten years in Vietnam.

There were both great trials and epic accomplishments during the war: the humiliating retreat of inexperienced U.S. soldiers in the opening days of the war; the brilliant Inchon landings masterminded by MacArthur; and the grittiness revealed in Chosin by the 1st Marine Division surrounded by a massive Chinese force.

Although an armistice was signed in 1953 between the US, China and North Korea, South Korea refused to sign it, leaving the two Koreas separate to this day.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT "THE FORGOTTEN WAR"

33,741 US Dead 23,615 Killed In Action 92,134 US Wounded**

4,820 US Missing In Action (Declared Dead) 7,245 Prisoners Of War 2,847 Died in POW Camp

389 POWs known to have been alive after all U.S. POWs supposedly returned.

**Lightly wounded who were treated and released back to duty are not included in these figures.

Post 9433 Wednesday Night Bingo Progressive Jackpot Cash Prizes Games Start at 7:00 P.M. Food Specials 5 - 9 All Are Welcome

Don't wait until you break...

P.T.S.D.

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Dakota County Veterans Services,
651-554-5601.

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Sun. Noon - 1:00 AM
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