



Newsletter

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

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May 2009

### Post Officers

**Commander :** Mark Monson  
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### Support Our Troops



### Auxiliary Officers

**President :** Brenda Howard  
**Senior Vice :** Becky Anderson  
**Junior Vice :** Sherrie Groff  
**Treasurer :** Bonnie Hanks

### Commander's Corner

Dear Comrades,

It happened! We started construction of our patio on April 20th. Up first is construction of the door way which leads to the new patio and the pouring of cement for the patio itself. We are hoping that construction will be completed by the second week of May. A grand opening celebration of the patio is scheduled to coincide with a spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

We are hoping to raise funds so we can purchase phone cards and help provide for unmet needs of deployed soldiers' families. Unmet needs can range from home repair costs and unexpected car repairs to family emergencies.

On Memorial Day (Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>) the VFW, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America and their associated auxiliaries will be putting on a Memorial Day program at Central Park in Rosemount which starts at 9:00 am. After the formal program we will be visiting 5 area cemeteries with a color guard and rifle squad.

The VFW has been invited by the Minnesota Twins to present the national colors at their game on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The post is planning to have charter bus transportation and a game special for those that are interested in attending. We have a block of seats on the lower level reserved for us. Special needs seating can also be arranged if needed. For information on cost and transportation time, please call the club at (651) 423-9938 and talk to Steve.

On May 1 – 3, the post hosted the Second District's Loyalty Days. John Anderson, VFW 9433 post member will become the Second District Commander. John recently retired from Northwest Airlines and will have plenty of extra time on his hands to give the Second District his undivided attention. If you see John, congratulate him on his new position.

God Bless all veterans, their families and the men and women of the armed services,

Mark Monson, Commander

### Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

House Committee – 6:00 P.M.

Post & Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 P.M.



**Be There !**

**Remember : You could win a CASH REWARD  
just for attending !!!**

### Help Needed !!!

In order to help us reduce our Newsletter expenses if you have e-mail access please sign up to get you're Newsletter via E-mail.

To sign up contact Mark Monson at:  
monso020@usfamily.net



**Arthur "Art" Smith**

**March 13, 1924 – December 30, 2008**

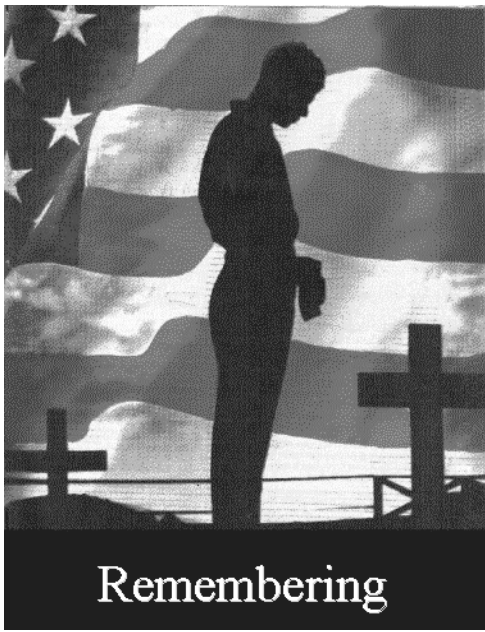
**United States Navy – WW II**

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

**CHECK OUT THE POST WEB-SITE**

**www.vfwpost9433.org.**

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# Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2009

## Rosemount Veterans Memorial

Ceremonies begin at 8:45 A.M. with music provided by the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band's Woodwind Ensemble followed by the Memorial Program at 9:00 A.M.

### Individual Cemetery Ceremonies

St. Joseph's – 10:00 Rosemount – 10:15 Lebanon – 10:30  
Rich Valley – 10:45 Pine Bend – 11:05

## Minnesota National Guard "Red Bulls" 34th Infantry

Over 1,000 members of the Minnesota National Guard began deploying to Iraq on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



The members of the Red Bulls 34th Infantry have been training in Fort Lewis, Wash., for about two months.

The Red Bulls will command a coalition of about 16,000 multinational forces, as well as Iraqi security forces in more than a third of Iraq -- a broader responsibility than they've had in the past. They'll operate in an area stretching from Baghdad south to the border and east to parts of the border with Iran.

Maj. Gen. Rick Nash, who will command the group, says a key responsibility will be to encourage open trade with Iran and to monitor borders for illegal smuggling and insurgent activity. They are slated to return to Minnesota Feb. 2010.



Post 9433 & Auxillary members hosted a "Send Off" party for Red Bull soldiers and their families prior to their deployment to Fort Lewis.

### PROPERTY TAX VALUATION

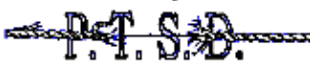
Valuation notices for 2009 market values were mailed the first week in March. There was approximately \$800,000 property tax savings for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. The program provided an annual market value exclusion of up to \$300,000 on homestead property of a qualifying disabled veteran.

Qualifying veterans with a 70 percent disability rating or higher are eligible for a market value exclusion of \$150,000. The application must be made annually. . Qualifying veterans who are totally (100 percent) and permanently disabled are eligible for a market value exclusion of \$300,000. There is no need to reapply, unless your rating has changed.

Applications must be made by July 1 to qualify for the exclusion 2009 assessment, which will then affect your taxes payable in 2010.

For questions, please contact the West St. Paul office from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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...  
  
Need help with Veterans Benefits?  
Dakota County Veterans Services,  
651-554-5601.

**WIN \$\$\$ !!**  
Charitable Gaming  
Powerball & Minnesota Lottery  
PULL TABS \$1.00  
Mon.-Fri. 2:00 PM - 1:00 AM  
Sat. 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM  
Sun. Noon - 1:00 AM  
Support Your Club