



Newsletter

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

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Comrades,

I would like to thank all the members and patrons of our post for their generous donations to the Fallen Soldiers Fund over the past couple months. A check in the amount of \$1,064.44 was given to the 34th Division headquarters out of Rosemount which will be used to assist the families of deployed soldiers who may be in need. Of the \$1,064.44 that was donated, \$532.22 was from Rosemount VFW Post 9433 club patrons and others that made voluntary donations. VFW Post 9433 matched these donations with \$532.22 from the Post relief fund. Money in the Post relief fund comes solely from the sale and distribution of poppies. Post bylaws dictate that money in the Post relief fund only be used to assist veterans, active duty personnel or their families in times of need.

This monetary donation is being made in honor of the following four soldiers that recently died as a result of active duty action in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- Corp. Benjamin Kopp of Rosemount
Spc. Daniel Paul Drevnick of Woodbury
Spc. James David Wertish of Olivia
Spc. Carlos E. Wilcox of Cottage Grove

Starting in October 16th the post will again offer dinner both Friday and Saturday nights (see Menu). The dinners are reasonably priced and the atmosphere is priceless. I encourage everyone to come and try our dinners - you will be pleasantly surprised!

We are also offering happy hour all day on Tuesdays and a Bloody Mary Bar on Sundays during the football games along with free Chili!

God Bless the armed forces and the veterans that served and serve in them,

Mark Monson, Commander VFW Post 9433

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

House Committee - 6:00 P.M.
Post & Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 P.M.



Be There !

3rd Annual Rosemount V.F.W. BOOYA SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:30 - ???

Single Bowl - \$3.50
To Go Container (4+ bowls) - \$11.00

"The Post"

Fridays & Saturdays - 5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Dinner Specials

- 10oz. New York Strip Steak \$9.00
4pc. Chicken Dinner \$9.00
Four pieces of honey dipped fried chicken.

Walleye Dinner \$9.00

Two 6oz. Beer Battered Walleye fillets.

Pork Chop Dinner

Two Chops \$9.00 One Chop \$7.00

Sandwiches

- Walleye Basket \$7.00
6oz. Beer battered fillet on a French roll w/ lettuce, tomato, tartar sauce and fries.

Hamburger or Cheeseburger Basket \$6.00
One third lean beef with fries.

Extra Soup, Salad, Chili or Stew \$2.00

ALL DINNERS SERVED WITH CHOICE OF SOUP OR SALAD, CHOICE OF "THE POTATO OF THE NIGHT" WITH VEGETABLE.

To get your Newsletter via E-mail, contact Mark Monson at: monso020@usfamily.net

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

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Soldiers' Data Still Being Downloaded Overseas, Firm Says  
Sensitive Information Found by Using 'Peer to Peer' File-Sharing Software  
By Ellen Nakashima - Washington Post Staff Writer - Friday, October 2, 2009

The personal data of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers -- including those in the Special Forces -- continue to be downloaded by unauthorized computer users in countries such as China and Pakistan, despite Army assurances that it would try to fix the problem, according to a private firm that monitors cybersecurity.

Tiversa, which scours the Internet for sensitive data, discovered the data breaches while conducting research for private clients. The company found, as recently as this week, documents containing Social Security numbers, blood types, cellphone numbers, e-mail addresses, and the names of soldiers' spouses and children.

The availability of such data, security experts say, exacerbates the threat of identity theft and retaliation against troops on sensitive missions. In addition to using the information to drain financial accounts, hackers could pose as soldiers in an effort to ferret out sensitive data, including passwords to government systems. Such disclosures represent a "major security risk" to the service members and the military, said Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-N.Y.), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which was informed of the data breach by Tiversa.

The company found the sensitive documents by using "peer to peer" file-sharing software, which can be easily downloaded on the Internet and which allows computer users to share music or other files. While such software is popular -- in any given second, about 22 million people are on file-sharing networks -- many computer users do not realize that it can make the contents of their computers available to other file-sharers.

Of particular concern to security experts is Tiversa's discovery of personal information about soldiers in the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), whose mission area is Africa. "These guys are operating behind lines, and they are absolutely in the deepest part of the fight," said James Mulvenon, vice president of the intelligence division at Defense Group, a security consulting firm. "The fact that the documents have the names and addresses of the families and all the pressures that could be put to bear on them, it's a nightmare."

Tiversa saw the Special Forces data on servers in Pakistan in May and immediately notified military criminal investigators. Similarly, in April 2008, the firm spotted spreadsheets from Army master sergeants' promotion lists containing the personal data of 60,000 soldiers, as well as data on several thousand civilians and soldiers from the 1st Signal Brigade. All have been downloaded recently in foreign countries, Boback said.

In October, the secretary of the Army assured then-Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., who was concerned about the breach, that the Army would alert the soldiers, try to have the information removed from an unauthorized host site, and better educate the Army workforce on preventing breaches of personal data.

Just hoping to promote discussion among our Members (Ed.)...

From the C.I.C. to the VFW National Convention – August 17, 2009  
(excerpted from President's speech)

By moving forward in Iraq, we're able to refocus on the war against al Qaeda and its extremist allies in Afghanistan and Pakistan. That is why I announced a new, comprehensive strategy in March. This strategy recognizes that al Qaeda and its allies had moved their base to the remote, tribal areas of Pakistan. This strategy acknowledges that military power alone will not win this war—that we also need diplomacy and development and good governance. And our new strategy has a clear mission and defined goals—to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al Qaeda and its extremist allies.

In the months since, we've begun to put this comprehensive strategy into action. And in recent weeks, we've seen our troops do their part. They've have gone into new areas—taking the fight to the Taliban in villages and towns where residents have been terrorized for years. They're adopting new tactics, knowing that it's not enough to kill extremists and terrorists; we also need to protect the Afghan people and improve their daily lives. And today, our troops are helping to secure polling places for this week's election so Afghans can choose the future they want.

These new efforts have not been without a price. The fighting has been fierce. More Americans have given their lives. And as always, the thoughts and prayers of every American are with those who make the ultimate sacrifice in our defense.

**As I said when I announced this strategy, there will be more difficult days ahead. The insurgency in Afghanistan didn't just happen overnight. And we won't defeat it overnight. This will not be quick. This will not be easy. But we must never forget. This is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity. Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again. If left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which al Qaeda would plot to kill more Americans. So this is not only a war worth fighting. This is fundamental to the defense of our people.**

Going forward, we will constantly adapt our tactics to stay ahead of the enemy and give our troops the tools and equipment they need to succeed. And at every step of the way, we will assess our efforts to defeat al Qaeda and its extremist allies, and to help the Afghan and Pakistani people build the future they seek. [You can read the President's entire speech at VFW.org.](#)

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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

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Post 9433  
**Wednesday Night Bingo**

**Progressive Jackpot  
Cash Prizes**

Games Start at 7:00 P.M.  
Food Specials 5 - 9

All Are Welcome