

**VFW Post 106
NEWSLETTER**

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- **County Veterans Office** (610) 344-6375

Meeting Schedules

- **Post Meeting:** First Tuesday of the Month at 8:00 PM
- **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting:** 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM
- **Home Association Meetings:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

WWW.VFWPOST106.ORG

From The Post Commander

Welcome back from vacations and welcome to all our new members. Membership is important to the Post and I ask each of you to make a special effort this year to invite any combat veterans to join our Post. In particular, we can help with first years dues for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and the post will always pay the first year dues for an eligible Veteran still on active duty.

Enclosed in this letter are ticket for our annual hunting raffle, to be held on November 20, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 Please return tickets and payment in the enclosed envelope. It will be a fun night, and live music will follow the completion for the raffle. See you there.

On October 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., the Post will host a dinner dance to honor all past Post Commanders. All past Commanders and spouses/friends are invited to attend and we look forward to welcoming you here at the Post. Any past Commander who has not received an invitation is requested to contact the Post to let us know if you will attend.

The West Chester Veterans Day Parade will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009. Please mark your calendars and plan to be along Gay Street to watch the Parade. Tell your friends and neighbors to come out and to remember those who are no longer with us.

We will soon be raising funds to buy sweatpants and sweatshirts for recent combat veterans who have been hospitalized. Some are sent back from the war with only the clothes on their back and they need something to wear while in the hospital. This is a statewide effort and we will take the clothes to the Mid-Winter VFW State Convention for distribution.

This newsletter as well as any recent news is available on the website, www.VFW106.org. If you would like to receive the newsletter and other news by e-mail, please send us your e-mail address.

Our annual turkey raffle is scheduled for November 22, 2009. Please come out to the Post and win a Turkey.

The 9 ball Pool League will start on January 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Look for the sign-up sheet or call Jay at 610-636-4579 for info. Post meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. All active members are asked to attend. It's your Post so come lend a hand and help us do a better job! See you around the Post.

Al Duncan
Post Commander

CHAPLAINS CORNER:

Greeting to Vets and Spouses,

It's fall already (What happened to summer?) Oh well, It seems to me that time flies by faster and faster each year. This winter will be a year to reflect on the friends we lost the last couple months ago. John Kalagedis, Peg Andrews, and Jennifer Shank, Bea Florentino. Please keep those friends in your prayers. They were people who I knew and Loved.

On a different note, the Club is having a lot of festivities planned for the winter and I really hope to see you are involved in them. It would make our Club bigger and better in the long run. Dig in folks for a long winter, Or should I say, Dig Out!!

Sincerely
Ralph Mazza
Post Chaplain

Sr Vice Commander Corner:

This years West Chester Veteran's Day Parade will be held on November 8, 2009. We want to get as many people as possible to line the streets this year. I will be looking for volunteers including social members and activities, to help pass out flyers a few weeks before the Parade to increase participation.

I'll have a sign up sheets on the bulletin board soon and if you want to help, please sign up or see me at the Post.

Sincerely
Will Grant
Sr Vice Commander

AUXILIARY CORNER

Ladies Auxiliary

Please look for your dues notice and pay as soon as possible.

Auxiliary will be placing sports-wear orders in November. Christmas is coming.

In closing lets remember Jennifer Shank, let's remember her love of life, her quick wit, and sense of humor.

Thank you Jen for your years with the Auxiliary you will be missed.

Thank you

Sue Quackenbush
Ladies Auxiliary President

**HOURS OF OPERATION
BAR**

Monday through Wednesday
3:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.
Thursday 3:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m.
Friday 3:00 pm till 12:00 am
Saturday 11:00 am till 12:00 am
Sunday 11:00 am till 10:00 pm

KITCHEN HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday:
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In Remembrance

If you wish to receive your Newsletter via E-Mail rather than regular mail. Please notify Tony at tonyg@vfwpost106.org This will help defray postage costs

**We would like to get input from our members. New Births, Grandkids, Married the longest, etc
If you have something you would like to see in here please contact Tony Giorno.**

Home Association President's Corner:

VOLUNTEERISM

To all of our valued members:

As another summer begins to wind down, this is the time that our organization enters its busy time of the year. During the upcoming months, there will be many opportunities for you to visit our club so you can enjoy and participate in many different activities.

As these activities begin to take place, our organization, just as all organizations of our type, need your help in supporting these important functions. One way to get involved is to volunteer to help on one of the activity committees or to join the Ladies Auxiliary. VFW members always have and always will have family members who served overseas and were changed or affected because of that service. By volunteering and supporting the Ladies Auxiliary, you help your organization meet its financial goals and will provide you a means in which to satisfy the civic responsibility that you were no doubt taught by a husband, father, brother or grandfather that served in and supported the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The *social capital* represented by volunteering plays a key role in economic regeneration of our organization. This, voluntary mutual aid or self-help is an important safety net for your organization. This model works well within our club because it creates solidarity in times of adversity.

How to Volunteer:

1. Consider why you want to volunteer. Do you want to help the world or your community? Do you want to build your own skills, make new [friends](#), and [learn](#)? Do you [love](#) what you do? Do you want to share your gifts with others or give something back? Examining these sorts of [questions](#) can help you to choose the right direction for your volunteer work.
2. Choose an organization that is meaningful to you. If you feel strongly about the VFW, for instance, volunteer at your club. Our organization exist for all sorts of purposes, so if dishing up food at a [soup kitchen](#) doesn't sound like your cup of [tea](#), consider volunteering at your VFW.
3. Start small. If you already have a busy schedule, volunteer your time for an hour or two per week or perhaps one day per month. (Just about anybody can free up that much time easily. Try turning off the TV!) You might be surprised how much you can accomplish in even a little bit of time. Then, if you find you enjoy the work and have more time to pursue it, gradually take on more.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We need your assistance more than ever and we look forward to assisting and serving you. If you have any questions about your organization or would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me, the Post Commander or the Post Steward directly.

Remember, "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a Volunteer." (Col. Doolittle)

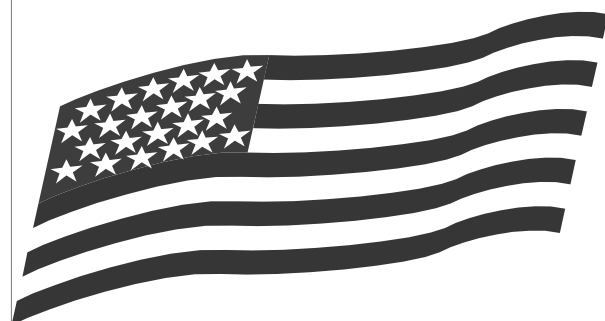
Sincerely,
JIM REINHARD
President
Board of Directors



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Community Service Hours
Are Available at the Post.
Newsletter once a month and
many other projects.