



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES**

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THE POST NEWSLETTER - October 2009

GET IT DONE

Welcome to the beautiful colors of autumn. October is also Fire Prevention Month and it is a good time to change the battery in your Smoke Alarm. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Donations

Donations were made to the following Organizations. Saint Leo's Campus for Veterans \$600, Transitional Living Service for Homeless Veterans \$600, The VFW National Home for Children \$500, The Yellow Ribbon Support Group \$600 for Care Packages sent to support the Troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, Operation Up Link, Unmet Needs and the USO, \$250 each.

Fifth District Award

Our Post received an Award for our support to National Military Services. Monetary donations are only a part of the activities that our post is engaged in. We pick up clothing to be distributed to needy veterans, we provide Canteen Books and participate in Operation Christmas Cheer for the veterans at North Chicago V.A. Hospital.

Freedom Festival by *Adjutant Al Koller.*

Post 7706 members participated in the 6th Annual "We do Care" Freedom Festival held at the Barrington Train Station Parking lot. The Colors were presented by the Marine Corps League as well as a "Twenty One Gun" Salute. The Illinois Air National Guard had a fly over in a KC135 aircraft (similar to the commercial 707) during the playing of Taps which really brought out the goose bumps. All the Services were present with recruiting personnel. The highest ranking Officer was Major General Campbell of The Army Recruiting Command

at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Preceding the Freedom Fest were 9.5 and 3.5 mile runs with 600 plus participants. Winning awards were presented after the opening ceremony. Musicians were abundant as well as scholastic singing groups who performed during the afternoon. Post 7706 contributed \$600 to The Yellow Ribbon Support Group to mail their gift packages to service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Post looks forward to seeing more members in attendance next year.

Flag Etiquette

Comrade Burnell Wollar attended Countryside School and conducted a Flag Etiquette Class for the Cub Scouts, which included the proper way to fold the flag. Burnell left a flag for the Cub Scouts to practice with. They will be tested in February 2010 when Burnell returns to see how well they have done.

Scout Cabin

Five post members from our post attended the 75th Anniversary of the Roy Willmering Scout Cabin. In attendance was our own Harold Lipofsky who assisted in building the cabin way back in 1934.

New Members

Please give a warm Post 7706 welcome to our newest members.

Kenneth Lange. Kenneth served in the US Army in Viet Nam

Wayne Schild. Wayne served in the US Navy, during the Viet Nam War.

Patriots Day

Patriots Day was remembered by our Comrades placing Eleven American Flags at the Veterans Memorial along with a sign with the following inscription.

The American Flags displayed here today are
In remembrance of all the people who died when
our Country was attacked on September 11, 2001

We will never forget

Veterans Day

Please refer to the attached Veterans Day News Release and Veterans Day Requirements.

On this Veterans Day let us remember our Post Comrades that are serving our country on active duty.

John Moran, Taylor Kennedy, Shane E. Loughney, Victoria A. Mundy, Caitlin A Fitzgerald, Robert Tres Fitzgerald and Fred Hertzfeld. Thank you for your service

Brothers and Sisters

Children at War

Earlier this year seven post members attended South Elementary School in Crystal Lake IL. A patriotic program was conducted by the students,

to honor Veterans prior to Memorial Day. Five Students from the 4th Grade read essays about their loved one's that are currently serving our country. The Essay's are presented here in their own words. Their names are withheld for security reasons.

Hello: I was asked to talk because my Dad is in the National Guard and he just got deployed to Iraq. I would like to tell you why Memorial Day is special to me. I have five things. The first one is recognizing veterans and those who are in the service. Don't we love seeing all of the veterans come home. The second one is our safety. We are protected and have freedom because of the veterans. Third is how Americans join together. They join together to have parades with people who were and are in the service. You might talk to your loved ones on Memorial Day. The fourth thing is love. You love your loved one very bad and miss them. The last thing is fun. The people who are in the service have fun while they work. My Dad even told me that they have fun. I know that we all miss them but it is for a good cause. They are doing a good thing. They are making us still have freedom so we can go to school and work to get money.

Hi: I would like to share with you how it was having a brother at war. The first couple of months were the hardest because we were just getting used to having him gone. It was easier the next couple of months then one day we got a phone call from him. During the phone call a road side bomb went off and we were so scared and nervous to hear what happened. Luckily he called back and everything was all right. I still remember when he came home from boot camp and he got shot in the leg. Mom asked what happened and he said that he just scraped it. She didn't believe it and he finally said that got shot. Of course, Mom freaked out! Also when Christmas was coming, Mom was talking about sending him some cookies and treats, the whole nine yards. My brother and my Dad and I knew that he was coming home but we didn't say anything so one day we were by the computer. Someone went to get jimmy. We were standing there and he walks in and surprised us. My Mom just started bawling and I will never forget that day. That is a brief story of how it feels to have a brother in the war.

Hi: I have two cousins in the Army, Zac and Eric. Their parents live in Albany, New York. We were to visit them on Thanksgiving and Zac and Eric could not make it. That is one of the major sacrifices of being in the military. Even though they are not my closest cousins, I still think about them and have feelings about them being in the military. I feel sad about it because I know one second they could be alive and another they could be dead. I feel happy because I know that my cousins are pretty much saying "I will give up my life so that our country can be free". I honor them very much for that.

Note two other children had submitted essays and they will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter



Taps

On August 8, 2009 Richard E. Waters passed away. Richard was a Post 7706 Life Member who served our country during the Korean War. May he rest in peace?

Calendar of Events

Meeting Dates. Meetings start at 7:30 PM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
11/12/2009	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Public Safety Building
12/10/2009	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Public Safety Building
1/14/2010	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Public Safety Building

Thank You

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