

August 2008

Comrades,

Greetings and thank you for placing your trust in me for the ensuing year. I'm excited about the prospects of what's to come and with your support I know it will be a wonderful time.

I want to thank the Officers who have agreed to serve our Post and its membership for the upcoming year:

Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Anderson
Jr. Vice Commander	Mike Rusinko
Quartermaster	Bob Bentrem
Chaplain	Fred See
Judge Advocate	Ed Bruchas
Surgeon	Jo Jo Hanselman
Adjutant	David Moomy
1 Year Trustee	Jimmy Horton
2 Year Trustee	Pierce Harover
3 Year Trustee	Knowles "Buddy" Shaw

We're fortunate to have assembled this group people to continue the work of our Post. Their dedication and experience will serve the members and community with distinction. I also want to thank Buddy Shaw for his leadership and guidance throughout this past year.

I would like to take a moment to encourage all members of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary and Booster Club to ask just one member to share with them and assist in the participation of an event this year. Whether it is the Poppy Sale, Oktoberfest, Stand Down, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, etc. it doesn't matter. There are many to choose from and the more participation we have, the easier it will be. Who knows, you might just have some fun along the way.

Your Executive Committee is working on ways to better enhance communications within the Post and its membership. I would like to ask that everyone reading this, hearing about it from a member or seeing it down in the lounge to take a minute to update their phone number &/or email address by calling the Post at 824-9851. This will allow us to better serve you by getting information to you in a rapid and more inexpensive manner. The electronic version of this letter will be utilized as much as possible so we will continue to email this newsletter to the membership.

In order to cut down on expenses a new format has been implemented for those without internet access. You will now phone in on a toll free line and be able to listen to the newsletter. From the Post and Ladies Auxiliary, to the Lounge, Booster Club and upcoming events, all will have access to the information. As I stated above, that is why it is imperative that we update our contact information so as no member is left out. The call in number is below. Once connected you will be able to follow the simple prompts to listen to the information. A special thanks to Bob Bentrem for getting this up and running. **THE MAIN NUMBER TO THE VFW POST 9851**

ANNOUNCEMENT CENTER IS **1-888-356-9021.**

**NOTICE - THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER THAT WILL BE MAILED TO THE POST AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS!!!!**

The MCPA "Fun Run" was a huge success. Thanks to the many volunteers for their support. More to follow in the next e-newsletter.

With life comes change. Change in our habits, our world or maybe our thoughts as we become more informed on subjects we may have adopted a particular position on. Many successful companies embrace change. They will go so far as to adopt it into their mission statements. Change is with us every day. I see it when I look in the mirror. I would encourage you to embrace it. Embrace it and you will never be bored nor become complacent.

Regards,

Scott Weeks

Commander