

DAV Chapter 52

Hi comrades

Wishing you all Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

I want to thank Lenny Shier Senior Vice and Billie Twofeathers Junior Vice for chairing the November meeting and did an outstanding job

We held our DAV52 Christmas party on the tenth of December at Turtleback country club and had 41 scheduled and 36 showed up. Our State DAV officers were in attendance and said they would be looking forward to next year's party. The food was good and everyone had a good time

We had invited Mike Deroser and his wife Sherry to our Christmas party and they came and Mike gave a nice talk about the UNMETNEEDS program that him and Sherry had started with the help of the VFW and how the program works to help Vets in need. Mike also said he would be interested in helping out our DAV programs. Mike and Sherry had another program they had to attend so had to leave early. But they received a great round of applause for their great effort to help needy Vets

Adj. Fredrickson contacted the Barron COVSO and they provided the chapter with two veteran's families who could use some Christmas cheer. The Chapter will provide two 50.00 gift cards that will be mailed to from Market Place Foods as we have in the past.

CHAPTER 52 Auxiliary: I signed the paperwork for the Chapter Auxiliary on the 10th of Dec. So we will now have an Auxiliary at Rice Lake. I want to thank Betty Fredrickson, Billie Twofeathers and Sam Freeburg for making this Auxiliary a reality. The 25.00 needed to pay for Auxiliary fee was voted on and passed to pay this at DAV52 regular meeting on the 12th of Dec.

COFFE POTs provided by DAV52 for CBOC Hayward the VSO of the area didn't seem interested in providing the coffee. Billie said she would check with local vendors to see if they would supply the coffee if not the DAV 52 will provide the needed items.

TOM JOHNSON our past Service Officer was able to attend the Christmas party Commander Shipman presented Tom with a plaque and a framed thank you for his dedicated service to the DAV 52 when I say dedicated. Tom had to drive 200 miles round trip to attend the meetings in Rice Lake and never missed until he had health problems. So thanks again Tom for your service.

Keep our troops that are in harm's way in your prayers.

Clyde Shipman "Ship"
Commander, DAV 52 Rice Lake WI

New Year Greetings from the VFW Auxiliary

We had our Christmas party on December 5 and it was well attended despite the cold weather and the three calls I got from members declining because of illness. I hope they are feeling better. There were 9 in attendance.

Our membership is at 107.14%, thanks to your prompt payment and also to transfers from the Barron auxiliary. The statistics come from District Secretary Terry Stiner who inspected us on Monday, Dec. 12.

We will not meet in January and February, so our next meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 7 pm at the Veterans Center. At that meeting we will continue discussion for a fundraiser.

Birthday greetings go to Connie Kahl on Jan. 6, Viola Loyas on Jan. 11, Linda Puig on Jan. 23, Maxine Slayton on Jan. 30, Jacqueline Anderson on Feb. 1, and Mable Wille on Feb. 22.

Respectfully, Donna Meinen, Secretary



Tom Johnson is awarded a plaque for his dedication as our DAV Service Officer.

NEXT MEETING will be the 12th of March 2012

AMVETS "JAMES T. SLATTERY" POST 128

Dear Members, Families and Guest:

There is an AMVETS 1st Dist. meeting being held on Jan. 10, 2012 at 7pm. It will be hosted by AMVETS Post 127 of Ladysmith. It will be held at the VMA in Ladysmith. I plan to go and anyone else that has an interest should call me: 715-296-1115 to carpool.

Your AMVETS post would like to encourage all to renew their membership. If you did not receive a renewal form, please call me at: 715-296-1115.

I also would like to encourage everyone in the organization to seek out new members as it is instrumental in the continued growth of this post and AMVETS as a whole. Your membership helps when it comes to legislative issues in Washington, DC.

What happened at our October meeting?

- Pizza was on hand for our meeting. Pizza Hut donated some of the pizzas of the night.
- "Thank You's" came back from donations that were sent out in Sept.
- Discussion on our golf cart, storage concerns and 2012 events. Ernest & Hans Cathers volunteered for 2012.
- There was discussion on the renaming of the City Park where the band shell is.
- The food stand at the fairground has been cleaned up and almost ready for the upcoming winter. The Barron County Fair kicks off, July 18-22, 2012.

The AMVETS 13th Annual Awards & Appreciation took place at Turtleback and feedback from the membership gave it great reviews (as well as those that had attended). We had the dinner set up for 40 individuals (based on those that called in) and it was a buffet to envy. There was discussion as to setting a date earlier in 2012 at the same location.

Keep our ailing & homebound members in your prayers.

Next meeting: January 30, 2012 - Rice Lake Vet's Ctr.

Sincerely, Lenny Shier, Commander, AMVETS Post 128

A New Year's Toast

Thank you for your service, fellow Vets!

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times.
2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.
3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and in his heart still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing.

Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty.

So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

Notes from the American Legion Aux.

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone.

Thanks goes out to everyone that contributed baked items for our bake sale and also for those that brought things in for our raffle. The money we make sure helps Veterans in our area. Our next raffle and bake sale will be in March and before you know it, it will be here.

We still need recipes for our recipe book that we are having made. Please, if you have recipes you would like to have in the book, send them to me at 14 E. Grove Ave, Barron, WI. 54812 and include your name, so we can add your name to the recipe in the book. You can send as many recipes as you like. We need about 300. Juniors may contribute recipes also.

We need volunteers to get gifts for the Veterans and wives in the rest homes. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

God Bless you all. Cynthia Saylor, Pres.

The Official Magazine of the U.S. Army Reserve; www.armyreserve.army.mil

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; www.yellowribbon.mil

ECHOES, The bulletin for retired soldiers, surviving spouse & families; www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/echoes.asp

Military History Magazine; www.HistoryNet.com TRICARE; www.tricare.mil

Blue Navy Vets Legislation; www.capwiz.com/dav/issues/alert/?alertid=58086521&PROCESS=Take+Action

VFW December 2011 Scuttlebutt

Dear Fellow Comrades,

We have had a nice turn out the past two Months, especially this month with the Holiday Party.

Leroy Janski, inspected the post last month, with no findings.

Membership is presently at 82.4%, with the post needing 24 new members, so go out and find someone, and sign them up. It seems that the economy might be taking its toll on membership, with everyone keeping their wallets to themselves.

The meeting at the Veterans Auditorium in Barron was a success with a lot of people attending. The Veterans County Service Officers explained benefits and answered questions.

On November 12th John Fredrickson, Pete Breed and myself went to Chippewa Falls to watch the Chippewa Valley Roller Girls skate for the 9th district unmet needs. I found it to be a lot of fun, these girls really know how to skate. While we were there, they presented us with a check for \$500, and took some pictures. After that, they passed the hat, and gave us another \$85. I would like to thank the girls for their generosity. If any of you get a chance to attend one of their meets, I

Raffle calendars were sold again this year, but with the Post Office not allowing raffle tickets or proceeds to be sent thought the mail, we had a shorter period of time to sell them, and ended up quite a bit short from last year. Maybe we will get them sooner next year so we have time to sell them.

Mike DeRosa, from Burger King challenged the post to raise \$2000, if we do, he will match it. Well as of this meeting, we have met the \$2000 goal. Thanks to everyone.

We had our annual Holiday Party on December 20th with a great turn out and lots to eat. I believe everyone had a good time and enough to eat. Thank you and happy holidays to all.

If you know of any member who is sick or could use some sunshine, contact Steve Clark at: 715-234-2848.

Terry McNitt, Commander VFW Post 2204

One of the serious problems in planning the fight against American doctrine, is that the Americans do not read their manuals, nor do they feel any obligation to follow their doctrine... - **From a Soviet**

Junior Lt's Notebook



"The best tank terrain is that without anti-tank weapons."


-Russian military doctrine.

"The reason the American Army does so well in wartime, is that war is chaos, and the American Army practices it on a daily basis." - **from a**

post-war debriefing of a German General

January 2012

1 Breakfast 8am – 11am	2 VFW Aux 7pm	3	4	5 Executive Meeting 7pm	6	7
8	9 DAV 7pm	10 Legion - 7pm Legion Aux - 4pm	11	12	13	14 Marines No Meeting
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 VFW – 7pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Burger & Wings 5-7pm 	26	27	28 
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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