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Dear Comrades,

First, I would like to thank those who attended our last meeting. The food was good and we adopted our budget for the coming year. We also voted to accept by transfer Brett Thompson from Post 5477 in California. Welcome Brett.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 9th at Liberty Lodge at Finn Park on Maple Drive. The park is just north of the overpass on Maple Dr. on Thomas Dr. Please join us for some good food and help to support the activities of your Post. Bring a dish to pass as well as your beverage of choice, meat will be provided as well as plates and silverware.

To facilitate quick communications to our members of upcoming events or important news, I have been sending out emails. If you are not on our list and have an email address, I would like to invite you to join our email group. Don't forget to check out our Website at www.webstervfw.com.

Yours in Comradeship,
Charles Klauck
Commander

70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Plans are well under way for our 70th Anniversary Party. The date is September 16th at the Knights of Columbus Center on Daniel Dr. A band has been hired and we are looking forward to a fun-filled evening with old and new friends. I strongly encourage all Charter members and Past Commanders to make every effort to attend. Further details will be sent out by mail to all members.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We have been remiss in welcoming our new members and making them known to our membership. Please welcome Lane Corson (Vietnam), Seth Hoffer (Afghanistan), Jason Jipson (Iraq), Brett Thompson (Iraq) and Sean Vierheller (Iraq).

Members are the backbone of the VFW and we welcome these veterans who have served our Country.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Please keep in your thoughts Bob VandeVoorde and Joe Mulay, both of whom are at St. Ann's.

I know of no members who have passed away in the past month.

Also at this time, our Quartermaster, Sean Miller is dealing with an illness within his family which necessitates traveling outside this area to receive treatment. Please keep Sean and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of a member who is sick or has died, please contact Chaplain Allan Schichtel (545-4722).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please Note – It is your responsibility to keep the Post advised of your current address and phone number if possible. National will occasionally purged their rolls of members they deem to be deceased whether they are or not. Until the Post can provide them with a valid address and phone number you will be dropped from the rolls and your membership is cancelled. You can see how this especially affects Life Members.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR DD-214 IS??

Recently a member of our Post passed away and his family wished to apply for a Government marker. They were unable to find his DD-214 and thus are unable to apply unless they can find it or apply for a replacement. This can cause a lengthy delay in them applying for the marker or receiving any benefits to which they may become eligible for.

Please make sure you have your DD-214 and your family knows where to find it. Should you need to apply for a replacement, please contact me (671-2302) and I will see you get the necessary form to do so.

ARE YOUR DUES UP TO DATE??

Dues notices are sent out from National prior to the expiration of your current dues. Dues are payable to National who in turns credits back to the Post the Post share which is \$6.00. If you wish you can remit a check or cash in the amount of \$36.00 directly to the Post and the Quartermaster will remit your dues for you. As a large majority of our members are Life Members this only applies to those 40 or so members who pay their dues on an annual basis. Also, please note that dues are on a subscription basis, which means your membership extends one year from when your dues are paid much as a magazine subscription. Please check your membership card and make sure it is current.

70 YEARS AGO

(The following is an article which appeared in the Webster Herald 70 years ago)

VFW Dignitaries Install New Ridge-Webster Post

A week ago Tuesday at the Webster Grange Hall, a colorful ceremony was performed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in installing the new Ridge-Webster Post No. 9483.

Among the notaries of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization who attended the installation were Frank Fisher, New York State Deputy Chief of Staff; John Roth, New York State Deputy Chief of Staff; Hawley C. Handy, Monroe County Council VFW Executive Secretary; Frank Richardson, Monroe County Council Junior Vice-Commander, and Edward Gnaedinger, Former Monroe County Council Commander and Present 5th District Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The officers of the new post were installed by County Commander Clayton E. Handy and conducted to their respective stations by Edward J. Gnaedinger.

The new officers installed were Paul J. Zachmann, Commander; Weldon B. Read, Senior Vice-Commander; Leo Martin, Junior Vice-Commander; Thomas McCormick, Quartermaster; Arthur W. Parsons, Adjutant; Harry Smith, Post Advocate; Edgar Williams Jr., Chaplain; Dr. Gerald McGuire, Surgeon; Howard Young, Officer of the Day; Ru-

dolph Burkhardt, Post Historian; Frank Klick Jr., Service Officer; John VanGeyton, Legislative Officer; Jack Elliott, Kenwood Block, Warren Lloyd, Trustees; Arthur Winslow Jr., Sergeant Major; Gerald Hamel, Quartermaster Sergeant; Donald Quinn, Guard; Clair Rigby, Walter Miller, National and Post Color Bearers; Donald Steve, Robert Hargather, Color Guards; Tim Wahle and Robert Hutteman, Council Delegates and Raymond Martin and Clarence Vossler as their alternates.

The Guest Speaker of the evening was Harry J. Gaynor, Former Assemblyman and member of the 27th Division Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. After the ceremony families and friends of the members of the new post enjoyed refreshments.

The next meeting of the new post will be held Monday July 28, at the Oddfellows Hall, over Netzmanns Electric Store, in Webster. All overseas veterans from outlying communities are cordially invited to attend.