

ARLINGTON VFW POST 981

Meetings: 7:00 PM 1st Weds. Of Each Month – Arlington Hts. Am. Legion Post 208



Website – vfwpost981.org

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

NEW MEETING PLACE

Beginning with the September meeting our Post has moved its headquarters to the Arlington Heights American Legion Post 208 at 121 N. Douglas in Arlington Heights. Long term members will remember that we met there from the selling of our Post building until 2004. All meetings and other Post get-togethers, unless otherwise noted, will be held there. See the Commander's column for more information.

COMMANDER

We enter the 4th quarter of 2021 and begin our Post's 99th year with some exciting news, Arlington VFW Post 981 has officially returned to Arlington Heights! As of two weeks ago, we have completed our move out of Wheeling Am-Vets Post 66 and have resumed meeting at American Legion Post 208 in Arlington Heights. A huge shout out and thank you to Dale Berg for taking the lead on the logistics of the Post's move and ensuring that everything was cleaned out, organized and moved into our new home.

Our meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00. If it's been awhile since you've attended a meeting, please make every effort to join us. I promise that we are not the "same old" VFW Post 981. Our members are friendly, the comradeship is second to none and the food and drinks are free!

This is an exciting time for our Post. We are not simply moving our meeting to Legion 208, we are also entering into a partnership with them. Utilizing our combined resources and memberships our goal is not only to grow each other's Post's but to also

get both of our organizations more involved in the community and for us to be able to help as many Veterans as possible.

We are putting the final touches on our 2021-22 budget and one of the things the Staff has planned for next year is that we are going to be greatly expanding some of the Post's offerings to our membership. In the spirit of true veteran comradeship this upcoming year we will also be extending invitations to other veterans and veteran organizations to take part in our outings and social events. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see added to our Post's social and event calendar, please reach out to me or to our Jr Vice Commander Mike Kolbuk.

Our 100th Anniversary Celebration is now only a year away and our 100th Anniversary Committee has already begun planning in earnest for our celebration. Save the date; Saturday October 8, 2022!

Semper Fi

Matt

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER

We did finally move to the American Legion Post 208 facility and very happy to be there. It is refreshing to be welcomed with open arms and allows us to plan ways to help other Veterans. Membership is key and we need everyone's help in getting more members. We are hoping this major move will show our Post is active and looking for more members. Our Color Guard has been doing an outstanding job and is also looking for more members in it. Membership has been very difficult during the Covid years but is not impossible, we can

accomplish getting more members as our Post must grow and will grow with your support.

Any event our Post has join in as the more involved you are the greater feeling of belonging to a great organization is felt. Wear you military affiliation caps always it will advertise and get people to talk to you and possibly ask how do I join the VFW Post 981. The more we show our selves the better. We are the only ones who can show our military affiliation and YES we are proud of our service and have joined the VFW for the comradery of knowing what we have done and want to do to help other Veterans.

Please advertise all you can and YES talk it up as it is a great organization. Everyone is a recruiter and I'm hoping we all can find new members this year. If they have questions have them call me 708 598 8000. We have to be aggressive in getting new members in a nice way but we have to keep trying always. Post 981 HAS TO GROW NOW.

Tony

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER

The annual Post **Holiday Party** will be held at **Palm Court Restaurant** located at the corner of Arlington Heights Road and Palatine Road on Friday, **December 10** beginning at 6:00 PM. No buffet but waiter service for appetizers, meal and unlimited drinks. Appetizers until 6:45 PM will be followed by a salute to the colors, prayer, and remarks from our Commander. The same entertainer as in 2019, Sandi Haynes and her band, will proved after-dinner music. All for the ridiculous low price of \$10 each per Post member and a guest. See what \$10 gets you at your favorite restaurant.

Mike Kolbuk

UPCOMING POST EVENTS

- VOD?PP Entry Deadline – Monday (11/1)
- Post Meeting – Wednesday (11/3)
- Post Meeting – Wednesday (12/1)

- Post Holiday Party, Palm Court Restaurant – Friday (12/10) 6:00) PM
- Post Meeting – Wednesday (01/05/2022)

TAPS



The members of Arlington Post 981, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America, pay their last tribute of respect to our departed comrades.

Leonard Anderson

Bob Henderson

William “Bill” Lump

As brave men and women they marched away with abiding faith in their God, their country, and their flag.

As soon as is possible we request that family members **notify the Post via telephone** (listed on our website) if a comrade has passed away. Too many times we must rely on seeing an obituary in the newspaper which leaves little or no time for members to pay their final respects. The Post Color Guard is ready to pay final respects at the wake and render a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps at the cemetery.

The Passing of 3 Notable Comrades

Former Commander (2003-2004) Len Anderson

died at age 90. He led the Post's move to Wheeling AMVETS. An Army veteran, he served in the post-WWII occupation of Germany. Our Color Guard rendered a 21-gun salute at his memorial service.



Bill Lumpp was 92 years old when he passed away. He served in the Army during the Korean War, receiving a Korean Service medal with a Bronze Service Star. Up until a couple of years ago, Bill was a regular attendee of our monthly meetings and sold tickets to our 50-50 raffle. Our Color Guard attended the wake. Each left a poppy in front of his casket and a salute. There was a final salute rendered while "Taps" was played on our bugle.

Bob Henderson was 89 at his passing. Bob also served in the Army during the Korean War, receiving 2 Bronze battle stars and a Purple Heart. Bob was a regular attendee of the Post meetings and outings, and assisted with Poppy sales and manned recruiting tables at various fests. All knew him as the friendliest, nicest guy with a lot of stories about his life in Missouri. Our Color Guard presented poppies at the wake and gave a 21-gun salute and played taps at his gravesite.



Boomers Outing

The July 25th forecast called for sun and 90+ temperatures. But Post members didn't care. The skybox was air-conditioned, the seats outside the box were in the shade, and there was plenty of water, soda and beer to keep us hydrated. All afternoon the 23 attendees enjoyed a buffet lunch of Italian beef, Italian sausage, chicken Parmesan, pasta salad, brownies and cookies. There was also giardiniera for the sandwiches and popcorn for snacking. There was amazing entertainment between innings from a juggler who balanced things like a wheelbarrow and an 8-foot ladder on his chin. The game was a pitcher's duel for the first 5 innings, with the Boomers prevailing 4-1. The game ended in little more than 2 ½ hours as everyone left happy and satisfied.



Dan Glaubke

Your editor ran into Comrade Dan Glaubke at Len Anderson's memorial service. Dan served with Len in Germany after WWII. Dan's health and living distant from our meetings (Algonquin) prevents him from being an active member but he stays in touch via our Newsletter.

Post Arlington Racetrack Outing September 2021

On Saturday, September 32 Post members and their guests along with 4 invited guests from Legion Post 208 gathered at Arlington International Race Track. The weather was perfect, with temperature in the 80's and sunny. All our seats were in boxes under the roof.

We had waitress service and everyone could pick a lunch and any 1 beverage from the menu. Any additional food and drink was paid by the person ordering it.

Through the 4th race, when I had to leave, the afternoon racing was dominated by the favorites. I was disappointed when I had to leave as I had picked the winners of 3 of the races (a 2nd place ruined my perfect afternoon). Chris Maurer was also on a hot streak.

I think everyone could agree we said farewell to Arlington Race Track with a great outing.

Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen

The Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen season has begun. The VFW National has announced the themes for 2021-2022

VOD - "America: Where do we go from here?"

PP - "How can I be a good American?"

Our Post will be contacting our local schools starting in July. If anyone knows someone in grades 6-8 (Patriot's Pen) or grades 9-12 (Voice of Democracy) and they are interested in entering these essay competitions, please have them contact Mike Smogor for additional information. The deadline for submitting entries is October 31, 2021.

Smokey

New Post Members

James Jones joined our Post in September. He is the father of our scholarship award winner, Nick. James was an Army Reserve member who served in both Desert Storm and Afghanistan.

Steve Nashe converted his continuous membership to life membership.

Everyone say hello to Jim as you encounter him at our meetings or outings.

Post 981 Color Guard

The Color Guard Past events:

July 17th Service for Jack Muldoon, VFW Post 981 member, All Saints Cemetery.

Aug 21st Service for Lenard Anderson, VFW Post 981 Member, Spring Grove, IL.

Sept 11th Service for Robert Henderson, VFW Post 981 Member, Memory Gardens

Sept 18th Moved Color Guard equipment (safe, rifles, bugle) to America Legion Post 208.

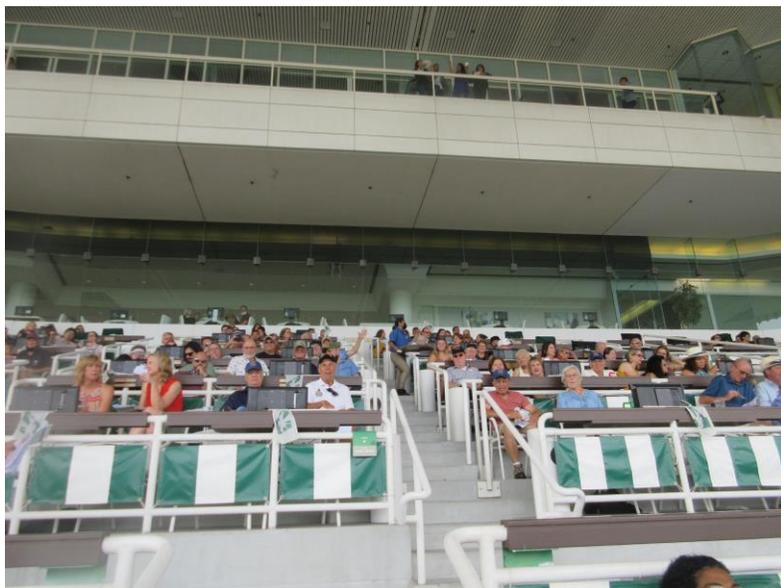
Up Coming events:

Oct 1st – 2nd Harmony Fest Arlington Heights.

October/November

Flag dedication at Wieland Thermal Solutions, 707 Northgate Parkway, more information to follow.

There are two new Color Guard Members: James Jones and Steve Nash.



Even if you cannot march you can participate in wakes and funerals. In addition, there are many other activities that we are involved in that you could participate in. If you would like to learn more about joining the Color Guard and the commitment level. If a comrade has passed away, as soon as is possible we request that family members notify the Post via telephone (listed on our website). Too many times we must rely on seeing an obituary in the newspaper which leaves little or no time for members to pay their final respects. If a family wishes a rifle salute, they should contact Dale Berg at the number listed on our website.

Those interested to join the Color Guard please contact, Dale Berg at 847-636-1479 or email bergda@comcast.net.

Dale

Another Honor for Our Newsletter

Another 2nd place finish at the State Convention in June. Just like the White Sox in the 50's.

Our Post in the News

Readers of both the Daily Herald, Weekly Northwest Suburb Journal newspapers, and Illinois VFW News have seen recent articles about our scholarship award, the Color Guard in action, and our record-breaking Poppy collection.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 981

Invites you and your guests to join your comrades and their guests at a



Holiday Dinner Party

Friday, December 10

1800 HOURS (6:00 P.M.) TO 2130 HOURS (9:30 P.M.)

PALM COURT RESTAURANT

1912 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL - **Fireplace Room**

Cost is \$10 each per Post member and 1 guest. Additional guests - \$25 each

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM. Appetizers and Drinks.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Choose your protein, either Filet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, or Alaskan Halibut. Appropriate starch and vegetable comes with it. Begin dinner with Soup and Salad. Coffee and Dessert follows. Bar is open throughout.

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM. Music and Unlimited Drinks.

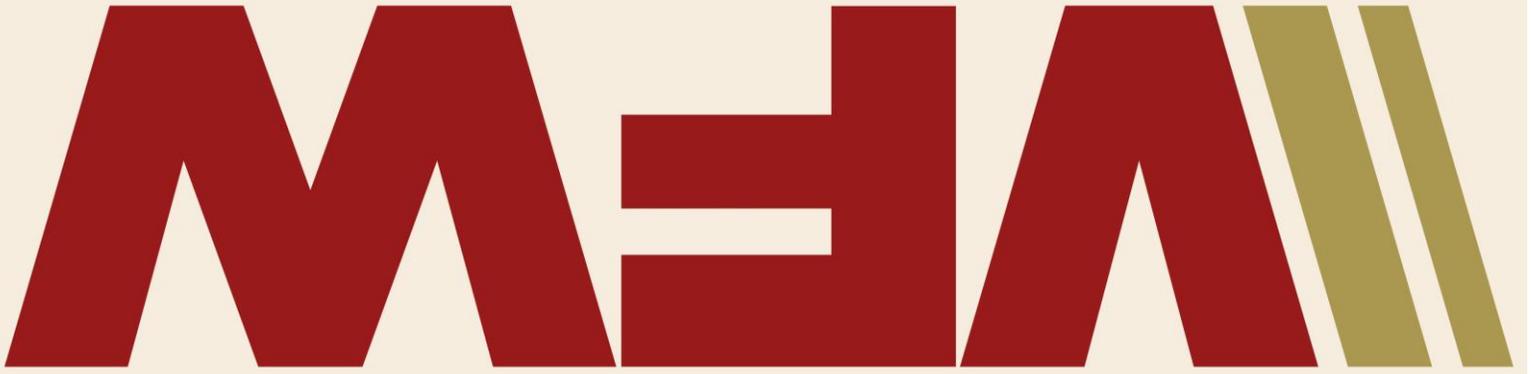
Appetizers will be distributed by waiters. All food and drinks will be ordered and served from waiter of each table. Everything is included in your \$10 cost.

Send your reservations and checks (made out to **VFW Post 981**) to: Michael Kolbuk, 654 Briarwood Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090. **Deadline for reservations** - December Meeting on December 1.

Member _____ Names of Guests _____

Amount enclosed (\$10 each for you and 1 guest/\$25 each for additional guests) \$_____

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