



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
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A review of post activities for 2019 as we prepare for 2020.

Things have been very busy at the post, we have made several improvements and upgrades. The pool table has been recovered and updates have been made to the ladies room. We continue to support our community through scholarships, and the senior citizens in the area continue to use the hall and kitchen for their meals each and every week. We have hired a new bartender, had many successful fundraisers. Our Memorial Day, Veterans Day and end of summer BBQ were all well attended. Tuesday night Cornhole games, Friday night free jukebox and Saturday Poker tournaments are going well proving that through the efforts of the members, the post will continue to be successful in the future.

Earlier this year, a concern over the parking lot lighting was addressed at a meeting. Approval was given to contact Madison Electric. Six weeks later 2 new poles were in the ground and 3 new LED lights were illuminating the parking lot. A local electrician was hired to place additional lighting at the entrance of the post for additional lighting.

The post held an informational seminar presented by the Disabled American Veterans. The DAV sent a National Service Officer as well as the supervisor of the Togus office to the post to advise all who attended of their eligibility to various VA benefits to include survivors benefits. The DAV personnel made time to meet with veterans afterwards answering questions privately regarding their specific VA claims. Veterans appreciated the professionalism and knowledge of the DAV. There are currently plans to have them back in 2020 for another informational seminar.

The post currently has some vacancies in officer positions. Interested members should contact the commander. The post cannot function properly without veterans in these key roles. VFW meetings are on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm. We continue to welcome new members and appreciate members who can attend these important meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

The post Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 21st from 10am till noon. Santa will be handing out presents. A signup list is at the bar for member's children and grandchildren 12 and under.

Celebrate New Years at the post, the band ROADHOUSE will play 60s 70s and 80s rock and roll. Prices are \$25 a couple or \$15 per person. The band will start at 8:30pm.

Beanbag tournaments are scheduled each Tuesday night from 6:30pm.

Free jukebox continues each Friday evening, from 6pm to close.

The post will have a poker tournament January 11th and 18th at 1pm

Keep up with all the events at your VFW by following Madison VFW on Facebook, and on the post website: www.vfwpost7865.com

The leadership of the post hopes all members and their families have a Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year. We hope to see you at our next meeting, January 2nd at 7pm.

Respectfully,

David Trask
Commander