

Swansea Community Post 2007  
American Legion  
Department of Illinois  
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*Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 27 January 2014 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 216 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to bring a guest/potential new member.*

## *Happy New Year*

**CHRISTMAS POT LUCK.** Our Pot Luck turned out well. We had about 40 people show up. After a very short meeting, we ate well.

**MEMBERSHIP.** As of this writing the Post membership stands at 119 which is an *ALL TIME HIGH*. We can do more. Check your Membership Card. If it doesn't show '2014' at the top center you haven't paid your 2014 dues.

**PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.** If you have not sent us a copy of your 214 or Discharge certificate, please do so. The IRS has backed off a little bit, but if they decide to audit a Post, they can ask for proof of eligibility if they think they smell a rat.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

1. In order to do the things we do, we must have insurance. This run about \$700.00 a year. The money that we raise by selling Poppy's cannot be used for Post expenses and we haven't been able to come up with suitable fund raisers for other expenses. So, at the December meeting it was decided to hold a monthly 50/50. All members will be sent two 50/50 tickets. If you decide to purchase 1 or both of them, send them and the money to the address on the letterhead. All proceeds will be put aside for the insurance payment.
2. As mentioned before as a possibility, the Department has increased its Per Capita \$2.75. As a result, the per capita for the Department and National will be \$26.00. In addition the per capita for the 'Haven', District, and Division will add 25 cents to that figure for a total of \$26.25. Consequently, Post 2007 will be forced to increase its dues. This will be discussed at our January 3, 2014 meeting.

**The meeting schedule for 2014 is as follows: Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 22' All begin at 7:00 P.M.**

**ATTEND MEETINGS. WE KEEP 'EM SHORT AND SWEET.**