



SWANSEA COMMUNITY POST 2007[
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Future Meetings

Jan. 25, 2016

Feb. 22, 2016

Mar. 22, 2016

Apr. 25, 2016

May 30, 2016

Jun. 27, 2016

Jul. 25, 2016

Aug. 22, 2016

Sep. 26, 2016

Oct. 24, 2016

Nov. 21, 2016

Dec. 19, 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

MEETING NOTICE: Our next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2016. It will begin at 7:00 P.M.. Please note that it will be one week early due to the Christmas Holiday. We will have our annual Christmas meet and greet at this meeting. Bring your significant other and a side dish, desert, or appetizer. The Post will furnish the meat and non-alcoholic punch. Beer and mixed drinks will be available at the bar. If you plan to attend Let Robin Latdricht know at 618-202-1008, or Carl Bales at 618-233-4597 or cvbales@aol.com so we'll have an idea as to how much meat we'll need..

MEMBERSHIP: Paid membership as November 24 is 128. That is 78+ % of last years total. Remember any dues not in the Post hands by January 1 will be \$35.00 instead of \$30.00. It's your money.

The St. Clair County Historical Society is honoring the fallen at their annual PEARL HARBOR DAY COMMERATION. It will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 11:55 A.M. (7:55 A.M. Hawaii Time. At the Pearl Harbor Monument Messinger Cemetery, 3450 Old Collinsville Road, Belleville, IL.

Tyrone Thorpe, who is a Minister as well as a Post member is handling the 'Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave' program again this year. What's this? Well, it's a program of the American Legion that tries to make certain that Vets in nursing homes are not forgotten. Each year our Post has worked with Rosewood and Sycamore Village. Each Vet gets a gift and a visit. Comrade Thorpe has done an outstanding job. In addition, Comrade Thorpe goes into these homes on Sundays during the rest of the year, plus he had a Veterans day programs for the vets in the homes.

Our "Poppy Sales" Program at Wal-Mart was very successful. We had around 15 individuals show up for various periods of time. \$1820.91 was collected. \$1820.91 will be distributed to various organizations such as the USO, the 'Haven', Jefferson Barracks, the Marion V.A. hospital, the Quincy and Anna Veteran homes etc. Jr. Vice Commander Jim Page runs this program. We do this three times a year. The dates for next year will be set after the first of the year. Think about taking part. We have enough people show up for one location, More locations equals more money for the above organizations.

We're looking for individuals to run the 2016 'Youth Police' Program, the 2016 'Law Officer of the Year' program, the 2016 'Fire Fighter of the Year' program and others. None of these programs require a great amount of time. They might cost a postage stamp or two and a little leg-work. The information on these programs or others is available. If interested contact Carl Bales at the phone or e-mail shown in the first paragraph of this news letter.

All meetings are held at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 216 Service Street and begin at 7:00 P.M. The Executive Board meeting begins at 6:30 P.M.

The Swansea Improvement Association has a Fish Fry every Friday and Saturday. They serve several types of fish along with a good selection of sides and deserts. Their prices are reasonable. They treat our organization very well also. They let us meet here, rent free since we are a Swansea Organization. Stop by and give them a try.