

Swansea Community Post 2007
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 26 September, 2011 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 301 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to attend. The SAL will meet at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance at our August meeting was down a little. We had about 15 members present.. Speaking of membership, we ended up with 100 at close of books. Not bad. Zero to 100 in four years. We're always looking for more. A past Department Commanders' theme was **'Just Ask'**. The next Commander followed up with **'It Works'**. And, you know what? It does work. Who do you know who is a veteran?

Again speaking of membership, most likely you have received your membership notification. It would make the job of your Membership Chairman, Bill Martin, much easier if you would send them, along with your \$25.00 dues as soon as possible. As of now we have about 65 members signed up for the 2012 membership year.

Our raffle was disappointing. We managed to break even. Outside of the 75 cents or so that the Post keeps from your dues; this raffle money is our main and really the only income which can be used for Post operations. Poppy money cannot be used except for aid to Veterans and/or their families. The winners were drawn on August 29th as advertised. Dan Hamilton won the \$200.00 first prize, Doris Fluck the \$100.00 second prize and Terry Sauerwein and Louis Heidemann each won \$50.00 as third and fourth place winners.

We collected nearly \$1200.00 at our August Poppy Day function. The money collected was divided up between the 'Haven', the Quincy and Marion VA centers, the Fisher House at Jefferson Barracks and the 'Gifts to the Yanks' program. The next Poppy Day will be held at the Belleville Wal-Mart on October 29th.

As reported in the May Newsletter our Post received notification that we have been given a very prestigious award by the Department of Illinois. We received **'The Commanders 1st Place 15 – 100 Member Category Community Service Award'**. This award is for a broad and outstanding community service program. Commander Meister and Adjutant Kaigh worked long and hard to provide the necessary information to the Department that resulted in our receiving this award. We are the first Post in this area, of any size, to receive this award in a number of years. Commander Meister was presented the award at the Department Convention in July.

Due to the efforts of David Devine, the Post now has a site on the web. You can take a look at it at swanseapost2007.com. You will find pictures of some of our past activities, a Post Calendar, a listing of Charter Members and much more. Dave has done an outstanding job. The Post thanks him very much.

Attend meetings. We keep them short so that we have time to visit