Swansea Community Post 2007
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. <u>22 October 2012</u> 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 attend. The SAL will meet at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP: There are still seven members, three including three charter members who have not yet paid their 2012 dues. Are you one of those few? Check your membership card. If the membership year does not indicate 2012, you are. If there is an 'X' in this Box, our records show that you have not paid for 2012. PLEASE REMIT \$25.00 ASAP for 2012. Also, as you may have noticed, your 2013 dues notices are out. If you haven't done so, please take care of them too. What with transfers and dues already received, our 2013 paid membership is up to 73 and counting.

Speaking of transfers, we have four new Post members who have transferred from the Department holding Post 2910. They are Kenneth Grosskreutz, Shelby E. Hamilton, Jenifer Howsare, and Steven Minelli.

The Post has two Poppy Day sales scheduled. The first one will be held at the Schnuck's in Swansea on <u>October 6</u>. By the time you read this, of course, it will have been completed. Distribution of the funds collected will be determined at the upcoming meeting. The second will be held at the Wal-Mart store located at Green Mount Commons on Rt. 161 across from SWIC on <u>November 10</u>. Both sales will run from <u>9 AM to 3 PM.</u> There are two ways you can assist. First, of course, is show up. Secondly, if you can't physically help, send a buck or two to address on the letter head and indicate that it is for Poppies. Funds raised at these sales do not stay in the Post. They go to places and organizations like 'The Haven', 'USO', Marion VA Hospital, the 'Fischer House' at Jefferson Barracks, etc.

There has been some discussion about having pot luck meal before our next meeting. You could bring your significant other and a side dish and join in a little camaraderie. More on that in the next newsletter.

ATTEND MEETINGS. WE KEEP THEM SHORT
(AVERAGE TIME, ABOUT 30 MINUTES)