Update your contact information at: www.VFWPost8337

From the Commander: This month we salute: Post Surgeon Jeff Baster and West Coast Post Liaison Lee Patza! Jeff delivered our fourth shipments of clothes to Zablocik and Lee hosted 40 vets at his home on Veterans Day. We also salute: Our Judge Advocate Jeffery Budzis, our Quarter Master Lee Burnett, our Ladies Auxiliary, and the English Inn for coordinating another successful Christmas party attended by 48 members and guests, Santa Clause, our "Friends of Post 8337" certificate recipients Chuck Morevac and Gene Wagner and "Meritorious and Distinguished Service Award" recipient Bruce Sorenson.

Marching Orders for the Month:

Pay your \$25 annual dues via VFW Post 8337, PO Box 201, Ellison Bay, WI 54210 or on line via www.VFWPost8337.com. Carry Post' business cards to hand VFW eligible vets." Go to www.VFWPost8337.com to determine eligibility.

Important dates to remember:

- VFW Post 8337 Monthly Meeting: January 6, 2009 7 P.M.
- Veterans Service Council Meeting: January 27, 2009 1:30 P.M. Sturgeon Bay County Administration Building
- VFW District #8 Meeting: February 8, 2009 10 A.M. Ashwaubenon Community Center.

From Quarter Master Burnett: Call Lee's home 920 746-0357 or cell 920 559 9640:

- We have 3 X 5 flags at post cost, \$14.50. We also have post jackets on hand!
- We're ordering VFW tee shirts for sale from \$20 to \$24.
- Wilson Richardson name was drawn for \$160.00. You must be present to collect; he wasn't! All names go back in the hat! January drawing starts back at \$50.00.
- Only 4 new members are needed to reach our 100% membership goal. Please help us reach our goal. Call me with any questions.

May God bless and keep our brave men and women of our military and coalition forces

Yours in comradeship,

Richard Woldt

Commander VFW Post #833





Door County Veterans Solute Richard S. "Dixie" Davis Known also as "The Colonel"







Richard S. "Dixie" Davis Jr., 83, known as "The Colonel" to all his friends died Tuesday December 9, 2008 from congestive heart failure and a lost battle with cancer. He was taken by ambulance to Door County Memorial Hospital in the morning and laid down his weapon for the last time late that afternoon. Till the last role call, Dixie drove, marched, and recruited members for his VFW Post 8337 and American Legion Post 527 in Liberty Grove and AMVET Post 51 in Sturgeon Bay.

Dixie was born August 7, 1925 to Henriette and Richard Smith Davis.. graduated from Milwaukee County Day School in 1943 and subsequently the University of Wisconsin. He was a salesman for several companies in Milwaukee before moving to Door County, with his wife Marjorie Haskell Davis in 1989.

Enlisting at 18 he served during WWII, as a forward observer in Patton's Third Army...was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart, remained in the army reserve for nineteen years and retired with memories and a host of metals he wore proudly until the day he died.

Dixie was a patriot...vitally interested in military history, war stories, and comrades with messages from the front lines. He loved patriotic music especially when played "full volume" from his staff car during a parade. The Colonel always stood mission ready to lead a parade, organize a party, offer a helping hand, or just demonstrate life wasn't boring.

He loved to stir the pot... knowing his fellow vets stood ready to come to his aid if he was pinned down by enemy fire, local law enforcement, or anyone professing his tone was too loud, his opinion too honest or his baring too challenging for civilian' decorum.

He was generous... quick to compliment others, had a zest for life, and loved to make people laugh. He's survived by his daughter (Bonnie Powers - Seattle Washington), his sister (Meredith Davis Hart - Edina, Minnesota), a niece and nephew, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

His final orders included... "Cremate my body and hold my ashes for a final salute next summer. We'll post details at www.DoorCountyVeterans.com when they develop.

Rich Woldt – Commander VFW Post 8337