



**VFW-Paul McVey Post #1592**

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My name is Larry Keck and I am the Club Manager at the Paul McVey Post #1592 VFW in Charleston, IL. Our fraternity went live with Video Gaming in the spring of 2014. Since then, we have noticed a tremendous increase in revenue in our facility because of gaming. With the extra revenue, we are able to support local veterans, sponsor community events and hold fundraisers for our surrounding charities.

Our biggest priority at our VFW is to support our local veterans. We want to do as much as we can for our veterans with all the efforts they have given throughout their lifetime. When it comes down to it, we want to make sure our members know we are there for them in a time of need. With the additional help from the VGT's we can offer our members benefits and assistance for funeral services. Also, we send monthly donations to the Veteran's Affairs Hospital.

Secondly, our community would not be the same without the help of VGTs. Our fraternity is able to host dinners, live music, and weekly activities for our members and to the public. These events help bring in new members and increase foot traffic. We are also able to continue our sponsorships with local baseball and softball teams and offer scholarships to high school students to help continue their education.

All these factors that I have mentioned are what keeps the doors open and bringing people back to our fraternity. The atmosphere, stories, and the well-being of others is what we are here for. Without the help of the Video Gaming Machines we would not be able to enjoy the company of others.

On behalf of our fraternity, we would like to thank the Illinois Gaming Board for allowing us to continue to grow our business and to help our community strive through the hardships that we all face daily.

Larry Keck  
Club Manager