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# POST 134 NEWS



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## Commander's Report

By: Jan Lepinski

Greetings Comrades!

The day was hot and humid, with a brief thundershower, but the members of Post 134 had a great picnic. The food was great, and I would be remiss if I did not thank several people. First, kudos to Matt Ingram in his first event as Jr. Vice, he did a great job organizing it. Secondly, thanks to all who brought a dish to share...I think we have the best cooks in Chicago! Next, thanks to everyone who helped set up, tear down and all errands involved in a successful event. And last, but certainly not least, our Grillmaster, Jerry Coursey...You Rock!

As I sit here in my room at American Legion National Convention, I cannot help but reflect on what an extraordinary group of men and women we are. Your generosity has humbled me! Thanks to all of you, we were able to raise well over a thousand dollars for the commander's fund, and will be able to do a lot of good with that money this year. Congratulations to the three winners: Donald Swanson - \$516.18; Bob Mersch - \$309.70; and James Cajda - \$206.48. Thank you, everyone, for your support.

On Friday, NEC Ken Trumbull, PC Joe Piento, PC David Lee, PC Joe Hedrick, Auxiliary President Donna Hedrick, and I had the opportunity to go on the National Security Council tour of Ft. Knox. It was a long and hot day, but we saw the Patton Museum, got up close with our current armored vehicles and some of the men who had taken them into battle in Iraq, and even participated in the computerized training that they go through to operate these amazing vehicles.

Saturday, I had the good fortune to represent the Department of Illinois on the Economic Commission. I was amazed at the role this commission plays in the role of one of our pillars, Care of the Veteran. We listened to several presentations from organizations, including the VA, OPM, IRS, Homeland Security, and several civilian companies. We also sponsored a job fair for veterans and our Wounded Warriors. I had the opportunity to speak with many of them, including a young man from Schaumburg, and was again humbled in their presence.

I call on each of us to reach out and offer a hand of assistance to our returning service men and women (Yes, we had 3 female Wounded Warriors). If you know of an employer who would benefit from having an employee of outstanding character, I encourage you to contact them and promote hiring of one of our Wounded Warriors. They can contact the American Legion for more information on how to help.

Thank you for this incredible journey!

Still Serving America!

# September, 2009

## Auxiliary Message

By: Donna Hedrick

We had our budget meeting this month and it was well attended but we can always have more participation. Barbara Anderson went to Hines and Esther Robledo and Tom Stockenberg went to Jesse Brown for Bingo this month. I attended the National American Legion Auxiliary convention in Louisville. I will have a report at our next meeting. Our next meeting is September 8th at 7PM. Please try to attend. We have some new items on the agenda for this year. I hope to see some new faces at our meetings this year. Our installation will be Sunday, October 5, 2009.

Donna



## Gone but not forgotten

PC Donald Huber, 48 year member  
August Di Grazia – 57 year member  
Leroy Gunter – 58 year member  
Nicholas Guttilla – 4 year member  
Paul Schalk – 49 year member

# WELCOME

Post 134 would like to welcome the following new members:

David Tibbetts  
Robert Ewart  
Amanda Page  
Shawn Lovely  
Christine Godoy  
Brian Grego  
Daniel Smith  
Xavier Thorns  
Sgt. Steven Page  
Jastina Rehn  
Matthew Finnigan  
Joey Santiago  
Sgt. Japan Misetr  
Cesar Romeo  
Alexander Cooke  
Anthony Buyron  
Joel Alliares  
Sv-San Kim  
Karil Courtenay  
Jovany Galarra  
Gioranna Maldonado  
Jonathan Garcia  
Robert Biebrach  
Mitchell Wiberg  
Zachary Pisots  
Jonathon Bezronil  
Kevin Foy  
James Stack  
Cardos Ioan  
Christopher Lee  
Daniel Wilner  
Sang Jim Han  
Filonna Thomas

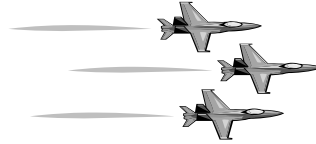
#### Transfers into Post 134:

Chester Kamys  
James Gatz  
Robert Biebrach

#### CORPORATION NOTICE

The Corporation By-Laws have been revised and updated. If you would like a copy of the proposed by-laws you will have to submit a written request to  
P.C. Joe Piento, American Legion,  
6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053.

# Events Calendar



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday thru Friday 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm and on Sundays 12:30 to 5:00 pm.

## SEPTEMBER

SEPT 2	1st Division Meeting @ 854	6:00 PM
SEPT 8	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 PM
SEPT 10	Rifle Squad	7:30 PM]
SEPT 14	Corporation Meeting	7:30 PM
SEPT 16	7th District @1226	7:30 PM
SEPT 18	Commander's Homecoming US Air Force Birthday	7:00 PM
SEPT 19	DEC	1:00 PM
SEPT 21	Executive Board	7:30 PM
SEPT 25	Post Meeting	7:30 PM

## OCTOBER

OCT 4	Post 134 Joint Installation	5:00 PM
OCT 7	7th Dist. Auxiliary @ 134	7:30 PM
OCT 8	Rifle Squad	7:30 PM
OCT 9	Friday Nite Dinner	5:00 PM
OCT 12	Corporation Meeting	7:30 PM
OCT 13	Auxiliary Unit 134 Meeting	7:00 PM
OCT 17	PP/PC Annual Dinner	
OCT 19	Executive Board	7:30 PM
OCT 21	7th Dist. 791 @ 134	7:30 PM
OCT 22	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 PM

## GUN RANGE ACTIVITIES

MON.	GUN CLUB PISTOL SHOOT	All
TUES.	SENIOR GUN CLUB	range
WED.	JUNIOR GUN CLUB	functions
THURS.	ARLINGTON HTS. CLUB	begin
FRI.	OPEN SHOOT	approx.
4th & 5th FRI.	AIR RIFLES	7:30 pm

**CHECK WITH RANGE OFFICER FOR EXACT TIMES.**

## POST 134 August Meeting News

### **Sr. Vice Commander**

Bill read the financial report in Joe Hedrick's absence.

by: Bill Smith

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander**

Sandwiches and cookies were served at the August Post meeting.

by: Wally Zawisza

### **Asst. Adjutant**

Legion computer has been updated and anti-virus program installed. The memory has been increased. Post 134 website is up and running. Web address is **MortonGrovePost134.org**. Will set up user accounts on Legion computer.

by: Kurt Lepinski

### **Rifle Squad Commander**

The Rifle Squad attended the services for Edward Szymiski.

by: Bob Ferraro

### **Service Officer**

Chaplain Phil was in the hospital last week. He is at home now taking it easy. Larry Haun was admitted to Rush North Shore on August 12<sup>th</sup>. William Muzyka had heart surgery at Good Shepard and Al Abuja was admitted to St. Francis Hospital on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

by: PC Don Stotz

### **VA & Rehab**

\$75 went to Army Family Support Group car wash. 35 Blue Star Banners were sent to 913<sup>th</sup> Medical Group and 29 Blue Star Banners went to the 95<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

by: Kurt Lepinski

### **Poppy Day**

We are missing 4 plaques. If you collected more than \$200 we need your plaque to update. We are not buying new plaques: we are updating the one you have. If you have a plaque, turn it in.

by: Kurt Lepinski

### **New Business**

John Slater will present a plaque to the Past Service Officer, Al Abuja, in appreciation of his 20 years as Service Officer. John also submitted some old pictures of Post 134 for the memorial room. Approval for pictures will be submitted to Phil and Ron.

The family of Edward Szymiski sent a thank you letter and a \$300.00 donation.

Kevin Neuhengen sent a thank you letter for our support with his Eagle Scout project to send WWII veterans to Washington DC.

## **Jr. Vice Commander's Report**

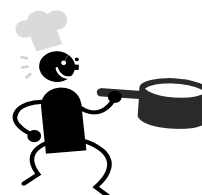
**By: Matthew Ingram**

Despite the sweltering weather and a brief thunder shower, this year's annual picnic was a success. A crowd of over 100 turned up for food and festivities. A great many people helped to make this event successful, but special thanks goes to:

Jerry Coursey, Commander SAL  
Cheryl Cubine, Auxiliary and Beloved Newsletter Editor  
Sgt.-at-Arms Bob Ferraro  
PC David Lee  
Commander Jan Lepinski  
Recording Adjutant Kurt Lepinski  
Greg Nelson, Sr. Vice Commander SAL  
NEC Ken Trumbull  
Dave Wisniewski, SAL  
Casey Bachara  
SAL Member, Wally Welder

Also, a special thanks goes to Auxiliary Unit 208's Vice President Susan Heinz-Wojcik for the generous donation towards the picnic.

It's never too early to start making plans for upcoming events like the Veteran's Day Celebration and New Year's Eve Party; they will be here before you know it. Be sure to watch the upcoming newsletters for announcements on these events and plan to spend those evenings celebrating with the American Legion Family.



## **FRIDAY NITE DINNER**

**October 16, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

**\$6.00 a person (may be a little more)**

**The menu is still to be determined.**

**RSVP to Sandra or David Lee at (847)**

**359-4699 no later than October 2,  
2009.**



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