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The American Legion POST 134 NEWS



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2010 1st place winner in the State of Illinois Post Newsletter Contest

Commander's Message

By: William J. Smith

You may or may not know that we have members of the Legion and Auxiliary who visit Veteran's Hospitals each month. This is a great way to show support to our boys. We have been doing this a long time now; it's very rewarding. We play games with them like Bingo, bring them cards and things they ask for, stuff they can't get in the exchange at the hospital, canteen cards so that they can get non-hospital food and other items. We also call on them on special days a year like Christmas's, their birthday, Fourth of July, etc.

The people who go regularly to the Hines VA are: Barbara and Victor Anderson, Evelyn Ross, and Ray Ariaz, our Second Junior Vice. The people who go regularly to the Jesse Brown VA are: Joe and Donna Hedrick, Ester Robledo, and Tom Stockenberg.

Of course, we could use a few good people to join us. By doing so you would be bringing to them a little "light", a bus trip to a zoo perhaps, or some other monotony breaking activity. If you've ever been in a military hospital, you know what it's like.

So, I'm designating the Month of March as the *VISIT A VET MONTH, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE*. And for those who have been so faithful, I'd like to take all of you to dinner at the Des Plaines Elks. My wife, Myrna will be coordinating this with you.

april, 2011



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

By: Donna Hedrick
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National sent out dues notices in January. They did not have an updated roster of paid dues. If you have paid your dues for this year, please do not send them in again. If you have any questions, you can call me, 847-965-1774.

We gave \$2,000 for the Nurse's Scholarship and \$1,000 for the Education Scholarship. This will be three scholarships that we will give to on behalf of the Department of Illinois Auxiliary.

Lynne Weaver and I attended the Patriotic Conference in Urbana. They had some wonderful speakers. Our two Illini Girls State Senators spoke. It was an enjoyable two days.

I am still looking for a Girls State Candidate. She should be a junior in high school. If you know of any girl that may be interested, please call me. Speaking of Girls State, our Girl Stater from last year spoke at our March meeting. She really enjoyed herself and said that it was a great experience.

If you have not attended a meeting this year, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 o'clock in the community room.

Calendar Meeting

Just a reminder, the next Calendar Meeting will be on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room.

The Chaplain's Corner

MUSINGS FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Things I'm thinking about today, March 21st, the first day of Spring and . . . Lill's and my wedding anniversary . . .

The Cubs starting a new season - hope they do better this year!

The White Sox looking good - enough pictures of Ozzie, Reinsdorf and Williams - hope Ozzie's kid keeps his mouth shut! If the Sox don't win, fire Ozzie!

If the Cubs don't win, forgive them again!

The Bulls are looking like #1 - great!

I like the Chicago Wolves.

The Chicago Rush should do good.

Hope the Bears get new owners!

The Blackhawks were awesome last night - hope the trend continues. Wishful thinking - would like to see another Stanley Cup!

All the Chicago sports teams are looking better . . . even the Fire.

P.S. We can do without lingerie football!!!

Hope you all have a wonderful Spring and Summer.

Blessings to all, Chaplain Phil



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Wallace Versten passed away on March 13, 2011.

SAL Elections, 2011

The SAL Elections will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at noon.

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.

APRIL 2011

Apr 2	Dept. Spring DEC	
Apr 6	1 st Div. @ 854	6:00 pm
Apr 9	Public Initiation	2:00 pm
Apr 11	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 12	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr 14	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 20	7 th District @ 42	7:00 pm
Apr 22	Eggstravaganza	
Apr 25	Executive Board	7:30 pm
	Calendar Meeting	6:00 pm
Apr 28	Post Meeting	7:30 pm
	Post Everlasting	
APR 30	1 st Division PC Luncheon	2:00 pm



May, 2011

MAY 7	Kentucky Derby @ 134	3:30 pm
MAY 9	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
MAY 10	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
MAY 12	Rifle Squad Elections	7:30 pm
MAY 14	Armed Forces Dinner	6:00 pm
MAY 18	7 th Dist. Election & Post Everlasting @ 134	7:00 pm
MAY 19-21	POPPY DAYS	
MAY 22	SAL Elections	12:00 pm
MAY 23	Calendar Meeting	6:00 pm
	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
MAY 26	Post Mtg., Elections	7:30 pm
MAY 29	Memorial Day Parade	12:30 pm

POST 134 March Executive Meeting News

Financial Report

Moved and accepted

PC Joe Hedrick

Commander

Bill Smith

Poppy Days coming up. We will recognize the people who go to the hospitals at the meeting. Giving 4 certificates for members with 50 years to the Adjutant to start recognition. Gun club is submitting 3 proposals for the gun range to the village. Start with the simple estimate first and run a test. 2nd calendar meeting 6PM before the next Exec Board. Questioned why the Rifle Squad did not attend a wake Sunday. Rifle Squad Commander said she called the funeral home and they never called back. Wake was attended by the service officer. Flags are at the funeral home from the last wake. 5 people will receive shirts at the meeting for Past Poppy Day collections.

Sr Vice Commander

Matt Ingram

Membership is at 643 only 77.19%. Public Initiation is April 9th at 1pm. Need volunteers for the event. Also need to get the equipment and script.

1st Jr. Vice Commander

Kurt Lepinski

St Patrick's Day dinner Ken Trumbull did the cooking and a lot of work. Event made a profit..

2nd Vice Commander

Ray Ariaz

Sloppy Joes is the menu for Thursday.

Adjutant

PC Joe Hedrick

Need to decide to support the Lions Wrestling Corporate sponsor is \$200. Morton Grove Days requested their \$2000 for Fireworks.

Village Liaison

PC Joe Hedrick

As reported met with the village to keep them up to date on what is happening on the gun range.

Public Relations

PC Joe Hedrick

Wednesday the 23rd we are co-sponsoring a Morton Grove Chamber after hours, a monthly event sponsored by a chamber member. We are participating in the Morton Grove Welcome Wagon. We have a brochure "Why You Should Belong" in each package.

Corp President

PC Ron Daum

Fund balance will be given Thursday. Stock market is doing very well. Election of Officers: PC Ron Daum President, PC Ken Trumbull Vice President, PC Phil Hutchins 2nd Vice President, Kurt Lepinski Secretary, PC Joe Piento Treasurer. Looking for volunteers to put up bunting when a member passes.

Service Officer

PC Don Stotz

Sympathy card and check to family of Wallace Versten. On the sick list is Joe Bartusiak. Letter to the relatives who will be at the Post Everlasting Ceremony.

Awards

PC Don Stotz

Three applications received. Committee selected one.

Chaplin

PC Phil Hutchins

Operations next month but will be at the meeting.

Community Service

PC Phil Hutchins

Everything is in good shape. We will raffle off the Olympic jacket at the next meeting.

Poppy Day

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Preparing letter for the Merchants.

SAL

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Has not received any correspondence or calls from the SAL.

Veterans Affairs

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Further information later.

Rifle Squad

PC Jan Lepinski

Preparing for Post Everlasting.

Morton Grove Days

PC Jerry Weaver

Need an insurance certificate for our sponsorship for the concert in the park.

Auxiliary

Donna Hedrick

Girls Stater came to the last meeting and gave a good report. We gave \$200 to the nurses scholarship and \$1000 to the education scholarship. Attended the Patriotic Conference with Lynn Weaver.

New Business

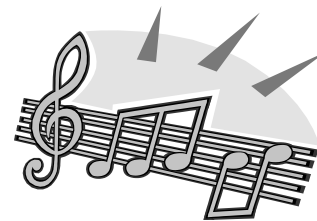
Morton Grove Lions Wrestling Tournament, need a motion to sponsor the event. Motion made and passed. Motion made and passed to purchase 10 tickets to the Armed Forces Dinner.

"BURN YOUR OWN STEAK"



Friday, April 22, 2011
\$10.00 a person
4:30 pm

The weather is getting nice so come out and burn your steak with us. All steaks will be marinated 12 ozs or more with a baked potato and corn on the cob. You must call for reservations so we'll have enough steaks. RSVP with Ken or Cheryl at (847) 663-0539 by Tuesday, April 19th.



American Legion, Post 134,
will sponsor
Concert in the Park

Tuesday, June 26, 2011, 7:00 pm
Harrer Park Pavilion (north end)
6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove

Entertainment will be the New Invaders and Post 134 will be serving up Italian beef, Kosher franks, chips and Pepsi products. It'll be fun so support your post by attending.

