



Post 134

"Still Serving America"

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Commander's Message By: Mathew Ingram

Comrades,

Thanks to everyone for the efforts they put in to make the Patriots Day commemoration ceremony a success. It was very well attended, and the Rifle Squad and the Americanism committee did a great job coordinating with the Village Fire and Police Departments to make it an event to remember.

Also a great many thanks to every Legion Family member who gave our beloved Chaplain Phil Hutchins his final send off. The family of Chaplain Phil was very grateful for the final respects that the American Legion paid to our fallen comrade. To assume Chaplain Phil's responsibilities for the remainder of my term, I have appointed PC Mel Baity to chairman of the Community Service Committee, PC Jan Lepinski to Chaplain, and PC Joe Piento to chairman of the memorial room. Please support these Past Commanders in execution of their new duties and show them the same respect that you showed Phil.

Be sure to attend our upcoming Friday night social events and also our Oktoberfest celebration, it is a good way to build camaraderie among the Post and the price of the meals can't be beat.

Semper Fidelis,
Commander Ingram



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Warren Unrath, 7 year post member, passed away
September 18, 2011.

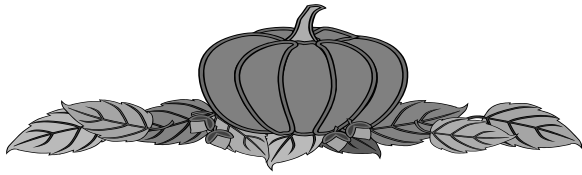
October, 2011



On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 2011, Post 134 will be sponsoring their 5th annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the Navy Recruits. If you can stop by to say hello to the Navy Recruits sometime during the day, it would be nice. We had a large crowd last year.

Also, anyone wanting to volunteer or donate/bake something for the sweet table, it would be greatly appreciated. If you want to drop off your sweets a day or two early, the Post will be open from 3:30-8 p.m. Thanksgiving Day will run from approximately 9 am to 4 pm. Club 134, upstairs, will be open from noon 6 pm.

If you have any questions call: Casey Bachara (847) 299 3613 or Joe Gesicki (847) 966 4889. If you wish to make a donation towards this worthy event, please make checks payable to Thanksgiving Committee, American Legion Post 134.



OKTOBERFEST

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 134

6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove

Saturday, October 15, 2011

3:00 pm

Ribs, fries, baked beans, and Oktoberfest beer (first drink is free).

\$10.00 a person in advance or \$12.00 at the door.

Please call Ken to RSVP before Oct., 12th at (847) 663-0539

"SOCIAL NIGHT"

Friday, November 18, 2011

5:30 pm

\$7.00 a person

We are bringing back our Friday Night Socials so come out and eat with friends. We are serving Sloppy Joes with potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, veggies and dessert.

You must call for reservations so we have enough food. RSVP with Ron or Betty at (773) 625-2898 by Monday, November 14, 2011.

AARP DRIVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM

November 12th and 19th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Veterans and their spouses are free. Registration is required. Call the Senior Hotline at 847-470-5223 for more information.



events calendar

CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday thru Friday 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

October, 2011

Oct 1	SAL Bags Tournament	11:00 am
Oct 5	7 th Dist. Auxiliary	7:30 pm
Oct 10	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 11	Unit 134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 13	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
	US Navy Birthday	
Oct 15	Oktoberfest	3:00 pm
Oct 19	7 th District @ 791	7:30 pm
Oct 24	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 27	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm

November, 2011

Nov 2	7 th Dist. Auxiliary	7:30 pm
Nov 5	Veteran's Day Dance	
Nov 6	Veteran's Day Parade	12:30 pm
Nov 7	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 8	Unit 134 Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 10	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
	Marine Corp Birthday	
Nov 11	Veteran's Day	
Nov 14	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 16	7 th Dist. Meeting @ 134	7:30 pm
Nov 17	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 18	Social Night	5:30 pm
Nov 24	"Adopt a Sailor" Thanksgiving	9:00 am

GUN RANGE

The Village Attorney says the Sale Agreement specifies we adhere to OSHA standards. As a result, we've made more changes to the airflow, and we've scheduled another air test for Oct. 4, 2011. We've also located a source for "green" .22 ammo and purchased five boxes. Stay tuned.

POST 134 September Executive Board Minutes

Finance Report

by: PC Joe Hedrick

Finance Reported accepted with the following corrections: The finance report doesn't reflect that there is \$200.00 for Toys for Tots. Second page on Finance Report says 2010-2011 should say 2011-2012. ?? Jan hasn't used any of her \$300. On report #42 is under wrong name, should be under Post Commander's Fund. National Convention checks have not been dispersed. All paperwork has been turned into Finance Officer. Finance Officer will pass out checks after meeting. Finance Report misspelled Lepinski and Lampert's name. Jr. Vice Commander, Joe Lampert, questioned cost of \$31.00 under his Jr. Vice Fund. PC Hedrick reminded Joe Lampert that \$31.00 was for his business cards. Commander Ingram asked that this cost be taken out of his Commander's fund. 7th Dist. Jr. Vice expense is under Sr. Vice expense. Should be changed to 7th District Vice Commander. Finance Report accepted with corrections.

Commander

by: Mathew Ingram

PC Batty has been appointed to Community Service. Lill Hutchins sent special request to add a thank you letter to the October newsletter. Post cannot put personal requests in newsletter, but PC Don Stotz will read Lill's thank you at the Post Meeting on September 21, 2011. Commander thanked PC Don Stotz for the excellent job done by the Rifle Squad and other participating members at the 9/11 Ceremony. The Police Dept. and Fire Chief thanked the Commander for all our help. They are looking forward to working with us again. The shortened Parade route is approved for Veterans Day. Veteran's Day Dinner and Dance might be different this year. More info to come. We have a Marine, Alex Brown from Morton Grove that is returning home. We will have a welcome back celebration this Thursday, Sept. 21st from 6:30 - 8:30 pm upstairs at the Post. Alex Brown went to high school at Niles West. He was also in the Village of Morton Grove Care Package program. Need to find out who is going to drive him to the Post on Thursday. Alex will say a few words at the Post Meeting. The Commander thanked PC Trumbull for putting this welcome together.

Sr. Vice Commander

by: Kurt Lepinski

Turned in 395 members and we are currently at 67%. The Department records show us at 52%. PC Trumbull and PC Piento will take the cards down to Department on Friday, Sept. 22, 2011.

Jr. Vice Commander

by: Joe Lampert

Need to order more New Year's Eve hats. Joe Lampert has catalog to order more hats.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

by: Ray Ariaz

Will serve chicken at the next Post meeting.

Adjutant

by: PC Ken Trumbull

The officers and I had a conversation about NYE, St. Patrick's Day, Public Initiation and Installation. We always have the same 3 or 4 people who set up and dismantle the hall for such events. This is a problem because after we do all the set up we are dirty and tired and the event hasn't even started. Would like to make a motion to make sure we have a Village houseman at such events to set up and dismantle after the function. Motion made to have village houseman and motion seconded. We are also responsible for other functions that we sponsor such as the 8th Air Force and Gun Club. We are responsible if things need to be cleaned up afterwards. Mentioned this to PC Joe Hedrick about the Air Force and he says they only meet once in a while. If they are going to move their events upstairs, they need to talk to PC Hedrick. Motion was made to have the village set up and dismantle after events. Motion seconded. Motion carries.

Service Officer

by: PC Don Stotz

Warren Unrath passed away on September 18, 2011. No post member in the hospital this month. Read thank you from Lill Hutchins thanking the legion members for their participation in Phil's wake and funeral. PC Stotz asked for a recent copy of the membership roster. Adjutant made 2 copies will give one to PC Stotz.

Poppy Days

by PC Ken Trumbull

PC Trumbull asked if Poppy Days report for May 2011 was sent to Niles. This is required annually to get permission to solicit in Niles. PC Hedrick said he thinks he sent it and he will send again. Poppy plaques need to be updated.

Corporation

by: PC Ken Trumbull

Ron wasn't feeling well, but he will be at the post meeting. He has no report other than money from Post has not been transferred to Corporation.

Public Relations

by: PC Joe Hedrick

Things are coming up. Will do PR on our Veteran's Day Parade and upcoming New Year's Eve Party.

Children & Youth

by: PC Joe Piento

The caps for the hospitals are ordered.

Rifle Squad

by: PC Don Stotz

Rifle Squad has ordered new blouses. They are having a few problems with them. Some adjustments need to be made on a few orders. Flags were presented at 9/11 Ceremony. Commander Ingram thanked everyone involved. Request was made to order golf shirts for service flag holders. We have a local vendor for this, and service flag holders can pay for their individual shirts.

SAL

by: Mathew Ingram

Finance report will be given at Post meeting on Thursday. SAL Commander Coursey asked for a beer truck for the Bags Tournament. Any charges applied will have to be paid by SAL. Talked to Malarkey on Saturday. Do we have to get permission from the village to have a beer truck on the grounds? The grounds and patio are reserved from 11-3:00 pm. SAL has to be out by 3:00. Do we have the grounds? PC Hedrick will make sure. SAL will have to pay \$50.00 for the bar fee. PP/PC Dinner - hall is still reserved on Jackie's calendar. PC Hedrick to make sure the hall is cancelled.

MG Days/Park District Liaison

by: PC Jerry Weaver

Next event is Halloween. There is \$300.00 in fund for Halloween. Last year we had 6 volunteers that helped. The Event is on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 5:30 pm. Ingram, Trumbull, Lampert, Slater and Weaver have volunteered. Received letter from Liz Goodman, Park District, about next year's Concerts in the Park. The 3 yearly functions for the Park District are Eggstraveganzza, Concert in the Park and Halloween. The Post donates \$1,000 yearly to the fireworks on the 4th of July. Money goes to whoever is in charge of the event. It may be the Park District or the Village. PC Hedrick says we do have a separate budget for Morton Grove Days carnival. PC Weaver should attend the MG Days meetings.

Memorial Room

by: PC Joe Piento

Commander Ingram appointed PC Joe Piento to the Memorial Room.

Has key to room but needs locker keys.

PP/PC Dinner

by: PC Jan Lepinski

PP/PC Dinner is not on the Post calendar. PC Lepinski and PP Hedrick are searching for a restaurant that serves family style. We may have to move it into the November. We are looking at Nov. 12th or 19th. We will have drinks at the post. PC Hedrick needs to cancel main hall for Oct. 22, 2011.

Historian

by: PC Jan Lepinski

I will order the book and start to assemble the Historian book now and build on that throughout the year.

New Business

Bill will not be at Post meeting. We need to pass the cap to collect money for Past Commander's gift. Commander Ingram will ask to pass the cap during the Post meeting on Sept. 21. Roger James, Commander of Post 36 in Des Plaines has asked us to mention their Golf Outing at the Indian Bounty Golf Course.

Auxiliary Message By: Myrna Smith (847) 673-2197

They've done it again, made me President for this year, so you'll hear from me every month in the newsletter.

So far Auxiliary met this month. As starters: My thanks to Anne Marrazzo for helping to set up and clean up for refreshments. To Terry Selzer, "How ya doin' girlfriend, be well". To our Evie Ross, take care of yourself. No more illness or hospital news.

