



# Post 134

*"Still Serving America"*

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## **Commander's Message** **By: Mathew Ingram**

Legionnaires,

Post 134 will once again be supporting the Morton Grove Park District's Eggstravaganza and Easter Egg Hunt this year on April 6. Our Morton Grove Days/Park District Liaison PC Jerry C. Weaver encourages anyone that would like to help with this event to contact him. The SAL is hosting a cards night on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> in the Post 134 Clubroom. Contact the SAL Commander Jerry Coursey for more information on how to participate in the fun.

With the elections being held in May, now is the time to act if you want to be slated for an officer's position in the Post. Any Legionnaire in good standing can run for office so long as he or she is nominated from the floor on the night of the election, but it is beneficial to the candidates to be known in advance so that absentee voters can cast their vote for a particular candidate in the case of a contested election. As of right now, we have the following candidates:

Candidate for Commander: Kurt Lepinski

Candidate for Sr. Vice: Joe Lampert

Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice: Ray Ariaz

Candidate for Finance Officer: PC Joe Hedrick

If you would like to run, let one of the officers know now so we can post it in the newsletter for next month.



Our Memorial Day Parade and ceremony is just around the corner. If you would like to participate, I highly encourage you to do so. If you know of someone that we could bestow the honor of being our guest speaker for the event. Please let me or the Sr. Vice Commander know.

Still Serving America,

Mathew Ingram  
Post 134 Commander

Congratulations to Morton Grove Police Officer Dennis Johnson for being selected as Morton Grove, Post 134, Peace Officer of the Year 2012. (Officer Johnson center)



Congratulations to our new  
Corporation Officers

Ken Trumbull, President  
Joseph Hedrick, Vice President  
Joseph Piento, Finance Officer  
Kurt Lepinski, Secretary

Auxiliary Message  
by: Myrna Smith

Let me first address my absence from the newsletter. The reasons are immaterial and not worth discussion. What IS important is that we are together again.

The auxiliary is coming along nicely, thank you. We just had our March meeting that went well. We welcomed back a long time member, Sharon Marten. We are delighted she's joined us.

Our faithful ladies are still attending to our Vets at the various hospitals. Though, for a time, we backed off of North Chicago. The new liaison is and wants to be cooperative, and we are glad to add these vets again to our fold. As you know, all good that we can do for our vets is our goal. With all my heart, let me say, "God bless you all."

GUN RANGE UPDATE  
by: Bill Petersen

Hi all. Well, we finally finished up with 3 air walls designed and built by John McGuire. We designed and installed air diverters in the air ducts above the air walls to force the air down into the air walls. We also boxed in the top and bottom of the shooting positions so all the smokes and air will only travel through each shooting position instead of under and over the top. That made a substantial increase in the airflow in the right direction. Right now it's not pretty but looks is not the issue at this point. We are making arrangements to have the range tested again for only airflow because we already passed the lead test. Hopefully all this should be completed soon. As I hear more I'll send out an update and hopefully it will be good news. Keep your fingers crossed.

# Events Calendar



**CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday thru Friday  
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm and Sunday, Noon to 4:00  
pm.**

## April, 2012

Apr 4	7 <sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary	7:30 pm
Apr 6	Eggstravaganza	
Apr 7	SAL cards night	
Apr 9	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 10	Unit 134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr 12	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 14	Spring DEC, Bloomington	
Apr 18	7 <sup>th</sup> District @ 42	7:00 pm
Apr 23	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 26	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm
	Post Everlasting	

## May, 2012

May 2	7 <sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary	7:00 pm
May 8	134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
May 10	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
May 14	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
May 16	7 <sup>th</sup> Dist., Post Everlasting	7:00 pm
May 17-19	POPPY DAYS	
May 19	Armed Forces Dinner	
May 21	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
May 24	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm
May 27	Memorial Day Parade	12:30
May 28	Memorial Day	

## POST 134 Minutes from March 22, 2012 Meeting

### **Visitors**

We presented the Peace Officer of the Year, 2012 award to Dennis Johnson, a Morton Grove Police Officer. Mark Erickson, Chief of Police, was present for the award.

**Financial Report** by: PC Joe Hedrick  
Finance Report approved subject to audit.

**Commander** by: Mathew Ingram  
We are preparing for the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2012. We are looking for a guest speaker. If you know of anyone, contact me. Chairmen reports are due by soon. Please turn in your reports to Adjutant Ken Trumbull by May. Evanston Post 42 is having a Wheelchair Games Fundraiser on April 14, 2012 from 5:00-8:00 pm. \$12.00 a person.

**VA&R** by: Commander Ingram  
Donated \$100 to the Hines Windy City Athletes.

**SAL** by: Commander Ingram  
Winter Horseshoe event was a great success. The next SAL event will be their cards night on Saturday, April 7, 2012.

**Sr. Vice Commander** by: Joe Lampert  
We have 722 members and are at 105.1%. Are asking to increase the Softball line of the Finance Report by \$500.00 for the softball team in conjunction with the SAL. Motion seconded and approved.

**Jr. Vice Commander** by: Joe Lampert  
St. Pat's Day was a big success. The food was great thanks to Wally Z and Ken Trumbull, and we had a lot of people including a few walk-ins. Thanks to Ken and Wally for all their help.

**Americanism** by: Jac Charlier  
Sunday, John Slater gave out an Eagle Scout certification, and Monday we handed out the Eagle Scout Order Review certificate. Boys State applications are in, and if anyone needs one please contact John Slater or Jac Charlier. Post 134 will cover all costs for Boys State and that's including transportation. Jac and John also have applications for the Youth Police Program being held on June 24-29. You must be a boy or girl that is between 14-16 years old.

**Adjutant** by: PC Ken Trumbull  
Department sent certifications out to Ken Trumbull, Joe Lampert and Joe Piento thanking them for their participation in the Oratorical contest.

**Service Office** by: PC Don Stotz  
No illnesses or deaths this month.

**Awards** by: PC Don Stotz  
Received a few resumes for the Life Membership Award. The vote will be made at the Rifle Squad meeting on April 12, 2012.

**Village Liaison** by: PC Joe Hedrick  
Working with the Village for the Memorial Day Parade. We are in the process of notifying IDOT about the route. Don't forget that Club 134 is open for private parties for members once a year. You must use our liquor and bartenders for your party.

**Corporation** by: PC Ken Trumbull  
The Corporation elections were held. Ken Trumbull is President, Joe Piento is Vice President, Joe Lampert is Jr. Vice and Kurt Lepinski is the Secretary. Corporation will continue as usual.

**Poppy Day** by: PC Ken Trumbull  
Volunteers are needed for Poppy Days on May 17-19, 2012. Going to send out request for solicitation to Niles and Morton Grove.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice Commander** by: Ray Ariaz  
Nano's Pizza was served at the meeting.

**Park District** by: PC Jerry Weaver  
We are planning the Eggstravaganza event. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jerry. We are going to sponsor the Concert in the Park this year in conjunction with the SAL.

**New Business**  
Joe Gesicki is on vacation but he sent the commander a license plate from Sanibel, FL, Post 123.

The Trust Fund Committee had an election from the floor for a Post 134 member. Ron Daum was elected for this position. The Trust Fund Committee consists of Mathew Ingram, Joe Hedrick, Ken Trumbull and Ron Daum.

## Attention

### Post 134 Members

The 134 Clubroom is open on Saturdays for parties. The only rule is you must use our bar services. If you are interested in having a party in the Club Room or you have any questions, contact Joe Hedrick at (847) 212-5336.