



# Tinley Park Post 615

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## Newsletter Format

This newsletter has taken on a new format in that it is now being written to include all members of Post 615, Women's Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders. Feedback on improving our newsletter is welcome.

### Post News

Nominations for post officers were made at our March meeting. They are:

Commander: Mike Gibbons

Sr. Vice Commander: Dave Monte

Jr. Vice Commander: Bob Shaffner

Finance Officer: Jim Whalen

Sgt. at Arms: Joe LePore

Chaplain: Sean Minor

Election of post officers will be held at the May meeting scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Other nominations can be made prior to the vote. Everyone voting must present his/her 2009 membership card.

Also, at this meeting our post will be presenting awards to this year's recipients of The Premier Boy's State.

The annual Ray Anderson Sock Hop that was held in February was a complete success as over 100 people attended and danced away the night enjoying music from the 50's and 60's, as well as, eating sloppy joes and potato chips. Fun was had by all.

The American Legion birthday was celebrated with complimentary sub sandwiches in the lounge. These were accompanied by salads. Thanks Frank Mulcahy for coordinating this.

St. Patty's day in the lounge featured complimentary corned beef sandwiches. Corned beef was cooked by the famous "CB Chef" Wes! Compliments to him and the chief slicer – Joe Connolly. Thanks to both for their contributions.

**Phone Blast** continues to be a vehicle in which information about post events is disseminated to members via recorded message as a mass phone. Please don't hang up until you have heard the entire message.

### Annual Dues

Annual membership fees were due in August for the current year. . If you are receiving this newsletter and haven't paid your dues, please do so ASAP to continue your benefits of American Legion membership. **Your continuing membership is very important to the causes of veterans in this country. Thanks to all who have paid in a timely manner.**

### Upcoming 2009 Post events

**April 25** – Poker from 2 pm until 2 am.

**Memorial Day** activities include flag placement on graves (May 1) and Memorial Day visit to cemeteries, remembrance ceremony at the Tinley Park Village Hall

**Jun 28<sup>th</sup>**- Post Picnic w/ Manteno vets

### Post 615 Meeting dates

**All Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month (except election days) starting at 7:30 PM.**

April 21 – May 5 – June 2

### District meetings

**All Meetings are on Thursdays and start at 8:00pm.**

**May 28<sup>th</sup>**- Evergreen Park Post

**Jun. 28<sup>th</sup>**- Hazel Crest Post

### Post 615 Web Page

[www.post615.com](http://www.post615.com)

The Post web site is newly designed by Norm Pestlin and available to all on the internet. Please visit on a regular basis to keep informed of post news and events. Links to pertinent veteran sites are also on the site. Thanks Norm for the time spent in maintaining our site.

### Color Guard

The color guard needs your participation as past events have had only a few people attending. Let's all show support in helping to display our colors and be proud of our Post.



## American Legion Auxiliary #615

- Auxiliary members were present at the Flag raising ceremony for the Riders.
- Congratulation to Sarah Holup (TP High) - 1<sup>st</sup> place Americanism essay contest
- Thanks to members for helping to recruit during the Discover Tinley. Our unit has been approached to take over the concession for future dates.
- Congratulations to Joanie Lewis on her nomination for 8<sup>th</sup> District President
- May 6<sup>th</sup>- election of officers. Vacancies that need to be filled are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Poppy Days – May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheet will be posted.



## Sons of The American Legion

Jim Borgman, Commander

### Upcoming S.A.L. events

- April 28<sup>th</sup> - Squadron meeting – Officer nominations
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - National Executive Meeting – Indianapolis, IN
- May 20<sup>th</sup> - Honor Flight Chicago – WWII Vets visit monuments erected in their honor in Washington, D.C. – volunteers needed
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Armed Forces Day – spend the day helping a Vet
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Squadron meeting – Officer elections
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Flag retirement ceremony Squadron 738 – Deerfield
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Squadron meeting
- June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Detachment Convention – Calumet City
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Post picnic
- July 19<sup>th</sup> – Caribbean Day

### Welcome new members

Joe Forester, Larry Cavanaugh, Don Mitchell

Dues are very much past due, please keep your membership up and remit the \$20.00 for the 2008/2009 membership year or  
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\$75.00 for five years. If you are not sure if you paid or not, please call Jim Borgman at 708 448 6535.

615 Legion Family tee shirts are now available, show your pride in the 615 Family and order yours today, info on ordering available at the Post, or call Jim Borgman at 708 448 6535.

**Our Squadron Meetings, as always are open to any member of the American Legion Family and are always the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM  
Hope to see you there!**



## Legion Riders

Director Wayne Moak

The American Legion Riders, Chapter 615 have been keeping busy since the last newsletter and we are all looking forward to the next few months

We have seen many changes recently and expect that the Riders will become more and more active as time goes on. We would like to thank the American Legion for Permission to fly our flag among the flags of our parent and other family members. Efforts are being made to find an outlet that will make an American Legion Rider sign for the front wall of the building and when this is done it too will hang among the signs of our family.

We would also like to thank all of our family for the support they show to us at our flag raising ceremony. I believe it really showed the unity we have accomplished.

We have had our elections and all of our officers are looking forward to a great year. The new officers are as follows: Dave Montee, Director Don Moore, Assistant Director, Tony Soltero, Secretary, Mike Walsh, Treasurer, Ron Wicherek, Sgt. At Arms, Jim Taylor, Run Coordinator, and Otto Dieckmann, Chaplin.

Looking forward, we have a number of things coming up, April 25<sup>th</sup> is the Post Poker Night, (We will be running the Kitchen), April 26<sup>th</sup> is the ALR State Meeting, (among other exciting things at this meeting, the Department of Illinois is supposed to present the proposed State Charter's).

May - **Don't Forget Mother's Day**, (May, 10<sup>th</sup>), Armed Forces Day, (May, 16<sup>th</sup>), Memorial Dy, (May, 25<sup>th</sup>).