



Tinley Park Post 615
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Family Newsletter
November, 2009



Post News

Veterans Days activities were attended by the color guard and included visits to some of the areas schools including Fulton, Central and Walker schools.. Tinley Park Village hosted a ceremony honoring veterans. Along with other veterans organizations, Post 615 displayed its' colors and paid respects with a 21 gun salute and flag raising/lowering. Also, our color guard was present for the flag raising ceremony at St. Stephens where a new flag pole was erected as a project completed by an Eagle Scout and sponsored by Post 615.

The annual Turkey Shoot will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 4 PM. Once again there is a \$10 fee for all you can eat Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The turkey raffles will begin at 4.

Post 615 hosted the Manteno Vets for the Chicago Bears game on Sun., 11/8. 13 Vets were present at the event and were served a nice dinner, drinks and enjoyed the company of our family members. They really enjoyed the time with us. Too bad, the Bears can't seem to win.

Once again this year we will be taking part in the Tinley Park Holiday Festival held at the Oak Park train station from Friday, 12/4 through Sunday, 12/6. Volunteers are needed to help out serving the holiday cheer with German favorites. Please sign up at the post.

On the same weekend we will be hosting the 8th District's annually Holiday Hop on Saturday, 12/5. Tickets are available from Dave Montee at \$15 each.

We Need your Help!

Newsletter is not only becoming costly with recent postal rate increases, material and printing expenses, the time for delivery has been inconsistent. If those members who have internet access and an email account would send us your email address, we can deliver the newsletter plus other important information in a much timelier manner.

Please send your email address to :
Admin@post615.com. Thank-you

8th District meetings

All Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month
start at 8:00pm

Membership

The National as well as the Department and even down to the District are giving awards out to the Post's and individual Legionnaires who bring in new members so now is the time to get out there and sign up new members. Help your Legion, help your Post, and help yourself. Don't forget to sign yourself as the recruiter on the membership form in order to qualify for the awards. For more information on the awards please see or call Dave Montee (708) 349-4965

Upcoming 2009 Post events

November 21st – Annual Turkey Shoot 4 PM
December 4-5-6 – Holiday Festival at Train Stn.
December 5th – 8th District Holiday Hop
December 13th – Annual Kids Christmas party
February 6th - Annual Ray Anderson Sock Hop

Post 615 Meeting dates

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

Dec. 1, 2009, Jan 5th, Feb. 16th (because of elections)

Post 615 Web Page

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 for important news.** Links to pertinent veteran sites are also on the site. Thanks Norm for the time spent in maintaining our site.

Honor Flight Chicago

Our post is home to two WWII honorees that will be going on the Honor Flight, Thurs., 11/19. They are Mickey Framke and Jimmy McElroy. Let's salute our guys at Midway airport at 9 PM on the 19th.

Volunteers needed

Several new programs have been initiated by our post for various community interests. While we have been able to take care of these, it has prevented us from moving on to new ones. We need help in supporting our current programs – please talk to Dave Montee (708) 349-4965



American Legion Auxiliary #615

Debbie Melchert from the Auxiliary, on behalf of the Kevin Clarke Memorial Run Committee, would like to extend our thanks to the entire Legion family for their endless support of Kevin's Run. With the help and generosity of the Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion and the Legion Riders, the 3rd annual Cpl Kevin Clarke Memorial Run raised over \$11,000 for the Heart of A Marine Foundation. Thank you to all!!

In September the auxiliary provided desserts for the almost 500 riders in the 3rd annual Kevin Clarke Memorial Run. Thanks to all who helped out.

In September the auxiliary worked with the V.F.W. to welcome home Spc Andrew Koulouris of Frankfort after he completed two tours in Iraq in the Army.

In October the auxiliary was in attendance at the airport escort, wake and funeral services for Spc Jared Stanker of Evergreen Park.

Auxiliary Members PLEASE pay your dues by December 31 so you do not lose your continuous years of service.

Auxiliary members please sign up to help out with our table at the Holiday Market December 4-6. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Sons of The American Legion

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Well, it's that time of the year again. Happy Thanksgiving to all and soon Christmas will be upon us. The Sons of the American Legion Sq # 615 want to wish each and every one of you A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On Nov 19th Jim Hunter will be escorting 2 Post members (Mickey Framke and Jimmy McElroy) to Washington D.C. on Honor Flight Chicago to see the World War II memorials put up for our Vets. Any other WWII Vets interested in going next year please contact Jim Hunter at the Post. It is free to the WWII Vets.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with the poker this year. You helped make it a profitable venture so that we can do more to support our Vets and our community. Those of you that haven't paid you dues yet please drop them off or mail them to the Post attention Jim Hunter. The S.A.L. dues are \$20 per year or 5 years for \$75. This is for the S.A.L. only. There has been some confusion in the past.

Don't forget our meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 P.M. Try to come to our Dec 22 Xmas meeting. We have a little surprise in store for all that attend. Also don't forget to sign your kids up for the Post kids Xmas party on Sunday Dec 13. The sign up sheet is on the board in the hall at the Post.

For God and Country
Larry Grossenbacher
S.A.L. Commander

A reminder, **Honor Flight Chicago** has a flight on Nov. 19th. Come and give the WWII Vets featuring Mickey Framke and Jim McElroy the welcome home they never got. Midway Airport lower level bag area at 9:30 P.M.

Our Squadron Meetings, as always are open to any member of the American Legion Family and are always the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM
Hope to see you there!



Legion Riders

Director Dave Montee

We are swiftly approaching the end of our poker nights for this year. The next night is December 11th and the ALR will work the door for that occasion. Well we have been busy since the last newsletter we have made a few Homecoming's an Honor Flight and the Kevin Clark run, pancake breakfast to mention a few. Coming up shortly we have two occasions at Lincoln Cemetery, The Red White and Blue lying of the flowers and the Christmas wreaths ceremony. We also have a very important Honor flight return coming up. Mickey Framke will be returning on that flight!

At this time, I would like to thank all of my fellow bikers as well as legionaries, Son's of the Legion, and The Ladies Auxiliary for all of your help throughout the year. I believe we have made tremendous strides in the past year, which would not have been possible without all of us embracing and fulfilling the concept of "Family".

Thank You All