



**Tinley Park Post 615**  
17423 67th Ct.- Tinley Park IL 60477  
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**Family Newsletter**  
**September, 2009**



### Post News

The new Post Officers were installed on Saturday, August 8 by 8<sup>th</sup> District Past Commander Jerry McGuinn. They are as follows:

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  
Judge Advocate: Frank Mulcahey

### Tinley Park Veterans brunch

Upcoming events include the annual Tinley Park Veterans brunch held at the convention center. This will take place on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with colors being presented at 8:00 AM. It is necessary to sign-up for this. Sign-up sheet is located at the post on the bulletin board. All Tinley Park veterans are welcome.

### Prime Rib Dinner

The annual prime rib dinner is being held at the post on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets are on sale at the bar or from Bob Shaffner. Tickets are \$20 each as in the past. Please buy your tickets early as we usually are sold out.

### Manteno Vets Bears Game

The Manteno vets are invited to the post on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for the Bears Game. Please join us in welcoming them again for a fun filled day and cheering the Chicago Bears on to victory. Volunteers are needed to escort the vets into the building and serve them lunch.

**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

Sr. Vice Report: The new year has started for the American Legion and your 2010 membership (\$30) is due, if you haven't yet paid your dues for 2010 please get them as soon as you can. Also, if you have given any thought to a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership. Now is the time to act. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> PUFL memberships will be raised by \$200.00.

### Upcoming 2009 Post events

Sept. 13 – Kevin Clark Memorial Run  
Sept. 19 – Annual Tinley Park veterans breakfast  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> – Prime Rib Dinner 6 PM  
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day activities  
November 21<sup>st</sup> – Annual Turkey Shoot 4 PM  
December 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> District Holiday Hop  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Annual Kids Christmas party

### Post 615 Meeting dates

All Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month (except election days) starting at 7:30 PM.  
Sept 1 – Oct 6 - Nov. 3 - Dec. 1

### 8<sup>th</sup> District meetings

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

### 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 for important news.** 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. See Joe LePore, Sgt. at Arms



## American Legion Auxiliary #615

Membership renewals or inquiries can be sent to DebMelchert at 17445 S. 66th Ave Tinley Park 60477 If you have received a renewal notice from State and have paid your dues, please disregard. If you have not yet paid, please remit as soon as possible so we can beat the Oct. 1st processing deadline. If we do not meet the deadline, reminders will be resent and State will not process again until December. Let's get it done early ladies. please!

Ladies Auxiliary 2009-2010 Officers:

President: Jeannie Machara, Vice President: Donna Gibbons, Historian: Pam Sandlin, Chaplain: Beth Parrish  
Sgt-at-Arms: Deb Melchert, Secretary: Patsy Montee  
Treasurer: Karen Borgman

The Auxiliary will be providing desserts for the Cpl Kevin Clarke Memorial Run and cookies for the Village Christmas Market.

The first meeting after summer break will be Wednesday September 2nd. Monthly meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM



## Sons of The American Legion

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Sunday Aug 16th the S.A.L. partnered with the Marine Corps League and did a picnic at Manteno for the Vets. We had a great turn out and everyone had a good time. Thanks to all who helped. We had 2 members attend the National Convention in Louisville ( Jim Hunter & Jim Borgman ) for the first time from our Squadron. Very interesting. They'll report at our meetings.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Sept 5 S.A.L. Texas Hold'em

Sept 12 D.E.C. in Marion Il see Jim Borgman

Oct 10 & 11 N.E.C. in Indianapolis see Jim Hunter

Oct 17 S.A.L. Texas Hold'em

Oct 30 Riders Texas Hold'em

Dec 11 Women's Aux Texas Hold'em

Don't forget, it's that time of the year to pay your dues. \$20/year or a 5 year card /\$75 ( save \$25)**SAL Only**  
Drop or mail it to the post Attn: Jim Hunter  
We need help on poker nights. Contact Jim Hunter 708-567-9062 or Larry G 708-921-7339 if you can work 2 hours at a time.

A reminder, **Honor Flight Chicago** has 2 flights in Sept. The 9th and the 30th. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Come and give the WWII Vets the welcome home they never got. Midway Airport lower level baggage area at 9:30 P.M. on those dates.

**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 7:00 PM**  
**Hope to see you there!**



## Legion Riders

Director Dave Montee

In the past few months, a lot happened with the ALR Chapter 615, we have raised our flag and had our insignia mounted on the outside wall of the Post with all of the others. We now have on hand the supplies we should have to operate (ceremonial flags, poles, and stands, materials for the use of our officers in the performance of their duties). We were invited to and participated in the Joint Installation of Officers. We have raised funds by manning the kitchen at the Post Poker nights. We have been active in many local area events as well as participating in other Chapter's events and giving aid to others who have been keeping the support up for our troops. We were invited to and participated in the Memorial Day Remembrance in Tinley Park. We have elected new Officers for the 2009-2010 year. In June we rode in the Illinois Freedom Run. July brought the Mokena Independence Day Parade and appeared on TV. We rode with ALR Chapter 489 in Yorkville to bond with other chapters. Another event which we promoted, supported and rode in as well as, Moms Cookies Run. At the last State meeting we received our State Chapter Charter, and displayed on the wall in the foyer. We, as a program of the American Legion take pride in our post and look forward to future undertakings. Coming up: 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kevin Clark Run on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a pancake breakfast for this run. Also coming up is the manning of the kitchen for poker. Meetings are at the Post the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

