



Tinley Park Post 615

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Family Newsletter
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Post News

Since the last newsletter the post has had a few things going on that are of interest. The Turkey Shoot was held and 30 turkeys were raffled off. Everyone had a great time with plenty to eat. Thanks to Joe Connelly and Steve Myron for their work in preparing the meal. The Children's Christmas party was a great success with all the kids receiving gifts from Santa. It was one of the largest in recent years. Many thanks to all that helped in making this a memorable event.

The annual Ray Anderson Sock Hop was held on Feb. 13th with a great turnout. Many prizes were given out during the evening for various contests. This year was a joint effort by all the Legion family and it turned out to be a truly great time. The Legion family has been doing a wonderful job working together to make the post events more successful. Hats off to all who are helping out.

Upcoming in April will be the remodeling of the restrooms project. The post has received bids and the contract will be signed shortly. The improvements should be noticeable with making the restrooms handicapped accessible and pretty much all new. Construction is due to finish by April 25th.

2010 Census - Within the next few weeks you will be receiving a census questioner by mail. It is of tremendous benefit to your community to fill it out and return it. Each year more than \$300 billion in federal funds is awarded to communities based on census data. Decisions on where new schools are located, locations for new roads, hospitals and businesses are made based on this census count. Most people will receive a 10 question form a few others may receive a longer form. Please fill it out and mail it back as soon as possible.
Norm Pestlin, Tinley Park Complete Count Committee

Newsletter information

Newsletter becoming costly with recent postal rate increases, material and printing expenses. If those members who have internet access would please send us your email address to: Admin@post615.com. Sometime in the future we will only post the newsletter on the internet. This will give easier and a more timely delivery of information. Thank-you

8th District meetings

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

Membership

The post is currently at 103.19% which breaks down to 453 members. This puts our Post at 4th in the state. We came in 71st in the State for Post's meeting their 100% and we are still the largest Post in the State (in membership) to have achieved 100%. Post 615 also holds the distinction of being the Post with the largest membership in the State to achieve an all time high. I would like to thank and congratulate Post 615 on this accomplishment and especially those who have contributed to our Post achieving all of these goals. Keep up the good work!
Dave Montee, Sr. Vice Commander

Upcoming 2010 Post events

March 6 and April 2nd – Poker fund raiser at post
March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade 2 pm
March 19th – Corned Beef Dinner
April 10th – Discover Tinley – Convention center
May 31 – Memorial Day

Post 615 Meeting dates

All Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month
(except election days) starting at 7:30 PM.
March 2nd, April 6th Nominations of officers, May 4th
(election of officers)

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

As mentioned in the last newsletter our post had 2 members that were honored -Mickey Framke and Jimmy McElroy. The post had a good turnout to welcome these guys back. See our website for the video of the welcome at Midway and back at the Pos



American Legion Auxiliary #615

Anyone with gently used shoes, can drop them off at the post. They will be delivered to Christ Hospital, who will ship them to Haiti.

If you have a relative in active service, or know of someone who does, and they are Tinley Park residents, please call Judy Bruning at village hall (444-5000) and give her the info. The village will make sure the service member gets care packages.

The Ladies Auxiliary will once again be hosting their annual Luau on Saturday July 10th. Details to follow in the next newsletter.



Sons of The American Legion

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Hello to all again from the SAL. Hope that by the time you get this most of the snow is gone. Just a quick reminder that we are about 12 members away from being 100% again. We have been 100% every year since 2002 when we started, so please get your dues in to keep that tradition going.

The only things that we have going on right now are:

The Gourmet Breakfast on March 14th from 7-11 A.M adults \$7 Kids \$5

The Annual Shrimp Boil on March 20th from 5 P.M.-??? \$10 per plate

For non-shrimp eaters \$1 hot dogs

Also a note for your calendar. On Friday May 14th we will be part of a fund raiser for Honor Flight Chicago being held at 115 Bourbon Street from 5-9 P.M. More details to follow. Anyone interested in helping please contact

Jim Hunter 708-567-9062

Remember to support all of our other American Legion Family activities.

Also at our March meeting we will start talking about nominations for the upcoming year's officers. If you would like a say in your organization or would like to run for office, please attend.

Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. See you there

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

2010 is here and we can look back and see a lot of accomplishments but looking forward we have a lot of work coming up. We have our new year's worth of Poker so our kitchen duties will be plentiful. Between working the kitchen and the door last year I believe we made a fair amount of money while having a great time. Hopefully the coming year will be even better! We have seen a new Charter, Membership Cards and new ways of doing things. We have the Ray Anderson Sock Hop coming up and I hope we all will attend as well as participate. We also need to start to think about our Officers for next year. We really need to have people step up to the plate for this. I believe we have had some really good people in place this year and I know we can do the same if not even better for the 2010-2011 year. Remember, if you don't participate you have no reason to complain, so step up and run for that office where you think improvements can be made or talk to the person you would like to see in a certain position. Let them know you think they would make us a better organization. Without good leadership this thing we have will fall apart. Keep in mind that the riding season will be here before we know it so think about the rides we want to go on and get the information to your Ride Captain so we can plan them.