



Tinley Park Post 615
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Family Newsletter
September, 2010



Post News

The new officers for 2010-2011 are as follows:

- Commander: David Montee,
- Sr. Vice Commander: Bob Shaffner
- Jr. Vice Commander: Jim Taylor
- Finance Officer: Jim Whalen
- Sergeant at Arms: Joe Lepore
- Chaplain: Sean Miner

This issue of the Family Newsletter is about 2 months late due to a very busy schedule and a few setbacks on the part of your new commander. Although we are late I believe you will be seeing a lot of energy during the rest of the year. We will try to have a Newsletter out again in October and then January and April. The Family is currently working on a means to revamp the look of the Newsletter and bring you more information about your Post and it's activities. Remember, if you have a computer; please send us your E-Mail address. This may become the only way we can continue to get the Newsletter out. Send your E-Mail address to Admin@post615.com.

The yellow bows are still available from the Tinley Park Veteran's Commission. Remember Our Service men and women so that when they arrive home they can see the appreciation for what they have done. With the recent pull of our troops from Iraq there will be more troops than usual returning to our community.

Don't forget the Post celebrates all of the Services Birthday's. Come down to the Post Lounge and celebrate with us on your services Birthday.

Membership

Sr. Vice Bob Shaffner

Membership has begun for the year 2011. So far we have 67.39% paid as of 9/03/2010. Our cut off dates are approaching fast, so lets get your dues in A.S.A.P. We have 463 members 312 have paid as of that date. Remember you will receive your notice from the national HQ, but you mail your payment to or drop it off at post 615 this way you will receive your card for 2011 faster. As most of you are aware our troops are starting to return home from their tour of duty which I'm sure we are all happy about. As these young people return it is a chance to enlist new members to post 615. I would like to have the members of our post to try and get just one new member to join post 615 in the upcoming year, and let's make sure to welcome them home with open arms. If anyone has any questions please don't hesitate to ask and I will do what I can to get an answer.

Post 615 Lounge

Our lounge is open daily at 10 AM and will close at 10 PM. Friday and Saturday the lounge will be open until Midnight,

Sunday 11 AM and until 10 PM.

Stop in and enjoy a beverage of your choice.

Upcoming Post events

- Sept. 12th Kevin Clarke Run
- Sept. 16th National America Legion Day
- Sept. 17th Poker Night (Your help would be appreciated)
- Sept. 18th US Air Force Birthday (Celebrate with us)
Annual Prime Rib Dinner-6:00 P.M. (See Jim Taylor for Tickets)
- Sept. 28th Police & Fire Awards
- Oct. 13th US Navy Birthday (Celebrate with us)
- Oct. 23rd Tinley Park All Services Breakfast-8:00 A.M.
- Oct. 29th Poker Night (Your help would be appreciated)

Post Everlasting

The entire American Legion Family mourns the loss of our fellow Legionaries':

Charles Maack	Army	WWII
Phillip Starr	Air Force	WWII
Jerry F, Fishback	Navy	WWII

Sick Call

Jim Willson, Jim Was , and Bob Brady have all spent time in Sick Bay. They are all home and doing well except Bob Brady who is still having problems recovering. Please keep them in your prays for a speedy recovery.

Color Guard

Sgt. @ Arms Joe LePore

The Color Guard is doing a great job of turnouts for all occasions. I have a list of members who gave me their e-mail addresses, and I have phone numbers. If your e-mail address or phone number changes, please let me know. Let me know if you are not receiving the phone blast.

I want to thank all the Color Guard members for helping our post look great at all occasions.

Post 615 Meeting dates

All Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month (except election days) starting at 7:30 PM.
 May 4th (election of officers), June 1, July 6th, August 3rd.

8th District Meetings

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

Post 615 Web Page

www.post615.com

Please visit on a regular basis for important news. Links to pertinent veteran sites are also on the site.



American Legion Auxiliary #615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Welcome to a new year. We would like to start out by introducing the 2010-11 Auxiliary officers. Katrina "Kat" Scheidler is a first timer as president. Kat is eager to hit the ground running and make this the best year ever. Leona Zastrow is vice president. Joana "Joni" Barton is the secretary. Karen Borgman signed on for a second term as treasurer. Sherry Buffington is historian. Pam Sandrin is our chaplain and Deb Melchert continues as sergeant at arms. Before looking to the new year, the Auxiliary would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all the post members that helped out with and/or attended our functions this past year. It is only with your participation and the cooperation of the four Legion families that post events are successful. We are confident the 2010-11 year will bring even more opportunity for community service, charity and FUN!

Just to give you a brief overview, some of the events the Auxiliary will host or show family support by helping out with are: the annual Bears game that the Manteno veterans attend, the village Holiday Market, the annual Kids Christmas Party, dinner and dancing at the Elvis Birthday Celebration and of course no year is complete without the 615 Post Picnic. The Ladies Auxiliary has a meeting the first Wednesday of the month. We urge any and all Auxiliary members to attend. If you are not currently a member, we urge you to join. One ingredient to a successful organization is the collaboration of ideas and viewpoints. We want to know what you think; don't be afraid to share your thoughts!!

Auxiliary attendance poll:

Sometimes individuals will not attend meetings due to issues in the past. Please feel free to share your opinions with the officers! Below are some questions; your feedback would be so useful and greatly appreciated. Answer the questions and send them to the Auxiliary either by mail to Post 615 or via email to post615.auxiliary@gmail.com.

I stopped attending Auxiliary meetings because

_____.

I would consider attending meetings if

_____.

If I could change one thing about Auxiliary meetings or functions it would be _____.

We invite you to use the above email to send us your email address if you would like to get notifications for upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in the months to come!
God Bless America



Son's of The American Legion

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

The S.A.L. would like to thank all who have helped out with the Welcome Homes and other flag ceremonies that we have done. It's a great feeling to welcome these guys and gals home, young & old.

The last 2 Honor Flights this year are Oct 6th & Oct 26th. The flights are scheduled to arrive at Midway At 7:40 P.M.

The next S.A.L. poker is Dec 11th. The Women's Aux is Oct 29th. We could use help at both.

Also on Oct 10th we will once again (with the Marine Corps League) be doing a Day at the Races at Manteno. For more info or to volunteer, contact Larry G our Commander.

If anyone has anyone interested in attending Boys State next year, please contact Jim Borgman 708-448-6535.

Congratulations to Jimmy Hunter, our Finance Officer and Detachment Parliamentarian. Last month at the National S.A.L. convention in Milwaukee Jimmy received the S.A.L. Charles B Rigsby V A & R Volunteer of the Year Award. He was very proud to receive the award and duly deserved it.

Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M. If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are due.



Legion Riders

Director Jim "JJ" Johnson

The past quarter has been busy for the Riders, we have been too many homecomings, and have been involved with many activities at the post.

In June we help lead the way at the Annual Illinois Freedom Run to Marsailles, we were also honored with a picnic by the Harry Anderson VFW in New Lenox for our ongoing support of those who have served and past during the Middle East conflicts.

We also participated in our own post picnic by helping in the setup and days festivities. Also in June we had our elections for officers. At this time our newly elected officers are: Jim Johnson: Director, Don Moore: Asst. Director, Tony Soltero: Adjutant, Jackie Moore: Finance Officer, Jim Taylor: Ride Coordinator, Ron Wicherek: SAA, Otto Diekman: Chaplin and Tom Cermack: Historian

And also in June we said goodbye to a real good friend to all at the post George "MIKE" Walsh(he moved to Florida).We thank him for all his efforts in making our chapter strong and respected.

July: Again we were active in parades for the 4th of July in Mokena. We manned the galley for Poker Night. Jim Johnson manned the ALR booth at the state convention also in July. Along with rides and greetings, another active month.

As August came upon us we began gearing up for what we as riders have thought of as our biggest charitable event occurs The American Legion Legacy Run.

This year along with the national convention The American Legion Romp was held prior to the official start, it was great honor that our director was able to present \$2300.00 to the National Commander. We as riders hope to improve next year. This month also brought us the opportunity to host the door at the August poker night. And last we the officers of Chapter 615 would like to thank our fellow family members for the honor of sharing in recent installation of all of the family elected officers.

Upcoming events that the rest of the family may wish to come to: September 12th the annual Kevin Clarke Run hosted by post 615 and the pancake breakfast. WE meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1900hrs at the post so feel free to stop by. (And who knows you might want to get on a bike and go for a ride).