



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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Commanders Outlook

With the beginning of a New Year we have made some changes to the look of our Post Newsletter. We hope you like it and we think we can keep the Newsletter going by selling advertisement space. Please consider our advertisers, they are making it possible for you to receive this Newsletter and tell them you seen it here.

There are many thing's happening around the Post and if you haven't visited us lately you should make it a point to drop in to a meeting and see for yourself. We are becoming more involved with projects for Veterans, Community and Youth. I believe we have made some real strides and through the ongoing family involvement we hope to make even more.

Each year we identify and award one boy and one girl from the graduating class from each grammar school in Tinley Park for their Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service. To this we have added the Premier Boy's State Award in which we send one boy from each High School in Tinley Park to Eastern Illinois University for a week of Education on our Political System. The Legion Family is working presently to bring an Essay Contest to both the grammar schools and high schools of Tinley Park. We are also involved with a high school Oratorical Contest which could be worth \$18,000 to the lucky winner. Along with all of this we are working toward an alignment with the Boy Scouts of America.

We also have added a program whereby we salute and reward one Policemen and one Fireman of the year. This is just to mention a few. I plan to mention more in each issue of the Insider. Maybe we can come up with something you would like to get involved and help us with.

A couple of the big projects we are working on now are a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. This looks to be a very large affair and I think you will be proud to say that your American Legion Post was responsible for making it happen.

We are also working to supply the Village with a piece of Static Memorial equipment for display. We are not sure exactly what we may be able to get yet but we hope to know shortly.

All of this takes hard work and the more help we have the easier the work becomes. There is no one who cannot help in some way. You may have an idea or you may know someone who may want to help of donate something to help one of our many programs. You may find that one of these programs provides you with an avenue to accomplish something you have not found a way to do otherwise.

Our meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M..

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- American Legion working with Tinley Park on commemoration of tenth anniversary of 9/11
- Current Membership
- Ladies Auxiliary, Hosting Elvis night
- SAL to host Gourmet Breakfast before Parade
- Legion Riders given award by National for their contribution to the Legacy Scholarship

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R O B E R T S H A F F N E R S R . V I C E C O M M A N D E R

Happy 2011, We hope every ones holiday was good and safe. The membership drive is in full gear. We have increased our membership by 12 members more than we had last year. We are at 475 compared to 463. We have also lost some of our members this past year they will truly be missed. Our post is at 90.28% membership paid their dues for 2011. We still need to get the rest of those who have not paid to get their dues in A.S.A.P. I will be sending out reminder cards out as soon as I get them from the Department of IL.. We only need 49 more members to go so we can be at 100%. I would like to give Jim Taylor a Job Well Done for the great work he did for the troops from Great Lakes Naval Training Center on Christmas day. It was a good day for all who were able to attend and the boots were also very pleased. Don't forget the Ray Anderson Memorial Sock Hop on February 12, 2011 . Tickets will be on sale in the bar . Please remember to keep the fighting men and woman in our prayers and bring them home safe. For God and Country.

THE HAPPENINGS

JAMES TAYLOR, JR. VICE COMMANDER

I would like to say thanks for all the help and support with the last few events. The Turkey Shoot went well, with all 30 Turkeys raffled off. Did you win one and haven't picked it up yet? They expired on the 31st of December; call me if you still have a certificate.

Christmas for Recruits was a huge success. 47 Recruits from Great Lakes had a great time and so did we. There are pictures on the post website and I have a 30 minute DVD available for any member to borrow.

Hope to see you at the "Ray Anderson Sock Hop" Saturday February 12th at 7 p.m. for some 50's Rock & Roll Music, Fun, Food, Raffles and Door Prizes. There is a \$10.00 Donation with a Cash Bar. Get them soon as possible, the last event sold out.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS: JOE LEPORE

Upcoming events for the Color Guard

We will be participating in the Irish Parade on Oak Park Avenue, either 12 March 2011 or 13 March 2011. When I get the details I will let you know by phone blast and E-mail for members who have e-mail. I will let you know what uniform shirt to wear. Also, I have ordered Honor Guard white patches for short sleeve shirts. Anyone who needs one please contact me. If anyone knows of any ceremonies in our area that we should attend, please contact me.

Also, for anyone wanting to buy a legion jacket, we have a place on Oak Park Avenue called Evon's Trophies. If you want to order a jacket call me and we can order them together as a group. I believe the person to see is Becky.

I would especially like to thank Jim Wilson and Harold Neubauer for helping at the General Meetings, and Norm Pestlin for putting out the phone blasts for activities.

I would also like to thank Larry Cavanaugh of our Color Guard and Jim Hunter of the SAL for the great job they are doing at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery. We know it is an all day affair and it is greatly appreciated by the families of deceased soldiers.

It is my pleasure to always invite the families of the post to participate with our Color Guard in any ceremonies that we participate in. We are a great group.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Hello Ladies!!

I hope the New Year finds you well. So far the beginning of the year finds the Auxiliary on an up-swing.

We had our first Elvis Birthday Bash, and it was a hit!! We sold out the event and cleared over \$800 for our veterans programs like VA&R. This year we donated \$100 to each of nineteen local hospitals for their veteran services.

Also, the Elvis Party brought in a lot of new faces to our post. We received some great compliments on our hall, and a few of the partygoers said they'd be joining us in February for the Sock Hop!!

I would like to take a moment here to THANK EVERYONE involved in putting our functions together and those volunteers who mean so much to an organization such as ours. If it weren't for people like you, the American Legion Family couldn't do what we are here to do. It is unity and strength of numbers that helps a volunteer organization reach its goals. Our goal is always community first. Keeping this in mind allows us to further ourselves in helping our veterans. Reach beyond what you think you can do and you will be surprised at what you can accomplish!

If you are interested in joining us at our February meeting, please know that it will start a half hour early to allow for business to be conducted before a guest speaker arrives. On February 2, 2011, our meeting will start at 6:30. Then at 7:30, Michelle from Alden Rehabilitation in Orland Park will be at our post to do a presentation for us about what Alden Rehabilitation is. We are looking forward to a very informative half hour with her, so please join us if you can.

Thank you for taking the time to check in with us through this newsletter. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas feel free to drop me a line at the post.

Have a wonderful day!!

Katrina



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Happy New Year from the S.A.L

We want to welcome all new members and hope to see you at the Post and our events.

Kudos to the Women's Auxiliary for a great Elvis event. It wasn't your fault he had a bad night. The ladies did an excellent job filling the house.

The S.A.L. will be having the Annual Gourmet Breakfast on Sunday March 13 before the Irish Parade. See enclosed flier.

The S.A.L. will also be having the Annual Shrimp Boil on Sat March 19th from 5 P.M.-11 P.m.
\$10 per plate. DJ / Raffles / fun for all. Carryout's available. Contact Larry @ 708-921-7339 for more info.

Tickets for both events will be available in the bar at the beginning of March.

We are still not 100% in membership. We only have about 10 members who have not paid their dues yet to get us there. Please send in your dues ASAP so we can maintain our 100% that we have had since we started 9 years ago. You can drop them at the Post or mail them.

Thanks
For God and Country

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQ 615

GOURMET BREAKFAST



SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2011

7 A.M. – 11 A.M.

\$7 PER PERSON \$5 SENIORS (62 or older) & KIDS

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American Legion Riders Chapter 615

(JJ) Johnson Director

The engines of our motorcycles have been silent but our activities still are still going on.

Many thanks to Jim Johnson and to Leona, for the excellent job of transporting the recruits from Great Lakes to the post on Christmas Day and to there employer who donated the school bus.

And hats off to Jim Taylor the man of many talents for his dedication to sponsor the events, we are very proud of his duel role at the post.

Also thanks to Commander Montee for his recent presentation to the Riders for the annual American Legion Legacy Run held in August, this is one of our primary programs and this coming year our hopes are to exceed our previous years total.

Soon the engines will start and another riding season will be here again we will have many events to attend many joyous and some sad

and if any members of the Post 615 family would like to participate with us please just ask a Rider for details and all are welcome.

Our meeting are the second Wednesday at 1900 hrs at the post all are welcome.

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Sick Bay

Don Mitchell is still undergoing treatment.

Bert Dahlman is still fighting his battle with cancer.

We all miss our comrades and hope they are back with us soon.

If you know of any of our members who are sick please inform The Post 708-532-1737

Taps

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Casimir Lustyk who passed away 9/1/2011.

If you know of a member who has passed away please inform The Post 708-532-1737

Notice

The Post is looking for anyone who would like to be an Alternate Delegate to the convention. Please notify the Post if you are interested.