



# The Post 615 Insider

## TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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### Commanders Outlook

With the coming of spring our thoughts turn to Elections, change of Command, new thoughts and new leadership. We will be holding Officer nominations at our April and May meeting. Elections will follow nominations at the May meeting.

Probably the most important time of year and your most important duty as a member of The American Legion is to vote at these upcoming elections. It is up to you, the membership, to insure that we have the best possible people in place to run our Post.

Another way to insure a good leadership is to run for office yourself. We have positions open with no one interested in running. Your Post needs you and your help. We all enjoy the functions that the Post provides but these functions and countless others that we have not begun to think of do not happen all by themselves.

I also hear all the time from members which are not happy with the way things are done or how they are going. These are the people who need to step up and be counted. If your ideas are not heard until after the fact they can not be put into motion. I would make a personal challenge to any member of the Post that if your are not among those who have to make the decisions, don't complain to any Officer who is trying to make a difference by at least running for Office and making his voice and ideas heard. Don't forget, actions speak louder than words, so make a difference and step up to the plate.

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Post Elections for 2011-2012
- Milestones in Membership
- Coming Events
- Color Guard Events
- Poppy Days
- Honor Flight Chicago
- Legion Riders Gearing up for spring.

**THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP  
ROBERT SHAFFNER SR. VICE COMMANDER**

I have mailed out six continuous membership certificates to the following members of Post 615. Mr. Cyril A. Horky 75yrs membership, Mr. Samuel S. Stive 60yrs membership, Mr. Lloyd E. Brandau 50yrs membership, Mr. Patrick C. Gunnell 50yrs membership, Mr. Thaddeus Kush 50yrs membership, and Mr. Richard H. Morin 50yrs membership. All the members of Post 615 would like to thank you for your many years of service to the American Legion, and for your service to our country.

Our post has reached a total of 474 members now on our roster. We have signed up 14 new members this year. I'm showing that 30 members have not paid their 2011 dues as of yet. I have sent out letters, post cards, and Joe Lepore has been making phone calls. So please lets get your dues paid. It behooves the post to get 100%. We also have some new people transferring into our post and we welcome you. I would like to thank Ron Seiner for the new members he has signed up so far this year; he has signed 6 of the 14 new members. I wish everyone a safe summer, and GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR TROOPS.

**THE HAPPENING**

**JAMES TAYLOR, JR. VICE COMMANDER**

May 30th - Memorial Day - Join us as we pay tribute to our fallen comrades.

June 14th - U.S. Army Birthday & Flag Day

June 26th Post Picnic @11AM – all are invited. Come and enjoy good food and good times. We will have music, bean bags. Manteno Vets have been invited. Picnic raffle tickets are available for purchase and or to sell. Contact Jim Taylor for your tickets. Hope to see you soon.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS: JOE LEPORE**

Upcoming events for the Color Guard

17 April 2011: Tinley Park Little League opening day ceremony and parade.

1 May 2011: Placing of flags on veterans graves at 3 cemeteries in Tinley Park with VFW.

14 May 2011: Last year we posted colors at Waterford Estates veterans appreciation . I anticipate that we will be doing this again.

26 May to 30 May 2011: INFORMATION: The Vietnam Moving Wall is coming to New Lenox American Legion Post 1977, 14414 W Ford Drive. They are looking for volunteers to stand guard. Contact person Bill Welch. 815-272-7546. E-mail [clewis1004@comcast.net](mailto:clewis1004@comcast.net).

30 May 2011: Memorial Day celebration with the VFW. Flag raising, weapons fired. Time to be announced.

12 June 2011: Flag Day ceremony Oak Lawn Elks Lodge #2254. This year it will not be at the Elks Lodge. It will be at the Manteno Veterans Home. More information to follow.

26 June 2011: Manteno veterans here for flag raising. We did this last year. More to follow.

4 July 2011: Ceremony with the VFW. More information to follow.

8 July 2011: Disabled Veterans Fund golf outing at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. Flag raising and firing weapons. More to follow.

10 July 2011: Flag raising at Danny Jacks 171st and 94th Ave in Orland, also with VFW.

Anyone wanting to buy a legion jacket, we have a place on Oak Park Avenue called Evon's Trophies.

Thank you Norm Pestlin for putting out the phone blasts for activities, and thanks to Jim Wilson and Harold Neubauer for all their help at the General Meetings.

Thanks to Tom Healy for cleaning the weapons with me. He also volunteers at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery along with Larry Cavanaugh of our Color Guard and Jim Hunter of the SAL. We know it is an all day affair and it is greatly appreciated by the families of deceased soldiers.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Color Guard please contact me. My phone number is 815-464-6515.



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Happy Spring Ladies!!

Today it was almost 90 degrees out and I'm thinking of summer. However, it's just the beginning of spring and I need to readjust my thoughts to the upcoming functions.

We cancelled the April meeting due to lack of participants, but we did get all the reports filled out. This year we have done a good job in fulfilling our monetary and community service obligations. Our organization relies on volunteers and the graciousness of our community. To keep up with the television theme of department this year, I will quote Star Trek. "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." This is the basis of any organization like ours. Poppy Days are coming up on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be at the post. We understand there are a lot of members who can't make meetings, and can't volunteer their time. However, to make this Poppy season shine, we are asking if you can send a donation to the post, please have it to us by May 19<sup>th</sup>. Any amount is GREATLY appreciated!!!!

Our Sunshine Lady, Lois Frietag is looking to complete her list of birthdays. We may be sending you a quick note to complete her information. If you would like some Sunshine added to your life, please send in your info. We're not concerned with age, but we do want to celebrate the fact you are here with us.

Membership is Mandatory for our Auxiliary to function to its fullest. Please, if you have any dues to send in, or any questions about membership, get in touch with Deb Melchert. She's our Sergeant of Arms and our Membership Chairwoman. You can reach her by phone at 708-610-3398 or by email at [mlchrt4@comcast.net](mailto:mlchrt4@comcast.net).

Nominations are coming up in May. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please attend our next meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. This meeting will be a little longer than normal as we will be Draping the Charter in remembrance of members who have passed this year: Doris Johnson, Carol Jordan, and Margaret Mitchell. We thank these ladies for their years of service.

Our Unit will join the Post in enjoying Memorial Day, serving our Veterans at our Post Picnic and celebrating our country on the Fourth of July. As always, if you have any wisdom to add or questions to ask, please feel free to contact me. You can reach me by mail through the Post, by phone at 708-785-7432 (please leave a message if you get voicemail), or by email at [ka-tscheidler@yahoo.com](mailto:ka-tscheidler@yahoo.com).

Enjoy the renewal that spring brings, and take the time to smell the roses, walk barefoot in the grass, and dance in a warm spring rain. It does wonders for the soul.

Katrina



## Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Greetings fellow S.A.L. members. Welcome to our new members. We hope you will come out and join us at our meetings and find out what we are about.

Thanks to all that helped at the Gourmet Breakfast, Shrimp Boil, and Discover Tinley. With your help these were all successful events.

At our April 28th meeting we will have nominations of officers and at the May 26th meeting we will have elections. This is your chance to come out and have a say in how we run our organization. Our meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month and start at 7 P.M. We hope to see you there.

Don't forget the Honor Flight Welcome Homes. April 27th, May 11th, June 7th And June 29th. Try to be there by 7:30 P.M. Midway Airport, Southwest Baggage Area lower level. Welcome home our Heroes.

Also don't forget The 2nd Annual Bourbon Street Honor Flight Benefit June 11th. 3-8 P.M.

Jim Cornelison who sings the anthem at the Blackhawk games will sing the National Anthem between 3:30 and 4 P.M.

See Jim Hunter for tickets.

Our next events are the Post picnic June 26th at the Post and the Caribbean Block Party July 17.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

For God and Country

Larry Grossenbacher  
Commander



## American Legion Riders Chapter 615

(JJ) Johnson Director

RIDING SEASON IS BACK! TO ALL OUR RIDERS REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR RIDES BEFORE YOU TAKE IT OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

OUR MEMBERS STAYED BUSY DURING THE PAST COUPLE MONTHS, MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED WITH THE WORLD OF WHEELS HELD IN ROSEMONT IN MARCH. AND ALSO SEVERAL WERE ABLE TO RIDE IN THE TINLEY PARK ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

OUR ORGANIZATION IS GROWING WE ARE UP TO 37 MEMBERS AND LOOKING FOR MORE.

OUR WEEKLY SUNDAY RIDES BEGIN APRIL 17 @ 1000 SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE COME ON OUT, WE LEAVE FROM THE POST. ALSO THIS MONTH WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN A MOTORCYCLE RUN TO HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR A DIGITAL DIRECTORY AT THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WALL IN MARSALLES, IL. THIS IS THE HOME OF THE MONUMENT TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN THE ULTIMATE. THIS IS ON SAT APRIL 30 KSU @ 0945 FROM POST 615 CARS ARE WELCOME.

WE THE RIDERS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO SAY THANKS FOR HAVING THE HONOR TO BE AT THE PRESENTATION AT THE VFW ON APRIL 13 TO HONOR THE FAMILY OF ONE OF OUR MEMBERS PHIL CLARKE. AND THE MEMORY OF HIS SON KEVIN, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

IN UPCOMING MONTHS WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL EVENTS ON MEMORIAL DAY. MAYBE THIS YEAR WE WON'T HAVE MONSOONS TO DEAL WITH. THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL IS COMING TO POST 1977 IN NEW LENOX MAY 26-30 AND WE HOPE TO STAND HONOR GUARD.

MEETINGS ARE 2ND WEDS @1900HRS AT THE POST, HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS

APRIL 17 - START OF WEEKLY RIDES KSU @ 1000( WEATHER PERMITTING)

APRIL 30- PIG ROAST TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT WALL DIGITAL DIRECTORY KSU @0945 BIKE OR CAGE GOES TO SE-NECA ASSEMBLE @ NOON RIDE TO WALL FOR 1400 CEREMONY AND BACK TO FAT DADDY'S FOR PIG ROAST \$10.00

MAY 26-30 MOVING WALL AT POST 1977 IN NEW LENOX STAND HONOR GUARD YOU HAVE TO FIND WEB-SITE AND SIGN -UP.

MAY 22ND ALR CHAPTER 100 IN LAKE STATION, IN. RUN TO SUPPORT SFC MASON \$20.00 FOOD AND BAND



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### Sick Bay

Keep Bert Dahlman and Bob Rady in your prayers. They are both not doing well. Hopefully they will be back to good health and we will see them soon!

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

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 Ken Baumgartner who passed away March 12, 2011. Ken had been a long time member of Post 615 before moving to Indiana.

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

### Notice

Post Elections will be held at the meeting. Nominations are being conducted at our April and May Meetings. We are still looking for Candidates for Positions. Please make your intentions known and come out and support your Candidate for Election.