



# The Post 615 Insider

## TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Membership News
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### Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

I would like to start by saying thank you to Dave Montee for all the hard work he has done over the past years for post 615. Dave has agreed to stay on to help us keep the different programs he has started. Dave has moved up to commander of the 8th district, so I'm sure we will still see him around.

Another person I would like to thank is Joe Lepore. Joe is around for just about everything that goes on at the Post: from setting up thing with the color guard to making phone calls to members to remind them of an event, the cleaning of the weapons, setting up for the monthly meeting, the list goes on, so Joe, thank you. As your Commander I would like to thank the membership for having the confidence in me to continue to serve the Post and you for the next year. You the members of the Post 615 are what makes the Post what it is today. I have noticed with the last couple of function that we did not have the turnout of membership as we did before. We need the support of everyone so we can continue moving forward and not backwards. My wish is to going ahead, with the help of the Legion family's and the membership, we will be able to do so. If you have anything you want to see take place at the Post bring it up so we can hash it out. Remember this is your Post not just the people sitting at the front table. Everyone has a voice! We will be having a number of thing coming up in the next couple of months, The Holiday Market will be December 2,3, and 4. Look on the board for the sign up sheet. We need help with manning the booth.

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THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP  
JIM TRAYLOR SR. VICE COMMANDER

Legionnaires please check your Membership Card it should be for 2012. If not, your Dues are due; you can bring them in or mail them in even if you lost or misplaced the renewal form. We are hoping for 100% this year sooner than ever.

Christmas is right around the corner and we are planning on hosting the Recruits from Great Lakes again. I hope you can find time to stop by and meet a few of them. We will be looking for laptop computers and your cell phones again. Stop by the post for more info in December.

Thanks for Your Support !

THE HAPPENING

RON SEINER, JR. VICE COMMANDER

The steak cookout was very successful; thanks to everyone who supported it! A big "thank you" to all that helped - John Joyce, Tom & Kellie Barnett, Bob Bilas, Tom Tilton, Karen Borgman, Glenny, Jim Reilly, Chris Cummings, Larry Grossenbacher, Mary Beth, and many more. Thanks also to Abe at Midlothian Midwest Super Market who cut the loins for free. Stop in and show Abe your appreciation. They are located at 4031 West 147th Street (just west of Pulaski on the south side of the street).

Upcoming events

October 29th - Halloween Bash - 6:00 p.m. to ?

November 11th - Veterans Day Celebration at T.P. Village hall 10:30 am

November 12th - Turkey Shoot - 4:00 p.m. to ?

December 11th - Kid's Christmas Party

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS: JOE LEPORE

Upcoming events for the Color Guard (**all dates approximate**)

10 November 2011: McAuliffe Elementary School posting of colors.

11 November 2011: Veterans Day Ceremony Village Hall – more to follow.

First Sunday in December: Light Parade Oak Park Ave. – more to follow.

The Color Guard is doing a great job of turnouts for all occasions. I know that a lot of events are last minute calls and I appreciate all who turn out.

Thanks to Tom Healy and Mike Rachowicz for cleaning the weapons with me. They also volunteer 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.

Welcome New Member Bill Porter.

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

Hello Ladies!

It's a great time to be alive! Fall is here, Halloween is on the way, and the Holidays are coming up fast!

If you could, please send in your dues by January 1<sup>st</sup>. We were early last year with 100% payment, let's do it again this year!!

It's a busy time for the Legion. We have Halloween parties, Turkey shoots, and the Holiday Market coming up. If you are available to volunteer, please call the post or reach out to one of our officers.

As always, please try to join us for a meeting. If you can't make it, drop us a line or give us a call if you have any questions or suggestions on how to help the club. And thank you to everyone for all you do!

Enjoy the change of seasons, the colors of our world, and keep each other safe during the upcoming holiday season.

Katrina

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for the sign up sheet. We need help with manning the booth. Also in December we hope to have the troops in from Great Lakes, we will let people know at the meetings how that is coming coming along. Let all support the functions of all the Family's it all goes for the betterment of the Legion. I wish all of you a safe and happy holiday and God Bless America and keep our troops safe.



## **Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615**

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Quest for Quincy. Another successful S.A.L. event for the Vets. We will give finals totals in the next issue

Also thanks to those that came out to Manteno for the Day at the Races. The Vets loved it. Thanks to the Kevin Clarke Marine Corps League for their usual help and for supplying the money for prizes.

If anyone knows of someone we can help at Christmas, please let Commander Larry know.

Don't forget to support the Legion Riders Halloween Bash on Oct 29th and the Post's Turkey Shoot on Nov 12.  
Fliers are up at the Post.

The last Honor Flight for the year is Nov 2nd. Let's give our Heroes one more great welcome home. See Jimmy Hunter for info.

Don't forget to pay your dues.

One other item. There is going to be a benefit on Dec 11th at 115 Bourbon Street for Team UP For The Troops. It will help wounded Vets and the families of those that lost their lives fighting for our freedom.

There will be Bears and NFL players. military personnel including a Medal Of Honor winner plus many raffles and silent auctions. Tickets are \$30 adults kids 5-20 \$15 under 5 free.

Contact Jimmy H for more info.

For God and Country For God And Country

Larry Grossenbacher



## **American Legion Riders Chapter 615**

James Taylor Director

We are saddened by the loss of one of our Riders, "Big Joe" Foerster, He will be missed.

We participated in Mokena's 4th of July Parade and won the Best Motorized Unit Trophy. We also enjoyed breakfast with Mayor Joe before the Parade. Not to forget all the Welcome Home escorts and Honor Missions with the Illinois Patriot Guard, Warrior Watch and Soldiers Guardian Angels.

This year's Kevin Clarke Memorial Ride was the largest on yet. We rode up front again with Phil Clarke and other Gold Star Families. The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success; we were able to make a donation to The Heart of a Marine Foundation.

October finds us planning and hosting the Halloween Bash, with a live Band and DJ, free Food and lots of prizes. We are still rolling on the Welcome Homes, Honor Missions and other Runs.

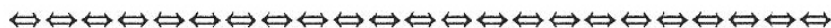
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**Sick Bay**

Bob Oehmen is in the Hospital and He will be going into Hospice, Bert Dahlman is still battling his lung cancer, Mike Murray is having vain replacement in his legs. Dave Montee is trying to finish up his Chemo, and Jim Reilly found out his heart problem is not what they had thought, but there is a lung problem stemming from his years of work as a welder. Please keep all of our members, as well as, all of our Troops and Veterans in your prayers.

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

**Taps**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Frank Nowak, 4 Aug., Patrick Gunnell, 23 Aug. and Walter Dec, 29 Sept. Both the S.A.L. and the A.L.R. also are saddened by the loss of "Big Joe" Foerster. God Bless them and may they rest in peace in Post Everlasting.

**If you know of a member who has  
passed away please inform The  
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