



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

Hello everyone! Well we find ourselves right in the heat of summer. Don't know what has happened to our four seasons, but I guess we just need to deal with it. We at Post 615, have had a busy couple of months. We have just finished up our fundraiser poker tournament which was not as good as we had hoped, but we were able to make enough to cover the cost of the bench at Veterans Plaza which we hope to dedicate on Veterans day in November. None of this could have happened without all the help from the Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the Legion and the members of the American Legion. Without this help we would have fallen short of our goal. I would like to give a special thanks to the owner of The Charlie Horse Bar and Grill in New Lenox and his staff for the sponsorship and support in this endeavor.

Back in May the membership voted in the new officers to lead in the upcoming year. I would like to thank all of you for your confidence in your officers to stay on as your representatives for the year 2012-2013. I'm sure we will all do what is best for Post 615. As most of you know, Joe Lepore did not run this time for Sgt. at Arms. (Cont. on page 4)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Upcoming Post Events
- Color Guard Events

THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP
SR. VICE COMMANDER

As most of you have noticed it's time for renewal of your dues for 2013. Notices have been sent out in the passed couple of weeks. There are a number of ways to pay. For you who have computers you can pay on line. For the people who wish to pay in person you may stop by the post and hand it to who ever is working behind the bar, please try to use the envelope and the paper work that goes along with it so it makes it easier to give you credit for payment. If you wish you may put it in the mail, making sure all paper work is returned with your payment of \$30.00. The notices are sent out by National in Indianapolis, IN, but return your payment to Post 615 in Tinley Park, IL. This way it speeds things up. Last year we made 100% and I'm sure we can repeat that goal again. Thank you for your efforts and please lets not wait till the last minute.

THE HAPPENING

RON SEINER, JR. VICE COMMANDER

The Post picnic this year has been scheduled for October 28, 2012 and will be held in conjunction with the Bears football game with the Veterans from Manteno attending. Volunteers to assist with the combined function are appreciated, as always. If you are able to contribute your time, please contact me. The Turkey shoot may be handled a bit differently this year. The final decision will be made at the next Executive Committee meeting on August 7, 2012. Details will follow once a final vote has been taken.

Many thanks to Bob Schaffner for the long hours he put in at the poker tournament. The proceeds from the tournament enabled us to purchase a bench in the name of American Legion Post 615 which will be part of the Veterans Memorial being built at the train station.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS:JOE LEPORE

Upcoming events for Color Guard. Dates and times To be announced, Members will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone call.

August 2012 – No upcoming events scheduled.

September 2012 – Kevin Clarke Memorial – more to follow.

September 2012 – St. Julie Parish Picnic for Vets – more to follow.

September 2012 – Andrew High School Homecoming Parade – more to follow.

October 2012 – Veterans breakfast at Tinley Park Convention Center – more to follow.

Welcome New Member – Cody Anderson

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Hello Ladies!!

I hope this finds all of you in good health and in a cool place.

First, I want to remind you of a couple of things. Next year's membership dues are increasing. Starting year 2012-2013 our dues will be \$20. Please try to have your dues paid by the holidays.

Our Sunshine Lady, Lois Freitag, needs birthdays!! She can brighten up your day, but only if we have your information. You can write, call or email the information in. And on the subject of email, if you'd rather receive any Unit 615 news by email instead of postal mail, please let me know!! You can reach me personally at 708-785-7432 or katscheidler@yahoo.com.

On Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 10am – 3pm the Auxiliary will be hosting a Vendor Fair at the Hall. There will be raffles and we plan to have vendors like Scentsy, Miche purse, and Tastefully Simple. We're hoping for at least ten vendors, maybe more!! Come on out and take a look.

I did have plans for a Volunteer dinner, but they fell through the cracks. I apologize for anyone who knew about the beginning stages of it. However, at the August meeting, we will come up with a date and I will send out invitations to all volunteers.

Thank you everyone for your time and hard work. As always, we invite you to join us the first Wednesday of the month at our Post at 7pm. It's not always fun to go to meetings, but they are important. Without these meetings we cannot brainstorm our next fundraising event. We cannot form committees and tell our community about upcoming parties and dinners. These meetings are the core of what we do to help our Military Families. Please, if you have a couple of hours to spare stop by. We do learn a lot throughout the year and you'll get a firsthand look at what your membership accomplishes.

Have a lovely day.

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Mike Rachowicz will be taking over as Sgt At Arms. I know Mike will do a great job and I will help him as much as I can. I know Mike will keep up the relationship with all the families and VFW Post 2791. We have done quite a few ceremonies with them and it has worked out great..

Finally, it has been a real pleasure for me to be your Sgt. At Arms for the last three years. I have learned a lot about our organization. We have come a long way and it has been an Honor for me to serve the Post with such a great bunch of comrades. We are like a band of brothers plus Melissa.



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher Commander

Honor Flight Chicago is looking for WWII Vets to fill the seats on the rest of their flights this year. If they send in a application asap they will fly this year. They can go to HonorFlightChicago.org to get a application or contact Jimmy Hunter 708-567-9062. If they get the application to me I will personally make sure it gets to HFC.

Gentleman,

It's that time of year again. New year, dues are now due. I've sent out all the cards to everyone whose dues are paid according to our records. If you did not receive a card by the time you get this means you owe dues. Send it to the post and make sure you put S.A.L. on the envelope. \$20.00 for one year / \$75.00 for five years. (\$25.00 savings) Lets try and get it done early this year. Lets have another year of 100%

Call me if you have any questions.

Thanks

Jim Hunter

Financial Officer / 708-567-9062

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Joe will be going back and forth from here to Las Vegas to see his family. We wish him well and thank him for a job well done. Mike Rachowicz was elected in his place. Mike is very capable of handling the job and I'm sure he will do just fine. Welcome aboard.

Just got back from the Department of Illinois convention where I accepted for the Post, an award for third place in the State for 401 members plus category for our newsletter. Also, our Policeman of the Year sponsored by Post 615, won Policeman of the Year for the State. Congratulations to Officer Mike O'Hern of the Tinley Park Police Department.

May we have peace on earth and God bless our troops.

For God and Country



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Don Moore Director

Due to personal situations we have needed to reorganize our Officers...Don Moore/Director...James Johnson (JJ) / Vice Director...Pat Zednick/ Secretary...Jackie Moore / Treasurer...Sgt at Arms /Ed Nadess...Road Captain/ Bob Baisa...Chaplin / Pam Sandrin... Historian/ Thomas Cermak

We would like to say thanks to Jim Taylor and Tony Soltero for all their dedication and continued support.

On Memorial Day the Riders escorted our Color Guard and VFW Post 2791 to Tinley grave sites and then to Village Hall to honor our fallen Vets. In June the Riders were part of the Freedom Run escort of the Gold Star Families to Marsalles Memorial Wall for a tribute for fallen Vets. The Riders also participated in Mokena's 4th of July Parade (last year taking first place in best mobilized unit).

The Legacy Run is coming in late August. Legacy is a Legion Rider Run that raises money for education scholarships for military families.

Kevin Clarke 6th Annual Memorial Ride is this Sept. 9th.. Starting at the American Legion Post 615 line up is 7am and leaves at 10:30 am. The Legion Riders are hosting a breakfast (before the ride) from 6:30am to 10:30am ,all proceeds go to help our Vets and the Heart of the Marines.

Halloween Bash will be on October 27th. 2012. The fun starts at 6pm at the Post. Free Food, Door Prizes,Best Costume Prize, live music by The Wonder Years plus DJ. Advance Tickets are \$13 and \$15 at the door. Must be at least 21. There is also a 50/50 that is on sale now for \$5 for 6 tickets and will be drawn at the Bash. Last years the Winner won \$2,000! Ask any Legion Rider for your chance to win and help our Vets.

We Ride For Our Vets



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Sick Bay

Mickey Fremke, our Service officer is still undergoing Chemo treatment, but that won't slow him down, Mick is a real fighter. Also Mike Murray is still fighting his way back to health. Please keep Mickey and Mike .as well as, all of our Troops and Veterans in your prayers, especially those in harms way.

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

Taps

We are blessed with the great honor of reporting that we have had no members of our Post transfer to Post everlasting since our Newsletter.

Please pray for all our deceased members and all our veterens who remain in harms way.

Thank You

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