



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

Happy New Year to all the Family members of the Legion. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. As we start off the New Year, I would like to acknowledge a few people who have been doing a great job in helping the Legion with some of the different projects we have done in the past couple months. John Joyce and Tom and Kelly Barnett are fairly new to the Legion family, but have been doing a great job with helping Ron with his projects from cooking to Santa and his helpers. It seems that there is very little that their talents do not cover. Also how could we not thank Mary Beth for all her work and help? Let us not forget all the work done by the S.A.L. members who never let us down when they're asked to do their magic. You know who you are.

As we start the year I'm hopeful that we can get better support from all the members of all the groups in Post 615 with showing up to the events that the Families sponsor. It takes a lot of hard work and time to put these things together. All these people do this to keep the many programs going that they are involved in sponsoring. People, it all cost money to do these things. Let's show our support by showing up! If we don't, we will be

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T H E N E W S O N M E M B E R S H I P
J I M T R A Y L O R S R . V I C E C O M M A N D E R

We ended 2011 with 88%, please check your Membership cards, 2011 cards have expired.

We hosted 35 Recruits from Great Lakes for Christmas and the Best way to describe the day comes from "A note from a mother's heart-

It is the day after Christmas and the house is quiet. The presents have been opened and things have settled down from the holiday rush. You don't know me and we will doubtful ever meet. Yet your kindness has touched my family in a profound way and I am grateful for it. Of all the gifts received you have given me a great gift, one I must

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THE HAPPENING

RON SEINER, JR. VICE COMMANDER

As we turn over to a new year, we have many people to thank for their help in 2011. The children's Christmas party was a great success. A big THANKS to all those who helped make it happen - Santa John Joyce, Ms. Claus Chris Cummins, Elf Kellie, Elf Mary Beth, Joanie, Tom Barnett and to the Reilly family, who always seem to be there

The turkey shoot was a profitable event, but only 43 dinners were sold. We need to have a better turnout at our Post functions. If attendance fades, the event may fade out as well.

On New Years Day Wes Stemm hosted an excellent rib dinner. Thanks to Wes and his crew for all the hard work they did putting the dinner together. The ribs were fantastic! The Post will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 11, 2012. The event will be held in memory of Ray Anderson. In addition to dinner, there will be door prizes and a DJ featuring music from the 50s through the 80s. And yes, we will have the Lotto board raffle. Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available at the bar. Tickets must be purchased by February 4, 2012. Please attend the Dinner Dance in support of your Post and enjoy and evening of fun, food and music!

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS:JOE LePORE

Upcoming events for the Color Guard (dates to follow)

March 2012: St. Patrick's Day Parade April 2012:

Tinley Days at Tinley Convention Center (usually first weekend in April)

The Color Guard is doing a great job turning out for all occasions, especially last minute events and it is well appreciated.

Thanks to Harold Neubauer and Jimmy Wilson for helping me out at the meetings. If you know of anyone who would like to join the Color Guard, have them contact me at 815-464-6515.



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Good Day Ladies!

Winter has arrived and boy do I wish I could just stay home and hibernate. Of course I'd hate myself come spring, but it does sound good at the moment.

We have a lot going on the next few months at the Post. Scholarship applications have gone out to the schools, Poppy weekend is coming up May 18 & 19, and the Auxiliary is planning a Cinco de Mayo party on Saturday, May 5th!

Please send in your membership as soon as possible, as without you our Auxiliary wouldn't be here.

If you have any suggestions on how to make YOUR Auxiliary better, please don't hesitate to let us know. Come to a meeting, see what's going on first hand. Make your opinion known!

Thank you for your time, and have a safe winter!

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thank you for.

My son called yesterday from your hall, the first Christmas we have ever been apart since he was born. He told me all you had provided for them~tables of food of every kind, internet service and phones to call free of charge. He told me how kind and warm everyone had been to him. Then he told us about military life and how he was doing. My husband and I were deeply moved by this small, yet great act of kindness and sacrifice. You were away from your family on such a day as Christmas to be with my family, my only son, since he was away from ours. Christ tells us even a cup of water given in His name will show His love and gain a great reward. How fitting at Christmas time to remember such a verse. The thoughtfulness you showered onto not only my son and our little family, but all those who were there, deserves the greatest of recognition and reward. Yet because I am unable to give you what you so deserve, I give you my heartfelt and sincere thanks. Always remember small deeds done in kindness and secret will one day be known to all for the great difference made in people's lives.

Until the time of peace on Earth and good will to all men is a truth, please don't stop what you are doing. For in doing so, you are making this promise as real today as it was so long ago. May God richly bless you as you bless others..... A Mom"



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Hope everyone had a good holiday. We are looking forward to a good year for the S.A.L. and the American Legion Family. We have big things coming up.

First we start off with our annual Gourmet Breakfast on March 11th before the St Paddy's Day parade. The breakfast is from 8-11 a.m. at the Post. It is \$7 per person. Seniors are \$5. We have an array of breakfast delights.

On Saturday March 24, we will be having a Mardi Gras celebration. This is replacing our shrimp boil but shrimp will still be available along with some other New Orleans style foods. Check the Post bulletin boards and website for further info.

We can use all the participation that we can get for these events to help make them successful. We will also be having ham raffles and selling hams during March for Easter hams. We did very well with the hams at Christmas and hope to do so again. These hams are from Rose packing company and are excellent. They average from 19-21 pounds each. We hope all members will help with these events.

Our next meetings are on Jan 24th and Feb 28th. I encourage and urge all squadron members to attend. Also for those of you who haven't done so already, it's time to pay your dues. Officially you are late.

Let's make 2012 a successful year for Squadron 615 so we can carry on our support for our Veterans and our community.

We also now have the Racing Mania cards available for anyone who wants to buy or sell them, contact the Commander.

For God and Country

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unable to continue.

On a lighter note, we had another very successful Christmas with the troops from Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The letters of thanks from them and their families is why we do what we do. Thanks to all who helped.

My hats off to Wes and his crew for the Great Rib Dinner on January 1st good job.

Notice

We have been meeting to revise the Constitution and By-Laws and have come up with a revised copy. You, the members of The American Legion Post 615 can check out the old and the new. We have posted them on the bulletin board and on the Web site for your viewing. We will be voting on this at our March Meeting.

God bless you and keep our troops safe. Thanks for your support. (Bob)



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

James Taylor Director

Looking back at 2011 we participated in multiple PGR, Warrior Watch and Soldiers Guardian Angels escorts. Our Halloween Bash was a great success, the Wonder Years rocked the house and Carl got in on his Harmonica. In January the Worth ALR held their 7th anniversary party where we had a good showing from our Riders. Upcoming events include the Freedom Run to Marseilles in June and the Kevin Clarke Memorial Ride in September. We are also looking to have the Halloween Bash in October again. As our tires loose air and the Battery Tenders do their jobs we are looking forward to a Great Riding season in 2012.

Information from the Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

In September 2012 the commission is planning on opening its new Tinley Park Veterans Plaza. This will be located at the 80th Ave. train station. They are offering a Brick Paver Donor Program for all veterans past and present. If you or a family member wishes to purchase one you may do so at Village Hall, forms are available at Village hall, our Post, or you can find them online. The cost is \$100 for an 4x8 paver and \$250 for an 8x8 paver. The veteran's commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month @ 1900hrs at the Kallsen center of the Village Hall.



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Sick Bay

Bert Dahlman is still battling his lung cancer, Mike Murray is recovering from his vain replacement in his legs. Dave Montee is finished all treatment and now it is just a matter of bringing his blood counts up to acceptable levels. Dave Deahl has had surgery for his prostate cancer and is home recovering. Dave's wife LeAnn is finished with her treatment and everything looks good for her, and our Service officer is still undergoing treatment, but that won't slow him down. 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 inform The Post 708-532-1737

Taps

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Bob Oehmen 31 October 2011, Pete Peterson October 2011, Herbert Schumacher 14 December 2011
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 Post 708-532-1737**