



# The Post 615 Insider

## TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF IN- TEREST:

- Upcoming Post Events
- Color Guard Events

### Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

Hello to all the members of the American Legion Family. With winter behind us we look forward to spring. I'm sure we are not going to hear a lot of complaints about our mild winter, we can just be grateful. We have a pretty busy schedule the next few months. At our May meeting we will be having the final nominations for the officers of the Post. Following the nominations we will have the vote. People nominated so far are Commander- Robert Shaffner, SR. Vice Commander -Jim Taylor, Jr. Vice Commander- Ron Seiner, Finance Officer- Jim Whalen, and Asst. Finance Officer – Dave Deahl, Chaplain- Sean Miner, and Sgt. at Arms- Mike Rachowicz. Joe Lepore has decided not to run again. Joe has been a great Sgt.at Arms and will be truly missed; but, Mike is also a good person and I am sure he will do a great job if elected.

We also have in May, the Flagging of the graves of our comrades, and there will be a Korean War Veterans Commemoration at Orland Park Civic Center on May 27, 2012 @ 1300hrs. This is a salute to the men and women who served in Korea 60 years ago. All of our Korean Veterans and all members of the Post are invited to attend and I truly hope you do.

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**THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP  
JIM TRAYLOR SR. VICE COMMANDER**

**Well Done, Thanks, Congratulations, We Made It, 100%**

**THE HAPPENING**

**RON SEINER, JR. VICE COMMANDER**

Its hard to believe that a year has gone by! Through these eyes I see past and current officers putting in long hours and doing an excellent job supporting and promoting the Post. Thanks to Norm Pestlin for all the work he does for the Post. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have assisted with Post functions over the past year. Thanks also to Wes Stemm for always doing his best to help out. Everybody's hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Let us continue to work together as a family and achieve great success in the upcoming year! Finally, best wishes to Joe LePore on his upcoming endeavors. When you see Joe, please be sure to thank him for the excellent job he has done as Sergeant at Arms. His dedication will be missed.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR COLOR GUARD (DATES AND TIMES APPROXIMATE)** Members will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone calls.

1 May 2012, Tuesday, Placing of flags and markers at 3 Tinley Park Cemeteries. Casual clothes with your Post 615 Cover. Time TBA

19 May 2012, Saturday, Armed Forces Day. Flag raising at Veterans Pkwy by the train station with VFW Post 2791. Weapons, colors, and bugle. Time TBA.

25 May 2012, Friday. Post colors at Waterford Estates Senior Home 175<sup>th</sup> Kedzie, Hazelcrest. Meet at Post 615. Time TBA.

28 May 2012, Monday. Memorial Day celebration. Flowers will be placed on graves in Tinley Park Cemeteries and at memorial in Tinley Park, then back to Village Hall for 1100 ceremony. Luncheon to follow. More information pending.

4 July 2012, Wednesday. Ceremony with VFW 2791. We usually go to McCarthy Park. More information to follow.

In July Disabled Veterans Fund Golf Outing at Green Garden Country Club flag raising ceremony. More information to follow.

In July flag raising at Danny Jacks 171<sup>st</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Orland Park with VFW 2791. More information to follow.

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## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Good Day Ladies!!

It's April and boy has it been a busy month!

We had the Past Presidents Parle Dinner and it was nice to see all the ladies who were able to attend. It's nice to remember not only who we are and what we're about, but where we came from.

Now we're in the final preparation stages for two big events coming up in May. The first is on May 5<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary is hosting a Cinco de Mayo Party. The doors open at 6pm and dinner is at 7pm. There's going to be Mexican food, Latin music, raffles and a Lottery board. Come join us for a fun evening!! Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Then later in the month is our annual Poppy Fundraiser. This year on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> you may run into some of your fellow American Legion Family members at local stores and restaurants. As always, if you are available to volunteer we could really use the help.

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 Frietag, 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](mailto:katscheidler@yahoo.com).

Until next time, have a terrific Spring. ☺

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Of note, on May 27, Sunday, there will be a celebration for Korean War Veterans at Orland Park Civic Center 1300 hours.

I want to thank Tom Healy, Mike Rachowicz, Tom Cerny, and Jim T Taylor (who is not a member of the Color Guard but is always willing to help), for cleaning weapons. I would also like to thank Jim T. Taylor for bringing his 1940 Packard in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a big hit.



## Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Greetings all S.A.L. members

We finally have some good news to report. In the month of March we had a very successful breakfast and Mardi Gras/Shrimp Boil.

Thanks to all who came out to help support our events and also to those that came to help work them and make them the success that they were. Also special thanks to Karen Borgman, Kelli Barnett and Kathi Grossenbacher for their help cooking and working the event.

We have more events coming up including help a Vet day May 19. Any Vet you know, do something that day for them, look what they have done for us.

There will be a Korean War Vets memorial celebration on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. at the Orland Civic center.

We will also be having the Carribean Block Party again on July 15<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

Don't forget our next meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

If you want to get involved, now's the time. That night we will be having nominations for of-

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. For more Information on this please contact me and I will do what I can to help. On May 28, 2012 there will be Memorial Day ceremonies at Village hall and back to the Post for food afterwards.

The Post will be having a Poker Championship on June 21-24. This is a televised event, and it is a fund raiser for the Post. We will be looking for help in this adventure.

For updated things going on at the Post check out our web site [www.post615.com](http://www.post615.com). We are also taking orders for legion polo shirts, check with Norm. For God and Country and God Bless our Troops.



## American Legion Riders Chapter 615

James Taylor Director

Riding Season has begun; we have already been on a few rides and escorts.

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.

Riders Sunday rides have started up again, hope to see you out there soon.

### PARTING SHOTS

***I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.***

**A POLICEMAN** arrives at the scene of an accident, where a car smashed into a tree. He rushes over to the vehicle and asks the driver, "Are you seriously hurt?"

"How do I know?" the driver responds.  
"I'm not a lawyer!"

**TWO BOYS** were playing baseball. The pitcher threw the ball, and the batter connected with a crack.

"Wow!" the pitcher said. "It's a run home!"

"You mean a home run," the batter replied.

"No, I mean a run home. You just hit the ball through the neighbor's window!"





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**To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of  
America;**

**Sick Bay**

Mickey Fremke, our Service officer is still undergoing Chemo treatment, but that won't slow him down. The Mick say's that he just finished his third session and has seven more to go. He has a week off now before he starts the treatment up again, so hopefully we will be seeing him around the Post. Please keep Mickey, 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**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the friends and family of Matthew Danowski, 7/3/2012, Bert "Skip" Dahlman, 12/3/2012, and Raymond Kenney, 9/4/2012.

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**