



# 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: Boy did the summer go fast. We at Post 615 have been busy trying to come up with a way to bring in funds to offset the loss of the money that was generated by the machines, which were removed in August. With the State taking over the machines, and the village opting out of the program, we at the Post level are the ones who suffer. What this means is we will have to cut back on different things and watch how we use our funds so we can continue to serve our Veterans.

We held an election over the summer to fill the vacant position at the Post. I'm happy to let you know that Ron Seiner is now the new SR. Vice Commander and Dan Gorman is the new JR. Vice Commander. Most of you know Ron as he did a good job as your Jr. Vice and he will continue to do so as your Sr.Vice. Dan has been a member of our Post for around three years and is still an active member with the reserves serving with the Marine Corps. He stepped up to our call for help in filling the post of JR. Vice. (This is the hardest job in the Post) I would like to thank him and welcome him to his new position. Let's make sure everyone gives him a hand when needed.

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**T H E   N E W S   O N   M E M B E R S H I P**  
**R O N   S E I N E R ,   S R .   V I C E   C O M M A N D E R**

It is getting close to the end of the year and as of this writing our membership is at 75%. If you haven't already paid your dues, please submit your payment as soon as possible so we can reach our goal of 100%. You can pay your dues on-line, drop them off at the canteen or mail them in with the paperwork National sent you. For your convenience, National provides a return envelope which is pre-addressed to the Post.

We could use some volunteers to assist in serving the Vets at the picnic/tailgate on October 28. If you are able to volunteer your time, please let me or Dan know. Appetizers and/or desserts are also welcome.

The New York Strip Steak Dinner was a great success. Special thanks to our cooks John and Greg. A big thank you to Gail, Mary Beth, Chris Cummins and Janice as well. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your voting me to Senior Vice. I will do my best to ensure our Post

**T H E   H A P P E N I N G**  
**D A N   G O R M A N ,   J R .   V I C E   C O M M A N D E R**

First of all, thanks to everyone who voted me in.

**Upcoming Events:**

10/27/12: Breakfast at the Tinley Convention Center. Please sign up at the Post if you plan on attending the breakfast. The breakfast is free to all Veterans. Also on October 27th, the Riders are hosting a Halloween Bash. Advance tickets are \$13. Last year's Halloween Bash was great - don't miss this one!

10/28/12: The Veterans from Manteno are coming to the Post for a picnic and tailgate party for the Bears game. The picnic/tailgate starts at 11:00 a.m.

12/15/12: The children's Christmas Party. Santa has not yet given us a time, but he did say he will be there. Details will be posted.

12/25/12: Christmas Party for Great Lakes troops. Details will be posted.

Additionally, we will begin to raffle off turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Cost will be \$2 per line on a strip card. There will be no formal turkey dinner this year.

Finally, the November meeting will be held on the third Tuesday (11/20/12) due to the

**F R O M   T H E   D E S K   O F   T H E   S E R G E A N T   A T   A R M S :   M I K E   R A C H O W I C Z**

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

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## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

ATTENTION LADIES!!

On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm we will be having a Girls' Night at the American Legion Post. It will be similar to a house party. There will be vendors from Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Pampered Chef, Mische Purses, Thirty-One Gifts, Scentsy and Tastefully Simple. We will also have the Gold Rush Girls present to buy your unwanted or broken gold and silver. They will write you a check ON THE SPOT!! There will be free appetizers and raffles. This is a great opportunity to pick up some of those last minute gifts for the holidays. Come join us!!

Speaking of the holidays, we will be joining the men at the Holiday Market at the Oak Park Train Station again this year. It's a terrific way to start the holiday season. We'll be selling cookies and hot chocolate. Of course all proceeds go to our Veterans Programs.

We are also in the beginning stages of planning a Country Night with Bernie Glimm and a Fiesta Dinner similar to last year's Cinco de Mayo party. I'll update you in the next newsletter.

Have a great fall and safe holiday season!

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As most of you know our Chaplain Sean Miner was deployed last year and we are happy to let you know he is now home and ready to do the job as Chaplain again. Thank you for your service to our country and Welcome Home. A special thank you to Bill Mc Nellis for the job he did in filling in for Sean while he was away. THANK YOU BILL.

Let's not forget Veterans Day November 11, 2012. We will be having the dedication of the new Veterans Plaza that day. Things will start at 10:00am everyone is invited to join us in this the dedication of your plaza.

The Post will be taking part in the Holiday Market again this year; the dates are Nov.30, Dec.1, 2. I will post a list on the board for people to work in the booth as a volunteer. This is one of the ways we make money for the Post, so please help and this is also good rapport with the people of Tinley. Once again we will be hosting Christmas with the troops. Jim Taylor has agreed to head this day for the troops from

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## Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

### Larry Grossenbacher Commander

Dear Members,

S.A.L. Commander Larry Grossenbacher asked me to write this month's newsletter, as he is recovering from recent knee surgery. We all wish him and Financial officer Jim Hunter who also is recovering from knee surgery a quick and complete recovery.

Sales of Football Mania tickets went very well, we exceeded last year's totals. Thanks to all for your participation.

Chili Cook-off and Night at the races was very successful and all had a good time. Thanks to all the volunteers for the outstanding job they did. Holiday season is approaching and the Post will be hosting many events and help is always welcome. Check the bulletin board outside the canteen door for upcoming activities.

Please pay your dues if you have not done so. \$20.00 per year or \$75.00 for five years. S.A.L. meetings are held at 7PM on the forth Tuesday of each month.

Tom Barnett / Jr. Vice / God Bless ALL in This House

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November 11, 2012 – Veteran's Day at the 80<sup>th</sup> Ave train station (0930 hrs).

December 2, 2012 -- Tinley Park Parade of Lights (1630 hrs).

#### *Friends of the Military:*

Sam's Club - join and get a \$15 Sam's gift certificate

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#### *Taps:*

Final respects were paid to Thomas Walsh, a member of our post, on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



## American Legion Riders Chapter 615

### Don Moore Director

Hello from the Legion Riders:

The Legion Riders have been busy doing the the things we do best, riding our motorcycles and supporting our Vets. Several of our Riders participated in a Welcome Home for GYSDT Michael Szeman, United States Marine Corp. It started out to be a stormy day but by the time we had a Flag line and escorted him to the American Legion Post in Peotone it was sunny and bright. There was a hugh turnout and the Commander/Post were very welcoming to us.

We hosted a breakfast for the Kevin Clarke Memorial Ride to raise funds to donate to our Vets and The Heart of the Marines.

We joined forces with AVMRA to ride in the I Am An American Parade at the request of The Oak Forest Veterans Commission. The parade was a big success !

We try to attend as many Welcome Homes as possible and have Sunday rides when weather permits.

By the time you receive this newsletter our Halloween Bash Fundraiser will have pasted, I hope you attended and had a great time.

There is a hugh motorcycle run on November 4th to Manteno to support the Manteno Veterans Home. We will leading the parade with AVMRA to ceremony.

A safe joyful Holiday Season!

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Great Lakes. I will be the contact person for this event. You may reach me at the Post e-mail [commander@post615.com](mailto:commander@post615.com) or my home phone 708-798-3407. This will be a full day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December from 10:00am till around 5:00pm at Post 615. If you have never been to this function you don't know what you have missed. As our Vets know the Holidays are the most difficult time to be away from home. Come by and make these young people feel welcome.

**A Reminder our next meeting will be November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Due to the election on November 6<sup>th</sup> and our Post is a polling place.**

If anyone would like to become more active in your Post, please contact one of your officers or just show up to the meetings. We need all the help we can get.

My God bless you and keep watch over our troops

For God and Country



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**Sick Bay**

We are very happy to be able to announce that. as of this printing, Sick Bay is empty. We hope all are comrades stay healthy and we hope to see all of you very soon.

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

**Taps**

Post 615 has had two of its comrades transfer to Post everlasting since our last Newsletter. Thomas Walsh 10/4/2012 and Jack Scanlon 10/14/2012. We send our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of these Hero's.

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

Thank You!

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