



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

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- Upcoming Post Events
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Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

I By the time you receive this news letter the state convention will be over and I will no longer be your Commander. I must say it has not always been peaches and cream, but for the most part an enjoyable two years. I would like to thank all the Past Commanders for there guidance with out the help of these people it would have been a much harder road. The family members the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Riders all do a great job in supporting the post and I thank them for all they do. This year you will have a lot of new faces at the front table. They will need the help of us all, so let's not just criticize them but step up to the plate and HELP. I would like to congratulate Ron Seiner on becoming the new Commander. With the help of the members and Past Commanders This Post will be just fine. Before I end this there is one person I must truly thank my wife Diane for putting up with all the things that come up through the years of missing family functions and not being able to do things because of meetings, Legion functions or what ever I Thank You.

May God Bless you and bless our Troops.

Bob

THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP
RON SEINER SR. VICE COMMANDER

As your new Post Commander it is my goal to represent our Post in a positive way. We just returned from the American Legion convention in Springfield and it was a great learning experience. One of the things that left a lasting impression on me was the sense of pride exhibited by each Division of being a part of the American Legion family. I know in the upcoming year we can all work together to further our goals and to achieve great success in all that we do. We must remember that we all are working toward the same goal - to show our gratitude to our Veterans by providing them with needed assistance and by opening our doors to provide them with a place to get out, socialize and have some fun.

I am very proud to have the opportunity to represent our Post and will promote Post 615 as an organization that supports our Veterans and the community in any way we can. Thank you for your support and may God bless America.

THE HAPPENING
SANTINO (TINO) LETTIEN JR. VICE COMMANDER

Thanks to all the members for electing me to the office of Jr. Vice Commander, I will do my best to represent the post to the best of my ability, in October the post will be hosting American Legion Fest 2013 this will be an event hosted by the Legion Family, there will be full carnival, food vendors and art and craft vendors with entertainment at the post on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening and possibly on Sunday afternoon, hope to fill in the details at the next monthly meeting, that's all for now see you at next meeting..

FROM THE DESK OF THE OUTGOING SGY.-AT-ARMS

As outgoing Sgt-At-Arms, I wish to thank all our post members for supporting me in this office. Please continue that support for the new Sgt-At-Arms, Bill Porter. I know that Bill was an excellent choice and that he will do a great job in this position.

I wish to thank Harold Neubauer for all of his help at our General Meetings. Thanks also go to Bill Porter, Tom Healy, Joe LePore, Jerry Fishback, and Jimmy Taylor for cleaning rifles with me.

Save the Date:

‘ ***Salute to Veterans’*** program on Oct 15, 2013 sponsored by the Cook County Board. Veterans are recognized from all branches here. ***Save the Date:***

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Hello Ladies!

The end of another year has come. Convention is over, and now it's time to announce the new officers of Unit 615!

President	Peggy Williams
Treasurer	Karen Borgman
Secretary	Eva Reyes-Seitz
Sgt. at Arms	Deb Melchert
Chaplain	Pam Sandrin
Historian	Pam Sandrin

Peggy has been our Membership Chairwoman for the last couple years. She has great ideas and is a wonderful woman. Please welcome her to her new post!!

With that said, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for their help and support over the last few years. I've learned a lot from my fellow auxiliary members.

We had our Poppy fundraiser in May, and with the help of members from the whole Legion Family, we raised over \$2,100!!!! I'd like to give special thanks to our volunteers:

Chris, Bob, Joyce, Hal, JJ, Bill, Don, Jackie, Paul,
Pat, Rich, Jerry, Pam, Mandi & Charlie

Also, personal donations from Mr. & Mrs. Paul Murphy and Mr. James Rieches went a long way! Thank you SO much. We love how much you help us every year.

A huge **Thank You** to our Legion Riders for securing the Jewel in Oak Forest as a donation spot. Jim Johnson, Pam Sandrin, Don & Jackie Moore, Rich & Pat Zednick – we appreciate all you did for us this year.

Don't forget to send in your \$20 dues before the holidays. If you know anyone who would like to join, please have them contact Peggy at 815-641-0424. We also have membership forms available at the Post.

I look forward to what this new session will bring for all of us.

Katrina Scheidler, Past President



Sgt.—at—Arms Cont. from page 2

Just identify yourself as prior or current military with either a DD214 or a Department of Veterans Affairs ID. Remember, **YOU** have to ask for this!

Taps:

Sounded for James Peloquin on July 17, 2013

If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, please call contact Bill Porter.



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Larry Grossenbacher, Commander

Greetings from the Sons of the American Legion,

Another year is upon us and we look forward to another great year. Congratulations to all our new officers this year, with Chris Presler our new Commander.

I personally want to thank everyone from all of the American Legion Family of Post 615 for the support you gave me as Detachment Commander for 2012-2013 of The Sons of the American Legion. It was a great year and we set or equaled many records but it was not done alone. Everyone of you helped one way or another, some just by paying their dues.

Thank you for making our State Convention here in Tinley Park a wonderful success. From attending all the events to attendance at the convention itself, I have gotten many comments saying it was the best convention the S.A.L. has had in years. Thank you again.

We will be doing our yearly Manteno picnic with the Marine Corps League on Sunday July 28th at noon. If you would like to come out and help, come around 11:30 a.m. The Vets really enjoy this.

We will also be doing Day at the Races at Manteno with the Marine Corps League on Oct 6th at noon. Again if you want to come out and help, come around 11:30 a.m. Another day that the Vets enjoy.

That's kind of it for now with the S.A.L. The other members of the Legion Family will be posting their events elsewhere in this newsletter. Please support them like they have supported us.

Once again it is time to pay your dues. If you have not gotten your new membership card it means you owe dues. The dues are still the same for the S.A.L. \$20 per year or you can buy a 5 year card for \$75, saving \$25. Please mail or drop it off at the Post and put S.A.L. dues on the envelope.

Thanks again for a great year and we are looking for Sq 615 to have another great one.

Don't forget to thank a Vet every day.



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Don Moore Director

Hi to everyone,

Summer is here we have been riding. In June we rode in the 11th annual Illinois Motorcycle Freedom Run to support the Middle East Conflict Memorial Wall in Marseilles, IL.

We supported the American Legion Riders of New Lenox for their first run, The Ride for Riley (an 11 year old boy with brain cancer).

July 4th we rode in Mokena's annual parade.

We attended a Veteran breakfast hosted in Orland Hills hosted by their mayor. The Legion Riders always have Sunday rides KSU@10AM.

A special thank you to Tino Lettiri for donating the weenie wagon to the ALR. You will see it around.

We are getting ready for the 3rd Annual Halloween Bash October 26th, live music by American Grit Band. Great time, contact the Moores at 708 802-8912 for tickets, 50/50 tickets contact JJ.

I would like to welcome our new members Rodney Swinson and Louis Volpi. If you have a motorcycle 350 cc plus, and are a Post member join us to support our veterans.

Until next time

Special Note!!!!

Save the Date, Sept 14, 2013

Annual Steak Dinner at the Post



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Sick Bay

Nick Anast is suffering from alzhiemers and is in Manteno, please keep Nick 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's of Mike Murray and James Peloquin who have transferred into Post Everlasting.

God Bless them and may they rest in peace.

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