



# The Post 615 Insider

## TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SAL Convention
- Color Guard Events
- Queen of Heart's Game

### Commanders Viewpoint Robert Shaffner

Hello to all: In the past two years I have been honored to be your Commander. I have decided not to run this year. At the May meeting you will be electing new officers. I hope the new officers continue the programs that have been started by me and the Commanders before me. As I told you in the past, Post 615 is your Post, not just the people sitting at the front table. People you need to get off your hands and step up to help with your Post. Your officers cannot do it all by themselves. We have a strong Post, but help is needed to make it stronger. In the past two years I have tried to make our Post known in the community not just as the other one down the street, but to let them know who we are and what we have to offer. With the help of all the family's, Post 615 is known in Tinley Park and the State for the good work we do together. I would have not been able to do some of the thing that have been done without the help and guidance of some of the people who were there before me. They know who they are. There are things that need to and should be done, but it's hard sometimes to do, in a short period of time. Thank you all for allowing me to serve Post 615 as Commander. Bob

May God bless you and our Troops

For God and Country

THE NEWS ON MEMBERSHIP  
RON SEINER, SR. VICE COMMANDER

Post 615 has less than a few weeks to reach our goal of 100% paid membership dues. *Please*, if you have not paid your 2013 dues, pay them as soon as possible. If you can, drop your dues off at the Post so we can get them on record before the Memorial Day cut-off date.

If you haven't heard, the Post has a game called the Queen of Hearts. The next drawing will be over \$8,500; by the time you read this the pot could be over \$10,000! Each card has a monetary value ranging from \$5.00 to \$50.00; the Queen of Hearts wins the entire pot. The drawing is held every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. If your ticket is drawn and you are present and you pick the Queen of Hearts, you win the entire pot. If your ticket is drawn and you are not present, you win half of the prize for the card drawn. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased daily at the canteen.

Thanks to all the members that are supporting the Post by attending the events and stopping by to have a cocktail with their veteran friends. Give yourself a tap on the back, we appreciate your support!

**FROM THE DESK OF THE  
SERGEANT AT ARMS: MIKE RACHOWICZ**

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

- May 1, 2013 – Putting flags on Tinley Park veteran's graves.  
Time – TBA, dress casual.
- May 15, 2013 - Waterford Estates  
Time -- TBA
- May 27, 2013 - Memorial Day, Tinley Park 80<sup>th</sup> Ave Station  
Time -- 10 am

**Friends of the Military:**

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

*Taps:* Sounded for Ralph A. Van Dyke on April 10, 2013.

If you are interested in joining the Color Guard, please call me at 780.798.7843 or by email [mrack178@yahoo.com](mailto:mrack178@yahoo.com)



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Katrina Scheidler, President

Good day Ladies!

Spring has sprung and so has our last round of fundraisers for this year.

On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Fiesta Dinner. Doors open at 6pm and dinner will be served from 6:30-8:30 with a cash bar. Dinner will be chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salsa, chips and guacamole. Tickets are \$12 per person. DJ Dom will be our music master. It was a great turnout last year. We hope you can make it!!

May is Poppy Month! We're doing our collections on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> this year. If you can help out, please sign up at the post. If you can't make it to the post and would like to sign up by phone, please call me at 708-785-7432

EVERY VOLUNTEER IS APPRECIATED!!!!!!

We couldn't raise the money that we send to the VA hospitals without you.

Now speaking of money, we still have 13 members who owe their dues for this year. If you can't pay your dues, you will lose your membership standing! We don't want to see that happen since some of you are long-time members. If you have questions, please call our membership chair Peggy Williams at 815-641-0424. We may be able to help keep you up to date.

I'd like to take a moment here to personally thank the Post, SAL and Riders for all their help this year. Without us being a family, some of these fundraisers wouldn't come together as well as they did. I'd also like to thank my officers and the members who attend meetings for their help. A special shout out to Pam Sandrin and Eva Reyes for stepping up when they saw the need without being asked. It's been a great year so far.

Let's keep it going forward!!





## Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

### Larry Grossenbacher Commander

I hope all are doing well. March was a busy month for the S.A.L. We hosted 3 events. Pot Roast dinner, Breakfast, and Shrimp Boil. All were very successful. A big thanks to all our volunteers of which there are too many to mention. But I do need to acknowledge our cooks. Gregg Collins and John Joyce for the great job on the Pot Roast. Also Kellie Barnett, Karen Borgman and Kathi Grossenbacher for their Jambalaya and Janice Nadess for her Red Beans and Rice for our Shrimp Boil. Tom Barnett did a great job of coordinating these events.

The funds raised will help us support our many charitable programs throughout the year. We were also able to purchase a new slicer for the Post.

July 28<sup>th</sup> we will be serving the Mantino Vets a picnic lunch.

For God and Country

#### S.A.L. STATE CONVENTION

On the weekend of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> The S.A.L. will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at the Tinley Park Convention Center, also Many events will be held at the Post in Tinley Park.

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> a golf outing will be held at Odyssey CC in Tinley Park. Cost is \$55 per golfer. At 6pm there will be ceremony at the convention center honoring our POW/MIA's Afterwards at the post, starting at 7pm we will have karaoke and will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

Saturday, business will be conducted at the convention center. A bowling tournament will be held at Tinley Bowl starting at 5pm. Dinner will be served at the post beginning at 7pm. Catered by Hog Wild, entertainment will be provided by "The Bob Brown" blues band. Cost will be \$20 per person

Sunday, 8am a memorial service will be held at the Veteran's Walkway, located at the 80<sup>th</sup> ave train station.

There are flyers at the Post for all events or go to <http://www.il-sal.org>



## American Legion Riders Chapter 615

### Don Moore Director

*Welcome to our first of (I hope) many more to follow newsletters, to keep you up on what we have going, and what things are in the works. We will have a calendar for upcoming rides and things we might want to do. Too start with we as you may know are having another Halloween Bash in Oct. there will be a live band as in the past and a great time for all that attend. Don will have tickets available, so get yours soon. Once more Ed and I will be handling the 50/50. We'll be discussing it more at the next meeting. Which will be held on May8<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.*

*The weather sure has not made for good riding, but we are hoping that that is about to change. Bob Baisa (Alas Fun Size) and I got the idea for this newsletter and calendar as a way to keep you informed. He and I will be sitting down and planning some overnight rides for all of us to go on. There are lot of things to do besides riding from bar to bar. "I hope you will agree" Some of the things might be going on an over-night to the Ford museum in Michigan, visiting with our friend and member living in Wisconsin, Carl Peterson (if he will have us), along with that how about the Bunker we keep talking about but never quite making it. As you can see there is great potential for some fun rides. If you should know of one let our great ride captain know. We will still meet on Sundays for rides, maybe the railroad museum in Mendota, Il. might be one ???*

*Would like to welcome our new member Jim Nickols "Aka Rat Man" At this time Happy to say we have a 100% paid up membership. At our last meeting our director Don said lets all try and find some new members.*

*At last meeting we also had nominations for officers and the good news is all current officers have said they will continue on unless someone else would like to try their hand. (Any takers?? if so see you at next meeting or contact Donny Moore.)*

*Other news: A \$100.00 donation was given to the Michael Sutter Scholarship Fund. Also there is an idea of having safe riding tips to be given in the newsletter so keep an eye open.*

*See Ya! At the next meeting. J.J.*





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**To inculcate a sense of individual obligation  
to the community, state and nation;**

### **Sick Bay**

Please keep Al Bechtel in your prayers, as well as our service men and women who have been wounded.

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

### **Taps**

We are saddened to report that Ralph A. Van Dyke has transferred to Post Everlasting. April 10, 2013. We send our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of this Hero.

Please pray for all our deceased members and their families 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**