



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION

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Commanders Viewpoint Ronald C. Seiner

POST 615 NEEDS YOU! We have two offices that will need to be filled at the upcoming election – Senior Vice and Adjutant. If you are interested in running, please advise one of the current Officers. Your name will then be submitted to the Nominating Committee.

Now that Spring is upon us, it is time for some Spring cleaning at the Post. There are two areas we would like to focus on – the coatroom and the storage area on the north-east side of the building. I ask that at least one individual from the Auxiliary, SAL and Riders select items to be removed from the coatroom and moved into the storage container. Any items no longer needed, should be disposed of. For any items left in the coatroom after May 15th, the House Committee will decide what stays and what goes.

I would like to thank all the members and volunteers who do such a great job assisting with Post events. We could always use more people to assist with the preparation for the event, volunteering time at the event and the clean up afterwards. Prior to any event we will now post a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The sign-up sheet will include three columns – food preparation, serving and clean up. Please sign up if you are able to volunteer your time.

A big THANK YOU from myself and Glenny to all those who helped with the preparation of and serving of the corned beef sandwiches. They were absolutely delicious! We couldn't have done it without you. (Cont. on Page 2)



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The annual Post Picnic will be held on June 22, 2014 and veterans from Manteno will be present.

For those of you who have received this issue of the newsletter via U.S. Mail, if you have an e-mail address *please* send it to seniorvice@post615.com and you will be added to the newsletter distribution list. Sending the newsletter via e-mail allows the Post to save on costs.

Membership report

Bill McNellis Sr. Vice

As of 3-28-14, against our last year's total of 441 members, we have 432 which is 97.96% Cut off for 100% is June 20th, and we have tried as reflected by our 23 new members and 16 transfers. We re in 6th place for the 8th District which has 24 Posts PLEASE help us make 100% by sending in your renewal.

Our dues cover and include four entities – National, Dept.(state), District and Post 615. During this last Jan. we were advised by the Dept. that they planned a 12.5% increase to their portion which would force Post 615 to increase its dues from \$30 to \$33 just to stay even. The Dept's increase was without justification or explanation and still needs to be approved at the State Convention therefore Post 615 filed a formal protest with the 8th District which was joined by 12 other Posts in the District requesting a "no" vote at the Convention until realistic justification is presented. Post 615's income has not risen by 12.5% and we doubt the same is true for our members personal income.

We still need everyone's DD 214 and e-mail address so if you have not submitted yours yet please do so.

If there are any WWII or Korean vets who have not been on the "Honor Flight" to DC please let us know so we can add your name to the list. Program is FREE.

- 1.) Just a reminder that there is several ways to pay dues:**
- 2.) Send a check, MO or cash with your renewal notice to the Post**
- 3.) Pay on line each year**
- 4.) Pay on line with a credit card that will automatically renew each year on Aug. 1st**
- 5.) A 5 year card which also locks up the current fee and forestalls any future increase**



**Coming Soon!
To the Post 615 Canteen!
Illinois State Gaming!**





American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Peggy Williams, President

Hello everyone,

It's been a brutal winter, but it looks like Spring is on the horizon. Mark your calendars for the Auxiliary Craft Show, which will be held in the Banquet Hall on Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 11am-5pm. Food and beverages will be available from our kitchen during our event. We have a variety of items for sale by our vendors. Stop by and see what they're offering. Some of the nicest gifts are found this way.

Also on the horizon is our Flea Market and Collectible Market. Due to the weather, this event has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 14th from 8am to 3pm. Admission will be free. Tables are available for \$20 each. If you'd like to rent a table, please call me at 815-641-0424 and leave your name and number if I am not available. Please reserve quickly, as our craft show sold out in two weeks. Admission to the event is free, but a \$1 donation at the door will be appreciated. The \$1 donation will be used for our hospitalized vets. We plan to serve food and refreshments from our kitchen.

Don't forget our Poppy Weekend May 16-18th. We will be at various locations in Tinley as well as Oak Forest.

Thank you for contributing calendars to our project. We collected approximately 125 calendars which were very much appreciated by the hospitalized vets at Hines.

I wanted to let you know of the passing of one of our Past Presidents, Jeannie Machara, in December. Jeannie was very devoted to the principles of the Auxiliary. Her husband, Frank, has generously decided to fund a scholarship in her name. We are currently working out the details and I will let you know when this is finalized. We also lost another member in March, Beth Parish. Our condolences go out to both families.

We would like to welcome new members Denise Porter, Mary Porter-Whelan, Jeanine Enright, Rhonda Remblos, Julia Saccente and Karen Weigand. We look forward to working with you!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Until next newsletter, God bless and stay safe.

THE HAPPENINGS
SANTINO LETTIERI JR. VICE COMMANDER

To all members the magic word is participation, if we all participate in Legion Family functions then they all will be a success, do your best to attend as many as you can, don't forget Queen of Hearts every Thursday at 7:00pm support all Legion Functions.



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Chris Presler Commander

I want to take the time to thank everyone that participated and volunteered in the S.A.L. breakfast and Shrimp boil. They were a huge success. We served 94 at breakfast and over 174 dinners at the Shrimp Boil. Great Job done by all. We could not do this without our great volunteers.

We have some events coming up that should be a lot of fun. On May 3rd we are having the Derby Day from 1:00p.m., until we get kicked out. There will be gourmet burgers with all the fixings made fresh. We plan on having some great fun with the races, music, 50/50 and our lotto board drawings. Please come join us. Anyone that would like to volunteer or has any questions, please call John Joyce @ 708-925-7422 or email jjoyce@faurebros.com.

May 11 is the CWF Bike Run Benefit. Starts at the Post 615, you can register at 9:00a.m. and kickstands up at 11:00a.m. \$20.00 per bike and \$5.00 per passenger. The run travels to all American Legion Posts. Food, raffles, and music back at the Post following the run. Contact Jimmy Hunter for questions. 708-567-9062. Benefits the Child Welfare Foundation.

May 20th - Benefit Baseball Game at Standard Bank stadium in Crestwood, IL. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle and kids can run the bases after the game. Game start at 7:05p.m. Come out for a night of great family fun. This is a Child Welfare Foundation function and please call Jimmy Hunter for details.

S.A.L meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00p.m... Our next meeting is Nomination of Officers. Anyone interested is urged to be nominated.

The S.A.L. gets it done, Come join us in all our events.

FROM THE DESK OF THE
SERGEANT AT ARMS: BILL PORTER

So far this year the Color/Honor Guard has participated in five events.

We held ceremonies at three wakes, Robert Rehfeld, William Burke and of course Mickey Framke. We also marched in the St Pat's Day Parade in Tinley and went to Lincoln-Way H.S. to help support the JROTC program.

Normally the spring months are a busy time for us with placing of flags on gravesites, Memorial Day events and various school events so we could use some help. If you have the time to spare please consider joining the Color/Honor Guard.

Lastly, and this isn't related to our Post, The Memorial Squad at Lincoln National Cemetery is in need of new members as well. (Cont. on next page)



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Don Moore Director

It has been a long cold snowy winter but the riding season is now upon us. The Riders will be going on planned rides this season, we also will be attending Welcome Homes, Patriot Guard functions and military rides were needed. We are hosting the breakfast for the annual Kevin Clarke Ride May 18th starting at 7am -10am. The breakfast is running \$5 and the proceeds will be going to The Heart of The Marines and other Veteran charities. Even if you are not a Rider come for breakfast and show your support. If you are a member of the Post, Sons or the Ladies Aux. and have a motorcycle we are always looking for new members. Dues are \$10 and we try our best to raise funds for our Veterans not to mention some fun rides! As I'm writing this the Riders are going to give respect to Mickey Framke WWII veteran and past officer at our Post. Rest in peace.



Come on into the Post 615 Canteen to watch all your favorite Sports. Enjoy the Camaraderie of old and new



friends. Have an enjoy-luck at our many games. "Jeopardy" and "Wheel



able refreshment. Try your Watch and participate in of Fortune" Check out our and Just



relax and have fun. Play our pull tabs, or just listen to your favorite song.



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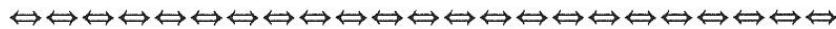
The Memorial Squad performs military honors, (3-volley rifle salute, Taps, and the folding/presentation of the flag) for any veteran laid to rest at the cemetery. If you can spare one day a week think about joining us for this most rewarding experience. For more info call the cemetery at 815-423-9958 and ask for Ed Crobie or come see me.



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SERVICE OFFICER ALAN PATTERSON

Service Officer: On April 1st James Oneal from Veterans Home Care was here to give a presentation to the members on its program for home bound veterans with financial aid and assistance.

Sick Bay

Sick Bay is reported to be empty.

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

Taps

It is with deep regret that Robert Rehfeld, William Burke, and Mickey Framke have transferred to Post Everlasting. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their family's and friends

Please pray for all our deceased members and their families!