



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION

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Commanders Viewpoint Ronald C. Seiner

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Video gaming is now up and running at the Post. The Illinois Gaming Commission advertises a 95% payout. Which in most cases matches the odds on the gaming boats and in Vegas. Come on in and play. You may hit the jackpot!

Up-coming events include the Pig Roast in August, the New York Strip Steak Cookout in September and the Tinley Park Fall Festival in September. Please come and support your Post!

It was a pleasure serving as your Commander over the past year and I am honored to serve as your Commander once again this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at the different events this past year. Hats off to Chefs John Joyce and Gregg Collins for all the fabulous meals they prepared at various Post events. Thank you to the Women's Auxiliary members for providing us with the delicious desserts we have been enjoying at the Post. Special thanks as well to Bruce for helping with various odds and ends at the Post. Thank you all. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help! All your efforts are truly appreciated.



Membership report

Bill McNellis Sr. Vice

As of the Dept.'s "close of books" on June 20th we had reached 100%. While we lost numerous members we were able to bring in 25 new members and 18 transfer thanks in large part to Cmdr Seiner.

Many of you have already received the annual renewal notice with the \$3 increase which we fought but to no avail. Please send in your renewals ASAP.

THE HAPPENINGS SANTINO LETTIERI JR. VICE COMMANDER

Hello Legion members here is a list of activities that I ask all to support, first and foremost is the Queen of Hearts held at the post every Thursday at 7:00 pm we now have the poker machines so come out and have some fun.

The following are events that are happening in the next couple of months

- 1) August 9th ALA pig roast 5:00pm at the post
- 2) August 29th Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
- 3) Sept. 13th Annual steak dinner at the post
- 4) Sept 25th thru the 28th Tinley Park Fall Fest Put on by the Post 615 Family
- 5) Sept 26th at the post an evening of fun and music everyone is encouraged to support this event is a fund raiser the cover charge is \$5:00 music by The Baked Potatoes From 7:00pm till 11:00pm
- 6) October 26th ALR Halloween Bash fun for all 6:00pm till?
- 7) Dec. 25th Navy recruits Xmas Party

I ask all members to support all Legion Family events, without your support we will not succeed, thank you and I will see you at the post,

Illinois State Gaming AT Post 615 Canteen Come on in and join the Excietment!





American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Peggy Williams, President

Hi everyone ...

Our officers for this year are :

Peggy Williams, President & Membership Chair

Pam Sandrin, Vice-President

Joana (Joni) Barton, Secretary

Karen Borgman, Treasurer

Deb Melchert, Sergeant-at-Arms

Barb Schmall, Chaplain

Historian, Pam Sandrin

Some of us will be off to Convention. It is our hope that we can network with other members and liaisons from veterans' homes in the state. Shared knowledge is empowering and we hope to come back to Post 615 with some new ideas and resolutions to the challenges that face the Auxiliary today.

Our bottom line for Poppies this year was \$2,758. Thanks very much to all folks who helped us out. A special thanks goes out to our Riders who took over for us in the Oak Forest area. This coming year our Poppy Committee will be exploring ideas from other Posts who have received donations in excess of \$10,000. We plan to share our ideas with all four families. One of the common denominators in a successful poppy weekend is a group effort, with heavy participation by all families.

Our first annual scholarship in honor of Jeannie Machara will be given out to two outstanding young women at our August 6th monthly meeting. Thanks to Frank Machara for making this possible. A Scholarship Committee for the 2014-2015 year was formed at our last meeting and details for next year's scholarship will be posted as it becomes available.

Don't forget our Pig Roast on Saturday, August 9th from 5pm to 10pm. The SAL will be cooking for us that evening, and we have a terrific menu planned. Entertainment will be provided by Artie "Sinatra" Fitzgerald, as well as his DJ. Please come out and join us for this fundraiser. We will have raffles, a 50/50 pot and your \$20 ticket includes entry into a drawing for the door prize. Ask your friends and relatives to join you. We need your support in order to continue our programs!

Thank you to those members (you know who you are) who came to the Family Picnic in June and met with the Manteno Vets. I know we made their day. I saw a lot of smiling faces get on that bus for the trip home. A special thanks to Joni Barton for being our ringleader – you did a great job.

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Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

Chris Presler Commander

Let me start by thanking last year's officers and volunteers for all they did to make way for the coming year. I learned a lot from all of you. As we start a new year, I want to congratulate all new and existing Officers to their elected positions. It takes a lot of time to serve and you all should be proud. I know I am to be your Commander. We are still looking for a Junior Vice Commander. Anyone interested please feel free to contact me at 708-925-7422.

We recently purchased as a "family" a great new grill. We used this for the Legion picnic and will enjoy it for a long time. Let's plan some events to enjoy together.

Sunday [July 27th](#) annual Manteno picnic with the Marine Corps League. Be at Manteno around 10:30 a.m. We need people to bring the Vets outside and take them back afterwards. We provide everything for the picnic. Also need folks to help serve.

M-n-M Tinley Wish Bike run [Aug 17th](#). They end up at the post. Details are on the poster on the board.

Dues for 2014-2015 are now due. \$20 for 1 year or \$75 for 5 years. You can drop off at the post or mail to S.A.L. Sq 615 c/o Jimmy Hunter 209 Hedgewick Ct Matteson, IL 60443

We will do our officer installation at our Sept 23rd meeting.

I wanted to thank S.A.L member AJ Schreiber for his donation of the bean bags boards to the organization. This was a great donation!

S.A.L meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00p.m. We serve food after the meeting.

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

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Our craft show was a success and we hope to do it again. Thanks to Eva Reyes for putting it together.

We have some plans for the coming year, but they are in the preliminary stages. By the time our next newsletter rolls out, we hope to have information for you on at least two new projects.

If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, etc., please contact me. We are here to serve our Veterans and their families. We can't do it without your input AND support.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you up at the Post soon.



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Don Moore Director

The Riders are now in the riding season. We have been taking Sunday rides to various locations. Recently we went to Freedom Run to support the Marsailles Wall for Middle Eastern Conflict, went to a Parade on the 4th of July in Mokena, road to Services for Memorial Day and escorted PFC Aaron Scott Toppen, a fallen soldier home and attended an Honor Parade. We also hosted a breakfast for The Kevin Clarke Memorial Ride at our Post and donated \$537 to The Heart of the Marines.

We have elected new officers for 2014-2015: Ed Nadess / Sargent Of Arms, Denise Porter / Asst. Chaplin , Pam Sandrin /Chaplin, Mary Porter Whalen /Asst. Historian / Tom Cermak / Historian, Louis Volpi / Road Captain, Pat Zedniak / Secretary, Tino Lettieri / Finance Officer / Jim (JJ) Johnson/ Asst. Director and Don Moore / Director . Welcome!

If you can be a Legion member, have a motorcycle greater then an 350 CC and want to support our Veterans. You could be an American Legion Rider. Just ask for JJ, he is in charge of membership.

Our membership keeps growing, have a save and happy summer.

Coming up the American Legion Fest and the Halloween Bash.

Annual Tinley Park veteran's breakfast

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 25th , this is the date of the annual Tinley Park veteran's breakfast sponsored by the Tinley Park Veterans Commission and the Village of Tinley Park. The breakfast will again be held at the Tinley Park Convention center and will begin at 8:00am. This breakfast is open to all Tinley Park military veterans and non-resident members of a Tinley Park military veterans organization. Watch for more information as the date approaches. You will need to sign up at the Post or Village Hall.

Norm Pestlin



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to watch all



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Check out our "Queen of Hearts" game and Just relax and have fun. Play our pull tabs, or just listen to your favorite song.





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A presentation on the V.A.'s burial and memorial benefits was given at the June meeting

Sick Bay

Tom Cerny recently suffered a heart attack and underwent an angioplasty procedure. All went well and Tom was doing fine. John Sonnefeldt (Sonny) will be having a knee replacement in July.

Anyone having information on members who are sick or in the hospital can contact me directly at (708)614-6408 or email at: 80camap@sbcglobal.net
Service Officer: Alan Paterson

Taps

Post 615 is very happy to report that there have been no known transfers into Post Everlasting since our last Newsletter.

Anyone knowing of any of members who have passed please call the Post at (708) 532-1737

Please pray for all our deceased members and their families!