



The Post 615 Insider

TINLEY PARK

Commanders Viewpoint
William F. McNellis

POST MEETS FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (except on Election Day)

Please look at the membership card we sent you - if it is labeled "2017" then your dues are paid. If it reads 2016 or earlier than you still owe your dues for this year.

Each fall you receive a "dues notice" from the Legion National HQ in Indianapolis. You send us your dues payment and we in turn update our records, send you your card and transfer your data and money to the Legion State of IL HQ who in turn updated their records and allegedly the Nationals. If the National's data base does not reflect your payment they will keep sending out "delinquent" notices.

This issue has been a problem for years and each year the National states they have implemented a patch but we see no real improvements. Sorry.

Anyone who made more than one payment we have not cashed additional checks which your bank records will clearly reflect.

The Tinley Park annual Holiday Market went well but did not produce the anticipated profit for us due to less attendance and the increased cost of permits and fees. Also need to say Post assistance was very poor with only a few people providing the help needed. If it was not for Lou Volpi, and the SAL doing set up, etc. we would not have made anything.

The AUX's "Breakfast with Santa" was well attended, had fantastic food, great gift bags for the kids, and the best Santa and Mrs. Claus anywhere (John Joyce and Colleen O'Connor)



Had 45 naval recruits down from Great Lakes plus a dozen Vet's from Manteno. Plenty of volunteers, communication items (cell phones, laptops, etc), great food and entertainment plus each recruit left with a \$50 VISA card.

There will be a Carnival this Spring with the date and place covered in the next newsletter.

Post elections will begin with calls for interested parties in Mar. and Apr. and the election at the May meeting.

We are looking for anyone interested and qualified in taking over as Finance Officer to provide guidance to the Post Executive Committee and handle the books.

Membership report

Bill Porter Sr. Vice

As of Feb 3rd we were fifty (50) members short of 100%. Please if you owe dues now is as good a time as any to get them in.

THE HAPPENINGS CARL LAPORTE JR. VICE COMMANDER

Upcoming events:

MNM RC Spaghetti Dinner Feb 18th 4pm to 8pm \$5

Post Corn Beef Sandwiches Mar 19th 11am to 5pm \$6

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

Peggy Williams, President

Hello everyone,

With a new year comes new opportunities -- Opportunities to continue the service to our veterans, the community, and the ALA. We may not have the time or inclination to step up and volunteer; we may have been offended in the past by the way someone has treated us and no longer wish to participate in Post activities. Let this be a year when we put all that aside and work together. Time to focus on what's important -- simply put, we are here to help our veterans. That's the goal. Whether you agree or disagree with the way we carry on our work is not as important as what you do to change the situation if you feel the situation warrants it.

Recently we had three successful events, two of which were new to us. The first event was our craft show on Sunday, October 23rd. Bev Vanderveen took the lead on this fundraiser and did an outstanding job pulling everything together in a short period of time. Our auxiliary members assisted where they could (thank you all) and for a first-time event, we agreed that it was a success. The next show is scheduled for Sunday, October 1st. If you know of an interested craftsperson or vendor, please alert them to save the date and let me know so we can follow up.

This year we again worked the cookie decorating table at the annual Holiday Market. Despite their busy weekends, our volunteers managed to come out and help with the cookies. I'd like to thank Ed n' Joes for baking the cookies for us. They come through for us every year! Also, thanks to the fellas for helping us out with the hot chocolate, etc., even a last-minute run to GFS!

Breakfast with Santa was our first event open to the community at large. Despite the snowy weather, we had a good turnout. Many thanks to the SAL members who came out to cook for the event. I know it was a lot of work, from shopping to cooking to cleaning up. Despite a few glitches here and there, it went very well. The food was delicious, Santa was jolly, and a good time was had by all.

Our next meeting is February 1st at 7pm. I hope to see you there. Poppy Weekend will be here before we know it. Let's make 2017 a year to remember!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

John Joyce Commander

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQ 615

Hello to all our S.A.L members and their families. I hope all have had a safe and Happy Holidays with family and friends.

The Sons did our yearly picnic at the Manteno Vets Home in August. With the help of the American Legion Family and the Marine Corps League we fed over 400 people. We also did a barbeque at the homeless Vets building around the corner at Manteno.

Our annual Day at the Races at Manteno had to be cancelled due to broken water pipes.

We started this holiday season out by helping collect food at our local Jewel for the Veterans Food Drive on Thanksgiving.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving we passed out food to 12 of our Veteran families. We worked with the Caring Patriots who organized this Veterans Food Drive and they gave food baskets to over 1000 of our Veteran families.

The Sons helped the Women's Auxiliary with their Breakfast with Santa. Our own Commander John was Santa. The S.A.L. received rave reviews about the breakfast we made. We were proud to help and thanks to all that worked. It was a great success.

Finally we get to the Christmas with the Recruits. Thanks to our guys, some of who spent 4 days in the kitchen getting ready for this, for all your help. Once again we cooked all the food and it was excellent. Again, the 40 recruits and 10 Vets from Manteno thoroughly enjoyed it all. Thanks to Jim Taylor for putting it all together.

Our next event will be the breakfast for the St Pat's parade and the Shrimp Boil in March.

I wanted to take a minute to thank all the families for all they do for the S.A.L. Please keep our passed members in your prayers along with Tom Tilton's recovering from a procedure.

Remember, if you haven't paid your due yet you are in arrears. Contact Jimmy Hunter to pay them or drop at the Post.



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Darryl Duke

- In August 5 Riders went to Sturgis South Dakota, Toured the black hills, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, an Custer State Park with the highlight of a Buffalo stampede.
- Christmas with the troops from great lakes navy training center on Christmas day was a Hugh success all of the troops had a great time and a big thank you to Jim Taylor for organizing the event.
- Support all activities at the post.
- Next ride will be will be the St Patrick day parade.
- As of Jan 1 we have 31 paid members
- The riders Christmas party will be Feb 8, RSVP Tino

Alan Patterson

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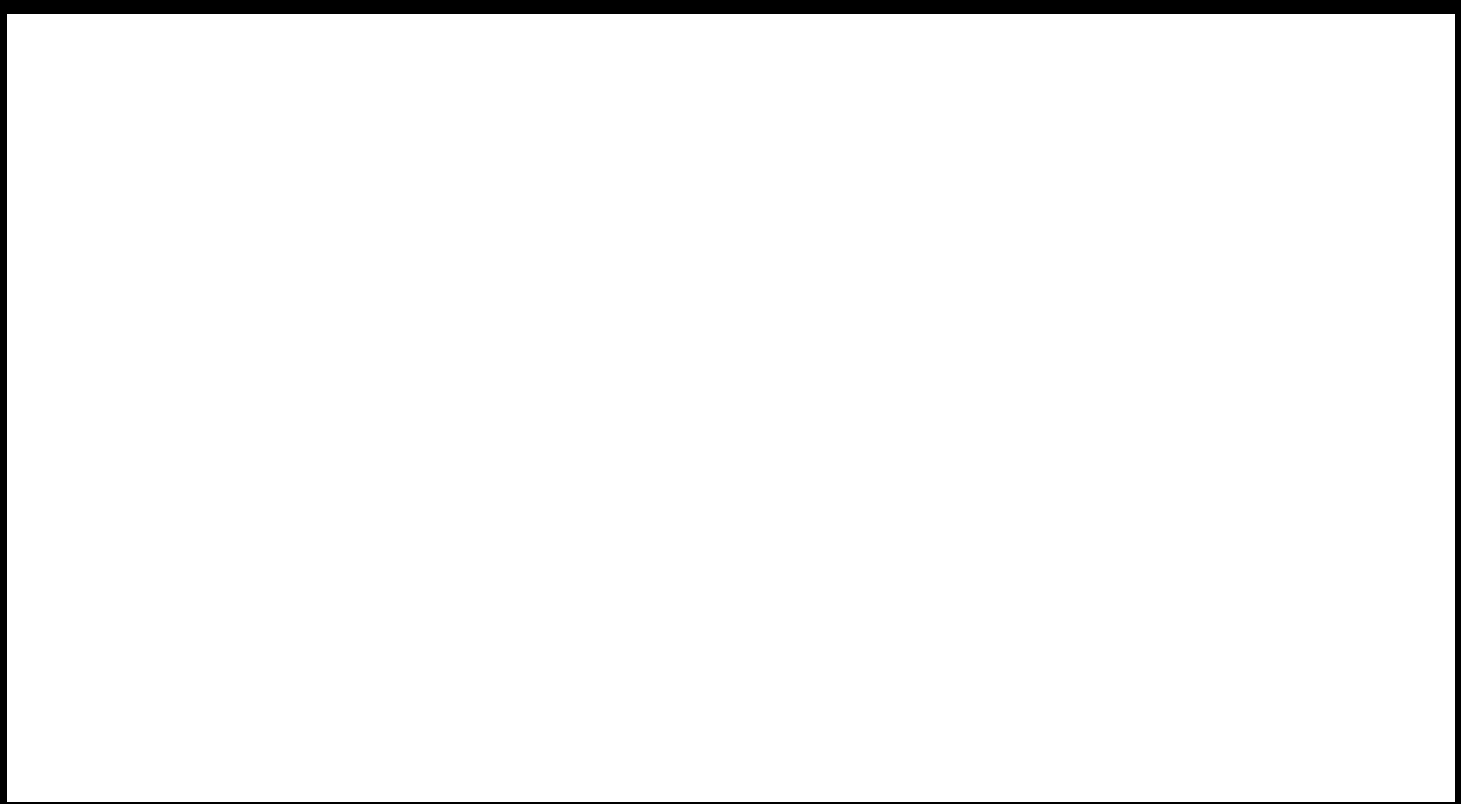
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