# The Post 615 Insider



AMERICAN LEGION
POST 615
TINLEY PARK, IL. 60477

Commanders Viewpoint William Porter, Commander

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

Well, my calendar says it is Spring, I'm not so sure the weatherman agrees.

We've had several events since the last newsletter (with many more to come) and all were successful thanks to our volunteers, but we could always use more help. It seems that it is always the same few members from the Legion Family that come out and they need your help.

#### **Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery:**

The Memorial Squad is in need of new members. If you can spare one day a week to volunteer, think about joining. Call the cemetery at (815) 423-9958 and they will get you in contact with our membership team and arrange for you to come out and see what we do. Then you decide if you want to join, no obligation.

The next "Unaccompanied Veterans Burial Service" is scheduled for 9 AM, Friday, April 13th at Shelter C. This is the quarterly service for all veterans interned at Lincoln who, for various reasons, did not have Military Honors. It is a short service, 20 minutes or so, and is important in that it reminds us that many are not as fortunate as those of us who still have family and friends to mourn our passing. If you can spare the time, please come out and honor these men and women who served our country.

#### **Emails:**

I have started sending out emails to inform everyone of upcoming events at the post.If you did not any emails then we do not have your email address on file. Please send an email to commander@post615.com with your email address and name to be added to the list. Don't worry about getting a bunch of emails, I don't expect it to be more than one a week.

If you did get it, then you are all set.

#### <u>Membership report</u>

Jim Tayl or Sr. Vice

#### Membership:

As of Friday March 30th our membership stood at 381 out of 431 for an 84.4% renewal rate. This is not good. If you have not renewed for 2018, please do so ASAP. Also we need to

recruit new members. We need to attract younger veterans from Afghanistan, Iraq, and the War on Terrorism eras as well as older vets from previous war eras..

Speak to any veteran you know and invite them to visit the post and sit in on a meeting, no obligation to join, and see what we have to offer them. Even if they belong to another post talk to them about transferring to Post 615.

## The Happenings

Carl LaPorte Jr. Vice Commander

#### SAVE A DATE

Also our annual Post Picnic will be on Saturday July 28th. More information will be posted at a later date.

Thanks again to all the American Legion Families for your help. I could not have done this without you. See what we can accomplish working together.

SERVING VETERANS 24/7/365

#### Service Officer

Al an Patterson

#### Beware of Medicare telephone scams.

New Medicare cards are presently being issued. They should have them all issued by April 2019.

The new cards are replacing your social security number with an MBI, Medicare Beneficiary Identifier, the new cards will arrive in the mail.

Scams include charging you a fee for a temporary card, asking for your social security

number in order to obtain the new card, and even threatening to cut off your benefits if you don't provide your personal information.

REMEMBER THAT MEDICARE WILL NOT CALL YOU BY TELEPHONE.







#### Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

John Joyce, Commander

#### HAPPY SPRING TO ALL AND YOUR FAMILIES.

We had great success with our Shrimp Boil. Thank you to all whom attended.

We have another great event coming on April 21. "Let's Make A Deal" starts at 7pm. We will have a great spaghetti dinner and lots of fun and prizes. Please plan on attending.

Please come join the S.A.L. and do the great charitable works we do in the community. Helping our Vets is a great honor.

If you have an idea for an event please let us know we are happy to assist for our family. Have a great spring and see you at the Post.

#### John F. Joyce

Commander of the S.A.L.

#### SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018



HOSTED BY the American Legion, the Sons and the Riders of Post 615

Starts at 6:00 PM

Place: 17423 67th Ct, Tinley Park, IL 60477

If you wear a Costume you are entered in a Special Raffle. Ticket Cost \$15.00

This includes: All YOU CAN FAT

Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Carlic Eread & Dessert
Plus an Entry for the Ecor Prize.

Raffle Tickets \$10,00 for an Arm's Length!

Questions Please see John Joyce or Elizabeth Leonard



Sgt.-@Arms

Lou Vol pi Jr.

Thanks to a Great Honor Guard for all your help,

Lou

### American Legion Riders Chapter 615



Lou Vol pi, Director

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I would like to take this time to reflect on life, and what's really important, FAMILY. We are a family at Post 615, The legion, Sons, and Women's Aux. Of course we can't forget the Legion Riders, saving the best for last. As with most families we are dysfunctional at times, but that's OK. We get it right when it counts. I would like to extend my profound thanks to you for all your cooperation in making our events a success. I have been with the Post for nearly 5 years and have enjoyed my time, and the good people that I have met, thank you. Let's get ready for the new season of rides, dinners, etc. We can strengthen our home if we continue to cooperate and work with each other, I don't want to leave out the bartenders, Glenny, Holly, Laurie and JoJo, great job! Enjoy your season and life!

Honor and Respect,



#### American Legion Auxil lary Unit 615

Peggy Williams, President

## No report

Come on into the Post 615 Canteen to watch all your favorite sports. Enjoy the camaraderie of old and new friends. Have an enjoyable refreshment. Try your luck at our many games. Watch and participate in "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune"







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











## STEPHEN E. EBERHARDT

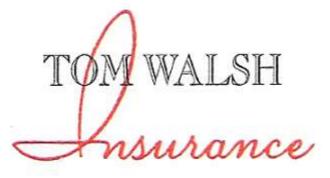
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### **Tinley Park American Legion Post 615** Still Serving America's Veteran's **Check out our Hall Rental**

Watch for news of all of our Events

Current members come on in and meet your comrades and possibly find a new friend or two. Watch for news of our programs, you might find one that interests you,

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For God and Country God Bless America

## To promote peace and good will on earth

#### **Upcoming events:**

Let's Make A Deal Sat April 24th, all you can eat spaghetti dinner

Tuesday May 1st, Loyalty Day, come help us place flags on the veterans graves

Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day ceremony at 80th Ave Train Station followed by luncheon at the post for all

Post picnic Sat. July 28th

| Sick Bay | Taps                                  |
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|          | Leonard Mackivitch                    |
|          | Past Commander Joseph Konrath 1983,84 |
|          | Past Commander John Liston 1991,92,93 |