

The Post 615 Insider



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

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and that the New Year brings you good health and happiness.

We've had several events since the last newsletter (and 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.

Membership:

As of Friday Jan. 5th our membership stood at 362 out of 431 for an 83.99% 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.

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad:

The Memorial Squad is in need of new members. Currently the squad has about 120 members and can perform honors ceremonies for 22 veterans a day. The cemetery is getting busier as more people learn of its existence and they want to increase to 33 services a day. If they do this we will not be able to give every veteran the service they deserve.

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.

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Membership report

Jim Taylor Sr. Vice

Dear Contributor,

The Tinley Park American Legion Post 615 extends our thanks for your support. Christmas Day 51 recruits from Great Lakes Naval Station arrived by bus donated by Illinois School Bus. Legion members and others gladly gave up their cell phones for the day so the recruits could call family and friends plus 14 laptops were put to good use as they were surfing the internet on Skype, Facebook, Twitter or watching YouTube. And for those just wanting to relax there were gaming systems lent to us from Disk Replay in Orland Park. The furniture, TV's and computers were rented from Rent-A-Center. They and 10 Veterans and aids from Manteno Veterans Home enjoyed an excellent Christmas dinner. At the end of the day the recruits found room to devour 15 Pizzas donated by Durbins Restaurant & Lounge.

As would be expected they all enjoyed themselves immensely, which without your generous donation none of this would have happened in the style it did. Recruits are restricted from accepting nearly anything, so each went back with \$50. Our SAL Detachment did an outstanding job of cooking ... again, we could NOT have done it without them.

Special Thanks to Panduit, Teamsters Local 705, Bettenhausen Automotive, ALR Chapter 615, MCL Kevin Clarke Detachment 1217 and VFW Post 2791. Food donations from Walt's, GFS and many others. Also to the many Volunteers who make this possible, The American Legion Family, Oak Tree Community Church, Family Harvest Church and The Village of Tinley Park.

Thanks Again,

Jim Taylor

**Senior Vice Commander, Christmas for Recruits Chairman, American Legion Post 615
For God and Country, Semper Fi**

The Happenings

Carl LaPorte Jr. Vice Commander

I would like to thank all the volunteers, members and non-members for all your help at this year's Holiday Market. Again this was a huge success. All though we could have used more help. Remember this for next year.

Also thanks to everyone that gave up their Holiday to help with the Recruits Christmas Dinner. A good time was had by all.

As you know January & February are slow months with not too much going on. On March 18th we will be having our annual St. Patrick's Day Party. This has always been a huge success for us. The Village will have their annual parade and we will be serving Corned Beef sandwiches in the hall. The price of tickets will be determined at a later date.

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Service Officer

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For those veterans and spouses who choose a national cemetery as their final resting place can reserve a space by filling out V.A. form 40-10007 PRE-NEED DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY IN A VA NATIONAL CEMETERY. A separate form is required for both the veteran and spouse if so desired.

All V.A. forms mentioned above are available for download on the Veterans Administration website or by contacting me at (708)614-6408.

Illinois State Gaming AT Post 615 Canteen Come on in and join the Excite- ment!





Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

John Joyce, Commander

The S.A.L will be hosting a Shrimp Boil on March 24, 2018

THE HAPPENINGS (CONT'D)

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.

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Lou Volpi Jr.

Thanks to a Great Honor Guard for all your help,

Lou

COMMANDERS VIEWPOINT (CONT'D)

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.



American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Lou Volpi, Director

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season, 2018 is here!!

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 Rides, 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 m 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 Auxiliary 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.





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Watch for news of our programs, you might find one that interests you,

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Upcoming events:

Corn beef sandwiches on St Patricks' Day, Sun March 18th
SAL Shrimp Boil on March 24th
Post picnic Sat. July 28th

**MORE INFO ON THESE EVENTS AS THEY NEAR, CHECK YOUR
EMAIL**

Sick Bay

Taps

Harry Shallmo
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