



# The Post 615 Insider

## TINLEY PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 615

Commanders Viewpoint  
William Porter

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

**Greetings to all and welcome to 2019! I hope everyone had a good holiday season.**

### **Legion 100th Anniversary**

2019 marks the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. The Legion was founded on March 15, 1919 in Paris France. To celebrate this event the post is planning a prime rib dinner on March 15, 2019. I hope all of you can attend this celebration. Tickets will go on sale soon, once final plans have been set.

### **Membership**

Please check your membership card. We still have many members who have not paid their current dues. If your card doesn't say 2019 then you need to send your dues in ASAP.

### **Elections**

Nominations for post officers begin in March with elections in May. Let your voice be heard by nominating and voting for the Legionnaire of your choice for one of the post offices.



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## Membership Report

**Jim Taylor**

*Sr. Vice Cmdr.*

Greetings Comrades,

I hope the new year finds you well.

Christmas with the recruits went very well, with 52 recruits and 13 veterans from Manteno, all had a great Christmas. Donations though this year were down a bit.

This year's membership looks better but we're still behind on our percentage. If you don't have a 2019 card, you are past due already. National and State have decided to give a discount for those who haven't paid since 2016, that offer should be in the mail.



## The Happenings

**Carl LaPorte**

*Jr. Vice Cmdr.*

I would like to thank all who volunteered their time, talent and effort to make our Holiday Market a success. As you know these events would not have been a success without the commitment of all our members and volunteers.

The following events will be coming up in the next few months.

On Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef sandwiches will be served and once again the Blackbird Irish Dancers will be entertaining us after the parade.

In March we are planning a 100 Anniversary Dinner. We will be hosting this event at our Post.

**\*\*\*\* Details to follow. \*\*\*\***

Remember this is your post and the events we hold can only be a success with your help.



## Service Officer

Alan Patterson

No report



## American Legion Riders Chapter 615

Daryle Duke

*Director*

2018 has ended and what a great year it was, a lot of rides, a lot of fun. I look forward to our Annual Christmas party on January 9<sup>th</sup>. And I cannot forget about our chili cook-off fund raiser on January 13<sup>th</sup> with all of the families.

## Illinois State Gaming at the Post 615 Canteen

**Come on in and join the Excitement!**





## Sons of The American Legion Squadron 615

**John Joyce**

*Commander*

**To all S.A.L members and family members,**

It was great Holiday season. There were many acts of kindness and we all should be proud of our accomplishments. The sons are hitting the ground running with a joint family event with the other the other family members.

January 13, 2019- Chili cook off and Show me the money

Our annual Shrimp Boil will be on March 23, 2019 at 5pm. All should plan on attending. It will be a great time for all. Watch the post Facebook and flyers at the Post.

I just wanted to take a minute to thank all the sons that participated in all the events and the countless hours supporting the S.A.L. events, Legion events, other family events, as well as the community. I am proud to be a member.

I would also like to thank the Bar staff Glenny Lynch, Joanne, Laurie, Holly, and Denise for their tireless work keeping the bar and banquet hall going.

**Hope all have a great 2019!**



## For God and Country

**Tim Keating**

*Chaplain*

I hope you and your family enjoyed a blessed holiday season.

The turning of a calendar page isn't usually that significant but when it marks the beginning of a new year we take stock of our lives and consider how we might wish to improve ourselves, hence, we make resolutions.

We might resolve to make it to the gym more often, change a behavior or an attitude, to read more or visit with friends more often. All the resolutions we make are always to help us to be a better, more complete person.

The title of this column is also the motto of the Legion: "For God and Country." Perhaps this year we might resolve to become more aware of the blessings our God has blessed us with and to express our gratitude for the gift of our faith and the freedom we enjoy.

**Happy New Year!**



## **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615**

**Kat Scheidler**

*President*

### **Hello Ladies and Happy New Year!**

We had a great holiday season. The Holiday Market cookie sales was a success and we had a great showing from the community at the Breakfast with Santa the following weekend.

We are making plans for our next event – a Country Night in April. We plan to have hearty food and a new to us entertainer who we hear is a great performer of country and blues music. We hope to have all the information ready to go in time for the next newsletter.

Of course, in May we will have our Poppy fundraiser weekend. We love doing this event, because we raise a lot of money for our veterans.

Don't forget, our meetings are now on the first Sunday of the month, at 11:00 am. Please join us if you can. We are always open to new ideas and volunteers for our fundraisers.

Thank you for your continued support and membership in Our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615.

May your 2019 be joyful and prosperous to you and your family.

Katrina Scheidler

President, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 615

**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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## Commander's Viewpoint (cont'd)

**William Porter**

*Commander*

### **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.

<http://abrahamlincolnmemorialsquad.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9codGERMUK>

**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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**Upcoming events:**

SAL January 13, 2019- Chili cook off and Show me the money  
Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef sandwiches  
100th Anniversary Dinner, March 15th  
SAL Shrimp Boil will be on March 23, 2019  
AUX Country Night in April

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

**Taps**

Anthony Kozlowski, USN, Korea  
Louis Paries, USN, WW2  
Kenneth Kinas, USN, Korea  
Gerald Dermody, UNK, WW2  
Robert Hayes, USAF, Korea  
Harry Hoffstadt, UNK, UNK  
James Klebba, USAF, WW2

Thomas Kozbiel, USA, VN  
Robert Parsons, USMC, VN  
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