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POST 134 NEWS



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Commander's Report
By: Jan Lepinski

Greetings Comrades!

For those of you who missed the Legionnaire of the Year dinner for our own Ken Trumbull, you missed a very good time. Congratulations, Ken...You deserve this honor...for all that you have done, are doing, and are going to do for the American Legion.

This month is a busy month. First, on March 12th we have the fundraiser for the Morton Grove Seniors. This is a spaghetti dinner for \$10/adult and \$5 for children under age 12. There will be a silent auction and cash raffles. The money raised will be used to support the Morton Grove Commission on Aging, and will be kept in a separate fund from which they can draw.

Wednesday, March 17th, is our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, featuring...what else? Corned Beef and Cabbage. Read your bulletin to find out more details.

And last, but definitely not least, March is the Birthday of the American Legion. Ninety-one years ago, Members of the American Expeditionary Force convened in Paris for the first American Legion caucus. While Congress did not grant our Charter until September 1919, this was first gathering of American veterans for the purpose of forming our wonderful organization. As you go through the month, please take a moment to reflect on where you would be today without the American Legion.

Faith and Begorra! Have a wonderul month! As always...

March, 2010



Auxiliary Message
By: Donna Hedrick

The Auxiliary would like to thank August Durso Jr., D.D.S. for the donation of toothpaste and toothbrushes. We will be giving them to the veterans at Hines and Jesse Brown Hospitals.

Also, a big thank you to Dollie Cummings for her donation to Hines in memory of her husband, Don Cummings. We really appreciated the thought and donations. Thanks, again.

The Jesse Brown group did their Bingo games and raffle.

The Auxiliary gave valentines and treats to the children at the Jerusalem Lutheran School.

The essay contest was a great success. We had three local schools participating with 28 essays. We have named four winners. I would like to thank Patty Kim, Myrna Smith, Lynne Weaver, and Anne Marrazzo for taking the time to read these essays. They were a big help in making our decision on the winners.

If any knows of a High School Girl that will complete her Junior Year in 2010, please let me know. We are looking for candidates for Girls State.

Our next meeting is March 9 at 7 PM. Please come and join us. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the Auxiliary, please have them get in touch with me or one of the other board members.

The Chaplain's Corner

DON'T QUIT!!

When things go wrong
As they sometimes will,
When the road you are trudging
Seems all downhill;

When the funds are low
And the debts are high,
And you want to smile
But you have to sigh.

When life is pressing you down a bit -
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Success is failure turned inside out -
It is the silver tint of the clouds of doubt.

And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems afar.

So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things go wrong that you must not quit!
Author unknown -

And for all my Irish friends out there,
an *Irish Friendship Wish*

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your window pane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

God bless all,
Chaplain Phil

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Martin Gutenkauf, 3 year member.



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday thru Friday
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm and on Sundays 12:30 to 5:00
pm.

MARCH, 2010

MAR 3	7 th Dist. Aux., Evanston	7:30 pm
MAR 7	1 st Div Bowling Tournament	1:45 pm
MAR 8	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 9	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
MAR 11	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 17	St. Patrick's Dinner	5:30 pm
	7 th District Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 22	Calendar Meeting	6:00 pm
	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 25	Post Meeting	7:30 pm

APRIL, 2010

APR 2	Village Eggstravaganza	
APR 7	7 th Dist. Aux. all units @ MG	7:30 pm
APR 8	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
APR 11	Public Initiation	
APR 12	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
APR 13	Aux. Meeting, Unit 134	7:00 pm
APR 19	Executive Board	7:30 pm
APR 21	7 th District @ 42	7:30 pm
APR 22	Post Everlasting	7:30 pm
	Post Meeting	

GUN RANGE ACTIVITIES

MON.	GUN CLUB PISTOL SHOOT	All
TUES.	SENIOR GUN CLUB	range
WED.	JUNIOR GUN CLUB	functions
THURS.	ARLINGTON HTS. CLUB	begin
FRI.	OPEN SHOOT	approx.
4 th & 5 th FRI.	AIR RIFLES	7:30 pm

CHECK WITH RANGE OFFICER FOR EXACT TIMES.

POST 134 February Executive Meeting

Finance Officer

By: PC Joe Hedrick

Financial report was read.

Commander

By: Jan Lepinski

We attended the Legionnaire of the Year dinner at Post 134 on Sunday, February 21st. We all loved the corned beef & cabbage provided by Kappy's Restaurant. We are working on the St. Patrick's Dinner which will be on Wednesday, March 17th at 5:30 pm. Cost of the dinner is \$12.00 a person. The Morton Grove Senior Fundraiser will be on Friday, March 12th. The spaghetti dinner will cost \$10.00 a person, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. We hope everyone comes out for the Fundraiser for the Morton Grove Seniors. Housing forms for the delegates and alternates were passed out. Commander Jan has picked the following delegates and alternates. The delegates are Jan Lepinski, Bob Ferraro, PC Phil Hutchins, PC Joe Hedrick, PC Ron Daum, PC Joe Piento, PC Ken Trumbull and Bill Smith. Alternates are Matt Ingram, PC David Lee and PC Don Stotz. Commander Jan said that you must stay for the completion of the meetings on the last day to receive your check.

Sr. Vice Commander

By: Bill Smith

Membership for Post 134 is now 91-1/2%. We need 67 more members to make 100%. Exec Board meetings have been running a little long. Please keep your subjects under 5 minutes.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

By: Wally Zawisza

Hot dogs, beans and potato chips were served at the Post meeting on February 25th.

Adjutant

By: PC Ken Trumbull

A motion was made and passed that the funds from the Senior Fundraiser will go to the Commission on Aging. A letter will be drafted to the Village detailing this. There will be no increase in dues for 2011. Motion was made and passed that \$2,500 be donated to the Morton Grove Senior Fundraiser.

Assistant Adjutant

By: Kurt Lepinski

We received a \$100 check for the Senior Fundraiser and a thank you letter from MB Financial. They appreciate the work we do in the community. We received a letter from a Navy Mom who thanked us for sending her a DVD of the Thanksgiving Dinner with the recruits.

Corporation President

By: PC Ron Daum

The meeting with the Village President, Dan Staackmann, was discussed. These meetings will be ongoing per Joe Hedrick. The Corporation bought a new 42" TV for Club 134. We are going to purchase a Wii with golf and bowling games. There will be no social nite in March because there will be a St. Patrick's Dinner and the Spaghetti Dinner for the Senior Fundraiser.

Service Officer

By: PC Don Stotz

Al Abuja has been in and out of hospitals in February. He is currently in Luthern General. Roland Keppen was in Evanston Hospital and is now home.

Community Service

By: PC Phil Hutchins

We donated \$20.00 to the Special Olympics. Phil Hutchins will auction off an Olympics jacket.

Rifle Squad

By: Bob Ferraro

We received a thank you from the William Rieck family and the Martin Gutenkauf family for the Rifle Squad's attendance at their wakes.

Village Liason

By: PC Joe Hedrick

Talking with the Village about charges for using the main hall and the community room.

Poppy Days

By: PC Ken Trumbull

This year Poppy Days will be May 20th, 21st and 22nd.

Oratorical Contest

By: PC Joe Piento

A motion was made to get \$400. for the Oratorical Contest. There were questions about whether the money should be taken out of the Americanism budget.

VA&R

By: PC Ken Trumbull

Donated \$100.00 to the American Legion, Fort McCoy Post in Wisconsin. Ft. McCoy needs help so if anyone is interested in volunteering, talk to PC Ken Trumbull

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For the Good of the Legion

Motion was made to donate \$250.00 to the Morton Grove Park District for their Concerts in the Park. We are talking about possibly sponsoring one of the evenings. We had 2 visitors from the Morton Grove Library, Dan Hoffman, President and Ben Schapiro, Director. They discussed the possible expansion of the Library.



**Morton Grove Senior Fundraiser
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner and Silent Auction
Friday, March 12, 2010
5:30 - 10:00 pm
\$10.00 a person, \$5.00 for children 12 & under**

Please help the Senior Community by attending the Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner. There will be a silent auction of goods and services donated by members of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds will go to benefit the Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging.



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 17, 2010
5:30 pm
\$12.00 a person**

We will have the traditional Irish dinner of corn beef, cabbage and potatoes. The Rifle Squad 50/50 Raffle will be drawn at the dinner. Please call Ken or Cheryl (847-663-0539) to RSVP by Friday, March 12, 2010.





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