



The American Legion *"Veterans still serving America"* POST 134 NEWS



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Commander's Report
By: Jan Lepinski

Greetings Comrades!

Aloha my friends. I am writing to you from Paradise, better known as Hawaii. Oahu to be more specific. I thought that the islands would provide me with some inspiration, and truly they did.

I have just returned from hallowed ground. Kurt and I visited the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor today, and found it quite moving. It made me think of the Preamble of the American Legion, and specifically the line about "preserving the memories of our incidences in the Great Wars." This is so critical to what we do, that no veteran's service should ever be forgotten.

I am so proud that we have a Memorial Room, for just this purpose. For those of you who have not visited it in a while, a committee of post members has rearranged the room, and has updated it. It was getting a little "busy" in there, so some of the items on the walls have been moved to the conference room upstairs, such as the plaques for the Past Commanders, Past Auxiliary Presidents, and Past SAL Commanders. This was not one man's decision, but a collective agreement of the committee. I can tell you that when we have meetings in the conference room, it grounds me to have our past leaders there, almost as if they were still in the room with me.

You will be seeing some new items in the Memorial Room, such as the Marine uniform of one of our young members who passed away last year. This room will be used to honor all eras of service to our country, not just our post members. Our chaplain is in charge of all items donated to the room, and keeping them in good condition. If you have something that you would like to donate, please contact Phil Hutchins, do not just leave it in the room. We would hate for something to disappear.

I also visited the Department of Hawaii today, and found out something very interesting...There are no post homes in Hawaii. The posts either meet in member's homes or at restaurants. I think we should be very grateful that we have such a beautiful place to call our own.

May, 2010 

I could go on and on right now, but do not have the space to do it. So I will just say...MAHALO. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and represent you wherever I go. It was a great experience that I will tell you more about next month.

Still Serving America,

MEMBERS WHO JOINED POST EVERLASTING

Kenneth J. Anderson	7/19/2009
Edmund J. Apcel	8/14/2009
Richard J. Boisvert	6/1/2009
Gerald C. Clettenberg	12/20/2009
Chester J. Cross	6/28/2009
August Di Grazia, Sr.	Aug. 2009
Thomas E. Giblin	Aug. 2009
Leroy G. Guntner	7/27/2009
Martin Gutenkauf	2/6/2010
Nicholas P. Guttilla	Aug. 2009
Donald Huber	8/26/2009
Robert R. O'Donnel	1/15/2010
George Raffeld	7/19/2009
William F. Rieck, Jr.	1/20/2010
Ronald R. Ruehrdanz	8/1/2009
Paul J. Schalk	8/1/2009
William R. Scharlua	10/19/2009
William Swanson	Nov. 2009
Ted P. Swed	3/19/2010
Edward A. Szymiski	Nov. 2009
Columbus J. Valenti	July, 2009
Charles Walsh	10/8/2009
Edward C. Wells	12/25/2009
Willard E. Zetek	8/17/2009

The Chaplain's Corner

I'd like to talk with you today about ATTITUDES! I had the privilege of a close relationship with my 'In-laws' -no finer people on earth. My father-in-law, Carl Moos, lived until he attained the ripe old age of 94, and never during that time did I hear a negative word from him about 'the future'. He was vitally interested in everything that was happening in this world, as if he expected to still be on this earth another 20-30 years! He had the discernment/wisdom to have a positive attitude toward life itself.

1. Would you like to develop a discerning heart? Then try to focus on the following prayer process... Sit comfortably with your eyes closed. Let your awareness move down into the center of your body and notice what you feel there.
2. Get in touch with an experience of desolation (or of consolation).
3. Ask yourself if you *want* to listen to this part of yourself right now. Is it okay to spend some time with this right now.
4. If it is okay to spend some time with this area of your life, take a few moments to create a loving atmosphere where it will feel safe to speak to you. For example, how would you prepare your home if your best friend were coming to visit? How would you reach out to a hurting child or a wounded pet?
5. Now let yourself down into how this whole thing feels inside you. Where in your body do you specially experience it? Perhaps you feel an ache in your chest, a lump in your throat, a knot in your stomach, shaking in legs, etc.
6. Care for this feeling and see if it wants to tell you about itself, perhaps through a word, an image or a symbol. Perhaps it wants to come to you as a little child. Perhaps it wants to tell you its name, its history (when and how it developed) and what it needs.
7. Whatever comes, reach out to care for it without trying to change it or fix it. Or maybe just put your hand on that part of your body in a caring way. If you wish, ask God, or some other trusted person, to come and help you care for it.
8. Tell this part of you that you will come back at another time and listen to it some more.
9. Before concluding, notice how your body feels compared to when you began. Are you now carrying is issue differently in your body?

I would like very much to learn if the above process had any affect on you, if you care to share the results with me.

Still serving God
Chaplain Phil

Events Calendar



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

MAY, 2010

MAY 1	Kentucky Derby, MG	3:30 pm
MAY 2	Past 1 st Div. Commander's Dinner	1:00 pm
MAY 5	7 th Dist. Aux. Mtg. Northbrook @ MG	7:30 pm
MAY 10	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
MAY 11	Auxiliary Mtg., Memorial Svc.	7:00 pm
MAY 13	Rifle Squad Meeting, Elections	7:30 pm
MAY 15	Armed Forces Dinner	6:00 pm
MAY 19	7 th District Election of Officers	7:30 pm
	Post Everlasting	
MAY 20-22	<u>POPPY DAYS</u>	
MAY 24	Executive Board	7:30 pm
MAY 27	Post 134 Mtg., Election of Off.	7:30 pm
MAY 28	Burn your own steak	4:30 pm
MAY 30	Memorial Day Celebration	12:30 pm
MAY 31	Memorial Day	

JUNE 2010

JUNE 2	7 th Dist. Aux. Wilmette @ Wilmette	7:30 pm
JUNE 5	1 st Division Mini Convention @ 134	8:00 am
JUNE 7	Budget Meeting	7:00 pm
JUNE 8	134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
JUNE 10	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
JUNE 12	US Army Birthday	
JUNE 14	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
JUNE 16	7 th District 46 @ Wilmette	7:30 pm
JUNE 21	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
JUNE 24	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm[

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 April Executive Meeting News

FINANCIAL REPORT

By: PC Joe Hedrick

Financial report was approved subject to audit.

SR. VICE COMMANDER

By: Bill Smith

We had our first Calendar Meeting for 2010-2011. Next meeting will be May 24th at 6:30 pm. Membership is 100.14%.

2nd JR. VICE COMMANDER

By: Wally Zawisza

We will have sandwiches and potato salad at the meeting on Thursday.

CORPORATION

By: PC Ron Daum

Attended a meeting with the Village. The Village was sent a letter from the Post advising them that they have to submit in writing 3 ideas on how to spend the money for the Sr. Center so the membership can vote on it..To date we have not received anything from the Village.

ADJUTANT

PC Ken Trumbull

Post 134 sent letter to Village about our Veteran's Day Ceremony. We will not march through the neighborhood. The ceremony will be at the flags across the parking lot from the legion front door. Post received the \$40.00 sponsorship renewal from the Historical Society which was handed to PC Joe Hedrick for payment. The Park District sent a thank you for PC Joe Piento, PC Phil Hutchins and PC John Slater's help for their Eggstravaganza Event. We paid \$1,000. to sponsor Concert in the Park on June 29th.

SERVICE OFFICER

By: PC Don Stotz

Received a thank you letter from Bob Swed, son of Ted Swed thanking the post for remembering him and the donation that helped with the expenses. Al Abuja is still at St. Matthew's Center for Health, but he is improving and will be home on April 26th or 27th.

POPPY DAYS

By: PC Ken Trumbull

Received a letter from Gabriel about soliciting for Poppy Days in front of Wrigley Stadium. The First Division already received the solicitors permit from the City of Chicago so all we need are volunteers to solicit.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

By: PC Ken Trumbull

Veteran's Affairs is still planning a trip to Fort McCoy In Wisconsin.

SAL

By: PC Ken Trumbull

The SAL Elections will be held on Sunday, June 25th at Noon.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

By: PC Phil Hutchins

We sent a \$50.00 check to the American Cancer Society.

AMERICANISM

By: PC John Slater

20 names have been posted for the Post Everlasting Ceremony.

John handed out 2 Good Citizenship Awards. Troop 8211 was given 2

American Flags and 2 flagpoles. Received one Transportation Form for Boys State.

AWARDS

By: PC Don Stotz

We received one resume for the awards application.

AUXILIARY

By: Donna Hedrick

So far we have one girl who is going to Girls State. Her grandmother went to Girl's State in 1947. Donna has asked the Legion again, to include the Auxiliary in deciding things that the Auxiliary is involved in.

NEW BUSINESS

It was voted on and approved to buy \$50.00 worth of 7th

District Kentucky Derby Tickets. Their will be a Derby

Party on May 1st in Club 134. Drawing will be held on that day.

PREMIER BOYS STATE

If you have any questions about Boys State, you can contact PC John Slater at (847) 494-7343.



SOCIAL NITE
Friday, May 7, 2010
5:30 pm
\$6.00 a person

The dice group will be sponsoring the Friday night dinner. We will be serving Italian beef on French bread, potato salad, baked beans, with salad, and dessert.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. NO WALK-INS.

RSVP by calling Don Huvaere @ 847 299 4711. The dead line is May 5, 2010.

"BURN YOUR OWN STEAK"



Friday, May 28, 2010
\$9.00 a person
4:30 pm

We are going to hold a "BURN YOUR OWN STEAK" dinner on the last Fridays of the month (April thru September). All steaks will be marinated 12 ozs or more with a baked potato and corn on the cob. You must call for reservations so we'll have enough steaks. RSVP with Ken at (847) 663-0539 by April 23, 2010.



Poppy Days
May 20, 21 & 23, 2010

We need volunteers.
Please sign up with the
Poppy Days Chairman,
Ken Trumbull (847)663-0539.



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