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The American Legion POST 134 NEWS



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Commander's Message By: William J. Smith

November has proven to be a very successful month for Post 134. Thanks to Senior Vice, Matt, the Veteran's Day Dance and Parade were outstanding. We had about 65 members and guests at the Dinner Dance, including many of the Village Officers. The parade was also well attended and featured the Rifle Squad and their float as well as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Campfire Girls and an antique fire engine. Thanks to Mary Busch and her staff. The Historical Society got their Veteran's Day display up and running, and if you haven't seen it, you really should stop by and take a look.

As November winds down with the Thanksgiving for Sailors Event, December is also shaping up as a big month. There will be a Worker's Invitational Christmas Party December 12th from 12:00 to 4:00 in our Club Room, and then, of course, we have our New Year's Eve Party. Junior Vice Kurt has been working hard on this event which will feature a great meal (your choice of jumbo shrimp or filet of beef), and Roger Kellogg and his "Soundtrax" Band for your entertainment. Be sure to be there.

Here's wishing you and your family very happy holidays.

William J. Smith
Post Commander

SPONSOR A NAVY RECRUIT

If anyone would like to sponsor an active duty Navy Recruit into Post 134 American Legion, please contact Mathew Ingram at (847) 983-8159.

December, 2010

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

By: Donna Hedrick
(847) 965-1774

November was a busy month. First, we had the Veteran's Day Parade with the Auxiliary placing a wreath at the Doughboy Statue to honor all Morton Grove Veterans. Also, some Auxiliary members attended the Veteran's Dance. We gave the USO \$250, Morton Grove Fireman Fund \$150.00, Gifts to the Yankee \$100 and \$120 to the Auxiliary Six Pont Program. We are helping with the Thanksgiving recruits program. Please join us at our December meeting with a Holiday Party. This meeting is December 14 at 7 o'clock. To all a Happy Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

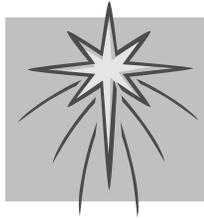


GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

USMC Lance CPL James B. Stack was killed in action in Afghanistan on November 11, 2010. James was a two year member of Post 134.

Daniel Scanlon, 47 year member and past Mayor of Morton Grove, passed away on Veteran's Day.

James Macholl passed away on November 16, 2010.



The Chaplain's Corner

A little levity today -

The people who started college this fall were born in 1992 - here's what they've missed -

They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.

They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.

They never heard: 'Where's the Beef', 'I'd walk a mile for a Camel' or 'de plane Boss, de plane'.

The CD was introduced two years before they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Jan Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been microwaved.

McDonald's never came in Styrofoam containers.

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

P. S. Save the earth . . . it's the only planet with chocolate!

Even the Lord enjoyed a good laugh now and then . . . having said this, I'd now like to wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas/Hanukkah and a Healthy, Happy New Year 2001.

. . . and a Happy, Blessed Thanksgiving to all.

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.

DECEMBER 2010

DEC 3	1st Div. Christmas Party @ 615	7:00 pm
DEC 6	7 th Dist. Past Commanders	7:00 pm
DEC 9	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
DEC 12	Post 134 Christmas Party	12:00 pm
DEC 13	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
DEC 14	Aux. Christmas Meeting	7:00 pm
DEC 15	7 th Dist. Meeting @ 320	7:00 pm
DEC 20	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
DEC 23	Post Meeting	7:30 pm
DEC 31	New Year's Eve Party	7:00 pm

JANUARY 2011

JAN 10	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
JAN 13	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
JAN 19	7 th Dist. Meeting @ 166	7:00 pm
JAN 19-26	Department Caravan	
JAN 24	Executive Board	7:30 pm
JAN 27	Post 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.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

The Post is looking for a veteran to award him or her with a Life Membership. Please submit a resume for a deserving legionnaire who has demonstrated that he has done great work for the Legion. On the resume list his or her accomplishments and offices held. The award will be given out next year.

POST 134 November Executive Meeting News

FINANCIAL REPORT

PC Joe Hedrick

Moved and accepted.

COMMANDER

Bill Smith

Veterans dance was successful. Parade was the best in the last few years. Let's work together to make it better in the spring. A check will be presented to the Young Marines at the 7th District Meeting. UTube Legion program is up and running on the village site. Legion TV show has been edited and is now running on the Morton Grove station, channel 6. The Commander reported to the board that PC Joe Piento reported to the police that he had been robbed while collecting at the Jewel at Dempster and Greenwood. The commander was surprised to learn that collections are in progress from the public other than Poppy Day. No authorization had been asked or given for any collection from the public. PC Joe Hedrick reported that money was also collected at the Dominicks in Morton Grove. PC Lepinski said that she had collected last year but had not done so this year. The commander asked that no collections be done without board approval and a complete accounting of all monies. PC Joe Hedrick reported that a resident saw the article in the paper, stopped by the post on Saturday morning and donated \$150 to cover part of the reported loss. PC Trumbull was there and said the money should go to Wounded Warriors, that is what it was raised for. PC Joe Hedrick said no funds had been received by the Finance Officer. After further discussion, PC Ron Daum made a motion that the adjutant send a letter to Piento reprimanding him for collecting the money, turn in all money to the post, and have any other members also turn in any money collected.

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Mat Ingram

About 550 members have renewed, long way to 100%. There will be a Christmas party on December 12 from 12 – 4PM in the club room. There will be food and refreshments. This month at the general meeting the continuous service awards will be presented to those who attend the meeting.

1st JR. VICE COMMANDER

Kurt Lepinski

Menu finalized, filet and jumbo shrimp is the main course. Snacks before dinner and 2 drinks included. Champagne available all night.

ADJUTANT

PC Joe Hedrick

Village announced the Thanksgiving for Sailors event. A collection was made from the board. \$265 raised for the event. Adjutant is instructed to send a letter of thanks. A post member of 2 years James Slack was killed in Afghanistan. Arrangement will come in the next couple of days.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Joe Gesicki

Checking on a Morton Grove childrens group for a contribution.

CORPORATION PRESIDENT

PC Ron Daum

The trust fund balance will be given at the meeting on Thursday. Starting a new daily game in the bar. Will bowling starting in January. Looking for new ideas for the club room activities.

SERVICE OFFICER

PC Don Stotz

Marine James Stack member 2 years killed in Afghanistan. Dan Scanlon 47 year member passed away. Bob Casey coming home Saturday. Motion was made by PC Joe Hedrick for \$1000 for the young widow of James Stack seconded by PC Ron Daum, amended to \$1500 by Commander Smith seconded by Ron Daum passed. Bob Casey is still in Abington, Glenview.

AWARDS

PC Don Stotz

No applications received

SAL

Bill Smith

No contact with Greg Nelson commander of the SAL. Adjutant Ken Trumbull refused to accept Mayor Dan Staackmann's dues check. Commander Smith is holding it to give to the commander

AMERICANISM

PC John Slater

Flag at ½ staff for Dan Scanlon and James Stack. He will do this for members killed in action. Eagle Scout awards: 3 will be here 3 elsewhere. He is opening the veterans display on Thanksgiving Day for the sailors that will be our visitors that afternoon.

AUXILIARY

Donna Hedrick

Participated in the parade and served the scouts. She is helping on the Thanksgiving serving of the sailors. \$250 donated USO and \$100 for the Morton Grove Fireman's Fund.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PC Joe Hedrick

Veteran's Day event was well covered and well received by the community. The whole afternoon was enjoyed by all. Thanksgiving publicity is out, starting to receive inquires from the press and TV. The Morton Grove station, channel 6, is showing the 1/2 hour program and the UTube 5 minute show is on the village website.

PARK DISTRICT

PC Jerry Weaver

Halloween event had 6 Legion volunteers. Next event is the egg hunt.

Let's Welcome 2011 on the Stairway to Heaven



New Years Eve Party

Friday, December 31, 2010

Cocktails 7:00 – 8:00, dinner at 8:00

You are invited to join us welcome the New Year by dancing the night away to the sounds of the Roger Kellog Band, after enjoying a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and sumptuous dinner of your choice of filet mignon or Indonesian prawns (like small lobsters), plus sides. Each table will have a sweet tray and champagne to toast in the New Year. The cost for Legion family is \$60 per person, and \$70 for non Legion family. We also have \$30 per person tickets for anyone who wants to skip the dinner and come for dancing, champagne, party favors and 2 free drinks from 9:00 pm to closing. Reservations are to be made to either Jan Lepinski at 847-470-0914 or Cheryl Cubine at 847-663-0935. Please indicate the choice of meal for each person coming. Reservations are due by 12/24/10.



SOCIAL NIGHT

DECEMBER 10, 2010, 5:30 PM

\$7.00 a person

Chef Dave will hold a social night on Friday, December 10th with baked chicken, penne with Alfredo sauce, rolls, salad and dessert. Please RSVP with Sandy Lee at (847) 359-4699 by Wednesday, December 8, 2010.



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