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Commander's Message

By: William J. Smith

February is "Membership Month". A little over a week ago we hosted the Department Membership Caravan. Not only was the Department Commander in attendance, along with his Senior Vice, but the National Senior Vice Commander was also present. Naturally, the focus was on membership and acquiring new members, with special emphasis on renewing past members who have not yet paid their dues. Even though we turned in another 34 paid members, we are only at about 75% of our goal. Our Senior Vice needs help calling those members who have not yet paid. I have promised my help, and I would encourage a few others to lend us a hand in the next few weeks. If you can make a few calls, please volunteer by notifying me or Mathew.

The Gun Club held a progress meeting on January 25. The consensus was that we have two workable options for modifying the air flow. However, we're calling in a couple more experts to give us their opinions. I'll keep you informed.

William J. Smith
Post Commander

February, 2011



AUXILIARY MESSAGE

By: Donna Hedrick
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Since there is no meeting in January, we have little news. Attended the caravan on Sunday, January 16th. We are getting close to 100% membership. If you have not sent in your membership for this year, please do so. If you know someone who would like to join, please have them fill out a membership. The next district meeting is February 2, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. Our next meeting is February 8 in the Community Room at 7 PM. I am looking for a Girl Stater. This is a girl that finished her junior year in high school. The week is the third year of June. All expenses are paid by the Auxiliary. Please call me if you know someone who may be interested.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner
March 16, 2011
6:00 pm
\$12.00 a person

Come and join us for a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner with corn beef, potatoes and cabbage. Please RSVP to Cheryl at (847) 663-0539 by March 14, 2011.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Al Abuja, who was our Service Officer for 20 years and a 40 year member, passed away on January 24, 2011.

James Tell, a former member of the post, passed away.



The Chaplain's Corner

I ran across this recently and thought how very true - why wait until it's too late to tell our loved ones that we care . . .

One day a woman's husband died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom, the wife was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't 'anymore'.

No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more 'just one minute'.

Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return, before we can say goodbye, say "I love you".

So while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage . . . and old cars . . . and children with bad report cards . . . and dogs with bad hips . . . and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep - like a best friend who moved away, or a sister-in-law after divorce. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what. Life is important, like people we know who are special. And so, we keep them close!

Suppose one morning you never wake up - do all your friends know you love them? Let every one of them know you love them . . . even if you think they don't love you back.

Live today, because tomorrow is not promised.

After reading this, aren't you inspired to, as God said, "love thy neighbor"? What a great world it would be if we all practiced this. It occurred to me that this month is Valentine's Day, so why not start declaring your love for one another - friends and relatives alike - I love you all and hope the feeling is mutual!

Happy Valentine's Day, and God's blessing!

Your 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.

FEBRUARY 2011

FEB 2	1 st Division @ 134	6: 00 pm
FEB 6	Super Bowl	4:30 pm
FEB 7	Corporation Board Mtg.	7:30 pm
FEB 8	134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
FEB 10	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
FEB 11	Lincoln Pilgrimage	
FEB 16	7 th District 108 @ 142	7:00 pm
FEB 20	Legionnaire of the Year @ 134	5:00 pm
FEB 21	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
FEB 24	Post Meeting	7:30 pm

MARCH 2011

MAR 2	7 th Dist. Aux @142	7:30 pm
MAR 5	Dept. Oratorical	
MAR 8	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
MAR 10	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 12	Four Chaplains	5:00 pm
MAR 14	Corporation Meeting	6:00 pm
MAR 16	St. Patrick's Dinner	6:00 pm
	7 th District Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 21	Calendar Meeting	6:00 pm
	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
MAR 24	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.

POST 134 January Executive Meeting News

Financial Report

PC Joe Hedrick

Moved and accepted

Guest PC Ken Trumbull and PC Joe Piento asked for donations to the 7th District Care Package program and the hospital visits. Objected that a village trustee did not pay for New Years Eve party. Asked that the Adjutant be reprimanded for sending the reprimand letter for PC Joe Piento to the State Commander, not keeping it within the post.

Commander

Bill Smith

Range will be discussed at a meeting Tuesday. The company, Best Technology, will be returning to test the range. The Department Caravan that stopped Sunday, January 16th was well handled and we had a full house. Thanked all the members that came.

Commander has been called to serve on the Cook County grand jury starting February 14. This should have no impact on the post except he will not be available during the day. Received a letter from the village that individuals were seen smoking in the Legion area. The letter was turned over to the Corporation President for his action.

Sr Vice Commander

Matt Ingram

Absent, job out of town this week

1st Jr. Vice Commander

Kurt Lepinski

Reported for Sr Vice membership stands at 629. One transfer to the post turned in to the Adjutant. Rush Arena Football offers group discount to the post. He will bring up at meeting to see if we have the minimum 10 who would like to go. New Years Eve Party, problem that free entry was given for the band, bartender, houseman, Mayor, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. After discussion, it was voted to do no follow up with the trustee who came and it would be made clear for the future events. St Patrick's Party March 16th will be \$12. Want to use the main hall. Liaison will check with the village

2nd Vice Commander

Ray Arias

Italian beef for Thursday.

Adjutant

PC Joe Hedrick

Read the correspondence. Board passed to send \$500 for the Hines wheelchair team. The board agreed to pay the bill for the AIM program. The corporation pays for hardware and the post for software. Sent letters to the villages for Poppy Day. Bought 10 tickets to the 7th District Past Commanders Legionnaire of the Year dinner February 20th.

Corp President

PC Ron Daum

Fund balance will be given Thursday. Stock market is doing very well. There will be a trust committee meeting Monday January 31. Corporation took \$7000 from the trust, first time in two years. Income from the machines has hurt the bottom line. As First Division Commander, thanks post for their efforts for the caravan. It made me look good.

Service Officer

PC Don Stotz

Al Abuja passed away; wake Friday at Simpkins. James Tell passed away also. Sick John Dorgan.

Awards

PC Don Stotz

No applications received.

Children and Youth

Joe Gesicki

Two vouchers. Mercy Home for heat problem and MNSAR.

Sgt at Arms

Dennis Dzedzic

No report

Rifle Squad

PC Jan Lepinski

Will be standing honors for Al Abuja, Friday 7- 8 PM. Super Bowl Party - February 6th.

Chaplin

PC Phil Hutchins

PC Don Stotz appointed as Assistant Chaplin.

Community Service

PC Phil Hutchins

3 small checks. US Olympics jacket will be raffled for care packages.

Poppy Day

Bill Smith

No report

SAL

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Has not received any correspondence or calls from the SAL.

Veterans Affairs

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No report

Editor

Cheryl Cubine

Sending out bills for \$75. Young Marines free ad. Motion on both passed.

Auxiliary

Donna Hedrick

No January meeting. Girls State looking for girls finishing junior year. Participated in Caravan. Sending 5 Valentine womens gifts to Lowell.

Americanism

PC John Slater

June 15th flag will be raised in the parking lot. Eric Wolfheimer Eagle Scout award. Presented. Police Academy this year looking for youths 13 -15. Time to update the Post Everlasting Board. Need deceased members. Boys State this year is June 11 – 15. Should get participation because it is after school closes.

Public Relations

PC Joe Hedrick

Participating in the Morton Grove Welcome Wagon.

Historian

PC David Lee

No report.

Morton Grove Days

PC Jerry Weaver

Participate in 4 events. Want to change budget next year. Last year we donated \$1000 for concert in the park. We had the food concession and raised \$450. Who received the money? It should have gone to the post.

Parliamentarian

Lee Tamraz

No report.

“The Legionnaire of the Year Dinner”

Honoring

Thomas Stump

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Donation is \$25.00 a person

Cocktails: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:15 pm

For further info, contact Bill Bickley (847) 803-8299

