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# The American Legion POST 134 NEWS



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**2010 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the State of Illinois Post Newsletter Contest**

## Commander's Message By: William J. Smith

### Happenings!

Lots of things will be happening in the next week as well as in March, April and May. I'd like to spell them out here so everyone has fresh information:

In February we will have the Election of Corporate Board of Directors. Five positions will be filled.

March is the Department Oratorical Contest which will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup>. There are no contestants from our post who are participating but there may be someone in the District who will take part.

The Four Chaplin's Ceremony will take place March 12, 2011. If you've never seen it, come and watch.

The Calendar Meeting for next year will take place on March 21, 2011 directly before the Executive Board meeting. If this affects you be alert for more information.

The St. Patrick's Day Feast will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2011. Try to make it and see how much you can eat!

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a Public Initiation which we haven't had in some time. This is a wonderful ceremony for all new members and it's only done once every few years. If you've never seen one show up, they're one of a kind.

Eggstravaganza, in conjunction with the Park District, will happen on April 22<sup>nd</sup> as part of the Easter weekend. If you have kids or grand kids you need to come and bring them. See Jerry Weaver for details.

Easter is on April 24, 2011.

Second Calendar Meeting (if necessary) will be on April 25, 2011.

# March, 2011



In May we have the Kentucky Derby Hoopla on May 7, 2011.

Rifle Squad Elections will be May 12, 2011.

POPPY DAYS are May 19 through May 21, 2011. More to follow.

Election of Post officers is on May 26, 2011.

Memorial Day Parade and Celebration is May 29, 2011.

Memorial Day is May 30, 2011.

William J. Smith  
Post Commander

Post 134 Rifle Squad would like to thank everyone who participated in the Rifle Squad's Annual Fundraiser. The raffle winners were:

Bruce Tarpley	\$140.00
William Randolph	\$ 84.00
Ken Kleich	\$ 56.00

Congratulations to our 3 winners. A special thanks goes out to William Randolph who won second place and returned his check as a donation to the Rifle Squad.

# The Chaplain's Corner

My wife, Lill, is my Guest Columnist today . . . she recently read a very inspirational book and would like to share some thoughts from it with you . . . . .

First of all, it's about an ageless man names 'Jones' - not 'Mr. Jones', but just plain 'Jones'! He seemed to turn up in different places at different times in the small town where this story takes place. Jones became an inspirational guide to whomever he came in contact with, showing these people how various events could have a lasting effect on their lives, all depending upon their 'perspective'.

He advocated reading books, especially biographies and autobiographies about famous people from the past and the affect they had on others through their 'perspective'.

One interesting tidbit was a story he told about a lady who said her husband had requested that a fork be buried with him when he died. When she had asked him why, he told her that his mother after having served a huge holiday dinner, would clear the dishes and tell everyone to keep their forks because "the best is yet to come".

I guess sometimes a person just needs a little different 'perspective' on how they perceive things. I highly recommend this book, which is entitled "The Noticer" and was authored by Andy Andrews.

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I think we should all look forward to *the best that is yet to come*, don't you?

In His service, Chaplain Phil  
Your Chaplain, Phil



## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Donald Peterson, a 26 year member, passed away on January 29, 2011.

Robert Fusello, a 17 year member, passed away, January 31, 2011.

# 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.

### MARCH 2011

Mar 2	7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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

### APRIL 2011

Apr 2	Dept. Spring DEC	
Apr 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. @ 854	6:00 pm
Apr 9	Public Initiation	
Apr 11	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 12	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr 14	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 20	7 <sup>th</sup> District @ 42	7:00 pm
Apr 22	Eggstravaganza	
Apr 25	Executive Board	7:30 pm
	Calendar Meeting	6:00 pm
Apr 28	Post Meeting	7:30 pm
	Post Everlasting	

### 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 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> FRI.	AIR RIFLES	7:30 pm

CHECK WITH RANGE OFFICER FOR EXACT TIMES.

## POST 134 February Executive Meeting News

### **Financial Report**

PC Joe Hedrick

Moved and accepted

Guest PC Joe Piento asked for \$500 to attend the Essay Contest. Motion by PC Daum seconded by PC Weaver, motion passed. PC Ken Trumbull said we should begin planning for rooms at the convention. Some members need to be there several days.

### **Commander**

Bill Smith

Asked about plans for St Patrick's Day, will be covered by Jr Vice in his report. The gun club will meet 3/21/11 at 6 pm to discuss upgrading system by adding one or 2 negative air flow machines. 4/9/11 is the public initiation.

### **Sr Vice Commander**

Matt Ingram

Membership is at 637; needs a lot of work to get to 100%. Several volunteered to call or visit members that have not renewed. He asked about who has the program for the public initiation. This has not been done for a few years. The equipment for the initiation and the scripts will be found and given to the Senior Vice to run the program. The budget for the event was discussed, everything ok.

### **1st Jr. Vice Commander**

Kurt Lepinski

St Patrick's Day dinner will be March 16 with the food prepared by Ken Trumbull. Price is only \$12. We will use the main hall, plenty of room for guests.

### **2nd Vice Commander**

Ray Arias

Chicken is the menu for Thursday.

### **Public Relations**

PC Joe Hedrick

A UTUBE version of the Thanksgiving for Sailors was created from the DVD and is available on the village web site.

### **Corp President**

PC Ron Daum

Fund balance will be given Thursday. Stock market is doing very well. The annual meeting of the corporation is Thursday. Reports are given and the election of members to the board is held. This year there are 4 openings for 3 year terms and 1 for a 2 year term. Ballots will be used for the election and a white board with the names will be used so everyone can see the names. Cable TV in parts of Chicago has a Legion program with explanations of benefits and other programs that effect veterans.

### **Service Officer**

PC Don Stotz

Lost two members Donald Peterson and Robert Fusselo. Dorgan was in the hospital but is now home. We need to replenish our supply of sympathy cards.

### **Awards**

PC Don Stotz

Three applications received. Committee will meet shortly.

### **Rifle Squad**

PC Jan Lepinski

Thanked everyone for participating in the Super Bowl fundraiser making it a success.

### **Chaplin**

PC Phil Hutchins

Remember the 4 Chaplain program is March 12 in the main hall at 5 pm.

### **Community Service**

PC Phil Hutchins

Everything is good shape.

### **SAL**

Bill Smith

Has not received any correspondence or calls from the SAL.

### **Veterans Affairs**

Bill Smith

Further information later.

### **Morton Grove Days**

PC Jerry Weaver

Asked for \$1000 for a Concert in the Park held by the Park District. Motion by Daum seconded by Smith, passed.

### **Parliamentarian**

Lee Tamraz

Presented to everyone a copy of how to conduct a meeting.

### **New Business**

PC Weaver read a resolution for Jan Lepinski to become the Junior Vice Commander of the 7<sup>th</sup> District. Passed and will be read on the floor.



### **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.

## ***Thank you***

The Thanksgiving Committee from the Morton Grove American Legion Post 134 would like to thank Mr. Edd Massart and Mr. Gary Monfeli both past presidents of NIC-ASHI for representing NIC-ASHI at our Post on Dec. 23, 2010 and presenting our committee with a check for \$500 to the Adopt a Sailor Program celebrated on Thanksgiving Day which we refer to as Navy Day. NIC-ASHI also donated \$500 Jan., 2009 to the Warrior Fund.

Thanksgiving Committee Chairman,  
Casey Bachara

### **AUXILIARY MESSAGE**

**By: Donna Hedrick**

**(847) 965-1774**

Gave five Valentine packages to the Women Veterans at North Chicago. Tom Stockenberg and I went to Jesse Brown for our monthly bingo. Had a monthly meeting on one of the coldest night. I want to thank the members that attended. We should be at 100% of membership but we are waiting to be confirmed from department. We are still looking for a Junior girl for Girls State. If you know of any girls that might be interested, please call me. On next meeting will be March 8 at 7 PM. Hope to see you. I will be attending the Patriotic Conference in March with Lynne Weaver.

