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# The American Legion POST 134 NEWS



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## Commander's Message

By: **William J. Smith**

Poppy Day has happened. All of the contributions are not in yet, but from what we saw in the counting room we did pretty well. Most of the usual workers turned out and, of course, we thank you for your work and so do the Vets. Some Legion members who worked brought in close to \$1,000.00 and that takes some doing. We had two non-Legion volunteers from Des Plaines who did a bang-up job. Cristy Cochrane, who grew up in Morton Grove, and whose husband Tom works for the Village, called me and asked what she and a friend could do to help. I gave Tom four cans to bring to her, asked her to work any corners she could find in Northern Niles, and Tom brought back four full cans containing well over \$400.00.

There may have been some misunderstanding in the last News Letter about what the Post will pay toward Convention. First, the Convention only includes Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. If you would like to stay somewhere other than the official Convention hotel fine, but the Post will pay for those nights at the rate charged by the official Conventional hotel only. And remember, Department makes a commitment to the Convention hotel for a certain number of rooms at a certain price: and if we don't meet that, Department is charged a higher rate. Second, I have appointed the maximum number of Delegates we are allowed. As far as I know, they are all going so Alternates are questionable. If anyone knows differently, please let me know.

# June, 2011



## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

By: **Donna Hedrick**

**(847) 965-1774**

Our meeting for June will start at 6:30 on June 14, 2011. We will have dinner and then our meeting. Please bring something to share with our members.

I wish to thank every member that helped me with my terms of being Auxiliary President. We have done a lot the past two years, and it was with your help. We had over 100% membership this year thanks to your help. Thanks again to the members that have been a major part of the Auxiliary.

At our May meeting, we had the memorial service for past members. We donated \$50 to the Morton Grove Farmer's Market, \$100 to the Morton Grove Library, and a donation to Gifts to the Yanks. The Jesse Brown group had their monthly bingo night.

At this time, I want to thank Barbara Anderson for her work at Hines Hospital. She has been going to Hines for the past 35 years. She has helped many veterans and only this year stopped going because of her health. We also want to wish Barbara a speedy recovery from her broken leg.

# The Chaplain's Corner

I'd like to bring you a 'sermonette' today . . .

Psalm 121 is a beautiful introduction into the Christian doctrine of Holy Scripture. It pictures the tired and weary pilgrim approaching the hills surrounding Jerusalem, the city of Zion, the place of help, rest and sustenance.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." As the weary pilgrim looked to the hills of Jerusalem for help, so Christians have looked to the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments for a Word from the Lord who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

PSALM 121 - I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be removed; he that kept thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Here's wishing you all a very happy, joyful summer! God bless - Chaplain Phil

## "BURN YOUR OWN STEAK"



Friday, June 24, 2011  
\$10.00 a person  
4:30 pm

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 or Cheryl at (847) 663-0539 by Tuesday, June 21, 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.

### June, 2011

June 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Division Convention	8:30 am
June 6	Budget Meeting	7:00 pm
June 9	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
June 11-17	Boys State	
June 13	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
June 14	US Army Birthday Flag Day	
June 15	7 <sup>th</sup> Dist. @ 46	7:00 pm
June 18	Rifle Squad Dinner	
June 20	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
June 19-24	Girls State	
June 23	Post Meeting	7:30 pm
June 24	Burn Your Own Steak	4:30 pm
June 28	Concert in the Park	

### July, 2011

July 11	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
July 13-16	Department Convention	
July 14	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
July 25	Executive Board	7:30 pm
July 28	Post Meeting	7:30 pm
July 29	Burn Your Own Steak	4:30 pm
July 30	7 <sup>th</sup> District Installation	2:00 pm



American Legion, Post 134,  
will sponsor  
Concert in the Park

Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 7:00 pm  
Harrer Park Pavilion (north end)  
6250 Dempster St., Morton Grove

Entertainment will be the New Invaders and Post 134 will serve Italian beef, kosher franks, chips and Pepsi products. It'll be fun, support your post by attending.

## POST 134 May Executive Meeting News

### **Financial Report**

PC Joe Hedrick

Moved and accepted and subject to audit.

### **Minutes**

PC Joe Hedrick

Approved as written.

### **Commander**

Bill Smith

The Memorial Day Parade is next on the calendar. Speakers have been lined up and the sound system will be at the Library. The insurance has been filed with the village. A discussion about the Rifle Squad float because it is not ready. An effort will be done to get it in the parade. The gun range is still not open. More work will need to be done to pass the test. The convention hotel is the Pere Marquette in Peoria. Delegates to the convention based on the rates at that hotel for a maximum of 3 days, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights.

### **Sr Vice Commander**

Matt Ingram

Membership is still only 82.11%. 149 new and renewals by the end of May. Probably not going to be 100% this year.

### **Adjutant**

PC Joe Hedrick

We have the housing forms for the convention. We need to send in early to get good choice of rooms.

### **Corp President**

PC Ken Trumbull

PC Trumbull reported Ron Daum still in bad shape after the operation. We need to consider the Trust Committee getting it up to date. The committee is made up of the Corporation President, the Commander, two appointed from the post and one elected. A letter was sent requesting additional dates for one day licenses from the village. Friday night is Burn Your Steak night. The enterprise of the corporation will be providing the food at the concert. The corporation will be appearing at the next village meeting to change the ordinance for our liquor license.

### **Service Officer**

PC Don Stotz

Died Joseph Ratkowsky. A request from the family of a former member Gieras for a service was honored by the Chaplin and Service Officer. Sick list includes Tom Parilla, Wally Zawisza, Ron Daum and Wally Tymczuk.

### **Chaplin**

PC Phil Hutchins

After contacted by the wife, provided a service at the wake and graveside for a former member.

### **Community Service**

PC Phil Hutchins

Provided lunch at the Senior Center at the end of the month.

### **Poppy Days**

Bill Smith

Too early for a report, the weather cooperated and we had good returns.

### **SAL**

Bill Smith

Has not received any correspondence or calls from the SAL. PC Trumbull reported that the election of officers was held Sunday.

### **Veterans Affairs**

Bill Smith

Further information later.

### **Auxiliary**

Donna Hedrick

Memorial service was held at this month's meeting. Donated \$100 to the library for patriotic books and \$50 to the Farmers Market. The third Thursday was the monthly trip to Jesse Brown for Bingo. Barbara Anderson who has been going to Hines for over 35 years will be honored at a special ceremony. The Auxiliary will be performing their ceremony at the Memorial Day ceremony at the Library.

### **Americanism**

White oak tree planted in front of the American Legion Memorial in memory of Daniel Scanlon. Flags were at ½ staff for Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15. Next date is June 14, Flag Day. Eagle Scouts honored with a Good Citizen Citation include Eric Carrabotta, St John, Michael Tomaselli, United Methodist, and Andrew Lionlis, Chicago. The Morton Grove Fire Department will be flying the Patriot Flag June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7AM to 6PM. Everyone is invited at the closing ceremony and they have requested that Post 134 provide taps as the flag is lowered. We still have an opening for a boy finishing his junior year for Boys state.

### **Morton Grove Days**

PC Jerry Weaver

Need a check for the Park District for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Morton Grove Days and the Park District have split the activities for the holiday. Morton Grove Days is handling everything except the fireworks and the Park District is handling the fireworks.

### **New Business**

Motion made and passed for \$1000 to the Park District for fireworks.

### **Good of the Legion**

The 7<sup>th</sup> District elected officers, Joe Piento Commander, Henry Revis Senior Vice, and Jan Lepinski Jr. Vice



## **2011 - 2012 Post Officers**

Mathew Ingram	Post 134 Commander
Kurt Lepinski	Sr. Vice Commander
Joe Lampert	Jr. Vice Commander
Ray Ariaz	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jr. Vice
Joe Hedrick	Finance Officer

## **Rifle Squad Officers**

Don Stotz	Rifle Squad Commander
Ed Kelb	Sr. Vice Commander
Joseph Piento	Treasurer
Jerry Weaver	Secretary

## **SAL Officers**

Jerry Coursey	SAL Commander
Robert Jost	Sr. Vice Commander
Mike Simkins	Jr. Vice Commander
Dan Croch	Finance Officer

Mathew Ingram, Sr. Vice Commander, thanked the following Post 134 Recruiters:

Casey Bachara, Ron Daum, Joe Gesicki, Joe Lampert, David Lee, Jan Lepinski, Kurt Lepinski, John Mahoney, Joe Piento, Ken Trumbull, Jerry Weaver.

## **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**



JOSEPH RAKOSHY JR., 50 year member, passed away April 7, 2011.

