



Post 134

"Still Serving America"

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Commander's Message **By: Mathew Ingram**

August was a busy and productive month and September is shaping up to be the same. Many thanks to all of those who attended and helped to make the Annual Picnic and the Installation Dinner a success.

On Sunday, September 11th at 10:00 am, the Morton Grove Fire and Police Departments are hosting a 10th anniversary remembrance ceremony for the victims of the terrorist attacks. The ceremony will be held at the flagpoles in front of the Morton Grove Historical Museum. They have asked the American Legion and the local scouting troops to participate in the ceremony, I urge all of you to attend this solemn event to show our support. We will be providing the invocation and benediction, Color Guard, playing of taps and carrying the service flags. If you would like to volunteer to carry a service flag, please see the Rifle Squad Commander, PC Don Stotz.

Our current renewals are at 50%, we are off to a good start thanks to the hard work of the Senior Vice Commander and the Adjutant. If you have not renewed your membership please do so as soon as possible. We are starting a new program this year in which new members will have

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a sponsor to welcome them to the American Legion and show them the value of membership. We need volunteers to be sponsors, if you would like to participate please see myself or the Senior Vice Commander.

Still serving America,
Mathew Ingram
Post 134 Commander

Auxiliary Message **By: Myrna Smith** **(847) 673-2197**

I have been out of commission for a month in rehab. I'm getting out this week and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces at our next Auxiliary Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Robert Branick, 32 year post member, passed away March 10, 2011.

PC Phil Hutchins, 30 year member of the American Legion, passed away August 25, 2011.



The Chaplain's Corner

When somebody dies, a cloud turns into an angel and flies up to tell God to put another flower on a pillow. A bird gives the message back to the world and sings a silent prayer that makes the rain cry. People disappear, but they never really go away. The spirits up there put the sun to bed, wake up the grass, and spin the Earth in dizzy circles. Sometimes you can see them dancing in a cloud during the daytime when they're supposed to be sleeping. They paint the rainbow and also the sunsets and make waves splash and tug at the tide. They toss shooting stars and listen to wishes, and when they sing wind-songs, they whisper to us, "Don't miss me too much. The view is nice, and I'm doing just fine."

AND ALL GOD'S CHILDREN SAY AMEN!!!

SO BE IT!

Chaplain Phil

"Burn Your Own"



Friday, August 23, 2011

5:00 pm

\$10.00 a person

We are going to have chicken & beef kabobs with a baked potato and Texas toast. You must call for reservations so we have enough food. RSVP with Ken or Cheryl at (847) 663-0539 by Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

Events Calendar



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday thru Friday
3:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

September, 2011

Sept 8	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept 11	9/11 Ceremony	10:00 am
Sept 12	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept 13	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept 19	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept 21	7 th Dist. @1226	7:30 pm
Sept 22	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm
Sept 23	Burn Your Own Steak	5:00 pm
Sept 24	Fall DEC, Homecoming	

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Oct 1	SAL Bags Tournament	11:00 am
Oct 5	7 th Dist. Auxiliary	7:30 pm
Oct 10	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 11	Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 13	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 15	Oktoberfest	3:00 pm
Oct 19	7 th District @791	7:30 pm
Oct 24	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 27	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm

GUN RANGE

The air flow is now sufficient, however, we may need one more vent. We had Joe Wade and his engineer down for a look-see and they seemed satisfied. They had a question on liability insurance and the Village Attorney is checking it out. We're convinced we are within the bounds of acceptable regulations for the range. We are only waiting for Joe's and the Village Attorney's OK.

If you want to have your newsletter emailed, instead of waiting for the snail mail, please contact Cheryl - email address: Post134bulletin@aol.com

POST 134 August Executive Meeting Minutes

Finance Report

by: PC Joe Hedrick

Finance report accepted subject to audit. The 7th District did not get their per capita for 2011 membership.

Commander

by: Mathew Ingram

Commander's Raffle made \$600. Installation was a success. Meeting with Fire Chief for a preliminary meeting about 9/11 remembrance which will start at 10:00 am on Sunday. Donuts will be served in the Morton Grove Museum. Legion will provide color guard, taps and invocation. John Slater will contact the Scouts for their participation.

SAL

by: Mathew Ingram

October 1, 2011 the SAL will have their Bags Tournament. Further SAL meetings will be held in the Blue Cap Lounge when the Club Room is closed..

Veteran's Affairs

by: Mathew Ingram

Will contact our DJ for the Library Ceremony for Veteran's Day. Parade route for Veteran's Day will be the side street route. Joe Hedrick will coordinate with the library and the Village for the parade.

Sr. Vice Commander

by: Kurt Lepinski

Report reads 264 members. Turned in 343 but the website is incorrect. Department is trying to catch up with their mail.

Jr. Vice Commander

by: Joe Lampert

Picnic was a success. This was the first year we gave a prize for the best side dish. Bonnie Sheirock won best side dish prize. She received a bottle of wine and a \$20.00 certificate for Dominick's.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

by: Ray Ariaz

Will serve pizza at the next Post meeting.

Adjutant

by: PC Ken Trumbull

Read a thank you letter from the Morton Grove Days Committee thanking the Legion for their participation in the Morton Grove Days Parade. Talked about the bartender volunteering her time for the Joint Installation. Based on the income of the bar tab that night, we decided on a \$50.00 tip for her services.

Children & Youth

by: PC Joe Piento

Talking about giving American Legion Post 134 baseball caps to Lutheran General Hospital and Evanston Health.

Corporation

by: PC Ron Daum

Meeting for the Trust Committee said 3 holdings called for reinvestment. Nothing has been done yet but next meeting this will be discussed.

Service Officer

by: PC Don Stotz

Robert Branick, 32 year member, died on March 10, 2011. PC Phil Hutchins passed away on August 24, 2011. Warren Unrath, 6 year member has been in the hospital for the last 6 weeks.

Rifle Squad

by: PC Don Stotz

10 year Memorial Service will be held on 9/11, Sunday, 10:00 am at the flags in the legion parking lot. Need 54 small legion pins and 49 large legion pins for Rifle Squad uniforms. Appreciation letter was sent to the Rifle Squad for their participation in the honor guard for Tom Pistone's wake.

Poppy Day

by: PC Joe Hedrick

Will do Poppy Day Plaques. No rush.

Old Business

Past Department Convention, there was no check for PC David Lee. Needs 2 day check for his hotel bill. Charges against Bill Smith is being handled by Joe Lampert, Mathew Ingram and David Lee. Need report on factual events.

New Business

PC Trumbull's resolution for Vice Commander of Department was read. Asked for \$1500.00 financial support for his campaign. All bills will go to the Finance Officer of Post 134. Motion was seconded. Will be brought to the floor at next Post meeting. Joe Lampert will read cover letter.

Corrections on July, 2011 Executive Board Minutes.

Commander's section: Left out of the last minutes on August, 2011 there were charges filed against PC Bill Smith for his actions on Monday, July 25, 2011 after the Executive Board Meeting.

Service Officer section: Tom Pistone was not listed in the Service Officer report. He was mentioned in the Gone but not Forgotten portion of the newsletter. Should've been listed in both sections, Executive Board Minutes and Gone but not forgotten.



OKTOBERFEST

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 134

6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove

Saturday, October 15, 2011

3:00 pm

**Ribs, fries, baked beans, and
Oktoberfest beer (first drink is free).**

\$10.00 a person

Please call Ken to RSVP at (847) 663-0539.

You must RSVP by October 12, 2011

