



Post 134

"Still Serving America"

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Commander's Message
By: Mathew Ingram

Fellow Legionnaires,

Thank you all for your participation in a busy November. With the holidays upon us it is time to reflect and give thanks for family and friends. Likewise, it is a time to come in and celebrate with your fellow Legionnaires. On December 11, the Post will be hosting a holiday party open to the Legion Family and their spouses from 1pm to 4pm in the Club Room. Please stop by and join in the camaraderie and the celebration of the season, if possible bring in an unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. If you're like me, one of the main reasons you joined the American Legion was to spend time with people who have shared a similar background at the social events. This is a major benefit of being a member.

On the business side, we will be voting on a by-laws change in January. The by-laws committee of PC Weaver, PC Lee, and Casey Bachara have done a fantastic job with the proposed changes in the Post voting procedures, so if you would like your opinion to be heard on the proposed changes. The second reading of the changes during Old Business in December is the time to voice them.

As a last note, never forget that the American Legion has an obligation to the Community, State, and Nation. We have the tremendous opportunity to support those who have served or are currently serving in the military. I challenge each and every one of you to get more involved in Legion activities and serve the greater cause.

Be safe and Happy Holidays,

Mathew Ingram
Commander

December, 2011



Military Family Support Fund

On November 12, 2011, we raised over \$4,000.00 for our Military Family Support Fund, and our final total is still not in.

We would like to thank the Village of Morton Grove and recognize the Post 134 solicitors and Morton Grove businesses who participated. They were

Mathew Ingram, Commander
PC Ken Trumbull
PC Joe Piento
PC Ron Daum
PC Jerry Weaver
PC Joe Hedrick
PC Jan Lepinski
Joe Lampert
Casey Bachara and the AT&T Pioneers
John Runtz
Joe Gesicki
Ed Kilb
PP Dee Dolan
Minuteman Press, Morton Grove
Kappy's Restaurant
Marilyn's Pancake Restaurant
Maier's Bakery
Nano's Pizza
Morton Grove Pet Suppliers
Dempster Auto Service
Morton Grove Food Store
M.B. Financial Bank

Gone but not Forgotten

James Childs, a 7 year member, has gone to Post Everlasting on November 20, 2011 in Jacksonville, FL.

**POST #134 BY-LAWS NEW ADDITON
VOTING PROCEDURES
Article X-1V Voting Procedures**

There are two classes of Post Elections. The Unanimous Vote Category and the Election Ballot Category.

The Unanimous Vote is when a candidate runs for a post office unopposed. A ballot election is when more than one candidate is running for a given office.

In the case of the Unanimous Vote Category the Commander may elect to over see the election himself instead of an election committee. In this type of election a simple voice vote or a show of hands would be acceptable.

If multiple candidates are running for office a voting ballot election would be required. The date of the next election and list of candidates, if more than one, would be printed in the Post Newsletter two (2) months prior to the night of the election. At the discretion of the Post Commander a voting procedure committee will be appointed, thirty (30) days prior to the election. The committee shall arrange to furnish all necessary supplies to run the election.

The Post Registration Book will be available on election night for all elections; all members' identification cards will be checked for current year payment of dues. A count of members present will be taken by a member of the election committee, and an exact number of paper ballots will be set for distribution. One ballot for each member. The unmarked ballots will be distributed to the membership. Any absentee ballots will be presented to the Commander from the Adjutant. The Commander shall verify all absentee ballots as to the requirements for using an absentee type ballot. Proxy ballots are not allowed. If these absentee ballots are valid the Commander shall give them to the Election Board Chairman for tabulation and the ballots will be credited to the proper candidate. All absentee ballots must be signed by a voting member and submitted to the adjutant ten (10) days prior to the election. The signature must be witnessed by a post officer or notarized. Also the candidate on the absentee ballot must be specified.

After ballots are marked by the membership, the election committee shall collect all marked ballots. The committee chairman will ask three (3) times are all ballots turned in. Ballots will be counted to make sure that ballots received do not exceed ballots distributed. Once ballot counting has started, no other ballots will be accepted. After election is final, all ballots will be given to the adjutant to be destroyed.

Upon completion of vote tabulation the Voting Committee Chairman shall present to the Commander the election results. The Commander will then announce the winner to the membership.

POST 134 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Post 134 is having their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 11th. All SAL, Auxiliary and Legion members, and their spouses are invited. Please call PC Jan Lepinski to RSVP by Dec. 8, 2011 at (847) 470-0914.

Events Calendar



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

December, 2011

Dec 7	7 th Dist. Auxiliary @ 134	7:30 pm
Dec 8	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec 11	Christmas Party	1:00 pm
Dec 12	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec 13	Post 134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 16	Social Night	5:30 pm
Dec 19	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec 21	7 th Dist. @ 134	7:00 pm
Dec 22	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party	7:00 pm

January, 2011

Jan 9	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 12	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 18	7 th District 166 @ 134	7:00 pm
JAN 19-22	Family Membership Caravan	
Jan 20	Social Night	5:30 pm
Jan 23	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 26	Post 134 Meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 26-29	Family Membership Caravan	
Jan 31	Lincoln Pilgrimage Gold Pin Cut-Off	

VETERAN'S DAY BARBEQUE

By: Jr. Vice Commander, Joe Lampert

We had a nice showing at the Veteran's Day Barbeque, and everyone had a great time. I was told everything was cooked to perfection, and it was all made to order.

A special thanks to those who made this event a success:

Cheryl Cubine
Anne North
Wally Zawisza

POST 134 November Executive Board Minutes

Finance Report

by: PC Joe Hedrick

Report was read. Moved to accept the report subject to audit. A question was raised about the \$180.00 listed for Veteran's Affairs. Trumbull wanted to know if it reflected what was spent in October or November. The amount reflects October, 2011.

Commander

by: Mathew Ingram

Mathew thanked everyone who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. 7th District Turkey Raffle tickets are still on sale. There will be a Gun Club inventory meeting maybe next week. Gun Club issue is tabled until after the meeting. Joe Hedrick to get contact info for the Post 134 member who received the Purple Heart. The recipient's grandfather lives in Morton Grove. Post 134 plans to reach out to him and give him recognition. Kyle Daniels made a donation to the KIA member of our post. Lenny Jakubiak asked for a \$200.00 donation for the Young Marines. Commander Ingram will donate from his Commander's Fund or from VA Affairs. 7th District Baseball is short \$3,000 to pay umpires. Post 134 will pay for Morton Grove games only. Jan Lepinski will pass the hat at the meeting on Thursday for Toys for Tots. Deadline to bring in new toys for donation is the Christmas Party on Dec. 11, 2011. PC Jan Lepinski to send thank you to Tim Bachara for his donations to Toys for Tots. The Post 134 Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 11th at 1:00 pm.

Sr. Vice Commander

by: Joe Lampert

Membership is 83%, and we need 117 more members to be 100%. Sr. Vice Lepinski will send out letters.

Jr. Vice Commander

by: Joe Lampert

Joe Lampert reported that chili will be served at meeting on Thursday. Thanked everyone who participated in the Veteran's Day Barbeque on Saturday, Nov. 5th. We had a great barbeque and all the food was cooked to order. There was all the draft beer you could drink. Thanks to Cheryl Cubine, Anne North and Wally Z for their help. New Year's Eve band is secured. Tickets will be \$60 for legion family, \$75 for non legion and \$30 tickets for people who want to celebrate without the dinner. Collected \$3,919.00 for Military Family Support. The donations will go locally to Navy/Marines, Fort Sheridan, and Marines at Foster Avenue. Will find contact for Coast Guard at Great Lakes.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander

by: Joe Lampert

In Ray's absence, Joe reported that chili will be served at our post meeting on Thursday.

Adjutant

by: PC Ken Trumbull

There are 7 delegates and 7 alternates for the First Division. There will be an election for Sr. Vice Commander of the First Division on February 1st at Morton Grove. Trumbull asked if we could have \$175. to make the food for the meeting since the First Division is without funds now. This will be brought to the floor for approval at the meeting on Thursday. Joe Lampert will bring the motion to the floor with the Executive Board recommendation.

Children & Youth

by: PC Joe Piento

Finally received baseball hats that were ordered. Will make arrangements with local emergency rooms to disperse caps at hospital.

Community Service

by: PC Mel Baity

Community Service is issuing checks to Muscular Dystrophy - \$25, MG Lions Club - \$100, MG Historical Society - \$20, Hadley School for the Blind - \$50 and Mary Lou's Place Safe House for Battered Woman and Children - \$200.

Corporation

by: PC Ron Daum

Market is up and down this month. Will give report at Post meeting. Please frequent and use our bar for your parties. Please support the post.

Rifle Squad

by: Joe Lampert

Squad has asked for \$1,000 from the post. They depleted their funds with the new uniform jackets. Rifle Squad to provide receipts to post. Recommendation to give \$1,000 to Rifle Squad will be brought to the floor at the meeting on Thursday.

Morton Grove Park District

by: PC Jerry Weaver

Thanked everyone who participated in the Village Halloween event. They had over 500 children from Morton Grove at this event. Next event with Park District will be the Eggstravaganza. Line item for \$300 for Easter.

New Business

2nd reading of the proposal to change the By Laws. Recommendation to be brought to the floor at the meeting on Thursday. The changes relate to elections. Motion to be made on the floor. Should say that there will be no proxies.

Arlington Heights Memorial Park is selling bricks for \$100.00. Casey asked if Post 134 would like to purchase one. Commander Ingram would rather focus on our own community and spend money in our community. Motion made and accepted not to buy a brick for the Arlington Heights Memorial Park.

SOCIAL NIGHT



Friday, December 16, 2011

5:30 pm

\$7.00 a person

Our next social night hosts will be PC Weaver & Lynne. They are serving tuna casserole with noodles, salad, rolls and dessert.

You must call for reservations by Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at (847) 673-3914.

New Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Cocktails 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner at 8:00 pm

Tickets are \$60.00 a person for legion family members or \$75.00 a ticket for non-legion. Family style dinner includes prawns, filet, chicken, squash, potato, salad and dessert. After dinner tickets from 9:30 pm to closing are \$30.00 a person and that includes hors d'oeuvres, dancing, champagne toast, party favors and hats.

Welcome in the New Year close to home. Please RSVP to Cheryl Cubine at 847-663-0539 or Joe Lampert at (847) 417-8672 by December 27, 2011.

BUY ONE DRINK, GET ONE FREE

On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, Club 134 will have their buy one drink and get the second drink free from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come in a let's celebrate the holidays!!!

