



Post 134

“Still Serving America”

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Commander's Message By Kurt Lepinski

Fellow Legionnaires,

We had good participation at our events in November, starting with our Post Veterans Day Celebration and 237th USMC Birthday on November, 10th. Our Veterans Day parade had 3 Navy Chiefs, 2 Petty Officers First Class, and a Lieutenant Commander, all from Great Lakes, and 2 Coast Guard Auxillarists marching with us. We continued to celebrate Veterans Day in our club room after the ceremony. We also had excellent participation at the Social Night on November 16th. The Toys-For-Tots chairperson has approximately \$1800.00 worth of toys to deliver to the Marines this month, thanks to all who contributed. As I write this, we have not had the Thanksgiving Day, Adopt-a-Sailor event, but I anticipate this will go smoothly as Casey Bachara and team have done this five times.

Please support Senior Vice Commander Joe Lampert and Post 134 by renewing your American Legion membership as soon as possible. If you have not renewed by the 31st of December, your membership will have lapsed and your benefits, such as The American Legion magazine and other national programs, your ability to reserve the clubroom and community room for events, and your right to vote at post meetings will expire.

Senior Vice Lampert is hosting a holiday brunch December 15th. This is a new format for this party and should be a good time. Hope to see you there!

Junior Vice Commander Ray Ariaz has been working on the New Year's Eve party. Paul Feltman will be the DJ and catering provided by Kappy's Restaurant. This is always an excellent meal and a great bargain. I look forward to this event every year.

Remember to RSVP for those events requiring it. Hope to see you at these events!

Kurt Lepinski
Post 134 Commander

December, 2012



Auxiliary President By: Lynne Weaver

Don't forget we have our Christmas Auxiliary Meeting on December 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm. We celebrate with Auxiliary members bringing a dish to share with everyone. As usual, we will not have a January Auxiliary Meeting, but we will resume in February. Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.



Holiday Party Brunch Saturday, December 15, 2012 10:00 am to 1:00 pm \$5.00 a person

We are going to have a Holiday Party Brunch on December 15, 2012. We will have a made to order three eggs omelet with a choice of following ingredients: ham, cheddar cheese, bell peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, spinach, and feta cheese.

- Bacon and Pork Sausage
- Country Style Hash Browns
- Blueberry, Morning Sunshine Carrot Raisin and Sour Cream Coffee Streusel Muffins
- Biscuits and gravy
- Lox and bagel platter
- Coffee and our bar will be open

You must RSVP Cheryl Cubine (847) 663-0539 or Joe Lampert (847) 417-8672 by December 12, 2012.



NEW BEGINNINGS

2013



American Legion, Post 134

Annual New Year's Eve Party

\$45.00 a person

8:00 pm till 1:00 am

We will have our Annual New Year's Eve Party on Monday, December 31, 2012. Ring in the New Year close to home and with friends.

This year we will have Paul Feltman as our DJ. Paul comes out to DJ for all our parades and our Annual 134 Picnic. We will have a fabulous catered meal from Kappy's Restaurant in Morton Grove which will include salad, prawns, steak, vegetable, potato and dessert along with hors d'oeuvres. Later in the night we will have a complimentary champagne toast with New Year hats, noise makers, poppers and confetti wands.

Please RSVP to Cheryl (847) 663-0539 or send me an email: Post134bulletin@aol.com by December 26, 2012.

Friday Social Night

There will be no Social Night in December. We will return on January 18, 2013 with a meatloaf dinner.

Betty and I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Events Calendar



December, 2012

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| Dec 5 | 7 th District Auxiliary | 7:00 pm |
| Dec 7 | Pearl Harbor Day | |
| | Veteran's Day Raffle | 6:00 pm |
| Dec 10 | Corporation Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Dec 11 | Unit 134 Auxiliary Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| Dec 13 | Rifle Squad Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Dec 15 | Christmas Party Brunch | 10:00 am |
| Dec 17 | Executive Board Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Dec 19 | 7 th District 320 @ 134 | 7:00 pm |
| Dec 20 | Post 134 Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Dec 31 | New Year's Eve Party | 8:00 pm |

January, 2013

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| Jan 10 | Rifle Squad Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 13 | Membership Caravan @ 42 | |
| Jan 14 | Corporation Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 16 | 7 th Dist. 166 @ 134 | 7:00 pm |
| Jan 18 | Social Night | 5:30 pm |
| Jan 21 | Executive Board Meeting | 7:30 pm |
| Jan 24 | Post 134 Meeting | 7:30 pm |

FYI

There is a very cool link that allows you to sign-up for an email alert when flags should be flown at half-mast: <http://www.legion.org/flag/notification>

Gone but not Forgotten

George Maroitti, 14 year post member, passed away October 31, 2012.

Anne G. North, our Club 134 bartender, passed away on November 8, 2012.

POST 134 Minutes from Nov. 15, 2012 Meeting

Finance Report, PC Joe Hedrick

Finance Report accepted subject to audit.

Commander, Kurt Lepinski

Thank you to all who participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. Turn out and weather was great. We had participation from Great Lakes and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. If you are free on Thanksgiving, stop by the Post and say hello to the Navy Recruits. The Post will be open from 8:30 to 4:00 pm. The Department Membership Caravan will be at the Evanston Post 42 on January 13, 2013.

Sr. Vice Commander, Joe Lampert

We have 397 paid members which puts us at 53.72%. Goal this year is 739. We met the District goal of 70%. We came in at 70.63%. We will have our Holiday Party Brunch on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 10 am to 1:00 pm. There will be plenty of food and also an omelet bar made to order. It will be \$5.00 a person. Come out and celebrate the Holiday Season with all your friends in the community.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander, Shawn Hoffmann

We are serving spaghetti and pie at the Post meeting.

Adjutant, PC Ken Trumbull

The American Legion Dispatch newsletter is interested in doing an article on our Annual Honorary Membership. We will work on a submission.

Americanism, Jac Charlier

Replaced tattered Blue Star Flag in front of Morton Grove Historical House. One full box unusable American flags taken to Haben Funeral Home for cremation. Forwarded American Legion link to Post newsletter for an email alert to know when the US flag is to be flown at half-staff. Preparations started for second outreach to local Girl Scout units. The focus this time will be on the Illinois State Badge. The Illinois State Badge is a Scouting badge created by the American Legion, Department of Illinois, and available to both Girl and Boy Scouts. In order to earn the badge, Scouts must write a report about various aspects of Illinois.

Awards, PC Don Stotz

Please submit a resume to PC Don Stotz for a deserving post member to be awarded an Honorary Life Membership to the post. The resumes will be considered by a board of members and awarded in May 2013. Past Commanders should get involved with helping with recommendations and resumes.

Children & Youth, PC Jan Lepinski

We spent \$1,445.00 on Toys for Tots. Commander Kurt and PC Jan Lepinski will drop off all the toys at the Marine Corp center on Sunday, November 18, 2012.

Corporation, PC Ken Trumbull

We are going to remodel the Club Room in 2012. Events will be in the Community Room when the Club Room is being renovated. We will have Corporation Elections in February, 2013. There are 5 openings. You must be Basset trained to be a Corporation Officer. We are in need of more bartenders. Please see the Bar Chairman Joe Lampert if you are interested in volunteering and becoming Basset trained.

Park District Liaison, PC Jerry Weaver

Liz Goodman thanked the Post for their participation in the Halloween Family Fest and our donation for candy.

Poppy Days, PC Ken Trumbull

Received approval from Morton Grove and Niles on soliciting for Poppy Days.

Rifle Squad, Ed Kilb

The Rifle Squad participated in the Veteran's Day Parade.

There was a very good turnout.

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Absent, no report.

Service Officer, PC Don Stotz

George Maroitti, 14 year post member, passed away October 31, 2012. Instead of the Post normal donation to the family, the family is donating the money to the Thanksgiving Committee, so that service men could enjoy a Thanksgiving away from home. John Perkowitz, 11 year post member is hospitalized.

Social Night, PC Ron Daum

Social Night will be tomorrow, November 16th at 5:30 pm, \$8.00 a person. We will serve Sloppy Joes, potato salad, cole slaw, pickles and dessert. We always get rave reviews on PC Daum's social nights.

VA & R, PC Ken Trumbull

We will have our annual raffle for Veteran's Day on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm in Club 134. Members should have already received a letter and tickets in the mail. Please help support this raffle. We had our Veteran's Day Barbeque Celebration on Saturday, November 10th. It was well attended and we all had a great time. We also celebrated the Marine Corps 237th birthday. Thank you PC Joe Piento for the donation of the cake.

Village Liaison, PC Joe Hedrick

We are waiting for the drawings to come back from the Village for the Gun Range. When we receive them, we can proceed and get the permit. We are waiting for clearance from the State to install our new gaming machines. Should be in a week or two.

Old Business

We are all set for the Thanksgiving with the Navy Recruits. If you have time, come out and help or just meet the young recruits.

New Business

On November 9, 2012 Casey Bachara and Joe Gesicki visited St. Emily's Grade School in Mt. Prospect along with other American Legion and VFW members from Mt. Prospect and Des Plaines to talk about Veteran's Day. Casey Bachara, Joe Gesicki, PC Tom Williams, PC Mel Baity and Dennis Dzedzic visited Gemini Jr. High in Niles.

For the Good of the Legion

Joe Lampert, 7th District Vice Commander, said the 7th District will have their Annual Turkey Raffle. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or 1 for \$1.00. Drawing will be at 7th District meeting on Nov. 21 at 7:30 pm. See Joe Lampert if you want to purchase tickets.

Pot of Gold

PC Don Stotz won the consolation prize this month. He also won the \$183.00 in the Pot of Gold drawing last month. I think Don is going through a lucky phase. Stop it, Don!

