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Commander's Message Joseph Lampert



Fellow Legionnaires,

We had our Holiday Brunch on December 14th and it was fantastic. Thanks to Sr. Vice Ray and all that helped out.

We will be sponsoring a young lady from Morton Grove for the 2014 Oratorical Contest. Let's all wish her luck in this great endeavor.

The Department of Illinois Legion Family Membership Caravan will be stopping at our Post on Sunday, January 12th at 1:30 pm. This is a chance to meet and visit with Departmental, Division and District Officers from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. National Vice Commander Robert Newman will also be traveling with the caravan. Please RSVP to myself or Ken Trumbull if you will be attending. As of January 1, 2014, if you do not have a 2014 membership card, your membership has lapsed and you are no longer a member in good standing. Please see Ken Trumbull, Ray Ariaz, or myself to pay your dues.

Please remember all of our shut ins and hospitalized Legion Family Members: reach out to them with a visit or a phone call and keep them in your prayers. I would like to wish all a safe and enjoyable holiday season and a Happy New Year. May 2014 be better than 2013!

Joe Lampert
Post 134 Commander

January, 2014



“The Legionnaire of the Year Dinner”

The 7th District is honoring
Greg Lisinski

Sunday, February 16, 2014
American Legion, Post 134, Morton Grove
Donation is \$20.00 a person
Corn beef and cabbage

Cocktails: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Dinner: 5:15 pm

Pls. RSVP with Bill Bickley at (847) 803-8299
by **February 11, 2014.**



**Rifle Squad's Annual Fundraiser
Super Bowl Party
Sunday, February 2, 2014
4:00 pm**

It's back again, the Rifle Squad's only fundraiser for the year. We will have hot dogs, pulled chicken sandwiches, soup, salad and dessert. We are asking you to bring an appetizer like chips, dips, cheese and/or crackers. There will be raffles and anyone who participates in the raffle will eat for free. If you don't participate in raffles, it will cost you \$5.00 for dinner. Come watch the game on our new 80" flat screen in our newly remodeled Club Room.

SOCIAL NIGHT
Friday, January 17, 2014

\$8.00 a person
5:30 pm in the Upstairs Annex

We are going to start off our 2014 Social Night with Swedish Meatballs in gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dinner rolls and dessert. Please RSVP with Ron at (773) 625-2898 by January 14, 2014.



The 7th annual Thanksgiving Navy Day event was a beautiful day of celebration for 38 Recruits. The Recruits were welcomed by Commander Joseph Lampert, Legion members and friends. They immediately hit the sweet table, telephones and computers. They then enjoyed the entertainment of the "Starbound Dance Girls" from Morton Grove and our Sr. Vice, Ray, sang along with the sailors. The sailors then entertained us with "Anchors Away", their guitar playing talent and group singing. Next came Kappy's turkey dinner and dessert followed by time to kick back, relax, and have fun. DVD's of the day have been mailed to the Recruit's families.

I want to thank my committee and all of the Post family members and friends who volunteered and made donations of various sorts. You all know who you are and what you did. The Thanksgiving Day Committee also wants to thank the Post for making this most enjoyable day possible.

Thank you,
 Thanksgiving Day Committee Chairman
 Casey Bachara



St. Patrick's Day Social Night
Marcy 14, 2014
\$12.00 a person
5:30 pm Upstairs Annex

Come out and celebrate St. Patrick's Day by eating corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes and apple pie. Please call Ron Daum at (773) 625-2898 to RSVP by Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Events Calendar



Come to the Post 134 Club Room and try your luck on our gaming machines. Hours are Monday thru Friday 3:30 - 9:00 pm and Sundays, Noon to 4:00 pm.

January, 2014

Jan 9	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 13	Corporation meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 15	7 th District 166 @ 134	7:00 pm
Jan 17	Social Night	5:30 pm
Jan 20	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 23	Post meeting	7:30 pm

February, 2014

Feb 2	Super Bowl Party	4:00 pm
Feb 5	1 st Division meeting @ 974	6:30 pm
	7 th District Auxiliary @ 134	7:00 pm
Feb 10	Corporation meeting	7:30 pm
Feb 11	Unit 134 Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Feb 13	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
Feb 16	Legionnaire of the Year	4:00 pm
Feb 19	7 th District meeting 108 @ 42	7:00 pm
Feb 24	Executive meeting	7:30 pm
Feb 27	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm

Post 134 Minutes from December 19, 2013

Finance Report, PC Joe Hedrick

Finance Report was read and approved subject to audit.

Commander, Joseph Lampert

The Commander wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and new year. Before the meeting, Commander met with young woman and her mother, who are residents of Morton Grove and the daughter would like to participate in the Oratorical Contest in Peoria in 2014.

Sr. Vice Commander, Ray Ariaz

Membership is currently at 630 paid which puts us at 79%. You can save money on your membership by buying a 5 year membership for \$140.00. You can sponsor an active duty Post member by making a check out to American Legion, Post 134 for \$25.00. Please note on check "for active duty" and turn into the Adjutant, PC Ken Trumbull or Commander Lampert.

Jr. Vice Commander, Shawn Hoffmann

No report.

Americanism, Jac Charlier

American Legion Good Citizenship Citations were awarded on December 1 to the following Eagle Scouts from Troop 626: John Cotter, Gabe Clancy, Cole Yungerman and Joseph Rubin. Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Award presentations being setup for January 2014. American Legion 2014 Oratorical Contest outreach done with Niles North and Niles West High School. We have one student who has already come forward to learn more.

Auxiliary, Bonnie Sheirok

Gretchen Sheirok served roast pork, corn casserole and dessert after the Post meeting. We held our Annual Auxiliary Unit 134 Christmas meeting on December 10, 2013. We are still collecting coupons for the 7th District to be sent out to Military Posts around the world. Unit 134 made a donation to the Morton Grove Historical Society. The Membership Caravan will be at the Morton Grove Post on January 12, 2014 and the Auxiliary will participate.

Awards, PC Don Stotz

We are taking resumes for the Honorary Membership Award for 2014. Please turn in your recommendations to PC Don Stotz.

Children and Youth, PC Jan Lepinski

We delivered \$1531.00 worth of toys to the Marines Corp Reserve Training Center, North Park in Chicago. They are in need of toys for children who are 10 to 13 years of age.

Community Service, PC Joe Piento

We sent checks out to the Fisher House and the Morton Grove Historical Society this month.

Corporation, PC Ron Daum

Corporation financial report will not be out till December 26th. The Social Night will be on January 17, 2014 and they will serve Swedish Meatballs, potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. Be sure to RSVP to Ron Daum.

Public Liasson, PC Joe Hedrick

Club Room 134 is available for members to use for parties. You can sign up for dates on line at the Post 134 web site:

<http://mortongrovepost134.org> or talk to PC Joe Hedrick.

Rifle Squad, PC Kurt Lepinski

Rifle Squad stood honors for PC Roland Keppen and Bob Casey who both passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2013. PC Jerry Weaver was in the hospital again, but he is now home. We will have our Annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at 4:00 pm. If you're in the raffle, your dinner will be free; otherwise it will cost you \$5.00. You will receive raffle tickets in the mail so make sure to participate. Tickets will also be available on Super Bowl Sunday.

Thanksgiving, Casey Bachara

We held our 7th Annual Navy Day with Recruits on Thanksgiving. Kappy's Restaurant prepared the food, and we had numerous donations of pies, cupcakes, candy and cookies for our sweets table. PC Ron Daum and Betty Daum handled the football pool. We want to thank everyone who participated with the decorations, donations and the clean-up afterwards. The Recruits ate dinner, sang songs, sent emails, played Wii, watched movies and managed to drink 4 cases of Red Bull. Channel 2 and 5 covered the event, and the Patch and Morton Grove Champion had nice articles about the event. Thanks to everyone who donated to the non-operational fund which will go to Operation Comfort Warriors and Wounded Warriors. The DVD taken of the day and a Blue Star Banner was mailed out to the family of the Recruits.

Village Liaison, PC Joe Hedrick

IDOT has closed Dempster Street for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 10, 2013. We will have a Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Club Room on Sunday, Nov. 10 with free hot dogs and chili.

New Business

We swore in 2 new members at the December Post meeting.

Pot of Gold

Bill Peterson won the consolation prize of \$19.00.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Past Commander, **ROLAND KEPPEN**, 36 year Post member, passed away on December 15, 2013.

BOB CASEY, a 54 year Post member, passed away on December 15, 2013

