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Commander's Message

Ray Ariaz



Hello:

Sunday, Sept. 21st, Post 134 had their Annual Joint Installation. I want to thank the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for joining us in this special event. The food was great and PC Ken Trumbull did a great job moving the program along and PC Mathew Ingram and PP Dee Phillips did a great job as Installing Officers. The Chicago Young Marines posted the colors. I want to thank all who made this a special day. I want to thank PC Joe Lampert for the good work he's done the past year; he will be a hard act to follow.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at Hines VA Hospital for a day (with the holidays coming up), give me a call at (224) 305-2280 and we'll serve coffee to the Veterans and more.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

FRED HUSCHER, 69 year post member, passed away September 17, 2014.

RUDOLPH KANDBINDER, 61 year post member, passed away February 5, 2011.

RICHARD SCHNELL, 49 year post member, passed away March 27, 2014.

ROBERT SMEDBERG, 23 year post member, passed away September 6, 2014.

LEE TAMRAZ, 6 year post member, passed away September 1, 2014.

WALTER TYMCZUK, 33 year post member, passed away September 6, 2014.

October, 2014



Auxiliary President

Bonnie Sheirok



Fall is here, and some projects have been started and some have been completed. We are still collecting coupons for the overseas bases. In the year 2013-2014 we have sent \$27,000 worth of coupons to the bases. This is an ongoing project.

Another thing is Jessie Brown VA Hospital is collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to homeless veterans who don't get enough money to buy food.

This last weekend was the Installation of Officers for the year 2014-2015. The new Commander is Ray Ariaz, and the Auxiliary President is Bonnie Sheirok. Dinner followed the installation. It was very good.

I would also like to thank all the people who have given us magazines and books to take to the men and women at Jessie Brown, Great Lakes and Hines Hospitals. They really appreciate it. We have never brought any of the books back to the legion.

Just remember all the men and women who have served and are still serving today.





POST 134 ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

October 18, 2014, 3:00 pm

\$10.00 a person

We will have our Oktoberfest in the 2nd floor Club Room. Bavarian food like brats, sauerkraut and more is on the menu. Oktoberfest beer will be available. You must RSVP with Cheryl (847) 663-0539 by October 15, 2014.

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 2014, Post 134 will be sponsoring their 8th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for the Navy Recruits. Each year the Post betters itself from the previous year. The event usually starts any time after 8 a.m. and continues until 4-4:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by and greet the Recruits is welcome. Also anyone wishing to donate/bake something for the sweet table is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions call:
Casey Bachara 847/299-3613
Joe Gesicki 847/966-4889

If you wish to make a monetary donation toward this worthy event please make checks payable to:
Thanksgiving Committee, American Legion Post 134. The address is 6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove, Il. 60053

We also contribute to and support The Comfort/Wounded Warrior Fund and other Veteran and Active Warrior activities. We take pride in entertaining our troops each year and also want to continue to support them if they should fall victim in harm's way.

Thank You
Thanksgiving Committee Chairman

Events Calendar



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday through Friday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come try your luck on our gaming machines.



October, 2014

Oct 1	7 th District Auxiliary @ 134	7:00 pm
Oct 9	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 13	Corporation meeting	7:30 pm
	239 th Navy birthday, 1775	
Oct 14	Unit 134 Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 15	7 th District @ 791	
Oct 18	Oktoberfest @ 134	3:00 pm
Oct 20	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Oct 23	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm

November, 2014

Nov 5	1 st Division meeting TBD	6:30 pm
Nov 8	Veterans Day BBQ	1-5:00 pm
Nov 9	Veteran's Day Parade	12:30 pm
Nov 10	Marine Corp 239 th Birthday	
	Corporation meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 11	Veteran's Day	
	Unit 134 Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 13	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 17	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 19	7 th District meeting @ 134	7:00 pm
Nov 20	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm
Nov 27	Thanksgiving with Recruits	8:30 am



If you own a motorcycle and are a member of Post 134, please contact PC Mathew Ingram at (847) 983-8159.

Post 134 Minutes from September 25, 2014

Finance Officer, PC Joe Hedrick

Report was read and accepted; subject to audit. The Officers who attended the National Convention complained that they only received a \$500.00 check after spending \$1100 instead of the \$600.00 they were supposed to receive. Motion was made to give them \$600.00 and the motion passed.

Commander, Ray Ariaz

Special thanks to PC Ken Trumbull, PC Mathew Ingram, PC Joe Lampert, Gretchen Sheirok, Bonnie Scheirok and Auxiliary for all their help with the Joint Installation. We received an Appreciation plaque from the USO. If anyone would like to go to Hines and help with the Veterans, give me a call and we'll set it up.

Sr. Vice Commander, (read by PC Ken Trumbull)

Shawn had to work tonight. The Post is currently 71% and the District is 69.95% in membership. We want to receive the \$1.00 per member from the Department, so we need everyone to pay their dues as soon as possible. We are now in our 2014-2015 year. 5 year memberships are available to all those who have not paid their dues for this year. Since the dues are most likely going to increase in 2015, you can save a big chunk of money by paying for a 5 year membership. You will receive one year free, and you'll save on the upcoming increase.

1st Jr. Vice Commander, Ed Kilb

Our social night for October will be the Oktoberfest on October 18, 2014. See ad in this newsletter.

2nd Jr. Vice Commander, Tom Mann

We will serve Sloppy Joes with white cheddar and chips.

Adjutant, PC Ken Trumbull

No report.

Americanism, PC John Slater

The flag was flown half-staff on Patriots Day and the POW and flag were half-staff on Regent's Day.

Auxiliary President, Bonnie Sheirok

The Auxiliary is collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to homeless veterans who don't get enough money to buy food at Jesse Brown VA Hospital. This last weekend was the Installation of Officers for the year 2014-2015. Dinner followed the installation. It was very good. I would also like to thank all the people who have given us magazines and books to take to the men and women at Jesse Brown, Great Lakes and Hines Hospitals. They really appreciate it. We have never brought any of the books back to the legion.

Children & Youth, PC Jan Lepinski

We will get a bin for Toys for Tots, and it will be in the Club Room on the 2nd floor. If you want to donate toys they must be new and unwrapped. No stuffed animals. In November we will pass the hat at the Legion meeting. Last year we raised \$1400.00. This year we will try to buy unassembled new bikes to target some of the 8-12 year olds.

Corporation President, PC Ken Trumbull

The Park District Official who would not stand for the Pledge of Allegiance is now standing while it is read. We agreed to help the Park District with their Oktoberfest which is this weekend. We are lending them our float for \$1.00 so they can have hayrides. The float has been touched up, and it looks really nice. The Corporation has given the Post \$10,000.00 and they are requesting another \$10,000.00.

Public Relations, PC Joe Hedrick

The Post is helping out with the Park District's Oktoberfest by providing the bar. If you're a Legionnaire and you are attending the fest, please wear your Legion cap.

Rifle Squad, PC Jan Lepinski

The Squad had a busy month. We stood honors for Fred Huscher, Walter Tymczuk and the husband of one of our Legion members. Bette Horstman.

Service Report, (read by PC Ken Trumbull)

Rudolph Kandlbinder, 61 year post member; Fred Huscher, 69 year post member; Richard Schnell, 49 year member; Robert Smedberg, 23 year post member; Lee Tamraz, 6 year post member and Walter Tymczuk, 33 year post member, passed away. There are no members in the hospital this month.

VA&R, PC Ken Trumbull

One of our members, Lenny Bloom, called me when I was at the National Convention and asked for \$150.00 donation for North Chicago's hot dog night, and I gave him the ok to make the donation in the name of Post 134.

Village Liaison, PC Joe Hedrick

The Sportsman Club will be using our conference room monthly. License for Gun Range permit is almost completed. There will be an annual test of the range.

New Business:

John Mahoney returned from his vacation with a license plate from Post 178 in Colorado.

PC Mathew Ingram is working on getting Legion Riders together for Post 134. If any members have a motorcycle, please contact PC Ingram.

We are working on the Navy Day for the Recruits We have requested 50 Recruits for our Thanksgiving Dinner. In October we will pass the hat for contributions for our annual football fund. If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Casey Bachara (847) 299-3613 or Joe Gesicki (847) 966-4889.

7th District Turkey Trot tickets will be available. PC Joe Lampert and PC Kurt Lepinski will have tickets if you're interested.

Two Resolutions were brought up; PC Joe Lampert for Alternate National Executive Committeeman and PC Jan Lepinski for Jr. Vice Commander for the 1st Division. Both motions, passed and now they will be pushed up to the 7th District.

Motion was made to give PC Joe Lampert \$100.00 for his week at Legion



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