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Commander's Message Shawn Hoffmann



Fellow Legionnaires,

The holidays are upon us with that being said, "Happy Thanksgiving." For those who are traveling to see loved ones and family have a safe trip and enjoy your time. For the ones not traveling I hope to see you there at our Thanksgiving meal that we are providing for the sailors from Great Lakes who are unable to get home for the holidays.

This month went well. The Veterans Day parade was a huge success in attendance, and it shows progress for years to come. After the parade we had the opening ceremony for our memorial dedication: great job to the Boy Scouts for the design and construction as well as the Village of Morton Grove. Without all your teams help this would not have been done in this timely fashion. If you are interested in getting a brick on the path dedicated to yourself or a loved one, please contact Tom Mann, our Vice Commander. On Veterans Day we had a flag raising ceremony for the veterans at the Silverado Nursing Home for Alzheimer patients in Morton Grove, which went extremely well.

Our membership is going well but still could be better. Please get your dues in before next month before the dues are raised as I have mentioned in the past few months. I had gotten word though with the 5 year membership card it can now be upgraded as well. So if you have already paid your dues for this year, to avoid the charge up for the next 4 years to follow, you can still get your 5 year card just to pay the remaining \$105. But this no longer available after next month. For information on that please contact our Adjutant.



Auxiliary Message Bonnie Sheirok



LADIES – we have been doing well with our membership renewals, but there are quite a few to go, and the deadline is approaching. We're at 50%. The first 50% is easy: it's the next 50% that is the hardest. We achieved 100% last year – let's do it this year.

The Veteran's Day Parade had a nice turnout. We had quite a few groups like the Young Marines and the Marines from the Marine Academy in Chicago along with the drumline and the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party is on December 8th at the Legion. There will be a short meeting, and then there will be a White Elephant game. We played it last year, and it was great fun. Refreshment will be pot luck, so everyone can bring their favorite munchie.

Do not forget the men and women who are serving and won't be home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, especially those who are in harm's way. Also remember those who have served. They all have served and are serving to keep our country free and strong.

Have a Happy Holiday Season.



Saturday, December 12, 2015
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
\$12.00 a person

We are going to have our Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 12, 2015. There will be **made to order three egg omelet bar** with a choice of the following ingredients: ham, cheddar cheese, bell peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, onions, spinach, and feta cheese. Also on the menu:

- Bacon and Pork Sausage
- Country Style Hash Browns
- Danish
- Biscuits and gravy
- Smoked salmon and bagel platter
- Coffee

The bar will be open, and you can purchase any drink. You must RSVP to Cheryl (847) 663-0539 by December 9, 2015. The RSVP is essential so we can order enough eggs.



Sons of the American Legion
Annual Children's Christmas Party

The SAL Annual Children's Christmas party will be on December 12th from 11:30 am till 1:00 pm. The party is open to members' children 10 years and younger. Please RSVP by November 30, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Coursey at 847-977-2662.

EVENTS CALENDAR



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday through Friday, 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Club Room is open on Sundays and Thursdays for football games. Come in, relax, have a drink and try your luck on our gaming machines!

December, 2015

Dec 2	7 th District Auxiliary meeting	7:00 pm
Dec 12	Holiday Party (main hall)	10 am-1pm
	SAL Children's Christmas Party	11:30 am
	CANCELED - Army/Navy game	
Dec 14	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Dec 17	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm

January, 2016

Jan 7	Rifle Squad meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 11	Corporation meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 15	Social Night	5:30 pm
Jan 20	7 th District 166 @ 134	7:00 pm
Jan 25	Executive Board meeting	7:30 pm
Jan 28	Post 134 meeting	7:30 pm

In February the Rifle Squad will have their Annual Super Bowl Party on February 7, 2016. Details will be in next newsletter.

POST 134 MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

Guest, David Piatek from the Federal Savings Bank in Chicago, IL

David Piatek came to talk to the members about VA benefits, home loans and financial benefits. The Federal Savings bank internet site is: www.thefederalsavingsbank.com/davidpiatek

Minutes from the October meeting were approved.

Finance Report, PC Joe Piento

Finance report was passed around read and accepted subject to audit. At the meeting we discussed paying the honorary memberships for 4 years to save \$1,000.00 because of the dues increase in 2016. The membership agreed this was a good idea.

Commander, Shawn Hoffmann

We had a great turnout for the Veteran's Day Parade. We hope to have many more parades. We want to thank everyone in the community who attended the parade and helped to make it possible.

Membership, PC Ken Trumbull

We are currently 712 paid members which makes us 73.43%.

Jr. Vice Commander, Thomas Mann

The new memorial was put up, and the bricks are in for settling. If anyone would like to buy a brick for a veteran, you can for \$100.00 just make you check out to Post 134 Memorial Fund. Please contact me with the name, rank, branch or service or years of service.

Adjutant, PC Ken Trumbull

No report.

ALR, PC Joe Lampert

The get together for the Army/Navy game has been cancelled because there are 2 more parties going on at the same time.

Americanism, PC John Slater

PC Slater made a donation to the Girl and Boy Scouts.

Awards, PC Don Stotz

The volunteers for the Awards are PC Joe Piento, PC Ken Trumbull and Commander Shawn Hoffmann.

Children & Youth

We passed the cap for Toys for Tots, and we collected \$120.00.

Community Service, PC Joe Piento

The Village of Morton Grove thanked the Legion for their \$3,500.00 donation to the firework display.

Corporation, PC Ken Trumbull

Net worth was read at the meeting. We have received many messages on our Legion number (847-965-9503) this month. When a message is received, it is put into the officers or chairmen mail slots.

Poppy Days, PC Ken Trumbull

No report.

Rifle Squad

The Rifle Squad went to a flag raising at the Silverado Nursing Home.
Post meeting, November 19, 2015

SAL, Shawn Hoffmann

The SAL will have their Annual Kids Christmas Party. This is open for members' children. SAL had their annual chili cook-off, and it was well attended.

Service Officer, PC Don Stotz

Leo Madura had surgery this month.

Thanksgiving Chair, Casey Bachara

Thanksgiving is a go with 40 sailors for Thanksgiving. I hope to see everyone who can stop by. We are accepting sweets for our table. Thanks to MB Financial for their \$500.00 donation towards the Thanksgiving for the Recruits.

VA&R, PC Ken Trumbull

No report.

Village Liaison, PC Joe Hedrick

Calendar dates that have to go on the calendar have to be turned in before the next meeting. We had a meeting with the Village Administrator about the Gun Range. The specs have to meet a range that is two times as big. We will submit a permit when the range is updated. Things are going well working with the new Administrator. There will be a Morton Grove Chamber Holiday Party in the Community Room on December 3, 2015. The Champion newspaper had a nice article with pictures of our Veteran's Day Parade.

Pot of Gold

No one won the \$177.00 in the Pot of Gold, but Dennis Dzedzic won the consolation price of \$15.00.



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