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Commander's Message Shawn Hoffmann



Fellow Legionnaires

First thing's first: we lost a valued member of our Post this month. On February 21st Walerian (Wally) Zawisza passed away. We will always miss our dear friend and may God watch over him.

Other than that, the month went well. We had the Super Bowl party hosted by the Rifle Squad which was well attended and was entertaining. We also had the 7th District Legionnaire of the Year Dinner, which was awarded to a member of our Post - PC Joseph W. Piento. We got our screen in from the VNN and will be setting it up shortly above where the gambling machines were.

As far as membership goes, as of Thursday at the Post meeting we are currently standing at 12 members shy of 100%, great job everyone: keep it up. Just as well as you are all aware, the raise of the price of dues the 5 year membership card is still available to get just 20 dollars more though.



Gone but not Forgotten

Wally Zawisza, 26 year Post Member and longtime Rifle Squad member, entered Post Everlasting on February 21, 2016.

Raymond Koz, 27 year Post member, entered Post Everlasting on April 14, 2015.

March, 2016



Auxiliary President Bonnie Sheirok



We brought a little joy to the lady veterans at Jesse Brown and James Lovell with Valentine bags full of all sorts of things. A few of our ladies made ruffled scarfs for them and also included in the bags were shampoo, body lotion and other toilet items.

Thank you members for working on getting membership renewals and new members but we are close to 100%. We still work to be done. If you haven't sent in your dues, please do so ASAP.

February was a quiet month as far as news goes. The upcoming month is the Patriotic Conference which will be held in Bloomington, and a few of us will be attending. A report will be given in the next newsletter.

CORPORATION BOARD ANNUAL ELECTION

The regular meeting was suspended from 8:08 pm until 8:26 pm for elections to fill three vacant, three year Corporation Board seats. PC Bill Peterson, Hank Silvia and Ron Sheirok were nominated, accepted and were elected to the open seats.



St. Patrick's Social Night
Upstairs Annex
Friday, March 18, 5:30 pm
\$12.00 a person

We will serve corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes, and apple pie. Please RSVP with Ed Kilb by March 15, 2016 at (847) 698-6008.



ITALIAN SOCIAL NIGHT
Upstairs Annex
Friday, April 15, 2016

Menu will be vegetable lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Please call Ed Kilb (847) 698-6008 by Wednesday, April 13th with your RSVP.

EVENTS CALENDAR



CLUB 134 LOUNGE is open Monday through Friday, 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

March, 2016

Mar 2	7 District Auxiliary	7:30 pm
Mar 5	Oratorical Contest @ Peoria Sea Bee Birthday	
Mar 8	Unit 134 Auxiliary Meeting	7:00 pm
Mar 10	Rifle Squad	7:30 pm
Mar 14	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Mar 16	7 th District @ 134	7:00 pm
Mar 18	St. Patrick's Day Social	5:30 pm
Mar 21	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Mar 24	Post 134 Meeting	6:30 pm

April, 2016

Apr 5	Post 320	
Apr 11	Corporation Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 12	Unit 134 Meeting ALR Meeting	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Apr 14	Rifle Squad Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 15	Social night	5:30 pm
Apr 20	7 th District Meeting	7:00 pm
Apr 21	Commander's b-day	
Apr 25	Executive Board Meeting	7:30 pm
Apr 28	Post 134 Meeting Post Everlasting	7:30 pm

POST 134 MEETING, FEBRARY 25, 2016

January minutes were passed out, read and approved as written.

Finance Report, PC Joe Piento

PC Joe Piento read the finance report, and it was accepted subject to audit.

Special item

A motion from the floor was made, seconded and approved to declare Wally Zawisza an Honorary Past Post Commander of Morton Grove Post 134.

Commander, Shawn Hoffmann

A celebratory dinner was held in honor of 7th District Legionnaire of the Year, PC Joseph Piento. The Rifle Squad held their Super Bowl party, and it was well attended. A 32" television will be installed in the bar by VNN.

Membership Chairman, PC Ken Trumbull

We currently have 957 paid members, twelve short of 100%.

Senior Vice Commander, Thomas Mann

No report

Americanism, Jac Charlier

Absent, no report.

Auxiliary President, Bonnie Sheirok

The Auxiliary prepared 20 Valentine Day packages and presented 10 to Jesse Brown and 10 to James Lovell. The 7th District Auxiliary raffle tickets are available from Bonnie. \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Awards, PC Don Stotz

There are three candidates for Honorary Life Membership Award; the committee will meet after the Post meeting.

Children and Youth, Jan Lepinski

Absent, no report

Community Service, PC Joe Piento

No report

Corporation, PC Ken Trumbull

PC Trumbull gave our financial status.

Legion Riders, Mat Ingram

The next Legion Riders meeting will be April 5th; any riders from the Skokie Post is welcomed.

Park District, PC Joe Lampert

No report

Rifle Squad, PC Ray Ariaz

Super Bowl drawing was held. PC Don Stotz won 1st prize \$175.00; Geraldine Bowmont won 2nd prize \$105.00 and PC Joseph Hedrick won 3rd prize \$70.00. PC Joseph Hedrick donated his winnings to the "Gifts to the Yanks" fund.

Corporation President, PC Ken Trumbull

The gambling machines were removed not only because the taxes were raised, but the owners of the machines LZ Company said that they weren't making enough money on their machines.

SAL Advisor, Shawn Hoffmann

No report

Service Officer, PC Don Stotz

Deceased Raymond Koz, 27 year Post member, entered Post Everlasting on April 14, 2015. Wally Zawisza, 26 year Post Member and longtime Rifle Squad member entered Post Everlasting on February 21, 2016. Wally will be waked at Simkin's Funeral Home on Friday from 4 to 9 pm, hospitalized – Charley Matz, 28 year Post member, was in Lutheran General Hospital but is now released!

Thanksgiving Chairman, Casey Bachara

No report

Veteran's Affairs, PC Ken Trumbull

No report

Village Liaison, PC Joe Hedrick

A parade permit was submitted to the Village. The Village has some questions concerning the Gun Range plans, and they are being answered. Please consider patronizing the bar (Club 134); attendance is low.

New Business

Hank Silvia asked about preparations for the Legion centennial and was advised a fund has been started. PC Ken Trumbull stated that there will be a luncheon hosted by the Zawisza family at Post 134 after the funeral Saturday. Legion members are invited to come and pay their respects to the family. Please wear your Legion caps.

Resolutions - A motion was made from the floor by PC Joe Lampert, seconded and approved that a resolution be submitted from Post 134 to District 7 recommending PC Shawn Hoffmann for the position of Senior Vice Commander of 7th District.

New members

Carlos Alvarado was sworn in as a new member of American Legion Post 134.

Good of the Legion

PC Ray Ariaz invited everyone to stop by the bar from 4 to 7 pm on Sunday Feb 28th for music by R&R and entertainment. If there is a good turnout, Ray would try to coordinate an event once a month. The Legion sponsored hockey team the "Legion of Doom", with stars such as PC Joe Lampert getting a little help from PC Mat Ingram, will be ending their regular season on Saturday the 28th at Iceland Arena in Niles. PC Ken Trumbull advised everyone that the American Legion Chairman met with members of Congress and Legion issues including the poor response times on answering suicide hot line calls. No correspondence.

Pot of Gold

There was no winner present for the Pot of Gold. The Pot of Silver \$15.00 was won by Bob Eichles.

