

**The American Legion  
Morton Grove  
Post 134  
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Morton Grove, IL 60053  
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July/August 2019 Vol. 1

Post 134 is proud to have the largest membership in the State of Illinois

## Calendar of Meetings & Events:

### July, 2019

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** Independence Day Parade

July 8<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

July 9<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 p.m.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Rider Meeting 7:30 p.m.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>** Post 134 Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
(Complimentary dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

### August, 2019

**Aug 4<sup>th</sup>** Legion Family Picnic  
(We ask every family to bring a side dish)

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Corporation Meeting  
7:00p.m.

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>** Post 134 Meeting  
7:30 p.m. (Complimentary dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

**Queen of Hearts Drawing  
Every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.**

## Commanders Message

**Nora Gunning (773) 633-0140 [noragunning@yahoo.com](mailto:noragunning@yahoo.com)**

It is an honor to serve as an American Legion Commander for this year. I look forward in working with the rest of the officers in place, to provide the very best in all programs that Post 134 currently has up and running for veterans, our families and communities. It is my goal to make sure everyone feels welcomed, and we have a great team that is dedicated to that mission. Come and visit; we are making great changes! If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to send me a message, and/or phone call or text. I want to hear from you, and no idea is ever a bad idea. I am here to serve you.

Lastly, I want to thank my family and friends for all the support they are providing and will be very involved this year. Without you, I couldn't do this and I am extremely grateful for your support.

Thank you,  
Nora Gunning



## Auxiliary Message

**Sharon Martin (847) 967-1875**

Summer is here and I hope the weather improves. We are looking forward for the 4th of July Parade, come and join us! We have a float to ride on if you cannot/do not, want to walk.

We will have a joint installation on September 13<sup>th</sup>; it would be great if we could have a great turnout of our Auxiliary members. Call or text me if you can make it so we can plan how many for dinner.

Hope you all have a safe and fun summer.



**POST EVERLASTING**

## Gone but not Forgotten

**Don Stotz, Service Officer (847)967-5264**  
**Papa213@sbcglobal.net**

John F. Jarger, 1 year Post member, April 11, 2016

John H. Puetz, 66 year Post member, January 25, 2019

Jarvis A. Richards 8 year Post member, May 12, 2017



*Due to a Scheduling problem,  
Riderfest 2019 has been  
cancelled.*

*We will be planning an event in  
the winter of 2020.*

## How will you Legion?

Michelle Homme, Editor [mortongrovepost134@gmail.com](mailto:mortongrovepost134@gmail.com)

Since 1925, the American Legion Post 134 has been here to serve our Veterans. As a Legionnaire, Rider, S.A.L., or Auxiliary, we have become a multifaceted organization, still committed to the same purpose. Now is the perfect time to attend a Post meeting, assist our Auxiliary on a project, or join Post 134 in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Visit the Clubhouse and talk with other members, enjoy a beverage and maybe a ball game on one of our big screen TV's.

Organizations such as the American Legion are only as solid as their members, and member participation. We need you!

Visit our Facebook page: The American Legion Morton Grove Post 134, email us and we can send you flyers, and bulletins for upcoming events. We have a lot of new and exciting happenings in the works, and would love to see YOU at the Post!

## AMERICAN LEGION

### POST 134 MEETING MINUTES May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

#### Open Issues /New Business

Service Officer Don Stotz: Honorary Life Membership presented to Ed Marshall.

#### Executive Board Report Ken Trumbull

The hall upstairs is available to Legion Members for events free of charge. If a bartender is requested, you are responsible for payment to them (and of course for beverages). If you have any questions, contact Ken Trumbull.

Poppy Day exact figures are not in yet, but it is at approximately \$10,000. This year's highest fundraisers are Jan & Kurt Lepinski.  
Post 134 membership is at 102%

#### Sgt-at-Arms Ron Sheirok

We welcome the newest member of the rifle squad, James Czarnik.

#### Village Liaison Joe Hedrick

A new memorial board was made for the Memorial Room. Last years and this year's Post Everlasting names will be added to this board.

First Financial Credit Union is Skokie will be donating \$250 to the American Legion Programs as a Memorial Day Gift.

An Additional surplus check for \$500 from Gift of The Yanks was received

Street banners honoring our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary were approved and will be on display soon.

Attorneys are completing the documents to present to the Village regarding the Range.

#### Legion Riders Joe Lampert

This year's Riderfest date was lost due to a discrepancy with Village scheduling, as a result Riderfest has been cancelled for 2019; A Riders

fundraiser will be set up for January, or February of 2020.

1<sup>st</sup> Div. Cmdr. Joe Lampert expressed his appreciation to all of the Legion Family participants who showed our National Commander a warm welcome both at Post 134 and at the Armed Forces Dinner at the Elks Club in Des Plaines. The National Commander enjoyed his visit with us greatly. Together we emulate what the American Legion Family is about.

**S.A.L.** Not present no report.

**Auxiliary Sharon Martin**

Post 134 note cards thanking Veterans for their service were given to patients during the monthly visit to Jesse Brown Veterans Hospital for Memorial Day.

**Unfinished/Old Business/Other** John Slater  
There is a new bill called the *S. 504 Legion Act*, opening up membership to the American Legion. Members are encouraged to support this act which is seeking a designation for military members who served their country with honor but whose service fell in gaps between war eras.

**Good of the Legion John Madejczyk**  
IL Secretary of State has a Veterans license plate program. The proceeds from this program are supposed to go to scholarship funds. Upon review it is being discovered monies are being unaccounted for from what has been taken in to what has been dispersed. The Marine Corp. League actually had to have a bill passed to have their portion of money turned over to them to be used for its intended purposes. Anyone who has purchased or intends to purchase these plates, please look into that the funds are in fact being used for the 100% intended purpose of scholarship funds.

**Installation of New Officers 2019-2020:**

- Commander Nora Gunning
- Sr. Vice Cmdr. Joe Kowalczyk
- 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Vice Cmdr. Douglas Shreffler
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Vice Cmdr. Peter Faraci
- Finance Officer Joe Piento

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