# Post 134 Newsletter

December 2020



# Happy holidays from our family to yours!

As 2020 comes to an end I would like to wish all my comrades a Happy Holiday Season, and a safe and healthy New Year. Hopefully we can all rebound from this year. This year has been full of challenges as I'm sure everyone has experienced. Our Post had to cancel meetings, our annual Thanksgiving dinner with the Navy recruits, and our end of summer picnic. With a vaccine coming early next year, finally life may get back to somewhat normal.

My condolences to fellow members who lost friends and loved ones to the COVID-19 virus. I look forward to seeing everyone when our meetings and socializing can continue next year.

Stay safe Peter Faraci Commander Post 134

### **Post Information**

- Our Queen of Hearts Raffle was suspended on 11/17/20 with a Pot of \$17,005.00 Tickets can still be purchased at Morton Grove Coin & Collectibles (9241 Waukegan Rd)
- Until further notice, we will NOT be collecting flower vases
- Questions for the Post or any of the Officers can be made at 847-965-9503 or email: mortongrovepost134@gmail. com

"In remembrance of those who served, those who sacrificed, those left behind, and those who carry on. Thank you for your service"



#### **Legion Riders**

It may not have been the best of years, but things could have been a lot worse. COVID-19 defined our world in 2020, but we made the best of it.

January saw us planning "Winterfest". Winterfest started a couple of years ago as a winter get together so we could see each other during the winter. In 2020 we turned this into an opportunity to raise funds for "Gift to the Yanks who Gave". This event raised \$3,300.00 and provided the opportunity to invite and get to know the other Legion Rider groups in the area.

April was particularly sad for the Riders. We Lost Russ McManus to COVID just two days before his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Event cancelations ruled the month, the Legacy Run was officially cancelled. One bright spot in April was that the Riders also had their first Social hour via Zoom.

In July The Riders had a few events Presence Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center held a July 3rd "Drive By" Parade. There are several Vets in the nursing home, including one WWII Vet. Their Vets were the "Grand Marshalls". On July 27th, the Riders participated in an escort for fallen Niles Police Officers Joseph Paglia and Michael White. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the Riders participated in the American Legion Family Haven Run.

The Legion Riders would like to thank our Legion Family for all your support.



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## **Service Officer**

John Maloney III born on October 30, 1937 passed away on December 13, 2020 at the age 83. A long time Legionnaire of the American Legion Morton Grove Post 134. John was a native of Morton Grove and moved to Las Vegas for a few years and then returned home to the area. Per John's request a celebration of his life will be held in the future.

Lenny Jakubiak (Service Officer)



#### Memorial Day Car Parade 2020











Meet Patty, our newest addition to the Clubhouse!

Slots are here!



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