



EVERGREEN PARK POST 854
"THE HOSPITALITY POST"
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May/June 2016

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

My fellow Legionnaires,

Greetings,

Membership needs a kick in the rear.
IF YOU ARE READING THIS AND YOUR NEWSLETTER IS
BLUE,
IT MEANS THAT YOUR 2016 DUES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID.

It also means that YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM OUR ROSTER ON 15 JULY, 2016
We have 62 members who have not paid their dues to date.

As you know the dues have been raised to \$35.00. The post will extend the \$30.00 rate until 15 June, 2016. So send in your check for \$30.00 ASAP, and we will mail out your 2016 membership card.

Just a note, you can still renew your membership, at the \$35.00 rate, online at www.members.legion.org/renew, it's easy and painless.

If you would like your Illinois State Driver's License to reflect your veteran status and get a State issued ID for free. The following must be done. Take your ORIGINAL DD-214 to the Orland Park VA center at 14700 S. Ravinia St., Lower Level. See the VA rep from 9:00AM TO 1:00 PM Daily. She will certify your DD-214, and you can go to the Secretary of State on the first floor to get you license and State ID card. Cost is \$5.00 for License & ID is free, if you are over 65yrs old. You can also get your retired military ID card changed if your VA card contains your social security number.

The "Queen of Hearts" raffle had a winner on the 30th of March and the new raffle started out with a \$7,200.00 pot. So stop by the post for your tickets and have some fun.

The "Freedom Flight" program is now accepting Korean War veterans for the free flights from Chicago to Washington, D.C. Forms are available at the post or we will mail them to you. The first group of Korean War vets left Midway Airport on 13 April, 2016.

Important Dates: 14 May, 2016 - The Post will visit Manteno Vet's Home to play bingo with our disabled veterans. Please join us. We leave the post at 12:00 PM. The Post will host "Post Everlasting" on 30 May at 9:00 AM

I'm still hoping that our female veterans will "get with the program" and come to our post meetings. We are trying to shed the image of it's being an "Old Boys Club" and it's a good time to meet other veterans and talk about old times.

William J. Cooper

William J. Cooper
Commander / Post 854
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SENIOR VICE

My fellow Veterans, we are entering that time when we vote for who we want as our Leadership at the American Legion Post. It's almost like a Presidential election, if you have a choice of two selections make sure you like your pick.

I believe one candidate is OTIS Redding. We know him, like him, and he is the best person by far to run for Sr. Vice. He extends his time for the Post and is always ready to give an extra effort.

During my tenure, I did try to help the Legion to go in a direction for the Membership's best interest. Sometimes, we went right, sometimes left, and a U-Turn sometimes. All in all, I did the best I could at leaving the post better than what it was.

I have another Golf Outing planned, but this time we are not using the post for sponsorship. I was asked to do this on my own as it caused a problem last time for the Legion.

- Date for the Golf Outing is Friday 19 August at 8am.
- Place. GLENEAGLES golf course in Lemont now Palos IL.
- Cost is \$100.00

I have planned for some fun holes and some good food for you.

Hope all that had a great time last outing will help and come and play again. We are going to raise money for the First Responders of IL, and I am looking for some input in finding a foundation that helps Veterans returning from Iraq, and Afghanistan as wounded warriors. I would like to help our soldiers that reside in IL.

Thanks for a great ride

Chuck Sulek
Sr. Vice 2015-2016.

FINANCE OFFICER

BOY'S STATE & POLICE ACCADEMY

ATTENTION PARENTS & GRAND PARENTS:

Do you have a Grandchild or Child who is a junior in High School and may have an interested in Politics or being a Police Person. The American Legion has two programs that your son or daughter may be interested in. Both programs are one week in the summer at College Location or Illinois Police Academy. If you have a child who may be interested in either program, please contact me at (312)718-5291 or see you at the Post.

Kelly Drey needs donor for Liver Transplant

One of our members Pete Drey, has a niece is in need of Liver. Please view the flyer on our website www.legionpost854.com for additional information

William R. Winters
Finance Officer

ADJUTANT REPORT

For God and Country,

Thanks to Dan Tiggelaar and Bob Staudacher for their help with the recent food drive. Next year, we hope to double our output.

Don't forget the Queen of Hearts, every Wednesday. Why don't you step up and help out at Bingo on Sunday night.

Go White Sox!

Steve Davies
Adjutant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Please remember them and all our deceased comrades who have passed away. Also, remember those comrades who are ill and in the hospital or recovering at home, and pray for our young men and women who are serving our country on foreign soil and in harm's way. Please remember Past Commander, Steve Davies, who had surgery and he is recovering. We MISS Steve at Bingo.

- Louis Bartolini
- Earl Paraday
- Joseph J. Seren
- Michael P. Sweeney

"Let us pray"

Almighty and Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, without which we can do nothing, grant, we humbly pray, Thy blessings and protection upon our Nation. We are grateful for Thy help on days past. We humbly ask Thee to be with us still as we face the problems of the present and the difficulties of the uncertain future. AMEN.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR MEETINGS

William R. Winters
Chaplain

SERVICE OFFICIER

Please remember Past Commander Steve Davies in your prayers. He recently underwent surgery and he is presently at the Villa, 10200 South Kedzie Av. Evergreen Park, IL. If you would like to send him a card, please send it in care of the Post: [9701 S. Kedzie Av., Evergreen Park, IL 60805.](mailto:alpost854il@aol.com)

[We are still accepting essays for the O'Connell Scholarship Fund. Forms can be obtained by email at: alpost854il@aol.com](mailto:alpost854il@aol.com)

William J. Cooper
Service Officer

SERGEANT AT ARMS



Welcome Aboard to all the new members. I know I have not be around here much lately, and for that I do apologize. I should be back to my normal or abnormal self by the middle of June.

Thanks to Rich Venckus for filling in for me on class nights and when I am at work.

So if you are new – come up to me and introduce yourself. I'll try to answer any questions you might have

Ron (Otis) Reding
Sgt-at-Arms

COLOR GUARD



May is the start of the "busy season". Our upcoming events include the School Awards on 11 May, 8th District's Post Everlasting on 26 May and our Post Everlasting Ceremony on 30 May.

We will contact the members as to when the next practice will be so that we can brush up on our skills and look sharp for the Post Everlasting ceremonies.

As always if anyone is interested in joining the Color Guard contact us, and we will fill you in. All you need is your Legion Cover and the Post will supply the rest.

Gary Brockman
708-610-4173

Ron (Otis) Reding
773-931-5636

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Greetings SAL Members,

Our next meeting will be Saturday 4 June at 11 AM. It will be for election of officers, please try to attend.

We had a winner in the Queen of Hearts and the new total will be above \$ 10,000 and growing. We are looking for help with Queen of Hearts on Wednesdays, for about an hour at 6 PM to 7 PM.

We are looking for help in Bingo kitchen on Sunday, for about 2 hours at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Anyone interested in starting a new activity or function, please see me or contact me @ (708) 476-5900

Thanks to all of you who have made the SAL so successful.

Dennis Reilly

SAL Commander

AUXILIARY NEWS

Welcome Spring!

The Auxiliary Nominating Committee is busy putting a slate together for new officers to be elected for the 2016 - 2017 year. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Poppy days will be on 26, 27, and 28 May. We need volunteers to help distribute poppies. Please consider giving some time, during your day for this cause. At 7 AM each morning, poppies can be picked up in the members' room

The Americanism Award Ceremony will be held on 11 May. It is a very impressive event honoring our young people.

Our next meetings will be on 23 May and 27 June.

Hope to see you!

Nora Cummings

Women's Auxiliary President

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Post 854 would like to enter the 21st Century and we would like to send our newsletter to you via E-Mail so if you like to receive FUTURE Newsletter via E-Mail:

Send an email to: alpost854il@aol.com

View our Web Address: legionpost854.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING

Our Queen of Hearts was won on 30 March, 2016 the Lucky Card was 29 and Kevin G. won \$42,564.00 and the Post and The Sons of the American Legion Squadron were also beneficiaries of Queen of Hearts monies. The Post Family, the Sons, Auxiliary, and the Post appreciate your support for the Queen of Hearts and we have completed week three of the new board and on 20 April, 2016 the Lucky Person whose number was drawn chose #29 and received 5% of the Board because a Queen was drawn.

BE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR WEEKLY QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING ON WENESDAY AT 7:00 PM.

YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T PLAY!!!

REQUEST

If a member wishes to attend a meeting, and has no transportation, we may be able to get a ride for you. If you call the Post, it may be possible to arrange transportation for you. We are trying to set up a crew of volunteers to get you to our meeting and back home. Call (708) 860-6517.

Bill Cooper, Commander

EDITOR

Newsletter articles for our July/August Newsletter will be due by our 21 June Meeting. Make sure to have them in by then.

Some of you will be receiving your newsletter electronically via email. Unless you reported an issue (*I didn't get it.*); you will no longer get a hard copy via U. S. Post. There will be some of you beginning to get the newsletter electronically. You will also get a hard copy via U. S. Post. Please answer the email asking if you did in fact receive it electronically.

Those of you, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL, who would rather receive their newsletter electronically, but have not provided an email address, you can do so anytime. We would love to include you on our mailing list.

Thank you for helping to make this project a success.

Jim Quintavalle
Editor

ONE LAST NOTE

Attention Comrades!

Please plan on coming to a Post Meeting the first and the third Tuesday of the month. You will renew comradeship with some old friends. You will enjoy creating new comradeship with some new friends. You will be a part of the “*active Post*” and not a part of the silent membership. You will be fed for attending. You can participate in two drawings for \$1. **WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO LOSE?**

We look forward to seeing you!

The Rogue Patrol

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Jim Quintavalle
Editor

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