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112N. MAIN ST. ELBURN IL 60119



FROM THE COMMANDERS DESK

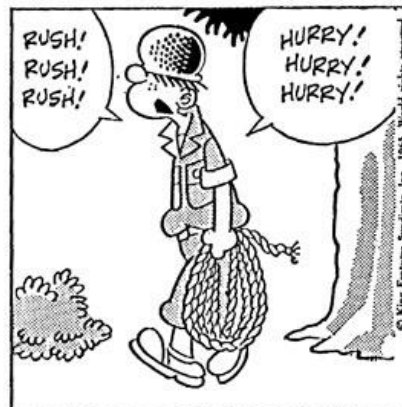


The first three months of 2018 have flown by and spring is just around the corner. This summer, my term as Post Commander will come to an end. It has been a great three years and the new Board members are experienced and ready to take the helm of the Post. I am grateful for the efforts of every member that has worked hard to keep the Post functioning, financially solvent and moving forward.

The Queen of Hearts raffle is making a significant impact to the operations of the Post and your help is needed to keep it moving forward. The raffle is held every Thursday at 8:00pm downstairs in "The Bunker". Tickets are available every Tuesday and Thursday at the Legion office from 1130am-130pm, and downstairs on Tuesdays from 4:30pm 6:00pm and Thursdays from 4:30pm until the drawing. The raffle is attracting non-members and members alike. Stop by on Thursday nights to check out the raffle, hang out with friends and just have a nice time!

The annual Draw Down is April 20th starting at 6:00pm. Get your tickets now while they are still available. The meat raffle and 50/50 raffle will be available. Dinner will be catered by Paisano's. And, new this year, there will be a special raffle for those in attendance. So, make your plans to be there!

In Memory: Mort Walker 1923/2017



Post officers

Commander: John Nevenhoven
Vice Commander: Mark Krebs
Jr. Vice Commander: Dan Kolzow
Adjutant: Norbert Lund
Sergeant at Arms: Lloyd Damask
Chaplin: Jim Elgar
Finance: Dennis Richmond
Judge Advocate/ Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner

Remodel Update:

Work has begun on the office with the installation of donated cabinets. Demo on the remaining three walls will begin shortly. The front of the building will be getting some tuckpointing done followed by sealant being applied to the entire brick front. The post will receive a matching funds grant for the tuckpoint project through the village facade improvement program. Donations for future work are being sought through a grant from The Home Depot.



What Just Happened? On Saturday, March 10, our Legion post hosted the Annual Awards Dinner for the Elburn Chamber of Commerce. 60 Chamber members and their guests attended the Murder Mystery Dinner. The event was a huge success, both in attendance and increasing The American Legion's visibility and involvement within the community. The Kaneland High School Jazz Band gave an outstanding performance during the evening. (John Reece is running lead on our presence in the Chamber of Commerce. Great job John!)

Coffee and Rolls Anyone?



At the February, regular meeting it was voted and approved to host a free coffee and rolls open house on the first Saturday of each month starting March 3rd. This event will be open to all vets, members and non-members, and their family members. The post will try to actively recruit sponsors to help with the costs. The purpose for this event are many. Comradery between all vets, new member recruitment and identifying vets in need of assistance just to name a few. Come on down for a cup of Joe and bring a fellow vet.

Update: The March coffee and rolls was well received by those that attended. In attendance were, 9 members, 2 guests and 1 dog! Pastries from Harner's and never ending coffee as were the conversations! Join us again on April 7th 7-11am.

We're Waiting to Hear from You!



Contact Us

630-365-6530

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VA Healthcare (Food for thought from our members)

In this section, we will be posting letters or comments from our readers regarding their experiences with the VA healthcare system. It is not intended to be a political commentary section, merely an outlet to share experiences that may help others who may be having similar problems. Names have been removed and minimal edits are made. Editor reserves the right to not include letters in this section.

Persistence pays off

The V A never ceases to need a necessary nudge to order medicine. I contacted V A clinic and stated since last year at this time I was fighting for my life in the hospital with pneumonia & other respiratory problems. Should I be put on tama-flu to prevent problems now? They responded no, don't go around crowds, wash hands a number of times a day and keep warm. I then responded with the doctors on T V are saying if you have had respiratory, heart and low immune level you need to be on tama-flu now. Today I received a message that the prescription for tama-flu has been sent in and it will be mailed to me. If I had not pushed back I would be at risk of getting the flu and risking my life. We need to get someone's attention from the top down as many other veterans are at risk. I STAND UP, OTHERS CAN'T OR DON'T KNOW HOW !! "Please forward to any and all and perhaps it will be heard by officials who can improve medical care for all VETERANS !!"

Be Aware of Changes

To everyone & my newspaper contacts, F Y I

Last evening ([state of the union speech](#)) it was stated that veterans now have a choice. It used to be that if you lived over 40 miles from a VA hospital you could go to civilian doctors and hospitals in your area. Now the new 'choice' per the new non-military Secretary of VA is if you live over 40 miles from the closest VA Clinic you can use local doctors and hospitals. If you remember I was trying to get cardiac rehab here in DeKalb, IL as before paid for by the VA. Now under the new CHOICE deal they wanted me to drive 3 times a week for 12 weeks to Aurora VA Clinic and take the shuttle to Hines Hospital. My self and many other veterans are on social security so we cannot afford to do this drive so we don't get the needed health care. If we use Medicare, then we are stuck with the balance of 20% of the total bill. SO, WHAT IS THE REAL CHOICE DEAL?

Editor's Note:

Post member, Lee Newtson, is sharing his experiences with the VA health care system with anyone and everyone. Lee is not proclaiming to be an expert in healthcare but he does know when something doesn't pass the smell test. He has written to local newspapers, VA officials, congress members and even the President of The United States trying to bring about awareness and change to the VA health system. You can follow his stories on his Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/lee.newtson

“Big changes start with small steps” (unknown)



What's Happening Next?



There is always something being planned! Next up on the docket.... Wine Tasting Event! In a joint effort with the Elburn Community Center we are teaming up to bring you "Class in a Glass". Final details are being worked out but be sure to save June 2nd 2018 for this fun event. Watch for details!

Try your Luck! The membership has approved the installation of three gaming machines! Preliminary application process has begun and the plan is to have the machines in place just after our draw down event. We hope that with the increase of events and public exposure we can bring in a few more dollars to the post. This will be a one year trial basis. During that time, by state law, **NO CARD PLAYING** will be allowed anywhere in the building.



Golf anyone?

We will be planning a golf outing in late summer or early fall. All skill levels are welcome. Details to follow!

Ein Prosit!!

Everyone has a little German in them come September! The official start of Oktoberfest! We are planning a fall fest with plenty of suds and family fun! Details are being worked out!



Post 630 intends to join forces with Bass Jass Chevrolet in Elburn for the annual GM promotion "Bar-B-Q for the Troops". All proceeds going to the USO! This is scheduled for some time in July. More info to follow

As you can see we have lots of making them a reality. However people to make it a reality! How what we are doing, come to the input. Offer to help during the event, attend the events being planned and bring a quest. Can you donate your time or maybe know someone that can donate a service or gift for raffles? Areas in need of help include; cleaning our new M1 ceremonial rifles, form am Honor Guard, help with newsletter, social planning, remodel projects. There are lots of ways to help or get involved. It all starts with you! Contact your Jr. Vice Dan Kolzow for more info.



great ideas and are hard at work an idea is just an idea without the can you help? Spread the word about meeting to get updates or give your

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK FUNDRAISER

The Daniel Simpson American Legion Post #630 in Elburn is raising funds to construct two brick monuments to house the plaques that were originally located in the front entrance of the Legion Building at 112 N. Main St. The new monuments will be located just east of the Village Hall on east North St. at Veteran's Park. All money raised will be used for the concrete base, the construction of the monuments, and further improvements/additions of further memorials.

- Bricks can be purchased for: 3 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10
- **SPONSORSHIPS:**
- **Level 1—\$150.00** earns business/individuals name & donation published in the Elburn Herald, VIP seating at Memorial Dedication Ceremony, 2 tickets to the Appreciation Dinner & a Certificate of Appreciation
- **Level 2—\$250.00+** earns business name or individual name on a brass plaque attached to the rear of the Memorial, business/individuals name & donation published in the Elburn Herald, VIP seating at the Memorial Dedication Ceremony, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Bricks and sponsorships can be purchased at The American Legion office during Queen of Hearts, sales hours 11:30-1:30 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday or in the Bunker Bar (basement) from 4:30-6:00 on Tuesday and Saturday or 4:30-8:00 on Thursday. They are also available at the American Bank and Trust, 8 S. Main St., Elburn.



Fundraiser for the relocation of the memorial plaques is underway. Donations started off with post member Jim Schnaitman presenting a check for \$250 at the February general meeting and challenging fellow members to follow suit. The Masonic Lodge has offered to install cornerstones on the monuments and help in fundraising efforts. Concrete bases will be installed in the spring with completion of the memorials hopefully by Veterans Day 2018.

Checks can be made out to American Legion Post 630. In the memo space write Memorial Fund. Any extra donations will be used for future war memorials at the same location. For more information call the main office (630) 365-6530 or John Reece (847) 975-9643.



Thank you to our members and friends who got in on the fun by sending in a Queen of Hearts Subscription. Each week our committee goes through the subscriptions and executes the ticket sales as ordered. At time of publication jackpot is at \$2000.00. There is still time to get in! Complete rules can found at the office or made available upon request.

Drawings are held on Thursday nights in the lower level, affectionately known as "The Bunker". The Bunker bar is open to the public and tickets are on sale up to a half hour before the drawing. If you're in town stop in for a fun evening with friends.

Queen of Hearts Subscription.

For those members that cannot come to the Legion Hall each week we are offering a subscription for multiple weeks. If a raffle ends with the Queen of Hearts being picked subscriptions will continue with the new "Queen of Hearts" Raffle.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Subscription Rates:

1 Ticket per week X _____ Weeks = _____ Number of tickets wanted X \$1.00 = \$ _____

2 Tickets per week X _____ Weeks = _____ Number of tickets wanted X \$1.00 = \$ _____

5 Tickets per week X _____ Weeks = _____ Number of tickets wanted X \$1.00 = \$ _____

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A raffle representative will pick an envelope for you using a numbered set of bingo balls. You could win multiple times on a single subscription, as you would have a new ticket for each week's drawing.

ALL PRIZES WON WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SENT BY CHECK.

All prizes are subject to state and federal tax regulations and are the responsibility of the winner.

Return this form with your check made payable to:

American Legion Post 630
 "Queen of Hearts"
 P.O. Box 774
 Elburn IL 60119

Post Calendar

(Holiday / Notable Day / Post 630 Event / Other)

APRIL

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- 1st) **Easter Sunday**
- 4th) Aux 40/8 meeting
- 5th) **Gold Star Wives Day**. Queen of Hearts Drawing
Blood Drive 2-6:30pm, Building Comm. Meeting
- 7th) Coffee & Rolls 7-11am
- 9th) Post Meeting
- 12th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 14th) **Air Force Reserve Birthday**, Elburn Police Dept. Test
- 19th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 20th) Draw Down 6pm
- 23rd) **Army Reserve Birthday**
- 26th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 28th) Private Party

- 3rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 5th) Coffee & Rolls 7-11am
- 8th) **Victory in Europe Day**
- 10th) Queen of Hearts Drawing,
Building Comm. Meeting
- 13th) **Mother's Day**
- 14th) Post Meeting
- 17th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 20th) **Armed Forces Day**
- 24th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 26th) Private Party
- 28th) **Memorial Day**, Memorial Day Ceremony
- 31st) Queen of Hearts Drawing

MAY

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- 2nd) Coffee 7 Rolls 7-11am. Class in a Glass Wine Tasting
- 6th) **Anniversary of D-Day**
- 7th) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting
- 9th) Safe Gun Class
- 10th) Safe Gun Class
- 11th) Post Meeting
- 14th) **Flag Day**, **Army Birthday**, Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 17th) **Father's Day**
- 21st) Blood Drive 2-6:30pm, Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 25th) **Anniversary start of Korean War**
- 28th) Queen of Hearts Drawing



Class *in a* Glass

Wine Tasting Event

SATURDAY

June 2, 2018

1 to 4PM

TICKETS \$20 IN
ADVANCE

(Before May 25th)

At Door: \$25

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

112 N MAIN ST. ELBURN, IL 60119

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT

American Legion Post #630

112 N Main St.

Elburn, IL 60119

Geneva Wine Cellars

227 S 3rd St.

Geneva, IL 60134

PRESENTED BY

*The Elburn Community Center
& American Legion Post #630*

or by calling

847-648-1850

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