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FROM THE COMMANDERS DESK



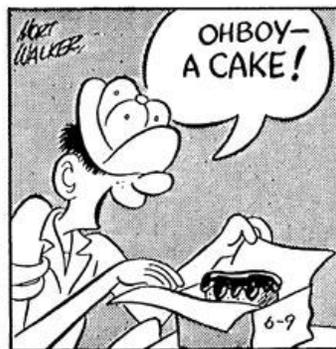
I am honored and humbled to be moving into the Post Commander's position in the next few weeks. I have had a good example to follow in John Nevenhoven. I will also benefit from the advice and support of literally a dozen past commanders, as well as the able assistance of Junior Vice Commander Chris Mulvihill and Senior Vice Commander Dan Kolzow. We will do our best to uphold the long tradition of the Daniel Simpson American Legion Post 630.

In the first six months of 2018, quite a few new initiatives have come about. The Queen of Hearts raffle, First Saturday donuts with vets, and a wine tasting event have been added. Remodeling is taking place in the office upstairs and down in the kitchen.

The Memorial Day Program included a very well received caparisoned (riderless) horse and a rifle squad made up of our members and our new M1 Garand rifles. We are grateful for a very active core of guys who are working hard on our behalf.

In the near future, BBQ for the Troops is coming up on July 14 from 11:00 – 2:00pm, and we have an old standby, Elburn Days, coming up this August as usual. All members are invited to participate to whatever degree they can.

One thing that I have noticed since the Queen of Hearts has begun is that guys are coming out more and more often on Thursday nights. They bring wives and friends and just have a good time. Some guys who haven't been around for a while are beginning to come regularly. People from Elburn come down also. There is a buzz in the room. At church, we would call it people enjoying fellowship. Because it is the American Legion, I suppose we ought to call it comradeship so that it doesn't sound too sappy. I would encourage any members to come and hangout on Thursday nights. You won't be disappointed.



New Post Officers

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

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 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. There is no cost to attend! New hours 7-10 am.

What Just Happened?



On Saturday, June 2nd the Legion hosted a wine tasting event. With the help of Geneva Wine Cellars and Kristen Whitney from the Elburn and Countryside Community Center, we hosted eight different wine vendors each providing eight bottles of different wines. Over 55 people attended and enjoyed unlimited wine tasting and a spectacular hors d'oeuvres table. The feedback was all positive with most attendees saying they will be back next year! With the proceeds taken in the Legion made a \$566 contribution to the community center! This was a great example of two great organizations helping each other. Great job everyone!



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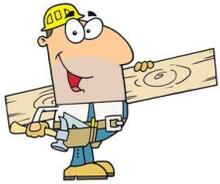
Flag Etiquette:

Commander Nevenhoven and Senior Commander Krebs gave a class on flag etiquette to a local group of Webelos Scouts. The class covered, meanings of the colors, stars and stripes along with proper handling and storage. Keep up the good work men!



HEY!! What's going on down there?

A lot! There has been a lot going on down at the post. Here is a run down!



Remodel Update:

The tuckpointing on the front of the building is done! A final coat of sealant is still needed but is slated for completion this summer. Both plaques have been removed and are being stored in the office waiting for the completion of their new home. New bricks were installed where the plaques once were and in the process members found an old copy of the Elburn Herald from 1954! Elmer Gliddon donated and signed the paper and installed it behind the plaque when first installed! Seems he knew we would be behind there one day! The post did receive a matching funds grant worth approximately \$2500 for the tuckpoint project. The grant was provided through the village facade improvement program. Work has begun on additional closet space in the hallway behind the bar. This will enable us to secure our bar stock and give us some more storage for the building manager. Improved lighting and a new drop ceiling are also in the beginning stage of construction. Meanwhile, in the office, demo will resume as time allows.

April Draw Down: Dennis Richmond reports best year yet for the draw down. Headed this year by Steve Lindquist, Paul Gardner and John Reece, a record number of attendees enjoyed another fun event at the post. With a larger ticket board adding 25 more tickets, increased sales for the meat raffle, 50/50 and Big Six wheel all add up to WINNER, WINNER, WINNER! Great job to all involved!



Queen of Hearts: The post had their first big winner in our inaugural game of "Queen of Hearts ". Our winner took home over \$2600 and the post collected over \$1400! Not a bad start. But don't worry the game continues! A few things have been changed this time around. First, bigger payouts! Now the smallest prize is \$20! A new reset card has been made to make the jackpots grow larger. Also, find "Kilroy was Here" on your card and win double! Does not include the queen of hearts. All this for only \$1 a ticket. Contact the office for complete rules and subscription forms!

Veterans Memorial Park Monuments: John Reece is hard at work keeping the memorial project rolling. To date the concrete bases have been poured in place and are now ready for the next phase. We are still raising funds and having final meetings with the brick layers to iron out the details of the next phase.

Memorial Day Ceremony: Senior Vice Commander Krebs did another outstanding job in leading the post and community in honoring and remembering our departed local area veterans in the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Blackberry Creek Cemetery. This year's ceremony included the Harter Middle School band, 50 strong! Lance Corporal Brady Feece (a current resident of Elburn) and Lance Corporal Patrick Nally, both from the 2nd Battalion 24th Marine Regiment in Chicago Illinois honored us with their presence in dress blue uniform and participation on the firing line. Lance Corporal Feece also lead the Caparisoned Horse which was new to the proceedings this year. Post 630 was also able to perform the rifle volley with the new M1 Garand rifles received this spring. A special thank you to the Scouts of Troop 7 for their participation in the ceremony and the pancake breakfast prior to.

Congratulations are in Order!

- Norbert Lund celebrated his 90th birthday May 26th!
- Commander Nevenhoven retired June 1st from the Navy Reserves after 25 years of dedicated service to country!
- At the June, regular meeting Senior Vice Commander Krebs recognized Norbert Lund and Jim Schnaitman for 63 and 29 years respectively, of exceptional service to legion.

Post Everlasting;

- Frank Bonnike, 95 years young, Departed April 2018, US Navy WWII, Post member 6 years.

The American Legion Dispatch (from Senior Vice Kolzow)

When I put together the newsletters I try to include a little of everything I think our members would like to see in a newsletter. A little humor, some updates on projects, upcoming events, issues that affect our vets and comments from your officers.

I think it has become known that I am open to and always looking for ideas or issues to include in the next newsletter. At our last regular meeting, Judge Advocate, Paul Gardner gave a report to the membership. In it he spoke of the Legacy scholarship available to children whose parents have either died on active duty since 9/11 or have a combined VA disability rating of 50% or greater. He spoke of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship available to attendees of Boy State or Girls State. He spoke on the VA health care system and the need for improvements and for congress to act on legislation for issues like, post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, federal contracting for veteran-owned businesses, protecting defense spending, implement a cyber defense system and protection of the American flag.

So, it was no surprise when Paul approached me after the meeting and handed me two copies of The American Legion Dispatch and said, "Here is where I got that information from. Maybe you can use something in here for your newsletter". So, when I got around to looking through those two copies of the Dispatch for ideas, I thought how can I pick just one article? All of this is good stuff! How can I fit all this information in a newsletter? My newsletter has limited space! What one article is going to give the most to our members? Here is my selection.

News Alert Dispatch subscription

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WOW! You say. What a hard-hitting article! Sr Vice is pushing magazine subscriptions. NO, he is not. Here is what you need to take away from this. 1) This publication is well worth the read! It is packed with important information without the fluff. 2) The post receives a complementary issue. Starting with the next issue all copies of the Dispatch will be kept at the office for review by any member. Another reason to visit your post. 3) If you wish to receive your own copies delivered to your home a low subscription of \$15 for 12 issues is available. 4) If you don't want to pay for a subscription sign up for an e-newsletter sent to your email inbox. I chose that option and I can't wait to see how that works out. 5) The choice is yours.

What's Happening Next?



BBQ for the Troops! July 14th 11am-2pm In co-operation with Bob Jass in Elburn, CATA , and Post 630 will hold a fundraising event to benefit the USO of Illinois. Free lunch to people making donations to the USO of Illinois. Come see military vehicles on display, DJ providing patriotic music and the Heartland Blood Center will be there also. Donations can also be made during all of July at Bob Jass, American Legion Post 630, Old Second Bank in Elburn and where ever you see the BBQ for The Troops signs! Contact the post for more information. **Plan on attending this worthwhile cause!!!**

Try your Luck! The applications are in. Now we wait. We are looking at a delivery date during August. 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? Save the Date!



Reserve the date, **September 6th** 1st annual golf outing! All proceeds to benefit Veterans Memorial Park improvements. Golf & Steak dinner! \$125 includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner! All skill levels are welcome! Sign up now at the post. Watch the post Facebook page or call the post for more information.

Mark the calendar for **September 15th**! 4-10pm. Members are hard at work with the details for our fall fest. Beer, Food, Fun, Watch the post Facebook page or call the post for details. **All the volunteers we can get are needed!!**



As you can see we have lots of great ideas and are hard at work making them a reality. However, an idea is just an idea without the people to make it a reality! How can you help? Spread the word about what we are doing, come to the meeting to get updates or give your 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. Volunteer at our events! There are lots of ways to help or get involved. It all starts with you!

Contact your Sr. Vice Dan Kolzow (d.kolzow63@gmail.com) for more info.



USO BBQ for the TROOPS

SATURDAY
JULY 14

Hosted By
CHICAGO LAND'S NEW-CAR DEALERS



ON SATURDAY, JULY 14 11AM - 2PM

Bob Jass Chevrolet is FIRING UP THE GRILL to host a community fundraising event with food and fun for all ages. The proceeds raised will directly support local military and their families.

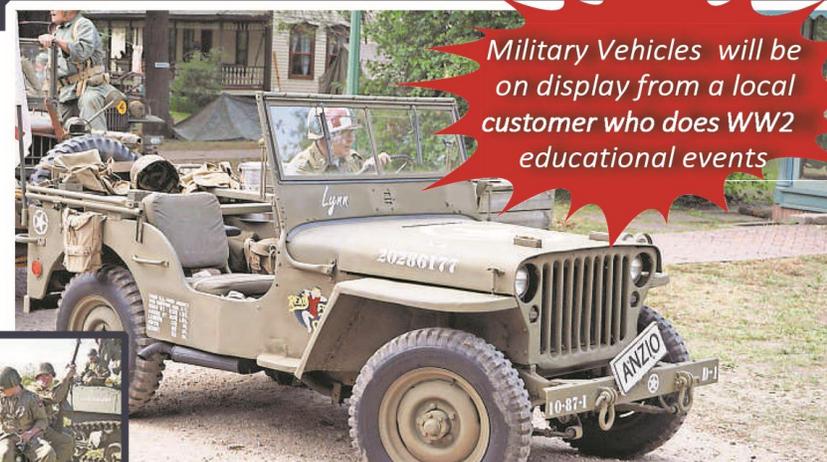


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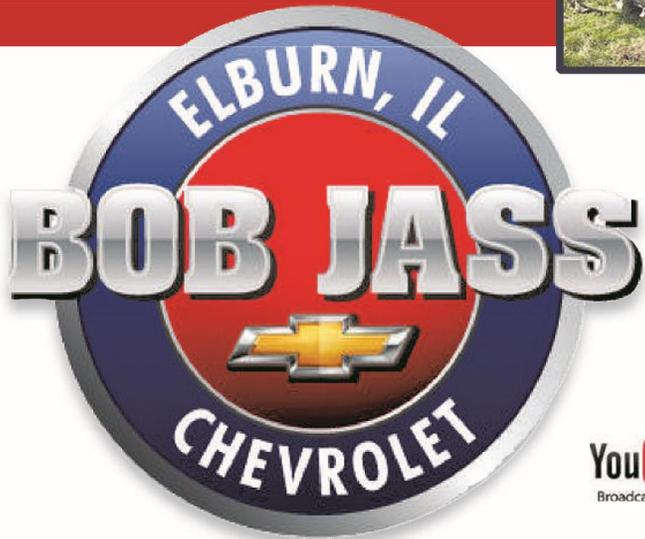
Free donation, BBQ, give-aways and American Legion Post 630 will be volunteering their time on the grill.

For More Information about this event visit

www.bobjasschevrolet.com or
www.usoofillinois.org



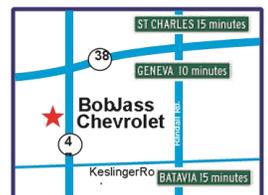
Military Vehicles will be on display from a local customer who does WW2 educational events



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SERVICE HOURS: Mon.-Fri.: 7:30am - 5:00pm Sat.: 8:00am - 1:00pm Sun.: Closed
SALES HOURS: Mon.-Wed.: 8:30am - 8:00pm Thu. & Fri.: 8:30am - 5:00pm Sat.: 8:30am - 4:00pm Sun.: Closed

Post Calendar

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

JULY

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- 4th) Independence Day
- 5th) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting
- 7th) Coffee & Rolls 7-10am
- 9th) Post Meeting
- 12th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 14th) USO BBQ for the Troops held at Bob Jass
- 19th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 26th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 27th) Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 29th) Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps

- 2nd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 4th) Coast Guard Birthday, Coffee & Rolls 7-10am
- 7th) Purple Heart Day
- 9th) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting
- 13th) Post Meeting
- 14th) VJ (Victory over Japan)
- 16th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 23th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 29th) Marine Forces Reserve Birthday
- 30th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

AUGUST

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- 1st) Coffee 7 Rolls 7-10am.
- 2nd) Japan Signs Surrender 1945
- 3rd) Labor Day
- 6th) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting
- Post Golf outing
- 8th) Rental
- 9th) Morris Rental
- 10th) Post Meeting
- 11th) Patriot Day
- 13th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 15th) Beer Run
- 18th) Air Force Birthday
- 20th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 21st) POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 22nd) Rental
- 27th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 29th) Rental
- 30th) Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day,

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