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1ST QUARTER 2019





#### To the Membership:

It's your time- a new year is about to take place and if you have not participated before, aside from sitting in on a meeting or two, **now is the time to do so!** 

As the new officers take their place at the head table, they will look to you for new ideas or even change directions. Not to mention just agreement occasionally so that they can look to the future.

My thanks to Commander Mark Krebs for all the effort he put into his term in office and keeping the post on an even keel. As I retire my thanks to Commander Krebs and Vice Commander Kolzow for their back up all year and I will be there when I can. It has been a pleasure!

Norbert Lund Post Adjutant

## **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 Interim Finance: Dan Kolzow

Judge Advocate/

Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner Post Service Officer: Norm Welker

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### **Just for Laughs**



Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised.

Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch. Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new

recruits, and then said:

"If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries.

If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000.

Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

### FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER:



# HONORING OUR HEROES LOST IN VIETNAM

The Batavia Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary invites you to visit the moving wall tribute to those lost in combat action in Vietnam.

The display will be open and staffed by Veterans 24 hours per day, May 1-5, 2019, at VFW Post 1197, 645 S River St, Batavia.

All are welcome, any time, day or night. If you have no connection to the military or Vietnam, please join us. This is a community event celebrating the lives and sacrifice of those lost in the Vietnam War.

# IF YOU ARE A VIETNAM VETERAN, WELCOME HOME.











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Another year has come and gone so let us take a minute to review what we as a post have done. Our annual draw down started things off in April. An increase in tickets sales, more meat prizes, and a hot "Big 6" wheel resulted in our best year yet! June introduced a new event, "Class in a Glass" wine tasting

event. This was a 50/50 partnership with the Elburn and Countryside Community (ECCC) that resulted in another win for both parties. We had a good turn out and are expecting even better this coming May! July introduced another new event. "BB-Q for The Troops". A free BB-Q for the community to raise donations for the USO of Illinois. This also was a partnership this time with Bob Jass Chevrolet in Elburn. All proceeds went directly to the USO of Illinois. Thanks to generosity of everyone involved we were able to raise \$2000 for the cause! Not bad for our first time out! Next up in September was our first annual "0.1 Beer Run". This event held in our parking lot was another 50/50 partnership with the ECCC that netted the Legion \$3800! Awesome job! Queen of Hearts was running every Thursday night the entire year. While we haven't had any million dollar pots, it is still a success. The bar is seeing its best year in sales ever and is self-supportive. So far two jackpot winners this year each won over \$2000.

The Legion remains an active partner in the local Chamber of Commerce. The exposure in the community and with local business is paying off in dividends. The post is in the process of establishing a separate 501c3 charity. The American Legion Post 630 Charities. With this entity we hope to take advantage of certain tax breaks, make us more attractive to donors and have a clear focus on specific charitable organizations to donate to.

These are just some of the events we put on this year. We plan to expand on these for even better results in the coming year. As you can imagine it takes people to put on these events. We have a great core of members but we are always looking for more help. "Many hands make light the load".

Membership reached 100% in mid-December with the help of 6 new members this year. But we can do better! A new membership push with an open house is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>. We all need to take a moment and ask ourselves, "Why am I a member? What do I expect from my post? What am I doing to help them succeed? Look what a handful of members accomplished this year. Imagine what we could do if we had more help! There are more ideas being tossed around for this coming year. Is one of them yours?





Remodel Update: A grant from Home Depot was awarded to Post #630. Materials to begin the office remodel was delivered to the post on December 27<sup>th</sup> with work beginning shortly after. In addition to the main office we will be installing a new water heater, water softener, select plumbing fixtures and associated pipe work. We are looking for members with plumbing skills to help remove the rest of our galvanized water pipes and replace with copper. Once that work is completed there is a chance we may apply for another grant for future projects! Stay tuned.



Queen of Hearts: Thank you to all our members and friends who come out to support the Queen of Hearts. We recently had our second winner of the raffle! Congratulations to Joseph A. winner \$2655.00! A new game has begun and the Queen of Hearts is waiting to be found! Only \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5 gets you a chance to find the Queen of Hearts. Join us every Thursday for fellowship and your chance to win. Contact the office for complete rules and subscription forms!

### **Veterans Memorial Park Monuments**

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Thanks to all the donors and volunteers!

### Post Everlasting;



- Jim Schnaitman
- Dennis Richmond
- Martin Johnson
- Joseph OBrien

### Post Calendar

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

### **JANUARY**

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#### 1<sup>st</sup>) New Year's Day

- 3rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 5th) Rental
- 10th) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 14th) Post Meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup>) Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 17<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 19<sup>th</sup>) Open house Coffee and Rolls
- 24<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 26<sup>th</sup>) Safe Gun
- 27<sup>th</sup>) Rental
- 31st) Queen of Hearts Drawing

7th) Queen of Hearts Drawing/ Blood drive

- 14<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup>) Post Meeting
- 14th) Queen of Hearts Drawing/ Valentine's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup>) Presidents Day
- 19<sup>th</sup>) Coast Guard Reserves Birthday
- 21st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 28th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

### **FEBRUARY**

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3<sup>rd)</sup> Navy Reserves Birthday

5<sup>th</sup>) Seabee Birthday

7<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing, Building Comm. Meeting

10<sup>th</sup>) Daylight Savings Begins

11<sup>th</sup>) Post Meeting

14<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing

17<sup>th</sup>) St. Patrick's Day

20<sup>th</sup>) Spring Begins

21st) Queen of Hearts Drawing

28<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing

29<sup>th</sup>) Vietnam Veterans Day

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