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December 2025 Newsletter

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Commander: Norm Welker
Sr. Vice Commander: John Nevenhoven
Jr. Vice Commander: John Waynick
Adjutant: John Reece
Sergeant at Arms: Bob Marriner
Judge Advocate: TBD
Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner
Chaplain: Tim Kolzow
Finance: John Waynick
Service Officer: Norm Welker
Historian: Mark Krebs & Joanne Gabl



Post Meetings

The Post meets are on the second Monday of each month. Doors open at 6:00 PM for dinner and the camaraderie. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All members and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



DISABLED PARKING IS IN THE REAR LOT; HOWEVER, LIFTS ARE AT BOTH ENTRANCES: WHEELCHAIR LIFT IN THE FRONT, CHAIR LIFT IN THE REAR. CALL AHEAD AND UPON ARRIVAL SOMEONE WILL BE AT EITHER LIFT TO ASSIST YOU.

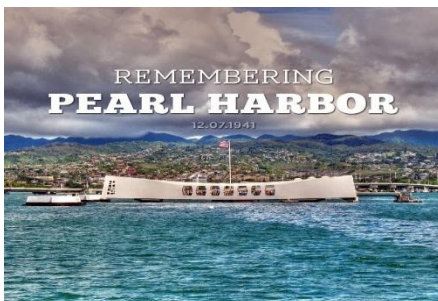
Post Calendar

December 2025
(**Holiday**/**Notable**/**Post Event**)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Important Dates

- 1st – Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday, National Christmas Lights Day, Cyber Monday
- 2nd – Giving Tuesday
- 3rd - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- 4th - Queen of Hearts, National Cookie Day
- 6th –St. Nicholas Day
- 7th - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8th - Post Meeting
- 11th - Queen of Hearts
- 13th –National Guard Birthday, National Wreaths Across America
- 14th - Hanukkah Begins
- 15th - Anniversary of the End of the Iraq War
- 18th - Queen of Hearts
- 20th – Space Force Birthday
- 22nd – Hanukkah Ends
- 24th - Christmas Eve
- 25th - Christmas Day
- 26th - Kwanzaa Begins (Ends January 1st)
- 31st – New Year's Eve



United States Space Force History

The U.S. Space Force was established Dec. 20, 2019 when the National Defense Authorization Act was signed into law (with bi-partisan support), creating the first new branch of the armed services in 73 years. The establishment of the USSF resulted from widespread recognition that Space was a national security imperative. When combined with the growing threat posed by near-peer competitors in space, it became clear there was a need for a military service focused solely on pursuing superiority in the space domain.

For the last 60 years space capabilities have become essential to the way a modern military conducts operation. Investments in space capabilities have increased the effectiveness of operations in every other domain. The U.S. military is faster, better connected, more informed, precise, and lethal because of space.

The same premise—that space is critical—holds true for the average American; space capabilities are woven into the fabric of daily life. Satellites connect people in every corner of the globe, monitor weather patterns, carry television broadcasts, and the timing and navigation services of the GPS constellation power global financial networks, enable international commerce, synchronize cell phone networks, and optimize critical infrastructure.

Access to and freedom to operate in space underpins our national security and economic prosperity. However, space is no longer free from conflict. Potential adversaries are seeking ways to deny the U.S. access to the space capabilities fundamental to our way of war and modern way of life. They have developed an array of threats, both on Earth and in orbit, that continue to grow in scope, scale, and complexity.

Today, the Guardians of the USSF have been called to protect and defend American interests and to ensure our forces, our allies, and the world never experience a day without space. They serve across the globe, working 24/7 to design, acquire, field, test, operate, and defend the critical space systems the nation, and the world, rely upon.

They stand ready, every day, “Always Above.”

To learn more, appreciate and celebrate visit <https://www.spaceforce.mil/about-us/about-space-force/history/>

Post 630 December Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of Elburn Post 630 will be held on **December 8th, 2025**. On the menu: Chili, crackers, assorted toppings. Please bring a dessert

Preamble of the American Legion Elements

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars

Service in defense of America is the greatest experience in the lifetime of all veterans. Recalling the highlights of that service means more than flashbacks to tense moments of excitement and danger in battle, the grime of muddy trenches, the perils of sub-infested oceans, the combats in the wild blue yonder. It also means the unerasable recollection of the comradeship, the bravery of pals, the teamwork, the sacrifices, the miseries and hardships of military campaigns shared in common. It means the bond that binds all former service men and women together in mutual affection, respect and gratitude. It means keeping green forever the memories of the supreme sacrifices of gallant American patriots, sacrifices necessary to the winnings of wars. It means faithful annual observance of Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

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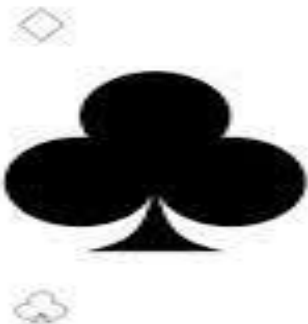


As of November 31st, the Queen of Hearts is still out there hiding in an unopened envelope somewhere on our Board. Who will find the Queen of Hearts??

Jackpot is over \$23,700

Get your tickets fast! Come on down to the Bunker Bar on Thursday nights or stop by the office and pick some up. You can also call Norm at the office **630-365-6530** and start a subscription, so you never miss a chance.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



LEGION DUES ARE DUE!!!

Dues for the Post, SAL, Legion Riders, and the Auxiliary are due. Deadline is **December 31st, 2025**. Check with your Adjutant with any questions.

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Free to a good home...

Used Portable electric keg cooler 2 taps. \$300 value (new). You must pick up, no delivery. A donation to the Post would be accepted. **Call the office at 630-365-6530 and leave a message for Bob.**



Then and Now

Here are this month's pictures of members "then". Who are they?



This member drove a tracked vehicle in the Army. Probably wishes he had one those with today's traffic.



This Air Force veteran was an aircraft mechanic in Germany. He's just as comfortable in the kitchen.

Answers in January 2026 Newsletter with more photos

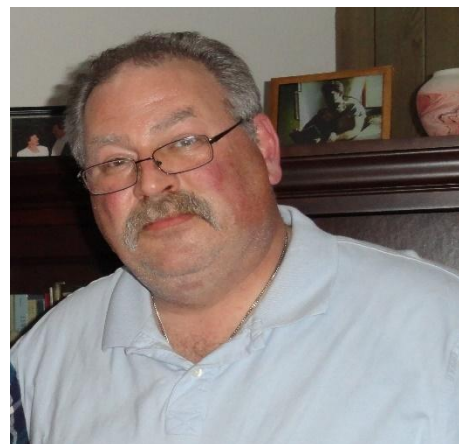
We would like members of the Post 630 family, (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) to submit a picture of themselves during their time in service and now. Those members who were not in the service can submit a high school or college photo.

Each month we will post a couple of pictures to see if you can identify the individuals. In the following month's edition, we'll post the identities of those people. Sound like fun? Send your pictures to either Tim Kolzow (takolzow@gmail.com) or Jo Gabl (jojbean.gabl@gmail.com)

Octobers Photo Answers



Jeff Walter - Village President



Tim Kolzow - Post Chaplain



Elburn CHRISTMAS STROLL



DECEMBER 6TH
SATURDAY | 4-7 PM

brought to you by:

THE ELBURN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Surplus Parking & Shuttle @ Elburn's METRA Lot

December Puzzle

ACROSS

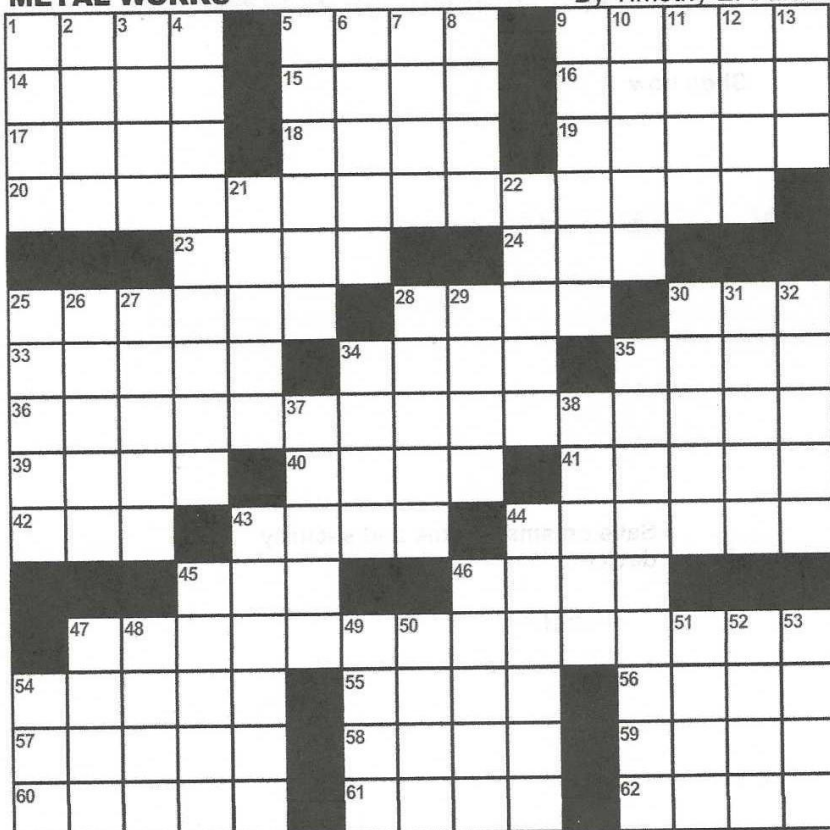
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| 19) O'Gill in a Disney movie title | 47) Bling component, sometimes |
| 20) Light-haired one | 54) Show-stopping place? |
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| 24) Cartridge contents | 56) Pledge of Allegiance, e.g. |
| 25) Pago Pago denizen | 57) "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ____" |
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- 8) Particular Slav
- 9) Accessories
- 10) Ritzy
- 11) Elephant group
- 12) Dresden's waterway
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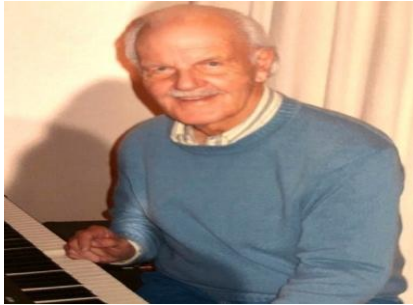
METAL WORKS

By Timothy E. Parker



In Memorium

*We remember the following members who have been transferred to
Post Everlasting this year:
God has welcomed them into his kingdom and they are at peace.*



Robert M. Gee - Army



Gerald Brady



Daniel Slowik -Army



Marilyn Stamp - Army



Sherry Rock - ALR



Lloyd DaMask - USMC



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from
your newsletter staff,
Jo, Tim, & Bob

