

Poppy Drive Success to Help Our Veterans

Poppy Days were May 16th and 17th this year. With our annual mailing to Legion and Auxiliary members plus generous street donations brought in approximately \$3,200 to help the Veterans. Many thanks go out to the members who donated to our Poppy Program. The show of support for this important program is greatly appreciated. Many thanks go out to the volunteers who helped collect funds and distribute poppies to the public. Hours were put in by these devoted members and its much appreciated. Many thanks go out to Ream's Meat Market, Elburn Post Office, Jewel/Osco, Corner Grind, Rise N Dine, Brianna's Pancake House, Town and Country Public Library, Elburn Chamber Golf outing and Aurora AmVets. Volunteers from the Elburn Legion and Auxiliary were President Diane Ferriss and Commander Norm Welder with members Marleah Anderson, Lois Mack, Mary Coffey, Kathy Jackson, Stacy Groesch, Marjorie Cybulski, John Adams and Charles Coffey. Also Lloyd Damask, Jo Ann Gabl, Fred Dexheimer, Tim Kolzow, John Waynick, Mark Krebs, Chet Cybulski, John Reece, Bob Merriner, Christopher Pedersen. Others who helped where Matt Groesch, Laura McNeece and Lloyd Damask's daughter. If you still wish to donate, go to www.elburnalaunit630.com where credit cards are accepted. Checks can also still be sent and made out to Elburn Unit #630 Treasurer at PO Box 192, Elburn, IL 60119.

All the proceeds of Poppy Program towards Veterans and their families. Our unit has donated to Veterans programs at approx. \$4,600 including Fisher House, National Creative Arts program and the 5 Illinois USO Centers. We donated to VIP Service Dog Foundation to benefit a Veteran service dog. We donated \$150 each to the 15 Illinois area VA hospitals and facilities.

Help Our Unit by Paying 2026 Membership Dues Now

Just a reminder that Department Headquarters will be sending our renewal membership notices for all senior members in the fall but it helps our unit greatly receiving dues renewals earlier than that. Senior dues have been updated to **\$39.00** and junior are **\$8.35** each. For those senior members that pay for their daughter, granddaughter memberships, please remit the \$8.35 for each. Past President's dues are no longer collected. **Early payment can only be done by check or cash.**

(Junior members turning 18 after December need to pay senior dues.)

Mail your check to Elburn Unit #630, c/o Mary Coffey, Membership Chairman
40W015 Seavey Rd Batavia, IL 60510-9419

Checks should be made payable to: Elburn Unit #630

(Paying online for 2026 will be available later)

****NOTE** If you are having financial hardship, please let us know. We don't want to loss members because of cost. Let us work with you.** Within your dues amount, we have to send in to our Department/National Headquarters the following—Senior \$29.00 and Junior \$3.35. We take it seriously to keep our dues cost amount down to lessen the financial burden on our members. We understand we have members on fixed incomes or pay for multiple dues. Donations above the dues amount are greatly appreciated.

**** Meeting Notice ****

Monday, June 16th

Social Time at 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm

Elburn Legion—lower level

Zoom available by contacting

Secretary Mary at marycoffey52@gmail.com

Future meetings: Sept. 15th, Oct. 20th and Nov. 17th

No meeting in July or August—Enjoy your summer

What have we been up too?

Member Mary reported that she delivered gift cards to the children living in five residential children's facilities within our district. The basket raffle at the Veterans Day dinner brought in \$282 which was donated to VIP Service Dogs toward a service dog for a Veteran. A \$150 donation was given to the two Elburn Elementary schools to purchase military children's book for their library. ALA Illini Girls State chairman Sharon Elgar ordered red, white and blue graduation cords for our sponsored candidates President Diane presented our first cords at Aurora Central Catholics senior awards night. Stacy Groesch announced that Kaneland Senior Matthew Mitchell will be awarded our first Kaneland area scholarship. She represented the scholarship at Kaneland Senior Awards night. A \$125 sponsorship donated was given to Elburn Legion Riders Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run event. Member Mary and her husband Charles plan to attend Summer Special Olympics at Illinois State University on June 20th-21st to help with the Department refreshment tent. If anyone else would like to help, email us at elburn630@gmail.com. Our membership is at 78 members which is 93.59% of our goal. Memorial Day Services were held at Blackberry Cemetery which members Stacy and Mary read poems Flanders Field and America's Response. The service were very well attended.

Flags Available at Town and Country Public Library in Elburn and the Elburn Legion Office

If you need a new USA flag, POW/MIA and service branch flag? Please go to the Town & Country Public Library or the Elburn Legion office and purchase a flag from us. Many sizes are available. All USA flags are Made in the USA. A flag bought from us, helps us.

Library Hours are: Mon thru Thurs 9am to 9pm
Fri thru Sat 9am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 5pm

Elburn Community Blood Drive

Thursday, June 19th
Elburn Lions Park Building
Given by Versiti Blood Center
Drive sponsored by Elburn Auxiliary



3rd Annual Toys for Tots Motorcycle Run

Sunday, July 20th in Elburn
Sponsored by the Elburn Legion Riders
Call Legion office for details 630/365-6530

Three Candidates will Attend ALA Illini Girls State

Our unit will be sending three Elburn area senior students, one from St. Francis High School and two from Aurora Central Catholic to present us at the current session of ALA Illini Girls State on June 16th-22nd at EIU.

American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State is a week long program dedicated to providing training for young women in city, county, and state government. They are placed into a two party system and will run for office, campaign, vote, and write legislation pertinent to American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State as well as the state and nation.

For more information, visit www.alaigs.org. If you have a female junior in high school who would like to represent our unit at the future IGS session, please contact us.

Two Scholarship Offered to High School Seniors

Unit Member Scholarship

Our unit continues to offer a maximum of two one-time \$1,000 non renewable scholarships. An Auxiliary members son/daughter, grandchild, great grandchild who is a high school senior in any high school district (in or out of state) qualify to apply. The Auxiliary member must have at least 5 consecutive years of membership to Elburn unit. An interested applicant should email a request for the application to elburn630@gmail.com. Deadline for completed applications is May 15th. The scholarship is funded by the sales from the resale shop once ran by the unit. No applications were submitted this year.



Unit Kaneland Area Scholarship

Another scholarship offered is for seniors in Kaneland School District area. Scholarships are awarded to high school senior living in area. Candidates must have a parent or legal guardian or grandparent who is currently serving in the military or is/was a military veteran. If you know a possible candidate that would like to apply, visit our website www.elburnalaunit630.com for more information. Deadline for completed applications is April 15th. Ream's Meat Market gift card raffle funds this scholarship. Our first scholarship was awarded this year.