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POST630

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1ST QUARTER 2021

## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:



With the holidays winding down it is often a tradition to make resolutions for the coming year. I promise to lose weight once and for all, not curse so much, be nicer to others, just to name a few. Most of us know these resolutions are quickly forgotten or abandoned all together. How about something different this time and have fun while doing it? Volunteer at your post! Here are some opportunities or positions that make your post more valuable to Veterans and the community.

The first opportunity, attend the meetings, attend the meetings, attend the meetings! You can attend all regular meetings in person or by zoom. This is where you will get to meet fellow members, get a feel for how the post operates and ask questions of the officers or members in a casual setting.

**Officer positions:** Commander, Senior Vice, Junior Vice. These positions are the backbone of the post. Positions are voted on each year. Traditional term for uncontested positions are 2 years. Typically, each position moves up in order, but not required. Adjutant, Finance officer, Sargent at Arms, Chaplin, Service officer, Judge Advocate, Post Historian. These positions are the supporting officers of the post. They are appointed by the Commander with approval of the membership and serve at the Commanders pleasure. The duties of the officers may sound daunting but they really are not. You can be as busy as you have time for and will have the support of the other officers. Contact the Commander for more information about each of these positions.

**Building Committee;** Currently a board of 5-7 members, meets monthly, makes decisions and policy regarding upkeep of building, grounds and tenant space. **Queen of Hearts, Gaming machine committees;** meets as needed, responsible for maintaining set rules, regulations and record keeping. **Charities Board;** meets quarterly, consists of 7 members, responsible for distribution of funds to qualifying charities or causes. **NEW Social Committee;** wives can also assist, meets as needed, responsible for planning social activities such as, family picnics, kids holiday parties, adult holiday parties, Christmas cards etc. Assists with other post event planning as needed. **Medical equipment loan program;** assist in collecting, repair and storing of donated equipment and delivery where needed, as needed time of commitment. **Newsletter, Facebook page, Web Page manager or contributor.** No experience needed. Like posting on Facebook? Keep the image of the post current and advertise current activities at the post or dates of interest. **Fundraising;** do you have idea or a knack for raising funds? Everything we do has a price tag attached. Without funds, activities or programs that help Veterans or the community will cease to exist. We want to hear from you! Remember, the post is what you make it! It can't survive without your involvement.

# Post Officers

- Commander: Dan Kolzow
- Vice Commander: Chris Mulvihill
- Jr. Vice Commander: Norm Welker
- Adjutant: Buzz Wheeler
- Sergeant at Arms: Lloyd Da Mask
- Judge Advocate/  
Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner
- Chaplin: Tim Kolzow
- Interim Finance: Dan Kolzow
- Post Service Officer: Norm Welker
- Historian: Christina Murri

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# Just for Laughs



The Chief wasn't convinced his message was getting through.



@AmericanLegionPost630

Check out Our New web page!

[www.elburnpost630.org](http://www.elburnpost630.org)



If you have any pictures, articles or ideas you want to share with the post, contact us in the office. All contributions must be in alignment with the values and guidelines of the American Legion.



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



As I write this the presidential election is over, vaccines for Covid-19 has been developed and are being distributed. Quite honestly those were 2 of the prayers I had answered this past year. I look forward to this year hoping that more of my prayers will be answered. I remember the Serenity Prayer; “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.” (Reinhold Niebuhr, AMERICAN THEOLOGIAN). We must remember that all things are done according to God’s will. We must continue to pray that we can get past the Covid-19 outbreak and get back to a somewhat normal way of life.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> President-elect Biden will be sworn in as our 46<sup>th</sup> President and Commander in Chief. We, at the American Legion wish him the best and give him our support in leading our country for the next 4 years. We have and always have been a great nation. With the help of God, we will continue to be a great nation.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> marks the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester in 1943 and the story of the 4 Army Chaplains. Fr. John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Rev. George L. Fox, and Rev. Clarke V. Poling, showed an example of what is said in John 15:13, “Greater love has no man than this that someone lay down his life for his friends”. They gave their lives to save others by giving away their life jackets to other soldiers even though they knew they would go down with the ship. We honor their sacrifice on this day.

The Lenten Season begins on Feb 17 with Ash Wednesday. We prepare our hearts and souls during Lent for the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This reflection reminds us that it is sin that separates us from God and of what it cost Him to be reunited with us.

May the power of the risen Lord enable us through this year. Peace to all.

*Tim Kolzow*  
Post Chaplain

**In your darkest hour, when the demons come, call on me friend,  
and we will fight them together.”  
331-256-5602**



Stan Snoke

### **POST 630 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:**

Shaun Willis – USA

Tony Dalessandro – USAF

Robert Cusumano – USA

# POST HISTORY

As the new Post historian, I have read through the minutes of most of Post 630's monthly meetings for the past 100 years. Previous newsletters have included tidbits of this history, and whether or not you found these interesting, I hope they helped you think about some of the people who have been involved over the years. Norbert Lund's father-in-law, Cecil Gum, was a founding member of the post in 1920. Norbert has himself been a member for over 65 years. What can we learn from the many individuals in our post who have been serving for decades? Hopefully we are taking advantage of their experience and knowledge so that we can effectively move forward in the future.

What names will be in the minutes of the meetings that will be read 25, 50 or 100 years from now? How will we leave *our* mark in terms of our contribution to our community? We are literally writing the history of the post right now. Whenever you joined the Legion and for whatever reason you did so, we need your unique talents and skills. Whatever you have to offer is important and whatever time you can spend is valuable. "Many hands make light work," but many hands united in an important cause also make that work more enjoyable and satisfying.

Here's to the next 100 years of making history.

Christina Murri

As the current Commander, I would like to thank our Historian Christina Murri for her contribution of "Post History" for the newsletter. I would also like to invite anybody, especially our newer members, to come into the office and thumb through some of minutes from the early days. It can really give you a different perspective of what the American Legion is about. So why have we spent much time to reviewing our post history?

Not only to celebrate our charter members and their devotion to the American Legion but there is a phrase, "History repeats itself". Which means learning how the past forms patterns helps us to understand how to break bad habits. Another form of the same phrase and probably more relevant to us is, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." If you remember we reported that in the 30's a vote was taken to decide if this post should disband because of lack of attendance and involvement from its members! The American Legion was the VA after WWI! The involvement of the nations charter members is what created the VA. No member involvement, no VA. To bring this topic closer to home, we are all aware of our partner in community service, The Lions Cub. They run a very successful bingo and Elburn Days. Before the Lions came on the scene the American Legion ran those events. Due to lack of member involvement the Lions Club took those over and made it into what it is today. Now we find ourselves trying to raise money for our programs and trying to become more attractive to future members.

Every member has asked either before or immediately after joining the post, "so what does the post do?" If you don't know, then come to meetings and events to find out. If you don't like what you find out, be part of changing it and making this a place you are proud to call your home post! Over one hundred years of volunteers have gone into keeping this post open and relevant to serving our Veterans and community. DO NOT LET IT DIE ON YOUR WATCH!

Dan Kolzow



Shout out to member and past Post Commander, William Ford from Urbana for joining us for a regular meeting through the Zoom platform! Good seeing you Commander! **SALUTE!**

## **SERVICE OFFICER'S PAGE:**

**Dept. of IL Attends Ribbon Cutting on Chicago-Area Veterans' Home After 12 Years.** A veterans' home in the Chicago area that took 12 years, three governors and more than \$100 million to build is now open, but not entirely. The 187,000 square-foot facility in Oak Park cost \$118 million. It's been years in the making and previously had a scheduled opening date of spring 2020 but won't be taking residents until February 2021. Commander Roy Weber and President Sue Cunniff Coughlin were in attendance for the ribbon cutting ceremony last month. Senator Tammy Duckworth said that the project means families will be closer to their loved ones. "Now our families in Chicago can see their veterans here much more easily, much more cheaply and much more frequently". According to Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director Lina Chapa LaVia, this was a soft opening and the first batch of Veterans is expected to come in on Feb. 1, 2021. The home will accommodate 200 retired Illinois Veterans.

### **TRICARE Select recipients must pay new fee or lose coverage.**

Starting Jan. 1, 2021, TRICARE Select Group A retirees must begin paying enrollment fees to maintain health coverage, according to Defense Health Agency (DHA) officials. Hundreds of thousands of retirees will no longer be enrolled if they don't set up a payment plan by this date. The change in coverage for Group A retired beneficiaries will affect those whose initial enlistment, or appointment or that of their uniformed services sponsor, began before Jan. 1, 2018.

The new TRICARE Select enrollment fees for Group A retired beneficiaries are \$12.50 per month or \$150 annually for an individual plan. And \$25 per month or \$300 annually for a family plan. Additionally, the catastrophic cap will increase from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

Enrollment fees will be waived for those who are an active duty family member, a medically retired retiree or family member or a survivor of an active duty sponsor or medically retired retiree.

This change will not affect those who are enrolled in TRICARE For Life, TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve or TRICARE Young Adult. These beneficiaries do not need to take any action to keep their current coverage.

DHA is urging Group A retired beneficiaries to take action to set up a payment plan by contacting their [regional TRICARE contractor](#) immediately.

For more information on this change and how to set up your payment plan, visit <https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/Enroll/Select/EnrollmentFees>.

### **POST #630 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM**

The Daniel Simpson Post has a large collection of gently used medical equipment for loan at no cost. This is for anybody's use. Veteran, member, neighbor, friend. Before you buy, or need it in a hurry, give the office a call. Here is a list of some of the items we have in stock.

Electric Hospital Beds, Easy Up Recliners, Walkers, Scooters, Wheel Chairs and more!

Monetary donations to help with the service and repairs of the equipment are always welcome.

## **ATTENTION! MEMBERSHIP! ATTENTION!**

Unfortunately, we were not able to hit our mark of 100% membership renewal by the end of 2020. Jerry Gillo, David J. Himmelman, David G. Himmelman, Terrence Kupp, Donald Landphair, Barney Lykins, David Smiley, are all still unrenewed. We have tried to reach out to you all. Some have not provided phone numbers or email addresses. Most have received personal visits. If you are unhappy with your post, please let us know what we can do to improve! If you need assistance, let us know! Even if you don't attend meetings, your membership in The American Legion helps to give Veterans representation before Congress which determines VA benefits. It also entitles you to special benefits you will lose. We would still love to have you as a member! Please contact the office (630) 365-6530

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Daniel Simpson Post 630 is proud to award the following Continuous Membership pins:

(Currently pins are awarded in 5 yr. increments starting at 40 years)

45 yr. – Kenneth Fisher	45 yr. – Lee Newtson	40 yr. – Kenneth Gustafson	40 yr. – Robert Smith
45 yr. – Robert Houtz	45yr. – Ronald Ritchey	40 yr. – George Jackson	40 yr. – Donald Zahn
45 yr. – Donald Manke	40 yr. – Thomas Clarey	40 yr. – Franklin Nielsen	40 yr. – Edward Zahner
	40 yr. – Melvin Thryselius		

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST?**

The post remains active despite the current restrictions and shutdown of activities. Service Officer, Norm Welker headed a donation drive to benefit the Lasalle County Veterans Home. Post 630 Charities along with the Elburn Community has stepped up and made significant donations of requested essential items. Norm is planning his second trip, with a full car of donations, down to the facilities.

Chaplain Kolzow has also been busy with a drive of essential items being collected for Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and Hesed House in Aurora. A second trip to the facilities with new winter coats and personal items will go out after the new year.

John Reece, once again, organized the Toys 4 Tots collection this year. Working with the chamber of commerce and local businesses he was able to collect 3 large boxes of toys for the program.

Special thanks to all who volunteered at the Christmas tree lot this year! Harley Veldhuzin, Norm Welker, Tim Kolzow, Laura McNeece, Shaun Willis, Frank Chybik, Tony Dalessandro, Christina Murri, Pat Leach, John Reece, Bob Britz, Kurtis Donald, Dan Kolzow and Mark Krebs. The post partnered with local business, Obscurity Brewing, to sell Christmas trees and other holiday sundries to raise needed funds for the post. We hope to make this an annual event.

You now have a choice to either attend in person or by Zoom platform (by computer), all regular meetings! If you chose to use the Zoom option, please let us know how the broadcast is so we can make improvements if needed.

**\*All Queen of Hearts nights are temporarily postponed till further notice\***

# Post Calendar

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

## JANUARY

- 1<sup>st</sup>) **New Year's Day**
- 6<sup>th</sup>) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing,
- 11<sup>th</sup>) Post Meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 21<sup>st</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 27<sup>th</sup>) **Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord**
- 28<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts

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- 3<sup>rd</sup>) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 8<sup>th</sup>) Post Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 17<sup>th</sup>) **Presidents Day**
- 18<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 24<sup>th</sup>) **Ash Wednesday**
- 25<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing

- 3<sup>rd</sup>) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 4<sup>rd</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 8<sup>th</sup>) Post Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 13<sup>th</sup>) **K9 Veterans Day**
- 15<sup>th</sup>) **American Legion Birthday**
- 18<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 20<sup>th</sup>) **Iraq War Begins 2003**
- 25<sup>th</sup>) Queen of Hearts Drawing/ **Medal of Honor Day**
- 29<sup>th</sup>) **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

## MARCH

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(Owned by post 630 member Richard Geiken)