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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:



If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

The American Legion and other veterans groups were formed by service members, for service members. Not as a big social club with similar interests but to address the concerns and needs of our veterans affected by the circumstances related to their service. Who better to understand the needs of our service members than our own!

“But the government or the VA has it covered.” you may say. Well yes and no. Why do you think they “have it covered”? It is because of the efforts of The American Legion and groups like them that keep fighting for our veterans.

Veterans returning home from World War I, not politicians, realized that the troops were broken, scared, and traumatized. Families were also broken or shattered when loved ones returned home, unable to resume the life they once had. Those returning veterans, officers as well as enlisted, saw the need for a unified voice from our veterans, for our veterans. On March 15-17, 1919, The American Legion was created to be that voice. They were the first to petition congress to take care of our returning troops. On August 9, 1921, the U.S. Veterans Bureau was created, in what would someday become the VA. But it wasn't done with a single phone call or single letter. It was achieved through organization and the relentless lobbying of our members, millions strong. This is why number of memberships matter!

The American Legion created programs for our Veterans, such as, The GI Bill of Rights (1944), continuously advocating for accountability of our POW's, sponsoring independent studies on Agent Orange (1983), Persian Gulf Task Force (1995). Families are also cared for through programs like, Family Support Network and the National Emergency Fund. Our nation's youth benefit from programs like, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Girls State and numerous scholarships. Patriotism is taught through the creation of the Flag Code (1923), teaching about flag etiquette and ceremonial observances for our Veterans and our deceased heroes. This is just a small sample of the American Legion and what we do.

When you are asked to join The American Legion, you are not being asked to drop everything you're doing and become a lobbyist. You are being invited to support those that are fighting for you and your brothers and sisters. A simple annual membership does so much more than you realize. The time will come when you can be more involved. But it all starts with a membership.

This, is why we exist. You, are the who! Now, is the when!

Post Officers

Commander: Dan Kolzow
Vice Commander: Chris Mulvihill
Jr. Vice Commander: Norm Welker
Adjutant: Buzz Wheeler
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Just for Laughs

Paraprosookians : The first time I heard about paraprosookians, liked them. Paraprosookians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and frequently humorous.

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(Sir Winston Churchill loved them).

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

Thanks to Buzz Wheeler for this contribution!



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Check out Our Web Page!

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



Happy Spring time! I hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

Well, Covid-19 vaccinations are well under way and it is my hope and prayer that everyone is getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Just for information I was contacted by the VA clinic in North Aurora about scheduling a shot. So, they must be into Group 1B+, under 65 with other health concerns. So, give them a call (630-859-2504).

Sick Call is a part of our monthly meetings in which we recognize those members and their family members who are in need of extra prayers due to sickness or are in mourning. If you know of someone who could benefit from the Sick Call list, call the office (630-365-6530) or my phone (331-256-5602) so I can follow up with them in their time of need. The nature of their illness will not be mentioned unless it's the birth of a child or grandchild so we can all celebrate with the new parents.

Spring also signals the start of planting season. We keep the farmers in our prayers that they have good weather to get the seeding done. We also pray for enough rain to start the growing process which will produce a great harvest for them and America. So, as you travel around the area be mindful of the farm equipment moving down the roads moving from field to field. Let's make sure our farmer friends and you make it home safely.

Peace.

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**



Donald Landphair

**POST 630 WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS:**

Chet Cybulski – USMC
Bill Ott – USAF

SERVICE OFFICER'S PAGE:

PLEASE SHARE WIDELY

Hines VA Hospital offers COVID-19 vaccine to Veterans of all ages

HINES, Ill. – Hines VA Hospital is now offering the COVID-19 vaccine to Veterans of all ages. Approximately 35 percent of its enrollees have been vaccinated to date. If Veterans are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine at the main campus or one of its Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), they should call to schedule an appointment at 708-202-2707 or 708-202-7000. Veterans need to be enrolled in health care at Hines or one of its six CBOCs to be eligible for the vaccine. However, to receive care in VA, enrollees must meet certain eligibility requirements under current law, which may include income limits.

“VA has done an exceptional job at offering a streamlined COVID-19 vaccination process for Veterans, and Hines is proud to help Veterans get closer to normal life,” said Lorry Luscri, Hines VA Hospital COVID-19 vaccine coordinator. Veterans may learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and receive updates at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/> and <https://www.facebook.com/HinesVAHospital>

How do you enroll in VA Health Care?

- If you live in Kane County, call the Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission at 630-232-3552, Monday through Friday. We will screen you for eligibility and, if eligible, submit your application to Hines. Processing time ranges from 1 to 24 hours.
- If you live outside of Kane County, you can apply on this website: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction> or by calling your local County Veterans Assistance Commission. Processing times can take up to one week.

Before calling or applying, have your DD-214 and last year's financial information available. Please be patient, call volumes have been extraordinary due to the vaccine. If no one answers, leave one voicemail and your call will be returned in the order it was received.

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Very Respectfully,

Jacob A. Zimmerman, Superintendent
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kane County

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST?

Mark your calendars! The first annual American Legion/5B's BBQ Drive Thru dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Two requests:

1. Purchase your tickets online from the post website or Facebook page or pick tickets up in person at the Post's office.
The pre-event price is \$13.00 for either a two-pork chop meal, a chicken meal, or a combo meal. The meal price will be \$15 at the event. We will also have a hot dog meal for the kids for \$5 available for purchase at the event only.
2. We need your help to put on the event. We need 15 volunteers to man the gate, control traffic, help putting the food in Styrofoam boxes, bagging meals, and finally delivering meals from the serving line to the cars in the parking lot. The more help we have the better. You can sign up to help at the Post's office or contact Buzz Wheeler at 630-962-7004. We will also be signing up volunteers at the next meeting in March.

It's going to be a great event, with a great meal, and a lot of fun putting it on. We'll do the whole thing in a COVID safe manner, so bring your face mask.

Hope to see you at the monthly meeting on March 8th and at the BBQ on April 14th.

Buzz Wheeler, Post Adjutant and Drive Thru BBQ guru.



We are looking for a few more volunteers to be on our Social Committee! Volunteers can be either a member or member's spouse. Purpose of the committee is to plan social activities to engage the families of our post, young or old, in fellowship and some good old fashioned fun. Ideas being discussed include, summer picnic, Christmas parties, sports or theater outings just to name a few. This is a great way to get involved!! Contact the Post Commander for more info!

For the past 6 months we have been working on implementing a Zoom platform to stream our meetings with members unable to attend. We have had mixed results but we are determined to provide a reliable product. With holding meetings once a month, it is taking a little longer to work the kinks out. Please do not give up on us! We are continuously working on the issues as they arise. At the end of March, the contract with our current internet provider will expire and we will change over to new provider and a fiber optic line! Hopefully this will resolve a lot of our connection issues. Stay tuned and keep trying to join the meetings!





DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: The American Legion encourages all posts to not only be ready to assist our veterans, but also our community. With that in mind, Commander Kolzow, Sr. Vice Mulvihill and Historian Murri, met with Elburn police chief regarding the towns disaster preparedness plan and how Post 630 can be of service. It was decided the post would work toward a goal of being ready to temporarily hold or house overnight, victims of disasters should the need arise. We will try to collect or purchase enough new cots, blankets and pillows to hold 25 people and develop a plan of action to provide basic meals if also needed. If you can assist in acquiring materials or making a donation, contact the office!

DRAW DOWN TICKETS: It's that time of year again! This year's draw down will be held on May 21st. Due to COVID restrictions in place at the time of planning this event, it will remain an online event only. Tickets for your chance to win \$2,000 are available in the office, through members or the mailing being sent out. New this year is our online store where you can purchase your tickets online with your credit card! Find us at <https://american-legion-post-630.square.site> to purchase tickets to all our events. This is the post's main fundraiser and your support is greatly needed.

CHAIR LIFT: It has been approved by membership to install a motorized chair lift on the rear stairwell of the post! This has been needed for some time and is made possible by the efforts of our Christmas tree sales! Work should begin just after Easter and be ready for use by the end of April! Wheel chairs and walkers will still need to be carried down the stairs by helpful members or you can use a chair or walker provided by the post waiting for you at the bottom!



QUEEN OF HEARTS: We are back up and running! Thursday night Queen of Hearts drawing has returned and is waiting for you! Come on down and socialize with your friends, take a chance at the drawing. Tickets are 6 for \$5. **NEW!** You can also try out our new "Dart Ball" board! This is a 4-foot square, steel darts, board that a game of baseball is played on. All skill levels are welcome! Start practicing now! We will be trying to start a friendly competition dart night this coming fall, hopefully against our local Legion posts for some additional comradery!

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES: This past Christmas season the post manned a Christmas tree lot at a local Kris Kringle mart sponsored by a local business. All the feedback was very positive and we look forward to making this an annual event. All that being said, for our efforts, a total of \$4,000 was donated to the post! Job well done everyone!

- 1st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 2nd) Good Friday
- 4th) Easter Sunday
- 6th) U.S. Enters WWI
- 7th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 8th) Queen of Hearts Drawing,
- 12th) Post Meeting
- 15th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 22st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 29th) Queen of Hearts

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- 5th) Bld. Comm. Meeting

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- 31st) Memorial Day

- 6th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 8th) V-E Day (1945)
- 9th) Mothers Day
- 10th) Post Meeting
- 13th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 15th) Armed Forces Day/
Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 20th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 27th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 28th) National Poppy Day

- 3rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 9th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 10th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 14th) Post Meeting/Flag Day/U.S. Army Birthday
- 17th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 20th) Fathers Day
- 24th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 25th) Beginning of Korean War (1950)

JUNE

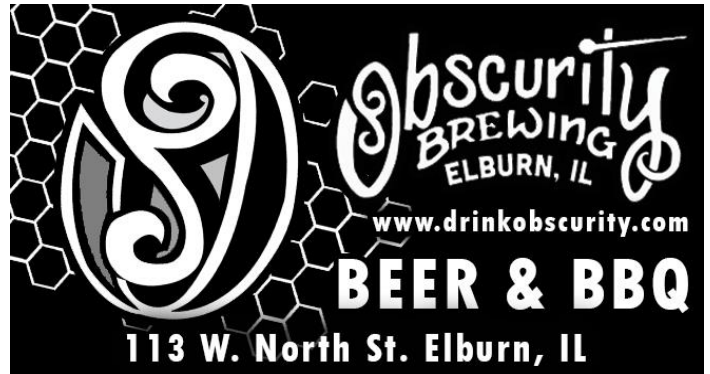
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