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FROM THE COMMANDERS DESK:



My time as post commander is coming to an end. There is an old expression about leadership. Lead, follow, or get out of the way. I got out of the way as much as I could. Daniel Simpson American Legion Post 630 is blessed with a very strong core of people who are dedicated, determined, and persistent. There is a very real can-do attitude amongst our members. Our members assume positions and fulfill the duties of those positions with maximum effort. There is a healthy mixture of time-honored, traditional activities and then some newer and different projects to which our membership commits whole-heartedly. An idea comes to light and members attack the new avenue with dogged determination. We have members who have worked and/or are working at the district, division and department levels of the Legion. Some of our members have made a solid effort to get our post involved in organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the community center which has paid great dividends already. Our post didn't need to be shaken up. The energy which was already there just needed the opportunity to bear fruit. All of this has been invigorating to watch. I wish the best of luck to the officers who are moving up. One doesn't need to be a psychic to know that the post will continue to move forward. More good things are in the future for Post 630. I will now go back to making trouble in the back row during meetings.

Mark Krebs

† CHAPLAINS' CORNER

It has been my honor and privilege to have been Elburn #630's Chaplain for the last several terms. It is now past time to pass the torch to new set of hands! 2018-2019 took a heavy toll on the post, so many members and friends moved onto the Post Everlasting. I thank all the officers that allowed and supported me while I held this honored office.

James Elgar

Post Officers

Commander: Mark Krebs
Vice Commander: Dan Kolzow
Jr. Vice Commander: Chris Mulvihill
Adjutant: John Reece
Sergeant at Arms: Lloyd DaMask
Chaplin: Jim Elgar
Interim Finance: Dan Kolzow
Service Officer: Norm Welker
Judge Advocate/ Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner

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Just for Laughs



Prayer for Soldiers

God Protect Our Soldiers
Who Serve in Many Parts,
They Sacrifice Both Night and Day,
And Serve with all their hearts
Father, Please Protect them,
and Guide Them Every Day,
and Bring Them Safely Home to Us.
In Jesus Name we Pray



Blood Drive Dates
July 21st
(Oberweis & Wheeler)
&
October 8th
1-6pm at the
Post 630 Legion Hall



Checkout 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.



Some things you may or may not know about your American Legion, Department of Illinois

In the Constitution & By-Laws book, Article II Section 1,2 & 3, describe the Nature of your organization:

Section 1. The American Legion is a civil body. Membership shall neither increase nor decrease liability to military or police service. Former service rank does not exist in the Legion.

Section 2. The American Legion, Department of Illinois may participate in bringing about the correct solution of public policies in a nonpolitical manner, and shall not disseminate partisan principals or promote the candidacy of any person seeking public office, nor participate as an organization in any controversy between labor organizations and employers, or in any disputes, questions or matters, except as defined in the Preamble of this Constitution.

Section 3. The names and addresses of members of the American Legion, Department of Illinois, or any subdivision thereof, its Post members and Officers shall not be used for other than official business of The American Legion without specific authorization of the Department Executive Committee.

(Note: there are two other Sections under Article II having to do with a Post or District organization, or any official in his official capacity, contemplates or is involved in litigation in a court of record).

The Sons of The American Legion are a program of The American Legion.

The American Legion Riders are a program of The American Legion.

The American Legion Auxiliary is a separate organization with their own charter and By-Laws.

There are 34 Committees & Commissions in the Department. A description of responsibilities and functions of each can be found in the back of the Department Directory. Post Adjutants have the Directory. Other Officers may also have it.

The Department of Illinois has had eight (8) Past National Commanders. One of these Commanders was John H. Geiger, (1971-1972).

Commander Geiger for years was one of a select few who helped make policy for our National organization. He was known as "Mr. American Legion". His portrait hangs at Department Headquarters. Commander Geiger was so well respected that after his passing, (2011), a building in Indianapolis was named for him, The John H. Geiger Operations Center. The center houses Information Technology, Fundraising, Membership Services Division & National Emblem Sales.

On December 15th, 1943, past National Commander Harry W. Colmery, writes in longhand on hotel stationery the first draft of what will become the "GI Bill of Rights." It is signed into law June 22, 1944 by President Franklin Roosevelt.

In 2008 Past National Commander and current Department Adjutant Marty Conatser, lobbied on behalf of The American Legion for Post-911 Veterans Education Assistance Act, a modern GI Bill. President George W. Bush signed it into law June 30th, 2008.

We are not a club Comrades. We are a Veterans organization, Veterans serving Veterans and their families.

Paul Gardner

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST



ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We will be holding our election of officers at our next regular meeting, July 13th. You must be present to vote! Please try to attend this important meeting and help shape your post for the future. Positions up for election are; Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander & Finance Officer. Nominations will also be considered. Our hall is large enough to keep everyone safely spaced apart. The entire space will be sanitized prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there!

POST 630 SENDS 30 CARE PACKAGES UPDATE: There is still time to send us an address of a deployed service member! Organizer John Nevenhoven and his wife Melissa said that most soldiers, sailors and others serving in the armed forces typically receive care packages from their families during the holiday season. Nevenhoven said the Legion's idea is to send the care packages, when the holiday giving has slowed down and the community can show them they are not forgotten. Collections and donations were taken over the holidays and then boxed up. The first shipment was sent out in early February and we are getting ready for the next round!



RAFFLE UPDATE: Post 630 is raffling off this 196cc mini bike. \$10 per ticket. First prize is the mini bike, second prize is \$100, third prize is \$50. Get your tickets to sell or to buy from the office or your favorite Legion member. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis ticket sales have been extended. A drawing will be held at a later date to be announced.

DRAWDOWN UPDATE! Due to the recent COVID-19 crisis we were unable to hold our annual Drawdown event as we normally do. Ticket sales stopped for a while till we were sure of what was going to happen. So, to remain within State guidelines for indoor assemblies, this year we will only hold the raffle portion of our event via a live viewing on our Facebook page. There will be no dinner or additional raffles held. A date will be chosen as soon as all tickets are sold and turned in. We will try to have the Drawing by the end of July. An email will be sent out to all members regarding the drawing date, how to view and eventual list of winners.



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POST HISTORY

The following is a summary of Elburn Herald reports and regular meeting minutes from the post archives:

1952

On October 1, under the supervision of Wesley Weston and with equipment donated by Geneva Post 75, Post 630 started holding Wednesday night Bingo to raise funds for the Post. At the Oct 13 meeting, it was reported that Bingo had brought in over \$100 to date. In December, Bingo brought out 130 attendees.

As the Legion members worked to complete the building, donations of \$100 were given by G.R. Johnson and Almer Glidden and the Village Board donated water for the first year. It was decided that instead of a Veteran's Day banquet, the Post would hold an open house for the building.

1953

In March, the Elburn Days committee spent \$37.50 to pay for their half of a new tent, which, according to March meeting notes, "burnt last Elburn Days [through] the carelessness of the watchman."

In April, discussions began in conjunction with the Legion Auxiliary about putting a kitchen in the basement of the building.

1955

Bingo night had now been a successful fund-raising event for the Post for several years. In June, the Post made the decision to turn over sole sponsorship of Elburn Days to the Lions Club after many years of joint sponsorship. In a letter to Lions Club members, Post Commander Rooney explained that "In as much as the American Legion presently has an income-producing project...not having to split the net profit with another sponsor [would allow the Lions Club] to have more with which to pursue [its] worthy aims."

In order to encourage more consistent attendance, a motion was made in September to award \$5 to a member at each meeting. The practice began the very next month, with C.V. Amenoff the winner of the first drawing.

1958

In September, a motion was made to present 40-year pins to Art Johnson and Ray Reed, charter members of Post 630. The pins were awarded at the Veteran's Day banquet that November.

Working in conjunction with the Women's Relief Corp, a new Memorial Tree, a 12-foot tall Red Maple from Wasco Nursery, was planted in October at Blackberry Cemetery. The existing Memorial plaque was to be moved to a different location within the cemetery.

A bit of drama occurred at the 1958 New Year's Eve party. An orchestra had been scheduled to play until 2 am, but everyone was enjoying themselves so much, that the orchestra was asked to furnish music for an additional hour, at the cost of \$50. According to meeting minutes, "When it came time to pay the orchestra, the \$50 additional was not obtainable and the orchestra left unhappy as well as \$50 due them." At the Jan 1959 meeting, motions were made not only to pay the orchestra what was owed them immediately, but that the next New Year's Eve, they be hired from 10pm until 3am.

1959

In February, the Post voted to provide a flagpole and a plaque for the new Jr/Sr High School, and in conjunction with the Big Rock Post, a scoreboard as well.

The Legion, along with a number of other national organizations, had been actively involved during the 1950's in fighting against the communist threat, or in the words of the Department Americanism Chairman's Guide of the National Americanism Commission, "Combat[ing] all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda... The objective of the Counter-Subversive program suggests that an enlightened and informed citizenry is the greatest deterrent to subversive influences within the United States of America." At a meeting in February, there was a report by the Post's Anti-Subversives Committee, chaired by Art Johnson. He was encouraged to submit his findings to the Elburn Herald for publication. He did so, and on May 21, his report appeared as the first of what was termed "a new column that joins the fight against Communism and other subversives." The inaugural submission also included references to the American Bar Association's report to Congress.

Special Thanks to Christina Murri for her contribution

SERVICE OFFICERS DESK:

Veterans Treatment Courts: When veterans return from combat, some turn to drugs and/or alcohol to cope with their experiences on the battlefield. Sadly, too many veterans end up in the criminal justice system as a result of their service. Veterans Treatment Courts give our veterans the opportunity to live a sober and stable life while restoring their military honor and their commitment to family and community.

What are Veterans Treatment Courts: The bonds of military service run deep. Veterans have many shared experiences not common among civilians. Research suggests that traditional community services may not be adequately suited to meet the distinct needs of veterans in the criminal justice system.

In Veterans Treatment Courts, those who served in our nation's Armed Forces go through the treatment court process with their fellow veterans and are connected to the federal, state and local services that are uniquely designed for the distinct needs that arise from military service.

The American Legion and Veterans Treatment Courts: The American Legion provides an extremely valuable service to Veterans Treatment Courts. The American Legion can assist Veterans Treatment Courts by providing Service Officers, mentors, and linkages to federal, state and community veterans' resources.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces may be eligible for a broad range of programs and services provided by the federal U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These benefits are legislated in Title 38 of the United States Code. Veterans may also be eligible for specific programs and or benefits through their states' veterans agency to include other agencies due to their veteran's status.

Many veterans who enter the criminal justice system are unaware of their eligibility in VA programs and services. Veterans often require additional expertise from accredited American Legion Department (State) service officers in navigating the filing and/or appealing of a claim, peer support and guidance.

To volunteer or for more information on Veterans Treatment Courts, contact your Service Officer!

Post Calendar

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

2nd) Queen of Hearts Drawing Resumes!

4th) **Independence Day!**

8th) Bld. Comm. Meeting

9th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

13th) Post Meeting

16th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

21st) Blood Drive, Hosted by IL. Rep. Wheeler & IL Sen.

Oberweis

23rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing

27th) **Korea War Ends, 1953**

28th) **WWI Begins, 1914**

30th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

JULY

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5th) Bld. Comm. Meeting

4th) **U.S. Coast Guard Originated, 1790**

6th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

7th) **Purple Heart Day**

10th) Post Meeting

13th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

20st) Queen of Hearts Drawing

27th) Queen of Hearts drawing

SEPTEMBER

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1st) **WWII Begins 1939**

2nd) **WWII Ends 1945**

3rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing

7th) **Labor Day**

9th) Bld. Comm. Meeting

10th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

11th) **Patriot Day**

14th) Post Meeting

18th) **U.S. Air Force Originated 1947**

POW/MIA Recognition Day

17th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

U.S. Constitution Ratified 1787

24th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

27th) **Gold Star Mother's Day**

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