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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

Have I done enough?

This is a question I have often asked myself. While raising a family with my wife, running a business, helping others in my community. It is a question that needs to be asked to oneself occasionally to verify we are still on course to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves. If you are honest with yourself, the answer may surprise you.

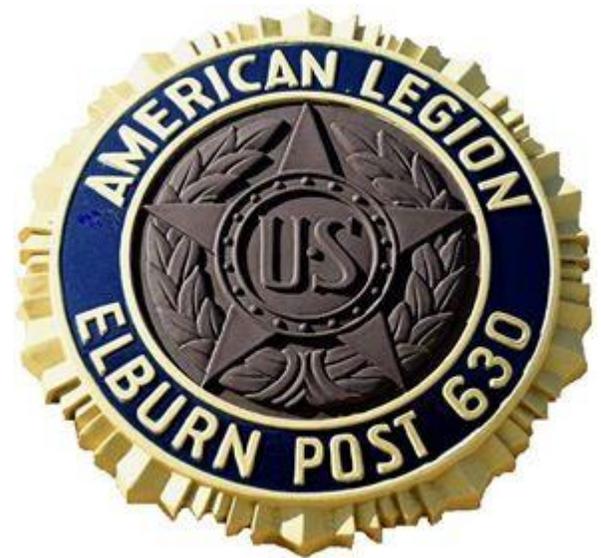
The question is open to interpretation. One person's standard of "enough" may not be the same as another's standard. If you have achieved a specific goal one could say, "yes, I accomplished what I set out to do. Therefore, I have done enough". But when is "enough, really enough?"

Perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is, "Is there more that I can be doing?" More to achieve my personal goals, more to help others, more to help the organizations that I belong to. The answer to that is, more often than not, YES!

The same holds true here at our own post. There is always more that everybody can do. I recently sat down to compose a list of post positions and committees that may be helpful for the new member to see the various opportunities to serve in the post. What I came up with I unfortunately already knew. So many positions, not enough help. There are currently 10 officer positions, 5 committees with 27 different slots, and another 10 or more jobs that don't fall into a committee that keep this post moving. That doesn't even count the number of people it takes to organize and run fundraiser events. Folks, that is over 50 different positions or jobs that keep this post moving, maned by 16 active members. Some involve a larger commitment of time than others. Most do not. The worst mistake we can make is to stand on the sidelines and think there is a "good ole boys club" running everything and nothing will change. If you want to know what's going on, ask why and get involved. If you have an idea, ask how and get involved.

So, I ask you, is there more your Post should be doing? Is there more you can do for your post? Are you willing to step up to make this post the best it can be at helping serve Veterans and our community? Or have you done enough already?

Dan Kolzow
Post Commander



Post Officers

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Jr. Vice Commander: Norm Welker
Adjutant: Buzz Wheeler
Sergeant at Arms: Lloyd Da Mask
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Just for Laughs

Paraprosdokians : The first time I heard about paraprosdokians, liked them. Paraprosdokians 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) We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
- 2) War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- 3) Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- 4) To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- 5) I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- 6) In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
- 7) Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.



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Thanks to Buzz Wheeler for this contribution!

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



Needless to say, give thanks to God for guiding us through this pandemic. I hope that the rest of the world also gives thanks and that we start getting along as God desires us too.

The weekend before Memorial Day, The Legion Auxiliary and Legion members including myself were handing out poppies. I was stationed at the Elburn Post Office. It was an interesting experience this year. I had several people ask me what we were collecting for. One person said "What's that?" and when I told them it was poppy day, Memorial Day, remembering the fallen soldiers of wars, they were clueless to say the least. On the other hand, one child about 5 was excited to get a poppy. He was going to put it on his bike. I gave him another so Dad could put one in his car.

My goal this fall is to have a clothing/necessity (soap, shampoo, etc.) drive for both the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and PADS/Hesed House. Both institutions work with homeless veterans making sure they have the supplies and clothing they need as well as helping them get permanent housing. So, starting this fall around October we will start the drive. This will give me the opportunity to get updated "needs lists" from both institutions. If the generosity during the Memorial Day Poppy event and last year's clothing drive, I'm sure Elburn will make this a very successful drive.

Lastly, it's summer time. Let's enjoy ourselves but, be mindful we are not 100% out of the Covid crisis. Keep a mask in your pocket or purse when you go out. If you feel uncomfortable put your mask on. Illinois still only has 43% of people totally vaccinated (57% have at least one dose).

Peace, joy and God's continued blessings to you and your families.

Tim Kolzow

Post Chaplain

In your darkest hour, when the demons come, call on me friend,
and we will fight them together."

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POST 630 WELCOMES

NEW MEMBERS:

JIM PETT – USN

JOANNE GABL – USN

DAVID BRAZEE - USA

THOMAS SCHNELL - USA

SERVICE OFFICER'S PAGE:

(The following articles are only excerpts from select articles off the American Legion web page, contact your service officer or provider if you think these apply to you)

VA expands list of illnesses presumed to have been caused by Agent Orange

VA is adding bladder cancer, Parkinsonism and hypothyroidism to the list of illnesses it acknowledges were caused by Agent Orange exposure in Southeast Asia, the department announced Thursday. It also will review and pay retroactive benefits to veterans and survivors whose VA disability and death benefits claims for the three diseases were previously denied, without requiring them to refile their claims.

The American Legion welcomed the news but expressed disappointment that VA didn't also include high blood pressure on the roster of presumptive conditions. "We've been advocating for this for several years," says Ralph Bozella chairman of Legion's Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission. "There's enough scientific evidence to prove there's a connection between Agent Orange exposure and these illnesses." But VA long refused to grant presumptive service connection for the diseases – until Congress mandated it in the most recent National Defense Authorization Act.

Enrolling in the VA:

To receive health care, veterans generally must be enrolled. Veterans do not have to be enrolled if they: (1) have a service-connected (SC) disability of 50 percent or more; or (2) need care for a compensable disability. A veteran may apply for enrollment at any VA health care facility or veterans' benefits office at any time. There is no time limit. A form, "Application for Health Benefits," VA Form 10-10EZ, must be completed and can be submitted in person or by mail.

Application forms can be obtained by visiting, calling or writing any VA health care facility or veterans' benefits office, or by calling toll-free 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

Application via the Internet is also available at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/. For information on VA's comprehensive health benefits, eligibility and enrollment you can access VA at www.va.gov/healtheligibility.

For a new VA patient, not already enrolled, the application for enrollment will be generated automatically as part of the patient registration process at the first visit to a VA health care facility. After the veteran has enrolled, VA will send a letter from the VA Health Eligibility Center notifying the veteran of his/her priority group. However, this letter is not necessary to initially receive treatment.

Once enrolled, most veterans will remain enrolled without further action on their part. However, certain veterans are required to provide income information to determine their priority level. These veterans will be mailed VA Form 10-10EZ for completion on an annual basis for re-enrollment. Failure to update this information could adversely affect a veteran's enrollment status.

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?

MEMBERSHIP:

It is that time of year again, membership renewal notices will be sent out in July. A reminder that annual dues went up to \$40 this year. This increase is a result of the Dept. of Illinois raising their dues and an increase in post operating costs. At \$40 we are still one of the least expensive posts in the area if not the State. Help us out by paying your dues promptly or even early! Don't forget the option of a five-year membership. Prepay your dues for 5 years (\$200) and receive a plastic gold colored membership card and not receive another notice for the next five years!

Senior Vice Mulvihill will be organizing an open house for the next few months. July 24th, August 14th, September 18th and October 16th. Stop in for coffee and rolls, bring in potential new members, meet up with some old faces you haven't seen in a while, chat with some of the post officers. This is open to all members, and potential new members. Let's get the word out and show our area Vets what makes our Post the best in the area!



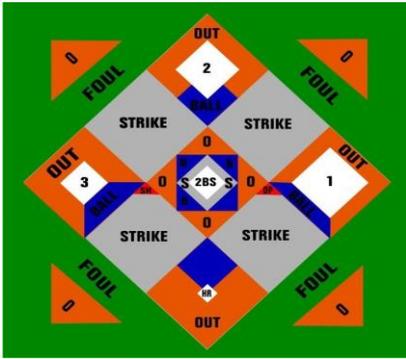
We are looking for a few more volunteers to be on our Social Committee! Volunteers can be either a member or member's spouse. Purpose of the committee is to plan social activities to engage the families of our post, young or old, in fellowship and some good old fashioned fun. Ideas being discussed include, 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!

“ TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENCES OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN ALL WARS”

Line 4 of the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion sets a clear purpose for our existence. One of the projects we are working on is fundraising to install memorials for the Korean and Vietnam wars. This is going to be a big undertaking that will take some time to raise enough funds. Our goal is to be able to place two memorials at the same time. If you would like to be involved in the design process and the fundraisers, please let the Commander know! All ideas are welcome! All help is needed for this ambitious project!





DART BALL: Come down on Thursday nights to check out the Dart Ball boards! We will be looking to form teams this coming fall for some friendly competition with area posts! Don't worry if you have never thrown a dart before. All skill levels are welcome. Basics of the game are, 4' square dart board, under hand throws, game scores and plays like a baseball game, teams can be any number up to 9 players per team. Join us for this new social event coming soon. Till then let's get your game face on!

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY:

A thank you from Eagle Scout, Nick Overstreet.

"I would like to thank you for the American Flag that you donated to my Eagle Scout project as well as your participation in the flag pole commissioning ceremony on June 14th. I was blown away with how many Post members and guests showed up. As the Senior Patrol Leader, of Troop 7, I have never received more complements after a meeting than I did following your ceremony that Monday night. The level of commitment and respect displayed by all of the Post members brought a true sense of honor to this project. Your involvement has greatly aided me in bringing this community a symbol that will be in place for years to come."



Job well done members!

POPPY DAYS: (copied from Post 630 Auxiliary Newsletter)

Kindness Continues for the Poppy Program to Help the Veterans

Generosity was shown for Poppy Days on May 21st and 22nd. With our annual mailing to Legion and Auxiliary members plus street donations brought in approximately \$4,000 to help the Veterans. Many thanks go out to the members who donated money 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, Rise-N-Dine Restaurant, Lion's Bingo, Post Office, Corner Grind, Elburn Chiropractic and Am Vets of North Aurora. We appreciate all the support the public always shows us. Sincere thanks to Poppy Chairpersons Robin Harley, Mary Coffey for all their efforts organizing the fundraising and the assistance of Legionnaire Dan Kolzow for seeking Legion members to help on distribute days. All the proceeds of Poppy Program go towards Veterans and their families. Elburn Auxiliary donated \$2,000 to veteran programs this year. Donations were made to the Fisher House, National Creative Arts Program and USO Centers along with the 6-point program. Our unit donated to the 15 Veteran clinics throughout the state of Illinois. We dedicate ourselves to helping Veterans and their families in need as they have given so much for our country.

Post Calendar

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

- 1st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 4th) Independence Day
- 7th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 8th) Queen of Hearts Drawing,
- 12th) Post Meeting
- 15th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 22st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 24th) Open House/Coffee & Rolls
- 27th) End of Korean War (1953)
- 29th) Queen of Hearts

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- 2nd) Operation Desert Shield (1990)
- 4th) U.S. Coast Guard Birthday/
Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 5th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 7th) Purple Heart Day
- 9th) Post Meeting
- 12th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 14th) V-J Day (1945)
Open House/Coffee & Rolls
- 19th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 26th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

- 2nd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 6th) Labor Day
- 8th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 9th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 11th) Patriot Day/U.S. Air Force Birthday
- 13th) Post Meeting
- 16th) Queen of Hearts Drawing/The American Legion Day
- 17th) POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18th) 0.1 Beer Run/ Open House/Coffee & Rolls
- 23rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 27th) Gold Star Mother's Day
- 30th) Queen of Hearts Drawing

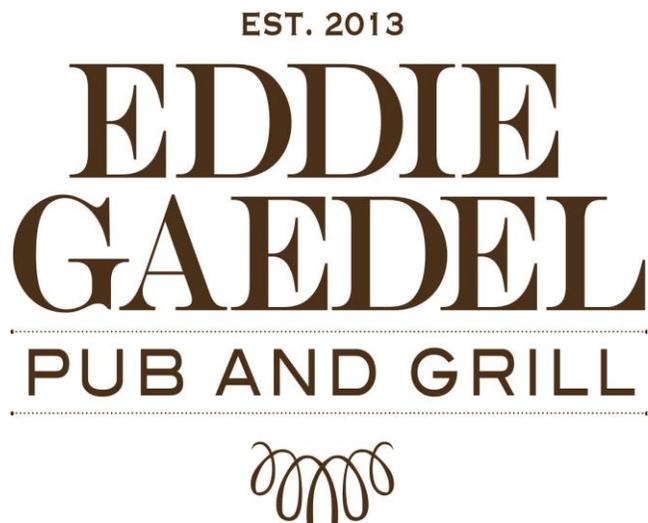
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