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POST630

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4TH QUARTER 2020



FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:



I would like to start off by thanking Past Commander Krebs for his two years as Post Commander. Job well done!

This past August at the regular meeting our Judge Advocate, Paul Gardner, presided over the swearing in of the new group of post officers. I am very excited about the enthusiasm each one brings and look forward to working with each one of them to further the missions of The American Legion.

2020 to date, has no doubt not been what we were expecting. With the onset of Covid-19 came a set of worries and concerns that many of us have never seen. Lay-offs, lost wages and insurance, home schooling, events and meetings canceled, schedules revised and pushed back, crash course in Zoom meetings. Throw in an election year full of division and emotions, toss in a few natural disasters for good

measure, it is no surprise one would be tempted to throw in the towel.

"We do more with Less", "Adapt and Overcome", "When the going gets tough, the tough get going", pick your mantra. The point is The American Legion is needed now more than ever. For the sake of our nations Veterans, our communities, our youth and seniors, we cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and wait this one out! We need to remain committed to the goals of the American Legion and continue to serve others as best we can. Our members need to step up with new ideas and renewed efforts. *Dan Kolzow*

FROM THE SENIOR VICE DESK:

"Always Remember"

This past month marked the 19th anniversary since the 9/11 attacks. As I reflect on what that day meant to me and to many others, I can't help but to notice how different things are today. In the days after 9/11, our country came together, people from across this country from every different background were united toward a common enemy, we hung flags everywhere, firemen and police were honored and we treated our fellow Americans with kindness and understanding.

Today, I can't help but to feel like we've lost our way. We are a nation divided, and it's divided ugly, as citizens with opposing viewpoints find ways to tear down those who see things differently. Social media has given anybody with a cellphone or a computer a platform to voice their opinions, which is ultimately a good thing, but it seems there are many people using it to attack and abuse others. Citizens going about their daily lives are attacked and subjected to humiliations if they don't raise a fist when told to do so. Public servants are publicly abused while rioters and looters roam free and are shamelessly braggadocios about it. We've even seen city blocks, in a major US city, occupied as if by an opposing military force. We always said "Never Forget" and I believe we never will, but along with that we should also "Always Remember" TOGETHER WE ARE AMERICANS FIRST. *Chris Mulvihill*



Please remember to get your membership renewal done and in. This is a good time to take advantage of the 5-year plan since membership dues are increasing next year. Don't be the last to get your dues in.

Post Officers

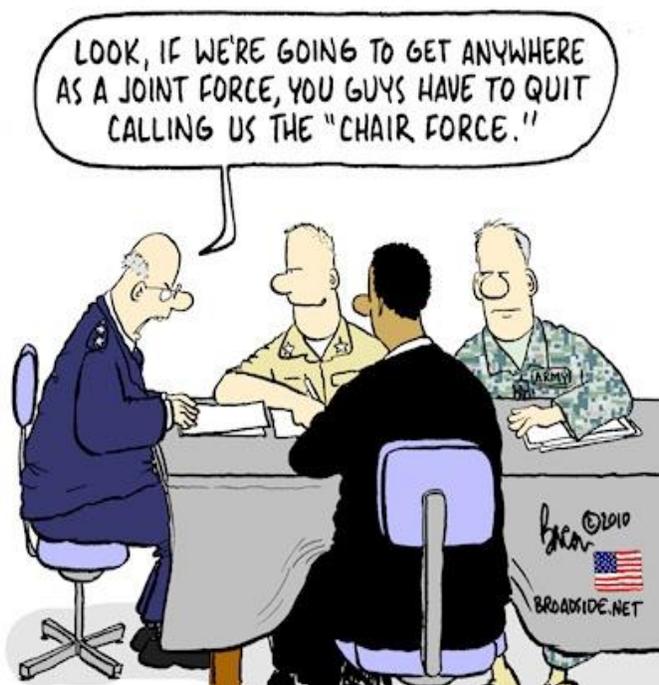
Commander: Dan Kolzow
Vice Commander: Chris Mulvihill
Jr. Vice Commander: Norm Welker
Adjutant: Buzz Wheeler
Sergeant at Arms: Lloyd Da Mask
Judge Advocate/
Parliamentarian: Paul Gardner
Chaplin: Tim Kolzow
Interim Finance: Dan Kolzow
Post Service Officer: Norm Welker
Historian: Christina Murri

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Check out Our New 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



Fall is in the air and so are the smells that come with the season. Burning leaves, baking, and cooking. Also, specific sounds come with the fall. The sound of farm machinery bringing in the harvest and chain saws cutting wood to bring inside to stoke the fireplace.

Veterans, especially those who were in a combat zone have a different set of smells and sounds to deal with. The smell of gunpowder, sounds of gunfire and explosions, helicopters and aircraft overhead and your buddies yelling and screaming. These situations bring about a lot of different feelings than joy and happiness. This is where the Veteran's Crisis Line comes in ([1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) and [Press 1](#)). If you live with a vet or know a vet, learn the signs of depression and PTSD. Have the Crisis Line number

handy ([1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255) and [Press 1](#)). Post it on the fridge. It could be the call that saves a loved one's life.

This is also the time of giving thanks and sharing with our fellow man. God gave his son Jesus Christ to us on Christmas Day, so we should also be just as giving. John the Baptist taught, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." (*John 3:11*). Giving a present at Christmastime may make you happy, but to give the shirt off your back to a total stranger is the ultimate act of kindness. For Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (*Matthew 25:40*).

For the record, yes, I do believe in Santa. We may have put many faces on Santa over the years but, we all have a little bit of Santa Claus in our hearts each time we give someone a gift. Especially a gift from the heart. Remember our troops here and abroad and those less fortunate than us, give generously when you see that red kettle or that food or clothing drive this holiday season.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Happy Kwanzaa.

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



Charlie Capes

**POST 630 WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS:**

Kurtis Donald – USA

Brian Landreville - USCG

POST HISTORY

One century ago, on May 6, 1920, Daniel Simpson Post 630 was chartered. Many of the 24 original members were active in the post for the remainder of their lives, serving not only their fellow veterans, but the community of Elburn. More recently, our newly-elected Post Commander, Dan Kolzow, asked that we consider the direction of Post 630. How can we improve in our mission to support veterans and our community? Could we explain to someone what Post 630 does? Where should we focus our efforts? How can we better support and communicate with our members?

While these questions were posed to the new officers, they merit consideration by all members. Many things have changed in the past 100 years, but the mission of the American Legion remains the same and its success “depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.” (Legion.org)

From the Post Regular Meeting Minutes...

September 1963-Members discussed the Sons of the American Legion, a program of the American Legion that was being revitalized at the time. Founded in 1932, the SAL was created to “honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.” Membership was open to males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the military and were eligible for membership in the American Legion.

September 1965- Membership Dues were raised to \$4.50 per year.

May 1967-Norbert Lund was named post rep for Vice Commander of the Kane County Council.

Dec 1968- Legion member, Robert Larsen, commented “on the quality of a TV show he had seen with regards to the un-American aspect of some of the entertainers.” After explanation, he expressed a desire to write a letter to the TV station on behalf of the Post, and the membership agreed that such a letter would express the mutual feelings of the Post members.

March 1969- The possibility of “borrowing some films on moon travel” to be shown at a future meeting was discussed. Documentary films of interest to the members were occasionally shown after post meetings. At other times, past basketball games of successful Legion or local teams were shown.

Jan 1970- Membership in the Legion was not just an opportunity to serve, but also the opportunity to socialize. Post Adjutant, Charles James, noted in the minutes that the meeting was “followed by refreshments in the form of playing cards and just plain old-fashioned ‘bull sessions’ such as we used to know during our service days.” The August 1970 meeting began “with a steak fry and a plentiful amount of golden goodness.”

(Christina Murri; Post Historian)



Shout out to past member David Baillie for reaching out through the post email to “See how the old gang is doing” David is a PUFL, a member of Post #2 and still kicking it out in North Carolina! **SALUTE!**

SERVICE OFFICER'S PAGE:

All C&P Exam Locations Now Open

VA has partnered with specialized contract examiners to resume in-person Compensation & Pension (C&P) exams related to disability benefits at their designated contract facilities and not at VA medical facilities. Your local VA Medical Center (VAMC) will still conduct VA medical appointments and testing related to your health care. Specific safety requirements are still in place for Veterans' health. While specialty exams are only performed when it is safe, certain areas have allowed removal of personal protective equipment (PPE) in order to complete the appointment.

Final C&P exam location has reopened

Through a joint collaboration with VA contract medical examiners, VA has opened its final location in central Alabama to create a 100% re-opening of locations now scheduling in-person C&P exams for disability compensation claims.

For more information regarding locations in your area, please visit: <https://benefits.va.gov/compensation/claimexam.asp>.

No Veteran Should Be Without a Place to Call Home

Free Help for Homeless Veterans Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for 24/7 access to VA services for homeless and at-risk Veterans

[Homeless Veteran Chat](#) Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless Veterans and friends

<https://www.va.gov/homeless> for more information

Are You a Veteran in Crisis or Concerned About One?

Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country? [Make the Connection Resource Locator](#)

Contact the [Veterans Crisis Line \(1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255.\)](#)

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
Canes Crutches Foam Pads Shower Chairs

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

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

At the September, regular meeting, it was recommended by the Executive Committee and agreed upon by the members present, to postpone this year's Veterans Day Dinner. This was a hard decision to make but we felt it would be in the best interest of our members' safety and concerns. If we can't all be together, then we wait until we can.

Also at the September regular meeting, it was recommended by the Executive Committee and agreed upon by the members present, that annual dues will increase to \$40 for 2022. This was in part by the expected dues increase from the Department of IL and increasing operating costs.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

(Currently pins are awarded in 5 yr. increments starting at 50 years)

65 yr. – Norbert Lund 50 yr. – John Anderson 50 yr. – Daniel Koebele 50 yr. – Richard Souders 60
yr. – Herbert Ruh 50 yr. – Richard Halsey 50 yr. – Donald Poore
55 yr. – Robert Gee 50 yr. – Delwin Herra 50 yr. – Kenneth Souders

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE POST?

The post remains active despite the current restrictions and slowdown of activities. Service Officer, Norm Welker can be found in the office every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30am-1pm working on Queen of Hearts subscriptions. Chaplain Tim Kolzow can be found in the office on Wednesday from 10am-2pm. Commander Kolzow is in most mornings Monday-Friday from 8am-12pm. If you would like to stop in for a visit or need something, stop by or give the office a call. (630)365-6530.

The Building Committee has authorized the repainting of the meeting hall which is currently ongoing, the alley on the south side of the building was patched and seal coated, East and South exterior walls were treated with special masonry sealant. Parking lot was seal coated and 2 handicapped spaces were installed.

Queen of Hearts on Thursday nights is open again but with smaller crowds now. If you want to participate but are not ready to come down, a subscription is the way to go. Contact the office to find out how!

Our Mini Bike raffle will be held October 4th at the Lions Park Car show. Lions Club will announce the winner of the car raffle and we will announce winner of mini Bike at the same time.

KUDOS!

To those that have signed up for the 100 Mile Challenge:

Ryan Easter, Norm Welker, Christina Murri, Laura M., Pat Leach, Kaitlyn Kolzow, Hunter Owen, Jessie Kolzow, Shawn Kaelin, Dan & Kathy Kolzow



(Money raised for Veteran & Children Foundation)

Post Calendar

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

OCTOBER

- 1st) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 7th) Bld. Comm. Meeting/ War in Afghanistan Begins
- 8th) Queen of Hearts Drawing,
- 12th) Post Meeting / Columbus Day
- 13th) U.S. Navy Originated 1775
- 15th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 22nd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 29th) Queen of Hearts
- 31st) Halloween

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- 1st) Vietnam War Begins 1955
- 3rd) ELECTION DAY!
- 4th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 5th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 9th) Post Meeting / Berlin Wall Opened 1989
- 10th) U.S. Marines Originated 1775
- 11th) Veterans Day / WWI ends 1918
- 12th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 19th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 26th) Thanksgiving / No Queen of Hearts Drawing

DECEMBER

- 3rd) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 7th) Start of WWII 1941 / Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
- 9th) Bld. Comm. Meeting
- 10th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 14th) Post Meeting
- 17th) Queen of Hearts Drawing
- 18th) Iraq War Ends 2011
- 24th) Queen of Hearts Drawing / Christmas Eve
- 25th) Christmas Day
- 31st) New Year's Eve

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