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September 2024 Newsletter

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Finance: Dave Dickenson
Post Service Officer: Norm Welker
Historian: Mark Krebs



Post Meetings

The Post meets are on the second Monday of each month. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and comradery. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. All members and prospective members are welcome to attend.



DISABLED PARKING IS IN THE REAR LOT. CHAIRLIFTS ARE AT BOTH ENTRANCES. CALL US WHEN YOU ARRIVE SO WE CAN HAVE SOMEONE READY TO ASSIST YOU.

Post Meeting Menu

The monthly meeting of Elburn Post 630 will be held on **September 9th, 2024** at 112 N. Main St., Elburn. Dinner begins at 6PM with the meeting starting at 7PM. The menu is as follows: Baked Chicken, Mostaccioli, Rolls and butter, Green Salad and assorted desserts. Additional contributions of side dishes or desserts are always appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY!!!!

Membership dues are due!!!!

American Legion Post 630 - \$40

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 630 - \$20 (18 and above), \$13 (under 18) ASAP!

American Legion Riders Chapter 630 - \$10

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 630 - \$39 (18 and above), \$8.35 (18 and under)

ALL DUES ARE DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Mail or drop off at the Post 630 Office

Any questions check with your Adjutant or membership officer

A Word from The Kitchen

I'm sure you have wondered at one time, "Where does that money I put in the meal donation box go?" Well, it goes into the Kitchen Fund to purchase equipment to use in the kitchen to assist in preparing and serving meals for Post meetings and other events. The following equipment and supplies are from your donations: food warming lamp, drink dispenser, pump coffee dispenser, and crock pots. As the need arises additional equipment will be purchased or replaced. When you come to the Post for a meeting and dinner, or any other event, you may see these items in use and know your donations purchased them.

Tim Kolzow
Cook

Reasons To Come to The Monthly Meeting

- Comradery
 - Dinner and Drinks – the food is so good!
 - Great Conversation
 - Meeting other members who have served, or are serving still, from every branch of our Armed Forces
 - Then there's 50/50 raffle. It's a chance to put a little money back in the pocket, and an opportunity to financially contribute to the Post.
- Familiarity of the Legion
 - History and Traditions
 - Formalities such as the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion
 - The Cool Garrison Cover
- Upcoming Events
 - Opportunities to serve within our community
 - Holidays and Events we participate in and host
- Committees and the Roles of The American Legion Officers
 - Committees
 - Building
 - Charities
 - Executive
 - Drawdown
 - Roles – Your Officers of the Post
 - Commander
 - Senior Vice Commander
 - Junior Vice Commander
 - Finance Officer
 - Adjutant
 - Sergeant at Arms
 - Historian
 - Chaplain
- American Legion Family
 - Sons of the American Legion
 - Women's Auxiliary
 - American Legion Riders

Speaking of events coming up and opportunities to serve our community, we need our members to volunteer for these opportunities. I'm calling out to you all for the Veterans Day Ceremony. We will have a wonderful dinner to celebrate afterward the ceremony. Our former Historian Christina provided a fantastic presentation at our last dinner. Stand by for more details. Also, we have our Christmas Stroll where John Reece is our resident Santa Claus. The American Legion's Bunker Bar opens to host arts and crafts with the children of the community. The kids were served hot chocolate and cookies, carolers performed for the kids and their families, and the Bar was decked out in beautiful holiday flare. I am proud to serve alongside the members of this Post, some of whom have given until they can give no more. We could use the helping hands along with hearts and minds for fresh ideas or improvements to old ones. You all have something to offer, so come and join us for our monthly meeting as well as our gatherings.

Thank you,

Post Calendar

September 2024

(Holiday/Notable/Post Event)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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September

2: Labor Day

5: Queen of Hearts

9: Post 630 Monthly Meeting

11: Patriot Day

12: Queen of Hearts

18: Air Force Birthday

19: Queen of Hearts

20: POW/MIA Recognition Day

26: Queen of Hearts

29: Gold Star Mothers and Families Day



“Kilroy Was Here”

By Richard W. O'Donnell
January 1989

Naval History
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You remember Kilroy—the guy with a long nose peeking over a fence? During World War II, American servicemen drew him on walls, floors, ceilings, and just about anywhere else he would fit. And beneath the drawing they would scrawl the immortal phrase, “Kilroy was here.” You remember the caricature, but did you know there really was a Kilroy?

James J. Kilroy served on the Boston City Council and in the Massachusetts Legislature representing the Roxbury district during the 1930s. After World War II he moved to Halifax, Massachusetts, and lived there until his death in 1962. So how come this guy's face was plastered all over creation?



During the war, Kilroy worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piece work and got paid by the rivet. Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When he went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, another checker would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked Kilroy to investigate. It was then that he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the chalk. He continued to put his check mark on each job he inspected, but he added “Kilroy was here” in king-size letters next to the check. Once he did that, the riveters stopped wiping away his marks.

Ordinarily, the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them.

As a result, Kilroy's inspection “trademark” was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with these servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before the war's end, “Kilroy” had been here, there, and everywhere on the long haul to Berlin and Tokyo. Along the way, someone added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence, and that became part of the Kilroy message.

The slogan was used by American servicemen as a sort of code in foreign lands. If two friends were scheduled to meet at a certain location, the first to arrive would scrawl the Kilroy message on the wall in the event he was called back to duty.

There was even a Kilroy murder case in London during the war. A woman was found strangled, and the words “Kilroy was here” were written on her apartment wall. Scotland Yard was inclined to suspect an American. As it turned out, her next-door neighbor was a mental patient named Kilroy who confessed to the murder and was perplexed at why it had taken so long to arrest him.

After the war, there were a number of pretenders who claimed to be the original Kilroy. So many, in fact, that the Transit Company of America held a contest offering a prize to the person who could prove himself to be the real Kilroy

Naturally, when Massachusetts's own Jim Kilroy heard about the contest, he entered. His contention that he had inspired all those messages was thoroughly investigated. Fore River Shipyard officials supported his claim, and even some of the riveters who were queried backed him up.

In all, more than 40 Kilroys vied to be recognized as the genuine article. Transit Company judges carefully investigated every claim. One by one, each entrant fell by the wayside until there was only one Kilroy left—James J. Kilroy of Halifax. And his prize? A trolley car that proved to be the perfect playhouse for his nine children. (No word on whether the Kilroy message found its way onto the trolley).

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