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September 2025 Newsletter

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Chaplain: Tim Kolzow

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Service Officer: Norm Welker

Historian: Mark Krebs & Joanne Gabl



Post Meetings:

The Post meets are on the second Monday of each month. Doors open at 6:00 PM for dinner and the camaraderie. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. All members and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



DISABLED PARKING IS IN THE REAR LOT; HOWEVER, LIFTS ARE AT BOTH ENTRANCES: WHEELCHAIR LIFT IN THE FRONT, CHAIR LIFT IN THE REAR. CALL AHEAD AND UPON ARRIVAL SOMEONE WILL BE AT EITHER LIFT TO ASSIST YOU.

Post Calendar

September 2025

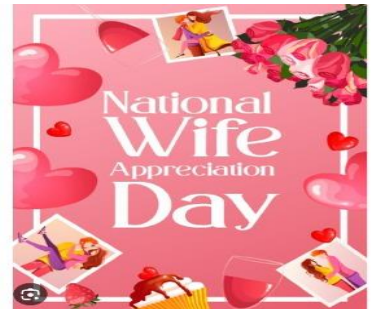
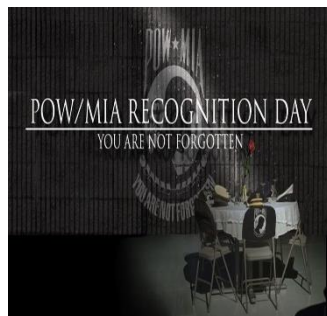
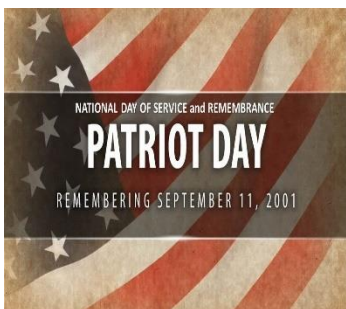
(Holiday/Notable/Post Event)

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Important Dates

World Alzheimer's Month and Suicide Prevention Month

- 1st Labor Day
- 2nd V-J Day
- 7th Grandparents Day and National Beer Lovers Day
- 8th American Legion Post 630 Monthly Meeting
- 11th Queen of Hearts and Patriot Day
- 18th Queen of Hearts and Air Force Day
- 19th National POW/MIA Day
- 20th Oktoberfest
- 21st Wife Appreciation Day
- 22nd Autumn Equinox
- 25th Queen of Hearts
- 28th Gold Star Mother's Day
- 29th Veterans of Foreign War Day



Post 630 September Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of Elburn Post 630 will be held on **September 8th, 2025.**

Preamble of the American Legion

For God and Country, We Associate Ourselves Together for The Following Purposes:

The American Legion recognizes the influence of Almighty God in all worthwhile endeavors and declares the allegiance of the Legionnaires to both God and nation.

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America

The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy. Member of the American Legion bore arms and went to war to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

Bulwark: a strong support or protection; democratic principles that stand against tyranny.

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As of July 31st, the Queen of Hearts is still out there hiding in an unopened envelope somewhere on our Board. Who will find the Queen of Hearts??

Jackpot is over \$19,000

Get your tickets fast! Come on down to the Bunker Bar on Thursday nights or stop by the office and pick some up. You can also call Norm at the office **(630-365-6530)** and start a subscription, so you never miss a chance.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

September Puzzle

Tee Up



BIRDIE
BOGEY
BUNKER
CADDIE
CART
CHIP
CLUBS
COURSE
DIVOT

DRIVER
EAGLE
FAIRWAY
GREEN
GRIP
HANDICAP
HAZARD
HOLE IN ONE
IRON

PAR
PUTTER
SHOT
SLICE
STROKE
SWING
TEE
WEDGE
WOOD

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

November 14 - Veteran's Day Dinner

Our annual Veteran's Day dinner will be held on Friday Nov. 14th. Doors open at 5 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. Post officers should wear their shirt, tie and jacket with gray pants. Members should dress business-casual and at the least wear their Legion headgear.

November 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner

Once again, Post 630 will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner in the Bunker Bar. Post members and the public are invited. Traditional turkey dinner will be served, and football will be on the big screens. There are plenty of sofas and armchairs for your comfort. Watch for future newsletters and email for additional details.

Then and Now

We want to try something different. Just to have a little fun, we would like members of the Post 630, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders to submit to us a picture of themselves during their time in service and now. Those members who were not in the service can submit a high school or college photo. Each month we will post a few pairs of pictures to see if you can identify the individual. In the following months' editions, we'll post the identities of those people. Sound like fun? Send your pictures to either Tim Kolzow (takolzow@gmail.com) or Jo Gabl (jojbean.gabl@gmail.com)



I officially resign from being an Adult.
Decisions will be made using the
EENIE-MEANIE-MINIE-MOE method.
Arguments will be settled by sticking out my
tongue. I'll be at recess if you need me.

From The Service Officer

American Legion supports these bills in congress

ON POINT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN WASHINGTON

"Our veterans do not ask for special treatment. They ask only for the care and benefits they earned, delivered with competence, integrity and compassion."

American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division Director Cole Lyle, testifying June 11 before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Oversight & Investigations Subcommittee

In a busy week on Capitol Hill, American Legion policy experts testified twice on June 11 and again on June 12 before congressional subcommittees, weighing in on a variety of bills affecting VA health care, benefits, education, homelessness and the VA Home Loan program.

June 11: American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Division Director Cole Lyle expressed the organization's support to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Oversight & Investigation Subcommittee for:

H.R. 984, to amend Title 38 to provide timely, equitable relief for individuals who suffer losses due to human mistakes, a growing concern due to increased claims applications since the PACT Act

H.R. 1663, in support of the Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act of 2025 to protect veterans from scams

H.R. 3185, the Personnel Integrity in Veterans Affairs Act of 2025, which aims to maintain trust in the VA workforce

H.R. 3482, the Veterans Community Care Scheduling Improvement Act

H.R. 3494, the VA Hospital Inventory Management System Authorization Act

June 11: American Legion Senior Policy Associate Andrew Petrie testified in support of two bills already introduced, along with two in draft, before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity:

H.R. 1965, the Veteran Education Assistance Adjustment Act, which would increase the yearly Post-9/11 GI Bill books and supplies stipend from \$1,000 to \$1,400

H.R. 2791, to amend Title 38 to increase the maximum VA Home Loan Guaranty entitlement to 25% of the Freddie Mac loan limit by 1.5 times

Expanding Access for Online Veteran Students Act, in draft, which would increase the monthly



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housing stipend for Post-9/11 GI Bill users for students pursuing education through distance learning on more than a half-time basis to that of the national average

• **Expanding eligibility for homelessness benefits** for veterans discharged under other-than-honorable conditions

June 12: Lyle testified for the second consecutive day, this time before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health, including American Legion support for:

H.R. 2605, the Service Dogs Assisting Veterans (SAVES) Act, expanding the VA grant program to train more service dogs to assist veterans

H.R. 785, the Representing Our Seniors Act, to include a representative of the National Association of State Veterans Homes on VA's Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee

H.R. 3400, the Territorial Response and Access to Veterans' Essential Lifecare (TRAVEL) Act, to improve health-care access in U.S. territories and underserved areas

H.R. 3643, the VA Data Transparency and Trust Act, to improve VA reporting on health care and benefits to enable evidence-based improvements in care delivery

H.R. 2148, the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment and Retirement Act, expanding VA benefits for family caregivers

Draft, to direct the VA secretary to conduct a study to determine if RNA sequencing can be used effectively to diagnose post-traumatic stress disorder among veterans

Read the full written testimonies on these three hearings at legion.org/advocacy/legislative, and visit the American Legion Grassroots Advocacy Center at www.votervoicenet/americanlegion/home to follow legislation and submit messages to lawmakers.



VA offers yearlong community care authorizations for 30 services

August 4, 2025

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs today announced it will improve Veterans' access to health care by extending the length of new VA community care authorizations to one year for 30 standardized types of care.

The change means Veterans referred by VA to community care for eligible standardized types of care will receive 12 full months of uninterrupted treatment at VA expense before having to obtain a VA reauthorization.

Veterans will benefit from uninterrupted access to essential specialty services, allowing them to focus more on their health and less on navigating administrative requirements. Community providers will be empowered to manage care with fewer administrative barriers and greater flexibility.

Prior to the change announced today, some VA community care specialty referrals were reevaluated every 90 to 180 days, increasing the likelihood of interrupted or delayed care.

"No Veteran should have their health care disrupted by red tape," said **VA Secretary Doug Collins**. "This change means better continuity of care, which leads to better health outcomes. It also improves convenience for Veterans and cuts administrative work for VA staff and community care partners."

With today's announcement, VA is now offering year-long community care authorizations for the following standardized types of care:

- Cardiology
- Dermatology
- Endocrinology
- Neurology and Otology
- Otolaryngology or ENT
- Gastroenterology
- Urogynecology
- Addiction Psychiatry Outpatient
- Family & Couples Psychotherapy Outpatient
- Mental Health Outpatient
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Nutrition Intervention Services
- Oncology and Hematology
- Neuro-Ophthalmology

- Oculoplastic
- Eye Care Examination
- Optometry Routine
- Orthopedic Hand
- Orthopedic General
- Orthopedic Spine
- Pain Management
- Podiatry
- Podiatry DS
- Addiction Medicine Outpatient
- Pulmonary
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (Physiatry)
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Urology

Veterans are encouraged to contact their local VA Medical Center Community Care Office for questions to see how these new updates may affect their care.

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TEE UP SOLUTION

