DANIEL SIMPSON UNIT #630, ELBURN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

Serving Veterans, Families and Community

**February 2025**

**Meeting Notice**

Monday, February 17th

 Fellowship/Refreshments at 6:00 PM

Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

At the Elburn Legion Hall (lower level)

Future Dates: March 17th, April 21st, May 19th and June 16th

# High School Senior Scholarships Offered

## Elburn Unit Scholarship

Our unit continues to offer a maximum of two one-time $1,000 non renewable scholarships. An Auxiliary members son/daughter, grandchild, great grandchild who is a **high school senior** in any high school district (in state or out) qualify to apply. The Auxiliary member must have at least 5 consecutive years of membership to Elburn unit. An interested applicant should email a request for the application to elburn630@gmail.com. Deadline for completed applications is **May 15th**. The scholarship is funded by the sales from the old consignment shop once ran by the unit.

## Kaneland Area Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to seniors in Kaneland School District area. Scholarships are awarded to **high school senior** living in area. Candidates must have a parent or legal guardian who is currently serving in the military or is/was a military veteran. If you know a possible candidate that would like to apply, visit our website www.elburnalaunit630.com for more information. Deadline for completed applications is **April 15th**. The past Reams gift card raffle funded this scholarship.

**American Legion Auxiliary**—More scholarships are available under www.legion-aux.org. Go to About us tab then scholarships.

Contributions to Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation

Through the funds collected during Poppy Days, our unit is able to donate to much needed Veteran programs. The unit contributed to numerous Auxiliary sponsored programs including Fisher House, Vets Medical Transport, National Creative Arts, USO Centers, Six Point Program, Operation Comfort Warriors plus 15 different VA, Clinics or Veterans Home located throughout Illinois. **$4,350!!!!!** was donated in total. Our Veterans Day Banquet basket raffle brought in $282 which was donated to VIP Service Dog Foundation for a Veterans service dog. These donations are not possible without the Poppy Program. It is the generosity of Auxiliary, Legion and community members donating to this program that made this possible.

## *Donations Made*

Auxiliary Emergency Fund 20.00

 (used to assist members in need)

Holiday Spirit/Conley Outreach 100.00

 (holiday basket for area needy)

Countryside Food Pantry, Elburn 100.00

Special Olympics Hospitality Tent 100.00

## *Donations to Veteran Programs*

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| Six Point Program  |  120.00  |
| Vets Medical Transport  |  250.00  |
| Fisher House  |  250.00  |
| 15 Hospitals and Facilities  |  150.00 each  |
| Gifts to the Yanks  |  40.00  |
| National Creative Arts Program  |  150.00  |

USO Centers (5 IL centers @$200 ea.) 1000.00

***What have we been up to?***

Our new year started with the Elburn Legion Family joint installation and our unit President Diane was installed. At the July Department of Illinois Convention, awarded two plaques to our unit members. Historian Cara was awarded “The Pro Bowlers” plaque for best unit history. Children & Youth Chairman Mary was awarded “The Beulah M. Unfer” plaque for best overall participation in C&Y. A basket fundraiser was organized at the Veterans Day Banquet which raised $282 to benefits a Veteran service dog with VIP Service Dog Foundation. Seven baskets were donated. Many thanks to member Mary for organizing and donating items for the basket project. Auxiliary representatives attended and helped with the Elburn Christmas Stroll. The unit has removed Standing Rule #6 which collected past presidents parley dues from the past presidents of the unit. The dues are only $1 per past president which the unit will donate on their behalf. Poppy Days are set for May 16th and May 17th. Our Unit and Community Service Chair Stacy continue to sponsor the community blood drive through Versiti Blood Center. Visit www.versiti.org to schedule.

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| **Keep Us Up to Date . . .**  Have you had a change of name, address or email address? Please advise us. Changes can be mailed to Secretary Mary Coffey, 40W015 Seavey Rd, Batavia, IL 60510 or email us at elburn630@gmail.com.  |   | **Benefits to your Membership**  There are member benefits to you belonging to the Auxiliary. Check out the companies participating with a special discount for travel, insurance and more. Go to www.legion-aux.org Go to About Us tab then Member Benefits  |
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| **We Welcome New Member!!**  Crystal Provow of Sycamore  |

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| **U.S. Flags Available at:** **Elburn American Legion Office and** **Town & Country Public Library, Elburn** **We carry High Quality/Fade Resistant** **American flags available in 3x5, 4x6, 5x8** **State, Military branches, POW/MIA flags available as well.** **Due to price increases, we try our best to keep flags available. We reorder when the price is more reasonable.**  |

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Instagram is … elburnalaunit630 Our website is … www.elburnalaunit630.com We have two emails to communicate with us. They are ...

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