



Feb, March & April  
2020

# The Legion Eagle

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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Writings from Florida!

As I spend time on vacation in sunny Florida, I'm still required to fulfill my newsletter duties.

If you haven't purchased Super Bowl raffle tickets yet, it's not too late. The raffle is a major fundraiser for the Legion, allowing us to fund our Veteran's activities and donate to Veteran causes. Please sell as many books as you can!

The Super Bowl takes place on Sunday Feb. 2 and the Legion will be providing appetizers, desserts and a meal that is still under construction by me. Join us for a SUPER time with friends and family.

Some of the changes that have been implemented at the Post in the recent past are:

The Queen of Hearts raffle has been introduced, the minutes from the Executive and RALCF meetings are being posted on the bulletin board, the rules of conduct at the Hall are posted, the new cash register system allowing credit card usage is here along with an upgraded accounting system to keep our books in order. There is also a list of names with phone numbers behind the bar that details who is in charge of various activities at the post.

I want to reconvene the Queen of Hearts committee to look at ways to enhance the jackpots. We will have to submit changes to the Village of Roselle. Once that is completed, we can begin looking into an expansion of our bar area. A new and better version of our website is in the works. The Legion is gradually going electronic to save thousands of dollars on postage. The web site will provide us that opportunity.

Paul Goodwin and I are working together on that project. I have been relieved of my hall rental duties with Ozzie taking over that responsibility. (thank you Ed and Gerry).

***Ty Cobb; Commander***

## FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Our Post is planning to start sending out this Newsletter via email in order to save on postage. I would like all members to please send me an email at [mike.fennell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mike.fennell@sbcglobal.net) so that I can update our roster with current email addresses. Thank you.

For those of you who have not renewed yet for 2020, here is information about Membership expiration from the Legion.org website:

### When does my membership expire?

Your membership actually expires on Dec. 31 of the paid year shown on your card. It can be a little confusing because your annual dues are supposed to be paid by Jan. 1 each year so National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by Jan. 1, when it begins.

If dues are not paid by Jan. 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. Feb. 1, the member is suspended, June 30, the member is dropped from the membership rolls.

So, does your Membership card still say 2019? Lets get renewed!

***Mike Fennell; Senior Vice Commander***

**FROM THE SARGE**

Welcome to the Fox Hole:

Not a lot going on this time of year Thanksgiving day for Hines Vets and the Veterans Concert all behind us . We just have to make through the winter and before You know it Spring training will be upon us. I can't wait.

Maybe I should schedule a few in February and March just to keep every body up to snuff. On second thought I'll let you relax for the winter. but come spring I expect everyone to ready. Have a nice winter.

And remember BE Ready, Be Right, Be on Time. HOA!

**Tim O'Neil**

**Sergeant at Arms**

**FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER**

Dental Benefits: New Pilot Program Pending Congressional Approval

The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to launch a pilot program that would provide all veterans with free or discounted dental care. VA currently only offers dental care to veterans with a service-related dental problem, former POWs, or veterans who are totally disabled — that excludes roughly 92 percent of veterans. However, VA is operating "near maximum capacity" just offering this small demographic of veterans dental care. In 2018, VA spent approximately \$1.1 billion on veteran dental care or \$2,185 per veteran. VA wants to expand its ability to offer dental care to veterans — even if it does not have the budget to do so. The proposed five-year pilot program would connect all veterans — not just those eligible under the current dental care program — with free or discounted dental care in their local communities. "The objective of this pilot demonstration is to improve overall health by increasing access to dental services for enrolled veterans currently ineligible for dental services through VA," VA said in a notice published in the Federal Register. VA expects its pilot program to reduce spending without reduce quality of care for veterans. The plan is currently pending Congressional approval. [Source: ConnectingVets.com | Elizabeth Howe | December 17, 2019 ++]

Another Reason to get enrolled in the VA Health Program!

Note \* Hopefully this will Pass!

**Patrick Hull**

**Service Officer**

**FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Greetings from Squadron 1084! It's a quiet first quarter for the SAL. Don't forget Fish Fry begins on February 28th thru Good Friday, April 10th. Where has the time gone? Sons will be serving on March 20 and March 27th. Come on out the Post and say hello!

Philly Ed is contemplating a spring bags tournament but nothing has been finalized.

Do you know a young man in your family, church, neighborhood, or circle of friends who is currently a junior at Lake Park, and would be interested in an outstanding summer leadership experience? The 2020 American Legion Illinois Boys State will be held on June 13th-19th, 2020 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Reach out to Mike Vozar or Ty Cobb for more information.

For God and Country,

**Mike Vozar; Commander,**

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron #1084**

## LEGION RIDERS

This article promises to be brief...sort of like the Fall riding season! Brrrr!

To recap the last quarter, the Riders were able to provide motorcycle escort for Veterans from the Hines VA Medical Center to attend the Thanksgiving Dinner at our Post home. This was my first time escorting the buses as I typically greet our visitors as a member of the Color Guard. It was a chilly day and the Veterans enjoyed the escort, the camaraderie and the meal that the Elks provided. Deep gratitude to Past Director Achille Crudele for the amazing sign he made for his truck! It was a real attention grabber for the other drivers on the road to the Post and put smiles on a lot of faces. Maybe you'll get a chance to see it during this year's Parade.

Our next scheduled event will be hosting the Legion Fish Fry on Good Friday, April 10. There's always a terrific turnout at this final Fish Fry of the season and my fellow Riders and I are excited at the opportunity to serve you. Please mark the date on your calendars now. Oh, and while you're marking your calendar, please plan on attending the Riders Luau on Saturday, April 18. This event will really help you shake the Chicago Winter Blues!

Finally, distracted driving is now known to be as dangerous as drunk driving so when you get in your car, please put away the phone. The life you save could be mine!

Please check out the bulletin boards at the Post for information on upcoming events and other information that you can use.

**Paul Goodwin**

**American Legion Riders Director Post #1084**

## SHOOTING SPORTS

Hi Everyone,

Goodbye 2019...Hello 2020.

I'm sitting here watching the January snow coming down. This tells me winter has finally come to our area. We've been fortunate so far, to be without the typical icy cold frigid days. They are here now.

The Shooting Sports Club got off to a huge start, with the first pistol shoot for 2020 at the Article II range. There were 28 shooters filling all categories. There was .22 rim fire all the way to the 1911 class. There was very impressive accurate shooting going on. You can tell this is going to be an exciting competitive shooting season.

The Practical was a 50/50 program, half shot with a pistol and half with a rifle. It was a good Practical, not too easy, but not extremely difficult. We all made it through.

Post 690's Dave Valentine stood fast for the Practical and made sure his rifle and setup went according to

his plan. Dave's son was home on leave from Israel where he is currently a paratrooper with the Israeli Army. He returned to duty Christmas Eve. We wish Fletcher well and hope to see him soon.

January also brings to mind the birthday of Mr. John Garand, a Canadian/American Engineer and weapons designer. He was the father of the M 1 Garand Rifle. This rifle is as popular today as ever. Countless civilian rifleman, collectors, as well as most American Legion and VFW color guards currently use them.

The club will have its January Meeting on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The election of new officers may proceed, or the current officers will remain to enjoy another year. Our membership is up, even though some members are leaving. We have new members and many returning.

Our founding club past president, Dan Hendrickson has re-

joined the club. Welcome Back. If anyone is interested what the club was like in the good old days, just corner Dan and ask him. It was a far cry from the way things are done today. Without Dan's Leadership there wouldn't be the Shooting Club of Post 1084 that we are today. Thanks Dan.

We are hoping for the best in 2020 and if possible outdoor shoots every weekend. We are relying on Mother Nature. Get ready to dust those cobwebs off your rifles!

Until next quarter...." Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity." General George S. Patton

**Peter Platt**

**President and Team Cpt  
Post 1084 Shooting Sports**


## Schedule of Events

- FEBRUARY 4TH HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 PM
- FEBRUARY 6TH: EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6:30 PM
- FEBRUARY 11TH LEGION GENERAL MEETING : 7:00 PM
- FEBRUARY 12TH: AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM
- FEBRUARY 18TH SAL MEETING: 7 PM
- FEBRUARY 19TH: LEGION RIDERS 7 PM
- FEBRUARY 22ND: AUXILIARY DINNER DANCE AND KARAOKE 6 PM
- FEBRUARY 25TH SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING 7 PM
- FEBRUARY 28TH: FISH FRYS BEGIN

### LIONS CLUB EVENTS

- February 20th Lions board Meeting
- February 27th: Lions general Meeting

## FEBRUARY 2020

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### SUPERBOWL 2020

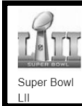
GAME START: 5:30 PM

Sunday February 2nd

Stop up and enjoy the game with your Legion Family.

Appetizers, Desserts and a Meal

You could be lucky. Make sure to buy your raffle tickets.



### Auxiliary Dinner Dance and Karaoke

For 20 Bucks, Enjoy a Roast Beef Dinner with all the fixins on February 22nd starting at 6 PM

We will follow that up with a Silent Auction and a night of Karaoke.

Stop up for a great meal and be a star.



### 2020 FISH FRY's

All you can eat!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1084

344 E. Maple  
Roselle, Illinois



February 28  
March 6, 13, 20, 27  
April 03, 10

Dine In or Carry Out Hours 6 to 8 PM

\$ 10.00 Standard and Carry Outs  
\$ 8.00 Veterans  
\$6.00 Age 5-11  
Under 4 Eat Free

FRIED COD, FRIES, MAC & CHEESE, COLE SLAW, DINNER ROLLS














\*\*\*\*\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS AMERICAN LEGION VETERAN PROGRAMS\*\*\*\*\*

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# MARCH 2020

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## Schedule of Events

### LEGION FAMILY EVENTS

- **MARCH 3RD HOUSE COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM**
- **MARCH 5TH LEGION EXEC MTG: 6:30 PM**
- **MARCH 1ST: STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**
- **MARCH 10TH LEGION MTG: 7:00 PM**
- **MARCH 11TH: AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM**
- **MARCH 17TH: SAINT PATS DAY**
- **MARCH 17TH SAL GENERAL MTG 7 PM**
- **MARCH 18TH LEGION RIDERS MEETING: 7:00 PM**
- **MARCH 24TH SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB MTG. 7 PM**

### LIONS CLUB EVENTS

- **March 19th: board meeting**
- **March 26th General Meeting**

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## MARCH 6th IS STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Thanks for all of your contributions that keep our Post Home Great

Suzie, Ozzie, Bill, Ronda, Chrissy, Bob, Cory and Dave....All of us appreciate what you do.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY OF POST 1084**

## IMPORTANT DAYS IN MARCH

### March

#### Month of the Military Caregiver

During the Month of the Military Caregiver, Americans recognize and honor military caregivers' sacrifices and successes. Learn more...  
LINK - Organizations that support military caregivers

March 3, 2019 - Navy Reserve Birthday

March 5, 2019 - Seabee Birthday

March 10, 2019 - Daylight Saving Time begins

#### March 13, 2019 - K 9 Veterans Day

A national effort to make March 13 K9 Veterans Day. March 13, 1942 is the official birthday of the United States K9 Corps, and so it seems only right to annually honor their service on that date. They served to save, and they deserve to be remembered. Learn more...

March 17, 2019 - St. Patrick's Day

#### March 29, 2019 - Vietnam Veterans Day

A day set aside to show honor and respect to our Vietnam Veterans. Learn more...  
For information outlining the reasons for March 29 to be used as Vietnam Veterans Day, why not to use March 30th and why to remove "Welcome Home" from the name, read this document.



## Schedule of Events





### LEGION FAMILY EVENTS

- **APRIL 7TH: HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 PM**
- **APRIL 8TH: AUX MTG 7 PM**
- **APRIL 9TH LEGION EXECUTIVE MEETING: 6:30**
- **APRIL 10TH: LAST FISH FRY**
- **APRIL 14TH: LEGION MTG 7 PM**
- **APRIL 15TH: RIDER'S MTG 7 PM**
- **APRIL 18TH: LUAU AT 6 PM**
- **APRIL 21ST: SAL MTG 7 PM**
- **APRIL 28TH: SHOOTING SPORTS MTG 7 PM**

### COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS

- **APRIL 16TH LIONS BOARD MTG**
- **APRIL 23RD LIONS GENERAL MTG**

## APRIL 2020

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### FUTURE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Beginning next quarter this newsletter will be sent out by email and posted to our website. The printed copy sent to your home will cease to happen in the interest of managing our organization's resources. We must invest in the Veteran programs consistent with our purpose.

It is very important that we have your current email address. These are managed by the membership chairperson or Adjutant with each club. At the present time, these are the members you should make sure have your current email:

Legion: Mike Fennell; Auxiliary: Joyce Benko; SAL: Mark Melone

**Joe Schalberg; Newsletter Editor**

### RIDERS LUAU APRIL 18TH



#### Shake off the Winter Blues

The Legion Riders are hosting another Fun filled Luau.

Stop up at 6 PM on April 18th for a

Delicious Pig Roast with great music  
And Dancing.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

If you have not already purchased your ticket for our Karaoke Night on Feb 22, better get them now from the bar. For just \$20 per person you will be served a feast of Nancy's famous roast beef dinner, with all the sides and fixings and enjoy a night of fun and entertainment with friends and family. We will have our ever popular silent basket raffle too! This is the Aux fundraiser for the year so please join us.

We are also gearing up for our spring and summer activities, including North Chicago and Poppy Days, always great events for bringing all our members together. Fisher House dinners continue, shout out to the Ostregas for their dedication and leadership.

Throughout all of our events there is a focus on our volunteers and membership. As you

attend events always think about the possibilities of growth. With the recent eligibility revisions Legion and family orgs are more open than ever before, spread the wealth and opportunity of membership.

**Toby Bobbitt**

**Auxiliary President**

## AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS

It's a new year and, believe it or not, graduation ceremonies are right around the corner. As most of you know, the American Legion has had the pleasure to honor and recognize the grade school graduates of our great country since 1930. Each year students are selected from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to receive the American Legion School Award.



This award is highly coveted by the students who are selected by a secret ballot of the students themselves and by the faculty. The choice is made based on qualities of Patriotism, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service. The award itself consists of a certificate and a bronze medallion.

Our Post has been presenting School Awards to students from our community for more than 50 years! This program offers us the opportunity to recognize some terrific young people from Trinity Lutheran, St. Walter, Westfield School, Medinah School, Roselle Middle School, FE Peacock Middle School and Springfield Middle School. We are always looking for new members to present the awards during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. *If you are interested in volunteering* to assist with this program, please contact Paul Goodwin.

**Paul Goodwin**

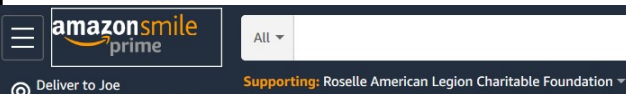
**School Awards Chairmen**

## SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATION

Do you regularly purchase from Amazon?

Did you know you have the opportunity to donate to our Foundation, simply by logging into "Amazon Smile" instead of the standard Amazon site. Once you are there, select the "Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation" as your charity of choice.

Go to :<https://smile.amazon.com>. This is what your browser should look like:



Take the time to make sure you are on the right site. All else is the same except our Foundation getting funds.

**Happy Shopping.**

### Do You Know Whats UP?

## Understanding Veterans Benefits

**Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best!**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Veterans, active duty military plus family & friends. Any one who wants to help veterans get the benefits they earned!

**WHAT WILL I LEARN?** How to identify & locate the many benefits available through the VA as well as how to apply for and receive them.

**WHO WILL TEACH ME?** Experienced Veteran Service Officers who are experts at locating the applicable benefit rules and guiding you through the paperwork. You will learn from the pros!

**WHAT ABOUT FOLLOW UP?** Free pamphlets & booklets and contact information about VA benefits will be available for you to take home!

**Sponsored By**

**WHEN:** 9 May 2020 Sign in & Breakfast 0800 to 0900. Program 0900 to 1500.

**WHERE:** VFW Post 1197, 645 S. River St. Batavia, IL 60510

**COST:** \$20; includes breakfast & lunch

**REGISTRATION:** [www.vetworkshop.org](http://www.vetworkshop.org)

**QUESTIONS:** Call 847-814-2585

**E-MAIL:** [info@vetworkshop.org](mailto:info@vetworkshop.org)

**Pay by Mail** VFW Post 1337  
P.O. Box 24  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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## BOYS AND GIRLS STATE

Do you know a young lady or gentleman who is currently a High School Junior? A natural leader with high moral character and a sense of patriotism that could enjoy and appreciate the experience of a lifetime?

The Roselle American Legion Post 1084 Family would love to sponsor candidates to attend Illinois Girls State (June 21-27, 2020) or Boys State (June 13-19th, 2020) at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Both the Girls State and Boys State programs are sponsored to help youth become more knowledgeable of our government at the State and National levels. Objectives include:

- Developing leadership and pride in American citizens
- Educating citizens about our system of government
- Instilling a greater understanding of American traditions



Stimulating a desire to maintain our democratic government processes within our republic.

If you are interested or know someone who is, please let us know. Comment below or send an IM and we can provide further information.

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-girls-state/> (Girls State)

<http://www.alaigs.org/> (Girls State)

<https://illinoisboysstate.org/> (Boys State)