

Northwest Du Page American Legion Post 1084



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The Legion Eagle

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Post 1084 Update

Since we were mandated to close, we have decided to pay all of our employees through April. The House committee will meet via video conferencing and decide how to proceed going forward. We will explore all our options to take advantage of all state and federal programs to get reimbursed.

The House committee, RALCF and Executive meetings took place as scheduled via video conferencing.

The Legion made a cash donation to the Roselle Food Pantry. As a reminder, all veterans will be served at the Roselle Food pantry. Appointments are required.

The entire post hall has been deep cleaned. The House committee is considering having the kitchen deep cleaned twice a year.

As we stay safe at home, keep in mind that when ordering from Amazon, use Amazon smile and give back to the RALCF.

A new and improved Post web site is almost ready go live. Paul Goodwin has been working long hours to get to the finish line.

When we are able to reopen, we need to do something with our frozen fish. Please send all ideas to Gerry Luptak, our House Committee Chairman.

Ty Cobb

Commander and House Committee Member

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Greetings from my self-isolated socially distant basement. When I wrote my last Newsletter input in January I could not have imagined we would be living this way, trying to stay away from the virus and hoping that someday soon we can return to some semblance of "normalcy". Even so, I have to admit that as an old retired guy at least I'm not out of a job...I just can't go anywhere.

We should all give thanks for the front line fighters against this plague...the doctors, nurses, EMT's, police, and firefighters who are most exposed to infection. We also hope and pray that by the time the next Newsletter issue rolls around we'll be talking about this in the past tense.

Here's a reminder about future Newsletters:

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 so that I can update our roster with current email addresses. Thank you.

Good luck to all, and stay safe!

Mike Fennell

Senior Vice Commander

FROM THE FOXHOLE

Welcome to the Fox Hole:

It's April and all of the Color Guard should be thinking about is practice and how good they are going to look when I Don't have to yell at them .

Not much to report on here as I have been gone for 10 wks and the Legion is closed because someone drank all of the Coronas.

Color Guard order of the Day:

Stand in front of full length mirror and hand salute. Check for proper posture, Heels together, toes at a 45 degrees. Left hand fingers curled like you're holding a roll of nickels along the outer seam of you trousers. Upper right arm parallel to ground, forearm bent so fingers touch your fore-

head just above your right eye brow.

Stay safe and practice this every day along with social distancing (6 ft). Till we can all be together again, remember, be care-full. be safe, be Legion. Color Guard At ease.

Tim O'Neil

The Sarge

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

On behalf of Squadron 1084 we hope you are all staying healthy and safe during this time of uncertainty. It is a difficult time for all. As with the entire Legion Family we will continue to review our options for programs, activities, and services for May, June, or July in accordance with current guidelines from the Governor and Mayor.

Are you doing Buddy Checks? Calling Legion and Legion Family members, friends, neighbors, relatives, to check on their well being? This is a great way to reach out with a simple phone call during this stay at home time. Offering assistance, encouragement, and support to let them know you care and they are not alone.

Are you aware of expanded benefits under the CARES Act you may be eligible for as a business owner or self employed/independent contractor thru the SBA and Illinois Department of Employment Security? Also, are you aware you can check the IRS website for ever changing and updated information regarding stimulus payment status, and also registering for/checking your status to determine legibility, and make any necessary changes to make sure you receive a payment if eligible.

Be good to each other and be safe. I hope to see you all soon.

For God and Country,

Mike Vozar
SAL Commander

AUXILLIARY NEWS

Little did we know that shortly after our Karaoke Night in late February we would be adding new words to our vocabularies, like coronavirus, Covid-19, and social distancing.

Nevertheless, work goes on in the background as we continue to support our veterans and their families. A delivery is being made shortly to Hines Fisher house of needed supplies. While Fisher House is closed to volunteers and families, it is being used to provide a safe place for front line

hospital staff to rest and have a meal. Our Doctors and nurses now do not have to travel home or worry about taking the virus home to their families.

Many of our programs are being cancelled, Girls State is cancelled for this year. Poppy Days will be rescheduled until later in the year. Our elections are of course delayed, and officer installation may take on a new look and feel this year.

So much is still unknown, but at the same time knowing what

our focus is and that our support continues to be needed in our community is something I am grateful for. I have been spending more time on social media keeping in touch with family and friends and once in a while turning off Netflix to make phone calls. I hope you are all doing the same, staying safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Toby Bobbitt

Auxiliary President

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER**How to apply for a Veterans burial allowance**

Find out how to get Veterans burial allowances (sometimes called “Veterans death benefits”) to help cover burial, funeral, and transportation costs.

Can I get allowances to help pay for a Veteran’s burial and funeral costs?

You may be able to get Veterans burial allowances if you’re paying for the burial and funeral costs and you won’t be reimbursed by any other organization, like another government agency or the Veteran’s employer. The requirements listed below must also be true.

One of these relationships or professional roles describes your connection to the Veteran. You’re:

- The Veteran’s surviving spouse (Note: we recognize same-sex marriages), or
- The surviving partner from a legal union (a relationship made formal in a document issued by the state recognizing the union), or
- A surviving child of the Veteran, or
- A parent of the Veteran, or
- The executor or administrator of the Veteran’s estate (someone who officially represents the Veteran)

The Veteran must not have received a dishonorable discharge, and one of these circumstances must be true. The Veteran died:

- As a result of a service-connected disability (a disability related to service), or
- While getting VA care, either at a VA facility or at a facility contracted by VA, or
- While traveling with proper authorization, and at VA expense, either to or from a facility for an examination, or to receive treatment or care, or
- With an original or reopened claim for VA compensation or pension pending at the time of death, if they would’ve been entitled to benefits before the time of death, or
- While receiving VA pension or compensation, or
- While eligible for VA pension or compensation at time of death, but instead received full military retirement or disability pay

Or the Veteran:

- Had been getting a VA pension or compensation when they died, or
- Had chosen to get military retired pay instead of compensation

Note: We’ll also provide an allowance for the cost of transporting a Veteran’s remains for burial in a national cemetery.

You can’t get burial allowances for certain individuals

We don’t provide burial allowances if the individual died:

- On active duty, or
- While serving as a member of Congress, or

While serving a federal prison sentence

Go to <http://www.Va.gov> For electronic forms and additional information.

Pat Hull; Service Officer

LEGION RIDERS

As I suspect you've been reading throughout this newsletter, COVID-19 is really at the forefront of our minds right now. The Post is closed and our regularly scheduled events have all been cancelled or postponed until further notice. These crazy times got me to thinking about the new rules that we've been asked to follow to combat the corona virus, and it occurred to me that riding a motorcycle just might be the solution. Let me list some of the recommendations from our leaders and my somewhat tongue-in-cheek response to each:

1. Avoid crowded places - Ride motorcycles
2. Don't use public transportation - Ride motorcycles
3. Seek out well ventilated spaces - Ride motorcycles
4. Protect your nose and mouth - Ride motorcycles
5. Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - Ride motorcycles
6. Avoid contaminated surfaces - Don't let anyone touch your motorcycle
7. Keep away from people who cough or sneeze - Ride motorcycles

Maintain a positive and prudent attitude - The only way to ride a motorcycle!

Now, a short message from Harley Davidson Motor Company:

"Over the last 117 years in the saddle, we've seen wars, conflicts, depression, epidemics, recession, resistance and revolution. We've watched a thousand hand-wringing pundits disappear in our rear-view mirror. But every time, this country has come out stronger than before. Because chrome and asphalt put distance between you and whatever the world can throw at you. Freedom and wind outlast hard times and the rumble of an engine drowns out all of the spin on the evening news. If 117 years have proved one thing, it's that fear sucks and it doesn't last long. So, screw it...Let's Ride!"

All kidding aside, I can't wait to resume some level of normalcy in our lives and to enjoy the company of you, my Legion family.



START SEEING MOTORCYCLES!



Remember to keep our troops and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Paul Goodwin, Director; American Legion Rider's Post #1084

SHOOTING SPORTS

Hi to all,

These are tough times we are experiencing, for sure. Hope all of you are safe and healthy and out of the grip of this deadly virus going around. I won't dwell on this since I am sure we've all heard enough about it already.

Let's get started on the Shooting Sports News. Our monthly pistol shoots have gotten off to a good start this year. The mild winter kept our shoots filled with lots of quality pistol shooters. With new scoring protocols set in place by our president Bud Hainaultg, our

nights fly by quickly.

All three Legion posts are producing some high scoring shooters, making winning the top spot more difficult than ever before. It can be anyone's night to win it all. Teams 690 as well as 888 have really been hitting it hard with their genuine talent. Post 1084 can still hold on. Greg Hull has been carrying the water for Team 1084 lately. It has been difficult keeping the top spot from 690 while 888 is catching up quickly. We are currently on shut down for April, and won't resume shooting as a group until the all clear is green.

On a very sad note, the recent passing of our dear friend and member Howard Wool has caused the closing of our outdoor rifle facility. At this point, it is uncertain what will happen. If something develops, I'll pass it on to you. We will miss our outdoor rifle events, and having Howie there.

In the meantime, make good use of your free time and isolation at home. Try to exercise, staying in shape, staying healthy and keeping busy.

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Schedule of Events

Meetings on our calendars in this newsletter are placed as if everything opens up. As all of you know, this is probably not likely. When restrictions are relaxed, we will implement legal stipulations and also ensure safety precautions that make sense are in place to keep our members and employees safe.

The Mayor has cancelled public events through the end of June so far. Events that hit home with us being cancelled or rescheduled are:

- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Prime Rib Luncheon in North Chicago ?
- Rose Parade
- Poppy Days will be rescheduled
- Car Show: Potentially July

Stay safe and healthy as well as "In tune. See everyone on the other side of this.

LEGION FAMILY EVENT

- MAY 5TH: HOUSE COMM 630 PM
- MAY 7TH: EXEC MEETING 7 PM
- MAY 10TH: MOTHERS DAY
- MAY 12TH: LEGION MTG 7 PM
- MAY 13TH: AUXILIARY MTG 7 PM
- MAY 16TH: ARMED FORCES DAY
- MAY 19TH: SAL MTG 7 PM
- MAY 20TH: RIDERS MEET 7 PM
- MAY 25TH: MEMORIAL DAY
- MAY 26TH: SHOOTING SPORTS

LIONS CLUB EVENTS

Rose Festival: May 28-30

- May 14th Lions Board Meeting
- May 21st Lions General Meeting

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Boredom is your enemy, don't let it set in. Keep in touch with family and friends via the phone, text or email. Take care of your firearms and do some reloading if you can. Don't give up. Never give up. We fight to the last man. We are Team 1084.

Until next time: "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." —John Quincy Adams

Take care everybody,


Peter W. Platt; Director Shooting Sports Post 1084

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LEGION FAMILY EVENTS

- JUNE 2ND: LEGION HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG: 6:30 PM
- JUNE 4TH: EXECUTIVE MEETING: 630 PM
- JUNE 9TH LEGION MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 10TH: AUX MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 13TH: FLAG DISPOSAL 10 AM
- JUNE 16TH: SAL MEETING: 7:00 PM
- JUNE 17TH LEGION RIDERS MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 23RD SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB
- LIONS CLUB EVENTS
- June 18th: Lions Board Meeting
- June 25th: Lions General Meeting

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SCHOOL AWARDS CHAIRMEN

THIS YEAR'S CEREMONY – UNKNOWN.

As you all know, each year, students are selected from the 8th grade graduating class to receive the American Legion School Award. Regrettably, for the first time in over 50 years of Post 1084 presenting these awards, the current COVID-19 pandemic has put a big question mark on the graduation ceremonies at the schools we are honored to support.

Communications have been sent to senior administrators at each of the middle schools and I await news of their graduation plans. The qualities of Patriotism, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service which this award recognizes will be needed by these young citizens to get us through this crisis and those yet to come.

On a personal level, I am very grateful to the many volunteers who continue to offer their time to make this program such a great success.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

Paul Goodwin

School Awards Chairman

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DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL???

This newsletter was scheduled to just be sent out via email, with no print copy produced. In light of our current situation, your Legion leadership decided to print this one last time. We wanted to reach all of our family, and update them on what's been going on.

To keep getting informed, make sure your membership chairman has your information: Legion: Mike Fennell, SAL: Mark Melone, Auxiliary: Joyce Benko, Stay safe and healthy.

Schedule of Events


LEGION FAMILY EVENTS

- JULY 3RD: CRUISE NIGHTS
- JULY 7TH: HOUSE MTG 6:30 PM
- JULY 8TH AUXILIARY MTG 7 PM
- JULY 9TH EXEC MTG 7 PM
- JULY 14TH LEGION MTG 7 PM
- JULY 15TH: RIDERS MTG 7 PM
- JULY 18TH: N CHICAGO PICNIC
- JULY 21ST: SAL MTG: 7:00 PM
- JULY 28TH SHOOTING SPORTS MTG

COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS

- JULY 16TH LIONS BOARD MTG
- JULY 23RD LIONS GENERAL MTG

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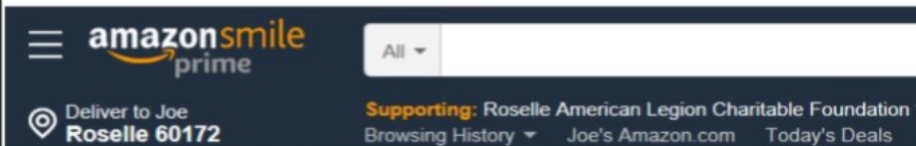
EASY RALCF DONATIONS

Do you regularly purchase from Amazon? Have you been thinking about using Amazon for some of the products you purchase?

There is a way for you to support our foundation, through your regular Amazon Purchases.

All you have to do is switch your browser settings to "Amazon Smile" and select the Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation (RALCF) as your charity of choice.

Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/> Here is what it should look like:



North Chicago Picnic

At this point, our annual event is still scheduled for Sunday July 12th.



With all events currently suspended in all hospitals, we will stay in communication, and advise our members should anything change.

We need volunteers to make this a great event, so put in on your calendar.

Change is a coming and we will soon see what that looks like.

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