## Northwest Du Page American Legion Post 1084





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# The Legion Eagle

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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

We're approaching another busy time at Post 1084. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans concert, Flag Retirement, Hines RCF luncheon & bingo and GTTY fundraising, are all taking place in a 4 day stretch starting November 8<sup>th</sup>. We're also hosting Hines Veterans and families again this Thanksgiving thanks to the Elmhurst Elks, our annual open house will be on December 16 and monthly Fisher House events too!

The Super Bowl and Raffle is right around the corner on Feb 2.

Enclosed you will find an envelope to help support our Gift's to the Yanks effort. The program distributes gifts to hospitalized Veterans throughout the state.

The House committee recently finalized and posted rules of behavior at the post. The list is mostly common sense and common courtesy. We felt that making a formal list was needed.

The RALCF will be meeting at 6 PM Thursday Nov. 7. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting of the RALCF fiscal year. All members are welcome to attend.

Ty Cobb

Commander

## FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

We are entering a busy season for our Post. Some of the "coming attractions" are the Veterans Concert on November 8<sup>th</sup> (get your tickets if you haven't already), the Elks Thanksgiving Dinner for Hines Veterans, the Annual Cocoa Crawl, and the Christmas Open House. These are along with the Hines Bingo events, Bears games, and whatever else I've forgotten.

We're all pretty busy, but I still have to include my Quarterly Membership Reminder...have YOU renewed your Legion Membership for 2020?

Enjoy the Holidays.

Mike Fennell

Senior Vice Commander

### SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATION WITH "AMAZON SMILE"

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:



## GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE

The Gift's to the Yank's Who Gave (GTTY) program is upon us. This year we are fundraising only on Veteran's Day, Monday Nov. 11.

Once again, we're lucky to have student volunteers from LPHS helping us. The locations and times needed are posted on the Legion bulletin board. All funds collected go towards buying comfort items for hospitalized veterans and local assisted living facilities during the Christmas season.

An envelope is also enclosed in the newsletter if you'd like to make a donation. Please make the check out to the RALCF (Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation) and write GTTY on the memo line. Supplies needed for fundraising will be available at the Post on Saturday Nov 9 and Sunday Nov 10.

Thanks for your help

Your Commander
Ty Cobb

## FROM THE SARGE

Welcome to the Foxhole

Another three months come and gone. It's like magic how the months just disappear.

Just finished our first ever post the Colors at the Lynfred Winery 40th yr anniversary Octoberfest celebration. Coming up we have Veterans Day Concert on Friday November 8th, Flag disposal on the 9th, and Thanksgiving Day dinner for Hines Hospital Vets on the 28th.

And that completes our successful year for 2019.

I'm looking forward to great

2020 with the Color Guard.

Until then stay sharp, get Uniforms pressed and cleaned, be on time, be Legion. Hoa!

Tim O'Neil The Sarge

## FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

## On-Base Shopping Eligibility Expands Jan. 1

Beginning in the new year more than 3 million service-connected disabled veterans with VA ratings from zero to 90 percent will be authorized on-base exchange and commissary shopping privileges, as well as access to certain MWR facilities, but you must have a VA-issued Veteran Health Identification Card, or VHIC, to gain access. The VHIC is issued only to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. You can apply online, or in person at your local VA medical facility. Family members of the newly eligible veterans will not be authorized to shop, but will be permitted on-base as guests of the VHIC-carrying veteran. Veterans who do not reside near a military installation can still shop online at the four military exchanges. Search for stores at ShopMyExchange, Marine Corps Exchange, Navy Exchange, and Coast Guard Exchange. Caregivers will be processed differently, initially, since they have no military or VA affiliation. The VA will post a memo to VA.gov for caregivers to be used for access at the front gate, along with a driver's license. This process is expected to transition to a caregiver-type ID card, which will have scanning swipe capability. One hundred percent disabled veterans, their spouses, and eligible dependents already have access because they are issued military identification cards.

Pat Hull

**Service Officer** 



Please come out on Friday November 8th

Lake Park High School West at 7 PM

Door Open at 6

Support our Veteran's Programs by

Sitting in an Auditorium and listening to

"American English" and Joe Cantafio of the

"101st Rock Division Band"

Details on next page......

## FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Greetings,

Squadron 1084 is closing out the year with two special events. We look forward to proudly serving our Annual Beef Brisket Lunch for veterans at North Chicago on Saturday, November 2nd followed by the annual ritual of Philly Ed's Famous Cheesesteak sandwiches starting at Noon on Sunday, November 3rd for the Bears-Eagles game. Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th and we will be assisting with Gifts To The Yanks collections that day. Several SAL volunteers will again be assisting the Elmhurst Elks with their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Post for hospitalized veterans from Hines VA. And of course hope to see everyone at the Post 1084 Holiday Open House on December 16, 2019! Looking ahead into early 2020 the SAL will be holding an indoor bags tournament in February. Date to be announced – watch for it! AND can you believe the first Legion Family Fish Fry of the year is just around the corner on February 28th????? From all of us in Squadron 1084 we wish you and your family a safe, healthy, prosperous, and enjoyable Holiday Season. See you at the Post! For God and Country

Mike Vozar; Commander Squadron #1084

## FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

I find it amazing how fast the days blast by! It won't be long before we have to put out bikes to bed for a long winters nap...but not yet! We still have a few good riding days left and we hope to pull together a group ride or two before the snow starts to fall.

Speaking of rides, in my last newsletter I mentioned that the Annual Veterans Run had been cancelled. Well, au contraire comrades. As it turned out a group of us still got together and conducted a "Fund Run". We all just chipped in a few bucks and headed to Starved Rock State Park. From there we went to the Middle East Conflict Wall in Marseilles. It was a perfect day and we were able to enjoy a day of just riding with friends.

I'm not sure when you'll receive this newsletter but I hope you will (or did) enjoy this year's Trunk or Treat event at the Post. The Riders will have three bikes all decked out for the trick or treaters. In 2018 we gave candy to over 900 attendees! This event gives the Post family a great deal of exposure to the community and gives us a chance to bring in new Legion/Auxiliary/Sons members. Always keep these kinds of events in mind if you're looking for a chance to step in and help.

I hope to see everyone at the Veterans Concert on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Lake Park. I'd love to see this event get sold out! This fundraiser allows us to continue our mission of serving our Nations Veterans. Invite your friends!

Finally, there might still be bikers out there so please keep your eyes and ears open.

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

Paul Goodwin: Director

**American Legion Riders Post 1084** 

## **VETERAN'S BENEFIT CONCERT**

Help support our Veteran's as you enjoy a great concert staring "American English" and featuring Joe Cantafio as the opening act. All this happens on Friday November 8th at Lake Park West starting at 7 PM (Doors open at 6).

All involved are donating their time. So 100% of your ticket price (\$10/\$5 for students) goes to Veteran programs.

Tickets are available NOW at the Post. Make it a family event. We are also offering local businesses the opportunity to act as corporate sponsor by purchasing blocks of tickets (10, 20 or 40) to given to their employees or customers.

Come back to the post after the concert. We're open!

Help your comrades by attending. See you there.

Joe Schalberg; Concert Chair

# Schedule of Events

#### **LEGION FAMILY EVENTS**

- Nov 2nd: SAL Lunch N Chicago
- Nov 4th: Rib Dinner w/Football
- Nov 5th: House Committee 6:30
- Nov 7th: RALCF MEETING 6 PM
- Nov 7th: Exec Mtg 7 PM
- Nov 8th: Vet Concert 7 PM
- Nov 9th Flag disposal 10 AM
- Nov 9th: Hines RCF Lunch & Bin-
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- Nov 12TH: Legion MTG 7 PM
- Nov I3TH: Aux MTG 7 PM
- Nov 19th: SAL Meeting 7 PM
- Nov 20th: Legion Riders 7 PM
- Nov 28TH: THANKSGIVING
- Nov 26th: Shooting Sports
- Nov 30th: Coco Crawl

### • LIONS CLUB EVENT

LIONS COMB MTG: NOV 14TH

# NOVEMBER 2019

THE LEGION EAGLE

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#### Elks

Thanksgiving for the Vets Thanksgiving Day!

BEARS VS. EAGLES SUNDAY November 3rd NOON TILL WE RUN OUT







JOIN US FOR A WILD AFTERNOON OF FOOTBALL AND ED'S FAMOUS PHILLY CHEESE STEAK WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

\*\*\*This is a flex game but we will still start making

\*\*\*Eat in or take home for dinner\*\*\*

\*\*\*DONATION \$ 9.00\*\*\*

\*\*\*Pick up orders welcomed\*\*\*

\*630-894-8524\*

\*\*\*PROCEEDS FOR SAL PROGRAMS\*\*\*

American Legion 344 E. Maple Ave. Roselle

The Sons of The American Legion will be hosting a Dinner at North Chicago Veterans Hospital for fifty Veterans on Saturday November 2, 2019 from 11:30 AM – 1:30PM.

Donations and volunteers are always needed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted at the American Legion and we will be leaving the American Legion Post at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning. Hope to see you there!



#### FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMON

Saturday

November 9th 10 AM



aturday November 24, 2018



Saturday After Thanksgiving

Kick off the holiday season!





Fri, Nov. 8, 2019 at 8:00 AM Add to Calendar

Oral Health Care Professionals, LLC, 2033 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL, 60515

To honor those men and women that have serviced our country, Oral Health Care Professionals will be providing free dental services and consultations to the Veterans of our community as a thank you for their service. All services provided on this day are FREE.

# DECEMBER 2019

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### **LEGION FAMILY EVENTS**

- DEC 3RD: HOUSE COMM MTG: 6:30
- DEC 5TH: EXEC MTG 6:30 PM
- **DEC 8TH: HINES RCF AND BINGO**
- **DEC 10TH: LEGION MTG 7 PM**
- **DEC 11TH: AUX MTG 7 PM**
- DEC 14TH: ARMY NAVY GAME: 2 PM
- **DEC 17TH: SAL MEETING 7 PM**
- **DEC 18TH: LEGION RIDERS MTG 7**

#### LIONS CLUB EVENT

Dec 19th: Lions Comb Mtg

# 2019 Auxiliary Kid's Giving Tree

Help make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need. Please participate by taking an ornament from our giving tree. If you have no time to shop, a \$25 donation will mobilize the Ladies Auxiliary as your Santa Shopper

# Holiday Open House

Join your Legion family and celebrate the

**Holiday Season:** 

Monday December 16th

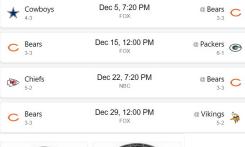
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See you there











# Super Bowl 50/50 Raffle:

Super Bowl 54 will be held on February 2, 2020 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

As tradition, Post 1084 will hold its raffle drawing during half time of the game. The prizes are:

First place: \$1,000.00

Second Place: \$750.00





This raffle is a major fund raiser for the Post. Expenses keep increasing so please purchase as many tickets as you can. There will be winners and one of them may be you. Tickets are \$5 apiece or 6 for \$25. A separate mailing will be made shortly providing you with the tickets.

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- JAN 2ND: RALCF MTG: 6 PM
- JAN 2ND: EXEC LEGION MTG: 7 PM
- Jan 4th: Hines RCF Christmas Party
- JAN 7TH: HOUSE COMMITTEE MTG 630 PM
- JAN 8TH: AUX MEETING 7 PM
- JAN 9TH: EXEC MEETING 6:30 PM
- JAN 14TH: LEGION MTG 7 PM
- JAN 15TH: LEGION RIDERS MTG 7 PM
- JAN 21ST: SAL MEETING 7 PM
- JAN 28TH: SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB MTG

#### **COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS**

- Jan 17th Lions Board Mtg
- Jan 24th Lions General Mtg

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### GET INVOLVED



Your Legion Family Officers and Chair people answered the call to help our organization be as great as it is.

When someone comes a knocking at your door, you owe it to our family to have an open mind.

Most who serve grow into their positions with the help of those who have passed through before.

Don't be afraid to take the lead. You will grow into a leader.

# January 2020

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Third Place: \$500

Fourth Place: \$250



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## **LADIES AUXILLARY**

There's a chill in the air and Auxiliary is already thinking about the holidays! Thanks to everyone that supported our Auxiliary sponsored football game on September 29. The monies collected from the event kicked off our "Kids Giving Tree" efforts which provides gifts to those in need throughout the community. It was a win for everyone, including the Bears! The tree will officially be up by November 20. Please consider taking a gift tag from the tree and help to provide a brighter holiday for those less fortunate.

We'll be "Decking the Hall" on Friday, November 22 at 6 p.m. in preparation for the annual Elks Thanksgiving Dinner and the Christmas holiday. All are welcome to help with this Legion family effort.

Join the Roselle Village, Library and Main Street Merchants for our 4th Annual Cocoa Crawl on Saturday, November 30. Festivities begin at 1 p.m. Our Post (with help from the Roselle Lions) will be one of the stops on the crawl. We will be providing ornament crafts and goodies, as well as delicious kid and adult-friendly cocoa. Check the Village website for more details.

Lastly, on November 10, the American Legion Auxiliary will officially celebrate its 100-year anniversary. In order to continue our mission to serve our Veterans and their Families we must continue to recruit new members. "The Legion Act – Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act" which passed in July of this year has redefined the American Legion's membership eligibility dates. This opens up Auxiliary membership to thousands of American Legion members' spouses, grandmothers, mothers, sisters and direct or adopted female children. In order to continue our mission we must continue to grow. Consider bringing a friend to our next meeting.

Honor the sacrifice of those who serve.

**Toby Bobbitt** 

**President Ladies Auxiliary** 

## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

The fall season is already here! Where did summer go? It seems like that was yesterday!

The indoor shooting is improving. Our newly formed 1911 class has become a big favorite with our veteran shooters. Post 690's Ed Hewson, our former club secretary, nailed 1st place in the first match of this kind. Congratulations to Ed and Post 690 for the win. Ed's teammate and 690's woman's auxiliary leader, Erica Bartnicki, would have nailed the .22 class 1st place crown if not for Pete Platt of Post 1084 out shooting Erica by a few points. Erica has become the best women's shooter we have. Congratulations to Erica!

Our outdoor shoots have suffered from weather setbacks. We are still trying to get something going there.

As we enter October and the year's end, it's time for everybody to think about running for an office in the Shooting Sports Club. Nothing stays the same. Everything can and will change. You don't know what you can contribute to an organization until you try. Give it some thought.

Our meetings are still the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. If anyone is interested in becoming a member feel free to join us. You would be shooting with some of the finest Pistolero's of 4 Legion Posts. Come to a meeting, get acquainted, sign up and start shooting some pistols with us.

"Courage is not the absence of fear. It is the will to face it".

Have a Happy Halloween, a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Very Merry Christmas.

Peter Platt:

**President Shooting Sports** 

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Election of Officers for the 2020/2021 year will be upon us soon.

Put your ideas to life by being part of your organizations leadership.

Know that the steps you take are not alone.

There are plenty of people that served in all the positions there are.

Step up. You'll be glad you did.

Want to learn more????

Talk to one of your current officers or look for this patch

