

Northwest Du Page American Legion Post 1084



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The Legion Eagle

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FROM THE COMMANDER

We are fortunate to have Legion Family members that devote their time to keep our post home in great shape. For this newsletter, I'd like to shed some light on what these members do and increase everyone's understanding of their contributions.

The House committee (HC) is the committee tasked with keeping our property safe, in good repair, paying our bills such as insurance, gas and electric and keeping our equipment in working order. The House committee also oversees hall rentals, employees, makes deposits and reports our financial position monthly.

All committee members are appointed by the Legion Commander. Currently, the Chairman is Gerry Luptak. The other 7 members are Ty Cobb, Ozzie Keen, Pat Hull, George Eiermann, Dave Schiesl, Mary Beth Eiermann and Ed Pottle. The size of the committee is determined by the chairman.

The HC meets monthly, going over tasks that have been completed and tasks that need to be completed. It also looks forward, thinking about what may need replacing or fixing in the coming months (such as repaving the parking lot).

The minutes from the monthly meetings will be posted on the Legion bulletin board so all members can read what the HC has been doing.

It is requested that a member who has a question about anything that falls under the guidelines of the HC please contact any member of the committee so the issue can be properly addressed.

Ty Cobb

Commander and House Committee Member

FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

We are almost to the end of the 2019 Membership Year. We have reached a little over 90 % of our Membership goal.

I have said this before, but it still applies so I'm doing a little "cut and paste":

Maintaining and (hopefully) increasing Membership is crucial to the future of the Legion and our Post specifically. If you know of Veterans in your circle of family, friends, or acquaintances ask them if they are Legion Members and encourage them to look at what the Legion does for Veterans and the community at large. We have a great story to tell, we just have to tell it.

Happy Spring to all Post Family Members! Hope to see you at the Post.

Mike Fennell

Senior Vice Commander

ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS AT THE MAY 7th LEGION MEETING

STILL TIME TO GET NOMINATED FOR POST OFFICE STEP UP AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Hello everybody!

I would like to thank everyone who helped out and supported our 100th year Bunko event. It was very successful. Also would like to thank Cousins Pizza for donating the food.

We are continuing celebrating our 100th year and will be doing a "Drive for Veterans" in June. So please come out and support our veterans by test driving a vehicle in our American Legion parking lot.

For every test drive, Friendly Ford will donate \$20.00. We also will be hosting a picnic in August celebrating our 100th year B-day. Hope to see everyone there.

Gilbert Hernandez

Junior Vice Commander

FROM THE FOXHOLE

The Color Guard is entering the busy time of the year for its Members. We started out with a wake for fellow Comrade Ed Kay. Good buy Ed. We will all miss you. HOA!

Coming up we have opening ceremony for RMsBA, Car show, Memorial Day, Rose Parade, Flag disposal, Cancer Walk. And let's not forget the all important Practice Schedule every Wed and Sat in May. I expect to see a bright

shine on all those new boots. I know you all won't want to disappoint me. Be Carefully, be on time, be Legion. HOA!

Tim O'Neil; The Sarge

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Detachment 1084 looks forward to a busy and enjoyable summer of warm weather service.

Our wonderful partnership with the Auxiliary at the Hines VA Fisher House continues as we help prepare and serve dinner one Sunday each month to veterans and their families.

We look forward to helping with the upcoming Auxiliary Poppy Day collection and Color Guard participation for Memorial Day honors at the Roselle Veterans Memorial. Have you bought a brick yet?

Several SAL members will be assisting with the Flags for Roselle program placing flags around town on Memorial Day, May 27th; Flag Day, June 14th; and Independence Day, July 4th.

We are excited about the upcoming American Legion 100th Anniversary Celebration events planned and await final approval for the Post Queen of Hearts game.

Do you have a family member, neighbor, friend, or coworker who is the son or grandson of a Legion eligible veteran? SAL membership is a wonderful way to honor a relatives service and giving back as a volunteer and supporter of veterans and families, children and youth, and Americanism.

Mike Vozar; SAL Commander

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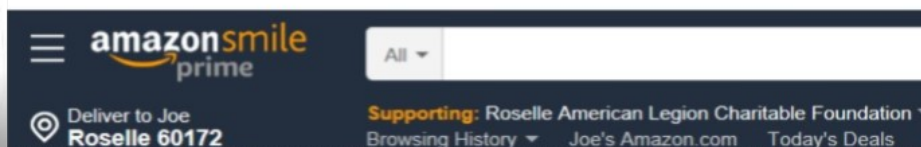


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All you have to do is switch your browser settings to "Amazon Smile" and select the Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation (RALCF) as your charity of choice.

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



AUXILLIARY NEWS

Thanks to everyone that supported our Auxiliary Mardi Gras and our two sponsored Fish Frys. All of these events were hugely successful and will allow us to support even more Veterans programs.

By the time this newsletter is published we will have assisted in another dinner at Fisher House (April 28). These dinners are just one of the ways we support the families of Veterans who are patients at Hines receiving needed surgeries and treatments. These Sunday dinners let their families know that they have the support and compassion of our American Legion family.

On Saturday, May 11, we will be hosting our first Junior Auxiliary meeting. There will be some fun crafts and an opportunity to meet new friends. We encourage our members under 18 years of age to help lead the way in continuing the Auxiliary's legacy of serving

Veterans, Military and their families. Contact Joyb22@att.net if you would like more information.

May 24, 2019 is National Poppy Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our Veterans while protecting our freedoms. Our Auxiliary, with the support of the American Legion family, will be asking for donations to this cause on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25. We'll have volunteers placed throughout Roselle at various businesses that also support Poppy Day and want to honor our Veterans. Please consider signing up for just two hours and help us continue to make a difference. Sign up sheets are on the Legion families' information boards.

Our Legion Family 100 Year Committee is working on our next celebration event along with Friendly Ford on a Drive for Your Community fundraiser. Come join us at the Post on Saturday, June 8 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) to test drive a Ford vehicle, and Friendly Ford will donate \$20 to the Roselle American Legion Charitable Foundation up to \$6,000.

Lastly, at least for this next quarter, our annual North Chicago Veterans Bingo and Picnic will be on Sunday, July 14. Join us and help feed and honor 80 to 100 Veterans. It's a day to give back, a day to pay it forward, a day to say thank you.

Honor the sacrifice of those who serve.

Donna Goodwin

Auxiliary President

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER

Overview of Veterans' Surviving Spouses and Dependents Compensation Eligibility Compensation

The Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) program provides monthly benefits to surviving spouses and dependent children in recognition of the economic loss caused by a Servicemember's death during military service, or by the death of a Veteran as a result of a service-connected disability. VA also pays these benefits to the survivors of a Veteran whose death is not service-connected, but who was rated by VA as being totally disabled due to a service-connected disability for a specified period of time immediately preceding death.

In addition to the DIC program for surviving spouses and dependent children, surviving dependent parents of Servicemembers or Veterans, whose deaths were service-connected, may be eligible for [Parents' DIC](#) if they meet the income requirements.

[Find out if you are eligible](#)

for this tax-free benefit and learn how to apply.

[Learn more](#) about other VA benefits for Veterans' spouses, dependents, and survivors.

Go to <http://www.VA.Gov>

Pat Hull; Service Officer

GIFTS TO THE YANKS WHO GAVE

Are you looking for a way to make a contribution to your post and are concerned about managing the amount of time required in your busy life? Well we have got the position for you.

We are looking for a new chairperson to run this program for our post. This is a once a year commitment, and activities are being streamlined this year. Step up, you will be glad you did.

Del Seaton; Almost Chairmen Emeritus

LEGION RIDERS

It's time for Paul's "Newsletter Weather Rant"! So, it's Sunday, April 14th, and my newsletter is due in tomorrow. Now, while I actually enjoy pulling together the Riders newsletter article, I must admit that I'm having a tough time getting into the right spirit when it's snowing to beat the band today! Enough already!!

By the time you receive this newsletter we'll have just finished our Good Friday Fish Fry and our Annual Luau! I just want to thank everyone that attended and for your continued generosity. Your attendance at these events is what allows us to support the many programs of the American Legion.

Riders are looking forward to a busy season of riding. Weather permitting, we'll start by taking a ride to Channahon, Illinois to the dedication of the Forgotten Warriors Memorial. This memorial was built as a tribute to those Veterans who have served and sacrificed their lives as a direct result of PTSD. We'll also be escorting the Legion on their Annual Prime Rib Luncheon at Hines VA Hospital on May 18th. And, of course, we'll be joining the Ladies Auxiliary on their Annual Picnic at Hines on July 14th. All are encouraged to attend. Sign-up sheets and information about these events can be found on the bulletin boards at the Post.

The Riders Annual Veterans Motorcycle (and car) Run will be taking place on Saturday, August 24th. Please consider joining us on this day of fun and camaraderie with members of supporting Posts.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Once the temperature finally warms up, I'd ask everyone to be on the alert and to share the road with motorcyclists.

Both motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of their surroundings. Checking blind spots, mirrors and using turn signals are necessary when changing lanes and when passing.

Did you know that a person texting while driving is 23 times more likely to get into an accident than a person that's not? Please pledge to turn off your phone before you start your car's engine.



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

Greetings from the Shooting Sports Club of Post 1084.

They said it couldn't be done, but we did it. For the first time in at least 10 years, the clubs recent elections produced a number of new top officers. Bud Hainaultg from Post 888 is taking over the President's duties and Rich Seaman of 690 will be filing in the Vice-President's spot. Our treasurer's job went to 1084's Greg Newlin. Secretary John Schofield stayed on as club secretary for another term. These new appointments give Greg Hull and myself a much needed rest from the clubs political structure. We are both still active members and are tutoring and guiding our new officers along the way.

Meetings are getting more parliamentary under Bud's leadership. He has the knowledge and experience in such affairs and does quite well. Backing up Bud

is Rich Seaman from Team 690. Never the slacker, Rich couldn't turn the job down. It's a good fit. Rich learned a lot over the years from former secretary, Ed Hewson, and catches on quickly. Thanks to all the new and current officers!

With the elections behind us and a new year already in gear, we are moving forward. We held our first Fish Fry on March 29th. According to all reports, it was a big success. Thanks to Ty Cobb for coming to our meeting and asking us if we would do it. We're glad we accepted the job and had plenty of members step up and fill the work roster. Thanks to Pat Hull and Bob Benko for leading us in the right direction with procedures etc. It was a very fun evening for all participants and members, who brought the family to eat and enjoy the show. I would like to thank the post for giving us the opportunity to host and serve one of the seasons Fish Fry's. We will defi-

nitely do one the next time around.

The shooting season has been rolling right along every month at the Article II range in Lombard. We have various shooters get the 1st place crown every month. The shooters are improving. Congratulations to all. Practice makes perfect and it shows. I have tried my best to educate and push the shooters to be the best that they can be. They have learned they can do it. Keep up the good work.

It won't be long before we're heading outdoors for the rifle shoot. With the weather and grounds permitting, we will probably start the season with an AR shoot. Following that we'll have the M1-Garand and M1-Carbine shoot. They are always fun. We're looking forward to an enjoyable summer. (Cont. next page)

Schedule of Events

LEGION FAMILY EVENT

- MAY 7TH: HOUSE COMM 630 PM
- MAY 8TH: AUX MEETING 7 PM
- MAY 9TH: EXEC MEETING 7 PM
- MAY 11TH: RCF AT HINES
- MAY 12TH: MOTHERS DAY
- MAY 14TH: LEGION MTG 7 PM:
ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS
- MAY 15TH: RIDERS MEETING 7 PM
- MAY 18TH: NORTH CHICAGO PRIME
RIB AND POST CLEAN UP
- MAY 21ST: SHOOTING SPORTS
- MAY 24TH—25TH POPPY DAYS
- MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY SER-
VICES
- MAY 29TH: SIP AND SHOP 5:30-8:30
- MAY 30TH: ROSE FESTIVAL BEGINS
- MAY 31ST: 1ST CRUISE NIGHT

LIONS CLUB EVENTS

Rose Festival: May 28-30

- May 16th Lions Board Meeting
- May 23rd Lions General Meeting

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SHOOTING SPORTS (CONT FROM PAGE 4)

Remember: "carrying an empty firearm is about as useful as jumping out of an airplane without a parachute. Both the firearm and the parachute can save your life.

Take care everybody!

Peter W. Platt; Shooting Sports President



NORTH CHICAGO PRIME RIB LUNCHEON AND FELLOWSHIP

**MEET AT POST on the 18th AT 8 AM AND ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON WITH OUR VETS**

2019 POPPY DAYS

May 24th and 25th

*Please support this initiative by col-
lecting and donating*

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES MAY 27th
Roselle Veteran's Memorial

11:00 Start

Join us for coffee at Post 1084 after the Services





















Schedule of Events

LEGION FAMILY EVENTS

- JUNE 1-2ND : ROSE FESTIVAL
- JUNE 2ND: ROSE PARADE
- JUNE 4TH: LEGION HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING: 6:30 PM
- JUNE 6TH: EXECUTIVE MEETING: 7 PM
- JUNE 7TH: CRUISE NIGHTS CONTINUE
- JUNE 8TH: DRIVE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY WITH LEGION & FRIENDLY FORD
- JUNE 8-14: BOYS STATE EASTERN IL UNIV
- JUNE 11TH LEGION MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 12TH: AUX MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 14TH: FLAG DAY; INSTALL FLAGS FOR ROSELLE
- JUNE 15TH: FLAG DISPOSAL 10 AM
- JUNE 15TH: FISHER HOUSE PICNIC
- JUNE 16-22: GIRLS STATE EASTERN IL UNIV
- JUNE 18TH: SAL MEETING: 7:00 PM
- JUNE 19TH LEGION RIDERS MTG 7 PM
- JUNE 25TH SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB
- LIONS CLUB EVENTS
- June 20th: Lions Board Meeting
- June 27th: Lions General Meeting

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SCHOOL AWARDS CHAIRMEN

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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 honor and privilege of recognizing the grade school graduates of our great country since 1930. Each year, students are selected from the 8th 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 winners are chosen 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 over 50 years! This program offers us the opportunity to recognize some terrific young people from Trinity Lutheran, St. Walter, Peacock Middle School, Westfield Middle School, Medinah Middle School, Roselle Middle School and Springwood Middle School. We are always looking for new members to present the awards during the 8th grade graduation. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this program, please contact Paul Goodwin.

Paul Goodwin

School Awards Chairman

847-420-0861



**Flag Disposal June
15th**

Ceremonies: 10:00



2019 Roselle

Lions Rose Festival

May 30th thru June 2nd

Rose Parade

Sunday

June 2nd



Schedule of Events

LEGION FAMILY EVENTS
















JULY 2ND: HOUSE COMM 6:30 PM

- JULY 4TH LEGION EXEC MEETING 7 PM
- JULY 5TH: CRUISE NIGHTS EACH FRI-DAY
- JULY 9TH LEGION MEETING 7 PM
- JULY 10TH AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM
- JULY 13TH: RCF AT HINES
- JULY 13TH: SIP AND STROLL
- JULY 14TH: N CHICAGO PICNIC
- JULY 16TH: SAL MTG: 7:00 PM
- JULY 17TH: LEGION RIDERS MTG
- JULY 23RD SHOOTING SPORTS MTG

COMMUNITY CLUB EVENTS

- JULY 18TH LIONS BOARD MTG
- JULY 25TH LIONS GENERAL MTG

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AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERS

Are your family members involved in your post? Do they know what the eligibility is for the SAL and the Auxiliary? Do they know they can participate in the "Rose Parade" and other important community events as a member?

Information for these organizations is below. Encourage your family to be involved.

SAL and Auxiliary Membership Information

SAL: Eligible males of all ages from birth and up who join the SONS are considered full members. Difference is First year or initial dues for new members 15 years of age or young are \$10 and renewal dues thru age 15 is \$10.

Then Initial dues for 16 years of age and above are \$40 and renewal dues are \$20 for all ages.

Auxiliary: For year 2019 it is \$28 for 18 and above and \$5 for under age 18.

North Chicago Picnic

Come on out and support our Veterans at North Chicago.

Sunday July 14th. Volunteers Needed.



Now Recruiting!

American Legion Auxiliary Juniors, Unit 1084

is looking for new members under the age of 18.

The American Legion Auxiliary encourages young women to lead the way in continuing its legacy of serving Veterans', Military, and their families.

Membership begins with your connection as a daughter, sister, granddaughter or great granddaughter of an American Legion Member or Active Military Member or Veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

Don't miss out on the fun!

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