



Calumet Memorial Post 330 Legion News

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We are in the middle of another successful fish fry season. I would like to thank all of the people that have come out to volunteer their time to help and those that attended the fish dinners to make this event a success.

On May 10 at 7:00 PM we will have a Membership meeting. At this meeting we will recognize all our members that have not been officially installed into our post in the last few years. Please contact us at the Post (708-862-8685) and let us know that you will be attending so we can prepare your certificate. We are continually looking for new members to join our Post or members whose membership has lapsed. If you know anyone, let us know or give them an application.

Our picnic will soon be discussed at our meetings. If you have any ideas or suggestions for activities /games for the adults and children to enjoy the day, call us with them or better yet bring them up at a meeting.

Another Legion year will be ending soon. We encourage our members to consider running for an office and bring in some new ideas. The election will take place at our May meeting. The offices that will be available are: Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Service Officer, and Graves Registrar.

Our annual Poppy drive will be held on May 28 & 29. You are receiving your Poppy in this mailing. We ask that you be as generous as possible for our Vets. If you need more Poppies or would like to volunteer to sell Poppies on either of these days, please call us at the Post.

Plan on joining us on Monday May 30 at 11:00 AM for our Memorial Day tribute to our fallen comrades. It will be held in our South parking lot and in case of bad weather we will move the ceremony into our dining room. There will be a light luncheon served afterwards for all that attend.

Also A congratulations to Veronica DeYoung on becoming our new Jr. Vice Commander.

Ken Bauske - Commander



From the Desk of the Senior Vice Commander

Greetings to all.

I hope everyone has had a safe winter so far. Mother Nature sure gave us a run for our money this year. She sure dumped a lot of snow on us.

The month of February was not a good month for our members. We lost 2 very dear members to all of us. We lost both Marty Brennan and Jon Wasowski. Both members will be greatly missed by all.

The Fish Fry's have started and we sure could use your help. With so much work going into this, you may be required to do more than one job. Please come out and lend a hand. Hope to see everyone there.

In recent months it has come to my attention that we have had members who have become ill or hospitalized. I know from personal experience that when a member has found themselves in that situation, it is an uplifting feeling when they are visited by a fellow legionnaire. I encourage everyone to let us know when this happens. Or if you know of someone who is not able to contact us, please contact us on their behalf. Please contact the Legion either by phone or by e-mail. The Legion phone number is 708-862-8685. Our e-mail address is www.post330secretary@yahoo.com.

The 7-6-7 raffles have started. If you have not turned in your tickets, there is still time to get them in. Also if you know of someone who would like to purchase a ticket, extra tickets are available in the bar and in the office. And remember, you have a chance to win more than once. Winning tickets are put back in for more chances to win again.

If you know of a veteran who is not a member of a Legion Post, I encourage you to invite them to attend a meeting and possibly to join us. We would like to see our membership grow this year.

I would like to encourage all of our members to attend the Executive, Housing and Bar meetings and the General Membership meetings. I encourage you to get involved so we can continue the great service our post provides to its members and associates. All meetings start at 7:00 pm. Refreshments are served by our Auxiliary after the General Membership meetings. Be sure to check the back page for upcoming events.

Joe Fisher - Senior Vice Commander

S.A.L. Update

Spring is here!! Come to the Legion to root on your favorite baseball team or just have good time with friends. We are moving our May meeting to May 15th. It will be the same time. The SAL doesn't want to have our Moms' mad at us. Also please come to the Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30th. Come on out and Remember the Brave Men and Women who gave their lives so we can be FREE. Remember to pay your 2011 dues if you have not. The FISH FRYS ARE HERE. Come out and help. Don't ask what your Legion can do for you, but ask what YOU can do for your Legion. We are still asking for ideas for fundraiser ideas or trips. If you have any ideas, let us know. Look out for information of coming events. I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter, Happy Mother's Day, and Father's Day (Love You Dad), for April May and June. Remember our True American Heroes, Our Veterans.

Ben Brennan - SAL Commander

Auxiliary News

Spring is here finally! Hope you all came through the blizzard okay. I can't wait to get out and work in the yard. Not much is happening with the Auxiliary. A few of us help out at the fish fry's, serving cake and coffee, selling tips, and cleaning up. We can sure use a few extra hands at the fish fry's. The fish fry's are until Good Friday. So if you can spare a couple of hours, come and give us a hand. Hope you all have a great spring and summer. Get well wishes to all the sick members. If you hear of a member that is sick or in the hospital, please let me know. (708-418-1457) or call the post and leave a message with the Post secretary Kelley, or the bartender.

Peggy Dalla Costa, President

Thank You

My dad started coming to the Legion just to relax. He started talking to Dorothy, Jack, Clem, Maryann, and Unk about how to better the Legion. He started to get involved with the Legion and went through the ranks. He was then elected commander a couple of times in a row. The Legion was his second home. He did many great things for OUR Legion. You hear the term LEGION FAMILY, and that is what it was to him. A FAMILY. He gave everything that he could to our Legion to make it run smoothly. He may not have admitted it to anyone, but he did LOVE every minute of it.

To tell you the truth it is very hard for me to walk into the doors here, but I do so because I have to continue what he has started. Like him, I will give my time to our Legion so that it may run as smooth as possible. You will see my mom, brother, and me at every Legion function that we can be at. We do this because we know that this is what my dad would like us to do. We know that he is always going to be looking down on all Legion events, and smile to see us helping out.

On behalf of my family I would like to thank everyone that came to my dad's wake and funeral. I want to thank the Honor Guards for the Post Everlasting and the Flag Folding ceremony. My dad will be missed by all but NEVER FORGOTTEN.

The Family of Past Post Commander Marty Brennan. Linda, Ben, and Tom. The Brennan Family

BY-LAW CHANGES

ARTICLE 3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

VACANCY Add another line to read: Appointments must be printed in the newsletter.

ARTICLE 5 HOUSING COMMITTEE

Section 2: Change the number from eight (8) to six (6) other members. Also delete the three (3) of whom shall be Past Commanders.

Section 4: Change the quorum number from seven (7) to six (6).

Section 8: Delete this section regarding replacement of members.

ARTICLE 7 NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Section 1: Delete two (2) of whom shall be Past Commanders.

ARTICLE 9 COMMITTEES

Section 1: Delete this section that states no committee shall be appointed to serve for a period of more than one (1) year. Other section numbers will be moved up.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

ARTICLE 4

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Section 1: Change Vietnam date from December 22, 1961 to February 28, 1961

Change word Desert Storm to read Gulf War/War On Terrorist

Are Your 2011 Membership Dues Paid???

American Legion Dues are due. Dues for a year are \$30. Contact John Los at adjutant@post330.org or call him at 219-924-7567. If you look at the mailing label on the envelope for this Newsletter and your name is highlighted in yellow your dues may not have been paid. Auxiliary dues for 2011 \$15.

Send them to **Joanne Lentz** at

743 Newell Ave.

Calumet City, IL 60409

S.A.L. Dues Reminder. \$10.00 for 1 year or \$45.00 for a 5 year card. Send your dues to:

SAL Squadron 330

Attention : Membership Chairman Tom Brennan

950 Legion Drive

Calumet City, IL 60409

Graves Registrar - Sam Papa

The following members died since the last issue of the newsletter:

1/11/11 Paul Haneyzewski 1/11/11 Ben Bielski

2/6/11 Marty Brennan 2/19/11 Jan Wasowski

Marty and Jan were very active members of the Honor Guard.

Legion News At Random

April, May and June 2011

Hello to all the blizzard of 2011 survivors!! Wasn't that a spectacular display of Mother Nature's wrath?? We did OK here at Post 330 but it wasn't easy as I'm sure you all will attest to. American Lawn out of Dolton did an amazing job of keeping the snow under control. And I have a few people to thank later on in this newsletter for lending a hand.

Let's start out with our second quarter birthday wishes. First on the list is our bartender, Veronica DeYoung, then the ageless John Fliter, our maintenance man Ronnie Belk, Past Commander Frank Opiola, all around guy Steve Sikorski, Carly Majszak, Past President Peggy DallaCosta, Jack Holata, former secretary Mary LaRoche, Judy McGill, always there girl Judy Wojo, Jack Kumps and his son Spike, and finance officer Roland Kwasny. Best wishes for a happy day and many more.

At this time I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Marty Brennan. Marty passed away on February 6th for those of you that didn't know. He was a wonderful person and a great commander of this Post. His presence will be deeply missed by all of us. We also would like to send condolences to Bill Baker on the loss of his wife, Carol. It's a hard time for both families, so offer up a prayer when you can.

Get well wishes go out to Past Commander Frank Opiola. Frank is recuperating from a recent surgery and our best thoughts go out to him for a speedy recovery. We miss him!!

Got a note from Mary Kucia telling us how her dad, Harry J. Baranowski, enjoys our newsletter. Harry had quite a recovery for 10 months following knee surgery. We wish you all the best, Harry...

We have some people to thank for work done over and above the call of duty!! I would like to thank SAL guys Gary Belk and Tom Brennan, the brothers Sikorski (Steve and John) father and son Gino and Matt Majszak, Ronnie Belk and Kelley Hansen. These folks rose to the occasion recently during the storm and for some Legion projects that have been completed. Volunteers are what makes this place work so hurray for all of you.

As all of you know, our annual fish fry season is in full swing and going strong. Julie and I would like to thank all the people that come out every Friday rain or shine, we have such a wonderful crew of folks that volunteer and our customers are the best. Try to make it if you can. The last one is on Good Friday, April 22. The food is good and so is the fellowship. See you there!!!

See the rest of the newsletter for upcoming events... The SAL will pick up the fish fry's on May 27th and carry through until October. So stop in during the summer for dinner.

We would like to wish everyone a happy mother's day and father's day. Especially to the moms and dads that cannot be with their families because they are serving to make the world a better place.

All of us at Post 330, the officers, staff and employees would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Easter season. Please offer a quick prayer for all the men and women serving in the Armed Forces everywhere. So, until next time, get ready for some warm weather, baseball games and summer activities. See you in July....

Respectfully submitted by: Tiger Majszak

Calumet Memorial Post 330 Calendar of Events

April 2011

5th - Housing Board Meeting 7 pm
7th - Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
10th - S.A.L. Meeting 3 pm
12th - General Membership 7 pm
22nd - Final Lenten Fish Fry!!! 4-7 pm

May 2011

3rd - Housing Board Meeting 7pm
5th - Executive Board Meeting 7pm
10th - General Member/Elections 7pm
22nd - S.A.L. Meeting 3pm
26th - 8th Dist Memorial Service 8pm
27th - SAL Fish Fry 4-7pm
28th-29th- Poppy Drive
30th - Memorial Day Ceremony 11am

June 2011

4th - 1st Division Con 8am-2pm
7th - Housing Board Meeting 7pm
9rd - Executive Board Meeting 7pm
12th - S.A.L. Meeting 3pm
14th - General Membership 7pm
24th - SAL Fish Fry!!!!!! 4-7pm

July 2011

5th - Housing Board Meeting 7pm
7th - Executive Board Meeting 7pm
10th - S.A.L. Meeting 3pm
12th - General Membership 7pm
29th - SAL Fish Fry!!! 4-7pm