



AMERICAN LEGION POST 1983 NEWSLETTER



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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The June meeting, as well as this year's Installation Of Officers, will be held on June 16th and will begin promptly at 7:30 PM at the barn. Directly following the Installation of Officers, we will be having dinner at **Riccardo's Pizzeria in Schaumburg**. Riccardo's is located at the intersection of Wise Rd and Roselle Road. There will be no cost to our Post members or their guest this year.

Officers for the 2011-2012 Year are as follows:

- Commander - Todd Grischow Email: Tgrischow@gmail.com Phone: (847) 310-0209
- Sr. Vice Commander - Tom Conaway Email: Tcon394158@aol.com Phone: (847) 884-0844
- Jr. Vice Commander - Tom Zasadil Email: Hunterz4@hotmail.com Phone: (847) 843-0451
- Adjutant - Dick AmRhein Email: Raar35@gmail.com Phone: (847) 895-0036
- Sgt. Of Arms - Bill Greiner Phone: (630) 830-0645
- Finance Officer - Augie Greidanus Email: Augiehooff@comcast.net Phone: (847) 884-7910
- Service Officer **(Open) - Please contact Todd Grischow if you are interested.**
- Chaplain - Les Montag Email: Les48slick@aol.com
- Assistant Chaplain – Pete Justen Email: Just10ins@wowway.com Phone: (847)490-9175

Officers will be installed by Les Montag, Past Commander of the 9th District, as well as our Post.

MEMBERSHIP

This year, our post has finished with over 100% of our membership goal! Thank you to Bill Greiner and Steve Daszkiewicz for contacting our unpaid members, which helped our post reach our yearly goal. This year, our post gained 5 new members and 12 transfers. July 1st will start the 2011-2012 fiscal membership year.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

Our post is proud to announce Athena Saldanha who was sponsored by our post won the Illinois State Oratorical Contest, and advanced to the National Contest in Indianapolis. Our post also sponsored Maximilian Kwiatkowski as well. Thanks to Tom Nanna for two outstanding Oratorical participants.

WEBSITE

Our post has a website that is updated on a regular basis. Our website can be found at: **www.SchaumburgPost1983.com**. To reduce our mailing cost, please email Todd Grischow at Tgrischow@gmail.com with your email address to be added to our electronic Newsletter list. We will continue to mail our Newsletters to those without email addresses.

POPPY DAYS

Special thanks to Les Montag, who coordinated our Poppy Days during Memorial Day weekend. This collection allows us to make a large donation to the hospitalized veterans at Hines VA Hospital and North Chicago VA Hospital. Our Post would also like to thank all of our members who took part in helping collect money on Memorial Day Weekend. We had 12 of our members collecting donations that weekend.

COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard is always looking for members to join their ranks. The Color Guard is used during our monthly posting of Colors at the Hoffman Estates Veteran Memorial, which takes place on the second Sunday of each month at 1 PM. Our Color Guard can also be seen during the Hoffman Estates 4th of July Parade and the Schaumburg Septemberfest Parade, which takes place during Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in joining our Color Guard, please contact Bill Greiner at (630) 830-0645.

MEMORIAL DAY

Our post was part of this years Memorial Day event that took place on May 31st at St. Peter's Church in Schaumburg. During the Memorial Day Ceremony, our post helped open the ceremony. We posted the American Flag, followed by carrying our post flag with the military service flags for the wreath laying that took place in the St. Peter's Church Cemetery. We were also represented when Dick AmRhein read General Order #11 during the ceremony. Commander Chuck Linkenheld who was on the Memorial Day committee presented Eagle Scout Candidate, Michael Einig, with an award for raising money to build a Garden of Gratitude at the Hines Veterans Administration Hospital Fisher House.

4TH OF JULY HOT DOG SALE AND PARADE

Our post will be selling Hot Dogs at the Hoffman Estates Craft Fair on Saturday June 25th, and Sunday June 26th. The Craft Fair will be held on the grounds of the NEW Hoffman Estates Police Department. If you are interested in helping with this years Hot Dog Sale, please contact Todd Grischow at (847) 310-0209 or stop by. If you are interested in either marching or riding in a car for the Hoffman Estates 4th of July Parade, please contact Bill Greiner at (630) 830-0645.

SCHOOL AWARDS

Our post continued our tradition of presenting the American Legion Medallions and Certificates to our local Junior High Schools during this year's graduations. The Junior High Award winners were selected on the criteria of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship, and Service. Thank you to the following members who presented the awards this year: Pete Justen, Augie Greidanus, Dick AmRhein, Todd Grischow, Ron Bove, Don Kent, Chuck Linkenheld, and Ron Williams.



Hoffman Estates Veteran's Memorial Wall Color Guard