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JUNE / JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

The past fifteen months have been very trying for our Post due to COVID-19. With several closings and limited capacity, serving as a gathering place for veterans, their families and the community has been interrupted. There seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel with vaccine availability and more and more people taking advantage. More people seem to be coming to the Post, bar business is great, and we've had some rentals for celebrations and more on the horizon. Dare I say that things may be getting back to some semblance of normal. Let's all continue to commit to staying safe and healthy.

On Monday, June 14, the Post will host Flag Day. At 6:00 p.m., our Color Guard will begin the burning of unserviceable flags. After the burning, we'll move inside for the Post Everlasting Ceremony, where we honor our Post's veterans who have passed away in the previous year. I hope you will consider attending this solemn event.

As I noted in the last newsletter, the 4th of July Festival and Parade have been cancelled. While we won't be able to do our largest fundraiser again this year, we will continue to find ways to acknowledge and celebrate this meaning and importance of this date - a symbol of our freedom and unity. We are in the process of planning a BBQ for July 3rd. As details become more available, we will post information on our website and on signage at the Post. Please mark your calendars now so you can be with us.

I strongly encourage you to attend the June 8 meeting at 7:00 p.m. This is the meeting where we vote on new officers for the coming year. The slate of candidates who have been nominated is in this newsletter; however, nominations can also be made from the floor. If you have an interest in serving or know someone who might, please reach out to me so I can personally answer your questions. You can call me at 847-710-7479.

As this is my final newsletter as Commander, I want to take a moment to tell you what my three years of service has meant to me. I realize I have served during a challenging time and missed some of the fun of Commander service like overseeing many of our successful fundraisers, seeing people regularly at meetings and being in the community. Yet, it has been a privilege and honor to serve. And I will continue to do so even if I'm not in the Commander role, especially as a member of the Color Guard, cooking hash browns at the pancake breakfast, serving dinner to recruits and so much more. All these things have brought me such joy. I have been surrounded by amazing other leaders who have guided me and assisted me at all turns in very meaningful ways that made my service more enjoyable and more effective. I can't say thank you enough to the current Post officers, SAL officers and members of the Auxiliary. I know this was a challenging year for all the groups, yet I believe we weathered it with cool perspective, camaraderie and caring.

So, with that I say, consider serving. You won't regret it.

Joe Decaluwe, Commander

Auxiliary President

HELLO EVERYONE.....

Well, this is my last letter from my two-year term as President. It has been a different two years with the Covid and a lot of time away from the Post. We did our best donating and supporting organizations considering we didn't have any fundraisers or Bingo. Maybe in September we will be able to start up again, God willing. The meetings we did have were interesting and fun. I hope you enjoyed having me as your President. I DID. We still purchased ROTC medals for high school seniors, collected canned goods for Community Service, sent get well cards and thinking of you cards for those who couldn't be with us, and thanks to Pat Sienkiewicz for her hard work to get our membership over 100% for the second year in a row. Also, thanks to JoEllen Dobrow and Sue Roberts on an excellent year with our wonderful Juniors. I was completely grateful for all the officers and committees, and their commitment to our Auxiliary. It was greatly appreciated; thanks for making my year worthwhile. We have a new slate of Officers in September. Please come to our meetings and give them the help they deserve. Our Board Meeting will be held in August; all are invited to start the new year off. Thanks again and Gob Bless our Troops and Veterans.

Ernie Pasternak
Auxiliary Unit 208 President

The August/September Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, July 13, 2021
E-Mail Your Articles
(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and flyers in PDF FORMAT please)

to the Newsletter E-Mail Address

NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

A Note from the Sr. Vice Commander . . .

Greetings My Fellow Veterans,

Now that the weather is warmer, please enjoy being outside!

Membership Report

As of May11th, 2021, we have 371 members in the Post. This gives us a 94% renewal rate from 2020.

We had three new members join in April, they are Kyle Orr – Navy (Active Duty), David Puma – Air Force (Retired) and Mari Suzara – Marines (Retired). If you see an unfamiliar face, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our Post.

Just a reminder, July 1st starts the 2022 renewal period. Membership dues are $45.00 per year through December 31st, 2021. As of January 1st, 2022, membership dues increase to $50.00 per year. You can either send a check to the Post or renew online at www.legion.org. Please make your check payable to "American Legion Post 208" and send it to the following address:

Post 208 Membership
c/o Glen Johnson
121 N. Douglas Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

If you have questions regarding your membership, please feel free to email me at ***post208membership@gmail.com*** or call me at 847-253-7419.

Yours in service,

Glen Johnson, Senior Vice-Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER . . . . .

As of the middle of May, since the last newsletter, this pandemic is starting to let up. It has however, taken more lives and I have to report that I have received word that Lamar Brumfield passed away in February and Harry Dimpfl lost his wife on May 1st. (I did not get word on causes or on services.) Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. Upcoming in June we will have a Flag Day Memorial Service to remember Post members who have passed in the last two years at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14th, followed by the Color Guard replacing the flag and a ceremony retiring the worn retired flags that we have received.

I ask again for any updates you may have on members who have passed away or who are seriously ill. May you all stay safe and well.

For God and Country,

Jack Schwar, Post Chaplain
630-542-3528 (phone/text)
Jack.schwar@gmail.com

Prayers for a speedy recovery for Roberta Becker who had surgery on May 6th. Condolences to the family of Past Department President, Wanda Lovely, who passed away on May 5th.

The Auxiliary will be having a Memorial Service during the June meeting to commemorate the Unit members who passed away during the last two years.

I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Lois Kurowski, Auxiliary Chaplain

ELECTION REMINDER

Doing the "Right Thing" when no one is looking…

The next challenge for the Post Membership! On June 8th, 2021, we will elect our next Executive Board and Post Officers. Our Post elections must be used to elect individuals that are going to work for the benefit of all the Post members and not just for the few. Our elections should be used to elect qualified individuals and not just used as a sham popularity contest.

The Post needs honest individuals, with integrity, that will do the ***"Right Thing"*** even when no one is looking! This includes, most importantly, communicating in a timely manner with all Post members. It also includes making decisions for the viability of the Post no matter how unpopular they might be. Knowing and adhering to Post By-Laws is another ***MUST*** do! What the Post does not need is Board Members and/or Officers that get a case of "Butt Hurt" or insult members when they do not like the question's they are being asked about Post business.

Remember, as a Post 208 Member, you have the right to question any Board Member and/or Officer about Post business without regret.

Please remember our Post is a business, and it is in business to support and help Veterans. For our Post to survive, the individuals we are electing to office must do the ***"Right Thing"*** for the Post.

Hope to see you on election night, June 8th.

Yours in service,

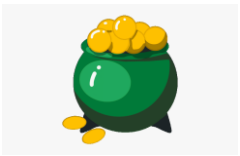
Glen Johnson
Senior Vice-Commander

Congratulations to our Spring Golden Bucks Winners

APRIL

George Montgomery

Lamar Brumfield



MAY

Eugene Forys

Ronald Zaremba

Your Golden Bucks raffle prize is being sent to you via U.S. Mail. **Congratulations!**
Many thanks to everyone who participated in this fundraising effort as the raffle supports your Post and who knows…..you may just be our next lucky winner!
GOOD LUCK!

The annual Election of Post Officers is scheduled to be held at our next **General Membership meeting On Tuesday, June 8th @ 7 p.m.**

The following positions need to be filled:

Commander
Senior Vice
Junior Vice
Judge Advocate
Finance Officer
Chaplain
SGT-at-Arms

Anyone interested in running for any of these positions can be nominated at the June meeting. As of our May meeting, the following nominations were made:

Commander, Dave Roberts
SGT-at-Arms, Nick Paglia
Judge Advocate, Walt Parus
(2) Two-Year Trustees; Bob Conner & Steve Skiber
(2) Three-Year Trustees; Dale Berg & Bill Neilson

We need the help of our members to make Post 208 successful. Please consider running for any one of the above postions as nominations from the floor will be accepted for Board Members and Officers. The experience is very rewarding. If you have any questions, please contact Commander Joe DeCaluwe at 847-710-7479

JUNE, 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 **POC 6pm** **Exec Board 7pm**	**2**	**3** QOH	**4** Karaoke	**5** Div Aux Mtg 11:00-3:30 p.m.
6	**7** USMC 7pm CR	**8** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**9** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**10** QOH **ColorGuard Mtg** **7-9pm**	**11** Karaoke	**12** Rental (VH) Noon-5
13 AA 7:15-9:15 am **Jr Mtg. 11-2p.m**	**14** ***Flag Day*** **Post** **Everlasting 6pm**	**15**	**16** USMC 7:30 VH	**17** QOH	**18** Karaoke	**19**
20 AA 7:15-9:15 am **Happy Father's Day**	**21** Red Cross Blood Drive (VH) 7:30-4:00 pm	**22**	**23**	***24*** QOH	**25** Karaoke	**26**
27 AA 7:15-9:15 am	**28**	**29**	**30**			

JULY, 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 QOH	**2** Karaoke	**3** **BBQ**
4 **Happy 4th of July** AA 7:15-9:15	**5** USMC (CR) 7 pm	**6** **POC 6pm** **Exec Board 7pm**	**7**	**8** QOH **ColorGuard Mtg 7-9 pm**	**9** Karaoke	**10** Rental (V.H.)
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25 AA 7:15-9:15	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29** QOH	**30** Karaoke	**31**

Arlington Remembers

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Arlington's Fallen Heroes

Below are the servicemen who lived in Arlington Heights and who died in the service of our Nation – from the Civil War to Operation Enduring Freedom.

CIVIL WAR

JACOB SIGWALT
US ARMY PVT
KIA DEC 31 1862

WALTER KENNICOTT
US ARMY PVT
DIED OF WOUNDS JUL 15 1863

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

GEORGE R BRAY
US ARMY WAGONER
DIED SEP 3 1898

WORLD WAR I

THEO HEIMSOTH
US ARMY CPL
DIED OCT 10 1918

DAVID H HODGES
US ARMY PFC
DIED NOV 17 1918

WORLD WAR II

RICHARD J ADAM
USAAC CPL
KIA NOV 27 1943

E J ANDERSON JR
USAAC LT
KIA JAN 8 1945

MORRIS BAUGH
US ARMY CPL
KIA DEC 31 1944

NORMAN W BEESE
US NAVY ART2C
KIA NOV 24 1943

ALBERT G BEHRENS
US ARMY PFC
DIED APR 18 1945

WILBERT BEHRENS
USAAC LT
KIA DEC 15 1944

LESTER BENNETT
USAAC LT
KIA MAR 25 1945

FRANKLIN BUBLITZ
USAAC 2LT
KIA FEB 23 1944

AUGUST B BUNCIK
USCG S1C
KIA JUN 6 1944

ADOLPH BUSSE JR
US NAVY AO1C
KIA MAY 1 1945

EDWARD G DEARIE
US ARMY 1LT
KIA AUG 30 1944

JOHN J DEUTSCH
US ARMY SGT
KIA FEB 19 1944

HARRY FREYERMUTH
US ARMY CPL
KIA APR 12 1945

ROBERT R GARDNER
US NAVY AR2C
KIA NOV 25 1944

WILBERT GIESEKE
USMC 1LT
KIA MAR 8 1945

DAVID GOODLET
US NAVY LT
DIED FEB 13 1945

GEORGE F GROSSI
USAAC LT
KIA APR 28 1944

JOHN B HATCH
US ARMY PVT
DIED MAR 28 1943

WARREN J HENKEN
US ARMY CPL
KIA FEB 16 1945

JAMES H KELLOGG
US NAVY EM2C
KIA AUG 24 1944

HOWARD P KREHER
US ARMY PVT
KIA SEP 12 1944

RICHARD F LACINA
USAAC 1LT
DIED JUL 3 1945

THEODORE H MEYER
USAAC SGT
KIA FEB 12 1944

DOUGLAS MILLIGAN
USAAC CPT
DIED NOV 25 1943

JOHN JOACHIM NICKOL
US ARMY PVT
KIA MAY 5 1943

ARTHUR NIEBUHR
US ARMY TSGT
DIED AUG 29 1945

RAYMOND C PETERS
US NAVY WTC
DIED JUL 29 1945

PAUL EDWARD PINGEL
US NAVY F1C
DIED JAN 10 1944

EUGENE M POTTER
USAAC CPT
KIA JUL 7 1944

C W SAMULOVITSCH
US ARMY SSG
KIA SEP 14 1944

LYLE F SCHANE
US ARMY SSG
KIA APR 25 1944

ANTHONY SCOLARO
USAAC SGT
DIED MAY 26 1945

JAMES C SCOTT
US ARMY PFC
KIA OCT 21 1944

MAURICE SHEAHAN
US ARMY SSG
KIA APR 12 1945

JOSEPH J SYOEN
USAAC 2LT
KIA JUN 29 1944

WARREN UMBRIGHT
US NAVY ENS
DIED MAR 11 1942

PAUL W WOOD JR
USAAC LT
KIA JUN 29 1944

KOREAN WAR

F E BLOOMENSHINE
US ARMY 2LT
KIA AUG 25 1950

JOHN MARTIN JR
US ARMY CPL
KIA NOV 28 1950

VIETNAM WAR

ROBERT ERLE BARDACH
US NAVY HC2C
KIA OCT 14 1967

DONALD A CLARBOUR
US ARMY SP4
KIA NOV 6 1969

ROBERT F CONTI
USMC 1LT
KIA NOV 24 1969

HARRY LEE CRAIG
USMC LCPL
KIA MAY 18 1968

WILLIAM DABBERT
US ARMY PFC
KIA JUN 28 1969

SAMMY H HARTZELL
USMC PFC
KIA MAR 11 1966

SCOTT N JACOBSON
US ARMY PVT
DIED FEB 27 1972

DANIEL SCHUEREN
US ARMY CPT
KIA FEB 25 1968

DOUGLAS D VAUGHAN
US NAVY LTJG
KIA MAY 20 1969

OPERATION DESERT SHIELD

BRADLEY SCHULDT
US AIR FORCE CPT
DIED AUG 29 1990

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

WILLIAM NEWGARD
US ARMY PFC PSD
KIA DEC 29 2006

ANDREW K STERN
USMC 1LT
KIA SEP 16 2004

PAUL SYVERSON
US ARMY MAJ
KIA JUN 16 2004

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

JAMES BRAY STACK
USMC LCPL
KIA NOV 10 2010

Memorial Day 2021

Drive By Salute

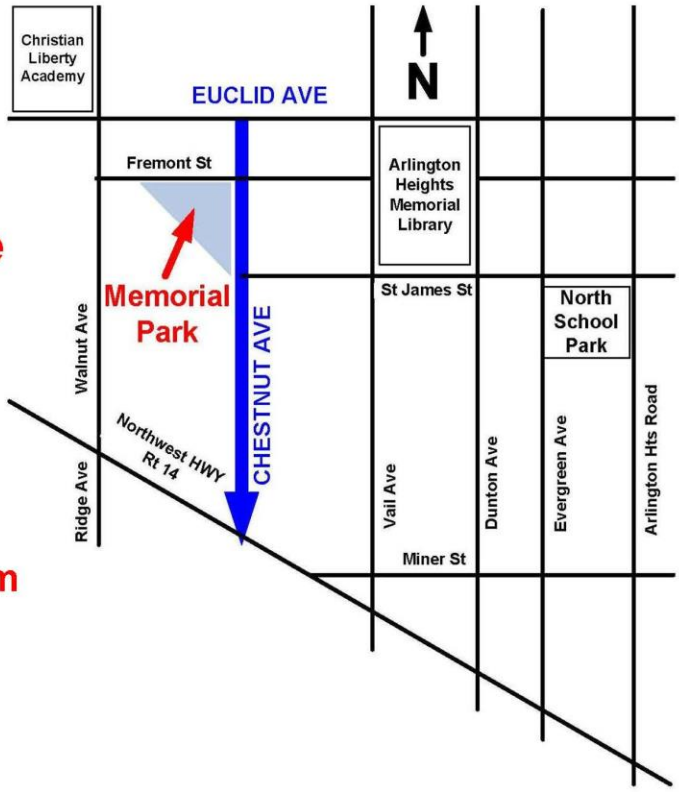
to Our Fallen Heroes & Veterans

Everyone
is Invited to Drive by:

Memorial Park

Chestnut & Fremont
Arlington Heights, Illinois

Monday
May 31, 2021
9 am to 11 am



Directions

Please drive
SOUTH on Chestnut Ave
from Euclid Ave

Questions?

Please email Greg Padovani,
Chairman, Veterans Memorial
Committee greg.padovani@gmail.com

Honor your hero. Be a hero. Donate blood.

American Red Cross

American Legion Post 208 Blood Drive

Main Hall
121 N Douglas Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Monday, June 21, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.
Site/building: none

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

WINNER RECEIVES 40% OF THE JACKPOT

DRAWINGS HELD at 7:00pm on THURSDAY'S
(EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)
TICKET SALES END at 6:45pm

SEE THE BARTENDER OR QUEEN OF HEARTS TICKET SALESPERSON TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND TO REVIEW THE RULES

The
Ninth District Council
Department of
Illinois

Have been getting a lot of calls and emails from veterans and their relatives regarding the COVID vaccine at the VA hospitals.

There also was an article in the Sun-Times today about that topic.

Here is what I know.

LOVELL will contact their patients when appointments are available.

HINES will make appointments only for veterans who are currently enrolled there. Call 708-202-7000 to schedule one. That number is open every day, including weekends, from 8:00 to 4:00.

JESSE BROWN will make appointments only for veterans who are currently enrolled there. Call 312-569-5801 to schedule one. That number is open every day, including weekends, from 8:00 to 4:00. This message is being written on Friday, January 29th, and I have been calling all morning. Only can get a busy signal. So be patient, and if necessary, try on the weekend.

For those of you that ARE NOT ENROLLED in the VA hospital system, you can start that process by calling Health Resource Center 1-877-222-8387, when asked for options press zero for person. For enrollment, press 1.

As I said to so many veterans in the past who may already have private insurance and don't use the VA. Enroll anyway, you many never know down the road, when you may have to use them or get another vaccine for another virus that pops up.

And remember, all veterans are not automatically eligible, depending on various factors, including income sometimes, you may not qualify.

One thing for sure, if you served in Vietnam, have a service-connected condition, or other factors, you are eligible. More details can be obtained at that number!

Stay safe, healthy and GOD bless America and our veterans.

News Flash

Vietnam Veterans of America, May 14, 2021

VA Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MAY 14, 2021

VA to readjudicate Veteran and survivor claims for possible herbicide exposure

WASHINGTON — Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will have their claims automatically readjudicated by VA.

The department began readjudicating claims in April for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War but were denied for one or more herbicide related conditions, on the basis that military service was not performed on the land mass of the Republic of Vietnam or on its inland waterways.

"Readjudication means VA will review the evidence of record and provide replacement decisions in the cases of Veterans who were previously denied service connection benefits," said Acting VA Under Secretary for Benefits Thomas Murphy. "We have the proper resources in place to meet the needs of our Veteran community and will ensure all eligible Veterans' and their survivors' claims are examined thoroughly and fairly."

The review also applies to eligible survivors of deceased Vietnam-era Veterans and is part of the Veterans Benefits Administration's implementation of the Nov. 5, 2020, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California order in Nehmer vs. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, requiring VA to readjudicate previously denied claims. VA will determine if benefits for qualifying disabilities can now be paid retroactively to the date of previously denied claims.

The court's decision requires automatic readjudication in such cases without requiring a new claim, and potentially paying benefits to the survivors or estates of deceased beneficiaries. More information is available regarding VA disability benefits based on Agent Orange exposure.

Source: https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/includes/viewPDF.cfm?id=5672

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families.
www.vva.org

CELEBRATE

June

1	Millie Ewald
2	Ellen Janda
3	Sonja Hill
4	Irene Cohan
6	Bob Conner
7	Paul DuVal
7	Judy Clark
7	Vera Sorensen
7	Kaylee Thurlow
12	Jim Kuhn
13	Clarence Placek
15	Harold Meilahn
15	Chuck Davis
15	Donna Sorci
19	Chuck Leistico
20	Carol Knox
20	Gloria Pfeifer
21	Leo Blankfield
23	Bill Lumpp
24	Carolyn Bolger
24	Gertrude Rateike
25	Deborah Smart
26	Henry Sobieski
30	Lew O'Donnell

July

1	Beverly Borre
1	Genevieve White
3	Mike Smith
4	Dawn Allen
4	Gary Grzelak
6	Barry Blankfield
12	Pat Curley
12	Marion DeVon
12	Jerry Ziobrowski
13	Tony Serigos
15	Jane Heyman
22	George Haupt
22	Anne Woodruff
25	Walt Parus
26	Mary (Cathy) DuVal
27	Bob Ferraro
27	Virginia Tarczon
28	Barb Conner
29	Melissa Gilbertson
31	Dayle Klingler

Please send Birthday and Anniversary additions and corrections to:

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June

3 Leo & Donna Blankfield
9 Robert & Louise Knauber
12 Chuck & Bev Leistico
21 Gary & Lauri Grzelak
25 Harold & Mary Meilhan
30 Dan & Susan Wojcik

July

2 Melvin & Vivian Markson
29 Dan & Maribeth Kaspari

Congratulations everyone!
Here's to many more years of wedded bliss!

Are you interested in receiving a ***FULL COLOR*** version of the Post Newsletter? If so, send an email to the following: NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

We'll send you a digital copy, in PDF format. We will also send you the link for you to download Adobe Reader if needed.

By receiving a digital copy, not only will you be saving trees, you'll also be saving your Post money.

Questions, call Donna Locher at 847-502-1002

Congratulations & Good Luck to the following
2021-2022
Auxiliary Officers-elect

President	Cindy Hall
1st Vice President	Pat Sienkiewicz
2nd Vice President	Sue Roberts
Treasurer	Donna Locher
Historian	Sue Fitzpatrick
Chaplain	Ernie Pasternak
SGT-at-Arms	JoEllen Dobrow

Best of luck to you in the coming year.

A Note from the Newsletter Editor

Greetings everyone, just a reminder, hand-written articles for the Newsletter are no longer being accepted. All Newsletter Articles must be in a digital format, preferably Microsoft Word.

Newsletter Flyers must be created in either Microsoft Word, PowerPoint or PDF format. **JPEG format WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED**. I can assist you if required.

Just a reminder, your **next Newsletter Articles and/or Flyers are due no later than July 13th, 2021**. Please send your Newsletter Articles and/or Flyers to **NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM.**

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS!! THIS IS FOR NEWSLETTER ITEMS ONLY.

Best Regards,

Donna Locher
Newsletter Editor
847-502-1002
NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

A Note from the Website & Facebook Editor

Greetings everyone, if you have something of value that you'd like posted on the Post Website and/or Facebook page, please feel free to send them to me.

If you need assistance creating a flyer, get with me when I'm at the Legion and I'll assist you in getting it created.

If you've created a flyer, please make sure it has a ½ inch bleed (blank) space all around the outer edge.

Please send your Articles and/or Flyers for the Post Website and/or Facebook Page to post208news@yahoo.com.

Best Regards,

Glen Johnson
Website & Facebook Editor
847-253-7419 – Mobile
post208news@yahoo.com

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

JUNE

1	POC Meeting/ Exec Board Meeting
5	Division Auxiliary Meeting
8	Post / Auxiliary Meeting
9	S.A.L. Meeting
10	Color Guard Meeting
13	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting
14	Post Everlasting
20	Father's Day
21	Red Cross Blood Drive

JULY

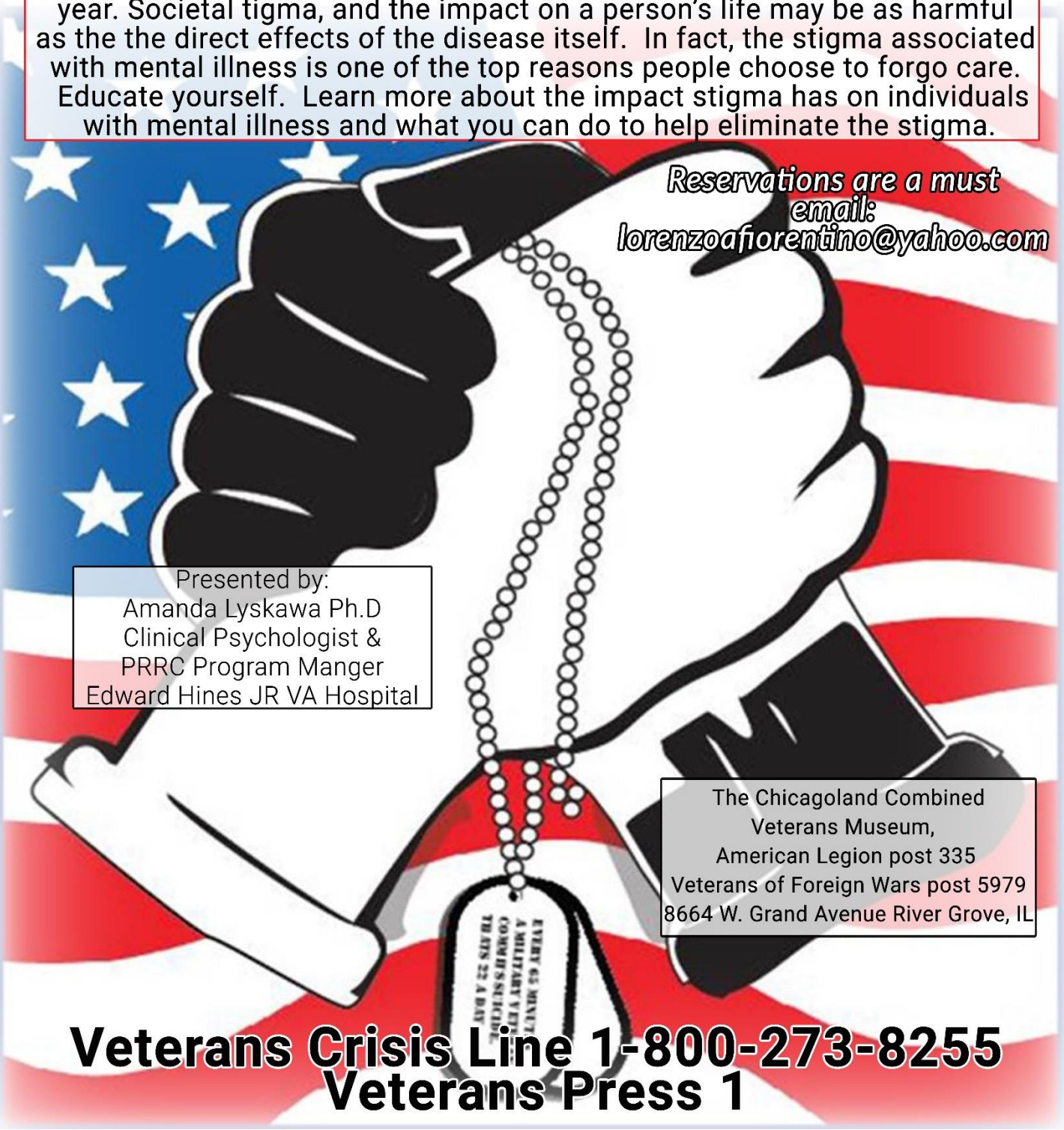
3	Post BBQ Fundraiser
4	Happy 4th of July
6	POC Meeting / Exec Board Meeting
8	Color Guard Meeting
13	Post Meeting
14	S.A.L. Meeting

Combating Stigma Training

Wednesday,June 2, 2021 at 6PM

(light snacks at 5PM)

Do you, a loved one or someone you know struggle with a mental health condition? One in five U.S. adultswill experience a mental illness in any given year. Societal tigma, and the impact on a person's life may be as harmful as the the direct effects of the disease itself. In fact, the stigma associated with mental illness is one of the top reasons people choose to forgo care. Educate yourself. Learn more about the impact stigma has on individuals with mental illness and what you can do to help eliminate the stigma.



Reservations are a must
email:
lorenzoafiorentino@yahoo.com

Presented by:
Amanda Lyskawa Ph.D
Clinical Psychologist &
PRRC Program Manger
Edward Hines JR VA Hospital

The Chicagoland Combined
Veterans Museum,
American Legion post 335
Veterans of Foreign Wars post 5979
8664 W. Grand Avenue River Grove, IL

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255
Veterans Press 1

May 21, 2021

9th District American Legion Family and Friends,

Found in the American Legion Preamble is the clause, "to foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism", that follows, "to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America". At a time when Americanism is under attack with a toxic false narrative of our country, I am pleased to announce that on Thursday June 3rd at 7pm, Illinois Family Institute Field Director Ceasar LeFlore will be presenting, "CRT and It's Marxist Roots", at River Grove Post 335, 8664 Grand Ave., River Grove Il. 60171.

Your attendance at this important Americanism presentation on critical race theory is greatly encouraged. I also want to thank River Grove Post 335 Commander Lorenzo Fiorentino for taking the lead in opening his Post home for this timely discussion.

Please attend this important and enlightening presentation.

FOR GOD and COUNTRY

DALE TIPPETT / COMMANDER

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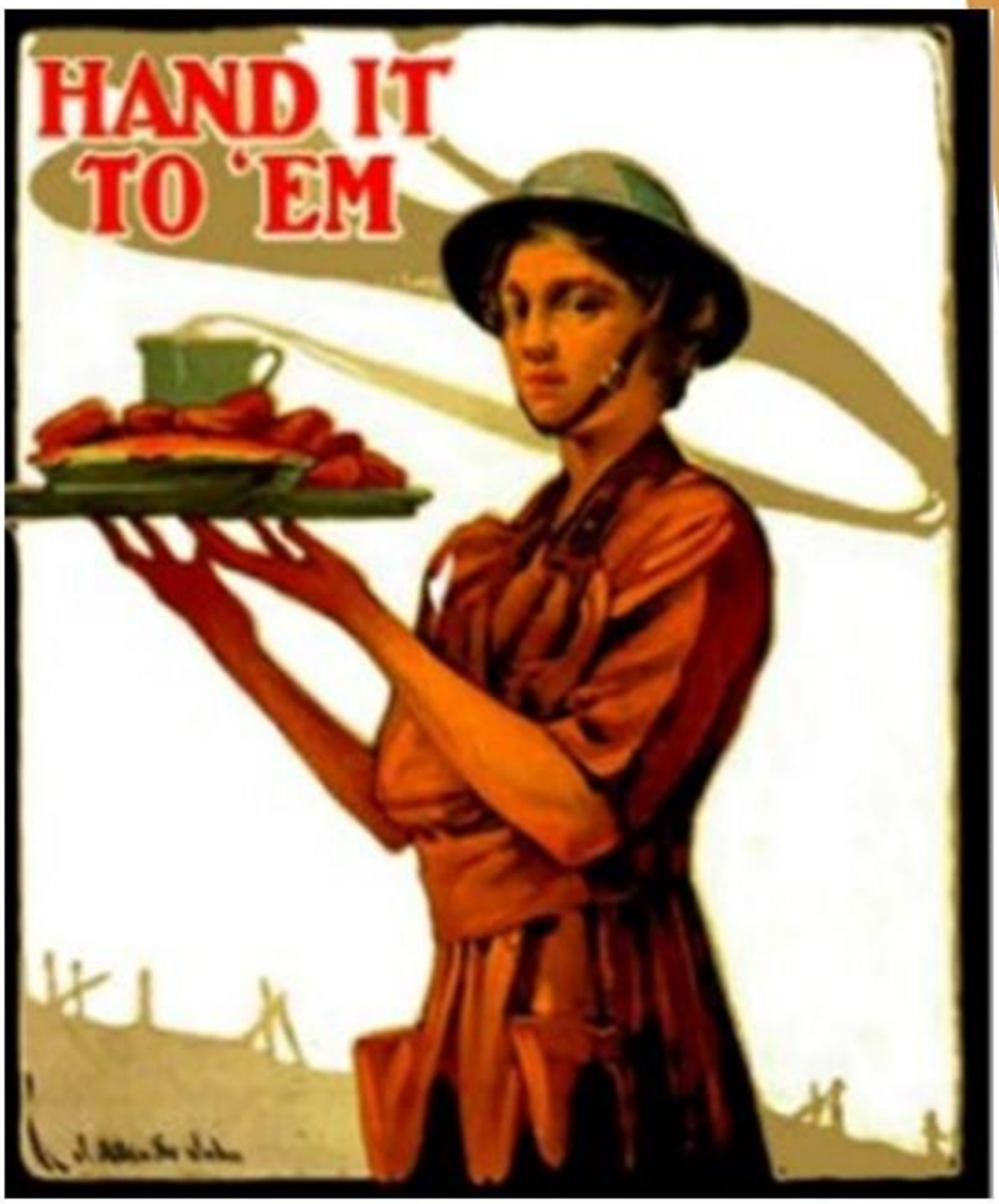
THE AMERICAN LEGION



Friday June 4 2021, 8am-10am
Salvation Army Donut Day

Lassies will distribute donuts to Veterans at our post

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Email lorenzoafiorentino@yahoo.com if you will be attending.

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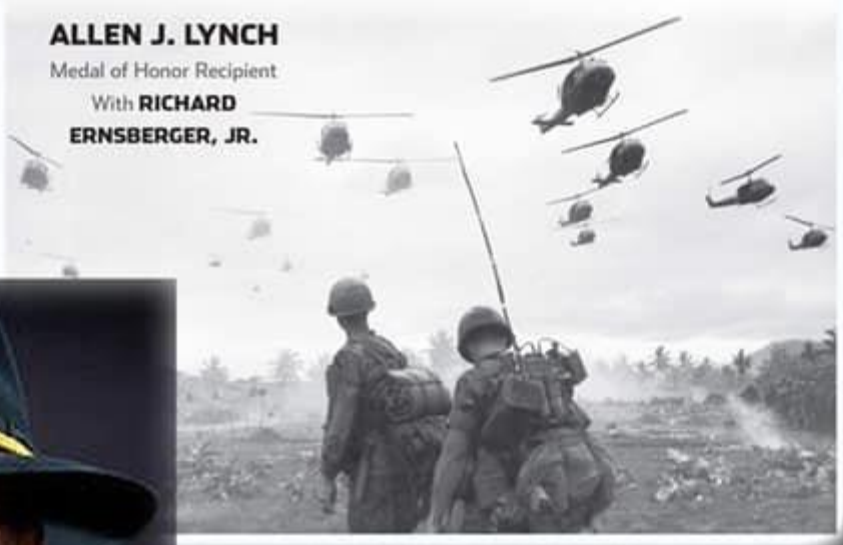

Medal of Honor Recipient 1SG (ret) Allen J. Lynch

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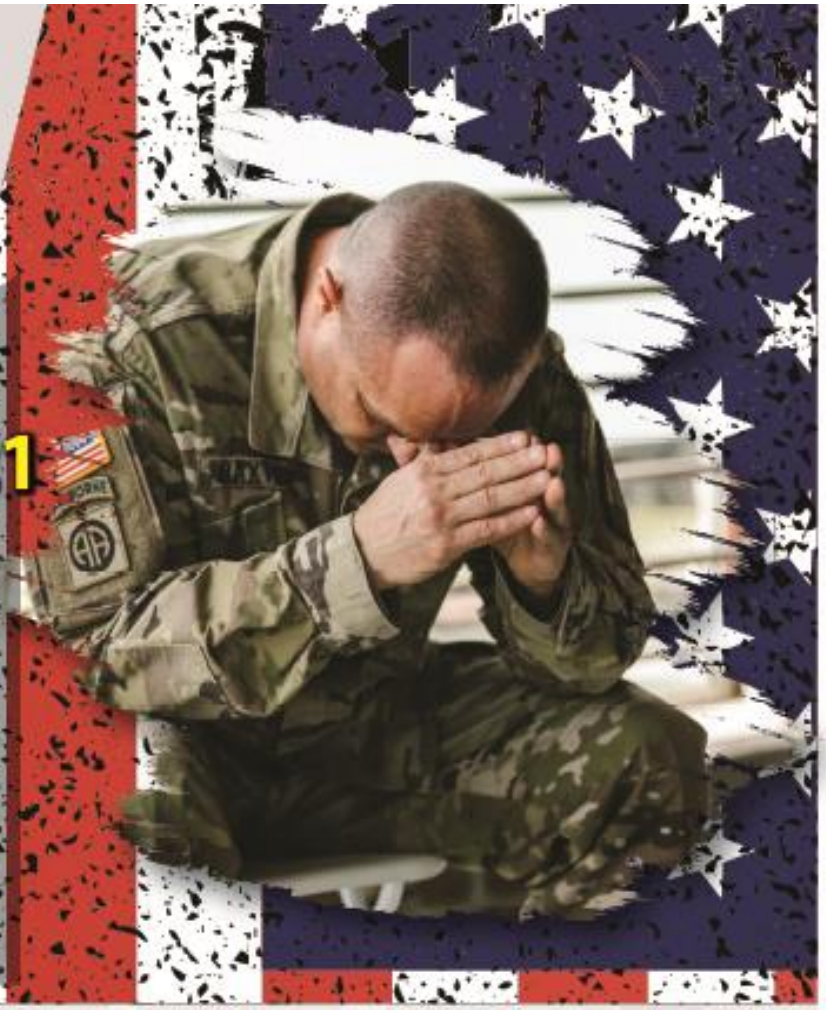
PTSD vs. MORAL INJURY

UNMASKING THE TRUTH



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH,2021

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