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121 N. Douglas Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

December, 2021 / January, 2022 Newsletter

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MERLE GUILD AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
DECEMBER, 2021 / JANUARY, 2022
NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. Since COVID is still around, please take all the proper precautions and stay safe! Speaking of COVID, (and hopefully this Newsletter reaches you before the end of November) Post 208 is working with the Illinois Department of Health and will be hosting two vaccination clinics. The clinic dates are Monday, November 22nd and Monday, December 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Pfizer (two dose) vaccine will be available to anyone who has not been vaccinated, as well as the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson booster vaccine. Please spread the word. Another event being held at the end of November, is the S.A.L.'s Annual Toys for Tots Party that is scheduled for Friday, November 26th. Tickets are available at the bar, but even if you can't attend the event, there are collections boxes at the Post for you to drop off a new toy (no stuffed animals allowed). This event is a great way support the Marines with their yearly efforts to ensure that there are plenty of happy children on Christmas!!!!

I look forward to seeing our members who have signed up to attend our annual Children's Christmas Party scheduled for December 11th. It's always great to see how excited the little ones get when Santa arrives with his bag of goodies!

Congratulations to the S.A.L. for the super turnout at their November Pancake Breakfast. This event is really picking up; they managed to serve breakfast to 216 people. Great job S.A.L. and volunteers!!!! If you missed the November breakfast, don't worry. The December Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th. The Auxiliary will be hosting a Bake Sale that morning as well!

I would also like to acknowledge and extend thanks to Commander Matt and the members of VFW Post 981 for hosting a wonderful pizza, beer and soda night during the Monday Night Bear's Game on November 8 at our Post. VFW now calls Post 208 their home too and are truly becoming part of our Family. In fact, they will be hosting another Pizza Night on Monday, December 20th @ 7:00 p.m. when the Bears go up against the Minnesota Vikings.

On another note, I'm sure you often hear me referring to our Post as a "family". With the passing of our long-time friend and member Ellwood, the support from our Post family and volunteers, and the showing of respect for Ellwood and his family, truly proves what our Post is all about. I have received emails and texts from the Luerssen family and they cannot say enough good things about the people in our Post, the members of our ColorGuard, and the luncheon that was held. Ellwood would be proud!

In closing, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season while spending time with family and friends. And remember, my door is always open to ideas for bettering our Post.

God Bless America!

Jerry Ziobrowski, Commander

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President . . . .

From baking goodies for our Bake Sale at the December Pancake Breakfast to helping at the Post's Children's Christmas Party to hosting a January fundraiser, Auxiliary members will be busy over the next two months. It's wonderful to see so many of our members come to Post events and volunteering for activities to support our veterans and military.

<u>2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary Members National Impact of Service and Support</u>

Volunteer hours serving	
- Veterans & Military	3,037,026
- Youth, Scholarships, Communities	3,378,766
Resources raised and spent on	
- Veterans & Military	$6,076,262
- Youth, Scholarships, Communities	6,892,618

Where do they get these numbers? From Auxiliary Unit reports of members' volunteer hours and donations. Many of you volunteer at the Legion Post for various events or help veterans, military, and family members in other ways. Please be sure and record your time and donations. A member tracking form can be downloaded from the Auxiliary's National website – www.alaforveterans.com – Member Login, Forms, Year End Tracking.

Your time and effort as a valued member of the Auxiliary reflects our mission to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Cindy Hall
Auxiliary Unit 208 President

Every act of kindness spreads peace to the world, love to the heart, and light to us all.

Congratulations to our October & November Winners….

October
William Frelier
Robert Conner

November
Roland Ley
Clarence Placek

Congratulations to all of our winners!
Will you be one of our next winners???
GOOD LUCK!

A Note from the Sr. Vice Commander . . .

The end of the year is just around the corner which means our membership dues will be going up. Check your wallet and look at your American Legion membership card and make sure it says 2022. If not, you need to renew (dues $45) immediately because on January 1, 2022 the dues are going to $50.

You can mail your dues to the post or renew online. If mailing a check, please make your check payable to American Legion Post 208 and send it to:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
Post 208 membership
121 N. Douglas Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Even if you can't find your renewal notice, just fill out the "coupon" below and mail it in with your check.

Remember your dues will help support your Post and your fellow veterans:

Dues paid by Dec 31,2021deadline.	$45.00
Dues paid AFTER Dec 31,2021 deadline.	$50.00

Dues paid online same as above

Joe DeCaluwe
Senior Vice Commander

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Sons of the American Legion

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th
(and Auxiliary Bake Sale)
&

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

9:00 a.m. - Noon

All You Can Eat

**Pancakes, French Toast,
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit,
Coffee, Juice, Milk**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Adults: $10.00
Veterans & Children 12 & Under: $5.00

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Merle Guild American Legion
*2021/2022 UPCOMING EVENTS**

AUGUST

13 Bingo
27 Bingo

SEPTEMBER

6 Labor Day
10 Bingo
24 Bingo
28 Red Cross Blood Drive

OCTOBER

3 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
8 Bingo
10 Pool Tournament Begins
17 ~~Auxiliary Tailgate Party~~ (cancelled)
22 Bingo
24 Pool Tournament
31 Pool Tournament / Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

7 11 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
12 Veteran's Day Ceremony & Luncheon
14 Bingo
21 Pool Tournament
25 Pool Tournament
26 Happy Thanksgiving
28 S.A.L. Toys for Tots Party
Pool Tournament

DECEMBER

5 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
10 Bingo
11 Post Children's Christmas Party
12 Pool Tournament
19 Pool Tournament
25 Merry Christmas
26 Pool Tournament
29 Red Cross Blood Drive

P.O.C. / Executive Board Meeting – Monthly; 1st Tuesday
Post & Auxiliary Meeting – Monthly; 2nd Tuesday
S.A.L. Meeting – Monthly; 2nd Wednesday
Junior Auxiliary Meeting – Monthly, 2nd Sunday
Bingo – Bi-Monthly; 2nd & 4th Friday
Karaoke – Weekly; Friday night
Queen of Hearts Drawing – Weekly; Thursday night

2022

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year
2 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
9 Pool Tournament
14 Bingo
15 Auxiliary Winter Dance
16 Pool Tournament
23 Pool Tournament
28 Bingo
30 Pool Tournament

FEBRUARY

5 Jr. Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner
6 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
11 Bingo
13 S.A.L. Superbowl Party / Pool Tournament
20 Pool Tournament
25 Bingo
27 Pool Tournament

MARCH

6 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
11 Bingo
13 Pool Tournament
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
20 FINAL Pool Tournament
25 Bingo

APRIL

3 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
8 Bingo
17 Happy Easter
22 Bingo
23 Color Guard Spring Fling Dinner/Dance

MAY

8 Happy Mother's Day
S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
13 Bingo
21 Auxiliary Luau Party
27 Bingo
30 Memorial Day Parade & Luncheon

JUNE

10 Bingo
14 Flag Day Ceremony
19 Happy Father's Day
24 Bingo

**All dates subject to change.*
Check the Newsletter and Website for updates and/or changes.

NORTHWEST TOWNS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Jerky for the U.S. Service Troops 2022

Jerky for Troops

Jerky for U.S. Troops is a charity started 17 years ago by a member of the Northwest Town Sportsmen Club, a club of all types of outdoors men. Sponsored by American Legion Post 208, Sons of the American Legion 208, Auxiliary Post 208 and Junior Auxiliary Post 208. The project mission was to collect fresh venison from local hunters and package it safely to ship to troops overseas in harm's way. Over time it has grown tremendously having a record year each year. This year we will have hundreds of pounds of high protein, fresh, free range venison being turned into jerky for the troops, this hits home with troops whether they are sportsmen or just looking for a taste of home.

Adopt a Box

"Adopt a Box" program is a $20 donation (actual shipping cost of an APO box) or more if desired. A donation box will be setup at the Post in December, January and February to collect items to be donated along with the Jerky. We encourage sending a letter or picture of encouragement to our soldiers, letting them know that America is thinking and supporting them.

Item donations and letters for the "Adopt a Box" can be dropped off or mailed to the **American Legion Post 208, 121 N Douglas Ave. Arlington Heights, IL 60004**. Checks should be made out to **NWTSC** mail to Post 208, or **Dale Berg, 702 W Burning Tree Ln, Arlington Heights, Il 60004 or** bring the day of jerky making, or boxing day.

Deer Donations

Shoot a deer and donate the venison, please contact Ron SaLee @ 847-542-5267 or Mark Nimerfroh @ 847-373-0510 for further information.

Any questions please contact **Dale Berg at 847-636-1479 or bergda@comcast.net** Thanks to all.

Schedule of Processing and Packaging

At the American Legion Post 208, Arlington Heights, IL

Volunteers will gather to grind / spice and then lay out the strips in trays to be dehydrated later.

Sunday, February 20, 2022, 11:00 AM

Volunteers will gather to box jerky, donated items and letters that will be sent to the troops.

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 11:00 AM

SERVICE PERSONEL TO RECEIVE VENISON CARE PACKAGE

Person Submitting Service Person: _____

Contact #: _____

Name of Service Person: _____

Address: _____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Please send form & picture if possible of service person.

Email to :

bergda@comcast.net

Or Send to:

Dale Berg
702 W Burning Tree Lane
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

OR

American Legion Post 208
Jerky for the Troops
121 N Douglas Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

JERKY FOR THE TROOPS

SOME SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE SERVICE PERSONNEL

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS:

High quality razors, foot powder, chap stick, dental floss.

FOOD AND SNACKS:

Snacks such as protein bars, granola bars, nuts (roasted peanuts, cashews, almonds etc.), sunflower seeds, fruit snacks, cookies, instant soup mixes, roman noodles.

CANDY AND GUM:

Brand name chewing gum, life saver rolls, hard candy, Swedish fish, skittles individually wrapped licorice, airheads.

POCKET SIZE POWDERED DRINKS:

Propel powder drinks, protein powder drinks, packets hot chocolate, instant coffee, lemonade, energy-C.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ziploc bags (quart/gallon), stationary, envelopes, dice, travel-size games, socks.

CARDS AND LETTERS EXPRESSING YOUR SUPPORT AND THANKS.

PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 208, 121 N DOUGLAS AVE, ARL HTS, IL

Bingo

UPCOMING DATES:

December 10th
&
January 14th & 28th

7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Bingo Games / Special Bingo Games
PROGRESSIVE SPLIT THE POT GAME

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www.arlingtonheightsamericanlegion.org

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL VETERANS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

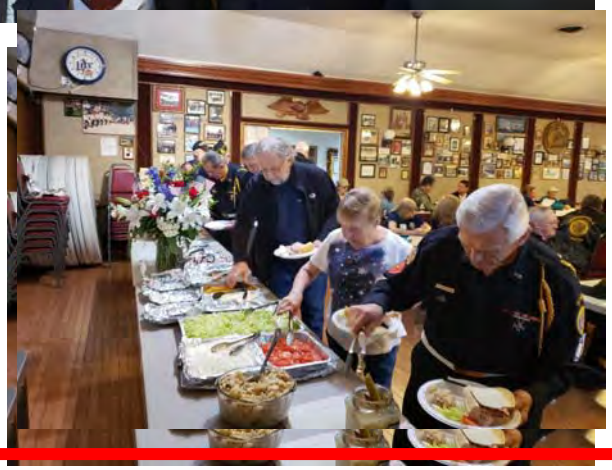
QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

Veterans Day 2021
A Salute To Our Heroes



DECEMBER, 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 VFW 981 (VH)	**2** **Q.O.H.**	**3** **Karaoke (CR)** Rental (VH) 6-11 pm	**4** Rental (CR) 11 4 pm Rental (VH) 6-11 pm
5 AA 7:15-9:15 **Pancake Brkfst** **Pool (Noon)**	**6** USMC 7pm (CR)	**7** **Exec Board 7pm**	**8** **SAL Mtg 7 pm**	**9** **Q.O.H.** **ColorGuard 7pm**	**10** **Bingo** **Karaoke**	**11** **Post Kids Xmas Party-Noon** Rental 6-11(VH)
12 AA 7:15 - 9:15 **Jr. Mtg 11-2 pm** **Pool (Noon)**	**13** **Covid Vaccine Clinic (VH) 10 am - 2 pm**	**14** **Post Mtg (VH)** **Aux Mtg (CR) 7:00 p.m.**	**15** U.S.M.C. (VH) 7:30 p.m.	**16** **Q.O.H.**	**17** **Karaoke**	**18** Rental (VH) 4-9 pm
19 AA 7:15-9:15 **Pool (Noon)**	**20** VFW Bears Game Pizza Party 7 pm	**21**	**22**	***23*** **Q.O.H.** Rental (VH) 4:30-9:30	**24**	**25 Merry Xmas** Post Open 3-9 Rental (VH) 3:30-8:30
26 AA 7:15 - 9:15 **Pool (Noon)**	**27**	**28**	**29** Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30-3:00 VFW 981	**30** **Q.O.H.**	**31**	

JANUARY, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 **POOL LEAGUE EVERY SUNDAY @ NOON**						**1** Happy New Year
2 AA 7:15-9:15 Pancake Breakfast Pool	**3** USMC (CR) 7 pm	**4** **Exec Board 7pm**	**5** VFW 981 (VH) 7 - 9 pm	**6** Q.O.H.	**7** Karaoke	**8**
9 AA 7:15-9:15 Jr. Mtg 11-2 Pool	**10**	**11** **Post Mtg** **Aux Mtg** **7 pm**	**12** **SAL Mtg (VH)** **7 pm**	**13** Q.O.H. **ColorGuard 7 pm**	**14** **Bingo** Karaoke	**15** **Auxiliary Winter Dance**
16 AA 7:15-9:15 Pool	**17**	**18**	**19** USMC (VH) 7:30 p.m.	**20** Q.O.H.	**21** Karaoke	**22**
23 AA 7:15-9:15 Pool	**24**	**25**	**26** VFW 981 (VH) 7 - 9 pm	**27** Q.O.H.	**28** **Bingo** Karaoke	**29**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As of the middle of November, I have more of our members to report as having passed away. We lost John McKevitt, Bruce McIntosh, Bill Nolen, Roger Leistico, on Oct. 13, and on Oct 27, both Ellwood Luerssen and Phil Krueger. May they rest in peace. We will miss them greatly. Many people came back to the Post after Elwood's burial and we had a Celebration of Life in his honor for his dedication to the Post as well as his military service.

On Veterans Day we watched the Colorguard perform flag and rifle salutes; heard comments and encouragements from Mayor Hayes, Greg Padovani and our Commander Jerry, as well as some prayers from yours truly, and enjoyed lunch at the Post.

As always, please let me know if you know or hear of any members passing away or are dealing with severe illness or surgery ,so I can let the others know.

For God and Country,

Chap. Jack Schwar (630) 542-3528, jack.schwar@gmail.com

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

Still need to get vaccinated? Are you due for your Covid Booster Shot?

The Illinois Department of Health held a Covid Vaccination Clinic at the Post on Monday, November 22nd and will be holding another on Monday, December 13th from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!!!!

The two-series Pfizer shot will be administered, and Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson booster shots will be offered.

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

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

Wednesday, December 29
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

Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give June 14-30, we'll send you a $5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see amazon.com/gc-legal. Terms and conditions apply; visit rcblood.org/together.

redcrossblood.org | 1-800 RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 Download the Blood Donor App today!

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ENJOY PLAYING POOL?...

JOIN US AT THE SUNDAY
POOL TOURNAMENT

WEEKLY @ NOON

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A TOP POOL PLAYER TO PARTICIPATE.
WE DRAW CARDS FOR TEAMS AND IT ALL WORKS OUT.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TRACKING WORKSHEET – MEMBER

Use this worksheet to track your monthly service for veterans, military and their families.
Transfer your "Year-End Total" to the Member Year-End Impact Numbers Report for submission to your unit.

NOTE: Use this worksheet to keep track of your service.	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	YEAR-END TOTAL
MY ALA SERVICE FOR VETERANS/ACTIVE-DUTY/RESERVE MILITARY													
Hours I volunteered													
Dollars I personally spent	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Number of veterans/military I assisted													
Number of *"Veterans in Community School"* presentations I facilitated													
MY ALA SERVICE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES													
Hours I volunteered													
Dollars I spent	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Number of military families I served													
MY ALA SERVICE FOR YOUTH													
Hours I volunteered for ALA Girls State													
Hours I volunteered for all other Legion Family youth activities													
Dollars I personally spent on goods for youth activities (i.e. parties,	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
My direct cash aid to help a needy child	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Number of children/youth I served													
Dollars I donated to all other child service charities	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
MY SERVICE REPRESENTING THE ALA IN MY COMMUNITY													
Number of my hours for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above													
Dollars I spent for any service not included in Sections 1-3 above	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$

Find tracking forms for members, units, districts/counties and departments online at www.ALAforVeterans.org under Members Only.

Looking for a hall to hold your Special Event . . .

The Legion has two halls available for rent to celebrate your special occasion.
From Christenings to Weddings
and everything in between,
one of our halls will suit your needs.

We are currently booking dates in 2022, so don't wait.

Contact: Donna Locher, Rental Chairman @ 847-502-1002

A Note from the Auxiliary Historian . . . .

Over the past few years, our Post has been honored by families who have donated military uniforms. These are proudly displayed in glass in our Commander's Room.

Our Post would like to honor our female veterans as well. We would like to add female uniforms to our Commander's Room, in particular, a blue Air Force or white Navy uniform. If anyone would like to donate a uniform, please bring it to the Post.

Thank you!

Sue Fitzpatrick
Unit 208 Historian

Items collected for Stockings For the Troops were delivered to the warehouse of Operation Support Our Troops in Lisle. This organization sends care packages to deployed service members.

We collected snacks, nuts, beef jerky, breakfast and energy bars, Rice Krispie Treats, candy, gum, trail mix, dried fruit, popcorn, storage bags, playing cards, games and puzzle books, shampoos and soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste and more – 12 jumbo bags and 4 boxes – over 300 lbs.

200 Christmas cards were signed, Auxiliary Juniors hand painted ornaments, volunteers sorted and packed items, and helped load and deliver items.

With donations from the Legion, the S.A.L., the Auxiliary & Juniors, and community members we presented Operation Support Our Troops with a check for over $700.

This was truly a Legion Family Project to honor our military and brighten their holidays. Thank you to all who helped in so many ways and made this a success.

Cindy Hall

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

DECEMBER 20, 2021
PARTY STARTS AT 7 PM

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

VFW POST 981 WILL BE BUYING
GARIBALDI'S PIZZA
AT THE LEGION

Garibaldi's®
ITALIAN EATERY
est. 1936
"THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF ITALIAN IN EVERYONE"™

121 N DOUGLAS AVE, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004

Things are finally getting back to normal so...

Save The Date!

Join the Auxiliary for a Dinner/Dance

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Details/tickets at the Legion Bar

in mid-December

Let's start 2022 off right with some

fun and fundraising!

CELEBRATE

December

2 Star Kucic
3 Susan Fitzpatrick
3 Herb Cohan
4 Steve Doerner
9 Kathleen Hansen
9 Alvin Johnson
11 Marsha Serigos
14 Eugene Kaczmarke
18 Jack Metcalf
18 Robert Ptaszek
23 Iona Collignon
23 Marie Depa
29 Stephenie Kowalczyk
29 Kimberlee Goczeski
30 David Roberts
31 Erwin Hagemann

January

1 Vivian Markson
3 Mel Pick
4 Vicki Boven
4 Ed Kuhl
5 Roy Pfeifer
8 Sue Roberts
9 Julie Tillman
11 Carol Rauch
21 Renee Schlenhardt
23 Nikki Kuhl
25 Roberta Becker
25 Brian Somerville
27 Clarice Falat
29 Terri Mares
30 David Roberts
31 Erwin Hagemann

Please send Birthday and Anniversary additions and corrections to:
NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

December

5 Harry & Juanita Kairys
7 Corinne Putwen & Sam
9 Jerrine & Clarence Placek

January

8 David & Joyce Mills
14 Rich & Carolyn Bolger
20 Jim & Corinne Zarno

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

9TH DISTRICT AMERICAN
LEGION AUXILIARY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND RAISER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
9AM – NOON

BACON – EGGS – SAUSAGE - PANCAKES
$7.00 DONATION
ALSO AVAILABLE
BAKE SALE & CHRISTMAS TREATS
HELD AT
FRANKLIN PARK AMERICAN LEGION POST 974
9757 PACIFIC AVENUE
FRANKLIN PARK, IL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
NANCY STEVENS 708-562-4888

Education Report . . . .

Applications for Auxiliary Scholarships are being accepted. They are processed by our Auxiliary Unit. We can sponsor only one applicant for each Department and National Scholarship.

Department of Illinois Scholarships

- *Children and Youth*, Sophomore or Juniors in college, pursuing an Education Degree
- *Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarship*, High School Seniors pursuing a Nursing degree as a full time student.
- *Edna Mae Unfer Nursing Scholarship* – Adults 30 years or older, seeking a career in Nursing
- *Auxiliary Junior Members*, High School Juniors, 3 year Auxiliary members.
- *Ada Mucklestone* , Graduating high school seniors who are children, grand or great-grandchildren of a Veteran.
- *Mildred R. Knoles*, Full-time college students who are Veterans, children, grand or great-grandchildren of a Veteran.

National Scholarships

- *Children of Warriors* – Direct descendant of a veteran, Senior in high school
- *Non-Traditional Student* – Member of Legion family, returning to school or beginning education later in life.
- *Spirit of Youth* – Auxiliary Junior member
- *Junior Member Loyalty* – Junior members who retain membership as Senior members.

For more details on applying contact Cindy Hall, 224-201-4009, cindyskier5139@gmail.com

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ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS . . . .. .

We are putting together a Unit 208 Member Directory in January, 2022. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Cindy Hall for more information.

If you **DO NOT** want your information included (Name, Address, Phone or Email) **YOU MUST** contact either Pat Sienkiewicz or Cindy Hall by **DECEMBER 31, 2021**.

Pat Sienkiewicz, 1st Vice President can be reached @ 847/754-5820 or emailed at sienkiewicz385@comcast.net. Cindy Hall, President can be reached at 221/201-4009 or emailed at cindyskier5139@gmail.com.

Merle Guild American Legion

Post 208

Wishes you and yours

A very Merry Christmas

And a

Happy and Healthy New Year!

The February/March Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
E-Mail Your Articles
(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and flyers in PDF FORMAT please)

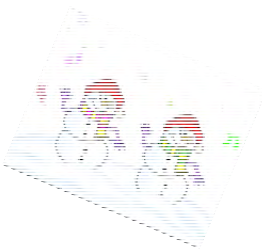
to the Newsletter E-Mail Address

NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER

2 Queen of Hearts
3 Karaoke
5 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast / Pool Tournament
7 Exec Board Meeting
8 9 S.A.. Meeting
10 ColorGuard / Queen of Hearts
11 Bingo / Karaoke
12 Post Children's Christmas Party
13 Junior Meting / Pool Tournament
14 Covid Vaccine Clinid
16 Post Meeting / Auxiliary Meeting
17 Queen of Hearts
19 Karaoke
20 Pool Tournament
23 VFW Bears Game Pizza Party
25 Queen of Hearts
26 Merry Christmas – Post open 3 – 9 pm
29 Pool Tournament
30 Red Cross Blood Drive
Queen of Hearts

JANUARY

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21 Auxiliary Winter Dinner / Dance
23 Pool Tournament
27 Queen of Hearts
28 Karaoke
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