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APRIL/MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I hope everyone is safe and in good health, and I'm sure you're looking forward to the coming of Spring. It seems that the Covid issues have slowed down and hopefully we can get back to a normal life. I would like to thank everyone for your patience, understanding and cooperation during these difficult times. A few weeks ago we had a Post fundraiser with a band (The Difference), and it turned out to be a very entertaining event. It was nice seeing people dancing, singing and laughing again. The band was great and the Post was rockin' that night. A big THANK YOU to the members of "The Difference" for donating their time and talent for all to enjoy. If the proof is in the numbers that things seem to be getting back to normal, the Post is seeing very good attendance at our events; the Pancake Breakfast, the weekly Pool Tournament, bar activity, hall rentals, Bingo, Karaoke, etc. Speaking of Karaoke, we have a new K.J., John (Elvis) Peterson who is doing a great job. Thanks for stepping up John, who just happens to be one of our very own S.A.L. members.

You may recall that Post 208 is sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 286 and our Color Guard once again conducted a class on Flag etiquette for the Scouts that was well received by all. This time it was for the Webelos. Our Post is very fortunate to have an active and professional Color Guard that participates in all types of events.

We are planning more events in the coming months. While the Color Guard had planned on hosting their annual Spring Fling Dance in April, they have rescheduled it for sometime in the fall, BUT the Auxiliary is holding a Luau in May, and don't forget Poppy Day, May 27th & 28th, and Memorial Day are just around the corner. Keep an eye on our website and the details in the newsletter for all our events.

On a sad note, our Post loss two of our WWII veterans in February, both who were outstanding men and active Post members. Ed Landow and Jack Metcalf. They were friends to everyone and will be missed by all of us. In closing, Spring is almost here and Summer is around the corner! Before you know it, Festival Days will be upon us! Stay safe and enjoy your family and friends.

God Bless America in these trying times and remember my door is always open for suggestions on making our Post a better place.

Jerry Ziobrowski, Commander

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President . . . .

Hello and Spring Greetings, I hope everyone is ready to enjoy the good weather and all the upcoming events at our Post.

During these last few months of our year, the Auxiliary will be busy with many activities and I hope you can join us as we continue to serve our veterans and military and their families.

- April meeting: Nominations for 2022-2023 Officers
- May meeting: New Member Initiation & Honor Pin Ceremony and Elections
- Bingo – 2nd & 4th Fridays of the Month
- Saturday May 22; Fundraiser Luau Party

I have been working on our Unit's Year End Report and am happy to report some of the programs we were able to support this past fall (September – December):

- Care Packages for Our Troops
- Veterans Exiting Homelessness
- Marines Toys for Tots
- Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- Wheeling Township - Food Pantry and Christmas program
- Wheeling High School R.O.T.C.
- Anderson Animal Shelter

The Ninth District Legion and Auxiliary are hosting a Past Commanders/Presidents Spring Lunch on Sunday May 22, 2022. Everyone is welcome to attend so please see Flyer and Reservation details included in newsletter.

Wishing everyone a Happy Spring and hope to see you soon

Cindy Hall, Auxiliary Unit 208 President

A Note from the Sr. Vice Commander . . .

Hi everyone. We are nearing our year end and want to remind you that if you haven't paid your 2022 dues, you need to get them sent in. Check your wallet and look at your American Legion membership card and make sure it says 2022.

You can mail your dues, of $50.00, 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:

Joe DeCaluwe
Senior Vice Commander

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Phone Number: _____

Join the American Legion Auxilary
for a Night in the Tropics

LUAU PIG ROAST

Saturday, May 21, 2022

4:00 pm Cash Bar

6:00 pm Dinner

Tickets $25.00

Hawaiian Shirt Contest

Raffles

Post 208
121 N. Douglas Ave
Arlington Heights

Proceeds Benefit local Veterans Groups

MEMORIAL DAY & POPPY DAYS 2022

We have been able to secure Friday and Saturday, May 27th & 28th as our annual Poppy Days. You will see our members out over Memorial Day weekend distributing the beautiful red flower that represents our veterans who have given so much to protect our freedom.

There will be sign-up sheets at the Post with approved locations and time slots to distribute poppies. We count on all our members to help distribute poppies, even if it's only for an hour or two. ALL monies collected are used to support our veterans in need.

You are also invited to help with placing flags on the graves of all veterans buried in the Wheeling Township Cemetery in Arlington Heights. The placement of the flags is an annual Memorial Day Weekend event for our Post and we will meet at the cemetery on Sunday, May 29th at 9:30 a.m.. Following the placing of flags, there will be a memorial service led by or Color Guard.

On Memorial Day Monday, a service at Memorial Park in Arlington Heights will take place. (We haven't heard if there are plans for a parade this year). Please mark your calendar for these Memorial Day Weekend events and help honor our veterans. We count on you, our members, to make these events a success.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Jack Schwar, Post Poppy Chairman
Barb Conner, Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

AUXILIARY UNIT 208 ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS INFO……

It's hard to believe that the Unit's Annual Election of Officers is right around the corner. During the March meeting, a Nominating Committee was selected and will be presenting a slate of Officers at our April 12th meeting. The election will be held at our May meeting and nominations from the floor will be taken that evening for anyone who would like to hold an office.

The elected offices include:

President	Chaplain
First Vice President	Historian
Second Vice President	Sergeant at Arms
Treasurer	

If you've ever thought about holding an office for our Unit, now may be the time. It's a great way to honor our veterans, active duty personnel, their families and our community.

If you have any questions or want to throw your hat in the ring, don't hesitate to call me. The Nominating Committee will be meeting VERY SOON!

Donna Locher, Nominating Committee Chairman
847-502-1002

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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.

Our 2022, dates are filling up quickly so don't wait.

Contact: Donna Locher, Rental Chairman at ***post208hallrentals@gmail.com***

Sons of the American Legion

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD
&
SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

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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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hoping this finds you all well. I have to report the passing of active member and past Chaplain for many years, Ed Landow, on February 24th. We accorded Ed military honors at the funeral home and at his burial. Then we lost another WWII veteran, Jack Metcalf, on February 26th. The family will have a memorial for Jack at a later date.

It was nice to see so many individuals turnout at our Post for the Ninth Districts Four Chaplains Memorial service. It was a vey good event.

Plans are underway for Poppy Days. Please look for additional information within this Newsletter.

Please stay well and 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

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Bingo

UPCOMING DATES:

April 8th & 22nd

&

May 13th & 27th

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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PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL VETERANS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

9th District Past Commander's Luncheon

9th District Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Sunday May 22nd, 2022 ~~ Noon to 4 P.M.

Des Plaines Elks Lodge

495 Lee Street

Des Plaines, Illinois

Call Jr. Vice Mark Kwiatkowski **630 – 666 - 6058** or

Vice – President Cindy Hall **224 – 201 - 4009**

for more information

Price: $35.00 per person

Noon ~ cocktail hour~cash bar

1PM ~ Family Style Dinner

Reservations Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Post \ Unit Number: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: $ _____

Do you want to buy a table of 10? ☐ **"X" Here, indicate persons at your table on reverse side**

Make checks payable to Ninth District Council - American Legion

Mail Reservations to:

Ninth District American Legion

P.O. Box 1322 - Park Ridge, IL 60068

Please submit reservations by Monday – May 16, 2022

Cub Scout Pack 286 learns Flag Etiquette from our Color Guard

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Congratulations to our February Golden Bucks Winners….

February

Eric Bergdahl
Kenneth Maschek

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

CELEBRATE

April

1 Seth Ali
2 Gail Hintz
3 Jim Haslem
6 Glen Johnson
7 Joe Decaluwe
8 David Knox
11 Peggy Johnson
13 Nikki Kowalczyk
13 Joyce DeLatour
13 Mildred Schmalz
13 Dian Davis
14 Rich Bolger
14 Carol Kuhl
20 Susan Ferris
26 Susan Cacioppo
26 Joanne Savage

May

5 Gerald Tangney
6 Gary Gaddini
7 Gerald Smith
8 Peggy Gliot
10 Clyde Zunker
11 Lois Hurley
12 Nancy Hoppe
12 Vera Kopkowski
18 Ken Maschek
19 May Magnuson
19 Roland Ley
20 Mary Meilahn
21 Irene Balzan
22 Sue Hoffman
26 Paul Healy
30 Paul Fackler

Please send Birthday and Anniversary additions and corrections to:
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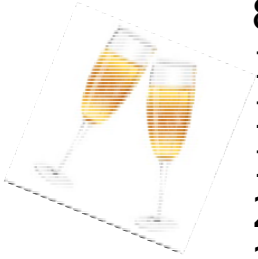
April

4	Dave & Tina Arthur
8	Robert & Jacqueline Ptaszek
8	Ed & Carol Kuhl
12	Erwin & Margaret Hagemann
17	Todd & Sherry Earl
19	Tony & Marsha Serigos
20	Bob & Barbara Conner
24	Tom & Ruth Foglestad
28	Tom & Millie Ewald



May

8	Eugene & Tordis Kaczmarek
27	Mr. & Mrs. John Nicosia
31	David & Carol Knox

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

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING & EVENTS

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

The JUNE / JULY Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, May 10th
E-Mail Your Articles
(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and FLYERS in PDF FORMAT please)

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QUEEN of HEARTS

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

WINNER RECEIVES 50% 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

APRIL, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Karaoke	**2** Rental (VH)
3 AA 7:15-9:15am **SAL Pancake Breakfast**	**4** USMC 7pm (VH) VFW NCAA Pizza Party (CR)	**5** **Exec Board 7pm**	**6** VFW 981 7-10	**7** **Q.O.H.**	**8** **BINGO** Karaoke	**9** Rental (CR)
10 AA 7:15-9:15am **Jr Aux Mtg 11-2**	**11**	**12** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**13** **SAL 7 pm**	**14** **Q.O.H.** **COLOR GUARD 7pm**	**15** Good Friday Karaoke	**16** Rental (VH/CR)
17 AA 7:15-9:15am	**18**	**19**	**20** USMC 7:30	**21** **Q.O.H.**	**22** **BINGO** Karaoke	**23** **COLORGUARD SPRING FLING**
24 AA 7:15-9:15am	**25**	**26**	**27** VFW 981 6:30	**28** **Q.O.H.**	**29** Karaoke	**30**

MAY, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 AA 7:15-9:15am **Jr Aux Mtg 11-2** VFW Dist Mtg(CR) Noon	**2** USMC 7:00 (CR)	**3** **Exec Board 7pm**	**4** VFW 981 7-10	**5** **Q.O.H.**	**6** Karaoke	**7**
8 Mother's Day AA 7:15-9:15am **SAL Pancake Breakfast**	**9**	**10** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**11** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**12** **Q.O.H.** **Color Guard**	**13** **BINGO** Karaoke	**14**
15 AA 7:15-9:15am **Silver Star Presentation 1:00pm**	**16**	**17**	**18** USMC 7:30	**19** **Q.O.H.**	**20** Karaoke	**21** **Auxiliary Luau**
22 AA 7:159:15	**23**	**24**	**25** VFW 981 6:30	**26** **Q.O.H.**	**27** **BINGO** Karaoke ←Poppy Days	**28** →
29 AA 7:15-9:15 am	**30 Memorial Day** Parade & Lunch	**31**				

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

APRIL

1 Karaoke
3 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
4 VFW NCAA Pizza Party
5 Exec Board Meeting
7 Queen of Hearts
9 Bingo / Karaoke
10 Junior Meeting
12 Post Meeting / Auxiliary Meeting
13 S.A.L. Meeting
14 Color Guard Meeting / Queen of Hearts
15 Karaoke
17 Easter
21 Queen of Hearts
22 Bingo / Karaoke
23 ~~Color Guard Spring Fling~~ (cancelled)
28 Queen of Hearts
29 Karaoke

MAY

1 Junior Meeting
3 Exec Board Meeting
5 Queen of Hearts
6 Karaoke
8 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
10 Post Meeting / Auxiliary Meeting
11 S.A.L. Meeting
12 Color Guard Meeting / Queen of Hearts
13 Bingo / Karaoke
19 Queen of Hearts
20 Karaoke
21 Auxiliary Luau Party
26 Queen of Hearts
27 Bingo / Karaoke
27/28 Poppy Days
30 Memorial Day; Parade (tbd) & Lunch

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