MERLE GUILD AMERICAN LEGION POST 208

JUNE/JUY 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hi everyone, summer is just a few weeks away and the weather seems t be stabilizing. It's time to get out of the house and spend time outdoors with family and friends. The month of May was a busy time at our Post. The Auxiliary had a Luau, we participated in the Fallen Heroes event held at North School Park, and the S.A.L. had their last pancake breakfast for the season. Memorial Day weekend is always a busy weekend for the American Legion Family. We hold Poppy Days and rely on our many volunteers to distribute poppies at our local merchants, and proceeds support our veterans in need. Flags are placed on the graves of all veterans at the Wheeling Township Cemetery, and don't forget about the annual Memorial Day Parade. This year our very own member, Steve Nash, will be presented with the Silver Star during the ceremony at Memorial Park after the parade. Steve earned the Silver Star for his heroic actions in the battle of Mozambique, better known as Black Hawk Down.

A big thank you to our Poppy Chairmen, Jack Schwar and Barb Conner for organizing Poppy Days, and to the many volunteers who participated in honoring our veterans not only by distributing poppies, but by placing flags at Wheeling Township Cemetery on the graves of our Veterans we have lost.

Bingo, Queen of Hearts, and hall rentals are all doing great thanks to the volunteers, members, family and friends of our Post who support these activities. And speaking of activities at the Post, the month of July brings our biggest fundraiser of the year to the Post – Festival Days. As you may recall, COVID put a damper on this event as it was cancelled in 2020 and consisted of only a carnival in 2021. This year Festival Days ARE BACK and we need your help to ensure the Post's success. Whether you can sign up to volunteer for one shift or many shifts, your help is very much appreciated. Bring your family and/or friends and make it a team volunteer event. We guarantee you'll enjoy the time spent meeting the many people who visit our Post over this five-day event, not to mention the many Merle Guild family members you'll meet. The Volunteer Sign-Up sheets should be at the Post the first week of June so be sure to stop in and grab a shift or two.

We will be holding the annual election of officers at our July meeting, so be sure to attend and support the officers being elected or throw your hat in the ring if you're interested in being involved in this wonderful organization.

I hope everyone has a safe and healthy summer and that I get to see you at our Post.

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 . . . .

Throughout the year Auxiliary Unit 208 and Junior members have donated their time, talents, financial and other support to events supporting our veterans. Our members have accomplished so much, despite a continued Pandemic. We proudly served the Auxiliary's mission of service for our veterans, military and their families, and our community.

Care packages for our Military Service Members:
- Stockings For Our Troops (Operation Support Our Troops)
- HELP USA Troops
- Jerky for the Troops (Northwest Sportsmen)

Auxiliary and Post 208 Programs
- Emergency Fund
- Girls State
- Veterans Exiting Homelessness (S.A.L.)
- Toys for Tots (S.A.L. and Marines)
- Children's Christmas Party (Legion)

Community and Other
- ROTC at Wheeling High School
- Wheeling Township
- Humane Animal Shelter

It has been a great honor and privilege to have been your Unit President this past year. My thanks to the Officers and Chairmen for their support, hard work and efforts making such a great impact of service for others. Congratulations to our 2022-2023 Unit Officers and wishes for a successful year ahead.

"Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds." – *William J. Clinton*

Cindy Hall, Auxiliary Unit 208 President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I hope this report finds you well. It's my job to report another member has passed. On April 21st Jerry Rauch, an active member and a WWII Army Air Corp veteran, passed away. Many from the Post were able to attend his visitation and funeral. I was also informed that Past Commander Ellen was badly hurt in a fall.

June 14th is Flag Day and I hope you can join me as I lead the Post Everlasting Ceremony. During this ceremony we will transfer in smoke, our members who have passed way during the last year and have gone from our Post to the Everlasting Legion Post. Following Post Everlasting, our Color Guard will replace our Post's flag with military honors. We will then ceremoniously retire the worn out flags collected over the last year. All are encouraged to attend.

We will begin the evening's events at 6:00 p.m. and our regular monthly member meeting will immediately follow.

For God and Country,

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

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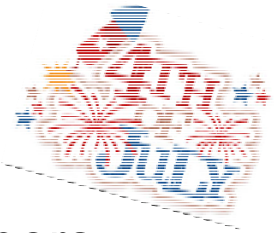
FESTIVAL DAYS, 2022



Thursday, June 30th
thru
Monday, July 4th

Calling all Post, Auxiliary & S.A.L. Members
and all
Family, Friends and Neighbors
of
Post 208

This annual neighborhood festival, also known as Frontier Days, is the Post's largest fundraiser of the year.

We are asking for everyone's help in making this event, once again, a huge success.

Stop by the Legion and sign up for a shift or two….or more.

Join us for our next planning meeting at the Post on Saturday, June 4th @ 10 a.m.

Everyone Welcome!

2022-23 Post 208
Officers & Trustee Nominations

Interested in being an Officer or Trustee?
Submit your name, phone number, and choice of position.

Commander
Sr. Vice Commander
Jr. Vice Commander
Finance Officer
SGT at Arms
Judge Advocate

Fill out a slip and place in the box at the Post prior to the June meeting

Election of Post 208 officers will take place at the June meeting on 6/14/22. At that meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUXILIARY UNIT 208 OFFICERS ELECT.....

The annual election of officers was held at our May meeting, and the Nominating Committee would like to congratulate the Officers Elect for the 2022/2023 year:

President, Lois Kurowski
First Vice President, Pat Sienkiewicz
Second Vice President, Jan Crigler
Treasurer, Donna Locher
Chaplain, Carol Marino
Historian, Sue Fitzpatrick
Sergeant at Arms, April Daskowski

Good luck as you assume your office for the 2022/2023 year. We are confident that your fellow officers and the members of Unit 208 will give you their support.

Unit 208 Nominating Committee
Donna Locher, Chairman
Joellen Dobrow
Lois Kurowski
Carol Marino
Pat Sienkiewicz

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Congratulations to our March, April & May Golden Bucks Winners....

March
Ken Haugsness
Thomas Ewald

April
James Bicknase
Patricia Sienkiewicz

May
Anna May Mann
Gregory Montl

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

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, June 15, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 2:00p.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.

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Bingo

UPCOMING DATES:

June 10th & 24th

&

July 8th & 22nd

7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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

American Legion Post 208
121 N. Douglas Avenue
Arlington Heights
847/253-6632
www.arlingtonheightsamericanlegion.org

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL VETERANS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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 Meilhan
15	Chuck Davis
15	Donna Sorci
19	Chuck Leistico
20	Carol Knox
20	Gloria Pfeifer
21	Leo Blankfield
24	Carolyn Bolger
24	Gertrude Rateike
25	Deborah Smart
26	Henry Sobieski
30	Lew O'Donnell

July

1	1Beverly Borre
3	4Genevieve White
6	Mike Smith
12	Gary Grzelak
12	Barry Blankfield
12	Pat Curley
13	Marion DeVon
15	Jerry Ziobrowski
22	Tony Serigos
22	Jane Heyman
22	George Haupt
25	Patrick Hickey
26	Anne Woodruff
2	Walt Parus
27	Mary DuVal
28	Bob Ferraro
29	Virginia Tarczon
31	Barbara Conner
	Melissa Gilbertson
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Please send Birthday and Anniversary additions and corrections to:

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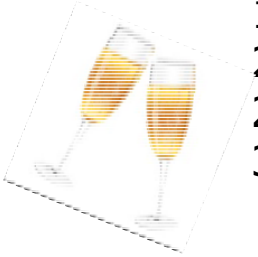
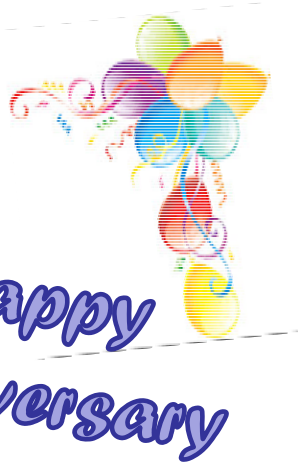


June	
3	Leo & Donna Blankfield
9	Robert & Louise Knauber
12	Chuck & Bev Leistico
21	Gary & Lauri Grzelak
25	Harold & Mary Meilahn
30	Dan & Susan Wojcik



July	
2	Melvin & Vivian Markson
29	Dan & MaribethKaspari

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 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, July 12th
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Welcome New Members….
Congratulations Long-time Members

Prior to our regular monthly member meeting on May 10th, a ceremony was held to initiate our new members and to present long-time members with an Honor Guard Pin. Congratulations one and all!

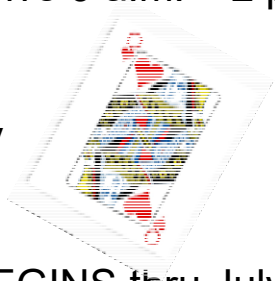
Welcome new members. We glad you're a part of our Unit!

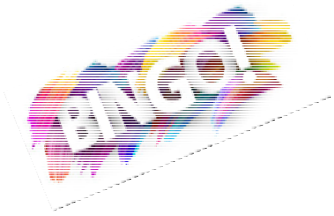
Congratulations to our long-time members and thank you for your dedication!

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

JUNE

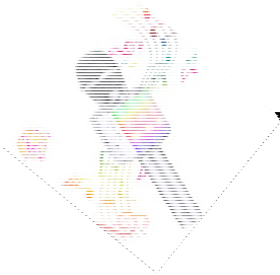
3 4 Karaoke
7 8 Festival Meeting – 10 a.m.
9 Exec Board Meeting – 7 pm
10 S.A.L. Meeting
12 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7 pm
14 Bingo / Karaoke
15 Jr. Meeting 11 a.m.
16 Post Everlasting 6 pm / Post & Aux Meeting 7pm
17 Red Cross Blood Drive 9 a.m. – 2 pm
19 Queen of Hearts
23 Karaoke
24 Happy Father's Day
30 Queen of Hearts
Bingo / Karaoke
FESTIVAL DAYS BEGINS thru July 4th

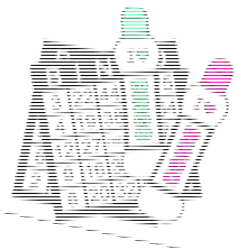


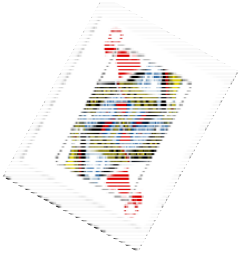


JULY

1 thru 4 FESTIVAL DAYS
5 Exec Board Meeting – 7 pm
7 Queen of Hearts
8 Bingo / Karaoke
12 Post Meeting 7 pm
13 S.A.L. Meeting 7pm
14 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7pm
15 Karaoke
21 Queen of Hearts
22 Bingo
23 Festival Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
28 Queen of Hearts
29 Karaoke







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***

JUNE, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 VFW 981	**2** **Q.O.H.**	**3** **Karaoke** Rental (VH)	**4** **Festival Meeting** (CR) Rental (VH)
5 AA 7:15-9:15 Rental (VH)	**6** U.S.M.C. 7pm (CR)	**7** **Exec Board 7pm**	**8** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**9** **Color Guard 7pm** **Q.O.H.**	**10** **Bingo** **Karaoke**	**11** Rental (VH)
12 AA 7:15-9:15 **Jr Aux Mtg 11-2**	**13**	**14** Post Everlasting @ 6pm Post Mtg 7pm Aux Mtg 7pm	**15** Red Cross Blood Drive 9am - 2pm	**16** **Q.O.H.**	**17** **Karaoke**	**18**
19 **Father's Day** AA 7:15-9:15	**20**	**21**	**22**	***23*** **Q.O.H.**	**24** **Bingo** **Karaoke**	**25**
26 AA 7:15-9:15 Rental (VH)	**27**	**28**	**29** VFW 981 6:30	**30** **FESTIVAL DAYS** **Day #1**		

JULY, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 AA 7:15 - 9:15					**1** **FESTIVAL DAYS** →	**2**
3 **FESTIVAL DAYS** → AA 7:15-9:15	**4**	**5** **Exec Board Mtg 7pm**	**6** VFW 981 (VH)	**7** **Q.O.H.**	**8** **Bingo Karaoke**	**9** Rental (VH)
10 AA 7:15 - 9:15	**11**	**12** **Post Mtg 7pm**	**13** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**14** **Q.O.H. Color Guard**	**15** **Karaoke**	**16** Rental (VH)
17 AA 7:15 - 9:15	**18**	**19**	**20** USMC 7:30 (VH)	***21*** **Q.O.H.**	**22** **Bingo Karaoke**	**23** Festival Appreciation Dinner
24 AA 7:15 - 9:15	**25**	**26**	**27** VFW 981 (VH)	**28** **Q.O.H.**	**29** **Karaoke**	**30** Rental (VH)