Merle Guild American Legion Post 208
121 N. Douglas Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

# APRIL / MAY, 2023

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# MERLE GUILD AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Spring is around the corner and our activities are increasing by the month. Hall rentals are going strong, the bar business has increased over the past months. All our other activities – Bingo, Pull Tabs, Juke Box, Pool Table, Queen of Hearts, and even our Pin Ball game seem to be going strong. We had an excellent turn out for our first Chili Cook-Off and for our St. Patrick's Day Party - thanks Brian for all your hard work. Super Bowl Party, February 12, was a success and everyone enjoyed the game. Northwest Towns Sportsmen's Club with the help of the Legion Family, had a successful jerky making. Volunteers boxed up over 2,000 pounds of items that were sent to service personnel. Check our calendar and posts at the Post for upcoming events. There will be more events in the coming months and notifications to follow as they arise.

The annual election of Officers is just around the corner, please see Dave Foss for more information.

Thanks to Chelsea Hunter for keeping our facebook and web pages current and up to date. Be sure to follow us on Facebook

**www.facebook.com/ArlingtonHeightsAmericanLegionPost208**

and our webpage

**http://www.arlingtonheightsamericanlegion.org**

God Bless and may the spring thaw come soon. Stop in for great camaraderie at the Post, we miss you, look forward to seeing you soon.

***Dale Berg, Commander***

## *From the Desk of the Auxiliary President . . . .*

Happy Spring!

The Auxiliary is having a Bake Sale in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast on April 2nd. A big THANK YOU to the S.A.L. for allowing us to do this. I hope you will join us for Bingo on April 14th & 28th and May 12th & 26th. The Auxiliary will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo Party on May 5th. I hope to see many of you there. The Auxiliary will again be joing the American Legion and marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Color Guard Uniform for the Auxiliary is: navy blue slacks or skirt, white blouse, red, white and blue tie. Auxiliary hat (if you have one), and white shoes. If you are missing part of the uniform, you may still march with us – just not in the front row as part of the Color Guard. ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS OR DENIM JACKETS OR SHORTS OR SLEEVELESS TOPS!!

Poppy Days are May 26th and 27th. I hope many of you will help distribute poppies this year. Money collected while distributing poppies is used for hospitalized veterans and active duty Service People.

Have a good Passover and a Happy Easter and may April Showers bring you gorgeous May flowers.

I hope to see you at one of our many upcoming events!

***Lois Kurowski, Auxiliary Unit 208 President***

**Congratulations to our February & March Golden Bucks Winners....**

| *February* | *March* |
|---|---|
| Larry Mazzone | Marilyn Kossman |
| Dennis Montgomery | Ralph Kuhlmeier |

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

## *A Note from the Sr. Vice Commander . . .*

As we diligently continue to process our renewals in a timely manner, we encourage you to check your membership card to ensure you are paid up for the current 2022/2023 membership year. We are very close to reaching our membership goal so please, if you do not have a 2023 membership card, mail in your renewal check as soon as possible!

I also invite all members, new and long-standing, to attend our monthly member meeting. You just may be surprised at how much your Post and the American Legion as a whole has to offer you as being part of the American Legion Family. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you and meet you soon.

In the meantime, if need to renew your membership you can mail your dues to the Post or pay online. If mailing a check, please make your check payable to and mail to:

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

Visit **www.legion.org** if you wish to pay dues on-line.

AS A REMINDER…. 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES IS $50.00

***Stewart Abbink***
***Senior Vice Commander***

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## *Color Guard News . . .*

The Color Guard continues to be very busy performing Memorial Honors for veterans who have passed away, many of whom were our very own Post 208 members.

Plans continue for our annual fundraiser, the Spring Fling Dinner Dance, so be sure to stop in and purchase your ticket before they are sold out! They are available at the Bar and as always, only a limited number of tickets are available.

***Stewart Abbink***

## *JUNIOR VICE TIDBITS . . .*

Hello everyone! Spring is already here and before you know it, it will be Frontier Days! That being said, we will be having meetings for Festival Days to figure out what worked last year and how we can improve Ourselves this year and upcoming years. Your support is always appreciated and everyone is welcome to join us at these meetings. Keep an eye on the calendar at the Post for the dates that these meetings will be held.

Also be on the lookout for the 100 Year Anniversary meeting. Our Post turns 100 next year and there will be a lot to figure out between now and September 2024 for this celebration. As of now, other than the few things already happening in April and May, not much is going on. But you never know – if the opportunity arises, we may throw something together to get you to come hang out at the Post.

There are only two more Pancake Breakfasts remaining until the summer, so come on out on the first Sunday of the month. Check out the Newsletter for events happening during April and May, hopefully I will see you around.

Thanks for your support.

***Brian Jones***
***Post Junior Vice Commander***

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## *CHAPLAIN'S CORNER*

Hello Post members. I must again report the passings of Post members since the last newsletter was written. Harry Shaw passed on 1/14; Chuck Shield on 2/5; John Ostberg on 1/8; Len Conrad on 2/16; and Eddie Stevens on 3/10/23. Please reach out to the families that you know and express our shared sorrow from the Post. May they rest in peace.

It would be good if you could volunteer your time at events and activities coming up at the end of May – a very busy time for our Legion. Over Memorial Day weekend we will be distributing poppies and we always need help with this. We will be posting Poppy location **sign-up sheets** on **Tuesday May 9th.** Poppies and donations jugs will be available for **pick up** at the Post from 5-9 p.m. on **Thursday, May 25th** for distributing at the various locations on Friday and Saturday, May 26th and 27th. In addition, we will also be **accepting your collected donations** on **Friday and Saturday, May 26th and May 27th** from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Post. Volunteers are needed.

On Sunday **May 28th**, we will meet at **Wheeling Township Cemetery** (located at 2498-2240 Euclid Avenue-Arlington Heights) at 10 am and will place flags on all the Veteran's graves. Additionally, the Honor Guard will honor all with a rifle salute and blowing of taps.

The next day, Monday **May 29th** we will be marching in the **Memorial Day parade** and participating in the service at Veteran Park, followed by a reception back at our Post. Times TBA. Please mark your calendar.

If you hear of any updates that I should spread the word on please let me know.

For God and Country,

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

AMERICAN LEGION

You're invited to the American Legion Post 208

# Color Guard Spring Fling Dinner Dance

## Saturday, April 29, 2023

**6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner**

**Enjoy… Choice of chicken or beef, salad, veggie, potato & dessert.**

**Then music & dancing to *The Difference***

**Proceeds will be used to support the many community activities of the Post 208 Color Guard...**

**Military Funeral Honors**
for ANY local veteran - at no charge.

**Parades and presentation of the Colors at events.**

**Military Flag Ceremony** honoring all six US Military Services.

## Tickets at the American Legion Post 208 Bar

**$25.00 per person in advance. Cash bar. Seating is limited. So act quickly!**

**Donations to American Legion Post 208 Color Guard gratefully accepted.**

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Let's Celebrate with the
American Legion Auxillary

# Cinco de Mayo

Taco Bar

Door Prize & Raffles

Drink Specials

DJ!

**$20***

**MAY 5, 2023**

**6 - 9 PM (STAY AFTER TO KARAOKE THE NIGHT AWAY!)**

**American Legion Post 208**

121 N Douglas AH, IL 60005

*Includes all you can eat taco buffet and one entry for the door prize

# Bingo

## UPCOMING DATES:
## April 14th & April 28th
## and
## May 12th & May 26th

**7:30 p.m.**

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

**Regular Bingo Games / Special Bingo Games**

**PROGRESSIVE SPLIT THE POT GAME**

**Cash Bar / Drink Specials**

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LOCAL VETERANS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

# JOIN US ON FRIDAY NIGHTS FOR

# KARAOKE

# 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

## Our Professional D.J. will take your request and you and your friends can sing your favorite songs!

# 2022 / 2023

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **April** | 2 | S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast |
| | 9 | Happy Easter |
| | 14 | Bingo |
| | 28 | Bingo |

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| **May** | 5 | Auxiliary Cinco de Mayo Party |
| | 7 | S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast |
| | 12 | Bingo |
| | 14 | Happy Mother's Day |
| | 26 | Bingo |
| | 26 & 27 | Poppy Days |
| | 28 | Wheeling Twp Cemetery-Placing flags |
| | 29 | Memorial Day Parade & Luncheon |

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| **June** | 9 | Bingo |
| | 14 | Flag Day |
| | 18 | Happy Father's Day |
| | 23 | Bingo |

## FRONTIER DAYS 2023

Friday, June 30th
thru
Tuesday, July 4th

Mark your calendars – we need your help!

## April

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|---|---|
| 4 | Dave & Tina Arthur |
| 8 | Robert & Jacqueline Ptaszek |
| 8 | Ed & Carol Kuhl |
| 12 | Erwin & Margaret Hagemann |
| 17 | Todd & Sherry Earl |
| 19 | Tony & Marsha Serigos |
| 28 | Tom & Millie Ewald |

## May

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|---|---|
| 8 | Eugene & Tordis Kaczmarek |
| 27 | John & Arlene Nicosia |
| 31 | David & Carol Knox |

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

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## 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

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**The JUNE / JULY Newsletter deadline is**
**Tuesday, May 9th**
**E-Mail Your Articles**
**(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and FLYERS in POWERPOINT FORMAT please)**

**to the Newsletter E-Mail Address**

**NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM**

# CELEBRATE

## April

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Seth Ali |
| 3 | Jim Haslem |
| 2 | Gail Hintz |
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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 | Roland Ley |
| 19 | May Magnuson |
| 20 | Mary Meilahn |
| 21 | Irene Balzan |
| 22 | Sue Hoffman |
| 22 | Dan Usalis |
| 26 | Paul Healy |
| 30 | Paul Fackler |

*Please send **Birthday and Anniversary** additions and corrections to:*

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# APRIL, 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **30**<br>AA 7:15-9:30am | | | | | | **1**<br>**Post 100th Anniv Mtg (10 am.)**<br>Rental (VH)<br>Rental (VH) |
| **2**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am<br>**Pancake Brkfst Jr. Mtg. 12:30** | **3**<br>Boy Scouts (VH) 5:30 pm<br>USMC 7pm (CR) | **4**<br>**P.O.C. Mtg 5:30 Exec Board 7pm** | **5**<br>VFW 981 7-10 | **6**<br>**Q.O.H.** | **7**<br>**Karaoke** | **8** |
| **9**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am<br>**EASTER** | | **11**<br>**Post Mtg 7pm Aux Mtg 7pm** | **12**<br>**SAL 7 pm** | **13**<br>**Q.O.H. Color Guard 7pm** | **14**<br>**BINGO Karaoke** | **15**<br>Rental (VH) |
| **16**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am<br>Rental (VH) | **17** | **18** | **19**<br>USMC 7:30 | **20**<br>**Q.O.H. Rental (VH)** | **21**<br>**Karaoke** | **22**<br>**Dept of Illinois Auxiliary Jr Conference** |
| **23**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am<br>Rental (VH) | **24** | **25** | **26**<br>VFW 981 6:30 | **27**<br>**Q.O.H.** | **28**<br>**BINGO Karaoke** | **29**<br>**COLORGUARD SPRING FLING** |

# MAY, 2023

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **1**<br>USMC 7:00 (CR) | **2**<br>**POC Mtg. 5:30**<br>**Exec Board 7pm** | **3**<br>VFW 981 7-10 | **4**<br>**Q.O.H.** | **5**<br>**Auxiliary**<br>**Cinco de Mayo Party**<br>Karaoke | **6** |
| **7**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am<br>**SAL Pancake Breakfast** | **8** | **9**<br>**Post Mtg 7pm**<br>**Aux Mtg 7pm** | **10**<br>**SAL Mtg 7pm** | **11**<br>**Q.O.H.**<br>**Colo rGuard 7 pm** | **12**<br>**BINGO**<br>**Karaoke** | **12**<br>Rental (VH) |
| **14**<br>**MOTHER'S DAY**<br>AA 7:15-9:15am | **15** | **16** | **17**<br>USMC 7:30 | **18**<br>**Q.O.H.** | **19**<br>Karaoke | **20** |
| **21**<br>AA 7:159:15<br>Jr. Meeting<br>11-2(VH) | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25**<br>**Q.O.H.** | **26**<br>**BINGO**<br>Karaoke<br>← Poppy Days | **27** → |
| **28**<br>AA 7:15-9:15 am | **29**<br>**MEMORIAL DAY**<br>Parade & Lunch | **30** | **31**<br>VFW 981 6:30 | | | |

# UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

## APRIL

1 100th Anniversary Planning Meeting – 10 am
2 Palm Sunday / Pancake Breakfast / Jr. Meeting
3 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner 5:30 pm
4 P.O.C. 5:30 / Exec Board Meeting – 7pm
6 Queen of Hearts
7 Karaoke

9 Happy Easter
11 Post / Aux Meeting 7pm
12 S.A.L. Meeting 7pm
13 Color Guard Meeting 7pm / Queen of Hearts
14 Bingo / Karaoke

20 Queen of Hearts
21 Karaoke
22 Dept of Illinois Auxiliary Junior Conference
27 Queen of Hearts
28 Bingo / Karaoke
29 Color Guard Spring Fling

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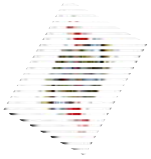

## MAY

2 P.O.C. 5:30 / Exec Board Meeting – 7pm
4 Queen of Hearts
5 Auxiliary Cinco De Mayo Party / Karaoke
7 Pancake Breakfast

9 Post / Aux Meeting 7pm
10 S.A.L. Meeting 7pm
11 Color Guard Meeting 7pm / Queen of Hearts
12 Bingo / Karaoke
14 Happy Mother's Day
18 Queen of Hearts
19 Karaoke

21 Junior Meeting 11 am
25 Queen of Hearts
26 Bingo / Karaoke
26-27 Poppy Days
29 Memorial Day Parade