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MERLE GUILD AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

OUTGOING COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, we are just about in the middle of summer already and things seem to be getting back to normal around our Post. Hall rentals are doing real well, the bar business seems to be back to normal, and we just completed our biggest fundraiser of the year (Festival Days). The bills for this event are still coming in but so far, it looks like we did pretty good this year. A complete report should be compiled soon. Speaking of Festival Days, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our committee members and all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success. A lot of planning and work go into an event like this and I'm happy to say that Merle Guild Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members as well as many family and friends stepped up. All of our other activities – Bingo, Pull Tabs, Juke Box, Pool Table, Queen of Hearts, and even our new Pin Ball Game seem to be going strong. We have also taken the first steps to have electronic gaming at our Post. A new wine cooler has been added at the bar and a new popcorn machine is in the works.

I have decided to step down as the Post Commander and attend to some personal needs and the things that I love doing but put aside due to knee surgery and my time commitment during my year as Commander. It has truly been an honor to represent our wonderful American Legion Post! A big thank you to the Board members and Executive Board members for their time and support this past year. The working relationship with our Auxiliary and S.A.L. couldn't have been better. I also truly believe with the addition of the VFW and Cub Scout Troop becoming part of the Merle Guild family, Post 208 is moving in the right direction. If you've been in the Post over the last year, I'm sure you've noticed all the military uniforms and photos that have been added to our displays. Members and visitors often comment on how our Post is becoming a Military Museum and a great place to come to.

I'd like to extend by best wishes and support to the incoming officers of the 2022/2023 year and I'll still be around to help in any way I can. In closing I would like to just say to all our members….get involved! The involvement of our members is what makes our Post a great Post! A special thank you to Donna Locher who was always there when I needed information or assistance.

God Bless, enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Jerry Ziobrowski, Outgoing Commander

INCOMING COMMANDER'S CORNER

I'd like to thank the members of Post 208 for your support and belief in me and electing me as your new Commander. I honestly have never thought about being your Commander. If you have a suggestion of something you'd like to see or be improved at our Post, please feel free to discuss it with me. I'm here to make sure you, as a veteran, are able to enjoy your Post. If you know of a veteran who is not yet a member, ask them to consider joining one of the greatest American Legion's – our very own Post 208! I am also looking forward to working with the Post officers, the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. as we serve our veterans, their families, and our community.

On behalf of all of the members of Post 208, I'd like to thank outgoing Commander, Jerry Ziobrowski for his time, dedication, and leadership over the past year. Many of us know how the last few years have had many challenges due to Covid-19, equipment failures, as well as the day-to-day issues that arise, but Jerry managed to put out those fires all while keeping a handle on Pull Tabs, the pool tournament, juke box, and even displayed new military pictures and paraphernalia around the Post.

To our members, friends, family and neighbors, thank you for your efforts in supporting our Post during Frontier Days. Again, THANK YOU to all of our volunteers for another successful Fourth of July Celebration. It just goes to show how much can be accomplished when the Post, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. come together for a common cause.

In closing, keep an eye on our webpage, facebook page, your mailbox and email for future issues of the Newsletter. A great year of events is being planned and there'll be something for everyone to enjoy!

Yours in service,

Dale Berg, Incoming Commander

Post 208
2022-2023 Officers

Commander, Dale Berg
Sr. Vice Commander, Stewart Abbink
Jr. Vice Commander, Brian Jones
Finance Officer, Walt Parus
Judge Advocate, Rick Provenzano
Sgt. at Arms, Nick Paglia

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings all. I first must inform all of the passing of two Post members. On May 26th we lost Ron Ashley. On May 27th we lost Bob Puls. Services have been held. Please reach out to any friends or families of our brothers.

I want to thank all who attended and participated in the Memorial Day weekend activities of the Poppy drive, the Sunday flag placing at Wheeling Township Cemetery, and the Memorial Day parade. I also appreciate all those at the June 14th Flag day and Post Everlasting services.

As always please let me know of any updates on members or families who have passed away or are seriously ill or hurt so I can get the word out.

For God and Country,

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

A Special Thank You . . . . .

f you volunteered your time or sent a onation, THANK YOU for making this year's oppy Days a success for our Veterans. A pecial thank you too to our Juniors who did an outstanding job collecting on Memorial Day weekend.

Thanks again everyone and I hope you're having a wonderful summer.

Barb Conner, Auxiliary Poppy Chairman

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President . . . .

We are at the start of a New Legion Family Year!
I would like to begin by congratulating last year's officers on a successful year. Congratulations to the officers for the 2022-2023 Legion Family year. Thank you all for being willing to serve. May we have a wonderful year!

Just a reminder that there will be an Auxiliary Board meeting on Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. All officers and chairmen are expected to attend. Any other interested member is welcome to attend. We will be discussing the budget for the coming year and any changes that you may wish to make to the Unit's Standing Rules. The next regular Unit meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Annual Joint Installation of Officers will take place on Sunday, August 14m 2022 at 1:00 p.m. If you are attending, please be sure to call the Post (847-253-6632) to R.S.V.P.

Finally, thank you for electing me to serve as your President. With your help I'm sure we will have a great year!

Lois Kurowski, Auxiliary Unit 208 President

Auxiliary Unit 208
2022-2023 Officers

President, Lois Kurowski
1st Vice President, Pat Sienkiewicz
2nd Vice President, Jan Crigler
Treasurer, Donna Locher
Chaplain, Carol Marino
Historian, Sue Fitzpatrick
Sergeant at Arms, April Daskowski

MERLE GUILD POST NO. 208
THE AMERICAN LEGION

MERLE GUILD UNIT NO. 208
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

&

MERLE GUILD SQUADRON NO. 208
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
2022 – 2023
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

Merle Guild Post Home
121 N. Douglas Avenue
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Social Hour…….1:00 p.m.
Installation.....2:00 p.m.
Dinner to follow

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE STOP BY OR CALL THE LEGION TO R.S.V.P.

847/253-6632

FALL FLING DINNER/DANCE COLORGUARD BENEFIT

Hosted By:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 208 COLORGUARD

Saturday, September 24th

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Dancing follows

$20.00 / person
(catered menu still in the works)

Tickets available at the bar. Get 'em early - they sell out quickly!

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QUEEN of HEARTS

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE

WILL YOU...

FIND HER?

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

Congratulations to our June & July Golden Bucks Winners....

June	*July*
Sonja Brumfield	William Valentino
James Bicknase	Tom Collins

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LUCKY 4TH OF JULY RAFFLE WINNERS.....

1st Place	Audrey Collins
2nd Place	Glenn Johnson
3rd Place	Donna Locher
4th Place	John Gibbons
5th Place	Sandie Dranka

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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

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
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.

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Bingo

UPCOMING DATES:

August 12th & 26th
&
September 9th & 23rd

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

CELEBRATE

August

1 Tony Balzan
1 Bernell Christiansen
2 Martin Zell
3 Joan Martin
4 Susan Kennedy-Sullivan
5 Dolores Tabert
6 Jim Zarno
7 Candice Ramirez
8 Gary Kremholz
10 Sarah Heyman
18 Sheila Strickler
20 Maribeth Kaspari
21 Christine Jones
21 Del Amato
22 Robert Knauber
22 Wendy Quezada
23 Lauri Grzelak
25 Ruth Foglestad
26 Bev Leistico
27 Maureen Blankfield
28 Patricia Metcalf
30 Karen Else
30 Brianne McBrayer
31 Nicole Boven
31 Dawn Fritz

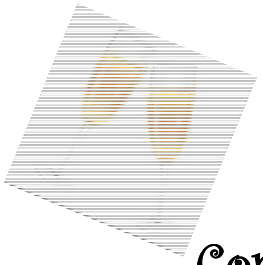
September

2 Mike McIntyre
3 Debbie Nelson
3 John Nicosia
5 Lois Kurowski
6 Todd Earl
11 Isabella McDonnell
13 Conrad De Latour
13 Cindy Hall
15 Kevin Ziobrowski
17 Linda Caldwell
17 Daniel Kelly
18 Elaine Izewski
19 Dolores Cosentino
19 Kelly Dean
22 Alisa Pontarelli
23 Corinne Gerstmayer
25 Sheila Hall
29 Tom Ewald

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

August

1 Allan & Mary Kulikowski
2 Edward & Star Kucic
3 Steve & Barbara Doerner
5 Conrad & Joyce DeLatour
6 Brian & Christine Jones
7 Patrick & Juliana Hickey
11 Mike & Cindy McIntyre
30 Ken & Rose Maschek
30 Walt & Kathy Parus
31 Seth & Margie Ali



Happy Anniversary

September

1 Joe & Janice Kapcheck
1 Jim & Phyllis Haslem
7 Herb & Irene Cohan
7 Chuck & Dian Davis
11 Martin & Lauren Zell
12 Tony & Irene Balzan
12 Gregg & Jennifer Vesely
24 Martin & Irene Boder

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 OCTOBER / NOVEMBER Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, September 9th
E-Mail Your Articles
(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and FLYERS in PDF FORMAT please)

to the Newsletter E-Mail Address

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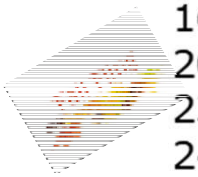
Merle Guild American Legion
2022/2023 UPCOMING EVENTS*

AUGUST

12 Bingo
14 Installation of Officers
25 Bingo

SEPTEMBER

4 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
5 Labor Day
9 Bingo
16 SAL ½ Way to St. Pat's Party
20 Red Cross Blood Drive
23 Bingo
24 ColorGuard Fall Fling



OCTOBER

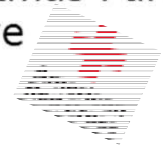
2 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast & Auxiliary Bake Sale
14 Bingo
28 Bingo
29 S.A.L. Meat Raffle
31 Happy Halloween

NOVEMBER

5 Junior Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner
6 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
11 Veteran's Day Ceremony & Luncheon
11 Bingo
12 Post Fundraiser Concert
24 Thanksgiving for the Recruits / Happy Thanksgiving
25 S.A.L. Toys for Tots Party

DECEMBER

4 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast w/Santa
9 Bingo
10 Post Children's Christmas Party
20 Red Cross Blood Drive
23 Bingo
25 Merry Christmas



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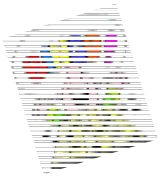
2023

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year
1 S.A.L. Winter Classic
13 Bingo
27 Bingo

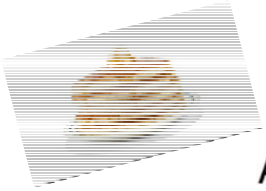


FEBRUARY

5 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
10 Bingo
12 S.A.L. Super Bowl Party
14 Valentine's Day
24 Bingo

MARCH

5 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
10 Bingo
17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
18 Post's St. Patrick's Party
24 Bingo



APRIL

2 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
9 Happy Easter
14 Bingo
28 Bingo

MAY

5 Auxiliary Cinco de Mayo Party
7 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
12 Bingo
14 Happy Mother's Day
26 Bingo
29 Memorial Day Parade & Luncheon

JUNE

9 Bingo
14 Flag Day
18 Happy Father's Day
23 Bingo

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

FESTIVAL DAYS 2023

FOOD TICKETS
BEER TICKETS
BEER SELECTION
FOOD SELECTION

BORN
FREE

Cub Scout Pack 269
Patton School - Arlington Heights

FUN FOR ALL

AUGUST, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 USMC 7pm	**2** **Exec Board 7pm**	**3** VFW 981 (VH)	**4** **Q.O.H.**	**5** **Karaoke**	**6**
7 AA 7:30 - 9:15	**8**	**9** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Board Mtg 7pm**	**10** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**11** **Q.O.H.** **ColorGuard 7pm**	**12** **BINGO** **Karaoke**	**13** Rental (VH)
14 AA 7:30 - 9:15 **INSTALLATION 1:00**	**15**	**16**	**17** USMC (VH)	**18** **Q.O.H.**	**19** **Karaoke**	**20** Rental (VH)
21 AA 7:30 - 9:15	**22**	**23**	**24**	**25** **Q.O.H.**	**26** **BINGO** **Karaoke**	**27**
28 AA 7:30 - 9:15	**29**	**30**	**31** VFW 981 (VH)			

SEPTEMBER, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 **Q.O.H.**	**2** **Karaoke**	**3** Rental VH)
4 AA 7:30 - 9:15 **S.A.L. PANCAKE BREAKFAST**	**5**	**6** **Exec Board 7pm**	**7** VFW 981 (VH)	**8** **Q.O.H.** **ColorGuard 7pm**	**9** **BINGO** **Karaoke**	**10** Rental (VH)
11 AA 7:30 - 9:15 **Junior Meeting 11 am**	**12**	**13** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**14** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**15** **Q.O.H.**	**16** **SAL 1/2-WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**	**17** Rental (VH)
18 AA 7:30 - 9:15	**19**	**20** Red Cross 9 am	**21** USMC (VH)	**22** **Q.O.H.**	**23** **BINGO** **KARAOKE**	**24** **ColorGuard Fall Fling**
25 AA 7:30 - 9:15	**26**	**27**	VFW 981 (VH)	**29** **Q.O.H.**	**30** **KARAOKE**	

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

AUGUST

2 4 Exec Board Meeting – 7 pm
5 9 Queen of Hearts
9 Karaoke
10 Post Meeting 7pm
11 Auxiliary Board Meeting 7pm
12 S.A.L. Meeting
14 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7 pm
18 Bingo / Karaoke
19 Joint Installation of Officers 1:00
25 Queen of Hearts
26 Karaoke
Queen of Hearts
Bingo / Karaoke

SEPTEMBER

1 Queen of Hearts
2 Karaoke
4 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
6 Exec Board Meeting – 7 pm
8 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7pm
9 Bingo / Karaoke
11 Junior Auxiliary Meeting 11 am
13 Post / Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm
14 S.A.L. Meeting 7pm
15 Queen of Hearts
16 S.A.L. Half Way To St. Patrick's Day Party
17 9th District Auxiliary Meeting & Installation 11 am
20 Red Cross Blood Drive 9 am
22 Queen of Hearts
23 Bingo / Karaoke
24 Color Guard Fall Fling
29 Queen of Hearts
30 Karaoke