MERLE GUILD AMERICAN LEGION POST 208

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Well, we made it through summer, our festival days was a big success, hall rentals are doing real well, and the bar business is be back to normal. 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 will be giving future updates as the steps to have electronic gaming at our Post continues.

A new popcorn machine has been ordered, thanks to the Auxiliary. We have added a new freezer to replace the two older freezers. We will be hosting the naval recruits from Great Lakes on Thanksgiving Day. This annual event seems to bring back a little pre-covid normality and once again, we will be providing a turkey dinner with all the trimmings to the recruits, the Arlingtones will be here to entertain with their great voices, and we'll have video games for the recruits to play, and phones for their use to call home and connect with their loved ones. Let's all plan to greet and make their experience away from home for the holiday a fun and memorable day. There are many events planned for the upcoming months. Keep an eye on the newsletter and our webpage for details any and last minute changes or additions.

In closing I would just like to say to all our members….get involved! The involvement of our members is what makes our Post a great Post! We have updated our website, Facebook page, and video marquee thanks Chelsea Hunter, Eileen Quinn and Tom McKevitt. Be sure to "Like us" on Facebook as this helps spread the word about our Post. Keep an eye on our website, 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.

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

Dale Berg, Commander

From the Desk of the Auxiliary President . . . .

I don't know how to begin - the month of August was a very difficult month for our Unit. First, we lost a very dear friend and member - Ruth Foglestad. Our heartfelt condolences to Tom and his family. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. While still processing this, we were informed that Barb Connor's husband, Bob, had lost his battle with cancer. Bob was a great friend of the Auxiliary. Barb and family, please accept our condolences and let the Unit know what we can do to help. Donna, we hope and pray that your knee is healing well. Listen to your doctor and don't do more than you should.

The First Division Fall Forum will be held on October 1st at Glenn Maker Post 1160, 10739 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. The purpose of Fall Forum is twofold. First, to collect membership (dues); second, to teach members about the Auxiliary. Every year the Forum is different. Different Department Presidents emphasize different aspects of the Auxiliary. Lunch is $5. I believe a First Division meeting will follow. If you're curious, stay for the meeting. If not, you may leave when the Forum is over.

The next Ninth District Auxiliary meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 7:30 pm, at the Des Plaines American Legion Post #36, 1291 Oakwood, Des Plaines, IL 60016. The November meeting will be Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 pm and the location has yet to be determined.

The Juniors will be having their postponed Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 5th. Please come out and support these hard working young ladies. Ruth Foglestad had done most of the cooking for this event in the past, so I will go out on a limb and ask you to contact JoEllen Dobrow or Sue Roberts if you can help in any way.

Post Commander, Dale Berg, has informed us that the Post is expecting 50 Recruits from Great Lakes for Thanksgiving. He is looking for volunteers to help on this day. The recruits generally arrive between 8:30 and 10 AM (depends on where in line our bus is) and depart around 5 PM as they need to be back on base by 6 PM. You do not need to spend the entire day, although we would love it if you did. Please let us know when you are available and we will work with you. Remember, save your leftover Halloween candy for the recruits as they cannot have it while on base and really "scarf" it down during their Thanksgiving visit with us.

Finally, I wish you excellent health in the coming months and hope to see you at our next 2 meetings, Tuesday, October 11 and Tuesday, November 8th, at 7 PM.

Lois Kurowski, Auxiliary Unit 208 President

A Note from the Sr. Vice Commander . . .

We are diligently working on our membership numbers for 2022-2023 by getting our renewals processed in a timely manner and please note that membership dues will be changing from $45 to $50 for a one-year membership, 5-year membership is currently $175.00. Our current outstanding membership is 140 members out of 336 members. Also, please update your contact information as this will help me get vital information to you. When your contact information is incorrect, your renewal does not get to you in a timely manner, then your dues is not processed on time.

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….IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT 2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues paid by December 31, 2022 deadline:	$45.00
Dues paid after December 31, 2022 deadline:	$50.00

Stewart Abbink
Senior Vice Commander

It's time for our

Annual Spaghetti Dinner!

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Fun for the whole family!

Cash bar at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Music * Dancing * Raffles

Hosted by:

American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit 208

121 N. Douglas Avenue * Arlington Heights, IL

Tickets - $12.00 per person

Bingo

UPCOMING DATES:

October 14th & 28th
&
November 11th

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

Congratulations to our August & September Golden Bucks Winners….

August

Doug Linett
Gene Fehringer

September

Larry Kugler
Bob Ferraro

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

AS A REMINDER, THIS WAS THE LAST DRAWING FOR THE 2021/2022 LEGION YEAR. THE TICKETS FOR THE 2022/2023 YEAR WERE MAILED OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR TICKETS BACK BEFORE OUR FIRST DRAWING IN OCTOBER.

A note regarding Auxiliary membership dues . . .

I attended the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in August. The delegates in attendance voted to increase the National Per Capita portion of the dues by $6.00. For those who are not aware, the National Auxiliary and the Department (State of Illinois) Auxiliary each take a portion of dues that the Unit collects. This is called the "per capita". The Unit cannot absorb a $6.00 per member increase in the per capita. Therefore, we will need to have a dues increase beginning with the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. This Article fulfills the requirement in our Constitution and By-Laws that Unit members be notified in writing of a change in the dues. This topic will be discussed at the October and November meeting and probably voted on at the November meeting.

Lois Kurowski
President, Unit 208

October

6 Allan & Anne Schmid
11 Richard & Bernell Christiansen
15 Lee & Mickey Bendel
16 Paul & Chris Kazmar
18 Bill & Michele Neilson
19 John & Roberta Becker
29 Glen & Peggy Johnson
30 Ron & Madonna Coons

November

1 Paul & Mary DuVal
12 Lew & Helen O'Donnell
17 David & Sue Roberts
21 Orson & Rita Baker
23 Paul & Rita Healy
24 Richard & Marie Pelc
24 Gerald & Grace Tangney

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 DECEMBER / JANUARY Newsletter deadline is
Tuesday, November 8th
E-Mail Your Articles
(in Microsoft WORD FORMAT and FLYERS in PDF FORMAT please)

to the Newsletter E-Mail Address

NEWSLETTERFORPOST208@YAHOO.COM

CELEBRATE

October

2	Gina Landes
2	Marie Pelc
2	Marge Ali
3	Joyce Mills
5	Juliana Hickey
7	Laura Gryzlo
12	Judi Gartrell
13	David Mills
13	Dan Wojcik
15	Al Corbett
15	Carol Alimento
17	Dale Berg
17	Sonja Brumfield
20	Harry Kairys
21	Amanda Piepenbrink
21	Corinne Zarno
25	Paul Niedringhaus
26	Fay Mason
30	Arlene Nicosia
31	Paul Markham

November

4	Mickey Bendel
9	Charlotte Heitbrink
10	Donna Blankfield
11	Tiffany Dobrow
13	Brian Jones
13	Jacqueline Ptaszek
13	Marion Tallian
17	Rita Healy
19	Foglestad
19	Barbara Altobelli
24	Gloria Kuehn
25	Jerrine Placek

Kristin

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

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . .
TIS THE SEASON

I know it's hard to believe, but SANTA has already begun to check his list and he needs your help. The annual Children's Post Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 10th at NOON.

This Christmas Party is open to the children and grandchildren (10 years old and younger) of current Post 208, Auxiliary, and SAL members.

To ensure that Santa has a package for each "little one" in attendance, I ask you as parents and grandparents to sign up each child no later than **Friday, November 11th. Better yet, fill it out today and mail it or drop it off at the Post!!!**

Please complete the information requested on the page to the right and mail it or drop it off at Post 208 (121 N. Douglas Ave * Arlington Heights, IL * 60004). Be sure to mark this important date on your calendar.

And don't forget, this Party is for paid up members with their 2023 cards only, and your dues must be paid by November 1st for the current year. Only children in attendance will receive gifts. If an older sibling is attending, please note it on your request and be sure to bring a present - Santa will be happy to give it to the child.

Happy Holidays!

Donna Locher, Christmas Party Chairman

DROP OFF OR MAIL TO:
AMERICAN LEGION POST 208
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
121 N. DOUGLAS AVENUE
ARLINGTON HGTS, IL 60004

***MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH ***

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

_____ _____
Member's Name Phone Number

_____ BOY / GIRL _____ _____
CHILD'S NAME AGE INTERESTS

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OF ADULTS ATTENDING _____ # OF CHILDREN ATTENDING _____

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

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 Thanksgiv
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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OCTOBER, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 AA 7:15-9:15 **SAL Meat Raffle Noon-4**	**31**					**1** Rental (VH)
2 AA 7:15-9:15 **Pancake Breakfast** **Aux Bake Sale**	**3** USMC (CR)	**4** **P.O.C. 5:30pm** **Exec Board 7pm**	**5** VFW981 (VH)	**6** **Q.O.H.**	**7** **Karaoke**	**8** Rental (VH)
9 AA 7:15-9:15	**10**	**11** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**12** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**13** **Q.O.H.** **ColorGuard**	**14** **Bingo** **Karaoke**	**15** Help USA Troops 9-4 pm
16 AA 7:15-9:15 Help USA Troops 10-3	**17**	**18**	**19** U.S.M.C. (VH)	**20** **Q.O.H.**	**21** **Karaoke**	**22** *Rental(VH &CR)*
23 AA 7:15 - 9:15 Rental	**24**	**25**	**26** VFW981 (VH)	**27** **Q.O.H.**	**28** **Bingo** **Karaoke**	**29** Rental (VH)

NOVEMBER, 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 **P.O.C. 5:30pm** **Exec Board 7pm**	**2** VFW 981 (VH)	**3** **Q.O.H.**	**4** **Karoke (CR)** **Rental (VH)**	**5** **Jr. Aux.** **Spaghetti Dinner**
6 AA 7:15-9:15 **Pancake** **Breakfast**	**7** U.S.M.C. (CR)	**8** **Post Mtg 7pm** **Aux Mtg 7pm**	**9** **SAL Mtg 7pm**	**10** **Q.O.H.** **Color Guard**	**11** **Veteran's Day** **BINGO** **Karaoke**	**12** **Post Fundraiser** **Concert**
13 AA 7:15-9:15 Jr Mtg 11-2 (VH)	**14**	**15**	**16** U.S.M.C. (VH)	**17** **Q.O.H.**	**18** **Karaoke**	**19** Rental
20 AA 7:15-9:15	**21**	**22**	**23**	**24** **Happy** **Thanksgiving** **Naval Recruits**	**25** **Toys For Tots**	**26**
27 AA 7:15-9:15	**28**	**29**	**30** VFW 981 (VH)			

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER

2 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast/Aux Bake Sale
4 POC Mtg - 5:30 / Exec Board Meeting – 7 pm
6 Queen of Hearts
7 Karaoke
9 Jr. Aux Meeting 11:00 a.m.
11 Post / Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
12 S.A.L. Meeting 7 pm
13 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7 pm
14 Bingo / Karaoke
20 Queen of Hearts
21 Karaoke
27 Queen of Hearts
28 Bingo / Karaoke
30 S.A.L. Meet Raffle

NOVEMBER

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3 Queen of Hearts
4 Karaoke
5 Jr. Aux Spaghetti Dinner
6 S.A.L. Pancake Breakfast
8 Post / Auxiliary Meting 7 pm
9 S.A.L. Meeting 7p,
10 Queen of Hearts / Color Guard Meeting 7pm
11 Veterans Day * BINGO * Karaoke
12 Post Fundraiser Concert
13 Jr. Aux. Meeting 11:00 a.m.
17 Queen of Hearts
18 Karaoke
24 Happy Thanksgiving * Recruits Thanksgiving
25 Toys For Tots

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