

THE INSIGHT

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TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD THE MORNING OF MARCH 10TH. SEE YOU AT THE POST MEETINGS.

JOE STACHON AT 708.361-2693 @ HOME OR 708.423-5220 AT THE POST.

THE COMMANDERS CORNER

**ROY JOHNSON,
COMMANDER**

**BRYANT REED, SR. VICE
COMMANDER**

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

2018 IS OVER BUT OUR WORK CONTINUES. MEMBERSHIP IS A JOB THAT SHOULD NEVER BE FINISHED. IF THAT HAPPENS, SO ARE WE.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED ME THRU OUT THE YEAR. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE THE POST THIS YEAR.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES, I MUST REMIND YOU THAT PURSUANT TO VFW BY-LAWS, YOU ARE NO LONGER 'A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING'. NOW YOU HAVE TO ASK YOURSELF, "DO I WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE A PART OF THE GREATEST VETERANS ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD?" ONE THAT SUPPORTS OUR MILITARY, COMMUNITIES AND OUR FELLOW VETS. IF SO, YOU CAN DO THIS BY REINSTATING YOUR MEMBERSHIP. YOU CAN PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF \$50.00 OR YOU CAN BECOME A LIFE MEMBER, AND AVOID THE HASSLE OF DUES REMINDERS IN THE FUTURE OR OF DUES INCREASES. LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS BASED ON YOUR AGE AND CAN BE TAKEN OUT FOR A 12 MONTH PAY. THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY THE FUTURE OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE VFW LOOKS DIM. I SAY THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT IF WE REMAIN STRONG. ONLY WE CAN FIND THAT STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES AND/OR TO GET MORE INFO ON BECOMING A 'LIFE MEMBER', CONTACT THE POST OR

DON'T FORGET OUR ST. PATS PARTY MARCH 17TH FOR A SMALL DONATION OF \$5.00 AT THE DOOR, YOU CAN HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE.

**TONY SMERTENE,
JR. VICE COMMANDER**

CHAPLAINS' REPORT

NONE TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

**RICH LUEMEN & BETTY JOHNSON,
CHAPLAINS**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT SPEAKS

I HOPE EVERYONE SURVIVED THE WINTER WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. REGRETTABLY WE HAD TO CANCEL OUR FEBRUARY MEETING DUE TO A PREDICTED ICE/RAIN STORM, WHICH WE MISED. WE DID HAVE AN INFORMAL MEETING THE FOLLOWING WEEK TO CONDUCT

CONGRATS TO EVERYONE FOR SURVIVING SOME OF THE COLDEST TEMPS THAT CHICAGO HAS EVER ENCOUNTERED. THE GOOD NEWS IS THE GROUND HOG DID NOT SEE HIS SHADOW WHICH MEANS WE SHOULD HAVE AN EARLY SPRING. THE MONTH BRINGS ST. PATS DAY WITH A PARTY IN THE LOUNGE. AND NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEARS POST OFFICERS. SEE THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS. SPRING HOPEFULLY BRINGS WARMER WEATHER AND THE BEGINNING OF BASEBALL SEASON. NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR MARCH 26TH MEETING. CONSIDER RUNNING FOR OFFICE. OUR NAM VETS ARE GETTING OLDER! THEY HAVE SPENT MANY LONG YEARS SERVING THIS POST AND GETTING IT TO WHERE IT IS TODAY. IT IS TIME FOR OUR YOUNGER VETS TO STEP FORWARD TO LEAD THIS POST IN THE FUTURE. OUR ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT TE APRIL 9TH MEETING. SHOW UP AND VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES YOU WANT TO LEAD US FOR THE 2019-2020 YEAR. WE ARE ALSO HAVING OUR 2ND ITALIAN/SPEGHETTI NITE ON APRIL 13TH. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY JIM BULANDA. JIM SINGS SONGS MADE POPULAR BY FRANK SINATRA, DEAN MARTIN, AND ELVIS AMONG MANY OTHERS. HE PUT ON A FANTASTIC SHOW LAST YEAR AND THE MEAL WAS JUST AS GOOD. DON'T FORGET TO

JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019
8:30 am-2:30 pm
9514 S. 52ND Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

To Schedule your appointment contact:
LifeSource at 877-543-3768 or online at
Lifesource.org

APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED

PREPARE FOR YOUR DONATION * EAT WELL * STAY HYDRATED * BRING ID
Proper ID is required to donate blood. A LifeSource or military ID, Driver's License, or employee badge with picture and full name are all approved forms of ID.
Birth Certificate along with a picture ID that includes the donor full name will also be accepted.

ALL DONORS WILL RECEIVE A BREAKFAST MADE BY THE VFW
AUXILIARY

JIM BULANDA SHOW



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

A VOCAL IMPERSONATOR OF SUCH GREATS AS DEAN MARTIN,
TONY BENNETT AND FRANK SINATRA

Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220
9514 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30 PM - SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 PM

COST: \$20.00 INCLUDES DINNER AND SHOW!



Tickets available in lounge OR CALL Jan @ 773-396-6734 FOR TICKET RESERVATION

Ticket Deadline April 8th

SOME MUCH NEEDED BUSINESS. AT THAT MEETING, I AM SAD TO REPORT IT WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED TO END OUR BINGO KITCHEN EFFECTIVE MARCH 6th. WE DO NOT HAVE THE HELP OR MAKE ENOUGH TO OFFSET OUR COSTS. AT OUR NEXT MEETING WE WILL PRESENT THE AWARDS TO OUR COLORING CONTEST WINNERS. THIS WILL BE AT 6:00. OUR VOD/PATS PEN WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED BEFORE THE VFW MEETING ON MARCH 12th. ON MARCH 22nd, FROM 4 TO 7 PM WE WILL BE SPONSORING A FAMILY FEST. WE ARE PACKING BOXES FOR THE TROOPS. THERE WILL BE CRAFTS, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND NOTES TO SEND THE TROOPS FOR JULY 4th. EVERYONE IS INVITED. YOU NEED NOT BE A MEMBER. STUDENTS CAN USE THIS TOWARDS THEIR SERVICE POINTS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT OUR VETERANS PROGRAMS. ON APRIL 4th WE WILL BE HOSTING A PAINTING PARTY FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM. TICKETS ARE \$35.00. EVERYONE IS INVITED. APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE CONTACT THE POST FOR RESERVATIONS. FINALLY, IT IS MY HONOR TO AWARD THE JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW AUXILIARY GRANT AT THE VOD BANQUET TO THE 5th PLACE WINNER, IMANI P. MUSE, OUR 3rd DISTRICT WINNER. HAVE A GREAT SPRING AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT UR ACTIVITIES.

**MAUREEN LUEMEN,
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

**AUX SR. VICE
PRESIDENT**

WE NOT THERE YET, BUT WE'RE STILL WORKING ON MEMBERSHIP. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE'NT PAID YET, SEND DUES TO LENORE AT THE POST.

**KELLY ZYBAK,
SR. VICE PRESIDENT**

**CORPORATION
NEWS**

.I WISH TO THANK THE POST AUXILIARY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF A NEW CASH REGISTER FOR THE POST LOUNGE. THE OLD REGISTER WAS 30 YEARS OLD - BUT IT STILL WORKED, NOT LIKE ME.

**JOSEPH STACHON,
CORP PRESIDENT**

POPPY DAYS

POPPY DAYS THIS YEAR WILL BE ON MAY 2, 3 & 4. WE ARE ASKING FOR VOLINTEERS TO GO OUT AND DISTRIBUTE OUR POPPIES ON THE STREET. OUR NUMBERS ARE GETTING FEWER BUT OUR NEED IS GETTING GREATER. COMRADES & SISTERS, IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE, PLEASE TRY TO GIVE US A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME. REMEMBER THAT ALL MONEY COLLECTED GOES TO OUR POST RELIEF FUND.

**RICH LUEMEN & LINDA KRONE,
CO-CHAIRPERSONS**

POST DATES

- MAR. 5TH - POST AUX MEETING 7:00 PM.
- MAR. 14th - BOD MEETING @ 7:00 PM
- MAR. 8th - LADIES TEXAS HOLD'UM
- MAR. 10th - CHANGE CLOCKS
- MAR. 10th - PUP TENT 42 AND ITS AUXILIARY BREAKFAST.
- MAR. 12th - POST MEETING AT 7:30 PM.
- MAR. 16th - SCOUT THROOP #596 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 TO 11:30 AM.
- MAR. 17th - ST.PATS PARTY IN LOUNGE 2:00 PM TO ????? DONATION \$5.00. HAPPY, HAPPY!
- MAR. 17th - 3RD DISTRICT MEETING @ HOMETOWN POST 9773 @ 1:30 PM. LADIES MEET AT 1:00

- PM.
- MAR. 19th - HAPPY ST. JOSEPH'S DAY. HAPPY HAPPY!!
- MAR. 23rd - POST BLOOD DRAW (SEE FLYER)
- MAR. 26th - POST MEETING AND NOMINATIONS @ 7:30 PM.
- MAR. 29 - NATIONAL VIET NAM VETERANS DAY

- APRIL 2nd - POST AUX MEETING & ELECTION 7:00PM
- APR. 9th - POST MEETING & ELECTIONS 7:30 PM.
- APR. 11th - BOD MEETING @ 7:00 PM.
- APR. 12th - AUXILARY TEXAS HOLD'UM
- APRIL 13th - POST ITALIAN NITE (SEE FLYER) Cost:20.00
- APR. 14th - COOTIE PUP TENT #42 & ITS AUX MEETING @ 9:30 AM
- APR. 21st - HAPPY EASTER - POST CLOSED.
- APR. 23rd - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.
- MAY 2, 3 & 4 - POST POPPY DAYS

SURGEON

THERE WILL BE A BLOOD DRAWING ON MARCH 23rd FROM 8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE NEED 25 PINTS OF BLOOD FOR OUR DRAW. ALSO THE LADIES WILL BE MAKING A WONDERFUL BREAKFAST THAT DAY FOR YOUR BREAKFAST PLEASURE.

DAVE REMIREZ, SURGEON

THOSE VETERANS THAT RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON THEIR PROPERTY TAXES, CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR AWARD LETTER BY GOING TO : www.va.gov/records/download-va-letters

ALSO YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY THRU E-BENEFITS.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BOY SCOUT TROOP 596 OAK LAWN

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

8:00-11:30 a.m.

Generously hosted and located at:

JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST #5220

9514 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Price: Adult - \$6.00 Children under 4 FREE



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST 5220

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

In the lounge

2:00 P.M.

Listen to some great Irish music provided by

SOUTHWEST RAMBLERS!

\$5.00 DONATION FOR A CORNED BEEF SANDWICH AND SIDES!

