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THE COMMANDERS CORNER

HAVE A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY!!

**ROY JOHNSON,
COMMANDER**

AUXILIARY MEMBERS: SHARON WANER, ALFREDA MORRISON & HELEN LATTYAK. MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE.

RICHARD LUEMEN & BETTY JOHNSON, CHAPLAINS

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND A SPECIAL EFFORT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN OUR GOALS. I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE POST AND LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS' ELECT AND CHAIRMAN FOR THE COMING YEAR. WISHING YOU ALL MUCH SUCCESS. AND FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE POST AND LADIES AUXILIARY FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS PAST YEAR. NO ONE CAN DO IT ALONE.

**BRYANT REED, SR. VICE
COMMANDER**

AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS' SPEAKS

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS PAST YEAR A GOOD ONE. WE ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. BY THE TIME YOU GET THIS, OUR PENNY SOCIAL WILL BE OVER AND I'M SURE, AS IN THE PAST, EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. AND LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR. ON MAY 5TH, WE WILL BE HAVING OUR BLIND VETS LUNCH AND I KNOW MANY OF YOU WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE, AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP. DISTRICT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD MAY 19TH. PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR AND TRY TO COME OUT. WE NEED NUMBERS TO VOTE FOR THE OFFICERS. JUNE WILL BRING THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION. COME DOWN TO SPRINGFIELD, HAVE FUN, MEET NEW FRIENDS. I WANT TO THANK ROY JOHNSON FOR A GREAT YEAR. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH HIM. HE'S A GREAT ADVOCATE OUR VETERANS.

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 THERE IS ANYONE WHO HAS ANY IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR, MAKE SURE TO SEE ME.

**TONY SMERTENE, JR. VICE
COMMANDER**

CHAPLAINS' REPORT

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: MARSHALL PETERSON, FREDRICK ALFICH, ARTHUR MITCHELL AND

MONDAY MAY 27TH IS MEMORIAL DAY, A DAY TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE NO LONGER WITH US. WE WILL HONOR OUR DECEASED COMRADES AT THE OAK LAWN VETERANS MEMORIAL LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE LIBRARY. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11:00 A.M. ALL ARE INVITED BACK TO THE POST FOR DONUTS AND COFFEE AFTER THE CEREMONY. CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THIS ISSUE FOR DATES AND TIMES FOR OTHER POST EVENTS. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR POST BY ATTENDING SOME OF THE SCHEDULED EVENTS. OUR POST INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY JUNE 2ND 2019 AT 1:00PM. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, BUT PLEASE RSVP TO JAN AT THE POST FOR FINAL FOOD COUNT.



JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST 5220

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

"FRIENDS OF DOMINIC DURAN"

CANDLE LIGHT BOWL

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

5:30PM-???

Arena Lanes
103rd & Cicero
Oak Lawn, IL



Donation:
\$25.00 per person
Bowling and Dinner

or
\$15.00 per person
Dinner Only

All Proceeds will go to Veterans Assistance

CALL THE POST 708-423-5220
OR MIKE DURAN 708-653-1710 FOR DETAILS

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER AT JOHNSON-PHELPS!



LET'S NOT FORGET THE 70'S & 80'S!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND

7:00 P.M. IN THE LOUNGE

9514 S. 52ND AVENUE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453

MUSIC BY DJ MIKE!



AUX SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

BROTHERS & SISTERS, THE 2017/18 VFW YEAR IS COMING TO AN END. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR AUX DID'NT REACH OUR 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL. FOR ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP, YOU MUST DO SO "BEFORE" JUNE 1ST. PLEASE SEND YOUR \$17.00 DUES TO LENORE GOODFRIEND AND SHE WILL MAKE SURE IT IS SENT TO NATIONAL ON TIME. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO BECOME A LIFE MEMBER. ASK LENORE AND SHE WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE YOU THE INFO YOU NEED. IF YOU DON'T RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, YOU WILL BE "DROPPED" AS A MEMBER AND WOULD NEED TO THEN REAPPLY. NO LONGER CAN YOU BE RE-INSTATED. ALSO TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY CANCER GRANT, YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FOR ONE YEAR. PLEASE DON'T LET THAT HAPPEN. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RENEWAL DUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**MAUREEN LUEMEN,
SR. VICE PRESIDENT**

POST INSTALLATION

THE POST INSTALLATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 5TH AT 1:00 PM. ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING ARE REQUESTED TO CALL THE POST THE WEEK BEFORE THE INSTALLATION, IF THEY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. WE NEED THIS INFORMATION TO HELP US ORDER FOOD FOR EVERYONE. REMEMBER THAT THIS IS AN OPEN INSTALLATION TO ALL.

POPPY DAYS

POPPY DAYS THIS YEAR WILL BE 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. CALL THE POST FOR DETAILS. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DISTRIBUTE POPPIES, PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPE THAT IS ENCLOSED AND MAKE A DONATION TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

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

POST DATES

MAY 2, 3 & 4 - POST POPPY DAYS
MAY 4TH - KARAOKE NIGHT IN LOUNGE @ 7:30 PM.
MAY 5TH - POST BLIND VETS PARTY @1:00 PM.
MAY 7TH - POST AUX MEETING @ 7:00 PM
MAY 9TH - POST CORPORATION MEETING @ 7:00 PM.
MAY 10TH - PUP TENT #42 **COOTIE TEXAS HOLD'UM**
MAY 12th - PUP TENT #42 MEETING IS CANCELLED
MAY 12TH - MOTHERS DAY-POST CLOSED
MAY 14TH - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM
MAY 18 & 19 - COOTIES C of A IN McHENRY.
MAY 18TH - ARMED FORCES DAY. THANK A VET.
MAY 19TH - 3RD DISTRICT MEETING & ELECTION @ POST 5220 @ 1:00.
MAY 20ST - POPPY DISPLAY

JUDGING AT POST. SETUP AT 6:00 AND JUDGING AT 7:00.

MAY 28TH - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.

MAY 27TH - MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT O.L. MEMORIAL AT 11:00 AM. CHURCH SERVICE TBA.

JUNE 1ST - POST CANDLELITE BOWL(SEE INSERT)

JUNE 2ND - POST INSTALLATION 1:00 PM.

JUNE 4th - POST AUX MEETING @ 7:00 PM.

JUNE 9TH - PUP TENT #42 & ITS AUX MEETING @ 9:30 AM.

JUNE 11th - POST MEETING @ 8:00 P.M.

JUNE 13TH - BOD MEETING @ 7:00 PM

JUNE 14TH - FLAG DAY - DISPLAY YOUR FLAG WITH PRIDE!!!

JUNE 14th TO 17th - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, SPRINGFIELD, IL.

JUNE 17TH - FATHERS DAY - POST CLOSED

JUNE 25TH - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM

NOTES

THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS FROM JUNE 14TH TO THE 17TH IN SPRINGFIELD. FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND, YOU MUST COMPLETE A RESERVATION FORM(OBTAINED FROM THE DEPT WEB SITE), AND RETURNED TO THE VFW SPRINGFIELD OFFICE.

ELECTED POST & AUXILIARY OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

COMMANDER-----RICHARD LUEMEN
SR. VICE COMMANDER-----BRYANT REED
JR. VICE COMMANDER-----TONY SMERTENE
CHAPLAIN-----RICHARD LUEMEN
QUARTERMASTER-----JOSEPH STACHON
SURGEON (APPOINTED)-----DAVE RAMIREZ
JUDGE ADVOCATE (APPOINTED)-----JOSEPH STACHON
ADJUTANT (APPOINTED)-----GORDON HARTEMANN
TRUSTEE #1-----PHIL BRESNAHAN
TRUSTEE #2-----RICHARD BUKOWSKI
TRUSTEE #3-----DAVID SMITH

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT-----MAUREEN LUEMEN
SR. VICE PRESIDENT-----LISA RIVERA
JR. VICE PRESIDENT-----JAN KREJCI
TREASURER-----LENORE GOODFRIEND
SECRETARY-----SUE OPILA
CHAPLAIN-----ELIZABETH JOHNSON
GUARD-----JEAN MARIETTA
TRUSTEE #1-----JOAN CONNELL
TRUSTEE #2-----JEAN MARIETTA
TRUSTEE #3-----RAMONA DURAN
CONDUCTRESS-----LINDA KRONE
FLAG BEARER-----LINDA KRONE
BANNER BEARER-----GERRI MATON

