

# Halloween



# Party



**SATURDAY OCT. 26<sup>TH</sup> - 7:30**

**JOHNSON-PHELPS VFW POST 5220 (LOUNGE)**

**MUSIC BY: DJ MIKE!**

**COSTUME CONTEST!**

**7:00 PM IN LOUNGE**



## THE INSIGHT

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### THE COMMANDERS CORNER

I FIRST WANT TO PASS ON MY CONDOLENCES TO THE OPILA FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF PAST 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT AND POST COMMANDER RICH OPILA. THE POST LOST A TRUE FRIEND. WARRIOR OF FREEDOM RIP.

I WANT TO THANK MY COMRADES FOR GIVING ME THE HIGH HONOR OF BEING THE COMMANDER THIS YEAR. I WILL DO THE BEST I CAN BUT AS IN THE MILITARY, IT WILL BE A TEAM EFFORT.

I ALSO WISH TO CONGRATULATE MY PREDECESSOR ROY JOHNSON ON THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE DID AS COMMANDER AND ATTAINING THE STATUS OF "ALL-AMERICAN COMMANDER."

I DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS NOT ONLY AT MEETINGS, BUT WHEN WE RUN EVENTS IN THE HALL AND LOUNGE. I AM ALWAYS INTERESTED IN INPUT OF THE MEMBERS TO SEE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE SEE HAPPEN AT THE POST.

OUR MEETINGS ARE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, WE'LL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU. TILL NEXT TIME, YOURS IN COMRADESHIP.

**RICH LUEMEN,  
COMMANDER**

### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

PLEASE WORK MEMBERSHIP. I'LL BE WATCHING. WE NEED TO HIT

THE GROUND RUNNING. I HAVE BEEN CHARGED TO MAKE OUR POST COMMANDER AN ALL-AMERICAN COMMANDER AGAIN THIS YEAR. IT IS GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT I KNOW THAT WE AS A POST CAN DO IT.

**BRYANT REED,  
SR. VICE COMMANDER**

### JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

A HUGE THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL THOSE THAT HELPED AT OUR ANNUAL COOKOUT. WITHOUT ALL THOSE HANDS, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS IT WAS. PLEASE REFER TO OUR 'POST DATES' FOR FUTURE EVENTS.

**TONY SPERTENE,  
JR. VICE COMMANDER**

### CHAPLAINS' REPORT

SORRY TO REPORT THE LOSS OF PAST COMMANDER RICH OPILA. OUR LOSS IS THE LORD'S GAIN. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE.

THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LILLIAN BEMIS, WHO PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS YEAR, AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH ON SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 AM.

**GORDON LOHRMAN & BETTY  
JOHNSON, CHAPLAINS**

### AUXILIARY PRESIDENT SPEAKS

HERE WE ARE IN SEPTEMBER ALREADY. BY NOW, ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS SHOULD BE IN FULL SWING. THANK YOU TO ALL MY CHAIRMAN. WITH SCHOOL STARTING, NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS AND PATRIOTS PEN ESSAY FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS. ANYONE CAN ENTER AS LONG AS THEY LIVE IN ILLINOIS. ANY STUDENT INTERESTED, CONTACT GAYLE BUKOWSKI OR THE POST. AT OUR NEXT MEETING (SEPT. 3<sup>RD</sup>), OFFICERS OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT WILL BE COMING FOR OUR ANNUAL INSPECTION. A POT LUCK DINNER WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE MEETING. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. ILLINOIS DAY AT THE NATIONAL HOME WILL BE SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> IN EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. TOURS BEGIN 10:30AM AND LUNCH AT 12:00PM. OUR CRAFT SHOW WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM TO 3:00PM. WE ALWAYS HAVE A HUGE VARIETY OF VENDERS WITH SPECIAL ITEMS. THERE WILL BE FOOD AVAILABLE AS WELL AS RAFFLES. COME OUT & JOIN US. IF YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS EVENT, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP. PLEASE CONTACT ME OR SUE OPILA TO HELP.

THE PASSING OF RICH OPILA PASSED POST/DISTRICT COMMANDER SURPRISED US ALL. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR

CONDOLENCES TO SUE AND HER FAMILY. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF THE POST FOR MANY YEARS. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. CONGRATS TO ROY JOHNSON ON OBTAINING ALL-AMERICAN STATUS. THAT IS REALLY AN HONOR. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW COMMANDER RICH LUEMEN.

**MAUREEN LUEMEN,  
AUX. PRESIDENT**

**AUX SR. VICE  
PRESIDENT**

GREETINGS TO ALL!!! THE AUXILIARY WILL BE IMPLEMENTING A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR. AS REQUESTED BY DEPT. PRESIDENT GUTHALS TO FOCUS ON MENTORING NEW MEMBERS. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT TO INVESTIGATE ALL POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING NEW MEMBERS, BUT ALSO TO INVEST IN NEW MEMBERS, ENOUGH TO ENCOURAGE AND EXCITE THEM TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND TO JOIN US FOR OUR EVENTS. AS A NEW INITIATIVE, ONE MEETING NIGHT A YEAR WILL BE DEDICATED AS A "MEET AND GREET" OF NEW MEMBERS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE HOPES OF SEEING NEW AND HAPPY FACES AROUND THE POST. AS A NEW SENIOR VICE, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THE POST, TROOPS, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IF I CAN HELP ANYONE IN ANY WAY, JUST ASK!!

**LISA RIVERA, AUXILIARY SR.  
VICE PRESIDENT**

**POST DATES**

SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> - LABOR DAY POST CLOSED

SEPT. 3<sup>RD</sup> - POST AUX MEETING AD INSPECTION @ 7:00 P.M.

SEPT. 13<sup>TH</sup> - POST TEXAS HOLD'UM  
SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup> - PUP TENT #42 AND ITS AUX MEETING @ 9:30 AM.

SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup> - PATRIOTS DAY 10:00 AM AT TRAIN STATION.

SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.

SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup> - POST BOARD MEETING @ 7:00 PM

SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup> - THE RAMBLERS PERFORM IN THE POST LOUNGE @ 8:00PM TILL ???.

SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup> - NATIONAL POW/MIA DAY

SEPT. 20<sup>TH</sup> - BLUES NITE @ POST 8:00PM TILL ???

SEPT. 28<sup>TH</sup> - ILLINOIS DAY @ NATIONAL HOME

SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup> - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.

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OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup> - POST AUX MEETING @ 7:00 P.M.

OCT. 13<sup>TH</sup> - PUP TENT #42 & ITS AUX MEETING AT 9:30 AM.

OCT. 20<sup>TH</sup> - AUXILIARY CRAFT SHOW

OCT. 8<sup>TH</sup> - SALUTE TO VETERANS @ DOUBLE TREE HOTEL 1-3 PM.

OCT. 8<sup>TH</sup> - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.

OCT. 10<sup>TH</sup> - BOARD OF DIRS MEETING @ 7:30 P.M.

OCT. 11<sup>TH</sup> - POST TEXAS HOLD'UM

OCT 22<sup>ND</sup> - POST MEETING @ 7:30 PM.

OCT. 26<sup>TH</sup> - HALLOWEEN PARTY IN LOUNGE @ 7:30 P.M.

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PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT WE HAVE TWO HALLS FOR RENT. IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS OR THEIR FRIENDS ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL THE POST AT 708-423-5220 AND ASK FOR JAN FOR DETAILS.

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TEXAS HOLD'UM RETURNS TO THE POST ON SEPT 13<sup>TH</sup>, OCT 11<sup>TH</sup>, NOV. 8<sup>TH</sup> AND DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>. WORKERS NEEDED. SEE SIGN-UP SHEET AT POST MEETING.

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**CORP. NOTE**

WE HAVE BEEN REVAMPING THE POST ENTRY HALL AND STAIRWELL AFTER 62 YEARS. THE ENTRY HAS STARTED TO SHOW ITS AGE, THIS WILL BE AN ON GOING PROJECT BUT IT IS REALLY NEEDED. THIS IS THE FIRST THING PEOPLE SEE AND REFLECTS DIRECTLY ON OUR HALL RENTALS.

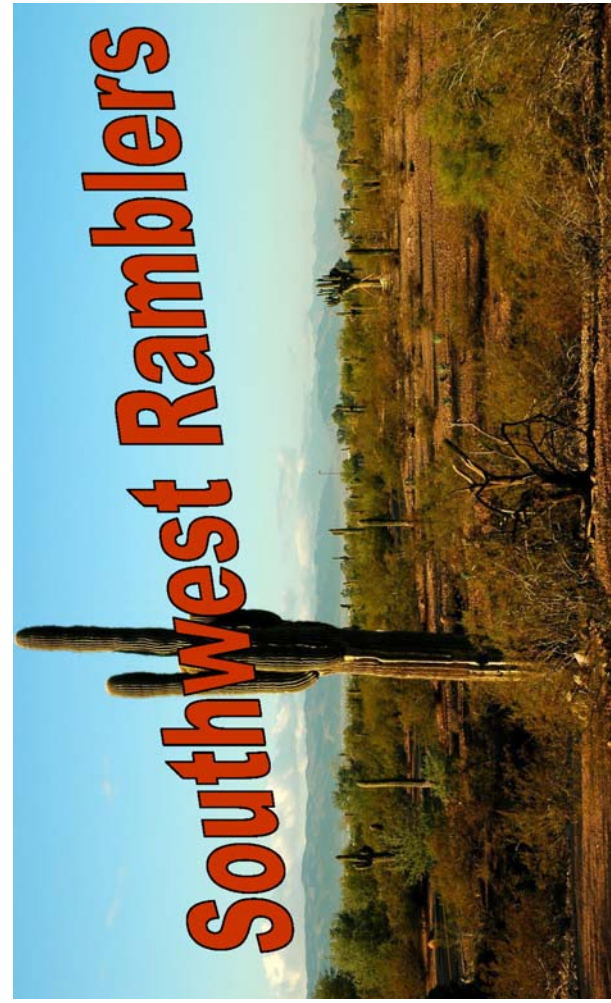
A LARGE "THANK YOU" GOES OUT TO GREEN OAKS AMERICAN LEGION POST 757 AND ITS **COMMANDER RICHARD BUKOWSKI** FOR THE DONATION OF A WARMING OVEN FOR OUR POST KITCHEN. IT WAS REALLY NEEDED. "HOT BUNS FOR EVERYONE."

**JOSEPH STACHON,  
CORPORATION PRESIDENT**

**PUP TENT #42**

WE HAVE FINISHED OUR COOTIE YEAR WITH HOSPITAL REPORTING AT 188% ABOVE QUOTA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR COOTIES FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK. WE HAVE RECRUITED A FEW NEW MEMBERS BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE. WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR NUMBERS WILL ALLOW, SO COME JOIN US AND HELP MAKE US STRONGER. OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS HOSPITAL. THE COOTIE SLOGAN IS "KEEPING THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE". I WANT TO SAY THAT WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF OUR PAST SEAM SQUIRREL RICH OPILA. RICH LOVED THE COOTIES AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.

**DAVE SMITH,  
PUP TENT #42, SEAM SQUIRREL**



**Saturday, September 14th,  
2019**

**8:30 PM**

**At Johnson-Phelps  
VFW Post 5220  
Lounge**

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

Post Member Chris Reich along with Greg McDaniel



**BLUE'S NIGHT AT JOHNSON-PHELPS  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH  
8:00 PM IN THE LOUNGE**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

