



POST 690 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S NEWS ED GRABOWSKI COMMANDER

Greetings All!

Can you believe that Spring is here. You might not, because of the brutal winter we experienced. We all survived, and we have many spring projects going on.

Our biggest news, is that we get our new hall back here in April. It has taken some time, but it is a worthy project. It will be a place the community would like to rent for their meetings and activities. It will also allow us to entertain our larger activities, as we will now have restrooms and a full service bar in the hall. We now have a great place to escape, should we have another plumbing problem in our downstairs clubroom. Should we have a plumbing problem, we do not have to close the post like we did last summer for 4 days. We can use the hall for our clubroom while we fix and remodel the members downstairs clubroom. When we get to that point, I would like to see it more nostalgic with military memorabilia, remembering the sacrifices our veterans and family members made over the years.

Since February, our Legion family has been hosting Friday night fish frys, and the community has supported us well! In March, we participated in the Palatine St. Patrick Day parade, and aside from a great legion family turnout, our Color Guard led the way, and looked sharp as always..!!

Looking forward, we have a lot of work coming up, we have Easter, the upcoming Memorial Day Parade in May, and School awards in June.

Don't forget to come down to our clubroom on Sunday afternoons, as our Progressive raffle has gained momentum, and is close to \$6,000.00!!! Half goes to the lucky patron who is picked and selects the window which hides the elusive queen.

It has been a great year, and I hope to see you around the post!

For God and Country!

Ed Grabowski

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORNER—PAT KOWALSKI, PRESIDENT



Hello Everyone,

I wished you would have been able to attend the Patriotic Conference. We had speakers who spoke about the Bataan March how our Military saved 500 men from being killed by the Japanese. There were two daughters who told the story of her father who was one of the men In the Bataan March. If you would like to learn more just go to Google and type in Bataan March. There was a Marine who spoke about the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. He was one of the guards and told us about the training they go through. No matter what kind of weather it is or if something maybe crawling up their arm or face they never break formation. Molly from our Unit who attended Nation's Girl State spoke on the highlight of her stay.

What a great turnout we had at Hines. The Veterans couldn't wait for Bingo to Start. Their laughter gave us a warm and wonderful feeling. We made their day! Everyone was a winner; they went to their rooms with comfort items, money, canteen books. Thank you to the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and even one of our Juniors Surina for all their help.

April and May is a very important month for us and I truly hope you will be able to attend. In April we will have the reading of the Americanism Essay Contest. We will hear from Stephen Hannon, Claire Hannon and Andrea Nicholson. These children wrote on "How Would I Improve Our Form of Government".

In May we will have The Initiation of our new members, A graduation for Surina; from Junior to Senior, and the Memorial Ceremony for our Ladies who have been call home; Helen Grzybowski, Florence Obrien, Vernetta Brown, Helen Gregory, Mary Ann McMorrow, Esther Wessels.

I do hope you will come out and give support to the children who wrote their essays and in May to show support to our new members, our Junior moving to the Senior level and not to forget our members that have passed into a better life.

Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of the month, being held at the Fire Department at 220 W. Illinois Ave, in Palatine, Time 7:30 P.M.

Patricia Kowalski

PISTOL TEAM REPORT—ED HEWSON, PISTOL TEAM CAPTAIN

Article II (Gun World) practical match 1-7-14

Post 1084 won center fire with a 717, Post 690 second with a 672 and Post 888 221. In rim Post 1084 908 and Post 690 650. Post 888 did not compete. Dave Valentine of Post 690 was high scorer in both rim fire and center fire.

Team 690 contributors were David Valentine, Jeff Johnson, Joe Hartmann, Mike Klanang, Rich Seamans, Gene Andres, Chris Cuthbertson, Angela Kriff and Ed Hewson.

Article II (Gun World) practical match 2-4-14

Post 1084 won center fire with a 602 score, second was Post 690 with a 568 and Post 888 a 507. Post 1084 also won the rim fire match with an 872 to Post 690s 824, Post 888 did not compete in the rim fire competition

Team 690 contributors were David Valentine, Jeff Johnson, Gerard Iannuzzelli, Joe Hartmann, Rich Seamans, Mike Klanang and Ed Hewson.

Article II (Gun World) practical match 3-4-14

Post 1084 won center fire with a 365 score, second was Post 690 with a 319 and Post 888 a 159. Post 690 won the rim fire match with an 379 to Post 1084s 192, Post 888 did not compete in the rim fire competition

Team 690 contributors were David Valentine, Joe Hartmann, Rich Seamans, Gene Andres, Bob Zimay, Andy Engelhardt,

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION JIM PASCHKE, SAL COMMANDER



Hello everyone and welcome to spring,

I hope everyone has survived our almost record setting winter as I and the SAL look forward to the spring and summer. Things have been slow during the winter for the SAL except for our pancake breakfast which is continuing to grow and become very successful and this can only happen with the dedication of the volunteers that make it happen every 3rd Saturday of the month.

We as all of the other family members look forward to the construction/remodeling being finished upstairs and once it has the SAL is planning on having another Casino night to help bring in the new hall. Look for information about this event in the near future.

Upcoming events the SAL will be doing is the Saturday before Memorial day the members of the SAL gather and we walk the local cemeteries' placing flags on our fallen soldiers and thanking them for their service. All is welcome, we start around 10AM. Also, Hometown fest is right around the corner and the SAL is running the corn booth at the fest. In order to make the event a success and not over tax the workers we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help out. It is a fun time and where we are located we have a great view and listening location for all of the bands. Look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Sincerely, SAL Commander, Jim Paschke

MEMBERSHIP NOTE—Matt Christie Just wanted to say thanks to Paul for allowing me to help with this year's membership. We succeeded in our goal of 100% by a landslide. We currently sit at 107.8% with 344 members and still growing. If you have a 2014 membership card in your possession, I say Thank You for paying. If you have a 2013 card and no 2014, I ask that you pay your dues asap, as the cut off is fast approaching. If you need any assistance, please give me a call (Matt Christie) at 847-963-1883, and I will guide you thru the process. For those that receive a dues reminder or notice, please make sure that you did not already pay. There is a processing time factor between when we get your payment and National gets your card. Therefore resulting in them sending you another notice. We received many duplicate payments that were returned or again a big THANKS to those that donated to various needs. We are already working towards next year's set up, so we asking that you please include your phone number and an email address with your next post correspondence, this way we can get further information and post functions to you in a timely fashion. Who knows, maybe we can save the post some money by emailing you your newsletter verses snail mail.

PISTOL TEAM REPORT (CONTINUED)

Mike Mittelstaedt and Ed Hewson.

The outdoor Harvard rifle range is closed for the season.

VFW Post 2801 Range repairs. The range is complete but there still needs to be some work done on the air conditioning that should be completed within the next sixty days.

Article II range is located at 250 Cortland Avenue in Lombard and I can be emailed for directions. Anyone can compete in the matches as an Independent if they have a valid FOID card. Safety classes are held before each match.

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<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Meeting Time and Date</i>
American Legion Post 690	1st Thursday of Every Month @7:30 PM.
Post 690 Executive Board	3rd Tuesday of the Month @8:00 PM
Post 690 Board of Managers	Third Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00 PM
Sons of the American Legion	First Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM (not in July)
Legion Auxiliary Unit 690	2 nd Thursday @ 7:30 PM (meetings NOT held in July or August)
Junior Auxiliary	3 rd Saturday; 10:00 AM to app. 1:30 PM at Post 690 (not in Jul or Aug)
Palatine Jaycees	3 rd Thursday @ 7:00 P.M