



# POST 690 NEWSLETTER



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## COMMANDER'S NEWS JACQUELINE BLOUNT, COMMANDER

Experience, It is said, is the best  
Teacher--providing, of course,  
we become the best students.

### COMMANDER'S BUZZ:

Comrades and friends...I once again am privileged to serve you as commander of Post 690. I look forward to sharing ideas and incentives that embrace properly managed procedures. Following these guidelines will aide the Post's new, as well as older members, to hold to newly discovered and uncovered developments and informational user tools.

I write herein a special thanks to my newly elected officers who support me in this effort of service to this post. Together we dedicate hours of personal time, daily normal work time and family time activities in order to foster stability in our post. Not a single officer receives any stipend to make this possible.

My immediate staff: Senior Vice Commander, Mike Klangang...Verne Edgar, Jr. Vice Commander...Fred Hall, Finance Officer...Wally Degner, Adjutant...Sgt-At-Arms, Dexter Stokes. We serve in love to promote the American Legion Foundation, Post 690, and you, our veterans and friends. Our operational procedures, procedures and other vital information, endorsements, etc. do not automatically come to you each quarterly.

Our Post Newsletter is edited and formatted by Glenn Stout. Glenn has served as, not only a member of the Post, Newsletter editor for many years. He volunteers to do this at no cost to the Post. Glenn our hats are off to you and we thank you very much.

As you may or may not know, our annual Officer Installation is scheduled for Saturday, September 12th. The start time is 5 p.m. (cash bar) and it will continue through the evening. We will introduce special friends of the post. Our Mayor Jim Schwantz will be in attendance and he will be followed by our State Rep. Tom Morrison, our guest speaker. We have hired a professional DJ who will provide music and we will dance the remainder of the night til close. So please join us!

And as in my usual message of safety....

God bless you and yours and God Bless America!

Respectfully, Jacque Blount, USCGR (Ret.), MSE.d

**SENIOR VICE REPORT, MIKE KLANANG,**

Greetings,

Last year we made some strides in activating more members at the Post. I felt there are more opportunities to help the Post with membership activation, so I am again serving as Sr. Vice for 2015/2016. As you have heard in the past, activation it is essential for the well being of the Post. With activation we can not only survive, but thrive.

I would like to thank all the members who have already paid their dues. Post 690 has over 60% paid for the year! That being said, please be patient on receiving your membership card.

I would like to welcome our newest members:

Ron Chaplin, Joseph Gagne, Raymond Hussman, David Collignon, Samuel Ferguson, Patrick Harrigan, Michael Hogan, Robert Scheuler, Rocco Vinciguerra, Joseph Wrzepski, Tomcic Miroslav, Merlyn Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Ronald Stewart, and James Johnson.

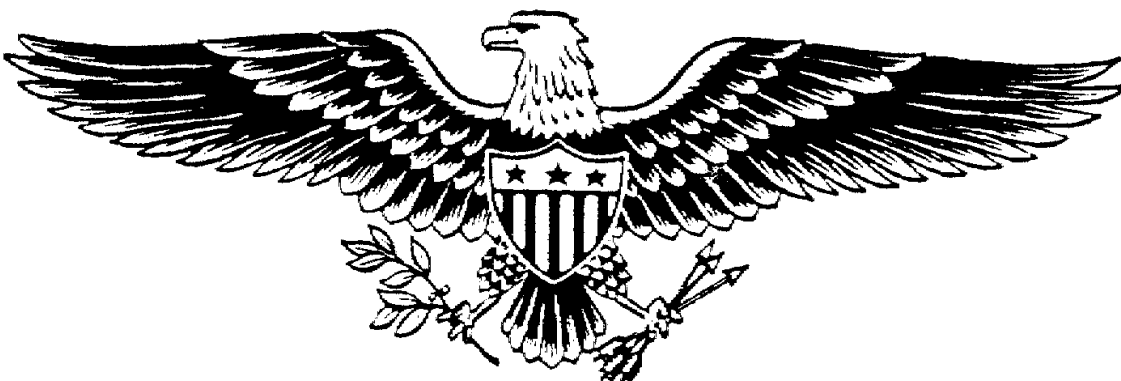
A big thanks goes out to Todd Pearson for his generous sponsor for the New Member Activation Program. If you would like information on this program, let me know.

Additionally, a big thanks goes out to Matt Christie for helping with the transfer members mailing.

Commander Blount has brought back birthday drinks. Be sure to stop in at the Post on your birthday to receive a complimentary drink and socialize with other members.

There is a strong rumor that dues will be going up! National will vote to raise due effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. To save money, please pay prior to the end of the calendar year 2015 before the change take effect. We will again offer a special deal on Five Year Gold card. Pay for 4 years at the current rate \$140 (\$35 x 4) and the Post will pick up the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Members can take advantage of this offer even if you have paid already for the year. If National increases dues, this offer may change. Please contact me for more details.

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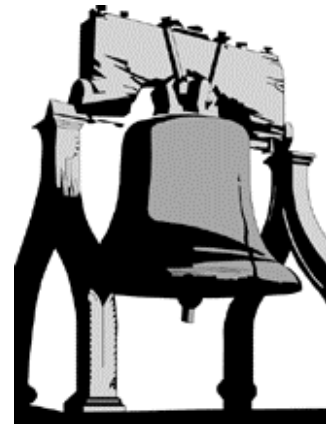


**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORNER— ALICE GUTIERREZ, PRESIDENT**



Greetings,

It is hard to believe another year is beginning. We kick off our first meeting September 10th at 7:00 pm in the hall. All are welcome to join. Our newly elected officers are:



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| Linda Cilonia     | Vice President/Membership |
| Pat Kowalski      | Secretary                 |
| Lisa Wente        | Treasurer                 |
| Erica Bartnicki   | Historian                 |
| Penny Lewandowski | Chaplan                   |
| Sgt-At-Arms       | Jill Robertson            |
| Color Bearers     | Carolynn Christie         |
|                   | Abigail Klanang           |

Linda has membership cards and are sending them out as fast as she receives membership dues, which are \$21.00 until December 2015. Our dues will be increasing to \$27.00 on January 1st2016. Pay up now to avoid the increase.

Now a word from Pat Kowalsi, who attended National Convention in July.

I would like to say to all of our members, Thank you for all your support for the last two years. We acted as a Legion Family and had many great success. I wish the newly elected Officers and Chairmen a wonderful and successful year.

Past President Pat Kowalski

**PISTOL TEAM REPORT—ED HEWSON, PISTOL TEAM CAPTAIN**

**Article II match report: 5-5-15**

As you can see the trend is still active, Post 1084 wins center fire, Post 690 is second and Post 888 is third. In rim fire Post 690 wins and Post 1084 is second and Post 888 does not fire.

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| Center fire | Post 1084 - 565 | Post 690 - 557. | Post 888 - 551 |
| Rim fire    | Post 690 - 322  | Post 1084 -289  | Post 888 - DNF |

Post 690 competitors were Dave Valentine, Bob Zimay, CJ Malchow, Ed Hewson Jr and Ed Hewson Sr. Ed Hewson Jr won the raffle for a free match.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—ADAM ANDERSON, SAL COMMANDER



Greetings:

My name is Adam Anderson, and it is my pleasure to be elected the S.A.L.

Commander for the 2015/2016 year. In the past I have been; Senior Vice, Junior Vice, and Sergeant at Arms. As well as a member of the Legion Color Guard and Rifle squad. We all, in the S.A.L, look forward to working with the Legion and the Auxiliary, in making the Post the best it can be.

The Mission of the S.A.L is to support veterans and their families and the policies of The American Legion. Almost everything that involves the S.A.L could be grouped under three areas: Support veterans and their Families, promoting patriotism and Americanism, and advocating for programs which benefit the youth of our country.

Along with my fellow SAL executive Board, We wish the best for the whole Post 690 Legion Family to have a great and fun year; we look forward to working with them and helping out at some of our great fundraisers.

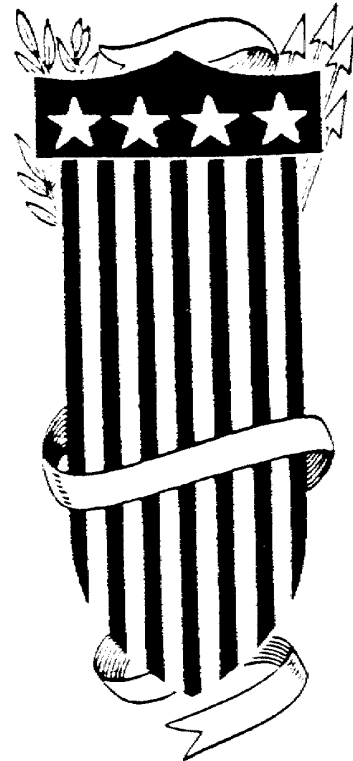
For God and Country,

Adam Anderson

SAL Commander

### 2015/2016 SAL executive Board

- Commander: Adam Anderson
- Senior Vice: Gerard Iannuzzelli
- Junior Vice: Mike Rocha
- Sergeant at Arms: Ken Richardson
- Finance: Matt Christie
- Adjutant: Jeff Van Horn
- Chaplain: John Nemanich
- Historian: Tom Seick
- Immediate Past Commander: Jim Steiner
- Legion Advisors: Bill Borndahl, David Lee, and Rob Sterling



**PISTOL TEAM REPORT—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)****Article II (Gun World) practical match 6-2-15**

This center fire match was close, one point, but close only counts in horseshoes Post 1084 won center fire, Post 690 second and Post 888 third. Rim fire no one competed except Post 690 so we won.

Center fire Post 1084 - 283 Post 690 - 282 Post 888 - 254

Rim fire Post 690 - 303 Post 1084 – DNF Post – DNF

Post 690 competitors were Dave Valentine, Joe Hartmann, Bob Zimay, CJ Malchow, Ed Hewson Jr, Mike Klanang, Abby Klanang, Rich Seamans and Ed Hewson Sr. Joe Hartmann won the raffle for a free match.

**Harvard match report 6/21/15 M-1 Garand match**

Ed Hewson Sr was sixth with 178 and Dave Valentine tenth with 146.

**Article II (Gun World) practical match 7-7-15**

Center fire Post 690 – 713 Post 1084 -678 Post 888 - 674

Rim fire Post 690 - 701 Post 1084 – DNF Post – DNF

Post 690 good guys won center fire with a score of 713 with Post 1084 second with 678 and Post 888 very close third with 674. In rim fire Post 690 was first with a score of 701. Post 1084 and Post 888 did not compete in rim fire.

Team 690 contributors were Dave Valentine, Joe Hartmann, Mike Klanang, CJ Malchow, Fletcher Valentine, Ed Hewson Jr and Ed Hewson Sr., No raffle.

**Harvard Rifle Range AR match 7-19-15**

Ed Hewson Sr. and took 10th place. The order of competition was very close to the last match with the big difference being the amount of shots per stage. Last match we used M1 Garands and they have an eight round clip so to avoid a reload each stage consisted of eight shots on target. This match we used ARs and they are capable of many more shots but it was limited to ten for each stage which consisted of four stages three were bench rest at 100, 75 and 50 yards. The fourth stage was standing at 50 yards, five shots on target run about 10 yards and shoot five more times. Shooting wasn't bad but the running had its effect on me.

**Article II (Gun World) practical match 8-4-15**

Center fire Post 1084 - 1026 Post 888 – 901 Post 690 - 792

Rim fire Post 690 - 1051 Post 1084 – 457 Post – DNF

Ouch, Post 690 got spanked. The good guys came in last in center fire. Post 1084 was way out in front with 1026 and Post 888 second with 901. In rim fire Post 690 was first with a score of 1051 and Post 1084 second with 457. Post 888 did not compete in rim fire.

Team 690 contributors were Dave Valetine, Mike Klanang, Rich Seamans, Bob Zimay, CJ Malchow, Ed

## **SURPLUS ITEMS OFFERED TO LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS**

The Board of Managers has determined that several items are no longer useful to the Post and is offering them to members of the Post, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the Legion. A description of the items is below

- World War II VE Day framed newspaper article – about 19” x 16”
- World War II VJ Day framed newspaper article - about 19” X 16”
- 9/11/01 framed Fire and Police Patch Display – about 13” x 13”
- Framed Declaration of Independence – about 21” x 17”
- Brown Embossed Circular Plaques – about 18” in diameter;
  - Army, Marines, Air Force (one each)

The above items to be offered to any member at no cost.

Please contact Fred Hall at [fphall215@comcast.net](mailto:fphall215@comcast.net) or leave a note for him at the clubroom bar if you would like to have one or more of the items. They will be given away on a first come – first served basis.

## **RECOGNITION OF PAST COMMANDERS**

Prior to the renovation of the upstairs event hall, the photographs of our past commanders were displayed for several years on the west wall of the room.

The Board of Managers has approved a plan to display the photographs on a large television screen at the top of the stairs leading to the event hall. The photographs will rotate through on the screen.

The Board of Managers would like to indicate on the screen the year(s) the member served as commander and also the branch of the service in which the past commander served. If you know the branch of service of any of our commanders prior to 2000, please forward your response to Fred Hall at [fphall215@comcast.net](mailto:fphall215@comcast.net) or leave a note for him at the clubroom bar. Your assistance will be appreciated.

**PISTOL TEAM REPORT—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)**

Hewson Jr and Ed Hewson Sr.

Raffle was won by Fletcher Valentine.

Article II range is located at 250 Cortland Avenue in Lombard and I can be emailed for directions.

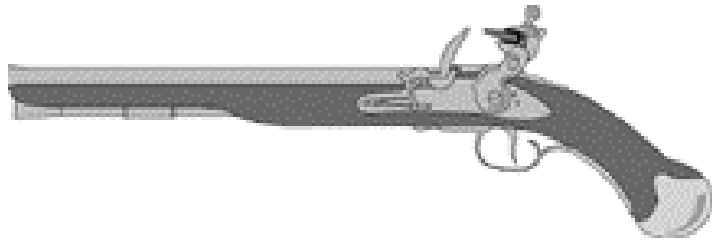
Due to limited space competition is by invitation only and you must have a valid FOID card. A safety and rules class is held before each match.

Ed Hewson

Pistol Team Captain

Past Commander Post 690

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## Upcoming events



### Street Fest: August 28-30

- Membership Booth
  - Saturday August 29th: 11:00AM -6:00PM
  - Sunday August 30th: 11:00AM -5:00PM
- SAL Bingo
  - Saturday August 29th: NOON-5:00PM, setup 11:00AM-1:00PM.
- SAL Pancake Breakfast (after Feet Fest 3K run)
  - Sunday August 30th: 8:30AM to 11:00AM

### Legion Membership Meetings

- Thurs 7:30PM
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 1<sup>st</sup> - November 5<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Legion Family Installation:** September 12<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 9pm

**Tailgate Football Party:** October (Date TBD)



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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 Monday of the Month @8:00 PM
Post 690 Board of Managers	3rd Monday 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 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 7:30 PM (meetings NOT held in July or August)
Junior Auxiliary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday; 10:00 AM to app. 1:30 PM at Post 690 (not in Jul or Aug)
Palatine Jaycees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00 P.M