



POST 690 NEWSLETTER



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COMMANDER'S NEWS JACQUELINE BLOUNT, COMMANDER

My Dear Legion Family, Comrades, and Friends:

While I continue to wind down in my responsibilities as Post #690 Commander, I wish to take this time to thank you for your support and continued membership in this very vital and worthy organization. There are still many barriers which continue to prosper in this world and other organizations. However, The American Legion is a strong veterans component which has prospered and will never die. We will defeat evil and stamp out corruption. I want to remind you of the meaningful benefits this organization designed to benefit veterans and their families.

The Legion has a prescription program discount program. Though it is not insurance, it is a program to save on prescription medicine at participating pharmacies. The using of your membership card can save you up to 20%. Notably, the introduction of your Legion card will save and honor discounts on eye care, remodeling of your home, special discounts on Veteran Holidays at restaurants, retail stores and vacation resorts. Continue to pay and keep your membership in good standing.

As with every year end, it is time to present to membership a slate of new nominees to serve as new officers: Thus far....

- Commander (Daphne Matthews)
- Senior Vice Commander (open)
- Junior Vice Commander (open)
- Finance Officer (Mike Klanang)
- Sgt-at-Arms (Dexter Stokes)
- Board of Managers and Directors at Large each one vacancy.

Please be reminded that Membership must elect officers according to Post By-Laws for the Legion (Auxiliary and SAL choose within their guidelines). Come to vote at the next Monthly Meeting, Thursday June 2nd.

Prayers always for the good of the United States of America. God bless you and yours!!

Jacqueline Blount, Commander

USCGR (Ret.), MSED.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORNER — ALICE GUTIERREZ, PRESIDENT



Hi Everyone,

Isn't it great to be outside again? Spring can be slow getting here, so it's a joy to have warmer weather again. Reminder that Poppies are coming up again also. Our days to Distribute Poppies will be May 26, 27, and 28th. Our Poppy Chairman Patty Boyd will be putting sign- up sheets in May, so please take an hour or two and help raise funds for our Veterans. Poppy Days is an old and honored tradition around Memorial Day week-end and has a great impact. In Illinois alone, during 2014 and 2015, we volunteered 209,000 hours and \$198,000 serving veterans. This is what we do, and why we matter to our community.



Once again, we traveled on April 17th and spent a Sunday afternoon at Hines Hospital. What a terrific day we had. We spent time in the Spinal Ward, talking with the Veterans and delivering comfort items. Then we went to the lunch room and played Bingo for over an hour with Veterans in Extensive Care. We gave away money, Canteen Books and comfort items for each and every one! We had a large group of 37 Bingo Players. Thank you Lisa and Craig Wentte, Delores Roper, Patti Slove, Surina Lewandowski, Daphne Mathews, and Rich Gutierrez for helping put on the event. Thank you SAL for your donation of Canteen Books. I have said this many times, you walk away from Hines feeling a bit different, and proud that you come there.

Delores Roper and I presented three ROTC metals at Wheeling High School last Wednesday night. What a great assembly of young men and women. Rich Gutierrez and Lisa Wentte also attended.

Upcoming events are Bingo on May 17 at 7pm. Early Bird Game is at 6:30pm. Always fun times at Bingo!

That's it for now. Remember we "advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship and peace and security." In our troubled world, this is a powerful statement.

Respectfully,

Alice Gutierrez

President, Women's Auxiliary Unit 690

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—ADAM ANDERSON, SAL COMMANDER



Greeting, I am pleased to announce that our Squadron, as of this April have reached 100% of our Membership Goal. Along with this great achievement, in which we have reached 100% in each of the last two years, we have also added 17 new members to our Squadron. One of the coolest things that I have learned about our new members is; a few of them came in and joined off the street, they have heard of the great things that our Squadron has accomplished this year and wanted to be a part of it. To all of our new and returning members I thank you for a great year.

Memorial Day weekend

- The SAL along with the rest of the Legion Family will be having Poppy Days May 26th-28th, please look for us on the street of Plum Grove and Colfax; and Wood St. and Smith (Train Station).
- On May 28th, the SAL will be doing our tradition of placing flags on the graves of our Veterans at the surrounding Palatine Township Cemeteries. We start at Hillside cemetery @1030am with a small ceremony.
- The American Legion Memorial Day parade will step off at Hillside Cemetery at 10:15am on May, 30th, please come out and march with the rest of the Legion Family. (See Page 5 for more details)

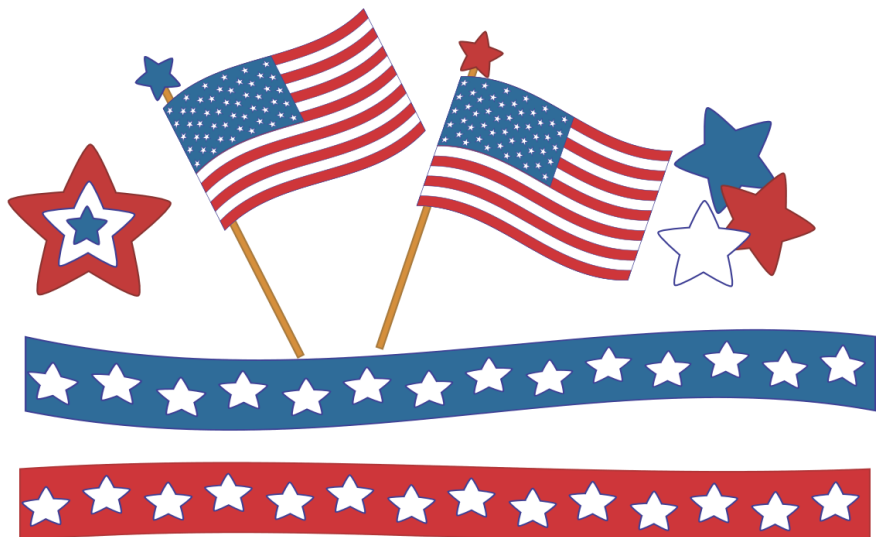
4Th of July Weekend

- As usually, The SAL, with the help of the Legion and Auxiliary, will be selling roasted corn at the Palatine Jaycees Hometown Fest, at Community Park, from July 1st-July4th. Please come out and help raise some money for you organization.

For God and Country,

Adam Anderson

SAL Commander



PISTOL TEAM REPORT—ED HEWSON, PISTOL TEAM CAPTAIN

VFW 2801 2-19-16

Post 690 came in second with the Marine League first but we will beat them yet.

MCL 496 Marine Corp League

Post 690 455

CVMA 416 Combat Veterans

CCE 401 Chicago Corvair Club

Team 690 contributors were Andy Engelhardt, Dave Valentine, Dave Schull, Rich Seamans and Ed Hewson
Rich Seamans did not get to compete because he graciously gave up his position so Dave Schull could compete. Andy Engelhardt was top scorer in the match.

Article II (Gun World) Practical match 3-1-16

Post 690 good guys came in second in center fire and first in rim fire.

Center fire Post 1084 – 437 Post 690 – 414 Post 888 – 346

Post 134 – 306 VFW 981 - 266

Rim fire Post 690 – 456 Post 1084 - 336

Team 690 contributors were Dave Valentine, Rich Seamans, Mike Klanang Abby Klanang and Ed Hewson

VFW 2801 3-18-16

Wonders never cease Post 690 came in first place beating the Marine Corp League and the Combat Veterans and Andy Engelhardt was top scorer in the match.

Post 690 485

CVMA 467 Combat Veterans

MCL 456 Marine Corp League

CCE 399 Chicago Corvair Club

Team 690 contributors were Andy Engelhardt, John Schofield, Wayne Schleeauf, Joe Hartmann, David Valentine and Bob Zimay.

Article II (Gun World) Practical match 4-5-16

Team 690 won center fire and rim fire.

Center fire Post 690 – 397 Post 1084 – 347 Post 134 - 329

Post 888 – 314

Rim fire Post 690 - 404

Team contributors were Dave Valentine, Joe Hartmann, PC Ed Grabowski, Mike Klanang and Ed Hewson

VFW 2801 4-15-16

We came in third behind the Combat Vets (#1) and Marine Corp L (#2).., but we'll get them next month.

CVMA 465

MCL 436

Post 690 393

CCE 355

Team 690 contributors were Andy Engelhardt, John Schofield, Wayne Schleeauf and Ed Hewson..

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, edhewson@sbcglobal.net

Memorial Day Parade Participation

All Post/Veterans/Auxiliary/SAL members interested in participating in the parade have 2 options:

- 1) **Meet at the Post by 9:15 AM on Monday May 30th** for a 9:30 departure to the parade staging area. Vehicles will be available to transport people to the route. At the route, people can chose to ride in the parade or march in the parade.
 - 2) **Be at the parade route by 9:30 AM.** There is **NO PARKING** on the parade route, so plan your morning walk accordingly.
- Regardless of #1 or #2, we ask that people sign up on the sheet on the club room bulletin board. They will have to chance to note if they are a Veteran, Past Leader or Gold Star.
 - Small flags will be available to hand out along the parade route for those that are walking. The parade steps off at 10:15 AM and ends at Community park for the 11 AM ceremony.
 - Everyone is encouraged to stay for the 11 AM ceremony.
 - All gold and blue star families, combat veterans, past commanders wishing to be recognized in the Community Park program:
 - Following the parade, please be seated in the folding chairs at the side of the stage. The program will last between 30 and 45 minutes. During the program, if you wish, you will be introduced.
 - Transportation can be arranged for a ride back to the Post for lunch after the ceremony.





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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 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