



# Post 690 NEWSLETTER



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## COMMANDER'S NEWS- DAPHNE MATTHEWS, COMMANDER

Spring is upon us. Happy Vernal Equinox. The birds are back (and so are the geese). Flowers are blooming.

We have had a busy and challenging year with the departure of our Club Room Administrator. Thank you to all for taking on additional volunteer duties.

As with many other volunteer organizations we want to be self-sustaining. We had a fun Pull-Tab Baseball Game. Thanks to all who donated – LOL - to the winners!

I was at the Post for Ladies on the Town Friday, April 21. The place was jumping – lots of young people – music playing – people playing pool. They needed 2 bartenders! People saying I've never been here before. With that – the bar is doing well.

Rosette Marturana, one of the lead bartenders, has lots of fun events planned. Please like us on Facebook and support these events.

The Fish Fry was a very successful family event. Next year, Bill Borndahl and Ed Behrens have stepped up to chair the 2018 Fish Fry. Bravo Zulu.

We are very fortunate to have a group of Fremd students conducting a Veteran's Run – 5K Walk/Run. Benefits going to Palatine Post 690. Wow! The Run/Walk takes place Saturday, 5/13/2017 at 8:00 am. Veteransrun.org \$30 - \$20 under 12 – Sign up or just come to the event to cheer people on at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 3805 Winston Dr., Hoffman Estates.

Reminder: Please volunteer – we need people to run for office for the upcoming year. Contact Wally Degner at wallyjanet@att.net or he will contact you! Uncle Sam & American Legion Post 690 needs you. We may have to reinstate the draft :- ) !!

- Thursday May 4:                   General Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 15:                Board of Managers @ 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee @ 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 1:                General Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 19:                Board of Managers @ 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Committee @ 8:00 p.m.

We have hired a part-time bookkeeper to help with the everyday running of the post. His name is Fran Kelch – please say hello.

**COMMANDER'S NEWS- CONTINUED**

Please stay tuned for information of the very important pledge program. FYI - We've had some big expenses - fan for walk-in cooler & HVAC on roof, taxes, etc.

Let us not forget the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. They have given their lives in service to our country. Please lift them up and learn from their example of heroism and courage.

See Page 5 for Memorial Day information.

As I come to the end of my term as Commander, I wish you all fair winds and following seas.

Commander Matthews

### **"I Pledge to the Post..."**

Post 690 is surviving by the thinnest of threads and many of our Post Programs have been cut or cutback. The problem is that this Post has survived and flourished, in the past, on the profits earned from charitable gaming- namely our pull-tab operation. During that same time period, our profits have now dropped by 70% and are at levels that make the future of our Post questionable. The overall difference between profitability and closure is a small one but over time it still will mean the same outcome as so many other Legion Posts experienced- closure.

Though we are looking at possible alternatives the issue for our Post Home is time and that is what we need to give it. You will be receiving a small packet in the mail which will explain a program that will save this Post and allow us to bridge a gap so that we can not only keep our doors open but to put new revenue streams in place that can carry us into the future. It is a renewable pledge program which we have entitled **"I pledge to the Post"**. We hope that you will partake in the program so that we can guarantee a home for future veterans to continue our long history of veteran and community programs.

Sincerely

Todd Pearson

Past Commander

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORNER— DELORES ROPER, PRESIDENT



As we finish up the Auxiliary year I am proud to say that Palatine unit #690 received the township of Palatine Service Award at the annual township meeting on Tuesday may, 18th. The unit sponsored three cadets from the NJROTC program at Wheeling High School. One of the cadets that we sponsored received a four year scholarship from the Naval Academy. This includes tuition, room and board and medical and dental expenses. She also received a \$500.00 scholarship. We should be very proud of her

We did go to Hines last month to play bingo with the veterans. We visited the extended care unit and the spinal ward. We had 22 members go with to Hines. There were about 22 veterans in the spinal ward and about 45 veterans in the extend ward. They did not want us to leave. The next visit will be October to the Blind Center at Hines. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Delores Roper  
Unit President

### *Why do we have problems operating the Post?*

Greetings, Post 690 members, all 300 of you. Why do we have problems operating the Post? It is because so few volunteer to do the job. I know that in the military we are told, "never volunteer, you will regret it." For me that was never true; I volunteered to join the Marine Corps at age 17 just out of high school. It was a good move, and very educational. The timing was good, just before the Vietnam War. I usually joke that I "fought the battle of Southern California." While stationed at Twentynine Palms, I bought a car and toured California. I volunteered to be a host for a base dance; met a nice girl and spent weekends dancing at the Hollywood Palladium, the pier at Santa Monica, saw Fats Domino at San Jose, etc.

After moving to Palatine, I volunteered to be on the Board of the Palatine Park District, was re-elected six times, and enjoyed nearly every minute of it. Now we have only three volunteers for the various offices of Post 690.

- Commander - Al Maurer
- Finance Officer - Jim Brenner
- Director at Large - Chris Maurer

Do you understand why so many other posts are closing and selling their building? You are missing the boat. This means that the election will be open to nominations from the floor. If we do not have enough officers, such as:

- Senior Vice Commander
- Junior Vice
- Sergeant at Arms

..the Executive Committee will have to decide how to proceed. At the last Post meeting we did not have a quorum.

Wally Degner

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

### **Article II match report: 1-3-17**

|             |                |                 |                |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Center fire | Post 888 – 492 | Post 1084 – 485 | Post 690 – 357 |
| Rim fire    | Post 888 – 541 | Post 1084 – 454 | Post 690 – 330 |

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

### **VFW 2801 1-20-17**

|          |     |                      |
|----------|-----|----------------------|
| MCL      | 503 | Marine Corp League   |
| POST 690 | 470 |                      |
| CVMA     | 453 | Combat Veterans      |
| CCE      | 368 | Chicago Corvair Club |

Team 690 contributors were Andy Engelhardt, John Schofield, Dave Valentine, David Schall, Bud Hainaultg and Ed Hewson.

### **Article II match report: 2/7/17**

|             |                 |                |                |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Center fire | Post 1084 – 190 | Post 888 – 183 | Post 690 – 153 |
| Rim fire    | Post 1084 – 203 | Post 690 – 196 | Post 888 – 172 |

Team 690 contributors were, Rich Seamans, Nick Budmats, Andy Engelhardt and Ed Hewson

### **VFW 2801 2/17/17**

|          |     |                      |
|----------|-----|----------------------|
| MCL      | 504 | Marine Corp League   |
| CVMA     | 487 | Combat Veterans      |
| POST 690 | 465 |                      |
| CCE      | 423 | Chicago Corvair Club |

Team 690 contributors were Rich Seamans, Andy Englehardt, Dave Valentine, Bud Hainault and Wayne Schleeauf.

### **Article II match report: 3/7/17**

|             |                 |                |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Center fire | Post 1084 - 184 | Post 690 - 162 | Post888 157     |
| Rim fire    | Post 888 - 203  | Post 690 - 195 | Post 1084 - 155 |

Team 690 contributors were, Rich Seamans, Dave Valentine and Ed Hewson.

### **VFW 2801 3/17/17**

|          |     |                      |
|----------|-----|----------------------|
| MCL      | 485 | Marine Corp League   |
| CCE      | 477 | Chicago Corvair Club |
| CVMA     | 476 | Combat Veterans      |
| POST 690 | 450 |                      |

Team 690 contributors were Rich Seamans, Andy Englehardt, John Schofield and Ed Hewson.

### **Article II match report 4/4/17**

|             |                 |                 |                |               |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Center fire | Post 1084 - 194 | Post 690 - 176  | Post 888 – 95  | VFW 981 - 79  |
| Rim fire    | Post 690 - 180  | Post 1084 - 179 | Post 888 – 159 | VFW 981 - DNF |

Team 690 contributors were Dave Valentine, Rich Seamans 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 29th** 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.
  - 1:00 p.m.— We will have a small ceremony at the memorial in Town Square – across from the Post.





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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<br>(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  |