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Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42

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2008 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are happy to announce that our membership renewals are now over 70 percent. If you have not as yet paid your 2008 dues, please do so as soon as you can!

Our goal is to continue the American Legion's advocacy for Veterans and Service to Veterans. To do that, we need your support and participation. We are a vital and active post DOING THE GOOD WORK of the American Legion, helping veterans, visiting the sick, raising funds for the "Gifts to the Yanks" Program, sending parcels to our troops overseas, presenting programs at nursing and retirement communities, supporting Scouting in Evanston, helping to repair housing for needy homeowners, helping the community to remember its veterans through public ceremonies and public speaking, supporting Legion Programs like the High School Oratorical Scholarship contest, which promotes knowledge of the Constitution, by sponsoring Little League and American Legion Baseball and raising money to support needy families, supporting activities at Evanston schools and oh yes, every once in a while we get together for some fun.



The 2007 American Legion-sponsored EYBA baseball team that was able to play baseball because of your support.

But remember, we do what we do because you care and because you are part of the team that stands for the Veteran and for the active duty service personnel who stand in harm's way on our behalf. Thank you for what you do! Keep supporting the American Legion.

7TH DISTRICT CREATES NEW "WOUNDED WARRIOR" FUND,

At the last 7th District Meeting, the member posts voted to create the 7th District Wounded Warrior Fund and asked participating Posts and member for donations to fund the effort. Over the last two years several members of the 7th District, including Service Officer Len Jakubiak, National Executive Committee Member Ken Trumbull, 7th Dist. Commander Joe Hedrick and Post 134 Past Cmdr Joe Piento have been visiting the Wounded Warrior Barracks at Camp Pendleton and Camp Lejeune. Each year they have raised funds and then presented those at the Wounded Warrior facilities with cash cards and telephone cards for the use of the wounded service personnel while there. The 7th District has now formalized this effort with the creation of the Wounded Warrior Fund; to continue the efforts of the Legion to support those who have sacrificed so much for our benefit. You can either make the checks payable to "7th District, American Legion" and write "Wounded Warrior Fund" on the memo line or you can also write it to "Evanston Post 42" and designate "Wounded Warrior Fund" on the memo line.

SUPER BOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 3 AT 2:00 PM

It is Super Bowl Party time again! Great food, fun, raffles and prizes still mark what this event is all about; with or without the Bears. The party begins at 2:00 PM and will last until the end of the game. There will be food, drinks, and raffle prizes too. The Post will raffle off a 42-inch FLAT SCREEN television. Come on in to the post and sign up for the party. Raffle tickets are \$15, with a limited number available. Sign up sheet is in the clubroom.

THE CLUBROOM AND HALL ARE NOW NON-SMOKING FACILITIES

Based on the law which became effective on January 1, 2008, our clubroom and hall are now smoke-free. The law specifically applies to us because we dispense beverages in the clubroom and have employed staff in the clubroom. Smoking is therefore prohibited in the clubroom and meeting hall as they are areas of public accommodation. Smoking is allowed on the patio so long as it takes place more than 15 feet from the door.

POST CORNED BEEF "ST. PADDY'S" DINNER, MARCH 15, 2008

On Saturday, March 15, we will host our annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner. Bob Weis displays his considerable culinary skills once again by preparing a traditional corned beef dinner. Cocktails are at 5:00 PM; Dinner is at 6:00PM. There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubroom in February. Cost of the Dinner is \$15.00 per person with cash bar in the clubroom.

PIANO: TAKE IT ITS YOURS!

We have been thinking of getting rid of our piano. Want it? It's yours. Just move it at your expense and you can have it.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2007 REACHES OUT IN NEW WAYS

Thanks to all who volunteered, stirred, flipped, grilled and scrambled for our annual pancake breakfast on November 17, 2007. Those who paid to eat this wonderful breakfast were once again responsible for raising \$2,500. This year, we divided the proceeds among three community efforts: Evanston's Neediest Families, a charitable support fund run by the City of Evanston, the TED Fund, a non-profit organization that provides financial assistance to District 65 children who otherwise could not afford to participate in extra-curricular activities and the Evanston American Legion Baseball Team. Thank you for supporting such worthy causes.

In addition, the Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank all those who attended and made purchases at their annual Holiday and Bake Sale, which takes place along with the Pancake Breakfast

GOLF SHOOT-OUT FEBRUARY 17 AT THE POST

Our Annual Golf Shoot-out is coming up on Sunday, February 17, at 10:00 AM. We will have breakfast, and then we will head out for the shoot-out competition on the 18th fairway. There will be a closest to the pin contest. Prizes will be awarded. We will then return to the post for a little warm-up. Bring a club or two and at least hit the ball. Cost is just \$10.00 for the event. Sign up in the clubroom

SAL CROSS-COUNTRY GOLF MARCH 30, 2008

The SAL puts on the annual cross-country golf outing. How about shooting balls through a tunnel as part of playing a hole? How about combining two par 3 holes to make a par 4? This will make you see Govern/Jans golf course in a whole new way. Afterward, food will be served and of course, drinks are available at the bar. Tee off will be around 10AM. Look for the sign-up sheet at the clubroom or contact the Post at 847-475-9076 for more details.

POST CHRISTMAS PARTY



On December 9, Santa Claus stopped in at the Post, as he does every year. Here Santa interviews a child who we are sure was nice and not naughty and therefore suitably rewarded with a gift. Special thanks to Santa and his helpers for bringing so many smiles for so many faces.

SIGN UP IN APRIL FOR THE TWILIGHT GOLF LEAGUE STARTING MAY 6, 2008

In coming months, the sign up sheet for the Post 42 Twilight Golf League will be posted in the clubroom. The league begins play Tuesday, May 6, 2008 and will continue every Tuesday through the end of August. Each player is assigned a team and team scores and individual scores earn prizes at the end of the season. The fee for participation was \$35.00, but may be subject to change at the time the sign-up sheet is posted.

The league scoring is based on playing nine holes at Peter Jans on the day of league play. Every player receives a handicap based on his or her actual scores throughout the season. Each player is responsible for getting their tee times and paying their greens fees. Most players tee off between 1:30 PM and 5:00 PM, depending on their individual preferences. Dinner is usually ready around 6:00 – 6:30. Raffles are held afterward.

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 13-15, 2008

Reservations are being taken for the Annual Department Golf Tournament hosted by Post 24 in Champaign, IL. We typically play a "warm-up" round at Lake-of-the-Woods Golf Course on Friday. Actual tournament play begins Saturday and concludes Sunday morning. The weekend concludes with a steak dinner at Post 24, served right after your round. Yes, it's true that June 15 is Father's Day, but you can be home by Sunday afternoon and still be with the family.

We have a block of rooms available to accommodate up to 40 golfers at the Best Western Hotel in Savoy, IL, which is less than a mile from the golf course. The hotel has a very nice outdoor pool. The golf committee wants you to make your reservations as soon as possible. We want to make sure that all room

assignments are made in advance so that the hotel is prepared for your arrival. We will want to know your name, your roommate, and whether you require smoking or non-smoking rooms (or no preference). We also want to know who is in your foursome. Contact Dino at 847-251-7624, Greg Lisinski 847-328-3627 or Bob Weis at the Post 847-475-9076. Look for the sign-up sheets in the clubroom when they are posted. Forms are going to be available for the foursome information and payments. Our inaugural cook-out on Saturday at the tournament was a huge success. We will once again hold the cook out on Saturday June 14 around 2PM at the hotel.

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST AT GBN FEBRUARY 20th 2008

Our Americanism Chair, Mike Carder, reports that the 1st Division High School Oratorical Contest is tentatively scheduled to be held at Glenbrook North High School. The date for the competition is February 20, 2008

The Legion is looking for volunteers to help run this event. We need candidate escorts for taking candidates to the stage, contest judges and others to provide general assistance and TLC to the candidates. Please contact Mike for details.

Refreshments will be served at 6:00 PM. The winner of the 1st Division Contest represents the division on the State Oratorical contest. At the Department level, there are THOUSANDS of dollars in scholarship funds available. State winners go on to compete in the national contest. The National winner receives \$18,000 in scholarship funds.

REBUILDING TOGETHER APRIL 26, 2008

Our Post is now entering its sixth year as a supporter of this program and will be working on our sixth house project in as many years. Last year, we had almost 100 volunteers working on the home of a disable WWII vet and did everything from repairing walls to landscaping, to gutter cleaning to even washing his Labrador Retriever.

The commander would very much like to sponsor another home as we did last year. But to do that, we need your cash donation. To achieve this goal, we need \$2,500. The sponsorship fee goes almost entirely to projects and not administration.

We need you for your trade skills, or your "handyman" skills, your painting ability, your good cheer. Even if all you can do is push a broom, you can still make a difference. We need you again. In Legion terms we are creating a "sense of obligation" to the community. In projects like this, we are making a real difference.



Commander Greg Lisinski, House Captain for a 2007 Rebuilding Together Project, with Past Post Cmdr. Mike Carder and Post 108 Cmdr. Leila Kask.

SERVICE OFFICER NOTES

The best Service Officer in the universe, Adam Kwiecinski, has asked that IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, please fill out the enclosed member data form. The form allows the Post to help you or your family with veteran's benefits when you are not around, or unable to speak for yourself.

ALSO: Adam would also like to thank Tuna Scarnickia, Chuck and Nancy Lindeman, Dick Thompson, Jr. Vice-Commander. Richard Huck and of course Adam's wife, Winnie, for participating in our recent visit to the North Chicago VA Hospital. Thank you!

SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT BRINGS HOLIDAY CHEER TO HUNDREDS OF SENIOR VETS

Past commander Nancy Carder was acting this year as First Division Chair for the "Gifts to the Yanks Program" when she received a call from an Eagle Scout Candidate who had about 300 "Thank You" packages for distribution to senior citizen veterans. The Eagle Scout Candidate, from a Boy Scout Troop in DesPlaines, IL had planned and organized the project and solicited virtually all the donations. Each parcel contained items like razors, toiletries, t-shirts, sock, reading glasses, large-print books, hard candy, toiletries and many other goodies.

Calling upon the resources of many in the Post and 7th District, Past-Commander Carder made sure the parcels were brought first to the Post and then distributed in kind to a number of senior-care facilities in the area. The parcels were delivered to several Mather facilities, the King Home, The V.A. Homeless Veterans Program, and a senior care facility in Anna, IL about 366 miles from Post 42.

To perform this mighty feat, Carder called on the likes of Service Officer Adam Kwiecinski, Charles Lindeman, Dick Thompson, Henry Revis, Past Commander (and Nancy's Husband) Mike Carder, Commander Greg Lisinski and a number of other valiant helpers for which the editor will be in trouble for not remembering.



Cmdr. Lisinski poses with Eagle Scout Candidate Phillip Weber as they load the "Thank-you" parcels of Phillip's Eagle project as begin their journey to the senior veterans who were to receive them.

All of the parcels were delivered by the weekend after Christmas, after having had only about two weeks advance notice. Many people stood up for what was a wonderful cause. Congratulations to you, Phillip Weber for doing such a wonderful job.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO HEFFERNAN PAINTING

The Post received an especially wonderful holiday gift when a Booster member and friend of the Post Shawn Heffernan, of Heffernan Painting Services, had his employees completely scrape, prep and paint the entire exterior clapboard walls of the clubroom over hanging the patio. The work estimated at around \$5,000 was done for FREE.

The real benefit of this work was not even the price. It was the great care and quality. As we all know, preparation is everything in painting. The care taken by the painters to make sure the surface was properly cleaned and ready for finishing was second to none. The exterior of the clubroom (above the patio on the west side of the building) had seen years of weather and sun exposure. It looks practically brand new now, thanks to Heffernan Painting. Thank you, Shawn and thank you to all the wonderful paint professionals at Heffernan Painting.

If you would like to contact them about work on your home or business, call 847-869-5129

RECEIVE SHRAPNEL BY E-MAIL?

Just send your e-mail address to: g.lisinski@sbcglobal.net and we will send it to you whenever we publish

BOILER REPLACED AT POST 42

Shortly before the Pancake breakfast, an event where as many a 500-600 people come to Post 42, the boiler failed. Naturally, we had to act fast without wasting money.

The boiler, which was approximately 15 years old, had met an untimely end. Since the Post building is heated by a steam heat system there were not many options to pursue and changing heating systems to

hot water or forced air were just not practical. The contractor selected was Williams Stoker and Heating Co. of Chicago. The installation of the new boiler was completed in November, 2007. The cost to Post 42 for the replacement boiler was almost \$11,000.

The replacement of the boiler was a significant expense to the Post. One hundred percent of that cost was borne by Post 42. Naturally, the Post Officers and Board would like to see that amount returned to the Post savings account. To do this, we need your help. Please consider contribution to Evanston Post 42 to help defray the large cost of this item. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and will protect the long-term health of our Post home.

GIFT AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR POST 42 AND THE FUTURE

Have considered leaving a bequest to Post 42 as part of your estate plan? A gift or bequest to Post 42 can have fantastic long term benefits to veterans, service personnel and our community.

There are so many activities and programs your Post 42 gift or bequest would support: helping veterans, visiting the sick, raising funds for the "Gifts to the Yanks" Program, sending parcels to our troops overseas, supporting Scouting in Evanston, helping to repair housing for needy homeowners, helping the community to remember its veterans through public ceremonies and public speaking, supporting Legion Programs and sponsoring Little League and American Legion Baseball. When we have large capital investment issues like boiler replacement, we would have resources to draw on. If you are interested, contact your Attorney and ask him to include us in your planning through a gift, will or codicil. Contact us for more information.

2008 OFFICERS - POST 42

Commander	Greg Lisinski	847-328-3627
Sr Vice-Cmdr	Henry Revis	847-475-6655
Jr Vice-Cmdr	Richard Huck	847-899-6791
Adjutant	Nancy Carder	847-827-0957
Finance. Off.	Charles Lindeman	847-827-2820
Service Officer	Adam Kwiecinski	847-675-4912
Sergeant at Arms	Dino Tonelli	847-251-7624
Chaplain	Greg Wilson	847-866-8159

Board of Directors

Michael Carder Nuel Johnson Dino Tonelli
Jack Page Bob Weiss

NOMINATING COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR NOMINATIONS TO OFFICE

If you are interested in serving as an officer or on the Board of Directors of the Post, now is the time to let us know. We welcome participation in the Board and are also looking for a good candidate for Jr. Vice-Commander. Contact the Commander for details.

ANOTHER EAGLE FOR TROOP 3



BSA Troop 3 Scoutmaster Bob Woodring with his three sons: Andy, Jake and Nate on the occasion of Jake's Eagle Ceremony held at the Post last December 29. Andy is already an Eagle Scout attending Purdue University and Nate is well on his way to the same goal.

WHO SAYS IT'S COLD?



Commander Greg Lisinski (center) camped out January 17-18 with Evanston Troop 3 in preparation for the "Klondike Derby", a winter scout skills competition. At morning wake-up, the scouts and adults (including the Commander) crawled out of their tents to zero-degree temperatures. The boys not only survived but thrived. Troop 3 is chartered by Evanston Post 42. The Commander is proud to be one of the few Post Commanders who still finds occasion to get out in the boonies and be a part of the scouting experience.

2008 POST CALENDAR

Please Note that there have been some corrections and additions to our Post Calendar; most notably the addition of all 7th District meetings for the current Legion year.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS...
BY ACTUALLY SUPPORTING THE TROOPS!

POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2008

January 3, 2008	Monthly Meeting 8:00 (Food, of Course)
January 24	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
February 3	Super Bowl Party 2:00 PM (until game is over)
February 7	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
February 17	Winter Golf Shoot-out Breakfast 10:00 AM Cost \$10.00
February 28	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
March 6,	General Business Meeting 8:00PM
March 15	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00
March 27	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
March 30	SAL Cross-country Golf
April 3	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
April 24	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
May 1	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
May 6	Twilight Golf League Starts Dinner and Raffles Begin 6:00 PM
May 21	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM
May 22	Poppy Day Collection
	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
May 24	Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park meet at East lot, 9:00 AM
May 26	Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (West Lot) 8:00 AM
	Fountain Square 10:30 AM
	Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post
June 5	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
June 13-15	American Legion Champaign Golf Outing (See Dino Tonelli)
June 14	Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post
June 26	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
July 3	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
July 4	Evanston 4 th of July Parade Assembly 12:30 Parade at 2PM
July 9-12	American Legion Department Illinois Convention Springfield IL
July 24	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
August 7	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
August 10	SAL Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic
August 28	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
September 4	General Business Meeting 8:00PM Food Afterward
September 20	Installation Ceremony Saturday evening (Tentative Date)
September 21	Fall Golf Outing 10AM Registration 11AM Tee-off
September 25	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
October 2	Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM Food served afterward
October 23	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
November 1	Pancake Breakfast 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM Cost: \$7.00 (6 and under, free)
November 6	Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM Food served afterward
November 9	Thanksgiving Dinner for North Shore V.A. Hospital Patients (tentative).
November 11	Veterans Day Ceremonies Fountain Square 10:30 AM
November 20	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
December 4	Monthly Meeting (food afterward!)
December 14	Post Christmas Party 2:00 PM. Gifts for kids from tot to 11.
December 18	Board Meeting 8:00 PM

**HELP US GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP – INVITE VETERANS WHO CARE ABOUT VETERANS
NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP- AMERICAN LEGION POST 42**

To: The American Legion
P.O. Box 7017
Indianapolis, IN 46207

YES!

I'll help my fellow veterans by becoming a member of The **American Legion**. I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably. I hereby request assignment to Evanston American Legion Post 42. My \$30.00 check or money order is enclosed (active duty members need not include payment).

Name	Phone Number
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Address	e-mail
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City, State, Zip	
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Signature	Name of Recruiting Member (if any)
Dates of Service	Branch of Service
AUG 2, 1990—Present (Open Period of Eligibility) _____	U.S. ARMY _____
DEC. 20, 1989—JAN. 31, 1990 _____	U.S. NAVY _____
AUG. 24, 1982—JUL. 31, 1984 _____	U.S. AIR FORCE _____
FEB. 28, 1961—MAY 7, 1975 _____	U.S. MARINES _____
JUNE 25, 1950—JAN. 31, 1955 _____	U.S. COAST GUARD _____
DEC. 7, 1941—DEC. 31, 1946 _____	U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — (WWII) _____

Please check applicable "Dates of Service" and "Branch of Service": Return the Completed form to Post 42 for processing

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
(if a linear descendant of a Veteran who qualified for American Legion Membership)**

Detachment of Illinois Squadron No. 42 Birth Date _____ Date _____

Email Address _____ Enclose \$20 for 200 _____ annual membership dues

Name _____ Recruited by _____
(First) (Initial) (Last) (First) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip) (Telephone)

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____
Name of Veteran _____

That Veteran is/was a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____
I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and

Detachment of Illinois
Signed _____ Eligibility certified by _____
By Applicant or Parent)

BOOSTER MEMBER APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP- AMERICAN LEGION POST 42

To: The American Legion
P.O. Box 42
Evanston IL 60204

I want to support Evanston American Legion Post 42 by becoming a **Booster** Member. I certify that I am in support of the principals and programs of the American Legion. By my membership as a Booster, I am entitled to all the privileges pertaining to my membership. I agree to abide by the rules of conduct and behavior and understand that my membership may be revoked if I violate those rules and policies.

My \$20.00 check or money order is enclosed.

Name	Phone Number
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Address	
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City, State, Zip	
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Signature	e-mail

POST 42 MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

We are continuing to collect basic information about your military service to assist you and your family in time of need. If you have not already done so, please fill out the basic military record information below and we will keep it on file at the Post.

Member Name _____

Address, City State Zip _____

Phone Home/Work/Cell _____

E-mail address _____ Religious Preference _____

Military Serial Number (Or SSN as Applicable) _____

Branch of Service _____

Date of Entry to Active Duty _____

Date of Separation _____

Military Unit or Ship You Most

Identify Your Service

With: _____

Birth Date _____ Birth Place _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children's Names _____

Note: If you send us a copy of your Discharge, Separation Record, or DD 214, we will be able to better assist you or your family. **PLEASE NO ORIGINALS!** We can't promise they will be returned.

**Shrapnel
American Legion Post 42
P.O. Box 42
Evanston, IL 60204**

DELIVER TO:

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED