



SHRAPNEL

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DD-214 RECORDS NOW ON LINE

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided a website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> NPRC is trying to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use an online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, available on the *VetRecs* web site.

As an experiment, *Shrapnel* went on line and followed the steps to get the DD-214 sent. The steps were easy to follow, but technically speaking, the DD-214 is not really "on-line". The last step requires you to print out a release form, sign it, and then fax or mail it back to NPRC. But the good news is that once you complete the steps on line, your request is already in the "queue". Your request is valid for a thirty day period. In the *Shrapnel* test of the system, the signature was sent by fax. Fax attempts during normal business hours were often too busy to get through. When the fax machine was set for "delayed fax" and sent at 3AM, it went through easily. The next day an e-mail acknowledgement was received with a promise that the DD-214 would be mailed in about 21 days. The editor's faxed release was acknowledged by *VetRecs* system on December 21, 2006. Two copies of the DD-214, with a stamp verifying its authenticity, were received on December 30, 2006, well within the time promised by *VetRecs*.

One interesting twist that was not expected is that the DD-214 came without the signature of the issuing officer. This can only mean that the stored version of the document is somewhat different than the version received by the Editor when separating at Ft. Dix New Jersey, way back in 1976. It may be that the signature did not survive the scanning/microfilm process. This may or may not affect your own document, but each copy is stamped as authentic.

If you know a veteran who needs assistance in getting a copy of your record and doesn't have access to a computer, just contact the Post Commander and we will help you in getting these records.

2007 DUES ARE NOW \$30

At the 2006 National Convention in Salt Lake City, UT, the Legion approved a per capita fee increase which left our post with only \$1.50 per member from our annual dues. Therefore, we had to increase our dues to \$30.00 per year effective January 1, 2007. We are hopeful that after the recent increases in *per capita* charges by the Illinois Department and by the National Headquarters will cause our dues charges to now remain stable for quite a few years.

SANTA VISITS POST



On December 10, Santa Claus stopped in at the Post in a pre-Christmas test run for the big event on Christmas Eve. While at the post he handed out gifts to about 35 kids. Santa also claimed to know that the recipients were good all year and therefore eligible for his gift-giving program.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

FEBRUARY 4 AT 2:00 PM

It is Super Bowl Party time again! This year, we even have a chance to see the Bears play in the big game (we hope). 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.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS

Thanks to all who volunteered, stirred, flipped, grilled and scrambled for our annual pancake breakfast on November 4, 2006. Those who paid to eat this wonderful breakfast were once again responsible for raising \$2,500 for the benefit of Evanston's Neediest Families, a charitable support fund run by the City of Evanston. Thank you for supporting such a worthy cause.



Mark McCafferty and Joe Planos serve Torin Heffernan and some hungry Evanston Firefighters at the Pancake Breakfast benefiting the Evanston Neediest Family Fund.

GOLF SHOOT-OUT FEBRUARY 18 AT THE POST

Okay, maybe you don't go to the golf dome and take lessons all winter like some people the editor knows, but you are dying to hit a golf ball at least once in these cold months of winter...and before that you want a little food.

Just come on down on Sunday, February 18, at around 10:00 AM. We will be serving breakfast, and then we will head out for the shoot-out competition on the 18th fairway. There will be a contest closest to the pin. 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

POST CORNED BEEF "ST. PADDY'S" DINNER, MARCH 17, 2007

On Saturday, March 17, 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 \$12.00 per person with cash bar in the clubroom.

SAL CROSS-COUNTRY GOLF SHOOT- OUT MARCH 25, 2007

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 Peter 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.

SIGN UP IN APRIL FOR THE TWILIGHT GOLF LEAGUE STARTING MAY 1, 2007

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 1, 2007 and will continue every Tuesday through the end of August. Each player is assigned a team on which he or she plays. Team scores and individual scores earn prizes at the end of the season.

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. Many players play all 18 holes, even though only the first nine holes are scored in the league. Dinner is usually ready around 6:00 – 6:30. Raffles are held afterward.

If you participate in the golf league, you will pay a one-time fee at the beginning of the season. Last year, the fee was \$35.00, but may be subject to change at the time the sign-up sheet is posted. That fee covers your Tuesday meal ALL SEASON LONG! We also ask that you provide some meal or clean-up assistance for one of the weekly dates. In addition to the weekly get-together, there are weekly raffles with some fun prizes. Look for the sign-up sheet at the clubroom or contact the Post at 847-475-9076 for more details.

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO 2007 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.

In addition, some corrections were made to May dates for the Twilight Golf (May 1) and the General Business Meeting (May 3). The November Board meeting has also been moved due to Thanksgiving. If any other changes or additions are required, please contact the editor.

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF OUTING CHAMPAIGN ILLINOIS

JUNE 8-10 2007

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.

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 and we have reserved a hospitality suite.

We are planning a cookout on Saturday, June 9 right after we get off the course. It will be at the hotel RIGHT NEXT TO THE SWIMMING 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 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

AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST AT GBN FEBRUARY 2007

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 will be in the third week of February, 2007.

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.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

The mission of the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is to raise public awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members to aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

WWP accomplishes this mission by providing programs and services to severely injured active service members and their families during the critical time between their initial rehabilitation while on active duty and their eventual transition to civilian life. WWP employs staff with over 55 years of combined experience in providing direct services to active duty service members and disabled veterans, including benefits counseling, representation before the department of veterans affairs, bringing public attention to the needs of wounded service members, and advocating for regulatory and statutory changes beneficial to veterans and active duty service members.

WWP is one of the many current veteran support projects that provide assistance in a manner consistent with American Legion goals and objectives. If you are interested, please visit their website at: <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>

HELPING OUR HEROES

The Helping Our Heroes Foundation (HOHF) provides a way for donated funds and services to directly reach our injured military and a way for concerned Americans to volunteer to actively support our armed forces. HOHF's primary objective is to fund programs and organize volunteers to complement the actual "case work" being administered by the Army Wounded Warrior Project (known as AW2) employees. The role of the foundation is to provide patient advocates, identify and fund educational opportunities for the soldier, coordinate specialty counseling (financial assistance, career, housing, etc.), and assist with emergency funding needs as deemed appropriate.

The foundation receives lists of qualified soldiers needing support from the office of the AW2 Chief, whose case workers maintain contact with each injured soldier. If you are interested in learning more about the organization, or to make a donation or volunteer, please visit their website at: <http://www.hohf.org>

IMPORTANT GOLF NOTE!

Helping Our Heroes is having a golf outing (\$125 per player) to benefit their worthy cause on June 25, 2007 at the Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook. Those interested in going in a foursome with the Commander should contact him and help support HOH.

REBUILDING TOGETHER

APRIL 28, 2007

What is Rebuilding Together? Low-income elderly and families with disabled members often have no place to turn when the roof begins to leak, the front steps crumble or interior home improvements need to be done. Our goal is to help preserve those homes and neighborhoods and assure a warm, safe and dry home for people in need. Homeownership stabilizes and strengthens communities

We make this impact through providing necessary repairs free of charge to existing homeowners. These necessary repairs often include home modifications, roofing, plumbing, and electrical repairs and/or improvements - our goal is to provide a warm, safe and dry environment for low-income homeowners, enabling them to live independently and with dignity.

Our Post has been a consistent supporter of this program and will be working on our fourth house project in as many years. This year, it is the Commander's goal to make this our best Rebuilding together year ever. In the past we have sent numerous volunteers from our post to assist in the living needs of others. Two years ago, we were twice blessed in that the recipient of all the hard work of others was a fellow comrade of Post 42. This is just another reason why we need to continue our support for this program.

It is part of the Commander's goal to collect an entire sponsorship fee through Post funds, supporting members of the Post and various other sources. To achieve this goal, we need \$2,500. The sponsorship fee goes almost entirely to projects and not administration.



Commander Greg Lisinski, House Captain for a 2006 Rebuilding Together Project, with Eunice Dees, a 92-years-old homeowner who benefited from the project

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. In the past we have partnered with volunteers from Kellogg Business School, Northwestern Christian Fellowship, Evanston

Boy Scout Troop 3 (our very own), the Chicago Zen Center, our own SAL Squadron 42 and many other groups. 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.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

APRIL 29, 2007

Our own Nancy Carder is one of the honorees at the 6th and 7th District Annual Luncheon. It will be held Sunday, April 29, at Chambers Sea Food and Grill in Niles. Cash bar at 12:30 PM Luncheon at 1:00 PM. Reservations are due by April 20, 2007. Cost per ticket is \$22.00. Call June Czaja 847-548-0426.

VA HOSPITAL VISIT FEB. 15

The best Service Officer in the universe, Adam Kwiecinski, is organizing a hospital visit at North Chicago V.A. on February 15. Interested volunteers who wish to participate should come to Building 131. Assembly is at 1:00PM and the actual visit time begins at 1:30. Call Adam if you have any questions or wish to participate.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Adam has asked that you participate in our continuing member data project. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, please fill out the attached member data form. See the enclosed. Filling out 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.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Troop 3's mid-year Court of Honor will be held at Orrington School on February 8th at 7:45 PM. It the Court of Honor, scouts receive the recognition from the troop for advancement of rank, merit badges and other awards. Refreshments usually follow. The Court of Honor will be held at Orrington School, 2636 Orrington Avenue, in the second floor auditorium. The Scouts also do a great deal for our Post by assisting at the Picnic, Pancake Breakfast, Memorial Day Grave Decorating and the Rebuilding Together. Visit their Court of Honor to honor them.

BOYS STATE REGISTRATION

Applications are being taken for participation in the annual Boy's State. Boy's State is a program where boy teens who are high school juniors assemble and learn the workings of politics and government by electing their own state officers and visiting those in actual government positions. It is a terrific opportunity in civic education. Our Post sponsors at least one boy annually, to cover the \$200 registration. If you know someone who may be interested, contact the Commander or our Americanism Chairman, Mike Carder. After the registration, an informational seminar for parents and participants will be held May 23 at Post 1941 in LaGrange. Registration materials will be available from the Post.

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POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2007

January 4, 2007	Monthly Meeting 8:00 (Food, of Course)
January 17	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM
January 25	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
February 1	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
February 4	Super Bowl Party 2:00 PM (until game is over)
February 18	Winter Golf Shoot-out Breakfast 10:00 AM Cost \$10.00
February 21	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM (Hosted by Post 108) at Post 42
February 22	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
February 25	Legionnaire of the Year Dinner (Reservations by Feb. 16 847-803-8299)
March 1,	General Business Meeting 8:00PM
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00
March 21	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM at Morton Grove Post
March 22	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
March 25	SAL Cross-country Golf
April 5	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
April 18	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM Hosted by Post 42 at Post 42
April 26	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
April 29	6 th and 7 th District Legion Auxiliary Dinner (Reservation by April 20 847-548-0426)
May 1	Twilight Golf League Starts Dinner and Raffles Begin 6:00 PM
May 3	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
May 16	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM at Morton Grove Post (Post-Everlasting Rite)
May 23	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM
May 24	Poppy Day Collection
	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
May 26	Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park meet at East lot, 9:00 AM
May 28	Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (West Lot) 8:00 AM
	Fountain Square 10:30 AM
	Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post
June 2	First division convention
June 7	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
June 8-10	American Legion Champaign Golf Outing (See Dino Tonelli)
June 14	Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post
June 20	7 th district Meeting 7:30 PM at Huerter Wilmette Post 46
June 21	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
July 5	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
July 11-14	American Legion Department Illinois Convention Peoria Illinois
July 26	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
August 2	General Business Meeting 8:00 PM (Food afterward)
August 12	SAL Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic
August 23	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
September 6	General Business Meeting 8:00PM Food Afterward
September 22	Installation Ceremony Saturday evening (Tentative Date)
September 27	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
October 4	Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM Food served afterward
October 21	Post Fall Golf Outing, Register 10AM, tee-off 11AM (tentative date)
October 25	Board Meeting 8:00 PM
November 1	Monthly Meeting 8:00 PM Food served afterward
November 3	Pancake Breakfast 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM Cost: \$7.00 (6 and under, free)
November 11	Veterans Day Ceremonies Fountain Square 10:30 AM
November 11	Thanksgiving Dinner for North Shore V.A. Hospital Patients (tentative).
November 30	Board Meeting 8:00 PM (Moved because of Thanksgiving)
December 6	Monthly Meeting (food afterward!)
December 9	Post Christmas Party 2:00 PM. Gifts for kids from tot to 11.
December 27	Board Meeting 8:00 PM

POST 42 MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

We are collecting basic information about your military service to assist you and your family in time of need.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILLED OUT THIS SHEET, THANK YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT AGAIN

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.**

Return this form by mail or drop it of at the Post to the attention of Adam Kwiecinski, Service Officer

***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 (if you are currently on active duty, you need not include payment).

Name

Phone Number

Address

City, State, Zip

Signature

Name of Recruiting Member (if any)

Dates of Service

AUG 2, 1990—Present (Open Period of Eligibility) _____

DEC. 20, 1989—JAN. 31, 1990 _____

AUG. 24, 1982—JUL. 31, 1984 _____

FEB. 28, 1961—MAY 7, 1975 _____

JUNE 25, 1950—JAN. 31, 1955 _____

DEC. 7, 1941—DEC. 31, 1946 _____

Branch of Service

U.S. ARMY _____

U.S. NAVY _____

U.S. AIR FORCE _____

U.S. MARINES _____

U.S. COAST GUARD _____

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — (WWII) _____

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



Bill "Tuna" Scarnickia and his family at the Post Christmas Party, December 2006



Sr. Vice-Commander Henry Revis cooks up a storm at the Pancake Breakfast



Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Christmas Party