



SHRAPNEL

Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42

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July 2018

this ceremony, please plan on attending the business meeting in May of 2019.

The remainder of May found us getting busier and began with the Pasta Dinner & Fund Raiser to benefit the Lovell Legends Wheelchair team. Although the number of diners was lower than previous years and the number of items for the raffle and silent raffle were also lower, your post stepped up and contributed to a very worthwhile program. A special thank you goes out to a true Legionnaire from the American Legion Cantigny Post 556, that singlehanded raised donations in excess of \$1,500.00, Comrade Dan Bogojevich. A true friend and staunch supporter of Veterans. Thank You!



JAMES M BRUSEK

“Commander’s Corner”

**Serving Veterans –
Mentoring Youth –
Supporting Your Community**

The second quarter of 2018 was kicked off with our continued support and participation in the Rebuilding Together Service Project. Comrade Karl Z. Kuhn once again headed up our involvement in this worthwhile community project. Our thanks to Karl for all the time he has invested in attending meetings, picking up supplies, organizing the volunteers and doing much of the prep work prior to April 28th.

Our May 3rd Business Meeting began with our Post Everlasting ceremony. It’s a very solemn and moving ceremony, representing the transference of the records of our comrades that have departed us, this past year. If you have not seen or participated in

No sooner had we finished up with the Pasta Dinner, that we started organizing for Memorial Day, Poppy sales, and grave decorations. Thanks to Legionnaire Jerry Romme and SAL John Champaign, for organizing and distributing the Poppy cans to the volunteers that hit the streets to raise funds for veteran programs. Once again, this year, they obtained a license to allow us to solicit funds for five days commencing on Memorial Day. On Saturday, May 26th, volunteers from Post 42, Boy Scouts, friends and family participated in the grave decoration (placing flags) on the gravesites of the veterans buried at Memorial Park. Over 1,000 flags were placed on the graves. Then on Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day, we participated in ceremonies at both Memorial Park in Skokie and Patriot Park in Evanston. Both ceremonies were well attended by friends and families of veterans, both living and deceased. Thank You to the

rifle team from Rickover Naval Academy, for once again supporting the Post activities.

June started out in a frenzy as we were busy contacting members who had yet to renew for 2018, as well as working to bring new members into the Post, trying to complete the Legion year with 100%. *MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!* We attained 100% for the third year in a row. Thank you to all those Legionnaires who spent time on the phone, knocking on doors and sending Emails. The remainder of the month gave us some time to prepare for a busy 3rd quarter.

Upcoming events:

The 3rd quarter starts off with your Post participating in the Evanston 4th of July parade. Join us! You can walk or ride or watch the parade from the sidewalk. It's a great expression of Americanism!

On Saturday, July 7th, we are participating in the Evanston recycling program at ETHS. We will be there to collect used American Flags. We will be there from 0730-1400. Once collected, we will have the destroyed properly.

August 12th we will have the SAL golf outing, proceeds benefiting the Post. Immediately following the golf outing, we will have the Post family picnic and 50/50 raffle. Come one, come all!

Please consider getting involved and share in the excitement, workload, satisfaction and richness of being a Legionnaire.

“It isn't the price you pay to be a member.

It's the price you paid to become eligible.”



**DANIEL J KELLEY
FROM YOUR SAL
COMMANDER**

First things, first.

I want to recognize Legionnaire Michael Carder, who is also a “dual member” in that he belongs to both Post 42 and Squadron 42 of the Sons of the American Legion. Next month, he will be installed as the Department Commander for Illinois at the convention in Springfield, Illinois. This is a singular achievement in that Post 42 has never had one of its members serve in this important statewide office during its first century of existence! This did not simply happen over night. Mike Carder has served the Legion in a variety of positions at the Post, District, Division and Department level (he is currently the Senior Vice Commander for the Department of Illinois). Congratulations!

It is membership renewal time. Squadron 42 reached the 100% mark and set an All-Time High Membership number (again). This is where you come in: renew your membership now for Fiscal Year 2019, which begins on July 1st. Do not wait until next May or June of next year. Membership dues are now \$25.00 if paid on time. Late fees apply if you procrastinate. Another important note: 2019 Membership cards will be processed in mid-July due to the late date of the Department and Detachment Conventions. Card checks will begin in the clubroom nearer to the end of the month of July. Please pay promptly and be patient if it

takes a few days longer than usual to receive your new card.

A limited number of the Squadron 25th Anniversary commemorative coins are available for \$10.00. Supplies are extremely limited. This unique coin was specifically designed for Squadron 42. It is not the generic coin available from the Legion Emblem Store. Make a check payable to the Sons of the American Legion and add the word "Coin" to the memo line. Alternatively, you may add the \$10.00 to your \$25.00 annual dues payment (for a total of \$35.00) if you prefer to pay by mail.

Save the date! The Sons of the American Legion Golf Tournament is scheduled for August 12th, which is also the day of the Post Picnic. The entry fee is \$55.00. The event is open to golfers of all skill levels since a Peoria Handicap system is used to make the game competitive. There will also be individual prizes for long drives and closest to the pin shots. More details will follow. As always, the proceeds from the golf tournament benefit American Legion charities and/or Post 42.

On Sunday, July 29th, the 1st Division of the Sons of the American Legion will sponsor its annual Baseball Event as the Chicago White Sox host the Toronto Blue Jays at 1:10 pm. Tickets are \$57.00 per person (\$45.00 per child aged 15 or younger) and include a two hour patio party buffet, including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, a variety of salads, plus choice of beverages (Miller beer, wine, or soft drinks). Proceeds from the event benefit American Legion Baseball programs.

Squadron 42 received its banner for its continued support of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Our friend, Robert H. May departed this life for the Post Everlasting on May 8th. Bob was a devoted Legionnaire who served many

terms as the Commander of the Peter J. Huerter – Wilmette Post #46. Following the unfortunate closing and sale of the Post 46 building on Wilmette Avenue, Bob transferred to Evanston Post #42. He was a "stand up guy" and he will be greatly missed. It was a privilege to know him. He sometimes made us all appreciate why the Navy mascot is one tough old goat!



**CHRISTINE CHEVLIN
CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Greetings From the Chaplain's Corner

We are well into summer. We all have the opportunity this July to show our universal solidarity in representing present and past members of the military. First by marching in the Evanston 4th of July Parade. We can be a visible sign to the community of who we are at the same time giving the community the opportunity to show their support of us. Last year was my first 4th of July parade. It was amazing!! People cheering, waving flags, & some saluting as we marched by. Consider joining us at this year's parade.

Our second opportunity is attending the State of Illinois Convention. It's a time to see the American Legion at work and show our support of our Past Post Commander Michael Carder as he is sworn in as the State of Illinois Commander. It's also a time to learn more about the Legion.

There will be a seminar about how the Legion works. For those new to the Legion, it will be a good introduction. Now I must confess there is party time as well. Consider joining us in supporting Michael Carder.

Now you are probably thinking how did this get into the Chaplain's Corner. We are a diverse group when it comes to religions, yet it's our universal spirituality that binds us together.

See you at the Parade & in Springfield!!

Chaplain Chris



JAMES FARLEY
Service Officer

Veteran Affairs

From The DAV

On May 23, 2018, America's veterans, their families and caregivers had a big victory in Congress when the Senate voted overwhelmingly -- 92 to 5 -- to approve the VA MISSION Act, which already passed the House last week. Once signed into law by the President, this historic legislation will expand support to veteran caregivers of ALL eras as well as improve veterans' access to and quality of care, top priorities that DAV has worked for years to accomplish.

The VA MISSION Act (S. 2372) will extend eligibility for VA's comprehensive caregiver assistance program to ALL generations of seriously injured veterans. Currently, VA offers full caregiver benefits only for veterans injured on or after September 11, 2001, leaving family caregivers of veterans injured in earlier conflicts and eras ineligible for this critical support. The new law will require that VA first update the caregiver program's IT system to handle the expanded number of eligible veterans and caregivers, and then extends eligibility to veterans from the Vietnam, Korean and World War II eras. Two years later, eligibility will be phased in for veterans injured between 1975 and 2001, including those hurt during the Gulf War. This legislation represents a huge leap forward in supporting veteran caregivers; however, DAV will not rest until every deserving veteran and caregiver has equitable access to these life-changing benefits.

The VA MISSION Act also contains dozens of provisions to expand access, improve quality and strengthen the VA health care system for all enrolled veterans. The bill reforms VA's Choice and community care programs by requiring the development of integrated health care networks, with VA remaining the coordinator and primary provider of care for enrolled veterans. The current Choice program would sunset after one year, and qualified community providers would then be able to participate in VA's integrated networks when VA determines it necessary to fill access gaps so veterans don't have to wait too long or travel too far for the care they have earned.

The VA MISSION Act also requires the development of a long-term plan to modernize, properly align and fund VA's health care facilities to meet the future needs of veterans. The bill's Asset and Infrastructure Review represents a compromise that provides significant checks and balances by Congress, the Administration and outside veteran

stakeholders. During Congressional consideration of this section of the bill, DAV and other VSOs proposed more than two dozen specific changes that were ultimately accepted to ensure that veterans' needs and preferences remain central to this process.

The VA MISSION Act contains a number of provisions to improve VA's ability to recruit, hire and retain high-quality doctors, nurses and other clinical staff, such as new incentive bonuses, scholarships and education loan repayment programs. The bill makes critical improvements to VA's telehealth policies to expand access for rural and remote veterans, and also includes language to support VA's efforts to prevent unnecessary use or abuse of opioids.

The VA MISSION Act was developed and introduced by House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Phil Roe (TN) in collaboration with Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Johnny Isakson (GA) and Ranking Member Jon Tester (MT). As Chairman Roe said, "we didn't write a perfect bill; I haven't seen a perfect bill be written yet." However, this carefully crafted compromise represents a balanced approach to ensuring timely access to care while continuing to strengthen the VA health care system that millions of veterans choose and rely on.

When this historic legislation is signed in the coming days by President Trump, please know that the members of DAV and the DAV Auxiliary -- as well as our family, friends and supporters -- played a critical role in making this happen. Thank you to everyone who took the time to call, visit, write, email, text and tweet their elected officials to build support for this bill. Together, we can and will continue to keep the promise to the men and women who served, especially those who were injured or made ill by their service

POPPY "RED"

Paint the town Red!
Popp Red that is.

From South Blvd, to the lighthouse, to the Canal, Evanston Post 42 volunteers were promoting donations for a noble cause.

Their effort generates the financial support for many Veteran activities sponsored by Evanston Post 42.

Those activities include day and evening outings, northwestern football and basketball games, Thanksgiving dinner, individual needs and much more.

This years campaign, along with a corporate gift fro H.C.C.C. (Blue Cross-Blue Shield) produced nearly five thousand dollars in total for Post 42 Poppy Fund.

The Poppy Committee sincerely thanks and appreciates those seventeen volunteers composed of American Legion Veterans, Sons of the American Legion and Boosters.

Also, a special thanks to the generous citizens of the City of Evanston.

Note: Collection results are posted on the bulletin board at the Post.

CLUBROOM NEWS

Welcome to Summer in the Club Room.

Come in out of the heat and have a cold drink.

We had another successful Music Jam on June 9th even though the weather was a bit foggy. A big thank you to everyone who made it possible.

July 27th brings Mavis Staples and July 28th brings the Indigo Girls out to the fairway grass for the Out of Space concerts. Indigo

Girls are already sold out but there are still a few tickets left for Mavis. Pack a dinner and join everyone for a truly unique night. The Club Room will be open during and after the concerts; however, access is limited those nights to concert ticketholders. They expect a few thousand people, so parking will not be available from Friday morning through Sunday morning.

We continue to rotate our beers with the local favorite Smylie Brothers Farmhouse on tap currently as well as a very refreshing grapefruit beer.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or comments. You can leave a message at the Post 42 phone number or email [me](mailto:me@ClubManager@EvanstonPost42.com) at ClubManager@EvanstonPost42.com.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

MILITARY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE AT CANAL SHORES!

Veterans now save 15% on rounds and memberships! Let the Pro Shop attendant know and show your driver's license that displays "veteran" at the bottom of it.

BY E-MAIL? Just send your e-mail address to: evanstonp42@gmail.com or danlmf@reagan.com and we will send it to you whenever we publish.

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POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2018

PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!

2018

Day Collection

July 4	4th of July Parade Assembly begins 12:30 pm at starting point Parade at 2pm
July 5	NO BUSINESS MEETING
July 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
August 2	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
August 12	Post 42-SAL Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic
August 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
September 6	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
September 19	7th District Meeting at Lincolnwood Post 7:30pm
September 22	Commander's Homecoming Event
September 27	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
October 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
October 12	Glow-Ball Golf Tournament 7:30 PM
October 17	7th District Meeting 7:30 PM

Note: Some Dates are subject to change and marked "tentative".

