



# SHRAPNEL

Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42

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## **VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY AT FOUNTAIN SQUARE – NOVEMBER 11**

On Friday, November 11, a ceremony will be held at Fountain Square, which traditionally includes all veterans' organizations in Evanston. Participating units include American Legion, VFW, VietNow, Northwestern NROTC, Evanston Police Color Guard, and women's auxiliaries.

The ceremony usually starts at 10:30 AM and concludes around 11:00 AM. After the service, all members and attendees are invited to the Post for snacks. The clubroom bar will also be open.

## **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED AT MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY, NOVEMBER 11**

On Friday, November 11, after our regular Veterans Day ceremonies are concluded, a new Veterans Memorial will be dedicated at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Skokie IL. This is the same cemetery where Post 42 places flags on the graves each Memorial Day.

This memorial is dedicated to those who served in any of the five branches of military service. At the dedication, members of various veterans groups will participate, including our own Post 42 and Tech Sgt. William B. Snell V.F.W. Post 7186.

The ceremony will be at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60076. For further information about the ceremony, call the Cemetery at (847) 677-4401. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 PM. After the ceremony, attendees are invited to remain for refreshments.

## **POST CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11, 2011 – 2-5 PM**

The annual post Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 2011 at 2PM. We will have a slightly different format this year. The party will be a holiday get together for members, Auxiliary, SAL, family and guests. While some snacks and treats will be provided, please bring a snack or treat to share, such as a dip, cheese and crackers, cookies, brownies, etc. Otherwise, the Clubroom is open for those who wish to purchase an adult beverage. We will also serve our traditional hot toddy called "Tom and Jerry's".

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**November 5, 2011 7 AM to 1 PM**

Tickets for the Pancake Breakfast are about to be mailed to all Legion and SAL members. As always, there will be fabulous food and great people. In addition, proceeds from the breakfast are used in part to support the worthy local Evanston charities.

Tickets are also available at the door for just \$7.00. That includes pancakes, sausage, and your choice of eggs, O.J. and coffee. You cannot beat the price.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual bake sale on the first floor of the post building at the same time as the Pancake Breakfast. Fresh baked treats will be available. There will also be a raffle. Make sure you stop in!

### **Special Note:**

Please return the Member Data Form in the Pancake Breakfast letter, along with a copy of your DD-214, if you have not already done so. Our Service Officer uses this information to assist you with VA claims or even assist in burial services in time of need.

We need cooks, helpers, table cleaners, coffee servers, and general help. Please contact the Junior Vice, Jim Brucek, or come into the post and sign up.

## **Henry Revis Now Serving as 7<sup>TH</sup> District Sr. Vice-Commander**

Past Post 42 Commander Henry Revis is now serving as 7<sup>th</sup> District Sr. Vice-Commander for 2010. Henry joins Past Post 42 Commanders such as Bob Nelson, Ray Adams, Mike Carder, Nancy Carder, and Greg Lisinski, just to mention those still members of Post 42.

The 7<sup>th</sup> District serves the function of promoting communication between the National Department as well as exchanging ideas between its member Posts. The 7<sup>th</sup> District also funds and promotes important Legion programs such as Gifts to the Yanks, Children and Youth, Americanism and Service to Veterans, just to name a few. We congratulate him.

Henry is in line to be elected as District Commander for the 2013 Legion Year

## Officers Serving our Post for Legion Year 2012

As you all know, Commander Greg Wilson was serving out the balance of the first year of Commander Richard Huck's term of office. Commander Huck died in office July 23, 2010. In the following months, the Officers and Board of the Post decided that the term of office for Commander Huck, which would have expired in July 2011, was to be considered a served term of Commander Huck and the term of office for Commander Wilson would begin with his own election for the 2012 Legion year. In addition, since Commander Wilson moved up from Senior Vice-Commander, the Officers and board decided to leave the office of Sr. Vice-Commander Vacant for 2011 and let the Officers serve in their intended elected positions for the benefit of the Post.

Now that the elections for the 2012 Legion year have since been held, the Post has a full complement of Officers in all positions. The Officers and Board Members of Evanston American Legion Post 42 are as follows:

### Officers:

Commander	Gregory Wilson
Senior Vice	Steven Capiz
Junior Vice	Jim Brucek
Adjutant	Nancy Carder
Finance Officer	Charles Lindeman
Service Officer	Adam Kwiecinski
Sergeant at Arms	Chuck Pettius
Chaplain	John Russo
Past Commander	Henry Revis

### Board Members:

Michael Carder  
Nuel Johnson  
Jack Page  
Bob Weiss

## Scouting Square Knot Award Awarded to Two Members of the Post 42 Family

Two members of Post 42's family, Past Commander Greg Lisinski and SAL Squadron Commander Brian Lamberg were awarded the American Legion Square Knot Award in recognition of the furtherance of American Legion Scouting Programs.

The recipient receives a certificate and a gold and purple square knot that may be worn on a Scout uniform. The American Legion National Commander also presents a congratulatory letter. This award is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

## Upcoming Job Fairs for Veterans In the Chicago Area

The Illinois Department of Employment Security is hosting three job fairs in the Chicago area, all in the coming month. The location info is as follows:

### IN THE CHICAGO METRO AREA

8 NOV 2011

Chicago Area: Luis Gonzalez.....312-814-3463  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Daley College (Main Auditorium),  
7500 S. Pulaski, Chicago, IL 60652

10 NOV 2011

Metro South Area: Gregory Shephard....708-596-8051  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Orland Park Civic Center,  
14750 Ravinia Ave.,  
Orland Park, IL 60462

Also, the America Legion Dept. of Illinois website has a jobs board that can be accessed at:

<http://illegion.org/jobs/>

## Applications Are Available For The American Legion Oratorical Contest Peoria IL March 2-3, 2012

The American Legion Oratorical Semi-finals and Final Contest will be held at the Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, Illinois March 2-3, 2011. Applications for High School Students to participate are available on line and a brochure available at:

<http://illegion.org/forms/Oratorical%20Application%202012.pdf>

The purpose of this contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of The United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship

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## Nominations Open for the Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award

We are accepting nominations for the next recipient of the Legion Spirit Award, initiated in honor of our late commander, Richard Huck. The award recipient will be announced by the award committee by February 2, 2012 and presented at the annual Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 17, 2012

The award will go to a Post member who, during the current Legion Year, has best exemplified the spirit and goals of the American Legion. The nomination can be presented in written form to any of our officers by January 26, 2012. A brief description of that person's activities and accomplishments will suffice. The ideal recipient is any member who has demonstrated notable effort and enthusiasm in support of the work of the American Legion in the best traditions of promoting National Security, Americanism, Service to Veterans, and Children and Youth.

## Operation Comfort Warriors

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded military personnel, providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

If you would like to donate, go to this link: <http://www.legion.org/troops/operationcomfort> or present a check to "Evanston Post 42" with "Operation Comfort Warriors" on the memo line

Evanston Police color Guard will once again participate in the Veterans Day Ceremonies at Fountain Square on November 11, 2011



# 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

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**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**

**Branch 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Michael Carder   Nuel Johnson   Jack Page   Bob Weiss

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DELIVER TO:

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## POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2011-2012

### Post Business Meetings Begin at 7:30pm!

<b>October 6</b>	Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM Food served afterward
October 14	Glow-Ball Golf Tournament be there by 7:00 PM \$20 per player
October 19	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Benjamin Post 791 7:30 PM
October 27	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>November 3</b>	Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM Food served afterward
November 5	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 16	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 7:30 PM
November 17	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>December 1</b>	Monthly Meeting (food afterward!)
December 11	Post Christmas Party 2:00 PM.
December 21	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Skokie VFW 7:30 PM
December 22	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>January 5, 2012</b>	Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM (Food, of Course)
January 18	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM
January 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>February 2</b>	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
February 5	Super Bowl Party 2:00 PM (until game is over)
February 12	Winter Golf Shoot-out Breakfast 10:00 AM Cost \$10.00 (tentative)
February 15	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM
February 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>March 1,</b>	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00
March 21	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7 PM
March 22	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
March 31	Cross-country Golf (tentative)
<b>April 5</b>	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
April 18	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM
April 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
April 28	Rebuilding Together Service Project (Tentative)
April 28	Department of Illinois Golf Tournament Registration Deadline
<b>May 1</b>	Twilight Golf League Starts Dinner and Raffles Begin 6:00 PM
May 3	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting - Food afterward)
May 16	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting)
May 23	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM
May 24	Poppy Day Collection
	Board Meeting 7:30 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
<b>June 2</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Division "Mini-Convention" Location TBA
June 7	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
June 8-10	American Legion Champaign Golf Outing (See Greg L. or Bob Weis)
June 14	Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post
June 20	7 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Wilmette Post 46@ 7:30 PM
June 28	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>July 4</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade Assembly begins 12:30 pm at starting point Parade at 2pm
July 5	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
July 11-14	American Legion Department Illinois Convention , Peoria IL
July 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
<b>August 2</b>	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
August 12	SAL Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic
August 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM

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