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Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42

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RICHARD HUCK "LEGION SPIRIT" AWARD AND CORNED BEEF DINNER MARCH 17, 2012

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 is a sign-up sheet in the clubroom. Cost of the Dinner is \$12.00 per person with cash bar.

As part of the Dinner, we present the Richard Huck Memorial Legion Spirit Award, in honor of our late Commander, Richard Huck. The award goes to a Post member who, during the Legion Year, by his or her efforts has best exemplified the spirit and goals of the American Legion. We are accepting nominations for the next recipient of the Legion Spirit Award. 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.

POST 42 TO HOST APRIL 14 FUNDRAISER FOR NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES TO BE HELD IN RICHMOND, VA, JUNE 25-30, 2012.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Saturday, April 14, 2012 Evanston Post 42 will be hosting a fundraiser to support a team of veterans to participate in the 32nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Richmond, VA, June 25-30, 2012. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise funds for transportation and lodging for the North Chicago V.A. Team and to raise awareness for the event. The event will be held at Post 42 and proceeds will go to the benefit of the North Chicago VAMC participating team.

The National Veterans Wheelchair Games are presented each year by Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) with additional support from numerous

corporate and community sponsors. The purpose of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games is to provide veterans with physical disabilities an introductory experience to a variety of wheelchair sports.

Homemade Pasta Dinner Fundraiser With Salad, Garlic Bread, Soft Drinks & Coffee \$12 Per Person April 14, 2012, 5pm – 8pm.

For further information on the event itself, check out the website of the Paralyzed Veterans of America at http://www.pva.org/site/c.ajIRK9NJLcJ2E/b.6305939/k.3390/National_Veterans_Wheelchair_Games.htm

ORATORICAL CONTEST PEORIA IL MARCH 2-3, 2012

The Department of Illinois Oratorical Contest will be held in Peoria on March 2-3, 2012. Our own Mike Carder chairs the event. The purpose of this contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the U.S. Constitution 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

The application can be found at

<http://illegion.org/scholarship.html> A total of \$13,075 in scholarships will be awarded by the Department of Illinois. Winners advance to the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis, IN, on April 13-15, 2012.

SUPER BOWL PARTY FEBRUARY 5 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. 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 **50" FLAT SCREEN television which comes with a Blu-Ray DVD Player!** Raffle tickets for the TV are \$15, with a limited number available. Signup sheet is in the clubroom.

MIKE CARDER: LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR, 2012

Past Post 42 Commander and Past 7th District Commander Mike Carder has been selected by the 7th District Past Post Commanders Club as the 7th District Legionnaire of the Year for 2012. The award is to be presented on Sunday, February 19, 2012. The award is for a Legionnaire who has demonstrated dedication, leadership, and service to the American Legion and the Community. In addition to all he has accomplished at Evanston Post 42 and in the 7th District, Mike is the Department of Illinois Chairman for Americanism and is one of the key organizers of the Department of Illinois High School Oratorical Contest.

The Dinner is to be held at Morton Grove Post 134, 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL. Dinner is \$25 per person (including two drink tickets). The post is organizing a table at the dinner so please contact the post at 847-475-9076. Deadline for registration is February 15, 2012

GOLF SHOOT-OUT FEBRUARY 12 AT THE POST

Our Annual Golf Shoot-out is coming up on Sunday, February 12, 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. This event will proceed even with lots of snow! 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.

TWILIGHT GOLF LEAGUE STARTING MAY 1, 2012

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, 2012 and will continue every Tuesday through the end of August, closing with the Twilight League Dinner on August 28, 2012. 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.

SAL CROSS-COUNTRY GOLF MARCH 25, 2012

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? 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.

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF TOURNAMENT HAS BIG CHANGES FOR 2012! JUNE 8-10, 2012

Big changes are being introduced for the 2012 Department of Illinois Golf Tournament. For the first time, the Tournament offers the option of the scramble tournament along with the regular stroke play tournament. In addition, the members of the Women's Auxiliary are welcome to play in the scramble event as well. ANY Legionnaire, man or woman, can play in the stroke play even. In the Scramble, teams can be made of any combination of Legion Members, SAL and Auxiliary, making the Scramble event a fun event for all the Legion Family. (No you can't play in both, you have to pick one).

We typically play a "warm-up" round on Friday, June 8. Actual tournament and scramble play begins Saturday and concludes Sunday morning. The weekend concludes with a steak luncheon at Post 24. We have a block of rooms available to accommodate up to 30 golfers at the Best Western Hotel in Savoy, IL, which is less than a mile from the golf course. We want to make all room reservation NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2012. 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 Greg Lisinski 847-328-3627 or Bob Weis at the Post 847-475-9076. Look for the sign-up sheets in the clubroom. The foursome application is also available on line at

<http://illegion.org/pdf/2012%20golf%20tournament-ltr-form--revised%201-10-12.pdf>

SERVICE OFFICER NOTES

Our Service Officer, Adam Kwiecinski, is kindly offering to accept your member information forms and service record at the Richard Huck Award Corned Beef Dinner on March 17. Please bring the complete form and COPY OF YOUR DD-214. Unfortunately we have had a number of our members pass away recently and their loved ones could not find their DD-214. This means no flag on the casket, no headstone and no proof of eligibility for other benefits. Fill out the form and bring your DD-214!

ALSO: The next V.A. Hospital visit will be in February. Check the Post Bulletin Board for more information.

NOTE: The Post information sheet is enclosed in this newsletter if you need to fill one out.

POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

Post Business Meetings Begin at 7:30pm!

January 5, 2012

January 18

January 26

February 2

February 5

February 12

February 15

February 23

March 1,

March 17

March 21

March 22

March 25

April 5

April 14

April 18

April 26

April 28

April 28

May 1

May 3

May 16

May 23

May 24

May 26

May 28

June 2

June 7

June 8-10

June 14

June 20

June 28

July 4

July 5

July 11-14

July 26

August 2

August 12

August 23

Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM (Food, of Course)

7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

Super Bowl Party 2:00 PM (until game is over)

Winter Golf Shoot-out Breakfast 10:00 AM Cost \$10.00 (tentative)

7th District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner - Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00

7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Cross-country Golf (tentative)

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

Wheelchair Games Pasta Dinner Fundraiser 5-8 PM, \$12.00 per person

7th District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Rebuilding Together Service Project (Tentative)

Department of Illinois Golf Tournament Registration Deadline

Twilight Golf League Starts Dinner and Raffles Begin 6:00 PM

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting - Food afterward)

7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting)

Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM

Poppy Day Collection

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park meet at East lot, 9:00 AM

Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (West Lot) 8:00 AM

Fountain Square 10:30 AM

Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post

1st Division "Mini-Convention" Location TBA

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

American Legion Champaign Golf Outing (See Greg L. or Bob Weis)

Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post

7th District Meeting at Wilmette Post 46@ 7:30 PM

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

4th of July Parade Assembly begins 12:30 pm at starting point Parade at 2pm

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

American Legion Department Illinois Convention , Peoria IL

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

SAL Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic

Board Meeting 7:30 PM

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

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.

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.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED