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Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42

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“Commander’s Corner”

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

We are now beginning the 4th quarter of the calendar year which is actually the 2nd quarter of the Legion year 2017-18!

As of the end September 2017 (1st quarter of Legion Year 2017-18), your Post is approximately 63% renewed membership. We finished last year (2016-17) at 285 Legion members. We sit today at 183 renewals. Timely renewals are important. They also can be cash rewarding for the Post, if we can meet National's deadlines. Therefore **timely renewals** is the key!

But, renewals alone will not get your Post back to 100%. As of this date, a number of our Post Legionnaires have departed to "Post Everlasting" and need to be replaced.

Please ask a fellow veteran to join you at the "Legion". Membership is the basis of the American Legion. The better/stronger our membership is, the more legislators, governors, mayors and the public will listen to our message. Let's increase our Post membership this year and get back over the 300 member level.

Sunday October 1st, is the first day to drop off clean, serviceable winter clothing for the homeless veterans living in the Chicagoland Metropolitan area. We need clothing for both men and women veterans. Winter coats, sweaters, vests, long pants, gloves, warm hats, heavy shirts, shoes, boots, galoshes and belts. Yes, belts! The homeless have to keep their pants up, and I'll bet we all have belts that we have outgrown. The clothing drive will kick off 1 Oct 17 and will end on 10 Dec. 17. Let's keep our homeless veterans warmer this winter. Go through your closets and bring your clean, serviceable, winter garb in to the Post.

Mark you calendar now for the Post "Pancake Breakfast" Fund Raiser. You will enjoy a fabulous breakfast, including all you can eat pancakes, eggs to order, sausage, orange juice & coffee. All funds raised will be donated to local charities, veteran organizations and/or local youth organizations. Come hungry, bring the family & friends and buy some 50/50 raffle tickets. Leave feeling full and happy to help those that can use the help.

There a number of vacancies on the Post Board of Directors (3) plus the Senior Vice

commander, Junior Vice Commander, Children & Youth & Americanism.

General Business Meetings are the First Thursday of the month, beginning at 1930hrs.

Board of Director meetings are the last Thursday of the month, beginning at 1930hrs..

Come & join us in promoting the American Legion!



FROM YOUR SAL COMMANDER

I want to thank everyone who helped with the 2017 Sons of the American Legion Golf Tournament. Bob and Cheryl Kacynski, Chris Mitchell, Bob and Bunny Labahn, all volunteered. My sole regret is that so few golfers participated. We had five more foursomes in 2016. Circumstances forced us to economize where possible, but there were additional expenses. Nonetheless, we still were able make a donation to Post 42.

The winning team (John Bosca and Joe Romano) generously donated their first prize winnings back to the Post and the Squadron. Additionally, Joe holed the longest putt and John won two closest to the pin holes. Well done gentlemen!

I also want to thank Tony Switzer for taking the lead on the Picnic that followed.

Please save the date of August 13th for the annual Sons of the American Legion Golf Tournament. After meeting expenses and awarding prizes, all of the proceeds are used to support Post 42. The tournament uses a Scramble format with Peoria handicapping, so any team of golfers can compete for the prizes.

More detailed information will follow shortly.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Since my last column I have attended my 1st State of Illinois Convention. While there I attended the Chaplain's Seminar. It was nice to network with other chaplains as I am sort of new to this. It was informative & I took away some good ideas.

One of the ideas was to visit various houses of worship. This leads me to my request of the membership of Post 42. At our last meeting I circulated a sign-in sheet with: your name, religious denomination & name of your house of worship. If you didn't sign this list at the August meeting I'm asking that you to e-mail your information to me. (cachev@sbcglobal.net), This information will help me serve you better as your chaplain by guiding me to which houses of worship I should focus on to visit.

I have also made my first hospital call on Hank Kmiecik, I spent time visiting with him & said a prayer for him. I also did my first graveside memorial service. The service was for long time Post 42 member, Edward Bolin. Ed was a member of Post 42 for 60 years. It was an enlightening as well as moving. I was proud to represent Post 42 along with the three other post 42 members who attended.

I think I'll close for now with this message:
Everyday do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.

Chaplain Chris

Veteran Affairs



**Service Officer
James Farley**

James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Patients to Visit Post 42 on 12 November, 2017

Every year the Post hosts a large group of patients from the Hospital for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteer members of the Post help to prepare and serve traditional roast turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The Lovell staff helps to organize bus transportation to and from the Post. We also have entertainment planned for the event.

Interment ceremony for Edward Bolin

Post 42 Chaplin Christine Chevlin officiated a grave side prayer service at Calvary Cemetery in Evanston. Comrade Bolin was a Korean War veteran and a long-time member of the American Legion. He was a dear friend on many Post members. His remains were laid to rest on September 9, 2017. Chaplin Chevlin led Mr. Bolin's many

friends in attendance in prayer and the Army National Guard provided the traditional flag fold and presentation to family and a bugler sounded taps. The ceremony was organized and attended by Post 42 members. A fitting send-off for this brave veteran.

Hurricane Victim Support

Post 42 donated \$1,000 to the American Legion Emergency Relief Fund. These donations are used by the American Legion to provide assistance to veterans who were affected by the recent Storms in Texas and Florida.

POPPY PROUD

Yet another banner year to be proud! Post 42 Poppy Day volunteers generated several thousand dollars in donations for our veterans.

From the lighthouse on the east, McCormick Blvd on the west, Central St on the north and Oakton St on the south they were giving their time and energy in promoting the sale of that little red flower.

Their efforts provide the financial support for outings, holiday dinners and much more. Also, a sincere thank you to the generous citizens of Evanston who contributed to this cause.

The Poppy Day Committee

CLUBROOM NEWS

Welcome to Fall in the Club Room.

Fall in the Club Room is a great time to come in and have a cold drink while watching some football. We have \$3.00 Coors Lite pints during Bears games and some smooth Great Lakes Oktoberfest taps.

For those of you not interested in football join us for some world class Bluegrass, Evanston Live! or some local live music.

Bluegrass has returned to Post 42 for another stellar season. Check out www.ChicagoBluegrass.com for the details and to reserve tickets. We anticipate another sold out season with Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper on October 14th, David Parmley & Cardinal Tradition on November 4th and Sideline on December 9th. Shows January 27th, February 24th & April 28th round out the season this year.

Evanston Live! Is also back for another local talent packed season. Buy your tickets at <https://squareup.com/store/evanston-live> for shows October 28th, December 2nd & January 20th

See local favorite classic rock cover band “Running Still” on the patio October 20th or upstairs if the weather doesn’t cooperate.

Don't forget to check out the calendar at www.TheLegionClub.com for all the event listings.

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 at ClubManager@EvanstonPost42.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Well, we are a quarter of the way into our membership year, and we are at 62% renewals for Legionnaire’s, 60% for SAL Members and 40% for Boosters. We would like to get to 100% for everyone by the end of the year, so we are asking everyone who has not renewed, to please do so. For those who have, thank you for your continued support. It is with your membership that we are able to support our veterans and the local.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

Please consider a donation to Canal Shores. You can affect exciting and positive changes

at the course that will benefit our entire community and future generations.

Our focus for Canal Shores is a multi-year effort that includes:

Improving the environment, protecting wildlife habitats, and maintaining wetlands and native plantings.

Providing a challenging and unique golf experience on a renovated course.

Positively impacting youth through opportunities to learn and experience golf and nature.

Maintaining a green, open space in an urban environment while providing passive recreational opportunities for the community.

Thanks for your support! Donors will be recognized in our upcoming annual report.

SAVE THE DATE! THE ANNUAL CANAL SHORES FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6.

On the evening of Friday, October 6, 2017, you’re invited to join us for “Bluegrass on the Greens,” a family-friendly, Ravinia-style outdoor concert at Canal Shores featuring noted bluegrass band Emory Gap (which hails from Evanston).

This concert and neighborhood party celebrates the end of the highly successful 2017 golf season at Canal Shores (taking the place of the “Groovin’ on the Greens” party held the past 2 years). Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, picnic baskets, family and friends for this bluegrass music show and lawn party that will be held on the fairways in front of the Canal Shores Pro Shop between Lincoln and Central Streets in Evanston.

There’ll be a \$25 tax-deductible cover charge (\$5 for kids), cash bar, food trucks,

and a warming fire in the beautiful new Canal Shores fire pit. More information to come, but please save the date now so you can join us for this one-of-a-kind celebration with great music, friends, neighbors, and fun under the stars at Canal Shores!

Canal Shores Golf Course is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR CANAL SHORES GOLF COURSE ECOLOGICAL PLAN

Evanston, July 20, 2017 – The Evanston Wilmette Golf Course Association is pleased to announce that it has accepted a generous donation of \$4,000 from The Izaak Walton League of America to support its efforts to develop and implement an Ecological Master Plan for Canal Shores Golf Course that will serve the course, and the community, into the future. The donation was made in a special presentation ceremony held at Canal Shores on July 18. Presenting the check to Association President Chris Carey was John Sundquist, president of the Frank Anetsberger Chapter of the League. The chapter, based in Northbrook, serves communities throughout the North Shore.

In accepting the donation, Chris Carey said, “This is a generous donation that will help us complete funding of the Ecological Master Plan. Our effort is to ensure the sustainability of the golf course, by preserving and enhancing natural habitats, and implementing best practices in golf course management to protect this important green space along the North Shore Channel.”

“This Ecology Grant is aligned with the goals and objectives of the Izaak Walton League. We look forward to working

together with Canal Shores on future projects,” added John Sundquist.

The ecological plan is being overseen by a subcommittee of the Grounds Committee under the guidance of Planning Resources, Inc. of Wheaton. The subcommittee includes representatives from the community with expertise in environmental issues and programs. Increased community understanding about the ecological project has developed in the past year with broadening involvement and support from many and varied participants. The final plan will provide a guide for the preservation and protection of the natural habitat and help the golf course implement sustainable measures that will serve the needs of multiple and diverse stakeholders in the community into the future. The effort will provide for sustainable coastal and land use planning and habitat restoration. The plan is supported in part by a matching grant under the Coastal Zone Management Act, by NOAA’s Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in conjunction with the Illinois Coastal Management Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



Presentation of the Check to Canal Shores

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POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2017-2018

PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!

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