



# SHRAPNEL

Newsletter of Evanston American Legion Post 42  
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**JAMES M BRUSEK**

## “Commander’s Corner”

The first calendar quarter of 2019 is actually the third quarter of the American Legion year. July 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of a new Legion year. Why is that important? Check your membership card and if it doesn't show **2019** centered on the top, you haven't renewed your membership! **MEMBERSHIP** is the “life blood” of any organization and the American Legion is your organization. We ended the quarter in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7<sup>th</sup> district with 102.1% membership. Thank you for renewing and thank you for all those that brought in new members.

On Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Post 42 is participating in “Rebuilding Together” Service Project. This is a traditional opportunity that has been a part of Post 42 history. This years House Captain is Dan Bogojevich, who is taking over for Karl Kuhn, who replaced Greg Lisinski. This program has been around for quite awhile

and Post 42 has earned quite a good reputation with their participation. Refer to Dan Bogojevich's article for additional information.

In May, Post and Squadron volunteers will be hitting the streets, selling Poppies, to raise funds for supporting Veteran Programs throughout the year. From May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Memorial Day, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be working all areas of Evanston. We could use more volunteers, one day or five days, anytime that you can spare, the veterans will appreciate!

On Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we could use all the volunteers we can muster.....Why? This is our traditional Graves Decoration Day at Memorial Park. There are thousands of Veterans graves at Memorial Park, spread throughout the cemetery and they all deserve to have a flag placed upon their grave. Please consider joining us at 0900hrs at the East lot to get your flags and maps.

On Memorial Day, Monday May 27<sup>th</sup>, please join fellow Legionnaires and SAL members, as we attend and participate in Memorial Day Ceremonies at Memorial Park (East Lot) at 0800hrs and then at Fountain Square at 1030hrs. Refreshments will be served at the Post after the ceremonies.

## REBUILDING TOGETHER

Hello,

My name is Dan Bogojevich! I am an Army veteran with 23 years of service, and I have been a Legionnaire for 21 years. That is my past! Post 42 is my future! I am this year's HOUSE CAPTAIN for the 2019 "Rebuilding Together" project.

The annual Rebuilding day is on/or round the last Saturday in April, using skilled and unskilled volunteers and donor funding to complete our projects.

What is "Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago?"

*The mission of Rebuilding Together is to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners by providing free repair services for those with the greatest need, to enable them to remain in their homes and live in warmth, safety and independence. In partnership with our communities, we accomplish these goals through the efforts of volunteers and our financial supporters.*

This year's home is located at 1921 Foster, Evanston, IL. 60201. The homeowner is Ms. Caroline Robinson. Depending on the size of our workforce, the scope of the work to be performed should be completed in one day, Saturday 4/27/2019.

Ms. Robinson would like her basement and garage emptied of a lot of boxes and other articles. We have secured a large dumpster, to be placed in front of the house. The use of wagons and wheelbarrows will make this part of the job move more efficiently. If you have access to either, please bring them! We have also been requested to repair/replace a damaged wall in the basement. We have been asked to repair areas of the porches and paint them both. There will also be plants that need to be planted in the back yard.

I look forward to meeting & greeting all the volunteers at 0800hr on Saturday, 4/27/19. We can get the paperwork out of the way, hand out T-shirts, enjoy a coffee, hot chocolate and donuts before taking a group picture with Ms. Robinson and then getting started on the project.

Look forward to good weather, good friends and good times! See you there!



**DANIEL J KELLEY  
FROM YOUR SAL  
COMMANDER**

This issue's column almost writes itself as I have so many announcements and news to share with the Squadron.

Our own Department Commander Micheal "Mike" Carder (who is a 28 year member of Post 42) has designated "The Haven" in Southern Illinois as his Commander's Special Service Project. Located on Crab Orchard Lake in the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge (between Carbondale and Marion), it has served as a recreation and rehabilitation retreat for veterans receiving medical care at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion. This facility is supported solely by tax deductible donations from the public. Presently, donations are being solicited to provide for building maintenance and repairs. Squadron 42 has made its donation, but it would be wonderful if some of our individual members made their own donations. If you wish to donate by using a credit card, pick up one of the brochures in the Post Club Room. If you would like to

mail a check, the address is: American Legion – Department of Department of Illinois, 2720 E. Lincoln Street, Bloomington, IL 61704. Make your check payable to the Department of Illinois and enter the notation “Mike” Carder.

I attended a productive 1<sup>st</sup> Division Meeting on Saturday, March 16 in Chicago’s historic Bronzeville neighborhood at the Harold Washington Post #1987. What made this meeting special was the location. Post #1987 is housed in the Swift Mansion that was built by Gustavus Swift, who made his fortune in the Chicago stockyards, as a wedding present for his daughter and her new husband. The mansion had a covered carriage drive, marble floors and elaborate woodwork. Take a look for yourself at the link:

<http://glessnerhouse.blogspot.com/2015/11/the-swift-mansion.html>.

The Detachment Executive Committee Meeting was held on March 30, 2019 at Franklin Park American Legion Post #974. Later that same day, the Detachment Commander’s Homecoming will be at the same location (9757 Pacific Avenue, Franklin Park, IL). Dinner Tickets are \$20.00 each and the proceeds will be used to benefit Commander Eugene Gort’s new projects: Operation Comfort Warrior and the Child Welfare Foundation. Cocktails are at 6pm and the meal will be served at 7 pm. If you appreciate good music as much as I do, be sure to leave before the Karaoke begins at 8:30 pm.

Membership in the Squadron has reached a new All-Time High of 204. I hope more delinquent members renew by paying their late dues and that we add more members before the close of books in June. We have 72 new members and our retention rate is 71%.

Since this is the Centennial of the American Legion and of Post 42, we are making plans

to conduct a fundraising raffle featuring the Commemorative Centennial Pin, which retails for \$100.00. What makes this unique is that all of the proceeds from the sales go to Legion Charities. Nothing will be held for administrative fees. If the cost of the pin is too steep for you, buy a \$5.00 raffle ticket and maybe you will be the winner. More details on this limited raffle will be announced next month. We are also investigating a similar fund raising event featuring the Commemorative Coins issued by the United States Mint. If this project is approved, I will provide the details in a later issue the Shrapnel.” The proposal needs to be finalized first.

Please remember Legionnaire Donald Tres in your prayers. He died while volunteering at Misericordia. That is a perfect example of “Carrying on for God and Country



**CHRISTINE CHEVLIN  
CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

### Greetings From the Chaplain’s Corner

It will be a short column for me this quarter. As you read on you will understand why.

As we begin this significant religious season let us take a few moments to reflect on this time. This is the time that we meditate on the gifts we have received from our God no matter what our denomination is. Some of these gifts we have are the freedoms we enjoy, the people in our lives especially next

month as we remember our mothers, godmothers & aunts and the gifts we can share with others. Now is where we can truly share our time & talent.

Also at this time our Junior Vice-Commander Wilfredo Candelario & I are happy to announce our engagement! I received the ring on our 6 month anniversary of serious dating. We will be announcing it at the April business meeting. It is a true gift from God for both of us. Please keep us in your prayers. God Bless All,

Chaplain Christine



**JAMES FARLEY**  
**Service Officer**

**Veteran Affairs**

P.A.W.W.S

Pets Assisting Wounded Warriors (PAWWS), is an organization that trains dogs and eventually pairs them with veterans that have been diagnosed with PTSD. It's a process of many hours of training and contact time of PTSD candidates and dogs in order to find a good pairing. A few veterans even shared testimonies about their love for their companions and how they de-stress when they are being comforted by their canine companion. They are given food and

veterinary services FREE of charge FOR LIFE. As of this year, PAWWS has paired 7 veterans and dogs. An amazing commitment by any standard.

March 9th marked the 8th Annual PAWWS Love Ball. The event was hosted at the American Legion post 1160 Glen Maker in Chicago Ridge.

Host and owner Pam Barnett does a outstanding job of coordinating and arranging the post that hosted approximately 300 supporters. The event tickets of \$35 went towards the catered food.

The wide assortment of raffle prizes (over 130) on display caught the interests of supporters of all ages. Luckily, we won a number of the prizes as shown in the pictures.

There were a number of other supporters including other American Legion posts that made monetary donations just like Post 42, with a donation of \$300. Post 42 also received a certificate of appreciation from owner Pam Barnett.

My wife and I have attended and donated to PAWWS for a number of years - both as friends and supporters of a worthy cause. Every year, we encourage anyone to attend one of PAWWS events for the support of our veterans.



Post Member Mike Wojciechowski



Post Member Mike Wojciechowski With  
P.A.W.W.S. Owner Pam Barnett

**Think RED!**

Poppy Red that is.....

Yes, Memorial Day Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> is upon us.

Once again, volunteers are needed to generate the financial support for many veteran's activities.

These activities include attendance at sporting events, general outings, holiday celebrations and much more.

Your Post 42 Poppy Committee looks to our membership for those dedicated volunteers.

Give your time and effort in any amount that you are able.

*Additional Poppy information continues on next page.*



Shana with her dog Janetta

## ***Poppy information (continued)***

Organizational Meeting

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm

- a. Receive supplies
- b. Consider selling locations
- c. General discussion

Selling days

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Memorial Day  
Weekend

Food to follow

Questions....(847) 373-1188

## **CLUBROOM NEWS**

### **Shot of the Day**

Nick Grube, Bar/Club Manager

Are we talking about buzzer-beater miracles from March Madness? No, I'm writing about another variety of Lady Luck. This one concerns five dice and a leatherette cup. Is this newsworthy? Depends on ability to roll two pairs or interest in otherwise reading about ice machine maintenance.

I write this to clarify a few things and to express intent. Too many folks have been winning two pair drink awards, and we have too much promotional booze to store. I am going with the obvious solution: rolling two pairs "wins" the shot of the day that will be from a bottle of our collection of gems.

What I want to convey is what's in it for the Post. Money had not been accumulating. The way it's going to work is the bar will take the loss on awarded drinks, and the millions of quarters will add up until the lucky winner splits the pot with the Post. Post 42 is working to raise money to

facilitate our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year.

Which leads me to other on-going opportunities to help/win at the bar. Raffles. On offer is a rare and desirable WhistlePig rye, a rare and desirable Macallan Scotch, and a fireworks boat cruise captained by the rare and desirable Neil Franke.

Details to come regarding our celebration of 100 years of American Legion Post 42 in Evanston.

Much thanks for the donated prizes, much thanks for raffle purchases, and may Lady Luck smile upon you.

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## **GOLF COURSE NEWS**



- The Golf Course is Open - Current Pro Shop hours are 8:00AM - 6:00PM weather permitting.
- The 10% season pass discount has been extended thru April 30th
- Special April green fees and cart special - \$20.00 for 18 holes and \$8.00 per rider for a gas cart

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

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## **POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2019**

**PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!**

**2019**

<b>April 4</b>	<b>General Business Mtg 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg at Morton Grove post 134 7:30</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Rebuilding Together Service Project (Tentative)</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>General Business Mtg 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting – Food Afterword)</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Kentucky Derby Fundraiser</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Canal Shores Golf League TENTATIVE (Contact Golf Course)</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg at Morton Grove post 134 7:30 (Post Everlasting)</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Poppy Day Can Pick-up, after 3:00 PM</b>
<b>May 23-27</b>	<b>Poppy Day Collections</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Grave Decoration Day: Memorial Park, meet at East lot 9:00 AM</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (East Lot) 8:00 AM – Fountain Square 10:30 AM – Refreshments after ceremonies at Post</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Division “Mini-Convention” Location TBD</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>General Business Mtg 7:30 AM (Food Afterword)</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Flag Day Ceremony 6:00 PM at Post</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg at Morton Grove post 134 7:30</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Meet at Post 10:00 AM – Parade starting Point 2:00 PM</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>NO GENERAL BUSINESS MTG</b>
<b>July 10-14</b>	<b>Dept DEC &amp; Convention Springfield Illinois</b>
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>
<b>August 1</b>	<b>General Business Mtg 7:30 (Food Afterword)</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Post SAL Golf Outing/Picnic</b>
<b>August 22</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>
<b>September 5</b>	<b>General Business Mtg 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)</b>
<b>September 18</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg at Lincolnwood post 134 7:30</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>Post 42 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Post 42</b>
<b>September 26</b>	<b>Board Mtg 7:30 PM</b>

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