



Shrapnel



Newsletter of American Legion Post 42
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Commander Will Candelario



“Commander’s Corner”

Welcome to 2022, everyone. It’s been of hell of a 2021. As we head into the new year, we here at Post 42 are all hoping for a much-improved year. First and foremost, I’m still urging you to get vaccinated and/or boosted. As many of you know, I lost my brother and fellow Veteran Edgar Candelario to Covid on November 14, 2021. Ed absolutely refused to be vaccinated, and so was unprepared when he contracted Covid back in August. If you remain unvaccinated, I urge you not to be like Ed.

The work of The American Legion continues. As of this writing, Post 42 stands at about 67% Membership for the 2022 year. Our Post Membership team, headed up by Sr. Vice Dan Fleming, continues the work of reaching out to our members for renewals, and recruiting for new members. If you haven’t renewed yet for 2022, I ask you to please take a moment now, as you are reading this, to renew on our website,

evanstonpost42.com, or you can mail in your renewal. You can even stop by the Post and renew with your friendly bartender in the Post Clubroom. Please remember that the Legion’s work with Veterans doesn’t stop because of Covid. We in fact have tried hard to expand our outreach to fellow Veterans in our community during these last 22 months. If you, or a fellow Veteran that you know, needs assistance related to Covid, please reach out to me or our Post Service Officer, Jim Farley, for assistance.

We hope to start returning to some of our previous social events at the Post. This of course is barring any unforeseen return to government mandated lockdowns. We are currently planning for the annual Super Bowl party to be held on Sunday, February 13. Details for the party are further down in this issue of the Shrapnel. We hope to see as many of you as possible for some food, football, and fun.

One definite improvement for Post 42 in 2022 is the revitalization of Squadron 42. New Squadron Officers were elected at the October Squadron business meeting. David Madison was elected Squadron Commander, along with an entire slate of new Officers. The SAL is currently planning other Post events for later in 2022 and is working hard to help support our local Veterans’ community. We look forward to working in close collaboration with our Squadron 42 comrades.

In closing, I do want to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in the coming year. God Bless and Godspeed!

SAL FROM YOUR SAL COMMANDER

It has been just over 2 months since we installed the new SAL board. We are fortunate to have had several members accept a nomination for an officer position, and I am pleased to announce that we have filled every designated officer position and have elected 3 directors as well.

As pleased with that as I am, I must be candid and admit that although we have been SAL members for several years, none of the board members has sat on the SAL board prior to this year. Jim Brusek will serve as the liaison between the Post 42 and Squadron 42. As a former Post 42 Commander and many years member of both the American Legion and the SAL, we consider ourselves lucky to have his experience as we move forward.

In our early meetings the board has discussed several ideas for how and where we, as the SAL, can help Post 42 in its efforts. Although it is the board's responsibility for oversight and coordination of these efforts, we cannot do it alone. If we are to help Post 42 in its efforts, we need a strong, active membership.

Squadron 42 needs your help! These past 20 months have been tough on all of us, to say the least. I hope that in 2022, we can re-engage and move Squadron 42 forward. We are still accepting dues for the 2021-2022 year. Dues for 2021-2022 can be paid up until February 1st. If you have not done so already, please stop by the Legion building and drop off a check, or mail a check payable to The Sons of the American Legion. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments at this time.

Dues alone are not enough. We need input and participation from our membership. We want to hear from you. Monthly meetings will resume in January. The meetings are a great opportunity to discuss and plan for the upcoming months. Check the calendar at the bottom of the Shrapnel for the schedule. After the meeting, plan to stick around and mingle at the Club Bar.

In closing, please remember that the SAL is what we make of it. If anyone has an idea of what we could or should be doing, please bring these ideas to the board and get involved. The more members we have actively participating in our events and the Post's events, the better we can do.

Sincerely,
David Madison
Commander, SAL



**Chaplain Christine Candelario
Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner**

Happy New Year!!

Thank God 2021 is over. It has been a rough year. The Commander & I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of his brother, Edgar, who was a fellow veteran. Dealing with everything from his care while hospitalized and then dealing with the details following his passing, made me stop and think about our own mortality. He unfortunately didn't. So take some time to learn from our lessons learned. HAVE a plan, WRITE it down, TALK with your family about your wishes, and NAME your beneficiaries.

Edgar was laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. It was a brief but very moving ceremony. They have the ceremony down to a science, from the procession into the cemetery, saluting the casket at the gazebo, the 21-gun salute, flag folding and ending with the playing of Ghost Taps. It is good option if you haven't made your final arrangements. God has a plan for each of us, what it is we do not know. So, we have to

be prepared. We donated a lot of his belongings to the Midwest Veterans Closet.

Edgar declined to be vaccinated and paid the ultimate price. If you haven't gotten vaccinated yet NOW is the time. Let this be your New Year's Resolution. Yes, we all know it's not 100% effective but it's the best you can do to stay out of the hospital. I am testimony to this. Before Christmas we got tested just to be sure before spending the holidays with family. The Commander tested negative, and I tested positive. The only symptoms I have are symptoms of a cold. All I need to do is quarantine until I retest negative. Thank God I got vaccinated and got the booster.

Don't be like the man on the rooftop.

A fellow was stuck on his rooftop in a flood. He was praying to God for help.

Soon a man in a rowboat came by and the fellow shouted to the man on the roof, "Jump in, I can save you."

The stranded fellow shouted back, "No, it's OK, I'm praying to God and he is going to save me." So the rowboat went on.

Then a motorboat came by. The fellow in the motorboat shouted, "Jump in, I can save you."

To this the stranded man said, "No thanks, I'm praying to God, and he is going to save me. I have faith." So, the motorboat went on.

Then a helicopter came by and the pilot shouted down, "Grab this rope and I will lift you to safety."

To this the stranded man again replied, "No thanks, I'm praying to God, and he is going to save me. I have faith." So, the helicopter reluctantly flew away.

Soon the water rose above the rooftop and the man drowned. He went to Heaven. He finally got his chance to discuss this whole situation with God, at which point he exclaimed, "I had faith in you but you didn't save me, you let me drown. I don't understand why!"

To this God replied, "I sent you a rowboat and a motorboat and a helicopter, what more did you expect?"

Message: God works in mysterious ways. GET VACCINATED & stay safe.

Please remember those affected by Covid, fellow Legionnaires, fellow veterans, and first responders in your prayers.

God Bless All,
Christine Candelario
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JAMES FARLEY
Service Officer

Veteran Affairs

Sponsored Luncheons for Lovell Hospital Patients

Post 42 has purchased gift cards that will be used to treat veterans that are confined at the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center. Because of the COVID restrictions, the staff at Lovell have been unable to entertain the vets in the usual ways. Our donation to the therapists working there will allow the patients to have a special lunch. They all will enjoy a break from the institution food. Because of all the generous donations collected in our Poppy Sale we can help.

Development Committee

This past year has been difficult to conduct our usual Veteran support activities. COVID has restricted most of our events, but we are looking forward to 2022. The Post Board has named a Development Committee to begin planning the activities and events for the coming year. Watch for changes to our website that will contain the activities planned for 2022.



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 42 EVANSTON
WE WANT TO KNOW!
ARE YOU A VETERAN?
KNOW A VETERAN?
OR FAMILIES OF VETERANS?**

Post 42 in Evanston is always looking for veterans or families of veterans, to come and join our post— either as a post member or as a member of the Sons of the Legion. Our mission is to give back to veterans, their families, and the community. We also help veterans access organizations or departments, whatever their need may be.

For more information, please contact
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A New Year and New Beginnings

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. After reading the December issue of American Legion Magazine article on National Commander Dillard's focus, I thought I'd add my two cents worth.

National Commander Dillard believes in "No Veteran Left Behind." ABSOLUTELY!! We are here to help veterans know where to go to get help (medical, psychological, housing, food, filing claims) and gain the understanding that we are here for them.

In over 12 years as a Post member, former Junior Vice Commander, and current Board Member, I and the other board members believe in giving back to our members, their families, and the community. As I've used the term loosely, being guilty by association. LOL.

While the Post and its members have done well for over 100 years, maybe it's time we change that. The Board and its officers appreciate your vote of confidence, and we thank you for that. But considering the past 2 years and what it's done to

our lives, perhaps it's time to make a few changes and hopefully some improvements.

This past year we've created a few new committees. One of them is the Development Committee headed by Post 42 Service Officer Jim Farley. Our focus is to reevaluate our past post social activities and fundraisers, make recommendations on improvements, and suggest possible additions.

While this is a good start, more assistance from our membership would be beneficial to all. We believe that the post can do better with more participation from the membership. Not just by attending or even donating, but by volunteering yourself or others when possible. As I've said, It's All About Giving Back.

The Development Committee will be discussing prior years events and perhaps hosting new ones (Cornhole Tournament, Army/Navy Game party, or Car Wash) to help generate funds to donate toward worthy causes that help support the veterans or organizations that need our assistance.

Won't you help us help those in need? We can all make a difference for those in need in 2022.

Respectfully,
Michael L. Wojciechowski

EVANSTON POST 42 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

We are still looking for vets who need some assistance in home repairs and/ or code violations. The specifics for these projects are similar to Helping Evanston that we have been involved in for several years. We provide labor (volunteers) and material for these projects.

Projects should be submitted in writing to the Foundation. An in-person interview follows. If you have a veteran in mind, please do not commit to the assistance. Tell the veteran that we will submit their request for review.

Respectfully,
Dan Bogojevich, President
Evanston Post 42 Foundation

CLUBROOM NEWS

**Post 42 American Legion Superbowl
LVI Party!**

**Sunday, February 13th
Starts @ 4 pm, at the Legion Hall**



- **Free draft beer from 4 pm - Start of the National Anthem**
- **Food**
 - **Chili**
 - **Wings**
 - **Beef Soup (Pho)**
 - **Snacks, Desserts, and more!**
- **Game on the big screen**



\$10 donation for entry

See Bartender for Details

If you have questions text/call Brian - 708-743-8821

Brett Hallongren
Club Room Manager
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POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!

2022

January 5	Board Meeting SAL 6:00 PM
January 6	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
January 13	General Business Meeting SAL 6:00 PM
January 13-22	Department Membership Caravan
January 20	Space Force Birthday
January 19	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM
January 27	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
February 2	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
February 2	First Division Meeting Morton Grove Post 134
February 3	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
February 10	SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM
February 13	Super Bowl Party 2:00 PM (until game is over)
February 16	7th District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM
February 24	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
March 2	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
March 3	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM
March 13	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner and Richard Huck Award Dinner Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00
March 16	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7 PM
March 24	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
April 6	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
April 7	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
April 13	SAL Business Meeting 6:00 PM
April 20	7th District Meeting at Post 42 @ 7:30 PM
April 28	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
May 1	Rebuilding together Service Project (Tentative)
May 4	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
May 5	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting - Food afterward: Deadline for Post 42 Board Nominations)
May 8	7th District Kentucky Derby Fundraiser
May 18	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting)
May 21	Armed Forces Dinner-Hosted by First Division Location TBD

May 22	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM
May 26-30	Poppy Day Collection
May 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
May 28	Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park, meet at East lot, 9:00 AM
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (East Lot) 8:00 AM Fountain Square 10:30 AM Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post
June 1	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
June 2	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward) Election for 2022 Board to be held
June 5	1st Division "Mini-Convention" Location TBA
June 8	SAL General Business Meeting
June 14	United States Army Birthday
June 14	Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post
June 15	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove @ 7:30 PM
June 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
July 4	4th of July Parade Assembly begins 12:30 pm at starting point Parade at 2pm
July 6	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
July 7	NO General Business Meeting
July 13-16	America Legion State Convention Springfield IL
July 14	SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM
July 28	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
August 3	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
August 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
August 19	SAL Business Meeting 6:00 PM
August 14	Post 42- Golf Outing and American Legion Picnic
August 25	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
September 7	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
September 8	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
September 8	United States Air Force Birthday
September 14	SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM
September 15	7th District Meeting 7:30
September 8	SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM
September TBD	2nd Annual Charitable Golf Outing
September 21	7th District Meeting Morton Grove Post 134 7:30 PM
September 22	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Note: Some Dates are subject to change

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