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Newsletter of American Legion Post 42
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**Commander
Will Candelario**



“Commander’s Corner”

Hello Fellow Legionnaires. As we get ready to welcome in warmer weather, we also look to close out the 2022 Legion year with a strong finish. The current 2022 Legion year ends on June 30. We currently stand at around 80% of our Membership goal over 2021. Our Post Membership Team, headed up by Sr. Vice Commander Dan Fleming, has been working hard at outreach to all 2021 members, and working at recruitment of new members. I want to thank the team members for all their efforts, and I want to thank all of you who have renewed thus far.

For those of you who have not yet renewed, I ask you to contact the Post as soon as possible with your renewal. This past year, the Post 42 Executive Board voted to make May 1st the cut-off date for renewal, even though the Department

close of books date is in mid-June. This was done as a matter of fairness to our members. The Board believes that it wouldn't be fair to members who sign up or renew after May 1st, only to come back 2 months later in July to ask for 2023 dues. Therefore, any renewals or new sign-ups after May 1st will be held over until July 1st, and then submitted for the 2023 Legion year.

As for the 2023 dues, in February 2022, the Board voted unanimously to increase annual dues to \$50 beginning in the 2023 Legion year. It's unfortunate, but necessary, as both National and Department dues that the Post must pay have also increased. I strongly urge anyone who has not yet renewed to take advantage of our 5-year membership. If you sign up now, you can get the 5-year membership for \$200, and thus avoid the dues increase until 2027. If you are currently a member in 2022, you can also take advantage of the 5-year membership now. Please consider locking in the current \$40 rate for the next 5 years.

As an added incentive, the Department of Illinois has decided that if you are a long-standing member of the Legion, but did not renew in 2021, you can still renew in 2022 and not lose your consecutive years standing. We understand the difficulties many people have had, both emotionally and financially, during the Covid-19 pandemic, and this is an added incentive to encourage you to renew your Legion membership. Post 42 has been busy since the beginning of the year. Though our activities are still somewhat curtailed by Covid-19, we have continued to look for opportunities to serve our local Veterans. We are working in collaboration with the Midwest

Veterans Closet in North Chicago. Through the work of our Post Service Officer, Jim Farley, and others at Post 42, we continue to help with food donations, donated furniture collection, and clothing drives to assist local Veterans in need. If you have usable furniture, clothing or food that you would like to donate, please contact Jim Farley.

On March 13, Post 42 held our Annual Huck Award Dinner. The Huck Award (formerly our Legionnaire of the Year Award) is presented annually to a member of the Post 42 Legion Family who has best demonstrated the spirit, drive and dedication to the principles of the American Legion, as demonstrated by Past Commander Richard Huck. This year's Award Dinner is the first since 2019, as 2020 and 2021's ceremonies were cancelled due to Covid-19. We presented the awards for 2020, 2021 and 2022 at this year's ceremony. The winners were:

2020 – Post Chaplain Christine Chevlin

2021 – Legionnaire Joseph Port

2022 – Legionnaire Danny Bogojevich.

Congratulations to them all, and thanks to them for a job well done!

We are currently planning and looking forward to more Post events soon. These will include an upcoming new member reception, the annual 7th District Kentucky Derby party, and of course our Memorial Day ceremony. Please check the Post calendar and the Post Facebook page for upcoming events,

We are also looking forward to the annual Post 42 Elections in June. All Officer and Executive Board positions are up for election in June. There are 5 Executive Board Directors, in addition to the elected Officer positions. Formal nominations are open from now until the May General Business meeting. The election will be held at the June Business Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be possible at the June election meeting, in accordance with the Post 42 By-Laws. Any Legionnaire in good standing is eligible, again in accordance with the By-Laws. Nominations before the May business meeting should be sent to Past Commander Mike Carder, Chair of the Nomination Committee. I hope to have as many

members as possible at the Election meeting in June. If you do not regularly attend business meetings, please strongly consider attending the election meeting on June 2nd.

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FROM YOUR SAL COMMANDER

The Squadron held its monthly member meeting this past March 10th, and I am happy to announce that we had a couple of members, in addition to our executive board, in attendance. Our meeting was followed by live blues and rock provided by the Canal Jumpers, the unofficial "House Band" for the Legion, since several of the band members are SAL members. Please put April 14th, 6:00PM on your calendar and come join us for our next meeting.

During our last executive board meeting we created 3 committees: An Events Committee, A Veteran's Affairs Committee, and a Membership Committee. We are looking for members to participate in these committees to further the interests of the Squadron and the Post. Please contact us at the email provided at the end of this article and let us know which of these committees you would like to join.

Looking ahead we are in the early stages of planning the SAL golf outing, as well as reviving the annual Pancake Breakfast in November.

Sincerely,

David Madison
Commander, SAL
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**Chaplain Christine Candelario
Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner**

Hi All.

I think the worst of winter is behind us. As we look forward to Spring, we have already sprung ahead with the clocks. The days are getting longer, and we prepare to celebrate the Spring Holidays of Easter and Passover. Let us take a moment to remember our fellow veterans who may not have anyone to celebrate the holidays with.

We finally were able to celebrate our Huck Award winners for these past 3 years at our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

Congratulations to all our winners!

We now have our Wall of Honor - thanks to Cmdr. Candelario.



2021 Winner Joseph Port



2022 Winner Dan Bogojevich



2020
Winner
Christine
Chevlin
Candelario



The Plaques honor our Huck Award Winners
and Major Donors.

Sadly, Post 42 lost one of our own past Post Commanders, Henry Rivas Sr. who was laid to rest at Memorial Park February 3, 2022. Many Post 42 members were in attendance.



PC Henry Rivas

We also remember those who are fighting for democracy and freedom in Ukraine and the refugees who are fleeing from the war. As Americans we remember George Washington and our forefathers and what that was like.

It's not having everything go right;
it's facing whatever goes wrong.
It's not being without fear;
it's having the determination
to go on in spite of it.

Pray for Peace in our world,
it's the only one we have.

Peace & Love and God Bless All,
Chaplain Christine

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JAMES FARLEY
Service Officer

Veteran Affairs

GIFT AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR POST 42 AND THE FUTURE

Have considered leaving a bequest to Post 42 as part of your estate plan? A gift or bequest to Post 42 can have fantastic long-term benefits to veterans, service personnel and our community.

There are so many activities and programs your Post 42 gift or bequest would support: helping veterans, visiting the sick, raising funds for the "Gifts to the Yanks" Program, sending parcels to our troops overseas, supporting Scouting in Evanston, helping to repair housing for needy homeowners, helping the community to remember its veterans through public ceremonies and public speaking, supporting Legion Programs and sponsoring Little League and American Legion Baseball. When we have large capital investment issues like boiler replacement, we would have resources to draw on.

We have also created a 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation to be able to accept donations that are 100% tax deductible. This new Foundation will allow us to support veterans that need assistance as well as other organizations that provide similar support. We just completed our 1st annual charity golf outing that was an outstanding success to start off the foundation.

If you are interested, please contact your Attorney, and ask him to include us in your planning through a gift, will or codicil. You can also contact us for more information by e-mailing us at evanstonp42@gmail.com or by calling the Post Commander who is listed toward the end of this newsletter.



Mike (Wojo) Wojciechowski
Director

MIDWEST VETERANS CLOSET AND POST 42 TO THE RESCUE

One of the things that members of Post 42 believe in is that we try to help those less fortunate: veterans, their families, and our community. With that understanding, on Tuesday March 15th, members of Post 42 coordinated with Pope John Paul Catholic School to transport about 125 bags of clothing. The original focus was for students, their families and staff to collect clothing for the citizens of Ukraine. Because needs changed, they were unable to receive the donation. Mary Carmody and her husband of Midwest Veterans Closet came to the rescue; they took in all the clothing. Ann Cooper, Dorval Reed, Joe Jefferson, Neil Franke and I, using Anne's RV and my Suburban, shuttled all the bags up to North Chicago.



Anne Cooper's RV

One thing that Mary shared with us is not only do they gift clothing and housewares, but dry goods and fresh food to veterans and civilian families in need. But, she added, you'd be surprised at how many active-duty military personnel ask for donations as well. They gave us a short tour of their food and clothing storage area in the building and is it stocked! Not only do they often have trucks pull up to their building and deliver food for their distribution, but also corporations help keep their shelves stocked.

So far this year Post 42 has coordinated 2 donation runs and I'm willing to bet that there will be a few more before the year is out.

Michael Wojciechowski
Director

(Additional pictures are on page 6.)

CLUBROOM NEWS

There is not much to report regarding the Club Room. With restrictions and mandates removed and eliminated, we hope to resume full operation of the Club Room going forward. The Hall is available to rent, the bar is open, and the smoking lamp is lit...outside only for those who still partake. We are looking for suggestions from any of you as to what you would like to see going on in your Club Room. All you need to do is to click on the link below and submit it. We look forward to seeing all of you soon as we restart operations.

Thank you all for your continued support!!!!

Brett Hallongren
Club Room Manager
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Mary Carmody & Mike (Wojo) Wojciechowski

POST 42: DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

Please Note Revised Meeting Times!

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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