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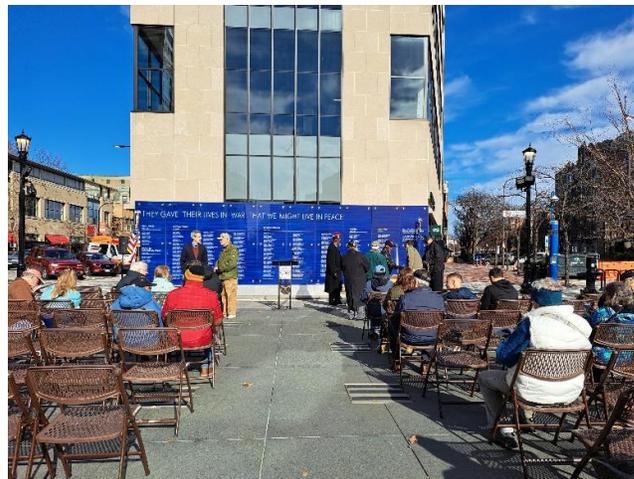


Commander Will Candelario

“Commander’s Corner” Notes From Your Commander

Happy New Year to all my Fellow Legionnaires! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As we look back upon 2022, I am grateful to say that we at Post 42 have been able to start getting back to normal. We are back to holding our General Business meetings every 1st Thursday of the month, and we have been able to resume some of our regular Post events.

On this past November 11, we held our annual Veterans Day ceremony in downtown Evanston. Even though it was a chilly, windy day, we had a nice turn out of Evanston residents to join us in commemorating and celebrating all of our fellow Veterans. After the ceremony, we enjoyed some hospitality and camaraderie back at Post 42. We were pleased to be joined by members of Snell VFW Post 7186, the VFW Auxiliary, and members of the public.



Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss, VietNow NorthShore Chapter Commander Hal Shanafield, Snell VFW Post 7186 Chaplain Charles Spivey, and Post 42 Commander Will Candelario gather at Fountain Square prior to the Evanston Veterans Day Ceremony.

The next day, November 12, Squadron 42 hosted the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Post 42. Under the leadership of Squadron Commander David Madison, the Squadron decided that they would undertake the project of starting up the pancake breakfast again after a 2-year hiatus due to Covid closures. Squadron 42 Sgt-at-Arms Chris Foreman was appointed as POC and formed a group of SAL volunteers to prepare for and host the Pancake Breakfast. It was a rousing success! More than 300 people attended this year’s pancake breakfast! More than \$4,000 was raised to be donated to local Evanston charities. This is an important part of what the American Legion and the SAL do: provide help to our local communities. I personally want to commend Commander Madison, Chris Foreman and all of our SAL members who helped make this year’s event a great success!



Squadron 42 Commander David Madison working the grill at the Post 42 Pancake Breakfast.

We held our annual Post 42 Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11. Everyone was asked to bring a dish to pass, and the Post provided turkey and ham and sandwich fixings. More than 40 members and family turned out to enjoy the holiday spirit. I want to thank Post Chaplain Christine Candelario for organizing the event, and special word of thanks to SAL Jr. Vice Mike Coop and his 2 lovely daughters, Esther and Kennedy. Mike and his girls put in several hours of hard work into decorating the hall before the party. Their work turned to hall into a beautiful room for the party and served as a great example of the work that our SAL members have been accomplishing on behalf of Post 42.

As we head into the new year, we look forward to continuing the work of The American Legion. The Board of Directors recently voted to support Military Outreach, a not-for-profit organization that supports homeless Veterans who are transitioning into VA sponsored housing. We will be donating \$2,000 to Military Outreach to help buy new beds and bedding for those transitioning into housing. We will also be collecting paper products, as such paper towels, toilet paper and napkins to provide to the Veterans in their new housing. We will have large donation boxes inside the entrance to the Post. Please consider donating to help our fellow Veterans in need.

On Sunday, February 12, Post 42 will be hosting our annual Super Bowl party. There will be food, raffles, and fun. The game will be on the big screen in the hall and on the TVs in the Clubroom.

Please check the Post calendar on our website or stop by the Clubroom for more details.

This year's Richard Huck Award Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 19. We will be serving the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner, as in years past. The Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award is presented annually to the Post 42 Legion Family member who in the previous year has best demonstrated the spirit, energy, and devotion to the principles of the American Legion, as exemplified by Past Commander Richard Huck. These principles include Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. These "Four Pillars" describe the heart and philosophy of the American Legion in our dedication to Veterans, and in our service to the community, state, and nation. Any Post 42 Legionnaire or Squadron 42 member in good standing can be nominated. Nominations can be submitted to any member of the Post Board of Directors. A committee of the Board, comprised of the Past Post 42 Commanders, will make the final selection of the Huck Award recipient for 2023. Please have any nominations submitted NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 15, 2023, to the Board of Directors.



2022 Huck Award Winner Legionnaire Danny Bogojevich and Family



2021 Huck Award Winner Legionnaire Joseph Port and Family

One last reminder for all: if you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2023 Legion year, please do so immediately. Your membership is now past due, and your risk losing your Legion membership and benefits. PLEASE RENEW TODAY!

SAL COMMANDER



**From Your SAL Commander
David Madison**

As I reflect back upon 2022, I cannot believe that the year has gone by so quickly. During this past year we have strived to again hold the monthly meetings, open to ALL SAL members. While our participation numbers are not great, please know that these meetings are being held and all are welcome to join. I realize that most, if not all, of us are not accustomed to attending the monthly meetings, but I ask that each of us make an effort to attend these meetings. Our monthly meetings serve as a time to remember why we are members and to pay respect to those who have served our country. Our monthly meetings are also a time to gather together to plan our upcoming events. We only had a few events in 2022, but our goal for 2023 is to have at least 1 quarterly event. As we also serve Post 42, there are many opportunities throughout the year to assist the Post in its endeavors.

If I had to choose 1 event from this past year that exemplified what the SAL can be, and what is possible with just a little effort and cooperation, it would be the Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast took several months to plan, and much of that came at the hands of member Chris Foreman (our Sergeant at Arms). Without his tireless efforts, the breakfast would not have been nearly the success

that it was. There are many others to thank, from the Post 42 members that showed us how to run the kitchen, deep-cleaned the griddles, setup the room, provided those "eggs to order" and provided knowledge from past breakfasts. All in all, we served over 300 community members and raised \$4,000 through breakfast donations, placemat advertisement sponsorships and a 50/50 raffle, conceived by our Senior Vice Commander, Mike Cavanaugh. Starting in the new year we will be finalizing our list of charities who will be the recipients of the money raised from this event.

The Pancake Breakfast is one example of what we can accomplish together. In the spirit of "a picture being worth 1000 words," I will end this article with a few pictures from the day.



A full house enjoying pancakes, eggs, sausage, OJ and coffee!



Left To Right: Senior Vice Commander Mike Cavanaugh, Recently Appointed Cit Manager, Luke Stowe and Sgt. At Arms Chris Foreman



Historian Brian Wolf, and his daughter Norah and friend Emma Brown -- taking a break from the cook line to get a picture!



Andy Shessler says: "Watch this, I can flip without even looking!"



Community Veterans Day Ceremony



Chaplain Christine Candelario

Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner

Well, the holidays are behind us again. I hope the true spirit of the holiday season touched you and your family. A lot has been happening around the Post!

Veterans Day was a day for all veterans. Post 42 joined with VFW Snell Post and Viet Now at Fountain Square. Post 42's Rifle Team provided the Rifle Salute and Cmdr. Candelario honored Comm. Larry Suffredin, Post 42 member, as he retires with a plaque for his years of service and support.



Post 42 Rifle Team



Mayor Biss ,Larry Suffredin, & Cdr Candelario

We had our first Pancake Breakfast after Covid. A big thanks to our SAL Squadron. It was an amazing success. Our Squadron is up and running well in support of our mission to support our veterans, our community, and our youth.



**Mike (Wojo) Wojciechowski
Jr Vice Commander**



SAL Pancake Breakfast Crew

We also had a family Christmas Party! A Big Thank You to SAL member Mike Coop and his 2 daughters Esther & Kennedy for putting the hall in holiday mode.



Esther and Kennedy decorating the hall



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As Jr Vice Commander and Public Relations Officer, I wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Kwanzaa and Happy Hanukah!

Jesus is the reason for the season. A time of giving and reflection. Christmas is for children. It should be about God, sharing and caring for one another as well. The list of metaphors goes on and on.

Post 42 currently has Officer vacancies that need filling: Service Officer, Finance Officer, Maintenance Officer, and Development Committee Chairperson. This is due to realignment and/or relocation of former officers. Anyone interested in helping serve on the Board, giving back to your fellow veterans, their families, and the community, are highly encouraged to let Cdr Will Candalerio or one of the other board officers know that you're able and willing to help.

Also, at this time of year, Post 42, as well as the Legion, are asking to do a buddy check. There are some members we haven't seen or heard from in a while and feel it's important to touch base with them. We encourage all members to come to the Post meetings and special events if possible. We'd love to see you and chat with you again.

2023: a new year, new beginnings, new efforts.

In over 14 years as a Post member, Junior Vice Commander, Board Member, and Public Affairs Officer, I and the other board members firmly believe in giving back to our members, their families, and the community. We love the idea of

being guilty by association in a good way. LOL. The National Commander believes that “No Veteran Should Be Left Behind.” ABSOLUTELY!! Helping veterans know where to go to get help: medical, psychological, housing, food, filing claims; gaining the understanding that we are here for them. Veterans young and old alike benefit from the American Legion.

The Post and its members have done well for over 100 years. Its officers appreciate your vote of confidence, and we thank you for that. But considering the past few years and what current events has done to our lives, perhaps it’s time to make some changes and some improvements.

This past year a few of our Post officers have moved or taken on new District positions. With that being said, we need members who would like to volunteer for the positions of Service Officer, Finance Officer, Maintenance Officer, and Development Committee Chairperson.

In addition to the filling of those positions, we are trying to refocus our goals and ask for more assistance from our membership. It would be great leap forward and beneficial to all. I believe that the post can do better with more participation from the membership, not just by attending or even donating, but of volunteering yourselves/themselves when possible. As I’ve said, It’s All About Giving Back.

The focus of the Development Committee is to reevaluate our past post social activities and fundraisers, make recommendations on improvements and suggest possible additions. Maybe even considering hosting new ones such as maybe a Cornhole Tournament, Army/Navy Game party or even a Car Wash, to help generate funds to donate towards worthy causes that help support the veterans that need our assistance.

Won’t you help us help those in need? A new year, a new beginning, and that can make all the difference in the world to those that need it the most.

Respectfully,
Michael L. Wojciechowski, Jr. Vice Cdr



**Service Officer
JAMES FARLEY
Veteran Affairs**

Post Elevator Replacement



**American Legion Post 42
Elevator Replacement**
1030 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201



Fellow Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion and Boosters

The Post has launched a major project for the good of the Legion. Post 42 has been serving veterans and their families for over 103 years. Post events are held at the Legion Hall on the second floor of your building located at 1030 Central Street in Evanston: the disabled veterans Thanksgiving dinner, Blue Grass music concerts and the Pancake Breakfast ... to name a few. The elevator has seen its better days and requires a complete replacement to safely get our members and guest into the hall. Please help us raise funds to complete this important and badly need upgrade so that we can ensure that our veterans, seniors and others can participate in all that the Legion offers. Thanks to the great support from our members, Wes Fisher MD and Chips Covington, we

launched a Go Fund Me campaign to raise the funds to do this badly needed project. So far, the response has been tremendous. We hope to start the project this Spring.

Please take a look at our Go Fund Me Campaign and help if you are able too.

https://gofundme.com/american-legion-hall-post-42-needs-a-new-elevator?pc-em_dn_contacts_r&rcid=r01-167072461626-f44e5d7c78f811ed&member=23794497

Helping Homeless Veterans

At a recent Post 42 Board meeting the members discussed what we could do to help support the veterans transitioning from homelessness. The Board was aware of an organization working to help with this issue.

Military Outreach USA, founded by Major General James H. Mukoyama Jr. USA (Ret.) has been doing remarkable work in this space. Post 42 had previously contributed to this organization to buy beds for vets.

The Post Board voted to donate another \$2,000 to help in the following ways:

A Chicagoland homeless veteran receives rental assistance from the Veterans Administration. The apartment subsidy gets the veteran off the street, but the apartment lacks basic household supplies. The Post donations can turn the apartment into a home, and that home can provide the basis to change a life.

To assist veterans transitioning from homelessness to an apartment by providing move-in essentials. For example, Military Outreach USA provides personal hygiene, cleaning supplies and paper goods for the new apartment.

This is another way The Post is serving veteran needs.

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 that Post 42 be included 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, by calling the Post Commander who is listed toward the end of this newsletter or going to our web site www.evanstonpost42.com and following the links to donate.

News From Post 42 Charitable Foundation

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2023 from the Evanston Post 42 Charitable Foundation.

Over the last several months, we have been meeting to discuss our mission, activity, and most importantly, our support of the veteran community. We are enthusiastic and proud to be able to contribute to those in need.

Our support of our veterans comes from donations and other activities taken on by the foundation. The pinnacle of our fundraising is the annual golf outing. With two years under our belt, we have

turned this activity into a powerful way for us to generate funds to support the work of the foundation and Post 42. So far, we have been able to support -

- A Marine Corps veteran who was the victim of a hit-and-run accident in River Grove <https://www.gofundme.com/f/raul-basulto>
- An Evanston veteran who needed help with some major home repairs.
- Funded transportation for some very needed furniture items to the Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago <http://www.midwestveteranscloset.org/>
- Partnered with our very own Post 42 to provide funds to Beds 4 Vets, an organization that furnishes living spaces for veterans who are transitioning out of homelessness <https://www.beds4vets.org/>
- Supporting the construction project for a new elevator/lift system for Post 42. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/american-legion-hall-post-42-needs-a-new-elevator?member=23827315>

Regarding the annual golf outing, please note that due to course construction, we had to adjust the date and location of the 2023 outing. The 2023 outing is now tentatively scheduled for July 28th at the Bloomingdale Country Club. Stay tuned for more specifics as we finalize the event. <https://www.bloomingdalegc.com/>

We continue to seek out and review requests for support and encourage all to consider this foundation when you learn of a veteran or veteran organization that may benefit.

We thank the members of the Evanston Post 42 American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, its Boosters, and all who support our veterans and the veteran community.

Sincerely,

Chris Mitchell
SAL Squadron 42
Trustee/Historian:
Evanston Post 42 Charitable Foundation
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SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023 **SAVE THE DATE!**

“The Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award Presentation to the Legionnaire / SAL of the year.”

The Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award was created by the Evanston American Legion Post 42 Board of Directors after the untimely passing of our Commander, Richard Huck. Commander Huck was the only commander in the ninety-plus year history of Evanston American Legion Post 42 to have passed away while in office. The board decided to create an award in his honor that best reflected his spirit, energy and dedication to the principles of the American Legion.

The Board of Directors decided to create an award in the name of Richard Huck. The purpose of the award was to honor a post member or member of the Post 42 Legion Family, who over the year(s), best demonstrated the spirit, energy and devotion to the principles of the American Legion, especially Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. These “Four Pillars” describe the heart and philosophy of the American Legion in their dedication to Veterans along with service to the Community, State and Nation.

The ideal recipient of the Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award is not necessarily an officer or holder of office in the Post / Squadron, but rather a Post / Squadron member, who displays the principles of the American Legion, by active participation in Post programs and activities in a manner that distinguished that member above others.

The recipient of the “Richard Huck Legion Spirit Award” is selected by the nomination of any Post / Squadron 42 member. The nominations are sent to Post 42 Adjutant (Joe Jefferson). Nominating period is from the beginning of the current Legion year (July 1) through the following January Board meeting. The nominations will be reviewed by the Huck Award committee and the finalist will be

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presented to and approved by the Board. The award presentation is made in March at the annual corned beef dinner on/or around St. Patrick's Day.

Previous award recipients are:

2011 Adam Kwiecinski
2012 Richard A. Thompson (Deceased)
2013 Robert Larson (Deceased)
2014 Robert "Bobby" Weiss (Deceased)
2015 Neal Franke
2016 Tony Switzer
2017 Robert Kacynski (SAL)
2018 Gerald A. Romme
2019 James A. Farley Jr.
2020 Christine Candelario
2021 Joseph Hans Port
2022 Dan Bogojevich
2023

Post members are invited to nominate an eligible candidate, who in their opinion displayed the highest values of the American Legion, by the nominee's active participation in Post 42 programs and activities, in a manner that distinguished the candidate above others.

It's winter in Chicago so bundle up and head over to the Post for a drink. Recent improvements include dart boards, additional TVs and some new barstools that Neil picked up for us.

Don't forget to check the calendar (<https://evanstonpost42.com/calendar/>) if you want to know what's going on or to make sure your favorite bartender is working.

Brett Hallongren
Clubroom Manager

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POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2023

PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!

Some dates are subject to change.

January 4	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
January 5	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
January 5	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
January 12	SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM
January 18	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM
January 26	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
February 1	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
February 1	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
February 2	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
February 12	Super Bowl Party 3:00 PM (until game is over)
February 15	7th District Meeting at Evanston Post 42 @ 7:30 PM
February 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
March 1	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
March 1	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
March 2	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Starts – Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
March 7	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7 PM
March 19	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner and Richard Huck Award Dinner Cocktails at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00
March 23	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
April 5	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
April 6	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
April 6	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
April 19	7th District Meeting at Post 42 Evanston 7:30 PM
April 27	Board Meeting 7:30 PM
April 30	Rebuilding together Service Project (Tentative)
May 3	SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM
May 3	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
May 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting - Food afterward)
May 6	7th District Kentucky Derby Fundraiser
May 17	7th District Meeting at Morton Grove Post 134 @ 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting)
May 21	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM
May 25-30	Poppy Day Collection
May 25	Board Meeting 7:30 PM

May 27 Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park, meet at East lot, 9:00 AM

May 29 Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (East Lot) 8:00 AM Fountain Square 10:30 AM Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post

June 1 Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM

June 1 General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward) Post Election of Officers

June 5 1st Division “Mini-Convention” Location TBA

June 7 SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM

June 14 US Army Birthday

June 14 Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post

June 21 7th District Meeting at Morton Grove @ 7:30 PM

June 22 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

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

July 6 No Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting

July 6 No General Business Meeting

July 27 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

August 2 SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM

August 3 General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)

August 4 US Coast Guard Birthday

August 13 Post 42 American Legion Picnic

August 18 Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM

August 24 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

September 6 SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM

September 7 Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM

September 7 General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)

September 18 US Air Force Birthday

September 20 7th District Meeting 7:30 Post 1226 Lincolnwood

September 28 Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM

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