



# Shrapnel



Newsletter of American Legion Post 42  
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**October 2022**

## **Commander**



**Will Candelario**

### **“Commander’s Corner” Notes From Your Commander**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires. Autumn, and the cooler weather that it brings, is finally here! Autumn is my favorite season of the year. I love the start of cool, crisp nights. The magnificent explosion of fall colors is always amazing, and of course, the return of pumpkin pie (NOT pumpkin spice!). Autumn also means that we at The American Legion are in the middle of our annual membership drive. Many of you have already renewed for the 2023 year. Thank you to all of you who already done so. If you haven’t had a chance to renew your membership yet, I would like to personally urge you to do so. Post 42 is well on the way the reaching 100% of our membership goal

for this year, but we need all of you to help reach that goal!

As an added bonus from Department HQ, Post 42 has the opportunity to receive up to \$1 per member back from Department if we reach 100% by Veterans Day, November 11. This would be a great opportunity for Post 42 to boost our funding for our Veterans Programs. Also, as an incentive to our members, Post 42 will be conducting a membership contest this year. Everyone who renews before Veterans Day will be entered into a drawing for one of 3 prizes. We will be awarding a total of \$300, \$150 as 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$100 as 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, and \$50 as 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. If you are renewed before November 11, you will automatically be entered in the contest. You can easily, and securely, renew online at our Post 42 website, [evanstonpost42.com](http://evanstonpost42.com). Or you can renew in person just by stopping by the Post Clubroom. See your friendly bartender for renewal information.

We can look back over the past summer months and see that Post 42 was busy! July saw us sending our Delegates to our annual Department Convention in Springfield. Post 42 sent 3 delegates and 1 alternate to Convention.



*7<sup>th</sup> Dist. Commander Jim Brusek and Post 42 Delegates Joe Jefferson, Danny Bogojevich and Post 42 Commander Will Candelario at the Department Convention.*

We participated in Department-wide training, District caucuses, and of course, the elections of our 2023 Department Officers.

We also had the in some wonderful hospitality provided by Springfield's 2 Legion posts – Post 32 and Post 809.

And last, but definitely not least, Post 42 Legionnaire Danny Bogojevich was selected as the 2022 Department of Illinois Legionnaire of the Year!

This is the first time in Post 42's 103-year history that one of our own has been honored with the Legionnaire of the Year award. A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Danny!



*2022 Legionnaire of the Year Danny Bogojevich and his wife Alisa.*

Speaking of elections, I am honored to say that Post 42 Past Commander James Brusek was elected as 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander at the June District meeting and was sworn in at the July District meeting. On September 25, Post 42 hosted Commander Brusek's Installation dinner. Also sworn in as District Officers were James Farley as the new District Service Officer, and Christine Candelario as the District Chaplain. I know that we all want to wish them all the best as they undertake these new responsibilities. Godspeed!

August saw a couple of great social events at Post 42. On August 14, we held our annual Legion Family picnic. This was our first opportunity to hold this great event since 2019. More than 150 Legion members, family and friends attended.

They were treated to great picnic food, cold drinks, and great music by Evanston's own Canal Jumpers band! Fun was had by all, and I would like to thank all of you who came out for this fun family event. A special big THANK YOU to all those who worked hard to make this event the success that it was!

Also in August, the Evanston Post 42 Charitable Foundation held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing on August 19. Nearly 100 golfers took part in helping the Charitable Foundation raise money that directly benefits our local Veterans programs and services. Sincere thanks to the Foundation's Board of Trustees, especially Board President and Legionnaire Danny Bogojevich! Outstanding work by them and all of the volunteers who helped make the Golf Outing a great success!

As we look forward to the upcoming 3 months, we are planning the next New Member reception to welcome those who have recently joined Post 42. Jr. Vice Commander Mike Wojciechowski is working on having the reception sometime in the fall, and we will be announcing details on this event soon. We are also planning the next Flag Retirement ceremony for the fall season. Sgt-at-Arms Ed Sanderson will be conducting ceremony with Chaplain Christine and myself. If you or someone you know has a flag that you like to have properly and respectfully retired, please be sure to drop off the flag at our flag receptacle (the old mailbox) located at the back steps of the Post.

Of course, the fall also means that the holidays are fast approaching! Now, we are still unsure if (or when) we will be able to resume our Post 42 Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans residing at the Lovell VA hospital. This annual event held at Post has been curtailed by Covid restrictions for the past 2 years. We sincerely hope that we will be able provide this wonderful holiday meal and hospitality to our Lovell Veterans again soon! Also, check the Post 42 event schedule on the back of this issue of the Shrapnel for the date of our annual Post Holiday party in December. All are welcome, and we hope to see as many of you as possible for this fun event!

I hope that you all enjoy the fall weather and have an opportunity to stop by the Post if you haven't been here recently. I look forward to seeing you soon!

*For God and Country.*

## **SAL COMMANDER**



**David Madison**

### **What Does The SAL Mean To You**

At one of our recent board meetings we were discussing how to continue to move forward with our efforts as the SAL -- and to continue to provide assistance and support to Post 42. The conversation took many turns: an organized plan for the year, defined events, and advanced communications and notices about what is happening in and around the Legion -- both from an SAL perspective as well as a Post perspective. We all agreed that we need more participation from the membership at large and are working to devise a plan and mechanism to facilitate your participation. However, we cannot participate for you. The discussion led to a simple question: What does the SAL Mean To You.

Several of the board members shared their personal perspectives and the core feeling seemed to be that joining the SAL and be active in the organization was our way of honoring the sacrifices our parents and grandparents made, and as one officer put it: "So I did not have to serve".

That got me thinking. As one who never served, I suppose at times I took for granted that others would "always serve". There was no draft for my

generation, so those that did serve did so voluntarily. For that, we should all be grateful, and, inspired. On a more personal and closer note, my son is now officially a 2nd Lt. in the United States Marine Core, having received his degree and commission from the United States Naval Academy in May of 2022. My son chose to serve. I would like to take credit, of course, but I cannot. His responsibility to serve is something he found on his own -- perhaps with some help from Loyola Academy, which puts service in the forefront.

My son's decision to serve in the Marine Corp made me stop and reflect about how I could serve the Legion Community. Over the summer of 2021 when the Post reached out to the SAL looking for volunteers to serve as officers, I responded, hoping that by increasing my involvement I could both honor my father for his past service and honor my son for his current service. I really did not know what to expect, and at the time volunteered to be the Sergeant at Arms. As chance would have it the slated Commander was unable to accept his nomination and after a discussion amongst the other officers on the slate, I was nominated for the Commander position.

It has been nearly a year since our election. In the beginning I was nervous, as up until that point my involvement with the SAL had been minimal. Like many of you, I had not attended a meeting. When I joined the SAL it was as simple as filling in paperwork, writing a check and then putting a card in my wallet. Nearly a year later I can confidently say that, as officers, we are settled into our responsibilities and now looking for help to move forward.

I will ask again: What Does The SAL Mean To You? As I now understand, and hope I can make you, as a membership, understand, that the SAL cannot thrive -- and potentially not even exists -- without the participation of its membership. I ask each of you to again look at your schedules, both family and professional, and find time for the SAL. We meet monthly, for a few hours, to stay connected to each other and to our Post. We will have quarterly events to raise awareness and support for the Post, and to get together and share experiences. There will be times when we ask for

help -- from moving furniture to flipping pancakes.

In the end I cannot expect that our entire membership (hoping to exceed 200) participates in every meeting, and every event. However, I do ask that each of you plan to attend meetings as often as your schedule permits, stay connected to the organization and carve out a little time in this next year to volunteer with our efforts.

Sincerely.

David Madison  
Commander, SAL Squadron 42

**Senior Vice Commander**



**Michael Carder**

**WANTED EVANSTON POST  
42 MEMBERS**

Membership renewal is upon us and for just \$50.00 you can be a member of the world's largest veteran's organization.

If a yearly membership can become something that slips your mind, consider a 5-year membership. Just include \$250.00 with your renewal slip and you wouldn't have to worry about your membership for 5 years.

This is a good value.

This year if you renew your membership by Veterans Day November 11, 2022. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a gift card to a restaurant for your enjoyment.

There will be three gift cards of:

- 1. \$150.00
- 2. \$100.00
- 3. \$50.00

Renew early and continue your support for our nation's veterans and their families and receive a small gift of gratitude.

Mike Carder  
Senior vice commander



**Chaplain Christine Candelario**

**Greetings from the Chaplain's Corner**



To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. Ecc.3:1

The days are getting shorter, and the trees are starting to change. The temperatures are starting to fall. We here in the Midwest are fortunate to see the seasons change. We'll soon start to see the snow falling. It's a good time to reflect on our own changes and changes in our family and friends and how we are going to respond to those changes.

The new Legion year brought changes in our District leadership. Post 42 falls under the leadership of the 7<sup>th</sup> District. This year the 7<sup>th</sup>

District is fortunate to have 3 members from Post 42 in leadership roles.

Past Post 42 Commander James Brusek was installed as the 7<sup>th</sup> District Commander, James Farley was installed as 7<sup>th</sup> District Service Officer, and I was reinstated as 7<sup>th</sup> District Chaplain. The Installation Officer was our own Past Department Commander Mike Carder.



Past Dept Commander Mike Carder



1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander Thompson

An enjoyable evening was held by all. Thank you to our own Jr. Vice Mike Wojciechowski for coordinating a wonderful dinner.

With the new season comes Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah and New Year's Day. These are times to contemplate how we can help one another, especially our homebound and homeless veterans. It can be a simple phone call or when you do your fall closet cleaning, consider donating unused clothing to the Midwest Veterans Closet. We need to gather in all veterans. They are not strangers, just friends we haven't met yet.

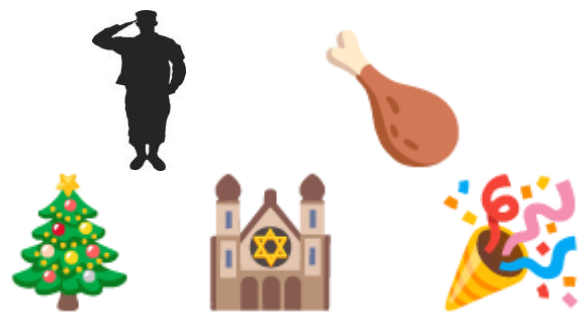
Remember, Be strong & courageous, Be not afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Peace & Love this upcoming holiday season,



7<sup>th</sup> District Officers

In addition to Post 42 members present at the Installation dinner, we had members from other posts within the 7<sup>th</sup> District, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Division Commander, Frank Thompson.



Chaplain Christine

## Service Officer



**JAMES FARLEY**

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:evanstonp42@gmail.com) or by calling the Post Commander who is listed toward the end of this newsletter.



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

### Family Appreciation Day Picnic

On Sunday August 14th, Post 42 hosted our Family Appreciation Day Picnic. About 170 members, families and friends came to enjoy getting together. Several the different foods served were fresh corn on the cob, homemade venison burgers, beer broiled brats with homemade Polish sauerkraut and doctored baked beans just to mention a few.

Member Brian Ritz coordinated hiring the band Canal Jumpers to entertain everyone that attended. Perfect weather added to the event.

Bottom line why we host this event: because it's all about family and our members.



**Chefs Cliff Pappas, Danny Bogojevich, Mike (Wojo) Wojciechowski**



**A Look At Some Of The Attendees**



**Greg Lisinski With His Daughter and Grandson**

## **Midwest Veterans Closet Donations**

Post 42 and its members and family assisted again picking up furniture for donation to the Midwest Veterans Closet in North Chicago the day after our Golf Outing. Coordinated effort picking up chairs and a house load of furniture from Lombard and Carol Stream filled the truck up once again. Thanks to all who assisted loading and unloading the truck. Mary Carmody of Midwest Veterans Closet appreciates all our hard work donating furniture and goods to Veterans and their families in need. Post 42 tries to coordinate 3 or 4 times a year to rent a 26 ft moving van and pick up your generous donations. If you have items to donate, feel free to call the post and leave a message for Service Officer Jim Farley.



**Jim Sampson Brian Ritz Ian Darbyshire delivering donated furniture**



John Carmody Jim Sampson Dan Fleming Brian Ritz  
delivering donated furniture

## CLUBROOM NEWS

Welcome to Fall in the Clubroom at Post 42. Join us for some football or just a break from the cooling weather. We're fully stocked, and a new pizza oven makes the pizzas better than ever. Try out the new white sausage and garlic, it's the new favorite.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Brett Hallongren  
Club Room Manager  
[ClubManager@EvanstonPost42.com](mailto:ClubManager@EvanstonPost42.com).

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SAL Commander	David Madison	312-953-6260

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2022**

**PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!**

**2022**

<b>October 5</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>US Navy Birthday</b>
<b>October 13</b>	<b>SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>7th District Meeting 7:30 PM Post 79`1 (Northbrook)</b>
<b>October 27</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM Food afterward</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set Clocks back 1 Hour</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Mid Term Election Day</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>US Marine Corps Birthday</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Veterans Day Ceremonies Fountain Square 10:30 AM</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast for First Responders 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM Cost: TBD</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Mtg Morton Grove Post 134 7:30 PM</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM (moved to adjust for holiday)</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>SAL General Business Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Post Christmas Party 2:00 PM.</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>National Guard Birthday</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM (moved to adjust for holiday)</b>
<b>December 20</b>	<b>US Space Force Birthday</b>

2023

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> District Kentucky Derby Fundraiser  
May 17 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>June 1</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward) Post Election of Officers</b>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>1st Division “Mini-Convention” Location TBA</b>
<b>June 7</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>US Army Birthday</b>
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Flag Day – Flag Ceremony to Retire Tattered Flags 6:00 PM at Post</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Morton Grove @ 7:30 PM</b>
<b>June 22</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>4th of July Parade Assembly begins 12:30 pm at starting point Parade at 2pm</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>No Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>No General Business Meeting</b>
<b>July 27</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>August 3</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)</b>
<b>August 4</b>	<b>US Coast Guard Birthday</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Post 42 American Legion Picnic</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Board Meeting 7:30 PM</b>
<b>September 6</b>	<b>SAL Board Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM</b>
<b>September 7</b>	<b>General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)</b>
<b>September 18</b>	<b>US Air Force Birthday</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting 7:30 Post 1226 Lincolnwood</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM</b>

**Note: Some Dates are subject to change**