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THE NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

By Pat Conley, Post Commander



American Legion Newsletter Article - OCTOBER 2023

Greetings from American Legion Post #673!

Well the Fall season is upon us a little breezier, darker earlier, and of course the falling leaves. Which means the 14th of Oktoberfest which is the 14th of October. Food, beer, and one of the best bands plays polkas and a lot of favorite tunes.

At the November 4th Feather Party, Ken will need help on making it a success like he always does. On December 19th, we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner.

You have voted me in as Commander, I have to thank Don Smolinski for piloting the post for the last 2 years on a straight and even course, I only hope with your help I can do the same thing.

Leadership is not easy, you need help from all the troops. You will need assistance from your board members and all of us Legionnaires. Delegating authority is not a fun time, it seems as you always step on someone's toes or ego. So with your help may be I can keep us on a steady course and have a following wind.

For God and Country,

Patrick Conley



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

By Suzan Hoehn, President Women's Auxiliary

Auxiliary meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 in the Legion Hall

Hi everyone, Happy Fall!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer.

In August Auxiliary hosted some of the residents of Deer Path for dinner during the concert in the park. Thank to Barb Read for coordinating this event, it was a nice night out for the residents.

With the start of football season, the Aux will hold a 50/50 raffle at the Legion during the following Bears Games: October 15th, October 22nd, November 19th, and the game in Jan 2024 (date TBD). Come on up to the Legion purchase some tickets and support the Auxiliary.

On December 2nd, 2023, the Auxiliary jointly with The Village of Huntley will hold a pasta dinner in the Legion Hall during the Very Merry Huntley event. All proceeds will go to the Grafton Food Pantry. We will need volunteers so please check the Legion boards for more information as time gets closer.

Queen of Hearts jackpot is at \$237,625.58 as of October 3rd, 2023. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each (at the Legion) everyday until 7:15pm on Tuesdays. Drawing is at 8:15pm on Tuesday evenings -winner need not be present.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:15pm in the Legion Hall. Please consider joining the Auxiliary and giving back to those that have and still serve our Country.

Thank You and God Bless America.

Suzan Hoehn
President Auxiliary



SONS OF THE LEGION

By Mike Pickell, Commander SAL Squadron #673

There are no items to report.



From the Adjutant's Desk -

By Herb Glissendorf

The Department of Illinois closes books for 2023 at the end of June with our post at a new high of 364 members. Membership for 2024, begins July 1st and you will start receiving renewal notices. Dues for 2024 need to be paid by December 31, 2023. Your Post pays dues for all members serving on active duty, WWII veterans and members who have achieved 50 years or more of continuous membership. Dues will remain at \$40.00 and we are promoting a 5-year card option, where you pay for 4 years (\$160.00) and get the 5th year free. We will also be holding a raffle in November where you can sell or purchase \$50.00 worth of tickets and receive your membership along with a chance to win a turkey or cash prizes. As in the past you may pay online at MyLegion.org or mail to Huntley American Legion, PO Box 389, Huntley, IL 60142 or drop-off at the Post.

Thank you to everyone for helping make 2023 a successful year. Keep promoting the American Legion to all your friends and relatives. Only through our strength in numbers can we continue ensuring our veterans get the benefits and recognition deserved and promote the goals of the American Legion. Let me know if you have any questions on membership.

Herb Glissendorf/Adjutant (847)727-3202 Post673@huntleylegion.org



Legion Entertainment Update

By Ken Raymer

We have many events in the 4th quarter of this year and the first one is our Oktoberfest Party. We will be serving Bratwurst, Post 673's recipe German Sausage, German Potato Salad, a dessert, and German beer on tap, all of which are for purchase. Music will be provided by Super Oberkrainer Band. This event starts at 4:00pm and as usual for our events, there will be no cover charge to get in.

Last year we decided to do something special for the Army/Navy Football game and it was very well received. We served SOS on toast, and fried up some SPAM; which was a kick since so many people have never had it before, and we did lucky ticket giveaways during the game. We tried as best as we could to make sure that most attendees received something since most of the giveaways were military in nature. Based on popular feedback we are going to do it again this year so here are the dates.

Air Force at Navy is October 21st at 11:00am.

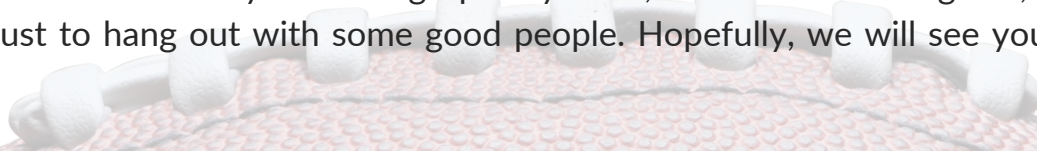
Army at Navy is December 9th at 2:00pm.

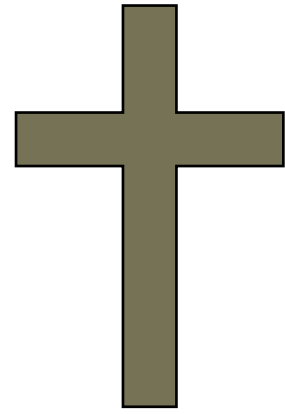
We are not doing anything for the Army/Air Force game since it is on the same day as the Feather Party.

November 4th will be the date for the annual Feather Party Meat Raffle, and this will start at 7:00pm. Meat being raffled will be provided by Butcher on the Block. There will be door prizes, specialty raffles, and fun for all. We will be serving homemade fresh oven roasted turkey sandwiches at some point throughout the night, and beverages are available for purchase at the bar.

The annual Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 17th this year. Cocktail hour will start at 4:00pm with the meal service starting at 5:00pm. Final details will be posted sometime around mid-November.

Football is back and Hockey is starting up very soon, so come in for a game, a beverage, some gaming, or just to hang out with some good people. Hopefully, we will see you at the upcoming events.





A Hero's Welcome

by Robert Longley

George Gow
US Air Force - Vietnam

Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do

Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call

So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore

Membership Committee Notes

By Herbert Glissendorf, Membership Committee Chairman

Huntley Post 2023 Meetings:

Oct 19, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Nov 16, 2023 (7:00 PM)

Dec 21, 2023 (7:00 PM)



A sign up sheet is available at the Legion for all volunteer opportunities.

Please stop in to see what is available and donate an hour (or more) of your time.

Website and Newsletter

By Dan Stewart, Internal Affairs Committee Chairman

Website - HuntleyLegion.org

We continue to update and introduce improvements, we are working with a marketing company to update our website.

Feel free to send any feedback or suggestions you have to improve the site.



Newsletter

We are publishing the quarterly newsletter. It is posted to the website and mailed to members who don't have internet access. Let us know if there is a section you feel we should include in the newsletter.

Send an email if you think of an article you would like to include for the next newsletter (dstewart13@yahoo.com).

Thank you to Karen McCartney for all her work putting together the Newsletter!

Veterans Path to Hope Gala



Scholarship and Awards



Congratulations to Eric Banks for receiving the
Legion Descendant Scholarship

Legion Sponsored Softball

Back: Phil Tarrant, Scott Phillips, Lon Purdy, Mike Anderson, Mike Oxby, Mike Grantham, Nick Konnen, Greg Giles
Front: Doug Fink, Ed Fabro, Don Wickersham, Don Stout, Larry Wojtas, Judy Smith, Tom Smith
Absent: John Jobst

Concerts in the square



Illinois Boys State - Marcus Ray

Marcus Ray (Rodger Brandt's grandson) attended Illinois Boys State in June. He discussed his experience and how he would recommend it!



Legion Picnic



BINGO 7PM

2ND & 4TH MONDAYS

HALL OPENS

@ 5:00



**WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE**



TICKETS SOLD

AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

ALL WEEK UNTIL 7:15PM ON TUESDAYS
DRAWING EVERY TUESDAY@8:15PM

MONDAY CARD DRAW

CARDS ARE \$1.00 EACH

WINNER TAKES

6:00PM

80% OF THE POT!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE 80%

**REMAINING 20% SUPPORTS THE VETERANS'
ORGANIZATIONS LOCAL TO HUNTLEY AND MCHENRY COUNTY**



**POST PIZZA
HOT &
FRESH**

LARGE

CHEESE \$10.00

CHEESE & SAUSAGE \$10.00

CHEESE & PEPPERONI \$10.00

(Cheese, Sausage, Mushroom,
Green Pepper & Onion) PARTY \$10.00



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Held annually on Flag Day

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**Join us for Bingo
2nd and 4th Mondays
each month**

MONTHLY PLANNER

October 2023

September '23							November '23																									
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	4	5	6	7
8	9 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	10 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	11 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	12	13	14 4PM Oktoberfest 
15	16	17 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	18 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	19 7PM Legion Meeting 	20	21 11AM USAF vs Navy  
22	23 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	24 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	25	26	27	28
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November 2023




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5	6	7 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15P M)	8 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY
12	13 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	14 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15P M)	15 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	16 7PM Legion Meeting 	17	18
19	20	21 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15P M)	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY 	24	25
26	27 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	28 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15P M)	29	30	1	2
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December 2023

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3	4 PEARL HARBOR DAY (1941)	5 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	6	7	8	9 2PM Army vs Navy  
10	11 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	12 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	13 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	14	15	16
17 4PM Legion Christmas Dinner	18	19 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	20	21 NO POST MEETING	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	27	28	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE	1 NEW YEARS DAY	Notes				

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Suggestions for improvements or additions should be addressed by the same means.