

QUARTER 2- 2024

THE NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner

By Pat Conley, Post Commander



American Legion Newsletter Article – APRIL 2024

Greetings from American Legion Post #673!

Well spring started here on 3/19, it has been a mild winter, so are we in for a crazy spring and summer?

The Legion's birthday dinner was on the 10th of March, our post is 103 years young, started in 1921 by Dr. Statler. He was a medic in the First World War. His practice was out of his house on Woodstock Street just

down the block from our present post. Ken Raymer gets all the credit for a nice catered dinner on a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Upcoming events: on May 25th Poppy Day the Women's Auxiliary is looking for help with poppy sales. Please contact Sharon Stojak she will tell you what is open on that Saturday.

Now this one is personal for me, I will have to be at the post on Memorial Day as I am Commander for the ceremony at the square for last 13 years. I had the pleasure of lining people up the village municipal building so I am asking for volunteers to help line them up, I will explain everything to you. Barb Read from the Women's Auxiliary will be there assist, so please help us have a great Memorial Day parade.

Honor guard members please answer Dan Vital when he sends out call for members to stand by funerals or other events, you all have the uniform.

Post elections are coming up this May, I will not be running for a position this is my second time around as Commander. Please see Mike Stojak if you are thinking of filling the open positions, he is the nomination committee.

One last thing, June 16th Father's Day is our Vet Fest this year, we are always looking for help, for sponsors, we are going to be better than ever this year.

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 Spring!

April 27th is the Legion "Family Day" being held from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Please consider attending and assist in promoting the Legion to new comers and potential members.

Poppy day is Saturday May 25th 2024. We are looking for volunteers to pass out poppies (this is an Auxiliary key note event), if you are able to assist please contact Sharon Stojak (Poppy Chairperson).

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring two girls to attend Girls State program this year. This prestigious program epitomizes the Auxiliary's mission to honor those that brought us our freedom. The program teaches young women the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the State and National level. We are excited to assist and for the participation in this prestigious program.

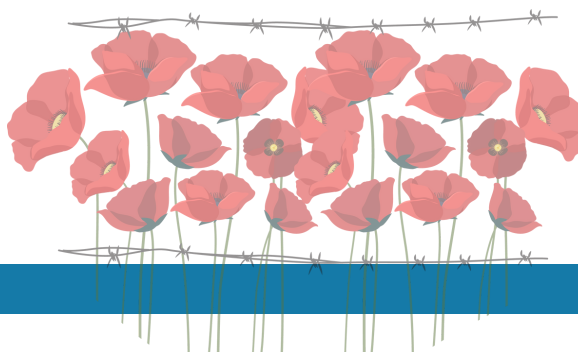
Vet Fest is being held on Saturday June 15th 2024 from 3:00pm to 11:00pm. Auxiliary has again sponsored Jim Cornelison to sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies. This is a fun day with three bands, food, kids games, military participation, etc. It is free to attend and proceeds are donated to various Veterans organizations. We are in need of sponsorship as well as volunteers for that day. If interested or know of anyone that is please contact the following team members: Sponsorships: Suzan Hoehn (suzan1019@gmail.com), Volunteering: Penny Warner (pennywarner@comcast.net).

Queen of Hearts: Jackpot as of March 12th is at \$52,177.35. 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



Happy Spring Everyone!

I am happy to announce that the SAL's have some exciting things coming up this spring and summer. We are continuing with our Huntley High School Scholarship Program. Applications to be reviewed in the upcoming weeks. The SAL's members will be volunteering for Vet Fest in June and are excited to do our part to help with the event. We will also be selling the food at the Concerts on the Square, in the Honor Garden on Tuesday evenings this summer. And we have a few more ideas that are still in the works and will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

We look forward to seeing everyone at these events!

Mike Pickell

Commander: Mike Pickell
Sr. Vice Commander: Bill Ferris Jr.
Jr. Vice Commander: Kerry Ellison
Adjutant: Mike Campagnolo
Finance Officer: Kevin Goers
Chaplain: George Lewerenz

Entertainment

By Ken Raymer

During the first quarter we only had one organized Legion event, the Legion birthday dinner, which was very well attended. The meal catered by Catering with Elegance was good as usual and was complimented on by everyone in attendance. Many people have asked for contact details regarding the caterer we have used so I am including it here. Jon Karpinski has been my contact and may give a discount if you mention the Huntley American Legion. The website is cateringwithelegance.com, and his email is jon@cateringwithelegance.com.

June 15th is our annual Vet Fest, and a lot of effort is being put into making this year as successful as last year. This event requires much planning and many volunteers to help pull this off. We are still very much in need of volunteers. The day before we do as much set-up and organizing as we can while being mindful of the Farmers Market on Saturday. Then on Saturday starting around noon we need an army of people to quickly get things set up and organized once the Farmers Market people are clear of Coral Street. We need people to help during the fest, and then stack chairs and tables, and a few other functions once the fest is finished at the end of the night. Sunday morning is the final clean up and storing of awnings, fencing, and a multitude of other fest supplies. So, if you are able, please help as the money we make from this event is distributed to many worthwhile veteran charities.

Other than that, there is always a fun time to be had at the Post. Stop by to watch one of the many sporting events that are always on one or all the TVs, or just to be entertained by our fabulous bar staff. Improvements to the honor garden are being hashed out and hopefully will be implemented soon. We will be doing a bags league again this year, so if you are interested, please watch for the notification for league sign up.



HUNTLEY AMERICAN LEGION
11712 CORAL ST., HUNTLEY, IL

VETFEST

JUNE 15, 2024 | 3:00PM - 11:00PM

FOOD DRINK ENTERTAINMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
3:00PM - 6:00PM

FEATURING:
JIM CORNELISON SINGING OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:
4:00PM - 6:00PM 6:30PM - 8:30PM 9:00PM - 11:00PM

LOVERBOYZ

Food by:
Station 4 BBQ
Rosatti's

BUCKET NUMBER

THE LOUNGE

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

From the Adjutant's Desk

By Herb Glissendorf

“HELP WANTED” Membership is currently at 325 members paid for 2024, leaving us 39 to meet our goal of 364. I encourage each of you to recruit a new member, we each have neighbors, friends, and relatives we meet regularly, ask if they are veterans and explain the benefits of becoming a member of the American Legion. Invite them to attend a meeting or just stop by the post.

“SPECIAL DRAWING” For each new member you sign by Memorial Day your name will be placed in a drawing for one-year free membership. Have the new member fill out The American Legion Membership Application, supply a copy of their DD-214 and \$40.00. Be sure to supply your name on their application as the recruiter and return it to the post.

SPECIAL OFFER“5 YEAR GOLD CARD PLAN” The cost of the card is \$160.00 (that’s one year free and you will not have to worry about an increase in membership for five years)Each 5 year member will receive a “5 year Gold” card with their name, post number, card & ID number and the years in which they’re covered by the plan.

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.

Dues may be paid online at MyLegion.org or mailed to Huntley American Legion, PO Box 389, Huntley, IL 60142 or drop-off at the Post.

Herb Glissendorf/Adjutant
(847)727-3202
post673@huntleylegion.org

The image shows two forms side-by-side. The left form is titled "The American Legion Membership Application" and contains fields for Name, Date of Birth, Mailing Address, Phone Number, City, State, Zip, Post #, E-mail, Gender (Male/Female), and Dues. It also includes a certification statement and a list of service eras and branches with checkboxes. The right form is titled "Receipt of Dues" and contains fields for From, \$, for 20, Post #, Recruiter's Name, Recruiter's Signature, and Recruiter's Phone #.

Membership Anniversaries

By Herb Glissendorf

CONGRATULATIONS to all members who had an anniversary with their American Legion membership. See the list below of all the member anniversaries. During the Legion Birthday Dinner members in attendance were given pins for their anniversary.

GEORGE WIESNETH celebrates his 70th Anniversary as a member!

5 years

Dale Benedetto	Aaron Marks
John Browne	James Mulvihill
George Burger	Arthur Richter
Roy Carrington	Samuel Saia
Gary Christensen	Fredrick Schmidt
Stanley Freund	JoAnn Stegmaier
Thomas Gelinas	George Steiner
Kenneth Jagman	Art Villasenor
Marty Jensen	Joseph Young

10 years

John Deegan
Victor Frausto
Philip Fredin
Patrick Hook
Kevin Pini
Kenneth Raymer
Dick Rose
Edward Schnitzius
Gerald Tarpey

15 years

William Boergerhoff
Harvey Brestle
William Goben
Leonard Liapitan
Gary Pingel

20 years

Patrick Obrien

25 years

Patrick Brady
Charles Harrison
Daniel Stewart
Michael Stojak

30 years

Kenneth Czerwinski
Karen McCartney

40 years

Charles Yerke

50 years

Robert Nelson

35 years

Manfred Diehl
Donald Kundich

45 years

Russell Funk

55 years

John Brandt
Glenn Storm

70 years

George Wiesneth



Huntley Legion Descendent Scholarship

This form can be downloaded from the Huntley Legion Website:

<https://huntleylegion.org/veteran-resources/>

HUNTLEY AMERICAN LEGION POST 673 DESCENDENT SCHOLARSHIP - 2024

Every year the Huntley American Legion will award a scholarship(s) to the descendants of the Huntley American Legion.

The requirement is that the Legion Member will need to be a current and active member of the Huntley American Legion, Post 673.

The descendent will have just graduated from High School and is attending a higher education (college, community college, or trade school). The recipient will need to provide proof of attendance to higher education in order to receive the award. The first semester schedule, showing classes enrolled will be adequate proof.

DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2024

Please fill out the form below, and email it to post673@huntleylegion.org or you can mail it to the Huntley Legion at:

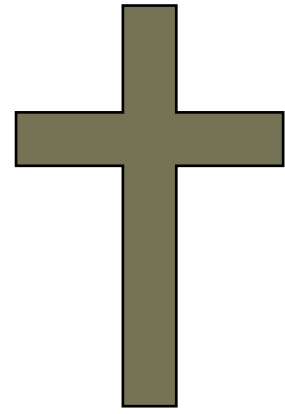
Huntley Legion
Descendent Scholarship
PO Box 389
Huntley, IL 60142

Legion Member:

Name:			
Legion Member ID:			
Address:			
City:		State:	
Phone:			
Email :			

Descendent:

Name:			
Relation to Member:			
High School (Graduated):			
Higher Education Name:			
(Descendent) Address:			
City:		State:	
Phone:			
Email:			



A Hero's Welcome

by Robert Longley

**Vincent Bednar
US Army - WWII**

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

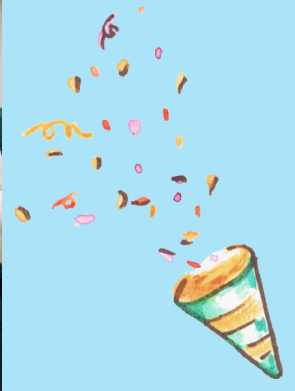
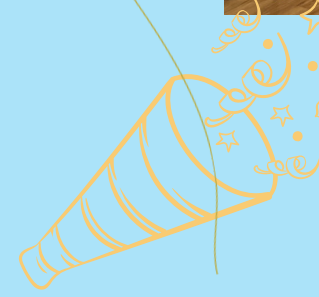
Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Legion Birthday Dinner



Amazon Facility (RFD2) Flag Raising



February Popup Dinner at the Legion



March Popup Dinner at the Legion



Membership Committee Notes

By Herbert Glissendorf, Membership Committee Chairman

Huntley Post 2024 Meetings:

Apr 18, 2024 (7:00 PM)

May 16, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Jun 20, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Jul 18, 2024 (7:00PM)



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!

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



TORN & TATTERED FLAGS

BRING YOUR TORN AND TATTERED FLAGS

TO THE LEGION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

THEN COME JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

FLAG BURNING CEREMONY

Held annually on Flag Day

"THANK-YOU" TO OUR SPONSORS!

PLOTE
CONSTRUCTION INC.

Carmichael
Construction Inc.

Alliance
CONTRACTORS, INC.



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

MONTHLY PLANNER

April 2024



March '24							May '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						31	29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	3	4	5	6
7	8 7PM Bingo (Door's Open 5PM)	9 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	10 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	17 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	18 7PM Legion Meeting 	19 Popup Dinner (6:00PM - 8:00PM)	20
21	22 7PM Bingo (Door's Open 5PM)	23 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	24	25	26	27 Family Day (Noon - 3:00PM)
28	29	30 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	1	2	3	4
5	6	Notes				

MONTHLY PLANNER

May 2024



April '24							June '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
28	29	30					30						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	8 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	14 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	15 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	16 7PM Legion Meeting 	17	18
19	20	21 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	22	23	24 NATIONAL POPPY DAY 	25 POST 673 POPPY DAY (9:00 AM) Pop up Dinner (6:00PM - 8:00PM)
26	27 Memorial Day (11AM Parade Downtown) 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	28 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	29	30	31	1
2	3	Notes				

MONTHLY PLANNER

June 2024

May '24							July '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4	5	6	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31		28	29	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	5	6 D-DAY (1944)	7	8
9	10 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	11 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	12 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	13	14 US ARMY BIRTHDAY 	15 VetFest (3:00PM - 11:00PM)
16	17	18 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	19 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	20 7PM Legion Meeting 	21 US FLAG DAY	22
23	24 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	25 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	26	27	28	29
30	1	Notes				

MONTHLY PLANNER

July 2024

June '24							August '24						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1							1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						30							

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6
7	8 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	9 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	10 4PM Legion Executive Committee Meeting 7:15PM Auxiliary Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	17 7PM S.A.L. Meeting	18 7PM Legion Meeting 	19	20
21	22 7PM Bingo (Doors Open 5PM)	23 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 7PM Queen of Hearts (Drawing at 8:15PM)	31	1	2	3
4	5	Notes				

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 673
PO BOX 389 HUNTLEY, IL 60142**



-----FOLD HERE----- FOLD HERE-----

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET YOUR LEGION NEWS?

Our Legion newsletter has been a great success with over 265 emailed and approximately 90 sent out through regular mail. If you are receiving this and getting the mailed newsletter, there is no need to respond to this section, unless you'd like to change your email or mailing address. If you do need any changes, please make corrections here and drop it at the post or mail to: **Huntley Legion Post #673, PO Box 389, Huntley, IL 60142**

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