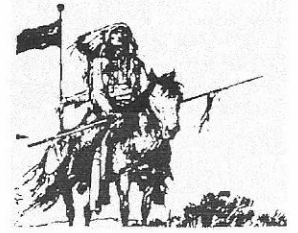




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Billy Caldwell
Post 806
Chicago, Illinois

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2019 Edition – Issue 2

April / May / June 2019

Commander's Message

Peter Hirt (708) 828 - 7383

Salutations Billy Caldwell members!! Hello Spring, sure took your time getting here. With the temperature warming up, now is the time to think about community presence. Spring cleaning, everyone spending more time outside, and someone will probably need a helping hand with something. A good neighbor, a good friend equals a Legionnaire that cares about the community. It's also a pretty good way to start a conversation about who we are and what we do.

The prospects for some of the Legion programs may open as well. Boys State, Girls State, the Oratorical contest for example. Scholarship awards will come with graduation and any time is a good time to talk about Americanism.

This time of year is not just for picnics. Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day should also remind the community how precious our freedoms are and the price that is paid every day. Keep your eyes on the flags that are in the neighborhood, many may have need of repair or replacement.

JUNIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Jim Kostka (224) 766 - 0094

Greeting comrades, well we made it thru another Chicago winter. Hopefully warmer weather is on its way? It's official, our annual Luncheon / Meeting and date has been confirmed. We will be meeting on **Saturday, May 11th at the "JOLLY INN" Restaurant 6501 W IRVING PARK ROAD, CHICAGO.** We will be honored with the 9th District and the 1st Division Commanders and their guests at this meeting. We will be in the Private Room in the back and we'll be having the full buffet. We will have a full social meeting with limited business. The brief meeting will begin at 11 AM and then lunch. **The cost of the lunch buffet will be on the Post!** This is open to our Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members and their spouse/significant others. Don't forget to bring your special someone with you. If you leave there hungry, don't blame me. See you there!

SENIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Gregg Weghorst (773) 282 - 3923

Many thanks go out to our membership for stepping up to bring in new members to the Post! We have exceeded 100% and are growing again. Great job! Billy Caldwell Post 806, I am proud to say, is very active in the local community as well as in the District, Division, Department and National levels of The American Legion. Ours really is a noble and truly critical role in the lives of all Americans.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication and faith in our cause. God Bless *you* and
God Bless the United States of America!

For God and Country,
Gregg Weghorst SVC & Chaplain



REMEMBER

*The thundering line of
battlestands, and in the
air death moans and
sings, But day shall clasp
him with strong hands,
and night shall fold him
in soft wings*

- Julian Grenfell -
(killed in action – 1915)

**Memorial Day
May 2019**

This year the Post will honor Memorial Day by;

Participating in a ceremony at St. Paul's House, 3800 N. California, Chicago. This will take place on Monday May 27th in the auditorium, doors will open at 1:30, ceremony at 2 PM.

We are also planning to place flags on the Chicago Veterans graves at Mt. Olive Cemetery at 3800 N. Narragansett Avenue in Chicago on the Memorial Day weekend on Saturday May 25th at 10 AM.

The details will be put up on the website also.

PLEASE JOIN US

President's Message

Mary Collado
(847) 294-6517

Happy Spring to all of our members of Billy Caldwell Unit 806!

We have had a very busy year so far. In March, we attended Patriotic Conference in Springfield Illinois. For those of you that are not familiar with Patriotic Conference, it is like a mini convention with wonderful speakers and the rest of the Legion Family joins in. This year one of the speakers was from a transitional home for homeless Veterans. They are opening up a new home for homeless female Veterans and their families. We participated in a service project where we wrote letters, and combined two potholders, two washcloths, and two wooden spoons which were all tied together for the lady Veterans. Two other speakers were also lady Veterans that told about their time in the military and that they both suffered from PTSD. We were also honored to hear singing by a lady Veteran, this lady could sing like no other. What an awesome weekend.

On Saturday, we participated in a bowling tournament hosted by one of our Billy Caldwell members, Sue Cunniff Coughlin. Our Post bowled pretty well.

In April, we will be attending Junior Conference. This conference is for our Junior Members who run a meeting with assistance from the senior members. I will be bringing my granddaughter for her very first meeting. She is just 4 years old. I can hardly wait. The junior members do a great job. If you ever get a chance to attend, I highly recommend it. It is wonderful to see how they all get along and work together.

In June, we will be heading to Eastern Illinois University to volunteer for a week at American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State. We volunteer for 7 days. It is a rewarding experience and we really have a good time. It is a program for girls going into their Senior year in high school. They learn about government and have their own elections. There are wonderful speakers and the girls really enjoy themselves. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors the girls. There is no cost to the girls, if they qualify and have a sponsor. If you know of any girl that is eligible to go, give me a call and I will see if we can send her.

In July, we will be attending a very special Department Convention. If all goes as planned, our very own Sue Cunniff Coughlin will be installed as our next Department President! Come out, spend time with your fellow Unit Members, and wish Sue well.

On a sad note, two of our members were called to the Supreme Commander, Past Unit President Dorothy Piecha and member Vivian Troxell. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Auxiliary Membership

Our dues year ended on December 31, 2018. If you have not paid your dues yet, you are not a member in good standing and are not eligible for any benefits. You also will lose your continuous years. We are very close to 100 percent and we need each of you to get your dues paid. Our Post has already reached 100%. You can pay your dues online at alaforveterans.org. Here is a reminder for our ladies that have not paid.

Carole France	Margarita Pizarro
Cassandra Teal	Katrina Harriett
Arlene Winkel	Alexandra Pizarro

DISTRICT LUNCHEON

On Sunday May 19th the Ninth District will hold its annual luncheon to honor Past District Commanders and the Auxiliary Spring Luncheon to honor those Auxiliary Members who are in President positions in the District, Division and Department. If you would be interested in attending please contact Sue Cunniff Coughlin at 773 - 852 - 5560. The luncheon will be held at Elmcrest Banquets in Elmwood Park at Noon.

Post & Unit Meetings

Our next Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit meetings will be held on the following Saturdays at Noon. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's House auditorium located at; 3800 N. California Avenue - Chicago

April 20th, 2019

June 15th, 2019

See the Junior Vice News for

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for the May 11th, 2019

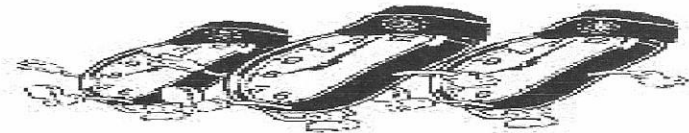
Meeting - Luncheon

The meeting will be held at 11 AM

At The Jolly Club

Poppy Day will soon be upon us. Poppies are usually distributed during the two weeks surrounding Memorial Day. *Donations are requested*, the Poppies are not sold.

In a time honored tradition for our Post, started by our departed Service Office, Ed Waytula, we are including a Poppy Bookmark with this newsletter along with a self addressed envelope. We ask for any donation amount towards the Poppy fund. Please indicate "POPPY DONATION" in the memo section of your check. This fund is held separately for it's use towards a veteran's program. Money raised for this purpose must be used to provide items like clothing and goods for veterans in private facilities, VA facilities or State run Veteran facilities (like Manteno). Last year this fund provided for a \$100 donation to the "Haven" program downstate and for a \$500 donation to the Department of Illinois "Gifts to the Yanks" program, which is how we received the robes that we distributed at Christmas at Norwood Crossing and St. Paul's.



**MARCH IN THOSE FINAL LEGION RENEWALS
LEGION MEMBERS IF IT DOESN'T SHOW 2019 ON
YOUR MAILING LABEL, YOU STILL OWE FOR 2019**

Finance Officer & Adjutant

Al Coughlin (773) 852 - 5561

Welcome to all of our Members. A special welcome to all of our new members who have joined us whether new or if you have transferred in from another Post or our state holding Post located in Bloomington Illinois. We're always being asked about the address of the Post. Be assured that we are still a Chicago based Post.

Those members who have not paid their dues yet for this year (2019) have received notices from both the National organization and from me. We would appreciate your prompt response to these requests.

The Armed Forces Day dinner will be held in May. Our Service Officer Al Pizarro is handling the event this year as the Junior Vice of the 1st Division. Why not join in and help us celebrating not only the day, but also our organization's 100th year anniversary. This year's special guest speaker is our National Commander Brett Reistad. It will prove to be a great program!

Remember, if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. By phone, snail mail at the P.O. Box or by email at ALC-LEGION@COMCAST.NET

Service Officer

Al Pizarro (708) 655 – 5282

Due to privacy laws remember to contact me in the event of a death or hospitalization of a member.

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all well! Spring is here even though there are not many flowers or trees in bloom as of yet. Eventually it will be warmer outside.

Please remember to do a wellness check on those that cannot move around so easily. Always keep a copy of your DD 214 close to you or give it to someone close to you. Your DD 214 is a very important document and You should always have access to a copy.

Be aware of your surroundings especially in a crowd or in a crowded area. Your valuables can easily be taken from you if you are not alert. Do not open your door to anyone without verifying which company they represent. Always ask for a Company I.D.

Lastly, the Armed Forces Day dinner date is May 18, 2019 at the Elks Lodge No. 1526, 495 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL., 60016. The reservation form is below if you wish to attend. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Post 806 meetings.

The Illinois American Legion First Division is Proud to Host Armed Forces Day Dinner

Saturday, May 18th, 2019

DES PLAINES ELKS LODGE NO. 1526

495 LEE ST. DES PLAINES, IL.

Key Note Speaker

National Commander Brett Reistad

\$30 per person

Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm (cash bar),

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Family Style

London Broil, Baked Chicken, Oven-Brown Potatoes,
Vegetable Medley, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

NO WALK-INS

Questions? Contact: Al Pizarro at 708-655-5282
Reservations

Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Checks are to be made payable to:

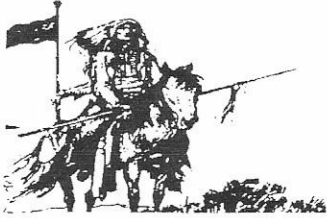
The American Legion First Division Council

Mail reservations to:

P.O. Box 280 Riverside, IL 60546-0280

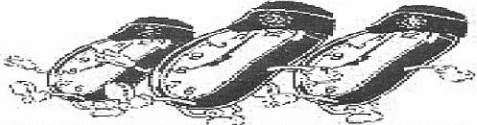
Reservation Deadline: Friday May 10, 2019

MAILED FROM:
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 P.O. Box 1322
 Park Ridge, IL 60068



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*Remember to "Recon"
 for new members!*



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**The stamp for this mailing is
 called
 World War I:
 Turning the Tide**

This stamp honors the millions of Americans both at home and abroad who participated in World War I. The seminal conflict of the 20th century. The United States, despite remaining neutral until 1917 and not engaging in major combat until 1918, helped end the four year global conflict (1914 – 1918) and emerged from it as a major world power. The American Legion started as a result of World War I at a conference in Paris in 1919.

**We, as an organization
 celebrate our 100th year in
 2019.**