

## Billy Caldwell and the Chicago Cubs

Why did Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon have The Billy Caldwell Post flag in the Wrigley Field player's club house? Did you see it on tv and wonder? They contacted Commander Dale concerning using our flag so as to promote playing like in their younger days, when they might have played Legion ball in their communities. Maddon started this promotion of Legion ball back when he was manager for the Tampa Bay Rays, there he connected with local Post, Safety Harbor (Florida) Post 238 and was able to use their Post flag. Legion Baseball is an Americanism Program of the American Legion. The following article accompanied the photo on MLB.com

➤ **Maddon shakes things up with American Legion week (By Carrie Muskat / MLB.com | August 20th, 2015)**

CHICAGO -- Travis Wood and Kyle Schwarber arrived at Wrigley Field about 15 minutes before the clubhouse opened at 3 p.m. CT and had to wait. It's part of American Legion week, which is Cubs manager Joe Maddon's plan to freshen up the players and give them time to rest. "This is a time when the players are a little bit tired, so they can come a little bit later," said Maddon, who has done this in the past, and almost always in mid-August. When the clubhouse will be open is posted each day. No exceptions.

"Just come and play some baseball like we did -- like we all did when you used to show up after work in the summertime," Maddon said. "You'd show up for your game at 4:30, 5 o'clock, and play at 6, and you did just fine. ... You did not have to be here all day long. It's a tribute to playing baseball the old fashioned way as well as to our veterans."

The Cubs worked with Congressman Mike Quigley and connected with the Billy Caldwell American Legion Post 806, borrowing two of their flags for the clubhouse and interview room. Billy Caldwell was an important part of Chicago history in that he helped negotiate the Treaty of Chicago in 1833 for the United Nations tribes. Maddon is planning on playing baseball deep into October, which is another reason to keep the players fresh. "There's certain things we do in this game that I think are overrated and I think batting practice is one of them," Maddon said. "If they need to get loose, they can go get loose in the cage a little bit. They don't need to swing on the field. Ground balls, they've taken a ton of those. They can play catch, hit, run, get loose. I much prefer a fresh mind and body right now playing these next five games at home."

Anyone who played American Legion baseball knows that kids usually got ice cream post game after a win. What about the Cubs? "That's part of it, too, if you win," Maddon said.

**Check out our National website at  
<http://www.legion.org>**

While there you may want to consider joining MyLegion.org, there's no cost. It's a great way to receive updated info from National and we will be starting to use it shortly to broadcast info about our Post and different activities.

## Chaplain & Service Officer

Dale Tippett (773) 259 - 4300

We are sad to report the passing of our following members; Donald Bailey, Dan Petty, Carlo Dahlia, Robert Towne, Victor Wierzbicki and Lino A. Checchin Sr. The post was represented by Past Commanders Al Mullard, Al Coughlin and myself at a memorial service that was held for Lino Checchin.

Also, please keep us informed of how you are doing. **Privacy laws prevent sharing information without permission**, but that doesn't mean that we can't pray for you or connect you with a service officer to help with a claim or a question about your benefits, so if you are ill or hospitalized please contact me or have a relative get in touch with me to let me know.

Thank you for your service and Happy New Year!

## District & Division Service Officer

Ray Toczek (312) 980 - 4266

I have gotten several questions regarding the Veteran's ID Card Act of 2015. It is also known as Public Law 114-31 and was enacted on July 20, 2015. Under this new law VA hospitals will be issuing an ID card separate from the VA hospital card they already issue. So the questions I get is WHEN? I contacted the VA Deputy Director, Nancy Lansing and her reply was early 2017. This is because the VA has to go through a lengthy process of drafting regulations, etc.

So in the meantime continue to have your State of Illinois Drivers License updated to show "veteran" on it. You can get a veterans ID from the Cook Co. Recorder of Deeds. (Their web site is: <http://cookrecorder.com/veteran-services/>).

So why all these ID's? It's primarily so that veterans can show that instead of their DD 214 when asking merchants for discounts.

Ray is the Service Officer representing our Ninth District and First Division. He is employed part time by The Legion in Illinois as a V A & R [benefits] representative and works out of the Jesse Brown facility. Ray is extremely experienced with the VA, having worked for them for over 30 years. If you have any questions about your VA benefits, please feel free to contact Ray at the above number. Leave a message and he will get back to you. (Note that if you have caller ID the return call may show the number as Veterans Administration or US Government).

## Finance Officer & Adjutant

Al Coughlin (773) 852 - 5561

If you have any questions about your Legion or S.A.L. membership status, please feel free to contact me either by phone or send your correspondence to our Postal Box at P.O. Box 1322, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

Rush in your dues  
**TODAY**



## The American Legion Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Dues \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below

- Aug. 2, 1950—cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government
- Dec. 30, 1989 — Jan. 31, 1990
- Aug. 24, 1982 — July 31, 1984
- Feb. 28, 1961 — May 7, 1975
- June 25, 1950 — Jan. 31, 1955
- Dec. 7, 1941 — Dec. 31, 1946
- April 6, 1917—Nov. 11, 1918
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (12/04/1—8/15/47 only apply)



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Name (First) (M.I.) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Required)  Birth - 17  18 and overHave you been a member previously?  Yes  No

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to American Legion Auxiliary department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current department address, go to [www.ALAF.org/veterans.org/contact/state\\_headquarters](http://www.ALAF.org/veterans.org/contact/state_headquarters). Dues include a yearly non-refundable allocation of \$3.40 for American Legion Auxiliary programs. Membership pending approval of application.

 Living  Deceased

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) \_\_\_\_\_

American Legion Member ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's American Legion Post Name \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran Served: (check all that apply)

- WW (12/07/18-12/31/18)  WW (12/07/18-12/31/18)
- Merchant Marines (12/04/1-12/31/46)  Korea (8/25/50-1/31/53)
- Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)  Lebanon/Beruda (8/24/82-7/31/84)
- Panama (1/2/2009-1/31/09)  Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/00 until cessation of hostilities)

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- Mother  Wife  Daughter  Sister
- Grandmother  Granddaughter  Great-Granddaughter  Self

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ M.A. # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First) (Initial) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by (Initial) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_, Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant)

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Billy Caldwell Post 806  
The American Legion  
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## ***“Take Down Hep C Campaign”***

Hepatitis C (hep C) is a significant health concern facing U.S. military veterans today. It has been suggested by several studies that a higher prevalence of hepatitis C is seen in veterans versus nonveterans. Over 5 percent of veterans enrolled in the care of the Veterans Health Administration have hep C. When left untreated, hep C can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. Hep C is curable – which means the hep C virus is not detectable in the blood months after treatment ends - but the first step is to get tested. This is why The American Legion is launching the “Take Down Hep C campaign”.

*You may have hep C and not know it.*

Hep C is a blood-borne virus spread when your blood comes into contact with infected blood of another individual. Hep C is inflammation of the liver caused by the hepatitis C virus. Up to 75 percent of people with chronic hep C in the United States do not know they have it. Most people living with the virus have no symptoms following infection.

- Symptoms of the disease can be flu-like and include fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice, abdominal pain, joint pain, dark urine and gray-colored stools.

*U.S. veterans are at elevated risk of having hep C.*

A veteran could have been exposed to hep C in one or more of the following ways:

- Combat medical work or sharing of personal items such as razors or toothbrushes.
- While receiving a blood transfusion, blood product or organ transplant (before 1992).
- Sharing dirty needles or receiving a tattoo or body piercing with contaminated equipment or by a non-professional.
- Exposure to contaminated blood on the battlefield or during sexual contact with a person with hep C.

### *Are you ready to Take Down Hep C?*

- All veterans should know their risk factors, get tested for hep C antibodies and learn their results so they can talk with doctors about next steps including treatment options.
- Hep C antibody testing is available at all VA medical centers and you may qualify for a free test. Contact your American Legion Department Service Officer (DSO) for more information. To find department service officers near you, visit [www.legion.org/serviceofficers](http://www.legion.org/serviceofficers).
- Visit **TakeDownHepC.com** to learn more about the risk factors, importance of hep C antibody testing, and discussing the results with your doctor for possible treatment options.