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Commander's Message

Dale Tippett (713) 259 - 4300

Another exciting new, "Legion Year" begins!

Friends, Billy Caldwell Post 806 is successful because of you. Just as your military service filled a billet in a far away or nearby duty station, you served to make that mission successful. Likewise, your membership in The American Legion matters to our post and throughout the whole organization. Remember when you took the oath and gave our nation a blank check? Permission was given to do with your years of service as they wished, with the hope that when done you would be fortunate to return home to talk about your adventures and recall that, "you served". Well, service doesn't end. Whether you were drafted or volunteered, complained a lot or loved every minute, the point is that you served and it was important then and is important now. Your membership and assistance recruiting new members is critical.

Mr. Pete Hegseth is quoted as saying: "Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it."

I am proud to serve as Commander of Billy Caldwell Post 806. Leading our team as we honor our veterans in service is a statement to all that "we" are The American Legion.

For God and Country,

Dale Tippett, Commander

Commander Dale receives his membership award during the Ninth District Luncheon in May for recognition of our Post attaining 100%. (From left; Department Commander Cheri Stanton, District Senior Vice Commander Jackie Blount, Commander Dale and District Commander Bob Fugitti)

SENIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Peter Hirt (708) 828 - 7383

Fellow Legionnaires, thank you for a great year!! We wrapped up at 119.7% and that's amazing. Shortly after you receive this newsletter, the first dues notice from National will be in your mailbox. If you are having trouble paying your dues, please let us know. We are here to help, veterans helping veterans! If you can pay your dues, please pay as soon as possible. I believe a good start always leads to a great finish!

As the Senior Vice Commander, I ask you to spread the word about the American Legion. Ask friends, neighbors and people you meet if they're a member of the largest Veterans Service Organization in the world!! Wearing your Legion cap or branch of service ball cap, Post shirt or other Legion polo will start conversations. If you carry a few Legion applications, signing up new members happens almost automatically. If you need applications call me or the Post Adjutant or check on our website for a Post application form or a Post on-line app.



President's Message

Mary Collado (847) 294-6517



Summer has finally arrived and we are enjoying wonderful weather. It has been a very busy summer so far. Sue Cunniff Coughlin and I attended the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State. We were there for 9 days. It was a busy time, but a rewarding time. There were over 400 girls that attended. The girls that attended were wonderful. We worked in the store at Girls State.

Membership is key for us to continue to work on our programs and to support our Veterans. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2017, you may pay on line or send it to me. We would like to strive to be 100%. We are asking all of you that have not paid yet, please do so before July 10. Dues for 2018 will be due soon.

Our Legion members have been holding monthly meetings and they are getting a good turnout. They are excited about the upcoming year. We meet at the same time and it would be nice to have some of our ladies in attendance. We can be working with them to continue our support of our Veterans, children and the community.

Our Unit member Sue Cunniff Coughlin is currently Historian for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois. In a few short years she will be our Department President. We will be having a fundraiser on Sunday Aug 13, 2017 at the Civic Center in Morton Grove, Illinois. I am enclosing the flyer information in this newsletter. Our Billy Caldwell Installation will also be held at the fundraiser.

In July we will be attending the Department Convention in Springfield, Illinois. We will also be attending National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

Have an enjoyable Summer!

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Sue Cunniff Coughlin, Mary Collado, Girl's State Director Pam Ray and State President Luella Buske while at Illini Girls State, an American Legion Auxiliary Program for junior high school girls

JUNIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Jim Kostka

My Comrades, at our May meeting we did a little something different. We had a meeting / luncheon at the Old Warsaw Restaurant, with numerous members and their guests attending. The meeting was short, then right to lunch. Seemed like everyone left with a full belly and their hearts content! If you left there hungry, it was your fault.... Nothing like a meeting and a get together with our fellow members and their guests. Hopefully we can plan another one in the near future. Just want to say "Thank You" to everyone who was able to attend.

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 Post 806 members,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm weather. Just a friendly reminder, if you do not have your DD 214 Discharge document, let me know and I will provide a form that needs to be completed and mailed to the appropriate site for a copy. Having your DD 214 is important, especially if your family needs access to the document in a hurry.

Some of your Post Officers, myself included, will be attending our Department Convention on July 12, 2017 through July 15, 2017. If you have not attended in the past, I highly recommend you attend at least one as a Legion member. We always have a good time.

Lastly, I want to wish you all a happy and safe summer! See you at our next meeting in September.





At the left
Chaplain Gregg
at Jesse Brown
VA after
delivering books

At right, those in
attendance at the
May Luncheon



Chaplain Gregg Weghorst

Beginning my duty as post chaplain, I really didn't know what to expect.

That said; it has been a pretty neat ride. Contributing to Volunteer Services (VAVS) at the Jesse Brown VA with our post commander and also going along with the team to graduations for The American Legion School Awards Program; and oh yes, let's not forget the various 9th District meetings that I have been invited to... I will say that it has been so far, a great experience! And, of course I do open and close our post meetings with a word of prayer from the chaplain's manual. Moreover, the months ahead look to be very interesting. I am looking to a fine trip to Springfield in a few weeks to the Department of Illinois Convention.

Also, the post will be sponsoring, "Gifts to the Yanks" at both Norwood Crossing and St. Paul's House later this year. We now have color guard training at our post meetings and so much more. Billy Caldwell Post 806 is on the move, that's for sure.

I do want to congratulate Commander Dale for serving as the 2017-2018 9th District Vice Commander. May he have success representing us and the best to the 9th District in the year ahead.

Lastly, let us always keep our military and their families in our prayers.

Respectfully,
Chaplain Gregg

Finance Officer & Adjutant Al Coughlin (773) 852 - 5561

Welcome to the start of a new Legion year! As our Senior Vice Pete Hirt reported, you will be receiving your renewal notices shortly. I received our batch of 2018 membership cards from Department on June 21st, so there will be no delay in processing and mailing your card to you once I receive your dues payment. Good News, we have retained our membership dues at \$40 annually.

The Post is taking a short summer break ... there will be no meetings held in July and August. The reasons for this are State Convention in July, National Convention in August and just plain being on vacations during the summer months. Our meetings will resume in September. Please enjoy and have a safe summer!

In this issue you will find a flyer for 2018 membership shirts and Post jackets. Some of our members have expressed interest in wearing clothing which represents the Legion and our Post, especially at meetings and events. It was voted at our June meeting to "assist" our members in getting some Legion clothing. Please note the rebates and information as contained in the enclosed handout, if you're interested.

We've been asked about the address of the Post. Be assured that we are still a Chicago based Post. We have been on the Northwest side of Chicago, mainly in the Portage Park area, and will continue to meet in the area. The Park Ridge post office box location is just for the convenience of correspondence.

Be sure to check our website for updates and new photos showing what we're doing! 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

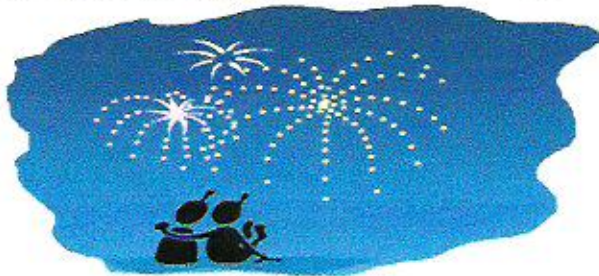
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Have a Happy & Safe Summer

Post & Unit Meetings

Our next Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit meeting will be held on Saturday September 23rd beginning at Noon. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's House auditorium located at 3800 N. California - Chicago

Note: No Meetings in July or August

This newsletter's stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963), he was 35th president of the United States.

Kennedy was the nation's first Catholic president and, at age 43, the youngest person ever elected to the nation's highest office



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