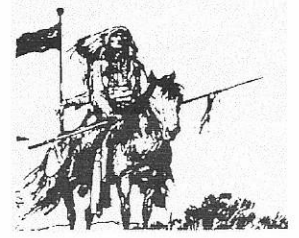


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Commander's Message

Peter Hirt (708) 828 - 7383

We had another great year with our membership. I am grateful for this last year, it was a privilege to serve with you. My thanks to the Post officers and the members, I appreciate your vote for next year. I believe we can do just as well on membership in 2020.

Conventions are ahead and I hope you enjoy them if you attend. If you plan on staying busy around the neighborhood during the summer months, please take time to relax and enjoy the summer as well !! Stay safe and out of trouble.

God bless until we meet again.

CHAPLAIN

Gregg Weghorst (773) 282 - 3923

The American Legion is good. In July, July 4th celebrations will abound. Let's commit to the goodness of The American Legion and showcase what makes the United States of America good. Let us pray for our communities, state and nation as our founding fathers did. The Book of Proverbs (3:5-6) says to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths".

In that spirit, let us pray for our organization and for what it stands for. It is stated beautifully in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

Have a safe and blessed summer!

SENIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Gregg Weghorst (773) 282 - 3923

Beginning a new year at Billy Caldwell Post 806 I must say that it is an honor to serve as your membership chair. Our membership continues to grow and membership at the close of books exceeded 109% to a total of 203 members. The growth of our membership is critical to having our voice heard. I have seen the positive impact that Billy Caldwell Post 806 makes on the community we serve locally, as well as on our veterans community as a whole. As we carry out the mission of The American Legion please remember the value that you bring to the organization. It is vital. Your timely renewal of your membership is the first step! Lastly, it is indeed a privilege to represent the post as we visit schools, libraries, hospitals and nursing homes, chambers of commerce and police outreach activities and more. Indeed, Billy Caldwell Post 806, The American Legion is known in the community and we are looking to continue to grow in membership and service. Thank you in advance for getting your dues in asap and please do ask a veteran to join us. For God and Country.

JUNIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Jim Kostka (224) 766 - 0094

My comrades, thank you for making my year easy.

My biggest project is providing a MEETING-LUNCHEON date for one of our meetings. At our last meeting I took a survey and it seemed like everyone that came to that meeting enjoyed going to the JOLLY INN in May with no negative responses. So, being Junior Vice again it looks like we will be going back there for next year's spring meeting.

Remember to "Recon" for new members!

President's Message

Mary Collado
(847) 294-6517

Happy summer to all of the members of Billy Caldwell Unit 806.

We have had a most enjoyable and busy year, with many things still to do this year and next. We volunteered at the hospitality area of Special Olympics in Bloomington Normal. We also spent some time at our American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters working on a special project to preserve the pictures of all of our Past Department's Presidents. We still have a way to go on this project, but we have started. I believe we are up to the 1960's Presidents. Sue and I volunteered for an entire week at American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State. What a truly rewarding experience. It makes you feel good inside when you volunteer.

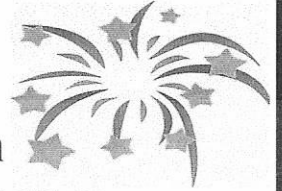
While we were at ALA Illini Girls State, we lost a special Past Department President, Virginia Kates. She was such a sweet woman. She always had a smile on her face and always spoke kindly to everyone she met. She was 102 years old. I know a lot of you probably did not know her or never met her but I also know we have members that knew her very well. Virginia you will be missed every day. Thanks for all that you did.

In July, we will be at our Department Convention in Springfield Illinois. Our very own Sue Cunniff Coughlin is currently our First Vice President. If everything goes according to plan, on July 13, 2019, Sue will be installed as our next Department President. It will be the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary. I am proud to call Sue my friend. On a personal note, Sue I know you will do an awesome job and the members of Billy Caldwell Unit are most proud of you and we are here for you. We want you to have a most enjoyable year and have fun!!!! Emphasis on Fun.

We will be looking to start collecting membership for the 2019 – 2020 year when we return from convention. We want to get to 100% as quickly as possible. There is a monetary award if we can do it by November.

Have a great summer.

Homecoming Celebration For Department President Sue Cunniff Coughlin



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Place: Morton Grove American Legion:

6144 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Date: Saturday, August 3rd, 2019

Time: 12:00 pm

Event: To socialize and celebrate with a barbeque lunch. Membership items will be available

Historian

Dale Tippett (773) 259 – 4300

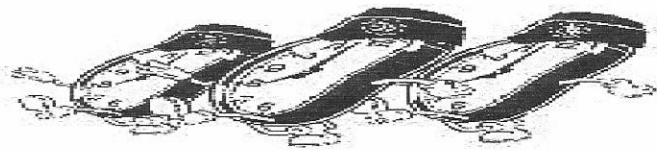
Congratulations to Billy Caldwell Post 806 Commander Pete Hirt and the whole membership team for growing membership again this year. Our history, our stories, our experiences shared by our members throughout the years of the post are important to remember. As we continue to build our post presence in the community, let us not forget those that came before us. I have been a member of Billy Caldwell Post 806 since 1993 and have many good memories of my involvement with The American Legion. The Legion is asking that we recall and write about our histories. Please take a minute to visit The American Legion Centennial webpage. There posts are able to archive their post's history. It will be great to hear from some of you with stories from the past in your service with Billy Caldwell post 806.

God Bless the United States of America this Independence Day and always!

Legion Riders

At our May meeting, Post member and Legion Rider Bob Harriett requested three donations be made to the Legion Riders two Illinois Legacy Rides in June and also to the National Legacy Run to the National Convention in August.

As reported by the Department of Illinois Legion Riders Director Joe Lampert, "The final numbers for the two Illinois rides was 54 riders and passengers for both runs combined and the grand total donations collected was \$17,091.68. Not bad numbers for the first run held in Illinois"!!!!



MARCH IN THOSE 2020 LEGION RENEWALS

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, primarily located in the Portage Park area. Our Park Ridge P.O. Box is for administrative purposes.

The 2020 membership term is beginning. By the time you get this newsletter, all of our members should have received their renewal notices from our National Organization. We would appreciate your returning your dues as soon as you can, why not return it prior to September 1st and get an "Early Bird" stamp on your membership card! You'll notice that the dues have remained at \$40. You can lock in this rate by purchasing a "Paid Up For Life" (PUFL) membership or if this is not financially feasible, you can stave off a future increase by getting a five year card. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in either of these options.

Also, when you return your dues notice to us, please include your email address in the section provided, so we can include you on our Post email notification list. This will be used in order to send out important notices, outside of meeting and Post newsletter mailings, **IT WILL NOT BE USED BY US FOR "JUNK" EMAIL MAILINGS.**

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.

Some of the milestones of the past year!

A little bit of what our Post accomplished in the past year;

- We were well represented at the State Convention
- Our Post was recognized at the State Convention for having the 2nd Place Newsletter in the 200+ member category
- We've made numerous donations to some of our local Portage Park organizations
- We presented "GTTY" holiday gifts to over 50 Veteran residents at St. Paul's and Norwood Crossing
- We placed flags at the graves of veteran's at Mt. Olive Cemetery for Memorial Day. We also placed flags at the graves of two our members, Rich Batzkal and John (Zero) Zurowski who are buried at St. Adalbert's cemetery for Memorial Day
- In response to Past Cmdr. Dale Tippett's and Cmdr. Pete Hirt's request, we've presented American Flags to a number of members, schools and local businesses in the Portage Park area.
- Our Post had a presence by volunteering at the Department of Illinois hospitality tent at Special Olympics in Bloomington.
- We've given out a number of School and JROTC awards
- Our Post attained 109% in membership at the close of the 2019 processing year at the end of June.
- Our Auxiliary Unit had a volunteer presence at Illinois Girl State

Just a few of our accomplishments of last year, here's looking to a more active new year for our Post. Be sure to check our website for updates and new photos showing what we're doing!

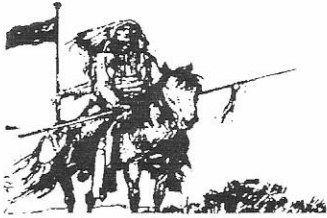
Post Meeting

PLEASE NOTE !!!!

There will be no meetings held in July or August. The next meeting will be in September !

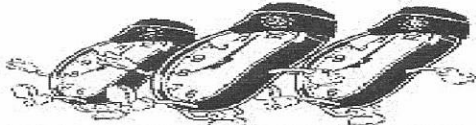
Our next Legion Post Unit meeting will be held on September 7th at Noon. The meeting will be held at St. Paul's House located at; 3800 N. California Avenue - Chicago

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