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Commander's Message

Dale Tippett (773) 259 - 4300

Headed into the fourth quarter of 2017, Billy Caldwell Post 806 is on course to experience explosive growth during the next 12 months. We are doing the right things; focusing on our core values, principles and duties. Leadership throughout the organization is key. That is why I am asking all members to do what they can to participate in the Post as best they can. One way to help is to keep an eye open for any U.S. Flags on display that are worn, torn, tattered, faded, washed out, etc. Let the Post know the address and the Post will contact the proper person to replace the flag. We need to do a better job policing the display of the U.S Flag, everywhere. So, please let's start in our own neighborhoods! Also, I am excited that our "Gifts to the Yanks" team has been formed and will be coordinating Christmastime delivery of approximately 45 "GTTY" gifts to area veterans that reside in local nursing homes.

On another topic, have you ever been curious about, or interested in serving in a color guard detail? How about volunteering at a veterans hospital or learning more about what our Post does concerning The American Legion School Award Program? These are only some of the activities that Billy Caldwell Post 806 is involved in. If the answer to any of the above is yes, then do consider coming to the next meeting. You will learn more about what your Post is doing and also how to help The American Legion make more of a difference in shaping the communities that we serve. Thank you for your service!

For God and Country

Pictured at right; American Legion Auxiliary member and Jesse Brown VA Hospital volunteer Anna May Mann with Cmdr. Dale. Tens of thousands of volunteer hours are logged in by veterans and veterans families who volunteer regularly at the VA. Anna May is one of those that make helping veterans priority one.

SENIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Peter Hirt (708) 828 - 7383

Greetings members!

Our membership is doing well, however the Veterans Day goal of 75% set by Department should be easily achieved yet we could surpass this and be able to focus on Legion programs. I said before, if you need assistance, let us know. We are here to help all Veterans, especially our members. If we can reach 100% by November, we can concentrate on Post activities, Department and National requests and increasing our membership by recruiting.

We can do this!! We have done this before, we can do this again. Ask someone wearing a service branch shirt or cap if they are members of the worlds largest Veterans Service Organization. Tell them what we do, and perhaps more importantly, why our organization is needed. Why we need their help to help our Vets and their families.

God bless you all and show your pride, wear your Legion or Military Service apparel.



President's Message

Mary Collado (847) 294-6517



Our new American Legion Auxiliary year has begun. Our joint installation was held on August 13, 2017 at the Civic Center in Morton Grove Illinois. What a beautiful day. Since I last wrote to all of you, we have been busy traveling the state for the Fall Forums. The forums take the place of the Auxiliary Caravans. These forums are interesting and a learning experience. I have had the pleasure to travel with my friend and our Unit Member Sue Cunniff Coughlin.

On Monday September 25th, we attended the wake of Past Department President Renae Paollela. She passed away suddenly. There were several Auxiliary Members present. On Saturday Sept 30, 2017, we were at the Robert E Coulter Post for our Fall Forum. We turned in Membership while there. To those of you that have sent me your dues for this year, thank you. To all of our Members, please send in your dues or you now have the option to pay online.

We need Members. If you know of anyone that is eligible to join us please ask them. While I was at the Fall Forum, there is a question that is asked of you, WHAT IS YOUR WHY? Why did you join The American Legion Auxiliary? I would like to take a few minutes to tell you mine. I joined the American Legion Auxiliary to honor my Father. Every day that I have been a member I think of him and all that he did to make my life special. As well as all of the Veterans in my life that have served our Country. This is my way of giving back for what they did for me. On September 30th my husband and I visited the Vietnam traveling wall in Des Plaines Illinois at Lake Park.

Have a great Fall and enjoy this wonderful "Indian Summer" weather we are having.

JUNIOR VICE – COMMANDER

Jim Kostka

We're busy working on a future "Social Meeting" like we had last May. Check in our upcoming newsletters for more details.

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, Unit & Squadron 806 Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and that this article finds you all well. The new Legion year (2017-2018) has once again begun. As always, I encourage all of our Veterans to keep legible copies of their DD 214 Discharge Document in a safe place and available to relatives or friends in case of an emergency. I have seen situations where the Veteran could not receive any assistance or military honors due to not having a DD 214. Also, if you wish to be interred at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery or any other Veterans Administration National Cemetery, please apply for a pre-need determination for yourself and your spouse. You should use Veterans Administration form 40-100007 which can be obtained by calling the National Call Center ([1-800-827-1000](tel:1-800-827-1000)) of the Veterans Administration.

I look forward to seeing you at our future Post meetings.

Chaplain

Gregg Weghorst

Looking forward to the coming Holiday Season, I want to pray for each of you and to express Holiday Wishes to Billy Caldwell Post 806 members, their families and friends... Also, prayers go out to those that have suffered and continue to suffer from all ailments and /or sicknesses. We also pray for all who have been displaced or have been otherwise harmed by crime, violence or natural disasters, such as those we have seen so tragically take place during 2017's storm season.

May God Almighty Bless Us, May God Almighty Look Upon Us With Favor and May God Almighty Give Us Peace... God Bless You and God Bless America!

Respectfully,
Chaplain Gregg

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 – Chicago

October 14th, 2017
November 18th, 2017
December 16th, 2017

Finance Officer & Adjutant

Al Coughlin (773) 852 - 5561

Welcome to the start of a new Legion year!

A number of our members attended the Legion State Convention in Springfield in July. Our Post was not only recognized for being over 100% in membership last year but, we also were presented an award for having the First Place Newsletter in the 100 to 200 members category.

Junior Vice Jim Kostka and I attended the National Convention in Reno during August. At the National Convention, The American Legion elected and installed its first female National Commander, Denise Rohan from Wisconsin. Next year we will start our celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion as a chartered Veteran's Service Organization.

As our Senior Vice Pete Hirt reported, membership is well underway. I have our 2018 membership cards and still await to mail out yours, there will be no delay in processing and mailing your card to you

once I receive your dues payment. Not sure if you've already paid? Legion members can check their mailing label on this newsletter, if you've paid it will show 2018 next to your name. Good News, we have retained our membership dues at \$40 annually.

If you have already mailed in your dues, thank you! If not, why not consider renewing now. Our National Organization will be mailing out a second reminder shortly, please don't put it to the side. It would be appreciated if you mail it back right away.

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

ALC-LEGION@COMCAST.NET



At the left Jim Kostka, National Commander Denise Rohan and Al Coughlin during the National Convention



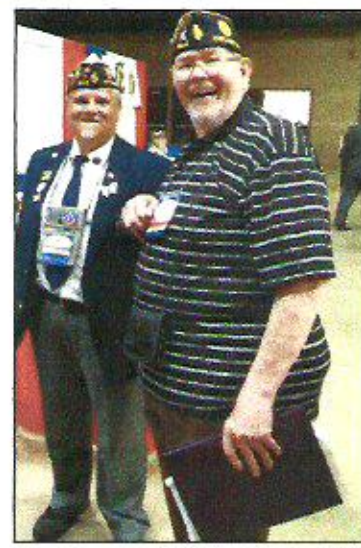
At right, Members in attendance at the State Convention

State Convention pictures from the left;

Pete Hirt on the job as a Convention Sgt. @ Arms.

Al and Sue Coughlin

Jim Kostka and Gregg Weghorst



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