



# THE LAKE REGIONNAIRE



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

The AMERICAN LEGION POST 703

Fox Lake, Illinois 60020

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## COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings of the Season Legion Family,

To the Post members who volunteered this month THANK YOU! We could not have been successful this month without your support. It has been an extremely busy month for us, several Veterans Day events to include the Fox Lake Light Festival. We'll be posting pictures of all of them on our website.

To Our Family: On behalf of the Post Officers and staff we hope that everyone had a safe and Thankful Happy Thanksgiving Day. And with that being said I wish to stress to each and every one that we are now approaching one of the most joyful, partying, blessed yet treacherous holiday season of them all. Yes, although Christmas and New Years are our greatest holidays they are also the deadliest. Please exercise extreme caution with the celebrations, weather and road conditions. Make sure your vehicles are road and weather worthy. Your Christmas decorations, especially live trees are safe; ensure you maintained the water level in its bowl. Ensure to inspect your electrical outlets, plugs and light strings, for breaks or exposed wires. Maintain all flammable materials away from heaters, fire places and any other heat generating sources. By using a little logic and common sense it will help insure you and your loved ones will be around for the New Year. So with that being said I want to wish each and every one and their loved ones a very safe and Merry Christmas as well as a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

On a sour note, it's been brought to my attention that over the past couple months we have had both customers and Post members brandish their concealed arms. So I want to remind our members that firearms are not allowed in the Post. This is in-compliance with all municipal, County, State and Federal Laws regarding the carrying of firearms into any establishment whose revenue is based on more than 50% accounted for in the sale of alcohol.

There are "**No Guns Allowed**" plaques posted on doors and around windows at every entry into the Post. So remember, Conceal Carry Weapon CCW, is both a privilege and legal right which carries great responsibilities with it. I truly hope that it does not come to a point where we will have to frisk or challenge any Member or customer. Concealed Carry is just that, Concealed, meaning that no one should know you are carrying. Please help us get the word out and keep our Post, a family Friendly Post....

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Inspirational Quote for November:

“To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.” – **Douglas Adams**

For God and Country  
Bob Gabriel  
Commander

### AUXILIARY NEWS

Merry Christmas to all,

I hope everyone's Thanksgiving was wonderful and blessed. Jr. Girls will meet Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 4pm in the upstairs hall. There will be NO Senior meeting in December.

We will again be hosting our Vets Christmas party on 8 Dec. @11am. If you can volunteer your time or help bake goodies please contact VA&R Chairman Jackie Lentine @ 847-962-1030. Jackie would like anyone able to help set up the hall on Thursday, Dec. . . 7 @5 pm. Remember this is for our Vets from the VA hospital only.

Children's Christmas Party chairman Sandy and co-chair Felica are needing help on Wed.,Dec. 6@ 9am to wrap gifts for the children. Plenty of hands will make quick work.

We are still looking for renewal membership. We are leading the district, but a 100% would be wonderful. Send in your \$22.00 to Membership Chairman Cathy.

Thank you to the SAL for the great job cooking for the Jr. Girls Spaghetti Dinner.

The Auxiliary will be hosting New Year's Day BINGO!!! Doors open at 9, we start selling @10 and the games begin @ NOON.

Have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Year!

For God, Country and our Veterans,  
Ginger Johnson  
Unit President

## **SAL NEWS**

Greetings Legion Family,

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

While we have no events planned for December, I know our assistance is needed with the VA Christmas party. Last I heard, the Auxiliary was short a few people to serve food and help out. The party is Friday, December 8th. I know most of you work, but if you have the day off the ladies could really use our help. Wives and/or girlfriends would also be welcome to help. If you can lend a hand please contact Jackie Lentine. The next day is the children's Christmas party. If you can help out with the kids, contact Sandy Fedderly.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2018, remember your benefits expire on December 31st, so send in your renewal now.

For God and Country,  
Jeff Haddick  
Commander Squadron 703

### **Note from Editor**

Beginning with the December newsletter it will have a slightly different look. We are hoping it will provide more room to accommodate larger print and more information.

Bob Stelter - Editor

### **Attention Members**

Please renew your Legion Membership before the end of December. If you wait until 2018 to renew, you will lose your Legion benefits; IE, Blue Cap Ceremonies if you pass. Also benefits of help if you need Disaster Relief. There are thousands of Legion members who were late in paying their dues and were struck with the wrath of the recent hurricanes in Florida and Houston. The \$40.00 is very cheap insurance to insure piece of mind for you and your family.

A large part of Lake, McHenry and Kane counties were struck with flooding from spring rains. Some of our members were displaced and because they were current with their membership they received monetary help from the Department. Renewing in January may not guarantee your membership, as it can take as long as 60 days for you to be credited. The new National Commander is asking for all Legion Members to renew their dues ASAP for 2018.

By Ray Powroznik  
Second Division Jr. Vice Commander

### **Fundraiser**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

We will be having a Mini Super raffle fundraiser and snacks on Sunday Dec 17 starting at noon. Snacks and Light Apps will be served as well as 50/50 raffles throughout the afternoon. Mini Super Raffle will begin at 3pm. Tickets are only \$30 and only 100 tickets will be sold. The raffle is double elimination with the Last Ticket Drawn winning \$400, 2nd to last: \$250, 3rd to last: \$150, 50th ticket out: \$100, 1st ticket out: \$100. Please come support your post and enjoy an afternoon of fun and prizes. See you Sunday Dec 17!

Your friendly Jr. Vice Commander,  
Kelly Herden

**December 2017**

4	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
11	<b>No</b> Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	6:30 PM
13	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
18	Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
27	<b>NO</b> General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM

**January 2018**

1	<b>No</b> SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
8	Ladies Auxiliary	6:30 PM
10	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
15	Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
24	General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM

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