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The AMERICAN LEGION LAKE REGION POST 703

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COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings American Legion Family,

I hope your summer has been fantastic so far! Congratulations to all the families' of 2018 graduates, I wish you nothing but success in your future endeavors.

I'd like to start out by saying I am very honored you have chosen me to be your Commander for the 2018-2020 term! I would like to thank the previous Commander, Gabe, for leading the post for the past several years; your knowledge and insight will prove to be invaluable. I would also invite all past Commanders' to guide me in the transition; any advice, or suggestions, are welcome.

This past month was very eventful. Unfortunately, the 4th of July parade was canceled; however, next year we will be ready with a new float concept. On July 14, we were once again invited to be the Honor Guard at the USO BBQ for the troops, hosted by Ray and Raymond Chevrolet. Your Sgt of the Guard, Jim Locke, has led the squad for the past few years and has created a well-oiled machine. I'd like to thank Mike Kane, Dale Reynolds, and Joe Reiplinger for their participation. The four of us looked great! There is always room for improvement; however, Jim has sacrificed family time and overtime, to hold practices and dress rehearsals for existing and new members of the Honor Guard. Thank you Jim! If you haven't seen us in action, complete with pistol belts, there are pictures and a video from the Mayor on Facebook. If you are interested in being a part of your Post 703 Honor Guard, please contact Jim Locke at 847-431-9076.

Your annual Legion Family Post picnic will be on Sunday August 12 at 11am. We will have face painters and games for the kids, drinks, food and music. There is also a Bags Tournament scheduled for 1pm. Sign up behind the bar, or the day of, to participate. Bring a partner or we will pair you up! We will also be holding a mini Super Raffle. Tickets are \$20 with a chance to win \$500, \$250, \$100 and 3 prizes of \$50. Only 100 tickets will be sold. Your Jr Vice Commander Joe and I have been procuring raffle prizes for the day as well. All members in good standing and their families or guests are invited. We hope to see you there!

Please be on the lookout for your invitation to the Post Installation, which will be held toward the end of September.

Thank you for all you do!

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Greeting Legion Family,

Happy Birthday to all of our August family members.

I would like to extend a Thank you to all that helped and donated to our May Poppy drive.

Our Legion family picnic is Aug.12th and will begin at 11:00 am. Family members have to be in good standing to attend. Auxiliary members can pay their dues there. 2019 dues are \$25 for Seniors and Juniors are \$4.00. You can also do a change of address there, if needed...

The Jr Auxiliary meeting is the 2nd Sunday, Aug 12 at 4 pm. Our Juniors attended the Memorial Day celebration at the VA hospital, and made several different types of cookies, they also made 30 homeless bags with a Thank you note for them. Our young ladies are doing a Homeless Vet Drive. If you would like to help and donate, please call Caryn at 224-595-1437. Juniors had their conference and Abigail and Isabel Urbina received awards for their Prayer Book they also won the Poppy T-shirt award. Congrats young ladies for job well done! Americanism chairman, Felicia Grzesik, went to local schools asking the students for essays for National Monuments. Our 10th District winner was Rachel Manlubaten. The next Auxiliary meeting is Aug 13, 6:30pm social time is 6 pm. A few of us ladies went to the American Legion Auxiliary convention. We had a good time and learned a lot. Cheryl Wagner won the Poppy plaque award, and Ginger Johnson won the apparel award. Congrats ladies...

VA & R with SAL is hosting the VA Fishing Derby Aug 17. 11-2 pm. If you like to help us, cook, serve or make dishes to serve our Vets, Please contact Aux/ VAR Jackie 847-962-1030 or SAL Russ 847-404-7869.

On a sad note, we have lost one of our family members. Sarah Oeffling. Please keep your prayers and thoughts for her family.

For God and Country
Cathy Berkowski
Unit 703 Pres.

SAL

Greetings Legion Family,

First off I want to introduce and congratulate all of our new officers:

Commander - Russ Gilley
Senior Vice Commander - Rick Perone
Junior Vice Commander - Mark Stockley
Finance Officer - Joe Reiplinger
Adjutant Officer - Dale Reynolds
Sgt at Arms - Mark Stockley
Chaplain - Jeremy Davick
Judge Advocate - Jeff Haddick

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help the Legion Family continue on supporting our Veterans and our Post! I am looking forward to working with everyone!

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Our Fifth Annual Gun Raffle is underway. We will be giving away 12 guns on September 29th. Get your tickets at the bar now for \$10 each before they sell out. This is our best selection of guns we have had yet! Thanks to Joe Reiplinger for putting it together and to Condition Yellow Academy in McHenry (847-341-5711) for helping us and providing us with great pricing to make all this possible! Our American Legion Baseball Team is sponsored through the proceeds of these raffles. Please try to catch one of their games and support our team.

Thanks to Mike K, Jim L, Joe R, and Dale R from the SAL and our Legion Commander Kelly for performing Honor Guard for the USO at the Chevy dealerships BBQ for the Vets.

Our second VA Fishing Derby will be on August 17th. If you are able to volunteer to help us entertain the Veterans from James Lovell or bring a boat for fishing or boat rides please contact me at 847-404-7869 or Cathy Berkowski.

See you around The Post!

Russ Gilley
Commander - SAL Squadron 703

Drop Zone Bar Upcoming Events

Greetings Legion Family,

Fun events for the month of August happening in the Drop Zone bar are listed below:

Aug 4th Jonathan – Music in the bar 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm

Aug 4th POWW – doors open at 6:00 pm

Aug 12th Legion Family Picnic

Aug 15th Drop Zone Bar Golf Outing – Shotgun Scramble – Tee-Off Time is 11:00 am at Valley Ridge Golf Course

Aug 17th VA Fishing Derby @ the Post from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm.

Robin Janisch
Bar Manager

Note from Editor

My wife Marge and I will be resigning as newsletter editors effective immediately. We have enjoyed serving as your post newsletter editors for many years and have decided it is time to pass the torch to someone else going forward. Thank you all for your support and kind words over the years.

Bob and Marge Stelter

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6	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
13	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	6:30 PM
8	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
20	Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
22	General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM

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3	SAL Meeting	7:00 PM
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12	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
26	General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM

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