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# Post News

A BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS &  
FRIENDS OF DU PAGE MEMORIAL POST 2164

November-December 2012



## A Message from the Commander

*By Commander John Milton*

Every event and activity that our Post holds throughout the year helps support veterans, on both local and national levels. November 11 is that special day of honor and remembrance on which we as a nation give thanks to those who have served.

Please join us in thanking our local veterans at the Post's **Veterans Day Breakfast** from 8:00 am—noon. Invite a veteran you know, or ask a veteran from a senior center, nursing home, or veterans' home if he or she would like to join you for breakfast. You know that the Post has the best breakfast deal in town—and great people to share it with!

Also, check out the **Veterans Day events** being held in neighboring communities that are listed in this issue.

We've made some **minor improvements to the Post** over the past few weeks. New window blinds were installed in the dining room and the entryway into the canteen was modified for handicapped accessibility. Re-painting of the interior walls is also being planned.

Last month's Steak Fry and Pasta Dinner were well attended by both community residents and Post members. My sincere thanks to everyone from the Post and our auxiliaries who helped make these events successful. Next up is **Vegas Night on November 17**—let us know if you're interested in volunteering at this event as we still need more dealers!

## Wheaton Recognizes POW/MIAs

Members of Post 2164 were invited to the September 17 City Council meeting for a commemoration of National POW/MIA Day, which occurs annually in the United States on the third Friday in September. Mayor Michael Gresk introduced U.S. Marine and ex-POW Howard Chittenden, who spent 45 months as a Japanese prisoner of war during World War II. Howard thanked the City Council for recognizing the men and women who survived detention as prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action.

According to the Veterans Administration, World War II veterans are dying at a rate of 740 per day. The VA estimates that of the 16 million soldiers who served during World War II there are only 1.7 million left.



*Howard Chittenden, Bob Hoffman and Lou Celli were among Post members who attended the City of Wheaton's POW/MIA commemoration.*

National POW/MIA Recognition Day, established in 1979, honors prisoners of war and members of the military missing in action. Defense Department statistics list a total of 83,417 GIs missing in action: 73,681 from World War II, 7,947 from the Korean War, 126 from Cold War actions, 1,657 from the Vietnam War and six from the war with Iraq and related conflicts.



## 2012-2013 Officers



### POST

*Commander: John Milton*  
*Sr. Vice Commander: Tom "Tex" Tracy*  
*Jr. Vice Commander: Sam Maggio*  
*Quartermaster: Tim McNally*  
*Chaplain: Jim Lopez*  
*Judge Advocate: Lew Youngs*  
*Surgeon: Bill Nates*  
*1-Year Trustee: John Meschi*  
*2-Year Trustee: Jerry Douglas*  
*3-Year Trustee: Jim Myrick*  
*Service Officer: John Milton*



### LADIES AUXILIARY

*President: Pam Turner*  
*Sr. Vice President: Tawn Williams*  
*Jr. Vice President: Linda Sane*  
*Treasurer: Heather Klemm*  
*Secretary: Mary Richter*  
*Chaplain: Shirley Vega*  
*Conductress: Char Wiedel*  
*Guard: Amanda Naickilath*  
*1-Year Trustee: Cheryl Chandler*  
*2-Year Trustee: Karen Augustyn*  
*3-Year Trustee: Linda Sane*



### MEN'S AUXILIARY

*President: Art Gutierrez*  
*Sr. Vice President: Albert Baker*  
*Jr. Vice President: Owen O'Reilly*  
*Treasurer: Herb Johnson Jr*  
*Secretary: Garry Klemm*  
*Chaplain: John Dawson*  
*1-Year Trustee: Ted Schab*  
*2-Year Trustee: Richard Augustyn*  
*3-Year Trustee: Stanley Garrett*  
*Sergeant at Arms: Edward Zygiel*

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*October, and December. Email John at [dawson437@comcast.net](mailto:dawson437@comcast.net).*

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*God Bless America.*  
*God Bless the Comrades & Sisters*  
*of this Great Organization.*

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

## Veterans Day Events In & Around Wheaton

### WHEATON

**Cantigny Park** and the First Division Museum will host a solemn tribute to veterans starting at dusk, around 6 p.m. Friday at Cantigny, 15151 Winfield Road, Wheaton. The ceremony includes about 2,200 luminarias placed on Cantigny Parade Field and the sidewalks around the museum. Each candle represents six 1st Infantry Division soldiers killed in action from World War I to present. Admission is free and open to all. Info: (630) 260-8227.

Wheaton's **Rolling Thunder Battalion** holds a Veterans Day Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 10, at the Sports and Recreation Complex Plaza of Wheaton College, 501 College Ave., Wheaton. Info: (630) 752-5015.

*Other neighboring communities:*

### GLEN ELLYN

**College of DuPage** has a Veterans Day Celebration starting with a flag-raising and music at 8 a.m. Friday at the Homeland Security Education Center on its Glen Ellyn campus, 425 Fawell Blvd. Other activities include a read-in from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a hot dog lunch, Color Guard presentation and open house at the new Veterans Lounge at 2 p.m., and movies, games and refreshments at 5 p.m. Info: (630) 942-2444.

### GLENDALE HEIGHTS

A Veterans Day ceremony will be held at **Veterans Memorial Park**, 220 Civic Center Plaza in Glendale Heights, at 11 a.m. Friday to honor all military past and present. Village offices will be closed on Veterans Day. Info: (630) 909-5303.

### NAPERVILLE

Naperville will observe Veterans Day with a ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday at **Veterans Park**, 303 E. Gartner Road. The event will include a rifle salute, taps and music from the Naperville Municipal Band.

**St. Margaret Mary Church**, 1450 Green Trails Drive, holds a memorial service with the military ministry at 7 p.m. Thursday. The memorial will honor all veterans with a special salute to those who served in World War II. The public is welcome to attend.

### WARRENVILLE

VFW Post 8081 holds a memorial ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday at the **Veterans Memorial on Stafford Place** outside city hall. Info: (630) 393-9705.



### WEST CHICAGO

The community Veterans Day service is at 10:30 a.m. Friday at **American Legion Post 300**, 123 Main St. Info: (630) 231-2112.

### Post Breakfast

**Sunday, November 11**

**8 am—Noon**

Eggs or omelet, ham or sausage  
biscuits and gravy, toast, juice, coffee

**\$5 adults**

**\$3.00 kids under 10**

*Invite a Veteran!*



## What It Means to Be a Member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary

*by Pam Turner*

We wanted to share with you our Top Ten List!

1. We are a partner with the VFW, serving veterans and their families and spreading patriotism nationwide.
2. Our key programs have been our battle cry and “In Fortitude and Loyalty” we carry them out.
3. You are part of a unique volunteer network:
  - Holding ‘Welcome Home’ and ‘Send Off’ parties for active duty military
  - Volunteering at VA Medical Centers
  - Packing and shipping items for troops stationed overseas
  - Raising millions of dollars for cancer research
  - Taking Americanism into schools and instilling patriotism in our next generation
  - Helping pass legislation that benefits veterans, active duty military and their families
4. You are part of a large family of volunteers with a variety of talents. Volunteering is a way of giving back. Volunteers are happy and content because of their good deeds to and for others.
5. You are a mentor to our future generations.
  - Mentoring, guiding and fostering patriotism through Patriot’s Pen, Voice of Democracy and Patriotic Art.
  - Teaching the Pledge of Allegiance to the younger generation. In our Junior Girls Unit we teach patriotism beginning at an early age and throughout their formative years—they are our future Auxiliary sisters and leaders.
  - Through our Youth Activities Program, members work with youth and find ways to both support and get them involved. Through our scholarships, sports team sponsorships and volunteering we continue to look for

6. In 65 years we have raised over \$1 million for cancer aid and research and will continue to champion the cause until a cure is found. Cancer has touched each of our members in one way or another and each year we fundraise to continue our Cancer Grant Program and give back money to each Department to continue the fight.

UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

7. As a Ladies Auxiliary member we are active partners supporting the centerpiece program of the VFW National Military Services (NMS) program that covers Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink, and Unmet Needs. The NMS program is one way to offer support and boost morale of our military service members and their families. The Ladies Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Program works closely with the NMS to meet the needs of both aging veterans and those returning from current conflicts. It also highlights our Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children programs.
8. Your voice can be heard on Capitol Hill and at state or local governments. Your voice represents all veterans. The VFW’s Washington office has been ranked among the top lobbying groups on Capitol Hill.
9. Your membership is a reminder to all of our freedoms. You are part of an exclusive organization. The price for you to belong has been paid for by a veteran.
10. “Serving from the Heart for our Veterans” (our National president’s theme) and “From Sea to Shining Sea—Our Veterans Keep Us Free” (our Department of Illinois president’s theme) are strong reminders of our continued work for our veterans.

To learn more about Post 2164 Ladies Auxiliary contact Tawn Williams at (630) 632-9854 or send us an email at [vfwpost2164@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost2164@yahoo.com). And, visit [www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org).

### Post is Now Open to the Public

The Post's new public hours are  
**12:00 pm to close on Sunday, Monday,  
Wednesday, and Friday.**

In addition to liquor and wine,  
you can enjoy bottled beer for \$2  
and draft beer for \$1.50.

*Stop in with friends and family!*

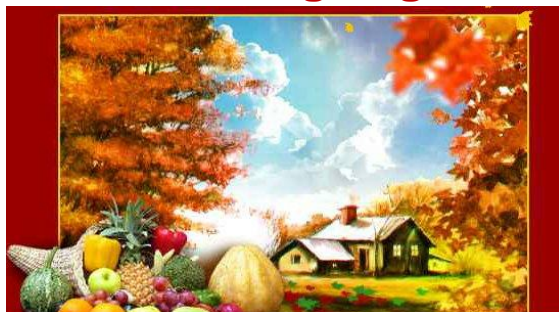
### Vegas Night!

**Saturday, November 17  
5:00 pm—Midnight**



Money Wheel, poker, blackjack,  
chuck-a-luck, bang table

### Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



Post members are part of our extended VFW family and we don't want any family member to miss out on Thanksgiving dinner. Back in 2000, when Post members Marc and Mo Palma learned that several of our veterans were alone on Thanksgiving, they decided to host a dinner for them at the Post. That dinner has continued for over a decade, even though the Palmas have since moved to Missouri. For the past five years the dinner has been organized by Kathy and Lew Youngs, who have been assisted by the generosity of other members supplying all the food and "volunteer power," as well as the Post's donation of a ham for the dinner. This year, the Youngs will be out of town on Thanksgiving but the tradition continues with Ladies Auxiliary members Linda Sane and Mary Richter coordinating the dinner.

The signup sheet for turkey donations and other (cooked or pre-cooked) food is posted on the canteen wall. The menu includes turkey, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, corn, cranberries, rolls and butter.

The gals will begin cooking the turkeys, usually 18 to 20 10-lb birds, on Wednesday morning. Dinner will be served Thanksgiving Day, November 22 from 12:00—5:00 pm.

The dinner is absolutely free to Post and auxiliary members, veterans, families of veterans and active-duty soldiers, or community residents who have no plans for Thanksgiving.

*Enjoy the holiday with your VFW "family!"*

### VetJobs Virtual Career Fair November 1-15



This Job Fair is open to the United States Military family—officer and enlisted, active duty, transitioning military, reservists, veterans and retirees along with trailing spouses, eligible former spouses, widows, widowers, dependents and DOD civilians. To post a resume now, or to apply for jobs go to [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com), then to "Search Jobs" and click on the career fair advertisement.

## Cantigny's Welcome Home All Veterans Event

Post member Tony Zapalik attended the annual benefit awareness event hosted by Cantigny on September 29.

He was impressed with the quality of information that was made available to veterans and encourages others to attend the event next year. These photos are some of the images that Tony captured at the event. Thanks, Tony, for sharing them!



## Sport Clips Sponsors VFW Free Call Days

Through November 11, participating Sport Clips Haircuts locations across the country will join forces to support their annual "Help A Hero" fundraising campaign, benefiting the VFW's [Operation Uplink](#). The goal is to raise \$500,000 in their sixth year of donating to Operation Uplink, a program that connects deployed and hospitalized U.S. service members with loved ones through free call days. Since the program began in 2007, almost 2 million free calls home have been made possible through Help A Hero.

A key part of Sport Clips' fundraising efforts will be "The Biggest Haircut Day of the Year" on **Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11**. One dollar from every haircut service will be donated to the Operation Uplink program.

"These calls are more than just 'morale' calls.



They're often a lifeline for those who are far from home—sometimes on their second or third deployment," says Gordon Logan, Sport Clips CEO and founder. "The calls were important to me when I was overseas in the Air Force, and are still important today."

### Upcoming Free Call Days

November 11 / Veterans Day

November 22 / Thanksgiving Day

December 02 / VFW Salutes the Armed Forces

December 25 / Christmas Day

## November 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> Ladies Aux Civil War	<b>2</b> Fish Fry	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Carpenters Meeting	<b>7</b> Bingo	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Fish Fry	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>VETERANS DAY</b> Post Breakfast 8 am-noon <i>Invite a Vet!</i>	<b>12</b> Board Meeting Hines Hosp 7 pm	<b>13</b> Post Meeting Men's Aux Meeting	<b>14</b> Bingo	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Fish Fry	<b>17</b> Vegas Night
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Blind Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bingo	<b>22</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b> Thanksgiving Dinner 12-5 pm	<b>23</b> NO FISH FRY	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Marine Corps Meeting	<b>28</b> Bingo	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Fish Fry	

## December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> 50's & 60's Dance Party
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Carpenters Meeting	<b>5</b> Bingo	<b>6</b> Ladies Aux Civil War	<b>7</b> Fish Fry	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Board Meeting Hines Hosp 7 pm	<b>11</b> Post Meeting Men's Aux Meeting	<b>12</b> Bingo	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Fish Fry	<b>15</b> Post Christmas Party
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Blind Night	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bingo	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Fish Fry	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b> Post Closed	<b>26</b> Bingo	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Fish Fry	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Party					

Shading indicates days when the Post is open to the public.





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## Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave

Instituted in 1944 to remember our hospitalized war veterans, the American Legion, Department of Illinois, has maintained this program continuously since its inception by distributing gifts annually to veteran patients at VA hospitals and extended care facilities throughout Illinois. The [Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave](#) program is funded by American Legion posts and auxiliary units, private individuals, businesses, and other veteran organizations.

*Each* veteran in these Illinois VA hospitals and care centers will receive gifts from the program:

Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (North Chicago); Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital (Hines, [Maywood Campus of Loyola University]); Jesse Brown VA Medical Center (Chicago); Illinois Veterans' Home (Anna); LaSalle VA Clinic (Peru); Manteno Veterans Home (Manteno); Marion VA Medical Center (Marion); Quincy Outpatient Clinic (Quincy); and VA Illiana Health Care System (Danville).

If you'd like to contribute to the gift fund of our local American Legion Post 76, simply mail your donation to: American Legion Post 76, 570 South Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188.



**MARINE APPRECIATION NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 2012 at 7 PM.**  
**CHICAGO WOLVES vs. PEORIA RIVERMEN**

- CEREMONIAL PUCK DROP
- MARINE COLOR GUARD
- TOYS DRIVE, BENEFITING TOYS FOR TOTS
- A EGYPTA GODS HEAT, PRESENTED BY PET SUPPLIES
- FULL, 80% NATURAL BALANCE, A&B STRO
- POSTGAME AUTOGRAPH SESSION, PRESENTED BY WOLVES

**TICKETS ONLY \$17**  
(INCLUDES WOLVES HAT)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 1, 2012 at 7 PM**  
**CHICAGO WOLVES vs PEORIA RIVERMEN**

- Ceremonial puck drop
- Marine Color Guard
- Toys for Tots toy drive
- Adopt-a-Dog Night

**Tickets Only \$17**  
(includes Wolves cap)

A portion of each ticket sold through special order form will benefit Toys for Tots. Get order from via email at [vfwpost2164@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost2164@yahoo.com) or contact Jim Myrick at (630) 668-2492.

