



WHEATON Post News

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

September-October 2012



A Message from the Commander

By Commander John Milton

Hope everyone has been having a grand summer! It's always cool in the Post canteen so drop in to get out of the heat any day of the week. The canteen opens at noon so c'mon over for some VFW camaraderie.

Over the past two months, the leadership teams of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary have been working together to plan upcoming events to support our veteran assistance programs and raise funds for the upkeep of the Post.

The Event Planning Committee meeting on August 6 was a great kick-off to this sharing of ideas. I want to thank everybody who attended. I was quite impressed with the number of people who came to show their support for the Post. I know that if we work together we will have a successful year.

Thanks also to all members who helped out at the Classic Car Show. For the first car show that the Post has hosted in many years, I believe it was very successful. I'd like to see us make this an annual event. I'm sure that every year we could make it even more successful.

Next up is the Steak Fry on September 15. Let's make it the best one yet!

Again, thanks for your help and support.

September Membership Events

MONDAY September 3

Post Picnic after Labor Day Parade
Bring a dish to pass if possible. The Post will provide hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs.

TUESDAY September 11

Board Member Elections at Post meeting

No Smoking Policy in Effect

To comply fully with Illinois state law, Post members at the July meeting voted to prohibit smoking within the Post, effective July 11, 2012. So please remember to step outside when you want to smoke.

WANTED! Member Email Addresses

Email contact with Post and auxiliary members will become more common in the months ahead so we urge members to provide us with your email address. Send a note to vfwpost2164@yahoo.com to be put on the distribution list. Be assured that we will never sell or rent anyone's email address.

Of the 442 email addresses in our online database, only 67 are Post and auxiliary members. *We want to reach more of our members.* If you don't have an email address you might ask a friend or relative if they would receive emails from the Post and share them with you.



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: Scott Olsen
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.



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

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Classic Car Show

Held at the Post on August 12

Exhibitors and visitors agree that the Post's car show was a pretty good time! The weather was perfect—not too hot with a bit of a breeze. The food was delicious, as always, cooked and served to perfection by our Ladies Auxiliary members!

Over 50 classic cars—pre-1983 American cars and trucks—graced the front lawn of the Post. The event coordinator from [Old Gold Cruisers](#) said that the VFW is the ideal place for a car show and is looking forward to including the Post as one of its venues next year.

See more photos on our [Facebook](#) page.



Photo courtesy of [Car Show Aaron](#)



Photo courtesy of Heather Klemm

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND HAVE DONE! It was a great show; I saw some fantastic cars and had some good food. Thank You Members of VFW Post 2164.

—[Car Show Aaron](#)



Photo courtesy of Heather Klemm

*BEST OF SHOW: Ed Czyz, Lisle, IL / 1969 Plymouth Bronze Road Runner
COMMANDER'S CHOICE: Kent Krueger, Barrington, IL / 1969 Ford Aqua Mach 1*

Congrats Corner

Post member **Bill Benz** of Warrenville, IL for winning Top 10 Award for his 1957 Chevy Red 1/2 Ton Truck

Men's Auxiliary member **Ed Zygiel** for winning \$503.50 in the 50/50 raffle

Exhibitor **Rick Schaefer** for donating his car show winnings to the Post



Photo courtesy of Heather Klemm

Chaplains' Corner

Jim Lopez, Post Chaplain/Shirley Vega, Ladies Auxiliary Chaplain/John Dawson, Men's Auxiliary Chaplain

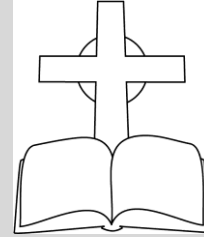
TAPS

It is our sad duty to report the passing of these members and friends:

- David "Jonz" Johnson, brother of late Post member Phil Johnson and a dear friend of the Post
- Leonard Palmer, Post member (World War II)
- Clyde Thomas, Post member (Vietnam)
- Walter Thomas, Jr., Post member (World War II)

We shall keep their families in our prayers.

Please contact the Post (630/668-8756) if you are aware of a member who is ill or needs assistance.



Auxiliaries' Miniature Golf Outing

Mini-golf ain't just for kids, ya know. Members of our Ladies and Men's auxiliaries had tons of fun at downtown Wheaton's Clocktower Commons mini-golf course on July 22, playing a targeted-average game.

Players included Albert and Belinda Baker, John Dawson, Laura Farrell, Stan Garrett, Art Gutierrez, Herb and Patty Johnson, Garry and Heather Klemm, Pat Millard, Mary Ann Oko, Owen O'Reilly, Mary Richter, Linda Sane, Trudy Smith, Pam Turner, Char Wiedel, Joel Youngs, Kathy Youngs, and Ed Zygiel. Some of the award categories were high score man, high score woman, most putts on a hole, best dressed, worst mouth, and others.

After the game, which was declared a tie, everyone went back to the Post. The women bought food, the men cooked it and all enjoyed more laughs and fun. The guys and gals are looking forward to another mini-golf outing so jump in on it with them.

Post Members in Labor Day Parade

Three Post members will participate in Wheaton's Labor Day Parade on September 3. All Marines, they will ride with two other Marine veterans in an open Jeep Wrangler so be on the lookout for Howie Chittenden, Ed Godfrey, and Don Slapak!

Marine Platoon Sergeant Howard Chittenden was captured and remained a Japanese prisoner for 45 months. His book *From China Marine to Jap POW* can be found in the Wheaton library.

Marine Lieutenant Colonel Edward Godfrey is a veteran pilot of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He flew over 100 combat missions in the Corsair in Korea. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, 2 distinguished flying crosses, 8 air medals and many other ribbons and commendations.

Marine PFC Donald Slapak joined the Army in 1941 at the age of 15 but his parents brought him back home. Then at age 17, they agreed to sign for him to join the Marine Corps, where he served in the 4th Marine Aircraft Wing in the South Pacific until December 1945.

Marine Sergeant Frank Jurek served in the Army from 1944-1946. He then joined the Marine Corps in 1950, serving in Korea.

Marine Aviator, Colonel George F. Kubal participated in 79 missions in Korea. He received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat.



12-oz rib eye, baked potato, corn on the cob, baked beans

Steak Fry

September 15

4-8 pm

\$15 adults

\$7.50 kids under 10

Music until 9 pm by
[Luv Shak](#)

September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 Labor Day Parade Post Picnic	4 Carpenters Meeting	5 Bingo	6 Ladies Aux Civil War	7 Fish Fry	8
9	10 Board Meeting Hines Hosp 7 pm	11 Post Meeting Men's Aux Meeting	12 Bingo	13 Civil War	14 Fish Fry	15 Steak Fry
16	17 Blind Night	18	19 Bingo	20	21 Fish Fry	22
23 Marine Corps Picnic	24	25 Marine Corps Meeting	26 Bingo	27	28 Fish Fry	29
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October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Carpenters Meeting	3 Bingo	4 Ladies Aux Civil War	5 Fish Fry	6
7 Post Breakfast	8 Columbus Day Board Meeting Hines Hosp 7 pm	9 Post Meeting Men's Aux Meeting	10 Bingo	11 Civil War	12 Fish Fry	13 Post Pasta Dinner
14	15 Blind Night	16	17 Bingo	18	19 Fish Fry	20
21	22	23 Marine Corps Meeting	24 Bingo	25	26 Fish Fry	27 German Fest
28 Kids Halloween Party	29	30	31 Bingo			



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2011-2012 ALL-AMERICAN POST
Incorporated June 1931

Welcome Home & Benefit Awareness Day

Saturday, September 29, 2012

This event is dedicated to showing all veterans the respect and appreciation they deserve for serving our country and to make sure that all veterans, no matter when or where they served, are kept informed of the ever-changing benefits for them and their families and are receiving everything that they have earned and so richly deserve.

Admission is free.
Cantigny parking fee is \$5.

Cantigny Park
1S 151 Winfield Road / Wheaton

For more info contact
www.WelcomeHomeAllVeterans.org or
www.cantigny.org/events

Welcome Home All Veterans* Presents the 3rd Annual Veteran *Benefits Event* "Only Everything for our Veterans"



ATTENTION! Veterans and Military Families

- Learn what you have earned
- Benefit Reviews & Upgrades
- Employment Seminars
- Education Benefit Seminars
- Vintage Plane Demonstration
- Food, Entertainment and More!

COME AND VISIT



Attend This One of a Kind Event!
Saturday, September 29
9am until 10pm



FIRST DIVISION
MUSEUM
OF THE VETERAN

Cantigny Park
1S151 Winfield Rd • Wheaton, Illinois

Admission is FREE!

Schedule of Events Available at:
WWW.WELCOMEHOMEALLVETERANS.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 630-474-4037 or WWW.WELCOMEHOMEALLVETERANS.ORG
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