



Post Scripts



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Commander's Corner Dennis Beach Post #57 Commander



By now, most of you should know who I am, or at least know of me, if you read the last *PostScripts*. With that being said, I am getting comfortable with the position of Commander, just not used to being called such. My Vice Commanders, Gunny and Roger, as well as my

Adjutant Jason, have been most helpful in the transition. Adjutant Jason has been a big help with the day-to-day operations, and issues of running Post 57, as well as being the caretaker of the membership renewals for all the groups of Post 57. Please tell Jason, if you see him, how much we appreciate his hard work at this!

Participation and volunteerism at events that Post 57 host have very low support. Attendance at Post Member Meetings is my topic for this edition of the *PostScripts*. Members will come in to the Post bar to have a cold one, and then discuss what they “think” they know about what is going on in the Post. These are the same folks that don’t bother to come to the Member meetings, held once a month, on the second Tuesday. These meetings usually take about 1-1/2 hours, depending on topics being discussed, votes taken, and such, about the business of Post 57, but have taken less than 1 hour. If you are interested in what is going on in your Post, and you are a member (and by that I mean you are not a Son or an Auxiliary Member who cannot attend unless invited by a Post Member and ok’d by an Officer of Post 57), I hope to see you at the next Post Meeting which is being held at 7 pm on November 11, which coincidentally is my 1-year anniversary

at the Post. I myself have only missed one Post Meeting since I joined Post 57 and it was in January of this year, only because I forgot to set my calendar to remind me of the meeting.

As far as events go, we have not had the turnout of participants or volunteers when needed. This affects the support of Post 57. And let’s not forget our Post 57 Legion Riders, who always have a decent turnout for their five Cruise Nights during the summer. Folks and Post Members enjoy a summer evening of cars, music, and food. Recently we hosted the 1st Annual Hoedown, where we had food prepared by our new kitchen tenant, Greg Chanthalusy, owner of Catering Made Simple, a 15-year business here in Elgin. When Roger talked with him, we found out Greg was looking for a new home for his business at a time when we were talking about leasing out our kitchen to gain some stability. It was a very good BBQ beef brisket, with sides. We had DJ Lucky and his wife Beth giving instruction for three popular line dances. All told, 20 people might have attended. We broke even on the food, but the Post had to eat the cost of the DJ and the instructor because of the lack of participants at this event.

In contrast to what I’ve said so far, there has been an event that did well, as far as participants. The Kentucky Derby had very good attendance, and was a good time, but we all know why it was well attended! The Sons of Post 57 gave away money! Grand prize of \$1500 if I remember right, with numerous other monetary prizes.

Since I have been Commander, this seems to be what it takes to get all the members of the groups of Post 57 to attend any event! As long as we give away something, especially money, then people are willing to participate! If we just have a dinner or an event without a give-away, not too many seem interested. The last I checked the Post is not an ATM or a bank, just

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handing out money at will just to get people to participate. That is not what the American Legion is about.

Yes, we want to raise money!

#1 So we can keep our doors open.

#2 To help veterans at our Post as needed

#3 To help veteran groups outside our Post.

This is what the American Legion is all about!

Volunteerism is a core value of the Legion.

We posted that we were having the Post Picnic, and I had 5 volunteers sign up when it was less than 2 weeks away. We needed folks to cook; to run games; and to help secure prizes from vendors. Prizes were coming in, but slowly, and we were short of the required prizes needed for this event. On top of that, because of the date change, I would have been short two of my officers, who always volunteer as they scheduled vacations with deposits made on trips. We made the decision to shut it down! Those that complained were those that don't volunteer for any events! Those folks that do help at most events said that "if we couldn't do it well, then we won't do it!"

The age demographic of our Post has the average age of around 67. A lot of folks can't participate because of age or medical issues, and we all understand that. And there are those of us who live too far and only frequent the Post

once or so a month. But there are folks that are younger than the average age of our Post, some do volunteer, or participate on a regular basis. Then there are those who help out at every outing, plus those that run our weekly games. God bless those people! If we did not have the dedicated folks that run our weekly games, who would do it? The Officers of Post 57 appreciate those that regularly volunteer and participate in Post events.

I hope that everyone takes this message in the spirit in which it was intended. This is what I have seen since I have been a member here. I would like to think that everyone will take a step back, and look at themselves and think of how much time you have given freely to Post 57. Post 57 depends on its members to keep the Post relevant in the years to come. POST 57 IS YOUR POST!!! Let's see if each one of us can contribute something other than membership fees for the longevity of Post 57!

PS Our new kitchen tenant Catering Made Simple will be handling our weekly menu and hopes to open for lunch everyday once they are settled.

At Your Service
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Dennis Beach, John Clyde, Art Parsons, and Larry Bruce all participated in the Honor Flight that left Midway

on October 15 in the early morning. Most of the attendees were Vietnam Era military with a few representing the Korean War. They had a full day of activities including a visit to the Air Force Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial. One of the most moving stops was the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the changing of the guard. If you haven't signed up to participate in an Honor Flight, do so now. It is well worth it.



From the Senior Vice Commander Carol (Gunny) Fowler



I hope this finds you all well. As Senior Vice Commander, my main job is to oversee Post 57 memberships, however, I always have my interest in other areas, as well.

Renewals for membership are still on the upswing, although moving slower than

previously. We are still focusing on new joins, which is never-ending. This is where I appeal to current members of our Post to encourage friends, acquaintances, and even neighbors to join the American Legion in one capacity or another, whether it be Post 57, or even another Post. Support the American Legion. Join in any capacity that is available, be it Post members, Sons, Riders, Auxiliary, or even as a Canteen member.

And please go to the Post meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. so that you may stay informed about what is happening around the Post. Get your information firsthand. And you can address any concerns you may have at that time, as well. Knowledge is power, as it goes. Don't just talk about it. Get involved.

The definition of gossip is "casual conversation typically involving details that are not

confirmed as being true." Most gossip is started through gross misconceptions. Such talk can do more damage than you can imagine. It can actually be catastrophic in extreme cases. In most instances it winds up focusing on individuals and can be a poisonous concoction to turning attitudes sour or destroying reputations. We don't need this type of rhetoric.

Post 57 is a non-profit organization that welcomes the public, many of whom have no knowledge of the real purpose of the American Legion. They don't know the real goal of its existence. They're unaware that it is based on the support it provides to the very people who have put their lives on the line to keep this great nation of ours free. So, please refrain from indulging in GOSSIP.

Since the Post is a place to socialize and gather with friends, it is easy to forget about the patrons who are present around us. This is just a reminder to be considerate of those who are nearby. There have been incidents of insulting and foul language to the point that the Post will no longer tolerate certain conduct. There is a list of unacceptable behaviors in the bar.

Finally, just a reminder that the Post is in desperate need of volunteers for a variety of events. And we are also looking for suggestions for activities that might be beneficial entertainment for everyone. Remember. We must focus on what's good for the American Legion. If you want it to survive, step forward and get involved.

Semper Fidelis



From the Auxiliary President Fran Jackson



Fall is almost over, and we are going into the winter months, so remember there will be no meeting in January.

In November the Bingo Committee is having a basket raffle the 3rd week during Bingo on Sunday. They always have nice items, and you don't have to be a Bingo player to buy a raffle ticket.

Check out other happenings at the Post for the holidays.

Our December meeting is our Christmas Party. The women always do a great job decorating and the food is delicious.

Have a wonderful holiday season and stay safe and warm.

From the Junior Vice Commander Roger Taylor



It's been a busy time since my last article. We have had two big events: The Hoedown in September and Octoberfest in October. Unfortunately, not many people attended the Hoedown, but those who did had a blast trying to keep

up with the dance instructors and the music. By the end of the evening, several of the people looked really good strutting their stuff. And the food was delicious. It was our first experience with the food from Catering Made Simple. I am still amazed at the number of people who come to the Post during an event and just sit in the bar when they could be participating. Hopefully we will find something that will spark their involvement.

Octoberfest was better attended. Thank you, Scott and Jerry, for bringing out the Sons' Wheel and introducing more people to its fun (and frustration). Of course, we had the usual issues with drawings that seemed to go on forever. I want to let you know we are open to suggestions for how to speed it up, and we have already gotten some good ideas for next year. Again, the food was catered by Catering Made Simple. We heard many great comments about it...and some suggestions. I apologize if you didn't get dessert, but we had over 15 people sign up after I turned in the numbers and we just ran out of apple cobbler. And yes, making it a la mode would have been great.

I've mentioned Catering Made Simple twice now. If you have been around on Hamburger and Fish Fry nights, you may have heard or read that they are renting our kitchen. They will be running their own

catering business out of it as well as taking care of our kitchen needs. But, this change will result in changes for our membership.

The kitchen isn't ours any more. You can't just walk in to help yourself to something. I was nicely reminded of this when I walked into the kitchen to get something during Octoberfest. If you are bringing in a dessert for friends during the Queen or during Lightning, you will need to bring in your utensils, plates, napkins, etc. They are a separate business, and will be charging us for their food, service, etc. You are planning a little luncheon, they will work with you, but you will be given a bill. Give Greg a call at 847-754-1090 to make your arrangements directly with him.

This looks like it is going to be a good opportunity for both Post 57 and Catering Made Simple, but will take some adjustments to the way things are done. They are working on menus for Bar Bites on Monday; Hamburger Night on Thursday; and Fish Fry on Friday. Let the Commander or me know if you have any suggestions as we move forward with this partnership.

On Veteran's Day after the Ceremony, we will have a stew lunch at the Post. Don't forget we have our Annual Meat Raffle on Saturday, November 15 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. On December 13 we will have the Post Kids Christmas Party. You can find the form elsewhere in this newsletter. Later that day we will have the Adult Post Christmas Party with some raffles to give away.

We have items to make 3 or 4 nice baskets to raffle off. However, we would like to have at least 10. Can or will you help? Would a couple of you get together and make a basket for us? If each of the groups came up with one or two baskets we would have enough to make it worthwhile.

Watch the calendar for other events. And watch the Facebook Page and the Website for changes in dates, times, etc. The *PostScripts* goes to print mid-October and a lot can happen by December.



Join us for Bingo on Sundays. Cards are sold starting at 12:30 pm, and the games will begin at 1:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

REMINDER: NOVEMBER 2nd

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Post #57 Welcomes New Members

We would like to welcome
the newest members of
American Legion Post #57:

Thomas Therkildsen

*The Officers and Members
of Post #57
welcome you and
wish you well
in your coming
experience in the
American Legion.*

From the Post Adjutant Jason Shanahan



Hello everyone. I hope everyone is doing well. We always need volunteers for events. With Octoberfest being over if you didn't renew membership, you still can renew by cash, check, or Credit Card at the bar.

Flag Training



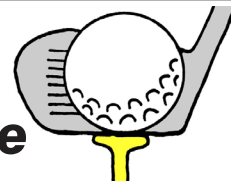
8th grade students recently received hands-on training in proper flag etiquette. Post Adjutant Jason Shanahan from the American Legion Post 57 taught students the correct procedures for raising and lowering the American flag, along with the significance behind each step.

*Please remember our active duty
servicemen and women who are
in harms way all over the world.*



“FORE!”

Elgin American Legion #57 Golf League



The league played their annual 18-hole golf tournament on Saturday, August 25th concluding its 58th season. Twenty-eight golfers comprised seven teams. Their Banquet, Awards Ceremonies, and Raffle followed the outing at the American Legion Canteen. Congratulations to the team of Tom Scalamera Jr., John Radloff, Jeff Rohlfing, and Kenny Walschot. This team took placed first, with a 12-under par 58. Wow! What a round! Coming in second, 5 strokes behind the leader, the team of Steve Thoren, Ed Schoen, Kurt Eilrich, and Dave Hamilton. Following close behind them the team of John Zimmer, Dan “Doc” Norenberg, Larry Hanson, and Loren Twarling.

Closest-to-the-Pin Winners

	<u>Hole #6</u>	<u>Hole #11</u>
“A” Divisons	Steve Thoren	Tommy Scalamera Jr.
“B” Divisions	Jeff Allison	Dan “Doc” Norenberg
“C” Divisions	Larry Hanson	No Winner

With winter just around the corner, don’t forget the American Legion Golf League. The league will kick off its 59th season with an annual meeting on April 9th at the Post. The first set of matches will be played on Thursday, April 16th. The league will play a 19-week schedule, ending on August 20th. The annual league tournament and banquet will be held at the Post on Saturday, August 22nd. The league is handicapped with 30 members divided into three divisions. Matches are played at Bonnie Dundee Golf Course in Carpentersville on Thursday’s, beginning at 3:00 PM. For more information on joining the league, please contact the league Secretary Earl Donoho 847 802-2748. Please see the Post Bulletin Board to check out the golf league section for more information.

The league would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Remember

“Golf is a game where you yell fore, shoot 6, and write down 5!” - Paul Harvey

AMERICAN LEGION GOLF LEAGUE 2025 FLIGHT CHAMPIONS



“A” FLIGHT WINNER
STEVE THOREN



“B” FLIGHT WINNER
KURT EILRICH



“C” FLIGHT WINNER
AL SCHMIDT



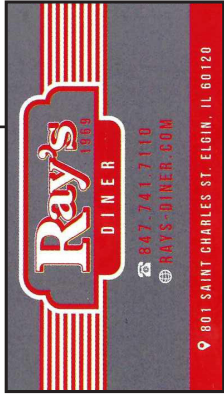
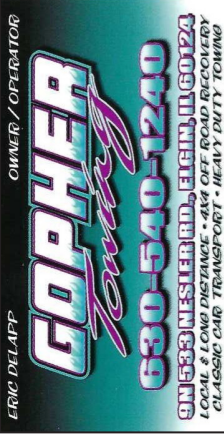
Christmas Party & Dinner Dance

December 13, 2025

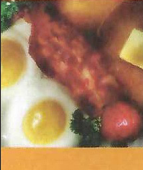
<i>Cocktails:</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>
<i>Dinner</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>
<i>Christmas Music</i>	<i>7:00 – 10:00 pm (off the machine)</i>
<i>Raffles</i>	<i>9:00 pm</i>

Tentative Menu: *Ham & Turkey*
With cranberry sauces
Potato Au Gratin & Sweet Potatoes
Dressing
Creamy Cole Slaw
Green Bean Casserole
Dessert

Reservations: *Cost \$25 per person; At the door, \$30*
Please purchase tickets no later than
December 8 from the Canteen

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Annual Meat Raffle

American Legion Elgin Post 57

820 N. LIBERTY STREET, Elgin



FREE Turkey sandwiches
Saturday night!
Yes, FREE!



Raffle Tickets:
1 for \$1.00
6 for \$5.00



100 Plus Club

November 30 and December 28 are the dates for the next monthly beer sausage (10am to 12pm) and the 100+ Club drawings (11:30am) at the Legion. If your number is drawn and you are present for the drawing you win \$100, otherwise you win \$50. Veronica C won the first drawing of the 100+ Club-- \$100. Come join us on the last Sunday of the month at 10am. If you haven't re-upped or want to join, there is still time to pay \$35 to join to get your chance to win at the monthly drawings.

Our first Trunk 'n' Treat held on Saturday, October 18.

Photos courtesy of Char Beach.



FROM PAST POST MEETING MINUTES

Earl Donoho Post Historian

The dawning of Veterans Day and the American Legion

“Eleven-Eleven-Eleven”

“The 11th Hour, on the 11th Day, of the 11th Month”

“The Great War” ends. At 5:00 O’clock in the morning on November 11, 1918, Germany signed an Armistice agreement with the Allies in a railway carriage in the forest near Compiegne, France. With the stoppage of hostilities between the warring parties, the end of the ‘War-to-End-All-Wars’ came to its conclusion. Two of the things coming out of World War I: Veterans Day and the American Legion. The American Legion has remarkably close ties to Veterans Day. It wasn’t until 1938 that Armistice Day was declared an official national holiday. Congress signed the Act in honor of WW I Veterans and to promote world peace. For 35 years the end of WW I was celebrated by a holiday called Armistice Day. Following WW II and the Korean War, to honor all veterans from all wars, President Eisenhower signed a bill changing the name to Veterans Day.

Then in 1968 a big mistake was made by Congress. By an act of Congress, Veterans Day moved to the fourth Monday in October to create a three-day weekend by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act for the federal holidays of, Memorial Day, Washington’s Birthday, and **Veterans Day**. Veterans and many states protested the move. Seeing the confusion the change created, and the resistance of veteran’s groups, President Gerald Ford, changed the official day back to November 11th in consideration of the historical significance of the holiday commemoration. The order was signed in 1975 and became effective in 1978.

An unknown author wrote in the November 1997 *PostScripts*, “What

Happened to Our Holidays?” from the title of an article in a National Magazine. It got the author to thinking, “do we really know what Veterans Day is all about? It continues to explain the “who, what, when & where” Veterans Day started. The Post was celebrating the 75th Silver Jubilee of both Veterans Day (Armistice Day) and the formation of the American Legion.

The American Legion came into existence on March 15, 1919, through an Act of Congress in Paris, France. As for Elgin, in August 1919 a group of veterans met at the Illinois National Guard Armory to organize Post #57. The Post charter was granted by the American Legion Department of Illinois and had the signatures of 15 WWI veterans. The members elected Charles B. Sillman as the first Commander, and George A. Chapman was elected Adjutant and Finance Officer. Dues were initially \$1.00 (\$16.20 today), and then in January 1920 they were raised to \$2.00 (\$32.40 today) and then doubled again in 1923 to \$4.00 (\$75.78 today).

The Post Auxiliary was organized and chartered on May 14, 1920. The members held their first meetings at the Elgin National Guard Armory. From the Armory the members moved to the old Trades Council Hall and met there until 1924, whereupon they moved to rooms above Blums Ice Cream Parlor on Douglas Ave.

On June 1, 1931, the Post bought a building found at 316 Douglas Ave. Over the years this building saw improvements and enlargements. In 1969 the building was sold to the Salvation Army and the Post bought and moved into the Navy Club property at 12 North State Street. It didn’t take long for the members to realize that the property wasn’t a suitable fit for the needs of the Post. In 1972 the Post

bought the current location from Gromer grocery. After remodeling, the Post moved into the facilities we still occupy today. Fast forward to 1997, in the June issue of *PostScripts* the Post Commander announced a party in celebration of 25 years of occupancy. A birthday party for the Post was held March 19, 2022. The Post was 103 years old and had been in our current facility for 50 years.

November and December Remembrances

- **November 10th, Marine Corps 250th Birthday:**

A hand salute to all our American Legion Marine Veterans. The birthday was traditionally celebrated with a "Ball" and a "Cake-Cutting" ceremony. Meeting at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the Second Continental Congress formed the Continental Marines. The decree called for the formation of two Battalions, consisting of a Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors and other officers. "Good care" was to be taken in selecting good seaman. The Navy was de-established following the Revolutionary War in 1783 along with the Marine Corps. The Corps was re-established on July 11, 1798, by President John Adams.

- **December 7th Pearl Harbor Day:**

Commemorating the 1941 surprise attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. It also honors the remembrance of 2,403 killed, and the 1,178 wounded.

Observe a moment of silence at 7:55 AM (11:55 AM CST)

- **A Little Humor:**

Mother chiding her son, "... no television for you until you practice your piano lesson!" Her son digesting her words, retorts with a threat, "you better be nice to me!" "How would you like it if I ran off and joined the American Legion!"

Dear Reader, do you have old copies of American Legion *PostScripts* newsletters? The Post Historian would like you to donate them back to the Post for its reference library collection.

Place them in the Historian mailbox located on the left, behind the door off the canteen bar, or contact Earl 847 802-2748 to make delivery arrangements.

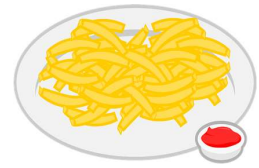
A list of missing months & years is on the Post Bulletin Board. Thank you!

Debbie Wetzel presents Earl Donoho with a Post License Plate from the Monroe Wisconsin American Legion Post #84. Debbie visited the Post and will return and present them with a license plate from our Post. In turn, Earl presents the Monroe plate to Tom Leitner for inclusion on the west wall of the game room." Many of you will remember Debbie's husband, long-time member, LeRoy Wetzel.





There's a new  coming to
Post 57



American Legion Post 57 of Elgin would like to welcome the arrival of Catering Made Simple to our kitchen. Starting October 1, 2025, they will take over the operation of our kitchen facilities.

They will continue to run their catering business as well as meet the cooking needs for our different functions requiring food.

The hope is both groups will be able to expand because of this opportunity.

Stop by and give us a try again.



Call Greg to arrange any of your food needs for meetings, etc. He is now in charge of our kitchen.





DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans' Day Ceremony & Stew at the Post
- 15 Meat Raffle
- TBD Auxiliary Basket Raffle
- 27 Tom & Jerry's 10-noon;
Post closes at 3; No food service
- 28 Bears' Watch Party 2pm
Fish Fry as usual

DECEMBER

- 7 Bear's Watch Party 12pm
- 13 Post Kids' Christmas Party
12-3pm
Post Christmas Party 5:30-9pm
- 14 Bears' Watch Party 12pm
- 28 Beer & Sausage; 100+ 10am
Bears' Watch Party 12pm
- 31 New Year's Eve Party
8pm - 1am
Light finger food and
Please bring a dish to pass



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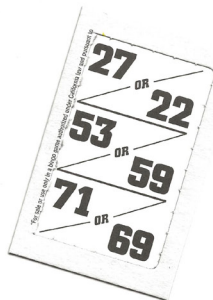
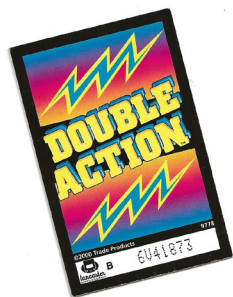
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Lightning

Thursdays

6:30 pm

\$3000 Jackpot

\$1 per card

6 cards for \$5



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Wear Post 57 Red T-Shirt or Sweatshirt

BUY YOUR FIRST DRINK AND GET ONE FREE

(FIRST DRINK ONLY)



Front

T-SHIRT: \$20.00



Back

SWEATSHIRT: \$25.00

See the Adjutant or Bartender to purchase your Shirt.

Kids' Christmas Party Sign-Up Sheet

12—3:00 pm



(For Children of Post 57 Family Members)

Children 10 Years Old and Younger

Name of Post Member: _____



Child's Name

Age

Gender

Cut Off Date For Sign-Up is December 1, 2025

Deposit Sign-Up Sheets at the Bar ONLY where an envelope will be placed.

Do NOT turn into the Adjutant's Office



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