



Post Scripts



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Commander's Corner Mark W. Smith Post #57 Commander

Fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is finally here, and we all seem to be enjoying outside activities as much as possible. I hope this edition of the post-scripts finds all of you in good health. We had a



very successful May and June, with Poppy Days, Memorial Day, Post Everlasting, Cruise Nights, Flag Day, US Army 248th Birthday, Election of Officers, and our Father's Day lunch. Senior Vice Commander Jill Smith was the keynote speaker at the 2024 Bluff City Cemetery Memorial Day event and did a great job representing Post 57.

Here are a few good to know items about the American Flag from the American Legion Flag Page www.legion.org/flag as we celebrate Independence Day.

Q: When was Flag Day established?

A: In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day to commemorate the adoption of the U.S. flag on June 14, 1777.

Q: Are you required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground?

A: The Flag Code states that the flag should not touch anything beneath it,

including the ground. This is stated to indicate that care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. You are not required to destroy the flag when this happens. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, you may continue to display the flag as a symbol of our great country.



Post 57 was very honored to host the American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer on May 17th, 2021. Commander Seehafer laid a wreath at Veterans Memorial Park, and then participated in a 2nd Division meet and greet at Post 57.

The month of July brings Independence Day for us on the 4th, as well as the annual Elgin 4th of July Parade which the Post will be participating in with our Honor Guard, American Legion Riders, a small walking group, and a few other members with military vehicles. On July 27th we will be having our Post Picnic in the parking lot again this year, so I look forward to seeing many of you there. Please look for volunteer sheets near the front doors as we will be needing help to make this fun event happen. I am hearing there are already lots of great raffle prizes collected.

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I was honored to be elected for another term as Commander of Post 57 for 2024-2025.

I am humbled and proud to continue to represent you all in the best way I can each and every day. I would like to congratulate the following Legionnaires on their election as Post 57 Officers for the 2024-2025 year.

- Carol Fowler – Senior Vice Commander
- Roger Taylor – Junior Vice Commander
- Craig Essick – Finance Officer
- Rich Hamilton – Chaplain
- Em Ramangkoun – Sgt at Arms
- Bob Getz – Service Officer

** The Adjutant position is currently held by Carol "Gunny" Fowler and is an appointed position by the Commander. It is my intent to appoint Jason Shanahan as Adjutant for the 2024-2025 year.

Jason has done a great job serving as our Assistant Adjutant and has been a key person responsible for Post 57 adding 25 new members and achieving 102.5% of our membership goal during this past year.

On August 9th at 6:30 pm, we will once again do a Legion Family Installation of Officers at Post 57 where we will Install new officers from the Post, Auxiliary, Sons of the America Legion, and American Legion Riders. After the installation, we will have food and entertainment to celebrate the event. I hope to see many members and guests from all of the Legion Family groups attend and help us celebrate this great occasion.

I hope to see everyone coming out and supporting the Post and our groups at the Fish Fry, Cruise Nights, Queen of Hearts, Burger Night, Lightning, Bingo, etc... We are blessed with some awesome Veterans, Auxiliary, Sons and Legion Riders within our post who give many hours of their time to make these events possible for us all to enjoy.

We started our RED promotion approximately one year ago. Shirts and sweatshirts are on sale in the glass case at the Post, and anyone who wears the Post 57 RED shirt on Fridays and buys a drink,

will get another drink free (1 per person, per day).

Be looking for your Octoberfest Tickets to come earlier this year. We want to get a jump on memberships as soon as we can, so we may be sending these out in the next month or so. As usual, you will get two books of tickets, and the first book sold will cover your dues. We are also looking at promoting the 5-year memberships this year, and the deal with that would be pay for 4 years and get your fifth year free. Let Jason or Gunny know if you are interested.

As always, please keep up with current information on our webpage at alelginpost57.com, or our Facebook page at facebook.com/ALElginPost57/, which are updated regularly.

Thank you all for your service to your country and your continued support of Post 57.

Best Regards and Godspeed,

Mark W. Smith

Commander

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POST #57 WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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

Transferee Allen Hanrahan

Willie Nelson Mizhquri – Marines

Jose Arturo Villa – Army

Jose Arturo Villa, Jr – Army

Tom Wekony – Army

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

From the editor

If you have something you would like included in the next Postscripts, please email it to anneessick@gmail.com by August 10th.



AUXILIARY UNIT 57



Auxiliary Members,

May was a very busy month. We had our Poppy Days, thank you to all that went out to get donations. We really could have used more volunteers this year, please think about giving an hour or two next year.

Then there was Memorial Day. The program that was put together for Bluff City Cemetery was wonderful. The whole event had wonderful speakers and lasted less than an hour.

We are again collecting supplies for middle schools. Items can be dropped off at the Legion up until August 6th when we will be putting everything together to take to the schools.

Remember, there are no meetings in July and August. In September, I would love to see more people at our meetings and getting involved.

Bingo is also looking for volunteers. If you are able to help on at least one Sunday a month they would be more than happy to have you. Bingo is the biggest fundraiser we have; without it we would not have much money to help our Veterans.

Watch the newsletter for more information about upcoming events and Installation of officers.

Fran Jackson,
Auxiliary President

FROM THE JUNIOR VICE

I want to thank you all for the help I received in the last 5 years as your Junior Vice Commander. I will still be Junior Vice for July and most of August. We are very lucky to have Roger Taylor stepping up to be the new Junior Vice. I can't thank him enough.

Jim Mosby

FROM THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

Greetings to all post members and their families. I want to start off by saying we are always in need of volunteers for the different events the post puts on. It is really important to help volunteer. You get to meet more people so come and volunteer. There are always signup sheets posted on the glass window by the Adjutant's office. As we get into summer, please remember to take care of yourselves with plenty of hydration and sun screen.

Jason Shanahan
Assistant Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi All,

The weather has finally broken and with the good weather we have had 2 successful Cruise Nights. If you haven't made it to any this year, come on out. Nice cars, good food, and 60's music. How can you go wrong? Remember they are the 2nd Wednesday of every month through September.

And now for our biggest fundraiser. Come out on August 17th and help support the Back the Blue Northern Illinois and Support your Local veterans Rally. It starts with beautiful police escorted ride through Kane County and ends back where we started, the Post. The band Wind Gypsies will start playing at noon. There will be food for purchase, raffle baskets and a silent auction. So please if you can come out and support a great cause, please do. Last year through all our fund raisers we were able to donate \$7,000.00 to different veterans and Back the Blue organizations. And as always, if there is an event that you would like us to support, please feel free to let me know and I will bring it up to the group.

Thank you,
Jim Looney
Director ALR

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hi All,

Summer is here and the SAL car show fundraiser is at Culvers in South Elgin August 10th from 11-4. Please come out and support the SAL by eating some good food. Members of the Sons will be greeting customers at the doors. We will receive a percentage of the sales for the whole day. Also, the Post installations will be on August 9th at 7PM and the Post Picnic is July 27th from Noon to 4.

Now that the business is out of the way, let's talk about what you might have missed. The Kentucky Derby party was another huge success, and a great time was had by all. If you were there, then you know. If you weren't, you have to ask yourself, "why not?" lol.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. For the SAL members attending the meeting, we will have pizza at the end of the meetings beginning July. Compliments of the SAL.

Thank you,

Jim Looney

SAL Commander



Want to keep informed of Post 57 news and events???

Please go to our website at: <https://alelginpost57.com/post-57-home>

Our website is updated regularly, and you can see what is happening with our post. You can also go to the section that lets you subscribe to our mailing list and receive email updates.

Also visit us on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ALElginPost57/>



Post 57 Webpage



Post 57 Facebook page



American Legion Post 57 QUEEN OF HEARTS!

QUEEN of HEARTS WORTH Almost \$10,000.00 (As of 06/18/2024)

Post 57 continues its Queen of Hearts program on Monday nights along with Karaoke. Tickets will be available at the Canteen during regular business hours and will be sold up to 15 minutes before the drawing at 8pm. Net Ticket sales will be added to the remaining Jack Pot for the next week's drawing. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 (sold in \$5.00 lots only) and participants can purchase as many tickets as they want.

In-House Special Mondays 10am —10pm 18 tickets for \$10.00

Tickets need to be purchased (cash only) in person at the Post 57 Canteen and participants must be at least 18 years old to play. Participants do not have to be present to win. This program is open to the public.

Join us for the raffle and Karaoke starting at 7pm.

Plus

No  Plus or Beer Sausage in July or August. Both start back up in September. You can sign up for  Plus with your bartender. Membership of the American Legion is no longer a requirement to join this year.

Terry Cummings

 Plus

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT

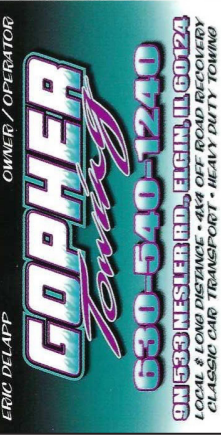
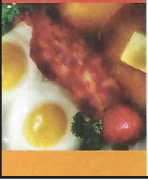
Hello Post 57 members,

This letter to you is very moving for me because this is my last one as your post adjutant. I hope that I find you all well and that my service to you has been the successful mission I was hoping for because my job has been to serve you. However, my responsibility to the post will never be complete since I am stepping up as the Senior Vice Commander. I hope to be just as accommodating to you in this capacity.

One thing in this closing letter that I would like to pass on to you, once again, though, is team work. We are the second largest post in the district which, that being the case, we should have enough members pitching in to help with the many events that are generated by the post. These events are for the benefit of all the members. That's how we claim success. So, if you can spare your time and help, please pitch in. As of now, we are getting the same 4 or 5 percent of the post who volunteers. And they get tired.

With that, I must close, but I look forward to my continued support to the post Legion family. As always, from me to you, Semper Fidelis, always faithful.

Carol Fowler
Adjutant

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**Live Music: Wind
Gypsies**

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Raffle Baskets 50/50

**August 17, 2024
8:00am Reg
10:30 KSU**



BIKE \$30 PASSENGER \$20

**LUNCH INCLUDED W/RIDE: BURGERS/BRATS/HOT
DOGS/SODA/WATER - CASH BAR - DOOR PRIZES -
SILENT AUCTION -
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AMERICAN LEGION POST #57 FAMILY PICNIC

July 27th from Noon to 4

**Volunteers
Needed!**

Raffles, games and more!
Good food, great prizes!
Come join the fun!

**More details
Coming soon.**

Post 57 kindly requests
Your RSVP by July 20th.
Please let us know the
number of people in your party.

Please RSVP to 847-741-2358 or alelginpost57@yahoo.com



Members Who Have Passed on to Post Everlasting

Ken Bovin - Army
Veron Pate, Jr - Army



"May they rest in peace..."

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





POST 57 RED FRIDAY PROMOTION

Wear Post 57 Red T-Shirt or Sweatshirt

BUY YOUR FIRST DRINK AND GET ONE FREE

(FIRST DRINK ONLY)



Front



Back

T-SHIRT: \$20.00

SWEATSHIRT: \$25.00

See the Adjutant or Bartender to purchase your Shirt.



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

- 4 - Independence Day
- Elgin parade 9am
- 10 - ALR Cruise Night 5-8pm
- 10-13 - Department Convention
- 16 - NO Auxiliary Meeting
- 27 - Post Picnic 12 noon to 4pm

AUGUST

- 9 - Post/Aux/SAL Installation 7pm
- 14 - ALR Cruise Night 5-8pm
- 17 - Motorcycle Rally for Veterans & First Responders
- 20 - NO auxiliary Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 11 - Patriots' Day Ceremony 9AM
- 11 - Last ALR Cruise Night 5-8pm
- 29 - Beer Sausage



WORD SEARCH

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PARADES

PICNICS



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