



Post Scripts



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Commander's Corner Dennis Beach Post #57 Commander



Fellow Legionnaires,
This is my letter of introduction to all members of Post 57. I have been elected to Post Commander. The installation ceremony took place on August 8th. Cmdr. Mark Smith, who has moved to Florida, gave me his full support, and I am very

excited at this opportunity. I am looking forward to meeting all of the Post 57 members, and working with the officers of Post 57, and collaborating with the Sons of the American Legion, The Auxiliary, and The American Legion Riders, and all the committees of Post 57.

I joined the U.S. Army in Feb. 1974, with basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO., and then A.I.T. in Ft. Huachuca, AZ., to become a Ground Surveillance Radar Operator, which was the 17K20 M.O.S. After 6 weeks there, it was off to Schofield Barracks, on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, where I spent the bulk of my service, before separating in 1977.

I have been married to Charmaine since Oct. of 1977. We have 2 daughters, Keri, and Jessica, and the 3 grandchildren they have blessed us with. You may have already met my family, as they have been to numerous Post 57 events.

I turned 68 on Nov. 17th, 2024, and retired on April 4th, 2025, after 35+ years of sitting behind the wheel of an 18-wheeler, with my last 20 years driving locally, at the Estes Express Lines terminal on the corner of Rt. 20 and Lambert Ln. Driving a big truck was a passion of mine since I was in elementary school, and I got to live a dream.

Before coming to Post 57, I was a member of

Dept. "2910" Post in Bloomington, IL, basically just to be a member of The American Legion. I had not picked a Post for 10 years, until retirement was getting close. This past Nov. 11th, 2024, I showed up for Queen of Hearts night, and declared to Cmdr. Smith that I wanted to sign up at Post 57. Just after retirement, I became a proud member of the Honor Guard at Post 57.

On May 8th, 2025, I was asked by the Nominations Committee of Post 57 to accept the nomination for Post Commander. Although I have no experience, and have not "come up through the ranks", I have accepted this challenge, and I am ready for it! Considering the support I will get from the current Post 57 Officers, my chosen Adjutant, and the other active groups of this Post, their Officers, and all Members of Post 57, it should make this transition much easier.

My vision for Post 57 in the coming year is to focus on growing the Membership of ALL the groups of Post 57, and to foster volunteerism within the Post. Volunteerism is a core value of The American Legion at all levels. I am looking forward to making Post 57 even better in the coming year, with your help. I hope to meet all the members of Post 57! Stop by, say hello, maybe have a refreshment at the bar, and possibly offer some advice, or ideas how we can make Post 57 better in the coming year. If you are a Post member, come to a Post meeting, which is held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Post 57 IS YOUR POST! Please check the enclosed calendar to choose and enjoy an upcoming event, or to volunteer to help at an event. I hope to see all of you at Post 57 in the near future. Thank you for your service, and I appreciate your support of Post 57!

At your service.

Dennis R. Beach

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224-201-5537

From the Senior Vice Commander Carol (Gunny) Fowler



Hi, all,

As the Senior Vice Commander, it is my job to oversee post membership. It is a well-known fact that the national American Legion membership is decreasing. One reason for this happening is that the number of older members is dramatically going down,

and it is difficult to get younger people to join. But there is also a problem with renewals. There seems to be a lack of interest there, as well.

Case in point: The American Legion membership numbers have fluctuated since 1920. In 1925, the lowest number of national members that my research has found was **609,407**. Then, by 1946, following World War Two, the Legion had its highest number of members ever, topping out at **3,326,556**. Illinois took credit for **223,782** of those members. By the year 2000, the nationwide numbers slid down to **2,699,141**. By 2017, the national membership for the first time since 1925 dropped down below two million. The numbers have continued to decline annually, since then, losing **477,264** members. In 2024, the total number of members nation-wide was **1,487,214**. Illinois membership had fallen below **65,000** members.

There has been a glimmer of hope, however. The latest figure for 2025 was **1.6 million** members.

Whatever the reasons are, there is one common question that bonds young and old:

Is this an organization worth saving?

If members or nonmembers are unclear as to the extreme importance of keeping the American

Legion active, let me bring awareness of some of the veteran benefits that came into existence with the founding of this organization.

- Assistance with Veteran Assistance healthcare
- Service Officer
- VA health claim backlogs
- Veteran career opportunities
- Supports VA vet centers
- Backbone of the VA healthcare, which is an enormous benefit
- Better government funding for VA healthcare
- Volunteering for numerous events
- PACT Act
- GI Bill benefits
- VA home loans
- Mental health
- U. S. border security
- Suicide prevention
- Ending veteran homelessness
- Veterans' quality of life
- Final respects for deceased veterans
- Heroes to hometowns
- Transition assistance
- Financial planning

And the list doesn't stop there. A more detailed description of all these benefits can be found on the internet.

It's very important that these points be seriously considered. Veterans must have access to all the available advantages. It is a matter of our very existence. Literally.

One last thought. If you have any suggestions for activities or ideas that you think might improve the quality of life at Post 57. Thank you very much. And please. Think about it.



From the Finance Office David Johnson



Greeting everyone, I'd like to introduce myself as the new Finance Officer as of Aug 8th, 2025. A little about myself, I served in the Army from Jan 2013 to Jan 2018 as Infantry Active Duty. I have been to South Korea twice once as a deployment and the other as a re-enlistment. I look forward to working with the post and everyone in it. Bear with me for the first few months as I am new to all this.

From the Junior Vice Commander Roger Taylor



Hopefully you have been at the Post recently and have seen some of the changes. Maybe you have even talked to people and heard what is coming. The first thing that has been long coming is our automatic

doors...with a press of a button entrance is enabled. Then you walk into the foyer and some redecorating has been going on. As you walk down the hallway to the canteen you will see the bulletin boards have been updated. The left side dedicated to the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Riders. The right side for the Post.

But the changes aren't just in the Post. A new committee is being formed that will be headed by Carol (Gunny) Fowler and Sharon Christenson. They are pursuing an idea to get entertainment back in the Post other than for our usual dinners...opening it up to the public and charging admission so it is self-sustaining. If you are interested in working with them to pursue this, please contact either of them to let them know you are willing to help.

We are working on updating the website so it more like a website and less like the Facebook Page. It will be a place where you can go and get information on what is going on. Each Legion family will have their own page...the Riders, the Sons, and the Auxiliary, so like the new bulletin boards, there will be a place you can get updated and current information.

In the meantime, our first activity for September is our Hoedown on Saturday, September 13. Please sign up in the bar by September 7 so we can get a handle on the food that is needed. Come for a fun evening and join in the fun to learn a new dance. The 100+ Club kicks off September 28.

Our big event in October is Oktoberfest on October 4. Have you sold your raffle tickets yet? Jason has more in the office if you need them. On October 18 we are having a Trunk or Treat for the kids from 11-2pm. Come to the Post and open your trunk to hand out candy. For the adults there will be a Halloween Party in conjunction with the Queen on October 27. Come in costume.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post Activities as we start our new year.

From the Auxiliary President Fran Jackson



This is with a heavy heart I start this newsletter. Our treasurer, Linda Fagan, passed away in July leaving a horrible void in our Auxiliary. Not only was she our treasurer, but she was involved with Girls State for many, many years. If you need more information

on her celebration of life, please contact me or check the bulletin board at the Post.

The Bingo people came through again with schools supplies and the ladies of the Auxiliary put them together for 3 different schools and the WMCA. Thank you to all the Auxiliary ladies that came out to count and organize the supplies. It seems when things need doing at the post the Auxiliary is always there to help.

To check on this and other happenings check the hallway at the post. The bulletin board has been divided into 3 sections. Auxiliary is first, then Sons and finally the Riders.

We will again be having meetings in September; please try and make it at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month.

Please read your whole Post Scripts. There is a lot of exciting events coming up in the next few months, and we would like to see more members getting involved. The Post is just a building; the members are the heart and soul of it that keep it running.

From the SAL Commander Post 57 Jim Looney



Hi All,

I want to start out by thanking everyone that came out to the Post Installations. The music was good and who doesn't like cake. We have a great board this year and plan on adding some more events to our calendar. If you have any thought on what the SAL can get involved in, please let us know. We will discuss and see if it is possible for us to do.

Also don't forget to mail in your Octoberfest tickets. Sell one book and your dues are paid for the 2025. And if you can't sell them, it only make sense to buy them yourself and have a chance to win some extra cash. That is what I did last year and won \$100. Hope to see everyone soon. Don't be a stranger, come on by the Post and say hi.

Post #57 Welcomes New Members

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

Scott Ray – Nat'l Guard

*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. We had to cancel the Post Picnic because we didn't have enough volunteers. We sent out the Octoberfest Raffle Booklets. The letter had a typo; it's not for the 2024 but the 2026 membership year. Remember the first booklet cover your membership. Thank you to everyone, and I hope everyone stays safe.



Saturday, October 4, 2025

6 pm – 10 pm

Dinner Dancing Raffle Prizes

*Menu: Roasted Chicken,
Pork Schnitzel w/grilled onions,
German Bratwurst w/grilled onions
and sauerkraut on the side,
German Potato Salad,
Mixed Vegetables, and Coleslaw*

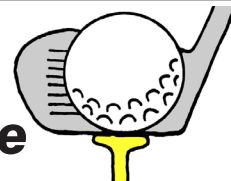
Special Octoberfest Beer will
be available for purchase.

Tickets: \$25

Please reserve your spot by September 26

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Elgin American Legion #57 Golf League



As the Post Scripts article submission deadline approached the 58th Legion Golf League Season was entering its' final week of play. Earl Donoho held a one-point lead over Steve Thoren in the "A" Division. Half of the "B" Division was within "striking" distance to win championship. The leader, Kurt Eilrich, held a slim 5-point lead over the six members. Declared "C" Division Champion, Al Schmidt had a whopping 18-point lead. Members were looking forward to their end-of-year tournament and banquet held on Saturday, August 23rd. The season's results will be reported in the next Post Scripts. The league is composed of 10 members in each of three divisions. However, there were only 29 players on this year's roster. The "A" division played with 9 players. Competing weekly, the members want dedicated golfers for its' 59th Season in 2026.

For membership, see the sign-up sheet on the Post bulletin board. Or you may contact league secretary Earl Donoho, 847 802-2748

Remember

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

From the Director ALR: Jim Looney



Hi All,

We just finished our main fundraiser, our Rally. If you missed it, you missed a hell of a good time. We had great baskets, superb silent auctions, fantastic food, and amazing music. This was one of the best. And this couldn't have been done without all the volunteers. So, thank you to each and everyone who took time out of their schedule to help and help keep my stress level down.

Also, we had great weather for our Cruize Night. We had a great turn out for that as well. Speaking of Cruize night, our last one is September 10th. Come on out and help support your ALR along with enjoying some good music, great cars, and as always fantastic food.

You ask what's coming up, well we have several rides, along with rides that support other ALR groups such as LITH, Sycamore, Elburn and possibly Lockport, along with planning a weekend ride.

We will be raffling off a Spirit Weber Grill. You should see flyers out soon and will be raffled off at Octoberfest. Speaking of Octoberfest, tickets were sent out; let's get those in. Don't forget the first book you sell pays for your POST membership.

After reading this you should be saying wow this group keeps busy, and as I like to say, the family has fun together, so it doesn't even seem like we are busy.

If you need our support for a ride or escort, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,
Jim Looney

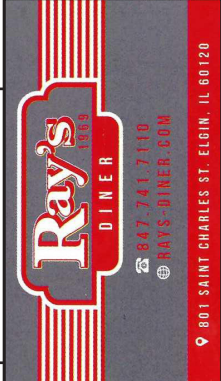
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Please Help in an Information Search

The post received a request for information. Mainly looking for photographs.

If you were a Boy Scout Explorer in 1976 you may be able to help. Were you on a Bicentennial Canoe trip? There were 30 to 40 boys that went from Duluth, Minnesota to Thunder Bay and Ft. Williams in Canada. Mike Hill, a participant on the trip is searching for photos. His photos have been lost.

If you have any information at all, please contact Earl Donoho Post Historian at: **847 802-2748.**

The Queen Needs Help!

Craig Essick is retiring from The Queen when the current Board is closed out. Post 57 is looking for someone to take over as Coordinator for our Queen of Hearts Program

We are looking for someone to take over after the Queen is picked in our current game. Please let any officer know if you are interested. See Craig if you have questions about what is expected.



25-26 Post Officers (but not all of them)

Em Ramangkoun (Sgt. at Arms);
Jason Shanahan (adjutant);
David Johnson (Finance Officer);
Dennis Beach (Commander);
Carol Fowler (Sr. Vice Cdr.);
Roger Taylor (Jr. Vice Cdr.)

Photo By: Keri Ann Medina

Members Who Have Passed on to Post Everlasting

John Cleary



"May they rest in peace..."

100 Plus Club

Beginning Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 am Beer Sausage and the 100+ Club are back. Time for prior 100 Plus members to re-up and new members to join. There will be a drawing for \$100 to all participants. If the person is not at the Legion, only half the money will be given. Cost is \$35 for the 8 months. Please see Gordon Steinway or Bob Cashmore for your entry number and any other details.



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QUEEN of HEARTS
Ticket Purchases available now.
Drawings: Monday Nights at 8:00pm
Final Ticket Purchase at 7:45pm
Tickets: 6 for \$5.00 (Only Cash)
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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.

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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

T-SHIRT: \$20.00



Back

SWEATSHIRT: \$25.00

See the Adjutant or Bartender to purchase your Shirt.

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



From the Past Post Meeting Minutes 80 Years Ago

Earl Donoho Post Historian

“Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.” *Franklin Delano Roosevelt 12.8.1945*. This famous quote from President Roosevelt’s speech given to Congress the day after the attack called for a declaration of war against Japan. There were 3,500 casualties at Pearl Harbor.

The dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and another one on Nagasaki three days later, brought Japan to its knees. After a long and deadly 1,345 days of conflict, Emperor Hirohito announced Japan would formally surrender on September 2, 1945.

The first August post meeting of the American Legion was adjourned after learning of the surrender. The officers & members left the post to join the revelers parading through the streets of Elgin. Following the surrender of Germany 55 days earlier on May 8, 1941, and then Japan’s surrender, the people of the U.S. were jubilant, letting out sighs of relief, a sense of peace, but there were tinges of sadness due to the war’s immense human cost. The start of rebuilding and the establishment of a new world order was underway.

On the home front the American Legion Post #57 Executive Committee voted to support and take part in American Legion Department of Illinois programs welcoming home military war veterans. To plan parties for returning veterans and their families, and families of active service members, the post appointed a planning committee.

The inaugural events started taking place on October 2 with the first at the Elgin American Legion home, and additional post sponsored ‘Welcome Home’ parties held at the Elgin Illinois National Guard Armory. The post appointed a liaison committee to

work with other veteran organizations in the Elgin community to provide support to the returning veterans. This committee reported to the members that the first meetings had produced some excellent results. A motion was passed by members to allow war veteran students attending the Elgin National Watch Company Watchmakers College to use the post canteen. 16.4 million Men and Women served in WWII. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in 2024 projected 66,100 were still living in the United States and 1,000 were living in Illinois.

The Fourth of July Celebration chairman reported a \$10,352.00 profit. Members approved a party for all the post volunteer celebration workers. The Fishing Committee reported on their recent successful fishing trip. Abe Kentwertz was recognized for his work as chief Chef of the post, serving meals to attendees at post functions. The commander presented Abe with an American Legion ring.

Events during September/October 1945

- Our Chicago Cubs lost the World Series to Detroit Tigers.
- First ballpoint pens go on sale in NYC at the end of October
- The first “Bug” in a computer program was discovered. Using tweezers, a real-life moth was removed from a relay and taped into a log book.
- Ho Chi Minh gives a Declaration of Independence speech on September 2, 1945, declaring Vietnam’s independence from France.

And then there is this: A person born on Thursday, September 6, 1945, would be 80 years old this month. If they had started saving a Nickel every day, starting at age 4, they would have \$1,380.00 today.



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day; Post Closes at 3;
No food service
- 10 Final ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 13 Hoedown Dinner & Dance
- 14 Bears' Party in the Canteen
- 21 Bears' Party in the Canteen
- 28 Bears' Party in the Canteen

OCTOBER

- 4 Octoberfest Raffle & Dinner
- 18 Kids' Trunk or Treat
- 19 Bears' Party in the Canteen

- 26 Bears' Party in the Canteen
- 27 Halloween Costume Party in
conjunction with Queen

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

WORD SEARCH

G R L U M O Y W P Z G D F B O
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Hayrides
Tailgating
Leaves
CornMaze
Frost

Octoberfest
LaborDay
Halloween
Pumpkin
Apples
Orchard
PatriotDay

Cinnamon
Harvest
School
Cider
Buses
Fall



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

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





POST OFFICERS 2025-2026

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Secretary.....SUZANNE KING
Treasurer.....SUE FOTLAND
Chaplain.....NANCY FARQUHAR
Historian.....OPEN
Sgt-at-Arms.....NANCY CAREY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deadline is the Saturday following the Post meeting. All letters must be signed to appear in the PostScripts. Thank You!

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