



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES**
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GET IT DONE

Welcome to the Sights and Sounds of summer, I hope all is well with everyone.

Sloppy Joe Fund-raiser Dinner

Spring time in Barrington usually means two things, unpredictable weather and the Annual Sloppy Joe Dinner Event. Our first Sloppy Joe ticket sales day was met with sixteen degree temperatures, high winds and blowing snow. This adverse weather did not stop our Comrades from selling tickets and receiving donations from the generous people of the Barrington Community. Many thanks to our Comrades who served for eighty eight volunteer hours. Their hard work has made for a successful ticket sales campaign. Thanks also to Sloppy Joe Ticket sales Chairman, Corliss Anderson Jr. for his hard work in scheduling the ticket sellers.

Dinner is Served.

Four hundred and thirty five people from our Barrington Community were served Sloppy Joe dinners by a combination of Veterans from North Chicago Veterans Administration Hospital, Barrington High School students and comrades from Post 7706. Many thanks to Sloppy Joe Chairmen Joseph Babos and Larry Kantroski for procuring the Food and Supplies and for managing the dinner event.

Scholarship Awards

On May 20, 2008 two scholarship awards were presented at Barrington High School. The Don Thompson Memorial Award was presented to Benjamin Redpath, who will attend Emory University. The Post 7706 Memorial Award was presented to Kathryn Gerbich, who will attend Notre Dame University. Thanks to Scholarship Chairman Al Koller for working with the Barrington High School staff in determining the winners of this years program.

Poppy Day

The History of the "Buddy Poppy"

The following information was provided by the VFW web site.

Among all the flowers that evoke the memories and emotions of war is the red poppy, which became associated with war after the publication of a poem written by Col. John McCrae of Canada. The poem, "In Flanders's Field," describes blowing red fields among the battleground of the fallen.

"For more than 75 years, the VFW's Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of veterans' welfare and the well being of their dependents.

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The poppy soon was adopted as the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

It was during the 1923 encampment that the VFW decided that VFW Buddy Poppies be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work to provide them with some form of financial assistance. The plan was formally adopted during the VFW's 1923 encampment. The next year, disabled veterans at the Buddy Poppy factory in Pittsburgh assembled VFW Buddy Poppies. The designation "Buddy Poppy" was adopted at that time. Today VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled at V.A. Hospitals.

In February 1924, the VFW registered the name "Buddy Poppy" with the U.S. Patent Office. A certificate was issued on May 20, 1924, granting the VFW all trademark rights in the name of "Buddy" under the classification of artificial flowers. The VFW has made that trademark a guarantee that all poppies bearing that name and the VFW label are genuine products of the work of disabled and needy veterans. No other organization, firm or individual can legally use the name "Buddy" Poppy.

The minimal assessment (cost of Buddy Poppies) to VFW units provides compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies, provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of our nation's veterans. "

In Flanders's Field by Col. John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky, The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the dead.
Short days ago, We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie, In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe To you, from failing hands, we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow, In Flanders Fields."

Many thanks to Chairman Paul Corwin for organizing the Poppy Day Program

New Member

Please welcome our new member Kyle Storzbach. Kyle served in the U.S.Army in Iraq. Welcome to our post Kyle and we look forward to many years of your comradeship.

Memorial Day

The busiest time of year for our post is the preparation for Memorial Day. Twenty Organizations have to be contacted by mail to ensure that they are informed regarding their participation in this important tribute to our fallen comrades. The support of the Community was outstanding as it always has been in past years. Thanks to Memorial Day Chairman Wayne Tegeder for his professionalism and hard work in making this Memorial Day a success.

In addition to the Memorial Day ceremony, Comrades from Post 7706 and American Post 158 placed American Flags at the grave markers of each fallen Veteran at Evergreen Cemetery.

Sixty Second Anniversary Dinner

This years Anniversary Dinner was well attended and the food was excellent. Richard Kutz of the Fifth District, presented the "Table of Remembrance" in honor of all our fallen Veterans and Prisoners of war. Many thanks to Comrade Kutz for traveling to our post and for an enlightening presentation. Thanks also to Comrade Joseph Babos, Anniversary Dinner Chairman for his hard work in organizing the dinner.

New Officer Installation

During our Sixty Second Anniversary Dinner the following Comrades were installed in office.

Post Commander - *George J. Rodosky*, Senior Vice Commander - *James B. Mulvihill*,

Junior Vice Commander - *Paul Corwin*, Quartermaster - *Clarence Hovorka*,

Adjutant - *Adelbert J. Koller*, Chaplin - *Richard T. Bowman*,

Judge Advocate - *Caleb Canby III*, Surgeon - *Robert Block*,

Trustee One Year - *Adelbert J. Koller*, Trustee Two Year - *Richard T. Bowman*,

Trustee Three Year - *Frank J. Perhats*,

Please Give our newly elected Comrades your support.

The Golf Outing

Our 15th Annual Golf Outing/ Fundraiser will take place at the following place and time.

Date: Monday August 11, 2008

Location: Foxford Hill Golf Course.

6800 Rawson Bridge Road. Cary Il 60013.

Please refer to the attached entry blank for more information. If you are not a golfer please pass this information along to a friend. We need more golfers to help make this Fundraiser a success. Ladies are welcome. Also attached is a copy of "Organizations That Our Post Supports" which shows where our fundraiser receipts are distributed.

Membership Dues

Sad news! Thirty of our members have not paid their 2007/2008 Membership Dues

Please pay your dues now. Our fiscal year starts on July 1, 2007 and ends on June 30, 2008



Taps

Chaplin Louis J. Pignatelli ,84 passed away on Wednesday April 30, 2008. Louis served in the U.S Army 8th Air Force as a parachute rigger during World War Two. Louis was Post 7706 Chaplin for many years and was a friend to us all. At the request of the Family an Honor Guard stood at the casket. A Full Military Funeral was conducted in his honor by the Military Funeral Detail from Post 7706. May he rest in peace.

Calendar of Events

Meeting Dates. Meetings start at 7:30 PM

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8 / 7 / 2008	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Masonic Temple
9 / 4 / 2008	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Masonic Temple
10 / 2 / 2008	Thursday	7:30 PM	Monthly Meeting	Masonic Temple

Other important Dates

8/11/2008	Monday	11:30am	15 th Golf Outing	Foxford Hills Golf Course
9/6/2008	Saturday	12 Noon	Freedom Festival	Metra Train Station
9/11/2008	Thursday	7:45am	Patriots Day	Veterans Memorial

Thank You

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