



Post Scripts



820 N. LIBERTY STREET, ELGIN, ILLINOIS

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

Fellow Legionnaires,



The weather is getting warmer, and I am definitely looking forward to Summer arriving soonest. I hope this edition of the postscripts finds all of you in good health. We had a very successful Pride of our Post (POP) dinner and raffle, as well as some great follow-on entertainment from the band 27 West, where we socialized with friends new and old. Mark your calendars, as I hope everyone can make it to the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 12th. This will be a great opportunity to bring Mom out for an awesome breakfast with family and friends early on, and still have the rest of the day to celebrate.

The month of May brings The American Legion Family Poppy Days. After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed this growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a

national program of The American Legion.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

American Legion Post 57 will be doing our Poppy drive May 9-11th as we lead up to Memorial Day at the end of May. Please look for the sign-up sheets by the Adjutant Office so you can sign up for a time and a location to help secure donations. On May 24th, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

In Flanders Fields

*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.*

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

The 2nd running of the SAL Kentucky Derby event will be held on May 4th at 1:00 p.m. Please see the announcement in this postscripts for all the specifics of this event. It was a great time last year, and nothing less than that is expected this year.

The first American Legion Cruise Night of 2024, hosted by the American Legion Riders, will be May 8th in our parking lot from 5-8 p.m. Come out and enjoy classic vehicles of all types and some great food and drink.

As we lead up to Memorial Day at the end of May, please mark your calendars to come out and participate in one of the several programs held around Elgin including Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lakewood Cemetery, Veterans Memorial Park, and the biggest being the Bluff City Cemetery at 11 a.m., all on May 27th. ****Volunteers will be needed at Bluff City Cemetery with the Avenue of Flags on May 22nd and 29th at 0900. Please sign up for volunteer spots near the Adjutants Office.** After the Memorial Day ceremony on the 27th, we will come back to the Post for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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:

Robert Riley – Air Force

Walter Shales – Army

Thomas Rouldes – Air Force

Carrie Finley – Navy

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

SAL

Hi All,

I would like to start by thanking everyone that came out to the Meet and Greet. It was a pleasure meeting everyone. If you missed it, you'll have a chance to meet the officers at our next event which is the Kentucky Derby on May 4th. It starts at 1PM and continues until after the actual derby runs. Last year was a blast! Please come and join us. Check out the flyer in this bulletin for more information. Hope to see everyone at the Derby party.

Thank you,
Jim Looney
SAL Commander

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

Greetings everyone,

Since we have many events coming up, we are looking for volunteers to help with those events. We seem to have the same few people volunteering for things and it would be nice if more could help. As always be safe and take care.

Assistant Adjutant
Jason Shanahan

From the editor

If you have something you would like included in the next Postscripts, please email it to anneessick@gmail.com by June 15th.



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



The weather is warming up, and spring is springing out everywhere. This is a great time to start cleaning out our homes and thinking about donating to wonderful places that help veterans.

We had some of our members bring Easter cards to local nursing homes for the veterans there. It's just one way to remember them and remind them they are not forgotten, and we appreciate what they did for our country.

May is the month we remember those veterans that gave all for us. Try to go to a ceremony honoring them, it's such a small thing to do, after what they did.

The other way to honor our veterans is to get involved, Poppy days are coming also, so wear a poppy proudly. Visit a local American Legion, there are so many opportunities to help, and they are always looking for volunteers.

Your American Legion Auxiliary
Frances Jackson, President

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post #57 will be hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12th, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Bring the entire family for an excellent breakfast. Check out the Legion Facebook page or website for more details.

We would also like to remind you that there will be no Bingo on Mother's Day Sunday and the Post will be closing at 3:00 pm.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

To be held at the Elgin Veterans Memorial Park on June 14th at 4:00 PM.

This annual program is sponsored by Elgin Elks Lodge 737 with the assistance of Elgin Post 57 American Legion. A fine tradition!

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi All,

Spring is finally here, and riding season is starting. Please keep a lookout for flyers at the post for rides that are coming up. Also, with spring here that means our annual Cruise Nights begin. They are held the 2nd Wednesday of May, June, July, and August (May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August 14th). Come on out and see some cool cars along with some delicious hot dogs and brats and the canteen will be serving up some cold drinks. In June we will be providing an escort for the group "A Salute To Our Heroes" on June 7th to Bowes Creek Country Club. If you have any rides or events that you want us to help with, please let me know and I will bring them to the group.

Thank you,
Jim Looney
Director ALR

Members Who Have Passed on to Post Everlasting

Charles Felski – Army



"May they rest in peace..."

POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY

We will be holding our annual Post Everlasting service on Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 PM. We will be honoring all Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders who have passed to the Post Everlasting this past year. Please come out and honor those who have passed.



Post 57
820 N. Liberty Street
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Join us for Derby Day!

Fundraiser Sponsored by
The Sons of the American Legion Post 57

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Post Time 1:00 pm

Raffles, food, fun!

Come support the American Legion and enjoy the festivities leading up to the Kentucky Derby!

Bourbon BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich \$7

(Includes homemade baked beans, Cole slaw, and chips!)

Beverages also available for purchase.

Wear your *best Derby Day Fascinator (hat) and attire!*

You might be given a prize!

See the antique horse race wheel in action!

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AMERICAN
LEGION



Get Updates
by Email

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/>





THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
NATIONAL POPPY DAY®

POPPY DAYS-MAY 9, 10, & 11, 2024

Volunteers Needed

**Elgin Post #57 American Legion will be distributing Poppies in Elgin this year.
 A location and sign-up sheet will be in the foyer.
 The Auxiliary, SAL and Amvets will be assisting.
 If you have any questions, please call 847-741-2358.**



MEMORIAL DAY May 27th, 2023

8:30 AM - Mount Hope Cemetery

9:00 AM - Lakewood Memorial Park

9:40 AM - Veterans Memorial Park

11:00 AM - Bluff City Cemetery

For additional information, please visit www.elginmemorialday.org.



Queen of Hearts RAFFLE



American Legion Post 57 QUEEN OF HEARTS!

QUEEN of HEARTS IS WORTH almost \$30,000 (as of 4/22/2024)

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. Net Ticket sales will be added to the remaining JackPot 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 at 8pm and Karaoke starting at 7pm.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7PM LUNCH 11:30-1PM	2 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	3 FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM	4 SAL DERBY DAY 1PM
5 AUX. BINGO NOON	6 AMVETS MITG 7PM KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	7 HOME ASSN MITG 7PM LIONS CLUB DINNER 7PM METRA ENGINEERS MITG 7PM	8 ALR CRUISE NIGHT 5-8PM	9 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM	10 FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM	11 POPPY DONATIONS 8AM-8PM
12 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST No BINGO	13 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	14 POST MEETING 7PM	15 SAL MITG 7PM	16 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	17 FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISIT 6-8PM	18 CANTEEN MEETING 9AM EUCA MTG 12PM APMA 9AM ARMED FORCES DAY
19 AUX. BINGO NOON	20 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	21 AUX MITG 7PM LIONS CLUB MEETING 7PM	22 ALR MEETING 6:30PM	23 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	24 VETERAN'S BENEFITS DAY 10AM-2PM FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM NATIONAL POPPY DAY	25
26 BEER & SAUSAGE 10-12PM 100+ CLUB 12PM AUX. BINGO NOON	27 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH 12PM No QUEEN OF HEARTS	28	29 POST EVERLASTING 7PM	30 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	31 FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM	

May 2024

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16 FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT NO BINGO	17 KARAOKE 7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 8PM	18 AUX MEETING 7PM LIONS CLUB MEETING 7PM	19 SAL MTG 7PM	20 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 – 7:30PM LIGHTNING 6:30PM	21 FISH FRY LUNCH 11:30AM – 1:00PM DINNER 4-7PM	22
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American Legion Post 57 Elgin, IL

2024

LEGION CRUISE NIGHTS

Wednesdays: May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sep. 11

5-8 P.M.



**Come out and enjoy a great evening of Cars, Food & Music
Hot-Dogs, Bratwurst, Nachos, Chips, and Drinks for purchase**

Motorcycles, Cars, Trucks, Military Vehicles, all are welcome!

Adult beverages available at the Legion Bar

50/50 Raffles, Door Prizes

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Elgin Academy History Request

From John Weck '73

We are sharing the following letter from Alumni John Weck '73 who is working on a personal project and is collecting EA history. Please email John directly with your response. Thank you for helping John with this project. It is important to preserve our history.

Dear EA Friends,

I am reaching out to the extended Elgin Academy community in an effort to compile stories, memories and general information on The Academy and its impact over the course of time. In particular, there is a need for information on those former staff, faculty, alumni, friends and loved ones who experienced any of the following events: World War I, Korean War, World War II, Vietnam, Gulf I, Gulf II, World Trade Center Attacks, etc., Global War On Terror Deployments, Service Trips/Missions to Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, etc. Service Clubs and local humanitarian efforts, Public Action To Deliver Shelter (P.A.D.S.), Other information that you feel is important about EA.

As the former archivist/curator for our school I am excited to begin compiling this history for future generations to learn from and to enjoy. All submissions will be welcomed through August 31, 2024, and may be sent to me directly at: fva2000@aol.com, Subject: EA History

*Thank you so much for sharing your stories and those of our Academy friends,
John Weck, M.A. '73*



Just a reminder, there will be no Sunday afternoon bingo on Mother's Day or Father's Day. Please come out and join us any other Sunday afternoon or Friday night for Bingo.

FATHER'S DAY EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Post #57 will be hosting a Father's Day Cookout on Sunday, June 16th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Bring the entire family for some wonderful food. Check out the Legion Facebook page or website for more details.

We would also like to remind you that there will be no Bingo on Father's Day Sunday and the Post will be closing at 3:00 pm.

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



**AMERICAN LEGION
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST
MAY 12th, 2024
9am to 11:30am**



Treat Mom to a wonderful breakfast...

no dishes to do...

no clean up....

just family time, fun and great food!!!!



For only \$13.00 dollars you can enjoy:

*Made to order Omelets with toast
Or French Toast
Or Pancakes*

*With your choice of :
2 pieces of Bacon
Or 2 piece of Sausage*

Plus: Hash Brown Potatoes

And delicious Coffee, milk, or orange juice.

*\$2.00 Fruit bowl
\$2.50 Mimosas
\$3.00 Bloody Marys
\$4.00 Bahama Mama*

You won't leave hungry!!!!



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 4 -SAL Derby Day
- 8 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 9-11 - Poppy Days
- 12 - Mother's Day Breakfast 9 - 11:30am
- 27 - Memorial Day: Mount Hope 8:30am
Lakewood 9:00am
Veterans Memorial Park 9:40am
Bluff City Cemetery 11:00am
Luncheon at Post 57 12:00pm
- 29- Post Everlasting Ceremony 7pm

JUNE

- 11 - Post Elections 7pm
- 12 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 14 - Flag Day Ceremony
- 16 - Father's Day Cookout 11am - 1pm

JULY

- 4 - Independence Day
- 10 - ALR Cruise Night 5pm - 8pm
- 27 - Post Family Picnic

Help Wanted!

The Legion is looking for volunteers to help place the flags for the Avenue of Flags at Bluff City Cemetery on May 22nd and remove them on the 29th. If you're interested in helping, please call 847-741-2358.



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