



THE LAKE Regionnaire



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
The AMERICAN LEGION LAKE REGION POST 703
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COMMANDERS CORNER

Greetings Legion Family and friends,

We start off with positive thoughts and praying for all our absent and distant members and their families that may be or are in harms ways from Hurricane Ian.

Happy Birthday, Anniversary and or congratulations to all who are celebrating a special event this month.

Now, on a sad note.... **OUR POST IS IN DIRE STRAITS.... WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**

How can you help keep our doors open??? Spread the word about the Post, get members to renew membership, recruit new members, promote hall rental, Post events, Volunteer to work events, fundraisers and especially in the kitchen so that we can have more events... and help sell Raise the Roof Raffle tickets. If every member could sell 10 or more ticket's, we could really move forward with more drawings and getting our roof repaired.

We have the largest facility of all the Posts in Northern Lake County with outdoor and water accessibility and can host so many different events. The key to this success is if we have a good number of volunteers to work the kitchen, act as servers, Raffle and 50/50 tickets sellers as well as help in setup/cleanup. This would help us greatly towards rebuilding our relationship with the community activities and events we use to have. Another way of raising revenue would be having volunteers to help with doing Texas Hold Down events with 10th Dist. We would need at least 4-6 volunteers to help the gaming company for which the Post receives a portion of profit, usually between \$1200-\$2,000. It doesn't cost the Post anything, just the 8-10 hours of volunteering. Naturally the more volunteers available the less hours each one would have to donate. Just a thought on getting easy revenue and still supporting the American Legion and our Post.

Some recommendations we have received include but not limited to Kitchen Dinner type events i.e., Friday-night Fish Fry, Spaghetti Dinners, Sloppy Joe Night, but as well as a Sock Hop, Rock n Roll Oldies, Country Western Ho-Down etc. We already have our Veterans Day and Valentine's Day Dances but would love to expand the variety. We would gladly entertain all suggestions or ideas from our family. However, all this can only be accomplished with dedicated time and support from you, Our Family. I would ask that you provide a timeline for event, materials needed, possibly the upfront cost if any and any rules/guidance for the event(s) you recommend. It doesn't have to be elaborate but a base to start moving forward.

Moving on, as we prepare for the scary month of October, please watch your kids candy this year. The new threat is the rainbow-colored fentanyl. Looks like sweet tarts and packaged in small, clear plastic type envelopes. So double check those Trick or Treat bags.

Now is the time to start or finish that preparation for fall and winter seasons. Get your vehicle's fluids, battery, tires, fan belts, and lights checked; remember those road emergency kits, blankets and snacks in case of breakdown. Make sure that in your home that all exhaust vents are clear from birds, critter's nest or other debris, windows and doors weather strips are

in good shape and provide a good seal and use window seal film to prevent loss of heat and high gas or electric bills. Ensure that you check your heaters, whether electric or gas space heaters are clean and electrical cords are serviceable and not frayed, furnace/heating element air filters and if using gas check for gas leaks and that furnace has unrestricted air flow. Cover those outside faucets to prevent water outlet from freezing and possibly bursting your water pipe. And don't forget to service your snowblower early to avoid getting caught in last minute maintenance as well to stock up on good snow shovels and walkway deicer for your home/property. We want all our Family to be around to share and enjoy the coming holidays as well as next year.

A reminder for our upcoming events: Nov 5th is our Veterans Day Dance and Nov 12th Marine Corps Birthday Breakfast and Toys 4 Tots (see flyers) and our Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 Nov at 1100 AM at Fox Lake, actual location TBD To Be Determined. Need members support as flag bearers for our National n Legion Colors as well as our Branch Flags.

Remember to conduct the "Buddy Check" and let me or Chp Jerry Carlson know if you find someone who needs our assistance.

For God and Country,

Bob "Gabe" Gabriel
CDR/VSO
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Sr Vice:

A friendly reminder about our membership. Please Pay You Membership Dues of \$50 if you have not done so already. We are using this money for the many programs of the Post.

If you would like to reduce the number of times you have to pay your dues. Consider pay for 5 Years. This makes it simple, and your card will be mailed to you automatically for next four years; at which time you can renew for another 5 years if you want. Thank you for your consideration of this program.

Scott Bastean
Sr Vice Cdr
Membership Chair
Post 703

AUXILIARY NEWS

Well, Let's Say Goodbye Summer Hello Fall,

Happy Birthday to All !!!

September was kind of a quiet month. Very few activities have happened. We're keeping positive on months to come. Flowerbed chairman Sue S. still be working on flower beds. Getting ready for fall. Removing summer bulbs and planting some fall bulbs. She still plans to work on Wed morning, from 8 to 10 ish. So, if have any questions or plants for her Please call her. 847-587-2526

Halloween party for Our Legion Family Children. Date has been set for Oct 22. 11-1. Sign-up sheet will be up at the Legion. 0 - 12 yrs old. Members will have to be in good standing for the child to attend. Parent should plan to attend also. Halloween candy donation box will be at Legion too. Please go to Legion and sign up your child or may call Michelle 847-691-2045 for any questions.

As Our VA & R chairman Jackie has been getting ready for Christmas for our Veterans at the VA hospital. To our understanding they are still under lockdown. Cause of Covid. 😞😞 Rather have them be safe than sorry. So, their Christmas is still under where we are doing it at? Any questions or suggestions Please call Jackie 847-962-1030.

New Year has started for 2023 Dues. According to Dept. Your notices were to be in the mail by Sept 15. Sr \$25 Jr \$4. Please call Membership chairman Allie for any questions. 847-710-0809

Be Safe and Healthy. Keep an eye and ear out for your friends and neighbors

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 703
Cathy Berkowski President

Legion Riders

Greetings Riders,

Well, we had what I believe was a good year for membership and a safe riding. Conducting the meetings prior to and with the rides during the summer months seemed to work. We are resuming our 3rd Monday of the month meetings as the riding season is pretty much over except for possibly the Fox Lake Festival of Lights in November. We can discuss our break for the winter at October's meeting.

As Riders we should be focused on promoting the American Legion Family that comprises the Legion Riders. We can accomplish this through visibility in our communities by proudly riding in parades, going to Veteran/charity events, and continued promoting support for our Veterans, Post, and each other. None of this can be accomplished by sitting in a hall. Hopefully you all agree.

We did more rides together this year than we have done in a long time. That was our goal for this past season, and we accomplished it. So now we will plan for next year and hopefully we can reinstate our Burgers and Bikes for the Vets at North Chicago Lovell FHCC.

We did very good in representing the ALR and our Post. Hope to see you on the 17th at 7pm.

Riders Ride Proud, Ride Safe
Russ Gilley
Dir, ALR 703
Fox Lake, IL 60020

Drop Zone Bar - Drink Special's

Monday \$1.00 Small tap beer \$1.50 pint tap beer
Tuesday \$3.00 Vodka Drink (Grey Goose Excluded)
Wednesday \$2.00 Domestic Bottles
Thursday \$1.00 Small Tap beer - \$1.50 Pint tap beer
Friday 50/50 Drawing – Pull Tab Friday
Sunday \$2.00 Domestic Bottles

Drop Zone Bar Fun

October 1st – Music in the bar with Chris Minardi from 3 pm till 6pm.

October 1st – POWW Kitchen Opens at 5:30 till 8:30 pm

October 15 – Gun Raffle and Music with Lucas Matthew

Pull Tab Fridays – All Day Long – Chance to play for Full, Half or .50 cents drinks. How it works? Order a drink
And get a pull tab – open one window and see what it says – Shots are excluded

October 2022

9	SAL Meeting	6:00 PM
10	Ladies Auxiliary	6:30 PM
12	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM
17	Legion Riders Meeting	7:00 PM
26	General Membership Meeting	7:00 PM

November 2022

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