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COMMANDERS MESSAGE



by Commander, Daniel Gallagher

Hello my friends,

Spring is coming but not soon enough!

Post 66 has been very busy in the last month by joining the Chamber of Commerce, giving a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Club for repairs of Memorial Clock, a \$500 donation to St Mary's School and having a new cover installed on our Billiard Table with the American Legion logo on it. Watch out! The pool table plays faster and does not lean to the southwest anymore! A pool tournament will be held soon, so keep sharpening those skills.

The Trustee's organized a spring cleaning of the attic and it is perfect now and will remain that way forever. Thank you, trustee's Karen, Bill, Doug, and Jim, for always going above and beyond with making Post 66 the best! At last month's meeting we discussed many topics and one that we all agreed on was having a formal meeting on our finances this summer. Our club is very fiscally sound, and the post officers want everyone to know how we can financially assist Veterans, children, organizations and families in our community.

Memorial Day weekend is on the horizon and we are prepared for it. We will be working with the local Scout Troops to place flags on every Veterans grave on Saturday, May 29th and Sunday the Honor Guard will visit every cemetery in our community for a remembrance ceremony.

The parade on Memorial Day is up in the air right now. All the kids in our school bands have not been able to practice since last March. However, we will be at Ellwood House with our own historian Michael Embrey, as our honorary guest speaker. I cannot think of a better man more deserving for this title and representing the American Legion on this day.

One last thing... if anyone shops at Schnucks, our legion can receive 3 cents for every dollar spent there. All you have to do is go to customer service and say you wish to join American Legion Post 66 account and you will then be given a card. It only takes a few minutes.

Hope to see you soon and if you need anything, please reach out to me.

Semper Fi,

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AUXILIARY NEWS

by **President, Karen Woods**

Happy spring ladies!

Unit 66 welcomes new members Taylor Mattis, Susan Funk and Jessica Lovett. The Ladies Auxiliary would also like to welcome our new Junior Auxiliary lady, Reagan Kauzlarich. If you see this young lady, please welcome her to Unit 66!

Please try to attend the April 1st auxiliary meeting. We will be going over the bylaws and accepting nominations for Vice President and Sgt of Arms. There will be no meat raffle in April, but we will be drawing winners of the Easter bunny wreath on March 26th.

Don't forget...Lightning every Friday at 6 pm and Queen of Hearts right after!

(Pictured (from left) Jill Olalde, Reagan Kauzlarich, Karen Woods



SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

by **Commander, Patrick Boyce**

The S.A.L. is very pleased to announce that with the help of the American Legion, Auxiliary, and the commitments of the S.A.L., members have once again had over 100% renewals for the past 4 years running.

Congrats to all!

All are welcome to view the award which is located on the north wall



POST MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by **Adjutant, Patrick Nichols**

Member Updates:

- Jim Hubke - New Paid Up For Life Member (PUFL)
- Cohen Barnes - New Member to Post 66
- Gregory Tegtman - Transferred to Post 66
- Lawrence Kohon - Transferred to Post 66
- Dale Broughton - Transferred to Post 66
- Ralph Easterbrook - Transferred to Post 66
- Cody Halvax - New HomeTown Hero

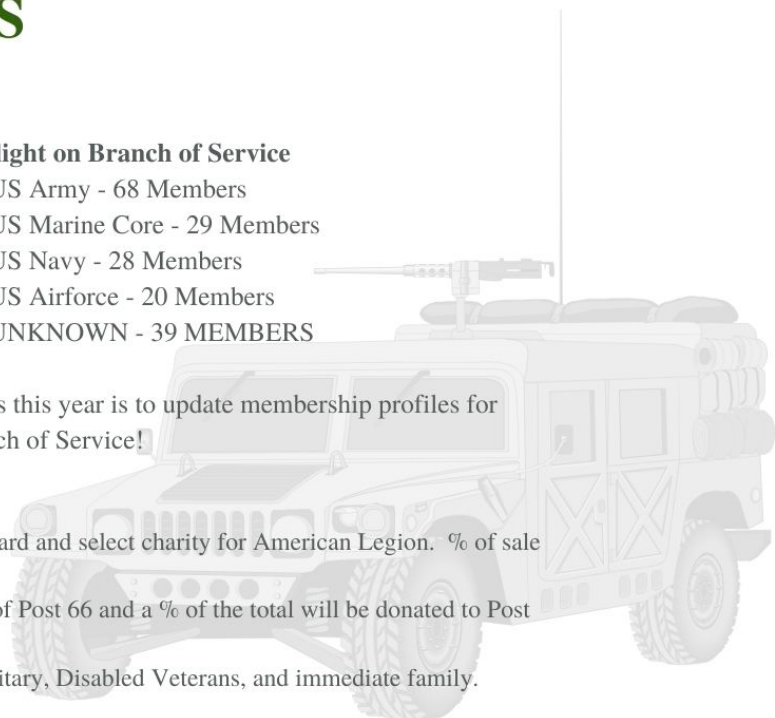
Spotlight on Branch of Service

- US Army - 68 Members
- US Marine Core - 29 Members
- US Navy - 28 Members
- US Airforce - 20 Members
- UNKNOWN - 39 MEMBERS

Focus this year is to update membership profiles for Branch of Service!

Membership Benefits:

- Schnucks Supermarket - get a new membership card or update your card and select charity for American Legion. % of sale will be given to Post 66.
- Bill White's Car Hospital - let them know you are a veteran member of Post 66 and a % of the total will be donated to Post 66.
- Lowes - 10% off year-round to active duty, active reserve, retired military, Disabled Veterans, and immediate family.



TRUSTEE REPORT

by Trustee, Karen Giuliano

March has been another busy month for the trustees. We are always working on making our American Legion a better place. Our desire is for members and guests to enjoy themselves in a nice, friendly environment.

As you know, we became members of the Chamber of Commerce last month. A BIG shout out to Michael Embrey for all of his hard work to make this event a success! Now, more than ever, we are in the public eye. Some who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception, have become Legion members. Let's continue to make our Legion outstanding in appearance, actions, and character. Respect your fellow legion members - even if you don't agree with them. Disrespectful behavior is unbecoming of a legion member. If a problem arises, bring it to a trustee or the Commander. We will do our best to fairly sort issues out. Let's continue to work together to make our Legion fun, safe, and a reputable place to visit!

Some changes have been made around the Legion this month. First, a book stand has been placed by the front door. This holds our guest book and books for a book exchange. (A quick note about guests: when a guest is invited into the Legion, the member who invited them should pay for the guest's drinks. This is so we will not have issues with the sales tax. As members, we do not pay sales tax on our beverages, but a guest would have to pay sales tax.)

We have added new solar lights to our patio. Thank you Jim Hupke and Doug Massier for installing them! They look great! On March 13th, we did an attic clean out. Our attic is now very tidy and organized. Who knew we had so much space up there???. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help. We accomplished a lot and enjoyed delicious pizzas, reuben and beef rolls.



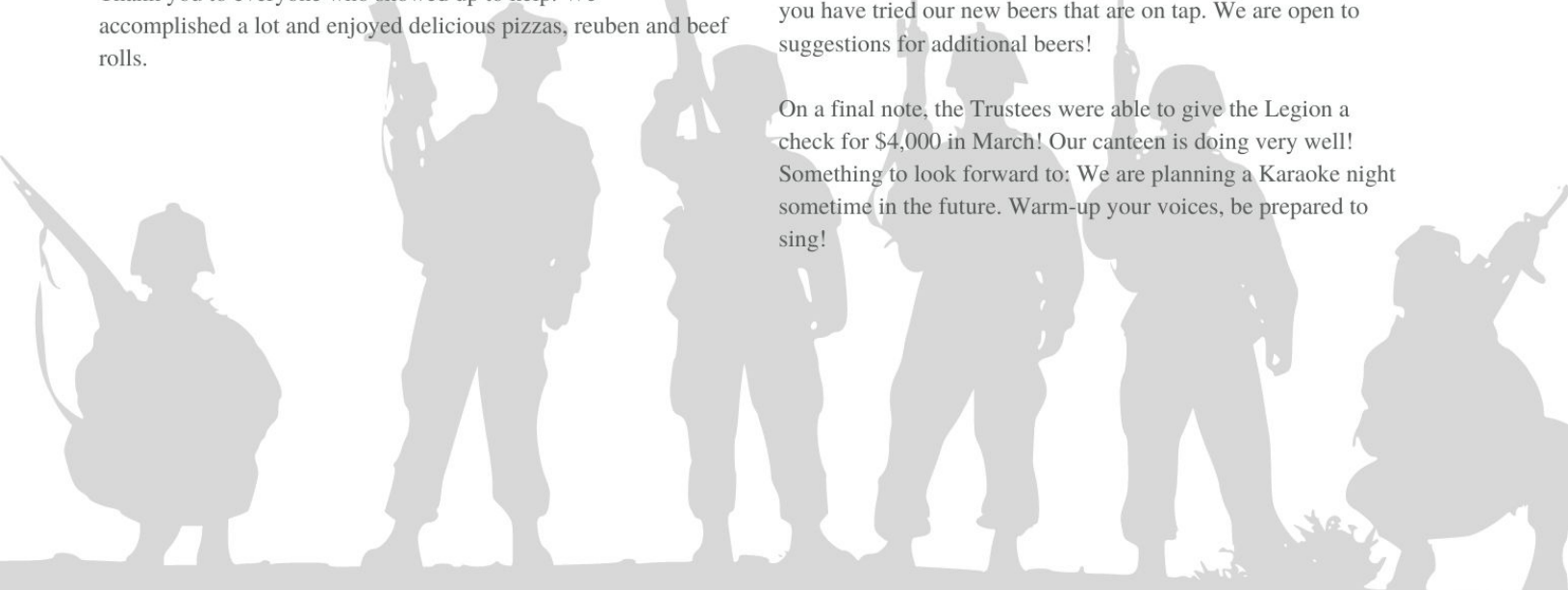
A big change is the work done on the pool table. The American Legion logo looks amazing!! The table is level now and has side pockets so the pool balls will no longer fall through. The corners of the table are not yet finished; a search is being made for new corner pieces. Please don't sit on the table or set drinks and food on it. The new pool table cover has arrived. Thanks for helping take good care of the table!

Winter is on its way out, but we have decided to keep the current parking rules in place. The parking flows so much better with trucks only parked on the east side of the lot.

A big shout out to our bartenders: Chris, Jess, Brandon, and Valtricia!! They are doing a terrific job. Our bartenders have control of the bar when working. They are the authority when on duty. Respect them and their position. We will continue to work with them on adding drink specials here and there.

On St. Patrick's Day, we enjoyed green beer and shamrock shooters! Margarita's will be featured on April 1st. We hope you have tried our new beers that are on tap. We are open to suggestions for additional beers!

On a final note, the Trustees were able to give the Legion a check for \$4,000 in March! Our canteen is doing very well! Something to look forward to: We are planning a Karaoke night sometime in the future. Warm-up your voices, be prepared to sing!





HISTORIAN REPORT

by Michael Embrey

"The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin"

At Military and Veteran funerals there are three main components. Folding of the Flag from atop of the coffin, three (3) volleys of seven (7) fired from Honor Guard rifles and the playing of TAPS.

These activities are to show the pride of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms. We hope you take the time to read this. To understand what the flag-draped coffin really means (as posted in various publications).

Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon the veteran's coffin and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers, or family members, Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but this is a description from another source:



- The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.
- The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.
- The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.
- The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in the time of war for His divine guidance.
- The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'
- The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.
- The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.
- The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.
- The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were firstborn.
- The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrew's eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christian's eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nation's motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges, and freedoms they enjoy today.

DeKalb Military Hometown Heroes Banners to Return

The “DeKalb Hometown Hero” banners program will be returning to downtown DeKalb this Memorial Day. The “DeKalb Hometown Hero” program is a joint project of the DeKalb American Legion Post 66 and the City of DeKalb.

This program was created to pay tribute to the brave men and women from DeKalb, Illinois who are serving, have served, or have given their life to our country in one of the United States Armed Forces. The Hometown Heroes banners will be displayed on Locust Street in Downtown DeKalb.

"Each year we have an opportunity to add additional banners as part of this project", commented American Legion Commander Daniel Gallagher (USMC Veteran). "These banners feature the Service’s members name, photo image, military branch, and rank."

"The deadline to be considered for 2021 submissions is April 10th," stated Legion Banner project coordinator Michael Embrey (USAF Veteran). "Our goal is to have previous Veteran banners (59) and new banners ready to hang by Memorial Day."



Qualifications:

The individual to be recognized must reside or have resided in the City of DeKalb and call DeKalb their hometown. Individuals must have served in any of the following branches (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard) and must also meet one of the following conditions:

- Currently, be an active service member
- Be an honorably discharged veteran (DD214 Required)
- Died in the line of duty

To register for a banner, simply request and complete the Application Form and the Release Statement. Return your completed forms along with the requested information and your payment (once approved) to:

DeKalb American Legion Post 66 Attention:

Post Commander Commander - (815) 756-4551
 1204 S 4th St - DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Please Note: Due to the limited number of locations available, a selection committee, appointed by the Post Commander will accept applications and review the application to include both current serving military and veterans from the various branches. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis by the Military Veteran selection committee.

Once the application is verified, the Commander will notify the applicant/family of the approval and have the banner created. Once a selection is made the military member or veteran family will be contacted and the \$100.00 fee and other information will be required.



LOL

Perry: I heard you went to trial for stealing someone's luggage!

Sherry: Yes, but they let me go. It was a briefcase!

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Mack: I heard you have a good roof joke. Can I hear it?

Jack: Nope. It's over your head!

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Worker: Boss, we gotta talk. Three other companies are after me and I deserve a raise.

Boss: Three other companies? Which three?

Worker: Gas, water, and electric!

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How much training do you need to become a trash collector?

Not much. You pick it up as you go along.

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Why did the masseur get fired?

He rubbed people the wrong way.

April HAPPY Birthday

- Angie frye
- Madison Frye
- Sandy Jenkins
- Renee McGuan
- William Warren
- Amanda Darnell
- Elizabeth Gent
- Frank Zanazaro
- Jesus Arteaga
- Marshall Boyle

Who wore the "Carrot" top the best?



OR



Members in Distress

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers

DONNY JENKINS



SUN 1-7 PM	MON 3-9 PM	TUE 3-9 PM	WED 3-9 PM	THU 3-9 PM	FRI 3-11 PM	SAT 1-11 PM
\$2.50 Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers 1-5pm	\$1.25 Mugs 3-7pm 		\$2.00 Well Drinks 3-6pm		 Lightning 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	\$5.00 Pitchers 1-5pm 
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				Auxiliary Mtg 5:30pm \$2.00 Margarita's		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 Easter Sunday Open at 1:00 pm						SAL Meeting 12:00 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Post 66 Meeting 6:00PM		 May Newsletter Deadline	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					 May Newsletter Printed	