



# Highland Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 4737 NewsGram

P.O. Box 47, Highland Park, Illinois 60035  
Meetings at Wooden Nickel, 444 Lakeview Ave., Highwood IL  
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July 2018

*Honor the Dead by Serving the Living*

**POST WILL MEET: On Thurs, July 12, 2018, 7:00pm** at the Wooden Nickel, 444 Lakeview Ave, Highwood, IL. Future mtgs: Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11 and all second Thursdays of the month, unless otherwise notified. The Post will provide after-meeting fare from the Wooden Nickel menu.

**Main Agenda Items:** David Kunz will pick up the gavel for his first meeting as our new Commander. Also, it's the end of the fiscal quarter. Trustees Bill Gansberg, Chris Meyer and Aaron Peaslee are needed to review the Post's financials.

**70th LOVELL FHCC ANNUAL PATIENT CARNIVAL:** The weather gave us a break for the 70th Patient Carnival at Lovell FHCC on June 19. The weather was great. A new grill was fired up, with all burners working. The Post looked like it would be short handed on the grill, but Jim Brown answered the Post "SOS" and displayed amazing prowess on the grill for a newbie. Thanks Jim!!! You bailed us out.

Also appearing for another episode of gastronomic mayhem were Richetta Iovino and Isabelle Sanders. Pete Quilici filled in as needed. And thanks to the volunteers provided by the US Navy and Lovell.

We lost count of the dogs and brats we cooked and served with all the fixings. More than 400. Volunteers from other organizations provided drinks, snacks and games. It's not as big as it once was, but the patients still enjoy getting out of the wards, and the staff also enjoys the diversion.

**15th ANNUAL LOVELL FHCC CARE SHOW ON SATURDAY, JULY 21:**

THIS IS THE BIG EVENT. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

The Patient Carnival is just a warm up. If the weather is good, automotive enthusiasts will display as many as 200 antique, classic, specialty and high-performance cars. Just like the Carnival, we cook and serve brats and dogs with all the fixings to patients and staff, but we also serve car owners, their guests and visitors.

Vehicle owner registration starts at 11:30am, and we should be up and running by then. That means being on-site by 10:30am or thereabouts. We need at least 2 on the grill and three to serve, with a couple of folks in reserve to fill in as needed. The more folks we have the easier it is on everyone, and a good turnout allows our workers to socialize a bit and look around at the cars on display.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILTY WITH PETE QUILICI. CONTACT INFO AT BOTTOM OF NEXT PAGE.

**POST MARCHING SQUAD LEADS HIGHLAND PARK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE:** Our Post turned out five volunteers in uniform on July 4 to carry the US Flag and Post Colors as lead group in the annual Highland Park Independence Day Parade down Central Ave. Those ceremonial, bolt action M1917 Enfields seem to be getting heavier every year. Over 9 pounds empty, no sling. Hard to believe soldiers carried them into battle a hundred years ago. This year's Marching Squad included Greg Detlie, Aaron Ferrer, Joe Heim, Dave Kunz and Pete Quilici.

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIVE DATES:** July 27 (Signing of the Korean Armistice in 1953); September 2 (VJ Day: Japan surrendered, 1945, ending World War II fighting); September 11 (Patriot Day-Remembrance of the 9/11/2001 terrorist attacks on the US); September, third Friday (POW/MIA Recognition Day). Remember to display the flag.

**POST HOSPITAL NITE:** Our Bingo Hospital Nite at Lovell is on hiatus until September. Our next Post Bingo Nite is on Sept 24 at 6:30 PM and on most following fourth Mondays at Bourke Hall, Bldg. #4, Lovell FHCC.

**50th VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION AT CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN ON AUGUST 1:**

The Cook County Dept. of Veterans Affairs is sponsoring a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration at Chicago Botanic Garden on Wednesday, Aug 1, 2018. Buffet Breakfast at 9:00am. Commemoration Ceremony from 10am to 12:30pm. The notice states "Must have served in the military between 1955 and 1975." **The application is available on the Cook County Dept. of Veterans Affairs' website and is due back by 7/13/18.**



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## MEETINGS AT WOODEN NICKEL IN HIGHWOOD



National VFW recently provided the Post with the names of the following four Comrades who are believed to have passed on. The NewsGram located obituaries which had data matching Post records for members who originally joined the Post. Two of the deceased Comrades originated from the Highwood VFW, which destroyed all its records, but it appears likely they have passed on. They are:

**Herbert B. Blackburn** of McHenry, IL on May 4, 2011. Comrade Blackburn joined the Highland Park VFW in 1983. He served with the US Army in Vietnam during 1969-1970.

**William J. Byrne** of Sparta, WI on October 15, 2017. Comrade Byrne originally joined the Highwood VFW. According to the obituary, he joined the US Army in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam.

**Daryl L. McDaniel** of Winona, MN on January 24, 2017. Comrade McDaniel joined the Highland Park VFW in 1991. He joined the US Navy in 1967 and served in Vietnam during 1968-1969.

**Frank John Ponsi** of Northbrook, IL on August 31, 2017. Comrade Ponsi originally joined the Highwood VFW. According to the obituary, he served in the US Army in the 21st Regiment, 24th Infantry Division in Korea. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Korea Service Medal with Three Bronze Stars. He was the brother-in-law of deceased former Highland Park VFW Commander Leo Delgrosso (2002-2003).

*Our Sympathies go out to the family and friends of the departed*

### UPCOMING LOCAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

**All first Thursdays of the month:** Ho Tai Pup Tent No. 67 Scratch.

**All second Thursdays of the month:** Post 4737 meeting.

**All third Wednesdays of the month (except July and August):** Meeting of Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission at Forest City Community Center, 2001 Virginia Avenue, Great Lakes, IL 60088.

**All third Thursdays of the month:** Ho Tai Pup Tent No. 67 Hospital Nite.

**All fourth Mondays of the month (except June, July, Aug):** Post Bingo Nite at Lovell FHCC.

**July 21-**Lovell FHCC Car Show. Post volunteers handle the grill and serving brats and dogs-See details on p.1.

**Aug 1-**50th Vietnam War Commemoration at Chicago Botanic Garden-See details on p.1.

**Aug 19-**Fifth District meeting at Lake Villa Post 4308.

**(Further info on VFW Natl/Dept websites, 5th Dist. Facebook, gen internet search or contact QM Quilici)**

**HO TAI PUP TENT NO. 67 - A brief resume of "Louse-y" News**



**SCRATCH, SCRATCH:** Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4 and all subsequent Scratches (first Thurs unless otherwise notified) will be held at 6:59 1/2 PM, at the Highland Park Police Dept. Training Room, 1677 Old Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL.

**COOTIE HOSPITAL NIGHTS:** Capt. James Lovell Fed Health Care Ctr, Bldg. 134, Bingo and Ward visits, 6:30 PM. Coming dates are July 19, Aug 16, Sept 20 and all third Thurs, unless otherwise notified.

**"KEEP 'EM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE"**

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