



Highland Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 4737 NewsGram

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Meetings at HP Police Dept., 1677 Old Deerfield Rd., Deerfield IL



November 2017

Honor the Dead by Serving the Living

*****NEWGRAM TO CEASE MAIL DELIVERY IN 2018 UNLESS REQUESTED*****

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POST ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

Due to the cost and time involved in preparing a mailing and the readily available digital alternatives, the Post will cease mailing a hard copy NewsGram in 2018, unless you request it in a letter to the Post's PO Box, above, or call 847-763-1793 (Editor's home phone). If you have email, now is the time to advise the Post of your email address at pquilici@ameritech.net.

The Post has a website at www.vfwpost4737.com and a Facebook page. You will find the Newsgram there in addition to email availability in 2018 and maybe sooner.

POST 4737 WILL MEET: On Thurs, Nov 9, 2017, 7:00pm at the HP Police Dept's Training Room, 1677 Old Deerfield Road. Future mtgs: Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8 and all second Thurs. Nov mtg Chef: Greg Detlie.

POST HOSPITAL NITE: Our next Post Bingo Nite is on Nov 27 at 6:30 PM and on most following fourth Mondays at Bourke Hall, Bldg. #4, Capt. J. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

Last month Chaplain Aaron Ferrer volunteered along with daughter Ayiana, and Adjutant Dave Kunz joined us with daughters Emma and Olivia. Also present were Trustee Bill Gansberg and QM Pete Quilici.

HIGHLAND PARK VETERANS DAY CEREMONY: This year's local Highland Park observance will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2017, 11:00AM, at the Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel Avenue.

VA ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER ACT: President Trump signed the bipartisan VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act in June. The legislation created more repercussions and a faster firing process for VA employees, and it lowered the standard for evidence that the VA needs before it takes disciplinary action. For years, the VA has been plagued by mismanagement and inefficiency at many of its healthcare locations. Rooting out bad management has been difficult due to federal civil service protection.

A new case may test the law. In July 2017, the VA fired Brian Hawkins, director of the Washington, DC VA Medical Center for a long list of violations affecting patient care and safety. But the government's Merit Systems Protection Board issued a stay on the removal proceedings, which is often the case. VA Secy Dr. David Shulkin then used the new law to fire Mr. Hawkins a second time on Sept 20, 2017.

The NewsGram has been looking to see whether Mr. Hawkins and the federal bureaucracy will test the firing and the new law in court, but nothing has turned up yet.

*****72nd POST ANNIVERSARY***: RESERVATIONS NEEDED NOW. IF YOU CAN, CALL PETER QUILICI AT 847-997-7662 OR 847-763-1793 OR EMAIL TO pquilici@ameritech.net to reserve. PAY AT THE DOOR. WE NEED A HEADCOUNT.**

The SUNDAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH is on Sunday, **Nov 12, 2017**, at the Schwaben Center (Grove Banquets) in Buffalo Grove to commemorate the organization of our Post on Nov 15, 1945. Assembly at 10:00AM, meal at 10:30AM. **Send in your reservation ASAP.**

Post Anniversary Brunch
VFW Post 4737
c/o Peter Quilici
7501 Kostner Ave.
Skokie, IL 60076

November 12, 2017
Schwaben Center
301 N. Weiland Road
Buffalo Grove, IL
(1/2-mile N of Lake/Cook Rd)

Please make reservations for: () members and wives/lady friends @ \$ 10.00 per person.
() guests @ \$ 15.00 per person

Reservations submitted by: _____
Member's Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Member's Phone Number: _____



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WELCOME TO HIGHWOOD POST COMRADES



IN MEMORIAM: We are saddened to report the recent passing of **former Commander (1975-76) and Life Member Ernest "Ernie" Bischoff**. The family requested we not disclose the date of his passing for now. Comrade Bischoff joined our Post as member no. 381 in October 1951, having served with the US Army in Japan during 1950-51. When your Editor joined the Post in 1993, Comrade Bischoff had been the Adjutant and Newsgram Editor for decades. He started with the Newsgram in '52 when he assisted then Editor, past Commander Lloyd Moon (deceased). At that time, the Newsgram was on a card format. He expanded the format to a longer edition, much like the one published today. He stayed with it until his final edition in June 2002, when the Newsgram was passed on to your current Editor, along with his Adjutant's post. Comrade Bischoff also served for many years as our Hospital Chairman and was active with our Color Guard and other Post activities.

He and wife Eleanor moved in 2014 from Deerfield to live with their son, Michael, in New Mexico. Eleanor passed away earlier this year.

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of the departed

UPCOMING LOCAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

All second Thursdays of the month: Post 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 fourth Mondays of the month (except June, July and August): Post Bingo Nite at Lovell FHCC.

November 11, Saturday: Veterans Day Ceremony in Highland Park. Our Honor Guard traditionally posts the Colors and performs a Bell Ceremony. The Heroes Among Us section is assigned to American Legion Post #145.

November 12, Sunday: 72nd Post Anniversary Brunch, The Grove Banquets and Catering, Buffalo Grove, IL. Assembly at 10:00am, meal at 10:30am.

November 19, Sunday: 5th District meeting at Winthrop Harbor Post. Lunch @ noon; Meeting @ 1:00pm.

December 9, Saturday, Operation Christmas Cheer (OCC) Christmas package wrapping, 8AM, McHenry Post.

December 10, Sunday, OCC @ Lovell FHCC, 11:15AM.

(Info on many events available on VFW Natl/Dept websites, general internet search or contact QM Quilici)

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIVE DATES: November 11 (Signing of the WWI Armistice, 1918-Veterans Day);

December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day, since 1941.); December 31 (End of WWII declared officially by the President, 1946).

Remember to display the Flag.

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

SCRATCH, SCRATCH: Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1 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 Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18 and all third Thurs, unless otherwise notified. **"KEEP 'EM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE"**

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Please feel free to submit for publication news of interest to veterans.

