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& Auxiliary Unit 1941**

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Senior Vice Commander
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Jason Coclanes

Adjutant
PC Al Krenz

Finance Officer
PC Joe Delaloye

Service Officer/Chaplin
Jerry Matuch

As we close this Legion year, it is important to thank those of you that supported the post. Many of you selected to volunteer your time to chair and / or work Bingo, selling Fall Fest raffle tickets, assist with fundraising efforts such as Pancake Breakfast or Spaghetti Dinner (to name a few) or Legion and / or Legion family events, participating in our Honor Guard, distributing poppies and collecting for Gifts for the Yanks. We had many successes this legion year and it was with the assistance of all of you that made it happen! Additionally, we ended the year with **both the Post and SAL Squadron exceeding 100% membership!** Adj/PC Krenz, SAL Commander Gammie, and all of you that assisted with renewing and / or recruiting new members we say "thank you". Also, at the Legion's 1st Division mini-convention (held this year at Coulter post) our post was awarded 2nd place in the state for "Gifts to the Yanks". A special thank you goes out to Walter DeLise, FO/PC Joe Delaloye, EC/PC Don Baumgart and all of you that collected and donated. One hundred percent of the money collected goes to our veterans that are hospitalized or in nursing homes.

Going into the 2015 - 2016 Legion Year: It is an honor to serve as your Commander of American Legion, Robert E. Coulter, Jr., Post 1941 once again. It is my hope that you

Sergeant-at-Arms
Guy Vorsanger

Building Trustee
PC Bill Manders

Executive Committee
Fred Hartman
Wally Pidde
PC Don Baumgart
PC Len Sherwin

will join me in making this year another success. I am counting on each of you because it is evident that our past and future successes have been because of the dedication, hard work and support of you, our members.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you and congratulate our newly elected your 2015 - 2016 Post Officers;

Sr. Vice-Commander, Ray Hodson

Jr. Vice-Commander, Jason Conclanes

Adjutant, PC Al Krenz

Finance Officer, Charles Anderson

Sgt-at-Arms, Guy Vorsanger

Chaplain/Service Officer, Jerry Matuch

Building Trustee, PC Bill Manders

Committeeman, Fred Hartman

Committeeman, Dan Hamilton

PC Committeeman, PC Len Sherwin

PC Committeeman, PC Don Baumgart

Investment Account Committee (Elected at Large)

PC Joe Delaloye taking Fran McMonagle's term - 2 years

Pete Viramontes - 3 years

Joining Five Existing Members

Al Dahm Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee (Nominated by the NC)

Dan Hamilton - 2 years,

Therese Anderson - 2 years

Joining Three Existing Members

Congratulations are in order for newly elected the 2015 -2016 SAL Squadron Commander Gregg Gammie, Auxiliary Unit President Anastasia Kwit and all of their officers. Let's have a great legion year! I look forward to meeting each you at 2015 - 2016 installation of officers of American Legion, Robert E. Coulter, Jr., Post 1941's Legion family.

We are grateful to all of our past and present veterans, which includes our active duty service members, as we celebrate our county's 239th Independence Day! Happy 4th of July America.



Sr. Vice Commander's Message: Ray Hodson

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Greetings my fellow Legionnaires, I would like to spot light one of the posts more energetic projects, Fall Fest (FF). Yes, FF takes a lot of energy and time. In the near future you will be mailed some chances and a letter pleading for your time and money. If you would like more chances, call the post phone number and we will accommodate you.

The FF proceeds go directly towards running our home, Coulter Post 1941.

We could beg and mooch for the needed funds, however, buying chances and perhaps winning some money is certainly more appealing and fun . Sell or buy a lot of chances and you will be fed a splendid meal at the end of September. Sites in front of selected stores are being secured and we will need some volunteers to promote sales at those locations. I will keep you updated in the future. Perhaps spotlight our ticket buyes/sellers.

Thank you and please make a serious effort to HELP YOUR POST.
We "thank" Todd Hitzeman for underwriting our raffle tickets. (Our friend and sponsor)

A fast and easy way to get your renewal in is with the online renewal process. Click here or enter www.legion.org/renew . It is simple, easy and secure. Please be sure you have your legion ID number, which can be found on your membership card or renewal notice.



Jr. Vice Commander's Message: Jason Coclanes

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Welcome to July fellow Legionaries...

Another quick reminder on the Ways and Means committee (WAME). The committee will have regular scheduled meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:00 in the Post's Club Room (basement). Our next meeting is July 10th. If you'd like to become a committee member, please send me an email or you can call me. We are always looking for fresh ideas to allow us to keep on with our mission.

The focus for the June WAME meeting was to establish the plan for this year's Fall Fest fundraising and dinner. Update on the 2015 Fall Fest:

- Ticket Sales:
 - 3 locations for volunteer sales - Countryside Jewel, Brookfield Tischler's, and LaGrange Blueberry Hill.
 - There will be a total of 12 selling weekends (weather permitting). The first weekend will be Friday and Saturday, July 10th and 11th respectively.
 - The goal is to ask less of our volunteers. That said, we will only sell tickets at each location 4 weekends total.
 - A sign-up sheet will be provided at our next Legion meeting. In the meantime, if you have a weekend that would work best for you, please call or email myself or SVC Ray Hodson. We will also be reaching out to our members for volunteers.
- Corporate Sponsorship Program:
 - As in years past, we will be reaching out to the organization whom have traditionally donated to the Fall Fest.
 - New this year, there will be a Corporate Sponsorship program where additional incentives will be put in place to encourage more donations from local businesses. The WAME asks that each member recommend one local business. Details to follow shortly.

Legion Social Meetings - Now that we are in a new fiscal calendar, I am looking for guest speaker suggestions / entertainment for our social meetings. To date, the District 105 Band is confirmed. We have several open slots. Please send me an email or call.

In closing, we are still looking for a new **Bingo Chair**. If you are interested in serving as chair, please send myself or Ray Hodson an email and we'll provide you with more details on the position. As well, we are always looking for Bingo helpers. We can never have too much help during Bingo Mondays. Bingo is one of the Post Home's most important fundraising activities, let's keep this tradition alive.
Thank you and have a wonderful and safe July.



Adjutant's Message: Al Krenz
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All Post members listed on the nominating committee report published in the June newsletter were elected at the annual meeting held June 17th. I will be serving another year as Post Adjutant.

As Adjutant, one of my responsibilities is overseeing Post membership activities. As a result of an unexpected need to shift several officer positions due to a resignation early in the Legion year, I assumed total ownership of our membership program. I'm happy to report that the Coulter Post ended the Department membership year on June 19th with 383 members or 101.06%. I can say it was a real struggle to get people to renew in a timely manner. Why some of our members continuously wait until the last few weeks of the membership year is beyond me.

At the First Division mini-convention held at our Post on June 6th, it was stated that National is going to raise membership dues for the new Legion year. This would be voted on at the upcoming national convention being held August 28th - September 3rd. **Since the initial dues notices are sent out early July, you can avoid the dues increase if you renew prior to the convention dates.** While I can't say how much the increase will be, why not renew at \$35.00 rather than some (yet unknown) higher amount?

I look forward to serving the Coulter Post and its membership for another year as Adjutant. I also look forward to seeing you at our meetings and at our social events. Should you need to contact me, you may call at [708-352-0751](tel:708-352-0751) or E-mail me at akrenz993@sbcglobal.net.



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Robert J. Prokop, September, 2014

Combined Legion Family News

Veterans Mass on the 4th of July at St. Cletus, 600 W. 55th Street in La Grange.

Mass honors all military personnel. Members of the military, past and present, are invited to wear uniforms and / or other insignia for the **July 4th Mass at 8:00 a.m.** Contact Joe Delaloye for information.

You are cordially invited to attend a "Joint Installation of Officers" which will include the **1941's Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit and S.A.L. Squadron** on Wednesday, **July 15 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Coulter Post.

We will be planning an appreciation dinner for our volunteers. (Details will be sent via by mail.) Thank you all for your dedication and volunteerism to our veterans and post home.

We have been alerted that the Traveling Vietnam Wall will be at the John Olson Post #18 from August 20th to the 24th. Located at 151st Street and Archer Avenue. Anyone that wants to visit the Wall this is a very close location. Names are being added all the time, so check it out if you are out that way.

Son's of the American Legion S.A.L. Squadron NEWS

SAL Commander's Message: Gregg Gammie
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This has been a good year for SAL Squadron 1941. We exceeded 100% membership and we hosted the Chili Cook-Off, our first event ever. I want to thank my officers SVC Don Peterson and ADJ Bill Manders for a great year. Also, I want to say "thank you" to everyone that helped with the Chili Cook-Off. The cook-off was so much fun that those attending want to see it back next year.

SAL Squadron 1941 is planning another fun family event. Family picnic - Brats, Beer and Soda this August 30th. SAL members call me to help make this another successful event!

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY UNIT NEWS

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Happy July and Happy Independence Day, Ladies of the Auxiliary & Legion Family! A special Happy Birthday wish to my fellow July celebrants!

Our newly elected and appointed officers for 2015-2016 are:

President: Anastasia Kwit

Vice President & Historian: Rita Baumgart

Treasurer & Sergeant-at-Arms & Chaplain: Samantha Kwit

Secretary: Dolly Sullivan

Finance Officer: Georgie Socha Kwit

We wish safe travels to our State Convention delegates this month: Rita Baumgart, Dolly Sullivan & Alice Ewert. Be sure to stop by the National Security Display table being manned this year by our very own Rita Baumgart by special request of our Department President, Ann Flanagan herself! Also, we can't wait to find out if our lovely Poppy Scarf turns heads and becomes the new fashion must-have among Auxiliary members!

Speaking of... we still have a handful of Poppy Scarves available for purchase at \$10 each. Please call or email us for ordering details. All profits will support our general fund. Thank you to Rita for donating the material, and thank you to Georgie for sewing the lovely garments!

Last month we heard the wonderful news that longtime Auxiliary volunteer (and soon-to-be member!) Karena Lange was awarded the Mildred R. Knoles scholarship for her continuing college education. We also learned that our Class III Americanism Essay Contest Winner, Christian Coclanes placed 2nd in the State Competition. Congratulations to both of our young award winners, we are very proud of you and wish you continued success!

During our June meeting, we published the 2015 Poppy Days report. All together we had 19 volunteers: 16 Auxiliary members and friends, two Legion members and one SAL member. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS! We collected at the LGBA Farmers Market, Blueberry Hill, Jewel in La Grange Park, Walmart and a Starbucks in downtown Chicago. Over a single weekend, our volunteers collected \$2,213.43!!! The Auxiliary share of funds will go towards our ongoing support of veteran programs and also support another Project Day event next fall.

Thank you to our members who volunteered for the Audit and Constitution Review Committees meeting this summer. Details will be arriving in your in-boxes very soon about your tasks.

I offer a GIANT thank you to Rita for her tireless volunteer efforts and her wonderful support as our Vice President, especially over the past few weeks. Rita always ensures nothing falls through the cracks and represents our Auxiliary with grace and a smile.

Our Unit will be signing up with the Auxiliary's new online membership management tool, ALAMIS. If you have any updated contact info (address, phone number, email, birthday), please let us know so we can ensure everyone receives all the latest information from our Unit and our Department! In fact, drop us a line either way, so we can confirm that we have the correct information to reach you! Use the contact information at the top of our article.

Happy Fourth of July -- please be safe and have an enjoyable holiday! This month we fly the flag especially on July 4 for Independence Day.

For the most up-to-date news about Unit 1941, attend our monthly meetings (September 9, 7pm), visit our website (www.auxiliary.AL1941.org) and LIKE us on facebook! If you haven't been receiving emails directly from the Auxiliary, we do not have your email address! Our list is open to all members of the Legion Family. Please sign up here --> <http://j.mp/elist1941>



Sick and Visitation: Mary Duckett Home: [708-354-6191](tel:708-354-6191)

We have not heard of any member being ill or under the weather. Good! Stay healthy and happy and enjoy our summer.

Legion and Auxiliary July Birthdays

Charles Anderson, 21 John Barry, 14 Richard Bubula, 14
Richard Buric, 7 PP Crystal Deters, 20 Paul Gavac, 8
Edgar Gifford, 24 Natalie Grochola, 23 John Kedzierski, 18
Leon Kozicki, 4 PC John Kregg, 6 Edward Kuchta, 20
George Kuchar, 28 Dylan Latham, 20 James Nannini, 27
James O'Connell, 13 Kimberly Powers, 7 James Scheer, 17
Otto Sherrick, 11 Vivian Stefanini, 2 Fred Stone, 31
James Tablerion, 29 Frelan Underwood, 23 Edward VanderMeulen, 29
Paul Voyne, 27 Ray Waszkowiak, 14

Hire a Veteran

Have a position and want to hire a veteran?
Contact our PAO at coulterpost1941@gmail.com for details.

Coulter Post is seeking a Bar Manager. Candidate should be a team player that is willing to get the job done! This position is responsible for all bar activities / rentals. Scheduling times may vary with each booking which most likely will include nights and weekends. Person must be able to lift more than 50lbs, bend and stand with ease and be able to climb ladders and stand for long periods of time. This is a part-time position. NO phone calls please. Serious candidates are to forward resume to bldmgr@al1941.org

For other job postings click: [Jobs](#) or visit: <http://illegion.org/jobs/>

Calendar of Events

July

Bingo Mondays, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
Wednesday, July 1, Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
NO MEETING FOR AUXILIARY THIS MONTH
Wednesday, July 15, Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 and
Social Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

August

Bingo Mondays, 3rd, 10th, 17, 24th and 31st
Wednesday, August 5 Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 p.m.
NO MEETING FOR AUXILIARY THIS MONTH
Wednesday, August 19, Executive Committee Meeting 6:15 and
Wednesday, August 19, Business Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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Call us at [708-354-3300](tel:708-354-3300) or 708-497-9REC ([708-497-9732](tel:708-497-9732))
(Ask about membership discount)