# **Post 42 Event Costs & Guidelines**

# Membership & Benefits

- Members of Post 42 receive significant discounts on drinks and rental costs.
- It is highly recommended to become a member before moving forward with an event rental, but it is not required.
- You can purchase a membership via our website.

# **Rental Costs**

#### **Basic Costs**

- The rental cost for the space is \$150 per hour for non-members, and \$100 per hour for members. This reserves the main hall on the second floor and access to the bar and lounge.
- We cannot deny Post 42 members entry to the bar/lounge area during regular business hours without a complete buyout. If you are interested in a complete buyout, please let us know.

### **Outdoor Options & Costs**

- There are two outdoor options: the Patio and the South Lawn.
- Patio access and availability depends on The Evans Golf Course, and cannot be guaranteed by Post 42 without their consent. If available, the hourly rental cost will be increased by a minimum of \$100 per hour. The additional fee and availability are determined solely by The Evans Golf Course, and are subject to change.
  - o The South Lawn area is also included with all Patio rentals, at no additional cost.
- The South Lawn rental cost is an additional \$25 per hour. While we do not require the Golf Course's
  consent to utilize the South Lawn, we will need to ensure there will be no conflicting events. Availability
  is on a first-come, first-served basis, and cannot be guaranteed.

### **Hours of Operation & Off-Hours Fee**

- Our current regular hours of operation are:
  - Monday through Saturday 5pm to 11pm
  - Sunday 12pm to 7pm
- For events that occur before or after regular business hours, there is an additional cost of \$50 per hour outside of regular service.
- Our liquor license would allow us to open as early as 9am, and stay open as late as 2am if agreed upon.

### **Taxes & Tax Exempt Status**

- If the party holds tax-exempt status, appropriate paperwork must be received **prior** to the event.
- As all of our drink prices have taxes baked into them, we cannot tax-exempt drinks purchased during the course of the event.
- If tax-exemption for drinks is required, drink tickets must be purchased in advance, subject to all other bar policies.

#### Insurance

- A one-day insurance policy covering the duration of the event is required for booking. This policy must have a minimum liability limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and cover any claims for bodily injury, property damage, or other liabilities. The policy must also name American Legion Post 42 as additional insured.
- If such insurance is not purchased, the event host may be personally liable for any claims, damages, or losses that occur during your event. Failure to obtain insurance will not waive responsibility.

# **Booking, Payment, & Cancellation**

# **Booking**

- To finalize a booking, we require a signed copy of our Rental Contract, which will be sent electronically.
- Additional paperwork may be required under certain circumstances (i.e. utilization of kitchen, tax-exempt organization, etc.)

# Payment & Deposit

- A deposit of 25% of the estimated rental cost will be due 30 days prior to the event, when it becomes non-refundable.
- The remaining balance will be due three days after the event.
- A copy of the invoice will be attached to the contract, and will be sent again separately roughly one
  week before the deposit is due. This invoice will include the payment schedule, itemized cost
  breakdown, as well as links to follow to make payments.
- Payments can be made via credit card, debit card, ACH bank transfer, or Cash App.
- Any additional gratuity included will be paid directly to the bartender(s) working during the event.

#### Cancellation

- Events cancelled more than **30 days prior** to the event date will not be charged a deposit, or will have their deposit refunded.
- Events cancelled 30 to 7 days prior to the event date will be charged only the deposit.
- Events cancelled **within 7 days** of the event date will be charged an <u>additional 25%</u> of the expected rental cost, for a total of <u>50% of the expected rental cost</u>.

# **Bar Costs & Policies**

#### **Outside Drinks & Alcohol**

- Outside non-alcoholic drinks (i.e. pop and juice) are acceptable. We have plenty of coolers and ice to keep them cold, and they may be distributed by the party.
- Outside wine is permitted, but must be kept behind the bar and opened/distributed by Post 42 bartenders. Bottles may be taken back to the event room after being opened and marked by a bartender. There is a corkage fee of \$20 per bottle.
- Outside alcoholic beverages, excluding wine, are strictly prohibited. Bringing in unauthorized alcohol violates our liquor license and the law. Any violation will result in the immediate termination of the event, and the event host will be charged the full amount without a refund. The event will be required to leave immediately, and will be banned from future events. Additionally, if this misconduct jeopardizes our liquor license, we will pursue legal action.

#### Cash Bar

- Drink prices will be based on the membership status of each individual as they order.
- There is no additional cost for normal cash bar operations.

# **Open Bar**

- Drink prices will be based on the membership status of the event host.
- The host may decide what menu items they would like to include from the following list:
  - o Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks, Cocktails, Premium Liquors.
- Any items not included by the host will default to cash bar operations.
- The event host may opt to purchase drink tickets ahead of time. These would be added to their rental
  cost.
  - The event host may disburse these tickets as they see fit, though no more than three per person.
  - o Drink ticket prices will be based on the items included by the host.
  - Cocktails, premium liquor, and shots *cannot* be covered by drink tickets.
- A gratuity of 25% will be automatically added to any open bar tab, or purchase of drink tickets.
- All bar tabs MUST BE SETTLED night of the event.
- Any Open Bar tabs left open at the end of the night will be invoiced separately, and assessed <u>an additional 3% processing fee</u>.

#### **Bartender Costs**

- One bartender will be scheduled to work during the event, at no additional cost.
- Parties that require or request an additional bartender will need to pay an additional fee of \$30 per hour per additional bartender.
  - Parties of 70 people or more will be required to carry an extra bartender for the duration of their event. This requirement is due to both safety and service concerns with larger parties.
  - Use of the patio bar will require an extra bartender.
  - Parties of 150 or more will be required to carry a minimum of two extra bartenders.
  - These guidelines are non-negotiable, and are in place for service, management, and security purposes

# **Event Setup & Cleaning**

#### Setup

- Post 42 does not provide setup for events.
- The party may set up and decorate the main hall as they wish, without displacing or damaging existing wall-hangings, placards, and decorations.
- The party may come in early to set up and decorate. There is no additional cost for this.
  - If the bar is not open during the desired set up time, we can arrange for entry into the building, though the bar/lounge and kitchen will remain inaccessible.

#### **Tables, Seating, Peripherals**

- For event use, we have (18) long rectangular tables, (8) large circular tables, (88) folding chairs, (8) small circular high-top tables, and (28) high-top chairs.
- Additional seating capacity would need to be brought in by the event host.
- We do not have tablecloths available at this time.
- We do not have silverware or flatware available at this time.

#### Cleanup & Fees

- The event party is responsible for cleanup of the event space after the event and returning it to its
  pre-event condition. This includes taking down decorations, storing tables/chairs, and throwing away
  garbage.
- A cleaning fee of \$100 per hour (minimum one hour) will be assessed in the following cases:
  - Cleanup is inadequate, garbage and decorations not taken down or thrown away;
  - Excessive spilling of drinks or broken glass on the floor;
  - Bodily fluids of any kind anywhere besides a toilet.
- The party is liable at cost for any physical damages caused to the property.

# **Food Policies**

### **Basic Policies**

- For most events, our current food selection (chips, candy, nuts, frozen pizzas) is insufficient to meet guests' needs.
- We strongly recommend bringing in food for events that would like to feed their guests.
- Events with open bar packages of any kind will be **required** to supply their own food for their guests.

#### Kitchen Use

- We have a professional kitchen that may be used by licensed professionals to cook or heat up food.
- If a licensed professional would like to use the kitchen, all necessary licensing and insurance documents must be received <u>prior</u> to the event.
- The kitchen cannot be used by unlicensed individuals <u>under any circumstances</u>.
- If the kitchen is used, it must be thoroughly and professionally cleaned, or a cleaning fee will be charged to the event host.

### **Audio & Visual**

### Visual

- In addition to the standard overhead lighting, the main hall has a number of smart color lights that can be turned on and changed via the bartender. These are available at no additional cost.
- We have a projector screen and projector that can be connected to via an HDMI cord. This is available at no additional cost.
- The main hall has one HDTV; the bar/lounge has three HDTVs. We currently use FuboTV as our cable service.

#### **Audio**

- We have one powerful mobile bluetooth speaker the party can connect to for music at no additional cost. For most parties, this single bluetooth speaker is more than sufficient.
- We do not have a microphone available. Unless it is required by a vocalist in a band, we strongly recommend going without a microphone.
- We have a sound system available for bands and DJs to plug into with their equipment.
  - This system requires special equipment to utilize, which most bands and DJs should have.
- If a band/DJ does not have the necessary equipment, it can be rented from our house band for a cost of \$150. This equipment is not owned by Post 42, and cannot be guaranteed without our house band's approval.

- If required, there is an <u>additional \$100 charge</u> to have a member of the house band set up and take down the equipment. Again, this cannot be guaranteed without the house band's approval.
- If the party is interested in hiring our house band—The Canal Jumpers—either for service or to perform, we can provide an introduction to discuss terms.

# **Additional Links**

- Post 42 Calendar
- Post 42 Membership Signup