



August 2025

Commander



Christine Candelario

Commander's Corner

Dear Post 42 Members,

Welcome Summer! Summer has arrived!!

It has been an interesting year as our Legion year comes to an end. It's hard to believe a year has gone by since I was elected Commander. I want to thank the Post 42 Board and you, our Post 42 members, for your support this past year. To refresh your memories my goals for this past year were:

1. Increase our visibility
2. Have a written budget
3. Get a new sign for Central St.

The board is currently still working on the budget and sign. We are increasing our visibility with articles in the Round Table and the Northwestern newsletter.

May was a busy month. We finally got the Gaming Machines installed on May 5. It's been a slow start but that's not necessarily a bad thing.



Commander Candelario with Robert Bady opening the gaming area.

May 9 Post 42's Web Site won the National Contest for best web site!! Congratulations to Budd Webster on his hard work. If you haven't seen it yet, please check it out.

May 16 was the Armed Forces Dinner with the National Commander. Post 42 was represented by myself and my Sr. & Jr. Vice Commanders.



Jr. Vice Commander Wojciechowski, Commander Candelario, and Sr. Vice Commander Carder



National Commander LaCoursiere, Commander Candelario, Department Commander Lampert, and Roy Smith.



National Commander LaCoursiere, Junior Vice Commander Wojciechowski, Department Commander Lampert, and Roy Smith.

We had Poppy collections, decorating graves at Memorial Park, and 2 ceremonies on Memorial Day.





Along with summer we now have new Post Officers. Our elections were held in June for the Legion year 25-26. The Post Command Staff was re-elected. Joe Jefferson is our new Service Officer. Congratulations to our new post officers.

At our Golf outing on June 12 Dan Bogojevich was honored for his service as he stepped down as Charitable Foundation President.



Dan Bogojevich, Jim Brusek, and Joe Ramano.

We had a Flag Retirement ceremony on the patio June 14. Community members joined in along with Legionnaires and SAL members.



Have a great summer and fall!

Veterans Strengthening America,
Commander Christine



**Mike (Wojo) Wojciechowski
Jr. Vice Commander**

Flag Day and the Army's Birthday

By

Michael L. Wojciechowski

As most of you know, June 14 has been decreed as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed legislation designating June 14 as National Flag Day, commemorating the date in 1777 when Congress approved the design of the original American flag. The resolution stated, "that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Interestingly, the U.S. Army's birthday is also observed on June 14, coinciding with Flag Day. In 1775, the Continental Congress, through a consensus of the Committee of the Whole, established a date to commemorate the Army's Birthday. As Army veterans, we are especially fortunate to celebrate both the inception of our branch of service and the adoption of our flag as our national symbol for which we have served, fought and, when necessary, laid down our lives.

For the rest of us, whether we are veterans or citizens of this great nation, we demonstrate our patriotism by displaying our flags inside and outside our homes. Long may our flag wave in the full view of patriots both young and old, citizens and veterans, as a

reminder of the time and manner in which the flag became our symbol of freedom.

OLD GLORY, WE SALUTE YOU,
NOW AND FOREVER

July Fourth

By

Michael I. Wojciechowski

As many of you know, both young and old citizens and patriots alike, that the birth of our nation is celebrated on July 4th. We celebrate July 4th with barbecues, parades, fireworks, and family get-togethers. Historians, veterans, and Active-Duty servicemen and women know the true meaning of the 4th of July.

The founding fathers created a nation, bound by God, fighting tyranny, corrupt taxation, and the British Military. The British hierarchy thought we were just a colony but failed to understand that we were a force to be reckoned with. Fair treatment, no taxation without representation, and protecting the rights of the New Americans.

Battles were fought, lives were lost, and a new government was formed. Representing the citizens of the United States. Some of the founding fathers lost their land, their families, and some lost their lives. Paying the ultimate sacrifice for a just cause. Many patriots rallied to the call of battle, knowing full and well what was at stake. Heroes were recognized for their valiant effort and sacrifice, protecting their families, their homes, their fellow countrymen and women, and their country itself.

Despite the fact, that this country was founded 248 years ago, citizens and patriots alike value the momentous historical importance of 4th of July. Should we, as a whole, forget the importance of this date, we might be doomed to repeat this historical event from within.

We must focus on the understanding that we need to vote into office the right representation that shares our mutual beliefs, pass

laws and protect our best interests, and not that of their own agenda of corrupt representatives.

MAY OUR COUNTRY PROSPER AND
PROTECT THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE
BRAVE.

July Fourth Parade

By: Jim Farley

A well know military motto is "Improvise, Adapt, Overcome"

The Post 42 Fourth of July Parade team demonstrated that our training and intelligence serves us well in civilian life today as it did when we were all on active duty.

For many years, Post 42 has played a prominent role in leading the Evanston Fourth of July Parade down Central Street. This year we were faced with many new challenges.

We usually dressed out the Legion's flatbed trailer and our favorite band loaded their instruments on the back. As we pulled the trailer and marched down the street the spectators were treated to some great music from the Canal Jumpers. A Legion member regularly offers the use of his handsome vehicle to pull the trailer. We were all so sorry to hear that his Suburban was parked on the street the night before and was struck and severely damaged by another vehicle.

So we had to adapt and find a new vehicle to pull the trailer. One of our most active and appreciated SAL members, LN Ingram, stepped in right away and offered her vehicle to pull the trailer.

But, because of important family commitments, some band members could not be there this year. So, improvise again we did. With the help of a former band member, he lined up a group of very accomplished musicians to step in. They were there in the morning to find our flatbed trailer had a tire that could not be inflated safely. We could not get a replacement wheel and

tire in time to make the parade start time. So, no trailer this year.

We immediately had to adapt our mode of transportation. The team decided that we could decorate LN's car and use it as the Parade float for our Post entry.

The team improvised again. They mounted the US and Legion flags through the sun-roof and dressed out the car to look like a proper entry to represent the Post. We made the Parade position on time and were one of the first floats to entertain the many spectators.

Many Thanks to the parade team, and especially Greg Wilson and Ellen Ingram. Your hard work and enthusiasm allowed us to overcome the obstacles and take our usual pace in the front of the Evanston Fourth of July Parade.



Service Officer



Joe Jefferson

Hello My Fellow Legionnaires,

My name is Joe E. Jefferson. I am, as of July 2025, the new Service Officer for American Legion Post 42, Evanston, Illinois. I'm honored to be considered and selected by the Commander for this position, which I believe reflects the heart and soul of this organization. Some of you may be familiar with me in prior roles at Post 42, as the Finance Officer and or Adjutant. Those two roles gave me considerable insight on the interworking of Post 42 and the American Legion at large. In this communication with my initial remarks to members, I'd like to provide a brief description of my background and a bit about what you can expect from me in this new role.

I'm am a very good father, son, brother, and friend; if I'm a friend of yours. I have a vast number of cousins. I mean I have a lot of cousins of whom some I don't even know. I worked for an insurance company for 35 years and I served in the US Army and US Army Reserves for 38 years, achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. And if you know anything about Warrant Officers you know they know everything about everything and that they know they don't know everything about most things. I'm a proud member of VFW 7186 in Evanston.

Another tidbit of information important for you to know about me is I was one of the original Jesse White Tumblers and I was really good too. You can take my word on that, as this is my story and this is how I'm telling it. I didn't do all that high flying aerial stuff and multiple flips like the artist do now, but my forward handsprings and on the mat round-offs always got at least four people applauding at each performance I participated even when my relatives weren't attending. I digress. You'll get more about me in future remarks and articles.

Regarding the "what will I do?", the answer is my very best. For those of you who know me you know my standards are high. I intend to be the best Service Office Post 42 has experienced. I do that by being attentive to you and the Legion members and veterans in general. I do that by interacting with all of you even those of you who do not or cannot attend meetings or activities due to health, logistics, travel constraints, etc. I will learn this role and my duties and my responsibilities associated with this role and the Commander's intent and execute accordingly.

I am concluding these remarks by saying "Thank you for the opportunity to serve". Please share your comments with me preferably at jeffersonjoe@att.net. You can also contact me at 312-339-0872. If you call, do leave a short voice message, as my phone will not alert numbers via sound that are not in my contact.

Have a great day!
Respectfully,

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News from Post 42 Charitable Foundation <https://post42cf.org/>



Greetings from the Post 42 Charitable Foundation. June 12th was our annual golf outing at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. A huge thank you to all who came out to golf, volunteer, and support our largest annual fundraiser. Weather cooperated and golfers and spectators alike, enjoyed the weather, food and fun. An event such as this requires immense planning and work has already begun on next year's event. A big thank you to Budd Webster for taking pictures to document the day's events.

Budd has also shared his talents with the Post 42 website and is working with our Post, Squadron, and Foundation colleagues to streamline our online presence. Please look for updates on our Facebook page or on our website www.post42cf.org.

As usual, we are always looking for veterans and veteran organizations to support. Please send us your ideas on our website at this page.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Summer.

Sincerely,
Chris Mitchell
Post 42 Charitable Foundation
Trustee/Historian

GIFT AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR POST 42 AND THE FUTURE

Have considered leaving a bequest to Post 42 as part of your estate plan? A gift or bequest to Post 42 can have fantastic long-term benefits to veterans, service personnel and our community.

There are so many activities and programs your Post 42 gift or bequest would support: helping veterans, visiting the sick, raising funds for the “Gifts to the Yanks” Program, sending parcels to our troops overseas, supporting Scouting in Evanston, helping to repair housing for needy homeowners, helping the community to remember its veterans through public ceremonies and public speaking, supporting Legion Programs and sponsoring Little League and American Legion Baseball. When we have large capital investment issues like boiler replacement, we would have resources to draw on.

We have also created a 501(c)3 Charitable Foundation to be able to accept donations that are 100% tax deductible. This new Foundation will allow us to support veterans that need assistance as well as other organizations that provide similar support. We just completed our 1st annual charity golf outing that was an outstanding success to start off the foundation.

If you are interested, please contact your Attorney, and ask him to include us in your planning through a gift, will or codicil. You can also contact us for more information by e-mailing us at evanstonpost42@gmail.com, by calling the Post Commander who is listed toward the end of this newsletter or going to our web site www.evanstonpost42.com and following the links to donate.

Post 42 Launches a New Website – Visit evanstonpost42.com!

Great news for Post 42 members, supporters, and the Evanston community: American Legion Post 42 has unveiled a brand-new website at www.evanstonpost42.com! Designed to boost engagement and showcase what we're all about, this updated site is a fresh, modern hub for

everything Post 42. Whether you're a longtime member or just curious about our work, it's the perfect place to stay connected and informed.

A Modern Design with Purpose

The first thing you'll notice is the sleek new look—clean, contemporary, and built to reflect the pride of Post 42. It's more than just a pretty face, though; the site's improved design makes it easy to explore and highlights our commitment to veterans, youth, and the community at large.

Membership and Events, Simplified

Good news for members: you can now purchase or renew your membership online with just a few clicks—no paperwork hassles required. Planning to join us for an event? Registration is right at your fingertips, whether it's a dinner, a volunteer event, or a special gathering. It's a convenience that keeps you in the loop.

A Calendar That Keeps You Posted

Our updated calendar is a standout feature, complete with a new “At-a-Glance” view. Check out what's coming up—think concerts, meetings, social nights, or the annual Post 42 Family Appreciation Day Picnic—all in one quick look. It's always current, so you'll never miss a beat.

Blogs, Media, and a Way to Chat

There's more to explore, too. Our media pages feature The Shrapnel Newsletter and a new “Wojo's Dispatch” section with musings from our Jr. Vice. And we even added a blog and a chat function—have a question or just want to say hello? Drop us a line!

Your One-Stop Post 42 Connection

The new **evanstonpost42.com** is more than a website—it's your go-to resource for all things Post 42. It's built to serve members, welcome supporters, and introduce our 103-year legacy to the broader Evanston area. From staying informed to getting involved, this site has it all.

Stop By and See for Yourself

Take a moment to visit **evanstonpost42.com** and explore what's new. Sign up for an event, browse the latest updates, or simply enjoy the refreshed look of Post 42 online. We're excited to share this upgrade with you—it's the best way to stay tied to our mission and community. See you there!

POST 42 DATES TO REMEMBER 2025
PLEASE NOTE REVISED MEETING TIMES!

2025

August 4	US Coast Guard Birthday
August 7	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
August 7	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
August 10	Family Appreciation Day Picnic
August 14	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
August 14	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
August 28	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
August 22-28	National Convention, Tampa, FL
September 4	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
September 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
September 11	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
September 11	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
September 17	7th District Meeting 7:30 PM
September 18	US Air Force Birthday
September 25	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
October 2	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
October 2	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
October 2	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
October 9	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
October 13	US Navy Birthday
October 15	7th District Meeting, 7:30
October 23	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
November 2	Daylight Savings Time – Move clocks back 1 hour
November 6	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
November 6	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
November 10	US Marine Corps Birthday
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 13	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
November 13	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
November 15	SAL Pancake Breakfast
November 19	7th District Meeting, 7:30 PM
November 20	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
November 27	Thanksgiving
December 4	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
December 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 11	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM

December 11	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
December 15	Post 42 Holiday Party (Time TBA)
December 18	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
December 25	Christmas
December 31	New Year's Eve
2026	
January 1	New Year's Day
January 8	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
January 8	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
January 15	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
January 15	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
January 21	7th District Meeting, Morton Grove Post 134 7:30 PM
January 29	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
February 5	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
February 5	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food Afterword)
February 8	Post 42 Super Bowl LIX Party (Time TBA)
February 12	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
February 12	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
February 18	7th District Meeting, 7:30 PM
February 26	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
March 5	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
March 5	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM
March 8	Daylight Savings Time Starts – Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
March 12	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
March 12	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
March 15	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner and Richard Huck Award Dinner Cocktails at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM
March 18	7th District Meeting, 7:00 PM
March 26	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
April 2	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
April 2	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward)
April 9	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
April 9	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
April 15	7th District Meeting, 7:30 PM
April 23	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
May 7	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
May 7	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Post Everlasting – Food afterward)
May 14	SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
May 14	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
May 18	Poppy Day Can pick-up, after 3PM

May 19-27	Poppy Day Collection
May 20	7th District Meeting, 7:30 PM
May 21	Post 42 Board Meeting 7:30 PM
May 23	Grave Decoration Day Memorial Park, meet at East lot, 9:00 AM
May 25	Memorial Day Ceremonies Memorial Park (East Lot) 8:00 AM Fountain Square 10:30 AM Refreshments served after ceremonies at the post
June 4	Post 42 Charitable Foundation Meeting 6:00 PM
June 4	General Business Meeting 7:30 PM (Food afterward) Post Election of Officers
June 7-13	Boys State Eastern Illinois University June 11 SAL Board Meeting 7:00 PM
June 11	SAL Business Meeting 7:30 PM
June 11	Charitable Foundation Golf Outing
June 14	US Army Birthday
June 14	Flag Day
June 14-20	Girls State Eastern Illinois University
June 17	7th District Meeting, 7:30 PM
June 21-27	Junior State Police Training
June 25	Board Meeting 7:30 PM

Note: Some Dates are subject to change

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