

Welcome to the American Legion
FIRST DIVISION
Newsletter



Commander
Thomas Chambers

First Division is Online
at

<http://www.ilfirstdivision.org>

Newsletter for March 2022

First Division Commander Thomas Chambers

Wow, Everyone had a good time at the Winter Ball. It was a success because we had a total sellout of tickets. I want to thank everyone who came and especially the Honor Guard from my post, Orland Memorial post #111, and those who worked to make this a success, Gigi, Tony, Bernie and Ken

MARCH IS COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH. Select your Boy's State Candidates now. Let's close out the year with a big push on Membership. The American Legion's founding March 15-17. Focus on your Community.

There are several things coming up.

March 12th, There will be a working breakfast at the Italian American Veterans Museum located at 3800 Division street in Stone Park. All Officers from all posts need to be there with all members interested in helping with membership calls.

Breakfast is at 8:45 am. Let's get to 100%.

Times, Dates, and Places will be coming soon for the Past Commanders dinner and for Armed Forces day.

April 6th is the next 1st Division meeting at Evergreen Park post #854 9701 S. Kedzie Ave. Evergreen Park, IL.

June 4th is the Mini-Convention at Evergreen Park post #854 at 8:00am

Thomas Chambers

First Division Senior Vice Commander Frank B. Thompson III

HELLO TO ALL.

At our First Division meeting that we just had Wednesday night, 02-09-2021. We discussed the importance of membership and its dues.

I was also very glad to hear so many passed officers speaking up and out about what it means not only to your post, district, division, state and national but what our numbers have to do with congress and the veteran's benefits in which we all depend on.

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND, ASK AND IT WILL BE PROVIDED".

Let us lace up our boots from all directions and get out there to show everyone that The Fighting First Is Back IN FIRST!!!!!!

Frank B. Thompson III

First Division Medical Officer Don Horn

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Colorectal cancer is a disease that starts in the lower portion of your digestive system. According to the American Cancer Society, about 1 in 23 men and 1 in 25 women will develop this cancer at some point in their lives.

Colorectal screening saves lives.

Colorectal cancer screening tests look for cancer in people who don't have symptoms. They can find and remove precancerous growths or early-stage cancers when they're easier to treat.

For people at average risk of developing colorectal cancer, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening starting at age 50 and continuing to age 75. Your doctor can make personalized recommendations on when you should get colorectal cancer screenings based on your:

- Family/personal medical history
- Prior screening history
- Life expectancy
- Personal preferences

There are a few different types of colorectal cancer screening tests, each with their own pros and cons. Connect with your PCP to see which type of test makes the most sense for you.

As The American Legion readies for her 103rd Birthday coming up on March 15th reach out for those Buddy Checks and remember we are our Brothers keeper.

Yours in Service, **DON**

OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION

COMMANDER:
THOMAS CHAMBERS
Phone: (708) 873-0699
Email: ILLfirstdivision@gmail.com

SR. VICE COMMANDER:
FRANK THOMPSON III
Phone: (773) 719-0854
Email: ILLfirstdivision@gmail.com

JR. VICE COMMANDER
JOE HENDRICK
Phone: (847) 212 - 5336
Email: Hedrico@juno.com

DIVISION ADJUTANT:
HAROLD DILLARD
Phone: (773) 450 - 3099
Email: ce1sgtaf@att.net

FINANCE OFFICER
BERNARD DARMETKO
Phone: (708) 860 - 1897
Email: bcdarmetko@comcast.net

SERVICE OFFICER:
GREG JACOBS
Phone: (847) 757-8243
Email: gkjacobs2001@yahoo.com

MEDICAL OFFICER
DR. DON HORN

HISTORIAN
HAROLD TONEY

Meeting Dates for 2021 – 2022

March 12

Breakfast is at 8:45 am.

April 6

June 4

There will be a working breakfast at the Italian American Veterans Museum located at 3800 Division street in Stone Park.
All Officers from all posts need to be there with all members interested in helping with membership calls.

Evergreen Park Post #854
9701 S. Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Mini-Convention at Evergreen Park post #854 at 8:00am



Medals on Display at the Veterans Ball



**Bensenville Police Officer
Steven Kotlewski
Needs Our Help**

**Join Us
Saturday, March 12, 2022
at
Franklin Park American Legion Post 974
9757 Pacific Avenue
Franklin Park, IL**

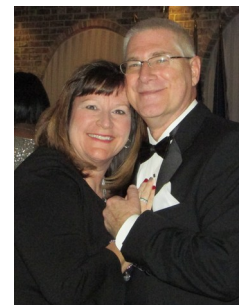
**4:00 Cocktail Hour
5:00 Dinner
Cash Bar**

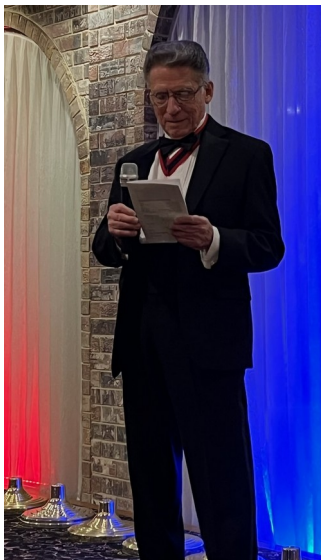
**Raffles, 50/50
Music by the Falconaires Orchestra**

Admission \$20

**For More Information: Call 847-678-7474
or
americanlegion974@yahoo.com**

VETERAN'S BALL







SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION 1st DIVISION

Present



Hockey Night with the Chicago Wolves

April 24th 3:00 pm



VS.



Proceeds benefit the



\$50.00 Donation includes game ticket, free hat, one free meal voucher and free parking.
Tickets are in Section 103 – Two rows from the ice! – It is Papa John's Family Sunday and
Wolves Trading Cards Giveaway, courtesy of Vienna Beef.

Free prizes raffled off.

Please RSVP by April 17th

Cash payment or make checks payable to Sons of the American Legion Squadron # 986
For more information contact Sergio Senese at
(773) 909-3072 or sergiosenese@hotmail.com



**NATIONAL COMMANDER PAUL E. DILLARD
2022 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN
CERTIFICATION FORM**



Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter and not the post

Date: _____

Name: _____

Membership ID Number: _____

Street Address or PO Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

☐ MAIL TO RECRUITER ☐ MAIL TO POST

TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

(A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE VETERAN JOINING FOR THE 2022 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2021 MEMBERSHIP YEAR). **TRANSFERS DO NOT COUNT AS NEW MEMBERS.**

PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. CONTACT YOUR STATE HEADQUARTERS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BEFORE SUBMISSION. PINS WILL NOT BE MAILED UNTIL THEY ARE VERIFIED ON THE NATIONAL DATABASE.

THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INCENTIVE IS JUNE 30, 2022.

(3) NEW MEMBERS:

(Include full name, ID number, department, post)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Return completed forms to:
The American Legion
National Internal Affairs & Membership Division
PO Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206

Fax: 317-630-1413
Email: kadams@legion.org

First Division Commander's Working Breakfast

We are asking that District Officers and Posts officer (or representatives) be there.

March 12th

We start with the breakfast! **This is no cost to you.**

Breakfast: 8:45 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.

Contacting: 9:40 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

We will be contacting members or potential members to try to help the post to get 100 percent. The Department will have the materials and Jim Talaska, Membership Director, Department of Illinois will be there too!

Italian American Veterans Museum, Casa Italia located at 3800 Division Street in Stone Park. It is on the 3rd Floor (elevator on west-side of hallway) and there is free parking on the side, in back and in front of the building.

***Bring your phone and charger.**

Speaking Event "Hunting for ISIS in Syria."

This event is open to everyone. Friends, spouses, neighbors, and colleagues.

M_____ Has reserved _____ seat(s) for
Luncheon Speaker Event March 19, 2022 * 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Luncheon, guest speaker **Colonel Larry Kaifesh, USMC (retired)**
"Hunting for ISIS in Syria."

Great Escape (West Wing), 9540 Irving Park Rd, in Schiller Park
\$25 per person ~ Please R.S.V.P. by March 9, 2022

Choose one:

Broasted Half Chicken Dinner - Or - **Pork Tenderloin** with Mashed Potatoes
Lunch also includes Soup, Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Bread & Butter, Ice Cream
Sundae, Spumoni or Sherbet & Coffee

Please remit the section below with your payment to:

**American Legion First Division Council,
P.O. Box 280 Riverside, Illinois 60546-0280**

IDRF

ILLINOIS DISASTER RELIEF FUND



Contribution Form for Department Commander Fischer's Special Project

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR POST: _____

POST #: _____ DIV #: _____ DIST. #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Payment Type: _____ Check -or- _____ Credit Card

Please Charge \$ _____ on my Credit Card



Card No.: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

(Required)

Department Commander Wayne Fischer's 2022 Special Project

"EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE!"

Illinois Veterans helping their own!
Department of Illinois Commander
Wayne Fischer is asking for your
donations, *large or small*, to keep
building the Illinois Disaster Relief
Fund. Your contribution will ensure
that funds are available in times of
need. These funds will be dedicated
to Veterans right here in our very
own state. Tornadoes, Hurricanes,
Flooding, and other unforeseen
disasters can strike instantly. And
when they do, The American
Legion's Illinois Disaster Relief
Fund will be there to help.

- ☆ Please make checks payable to the
Department of Illinois and earmarked
"Commander's Special Project - Illinois
Disaster Relief Fund

- ☆ Send contributions to:
The American Legion—Dept. of Ill.
2720 E. Lincoln St.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE



Sign a Member, Get a Pin!



Any current member who signs up a “New” member,
for Membership Year 2022, will receive a
2022 Membership Recruiter Pin!

A new member is someone who has not belonged
to any Legion Post for two years or more.

Recruiter Pin Request Form



I certify that the member listed here has recruited at
least one new member in our Post for 2022. Please send
a 2022 Membership Recruiter Pin for presentation.
Return completed form to Department Headquarters.

Recruiter's Name: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Post No: _____ Recruiter's Member ID: _____

Post Officer's Signature: _____

Mail Form To:

The American Legion, Department of Illinois P.O. Box 2910 Bloomington, IL 61702



First Division, Cook County
Council
The American Legion,
Department of Illinois
828 N. Roy Ave,
Melrose Park, IL 60164

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Bloomington, IL
Permit No. 18

PLEASE LET OUR WEBMASTER, JOHN LOS, KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY
CHANGES IN HALL RENTAL INFORMATION POSTED ON OUR
WEBSITE

Chief Editor: Thomas Chambers

If you would have any issues or concerns about the newsletter, please feel free
to contact: ***Shepherd K. S. Bishop – Managing Editor***
For a free copy of the 1st Division newsletter sent to you via E-Mail please send a
request to us at

div1newsletter@yandex.com