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FIRST DIVISION
Newsletter



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Frank B. Thompson III

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Newsletter for August 2022

First Division Commander Frank B. Thompson III

Would like to welcome every one of you to this new year 2022-2023. I'm looking forward to everyone working together for the main goal of bring up our division membership count.

I will work as hard as I can to accomplish this task, I truly know that WE can do this, the dates have been put out for all of the meetings for The Fighting First. Also, I would like to very much Thank everyone for coming out to our installation for the newly elected officers.

A special Thank you goes out to The Young Marines for their posting and recovering the colors of the flags (A JOB WELL DONE) young men.

Most of all, I would especially like to thank MS. KAREN AKINS and STAFF for a marvelous job for the hard work of putting this program together and thank all the LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS for their support.

It's time to get down to business full force with our membership drive, I know that deep down inside of our HEARTS we can do this together. Let everyone put everything that we can do into this year, I'm lacing up my strings on my boots, gym shoes and whatever I may need to wear to get out there with you ALL.

I know just how much it means to not only me but to you as well, to see The

Fighting First rise up and take control of our destiny in the Legion.

"DREAMS CAN TURN INTO REALITY", SO LET'S MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR ALL OF US THIS YEAR.

I'LL BE STEP FOR STEP WITH YOU, SIDE BY SIDE AND TO PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M THE REAL DEAL.

Now with this, let us move forward as a whole, membership, buddy check and SUCCESS.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU ALL.

Frank B. Thompson III

Jr. Vice Commander Don Horn

Warm greetings to all.

Thank you to everyone in the Fighting First community for electing me to the high office of Junior Vice Commander. I am deeply humbled by your support to represent you and our Division. It will be a busy year and I will do my best to keep the Posts and Districts informed. I am dedicated to serving our Division with honor and pride and will uphold my Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

I grew up in the country with the team approach, working until the chores were done then helping our neighbors as we could. It didn't matter if we were moving hay, shoeing horses or feeding the animals we bonded together to complete the task at hand. This mindset served me well throughout my life and always made the uphill climb more manageable as the team was always pulling together.

In the history of the First Division there have been some good Junior Vice Commanders and they have left big shoes to fill. I can't predict how our team will measure up, but we will hit the challenges head on and give our best effort.

You have my commitment that I will work diligently to fulfill my duties and responsibilities throughout the year. Thank you again for your confidence and support, and I look forward to our many successes in the coming year.

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2023 Membership Card Availability

Due to a paper shortage at Georgia Pacific, Illinois along with 23 other Departments will not get membership cards to distribute before the 2023 renewals start. There is no projection date for delivery so please do not call Department asking about them. When we get them we will promptly distribute them to the Posts provided that the Post has submitted their Certification of Officers as well as their Consolidated Post Report. We want you to have them as soon as possible. This is for the 2023 Membership card year.

ARTICLE IV – Voting

Section 1	Each Post shall be entitled to as many delegates as it was entitled to at the last preceding Department Convention, and shall be entitled to as many additional delegates as its paid-up membership, as certified by the Department Adjutant. Would entitle it to have in Department Convention.
Section 2	Each Post shall certify the names of its elected delegate or delegates and alternate or alternates to the Council Adjutant, who shall enroll said names on a roster, arranged by Districts. In the absence of duly accredited delegates of a Post at any meeting, the duly accredited alternates of such Post shall assume the functions of delegates and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of delegates. No delegate to the Council shall be qualified as a duly authorized representative of his or her Post, nor be permitted a vote in the council proceedings until he or her post has paid the administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate per year. *
Section 3	Changes, if any, in the name or names of duly accredited delegate of delegates, alternate or alternates, of any Post shall be certified to the Council Adjutant, for enrollment by him, not less than ten days prior to the Division Convention of the Cook County Council. No change or changes shall be recognized for the purpose of voting unless in compliance herewith
Section 4	The Council shall levy and collect from each Post for its administrative expenses \$10.00 per delegate per year. *

ARTICLE V - Nominations and Elections

Section 1	Nominations for all offices or seats on any elective committees except the Executive Committee, shall be made from the floor at the Annual Convention of the First Division on a roll call of Districts in numerical order each District may present as many candidates as it chooses, limiting nominating speeches to ten minutes each, with not more than two seconding speeches for any candidate not to exceed two minutes each.
Section 2	Following the nominations, a vote shall be taken at Division Convention of the First Division, which shall be by secret ballot, which ballots shall be distributed by the Council Adjutant. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect, each person eligible to vote under ARTICLE IV being entitled to one vote only in the event that there be only one candidate for an elective office, he may be elected by voice vote.
Section 3	Each of the aforementioned elected Department Officers and the elected officers of the Cook County Council during their terms of office, the members of the Executive Committee of the Cook County Council during his term of office, the District Commanders, the District Vice Commanders, the District Adjutants, and elected delegates from the Posts present, and all Past Commanders of the Cook County Council, shall each have only one vote therein.
Section 4	Where a member is present and voting and is a member in more than one capacity including being a delegate, his alternate delegate being present may vote in his place as delegate.
Section 5	In the absence of regular delegates from any Post, the duly elected alternates shall automatically become delegates The vote of any Post not represented by a delegate or alternate shall not be cast.
Section 6	It shall be the duty of the Commander, at least 30 days prior to the election, to appoint an election committee, consisting of a Clerk and Judge from each District, selected by the respective District Commanders. In the event that the District Commander does not so act, it shall be the duty of the Division Commander to appoint a Clerk and a Judge from said District.
Section 7	The Commander of the First Division shall appoint an additional member as Chairman of the election and the Election Committee.
Section 8	It shall be the duty of the Adjutant to officially notify the Judges and Clerk of each District of their appointments and of the time and place of the Election Committee meeting prior to the Division Convention The Adjutant shall prepare all ballot and election materials and supplies.
Section 9	The Election Committee shall decide its own rules of management of the election at its meeting, subject to the approval of the Council, and in keeping with these by-laws, The Chairman, with the council and assistance of the Election Committee, shall rule and decide on all objections or questions in connection with the election.
Section 10	No candidate for any office being voted upon at said election shall be a member of the Election Committee.

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.”

— President Harry S. Truman

Meeting Dates for 2022 – 2023 Term

September 7, 2022	Dori Miller Post #915 5200 S. Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615
November 2, 2022	Franklin Park Post #974 9757 Pacific Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131
December	OPERATION CANES – OPSEC – <i>Time Pending</i> Broadview Hillside Post #626 4941 Butterfield Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162
February 1, 2023	Morton Grove Post #134 6144 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053
April 5, 2023	Tattler Post #973 4355 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60618
June 3, 2023	Evergreen Park Post #854 9701 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL 60805

Department Medical Officer Don Horn

Vaccinations Can Help Protect

While a flu vaccine won't protect you or your members from COVID-19, it can reduce the risk of the flu and help conserve potentially scarce health care resources needed if we have a resurgence of the coronavirus pandemic.

Research also shows it's possible to have the flu and COVID-19 at the same time. While COVID-19 has proven deadlier than the seasonal flu virus, the flu can be deadly, too.

Benefits of getting vaccinated

By encouraging your members to get the flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine, you're helping to keep your workforce healthy and your Post strong.

Vaccines are a safe and effective way of protecting people against diseases and illnesses and saving lives. Rather than treating a disease after you get it, vaccines can help prevent you from getting sick in the first place.

As a reminder the VA does encourage both the Flu and Covid-19 shots this fall and you can get yours by appointment or the walk-in clinic.

Please Stay Healthy,

Yours in Service, **DON**

Department Convention *Photos by Harold Toney*



(L to R) Commander Wayne Fischer, Brent Webb, Ray Doeksen and Dept Sr Vice Lomac Payton



(L to R) Commander Wayne Fischer, 1st Div Sgt@Arms Ken Trumbull, Dept Sr Vice Lomac Payton



Dept Comm Wayne Fischer, Don Horn – Dept Medical Officer, Lomac Payton – Dept Sr Vice



Installation Dist Commanders



3rd Dist caucus (L-R) Gary Whyte, past 1st Div Commander, 3rd Dist Jr. Vice Beverly Fitch



1st Div Aux President, Linda Anderson-Shell



On July 4, 2022,
Robert Redmon
turned 100 Years Old.

A long term member of the
Dorie Miller Post 915,
he is a WWII Veteran



Division Installation



1st Division Commander Frank Thompson III and Billy Caldwell Post 806 Chaplain Dale Tippett represented The American Legion at the annual National Night Out held at Warren Park on Chicago's north side on August 2nd.

The far north side location was chosen to increase the awareness of the need to promote Americanism in our communities which is sorely lacking in too many neighborhoods.

Please do wear your military service branch caps and/or shirts and pins whenever possible to let the world know that U.S. military veterans are in the community.

For God and Country Dale Tippett



The below pictures are from the July 31st History on Wheels event "Spotlight on Our African-American Camrades-in-Arms"



"In the unlikely story that is America, there has never been anything false about hope."

— Barack Obama

Quick Dress Code Guide

White Tie. (White tie events are *only* in the evening)

Women:	Men:
Formal (floor length) evening gown or ball gown. The fabric should be suited to evening such as silk, crepe, or chiffon. Although the dress code is 'white tie', dresses need not be white. Gloves. Nylons should be worn, sheer and should be worn. Fine jewelry is appropriate, tiaras are reserved for those ladies engaged or married and should be worn. This isn't the place for a cocktail dress or a breezy maxi dress. Short dresses and pants are out of the question.	Tie is white. White piqué cotton self-tie bow tie. Black tailcoat 4- or 6-button with satin-faced peak lapels. The tails hit at the back of the knee and the sleeves can be a touch shorter than you may be accustomed to. You really want to show some cuff in a tailcoat. The top hat is optional and should not be worn indoors. Optional accessories can be a walking stick, lapel fresh flower, and black top hat. Gloves.

Black Tie is the dress code found on most formal invitations; below is just some of the basics:

Women:	Men:
Formal (floor length) evening/ball gown or evening (floor length) skirt. The fabric should be suited to evening such as silk, crepe, or chiffon. Although the dress code is 'black tie', dresses need not be black. Nylons should be worn, black or sheer. Fine or costume jewelry is appropriate, but not tiaras (tiaras are reserved for that white tie event). Gloves are optional. (Short dresses and pants are out of the question.)	Black tuxedo jacket and matching trousers; Formal (piqué or pleated front) white shirt. Shirt studs and cufflinks. Black bow tie (silk, satin, or twill). Black cummerbund to match tie, or a vest. Dressy braces to ensure a good fit (optional). Black patent shoes and black shoes and black dress socks.
Military Active, Reserve or Retired: Dress Mess	

There are a multitude of events being planned for 2022 that may suggest either White Tie or Black Tie. Please note that if it calls for White Tie the dress code is White Tie. The same is true for Black Tie; there is not an optional. On rare occasions, one may find on an invitation Black Tie preferred or Black Tie appreciated. This an indication that the host is providing an opportunity for guests that maybe traveling or that may not have the means to acquire Black Tie attire to participate in the event without any objections. Nonetheless, those guests should attempt to emulate the dress code to the best of their ability.

The "in between" is **Cocktail Attire**. One should know the host's expectation for these invitations. Nevertheless, this is a dress code reserved specifically for festive occasions, it's less formal than black tie, but more fashion-forward than a simple Business Dress.

Business Dress

Women:	Men:
Suit (can be pants or skirt) Business-style dress or Dress with a jacket.	Dark business suit; Matching vest (optional) Dress shirt Conservative tie
Legion Dress: Blue Blazer, grey slacks, white shirt, tie or bolo, and cap.	

Business Casual

Women:	Men:
Skirt, khakis, or pants (a skirt or dress knee-length or longer Open-collar shirt, knit shirt or sweater (no spaghetti straps or décolleté) Dress	Seasonal sport coat or blazer with slacks or khakis Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar, or polo shirt Optional tie

Business casual is a dress code that allows for a comfortable or relaxed look. What business casual is not is flip flops, shorts, T-shirts, shirts with logos (excluding the polo logo), shirts with sayings on them, and ripped up clothing. If you look like you are going to the beach, a night club, or just running errands, you need to start over with your outfit. Business casual has a greater possibility of looking underdressed.

Medal Of Honor Highway Dedication



This Medal of Honor belongs to every man and woman who gives us the freedom today to be able to hold our flag and hold our heads up high and say we have the greatest country in the world. And that goes with the men and women in the past, and the men and women of today, and the men and women of the future. As long as Mike Thornton lives, that medal will always stand for all them. Not for me. Not for what I've done, but for what I was trained to do and what they have been trained to do to give us our freedom today.

Michael E. Thornton



*The American Legion, Department Of Illinois
Milton Olive Post 1932*

Cordially Invites You to the
Annual Fundraising and Awards Banquet
October 15,2022 at the

Crystal Sky Banquets 7941 W. 47th St. McCook, IL

Cash Bar

\$40.00 Donation

**Our Annual Raffle will be going on \$300.00 top prize
tickets 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 ea.**

For more information contact
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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ No of Person(s) _____ or Table(s) _____

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