



NILES MEMORIAL POST 3579

SENTRY NEWSLETTER

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Commander's Column



Greetings Comrades,

I would like to start by wishing all of you and your families a very Happy and Safe New Year! The Post is starting off the New Year with some excellent news. We now have a Post Service Officer! Post member **Mike Bunyon** stepped up and has been appointed our new Post Service Officer! It has been many years since Post 3579 has had a Service Officer. I would like to sincerely thank Mike for accepting this position. The Post is still looking for an Adjutant, if any member is interested please let me know.

I would like to offer my congratulations to our Post Voice of Democracy winner **Katelyn Whitlockl** who took 2nd place in the VFW 4th District VOD competition. Way to go Katelyn!

The Post Annual Fallen Comrade Memorial was held on Sunday January 28th. One of our missions in the VFW is to PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD. That is why we conduct this service on the last Sunday in

January, to honor our Comrades that we lost in the previous year. I would like to thank all the members of the Post, the Color Guard, and the Auxiliary who helped set up and participated in the event!

The Post is in desperate need of new members! I would like to challenge every Post member to recruit one new person into our Membership in 2024. LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Our Post remains very active and committed to our Veterans and the community of Niles. Thank you to all the members of Post who keep our organization going on a daily basis! I hope to see all of you at the Post St. Patrick's Day party on March the 9th, (See Flyer in this newsletter, Until then I wish everyone a Blessed and prosperous New Year.

God Bless You and God Bless America!!!

James P. McGrath,
Commander

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At the December 3rd meeting both the VOD winner Post 1st place and 2nd place District Winner **Katelyn Whitlockl** and Post 1st place Patriot Pen Winner **Alyson Burke** attended and read their entry papers. L-R: Katelyn Whitlockl, Cmmander Jim and Alyson Burke.



Comrades, come watch this year's **Super Bowl, Sunday, February 11th** at the Post. We will have a special beer price and food for the event. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle. Watch the game on big screen TVs, relax and enjoy the evening with fellow veterans. We open at Noon; the S.F. 49ers vs. K.C. Chiefs kicks off at **5:30 p.m.**

Annual Post Member Memorial Held

Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579 honored members that passed away during 2023 on January 28, 2024. A dignified ceremony was held in the Post Hall at 11:00 a.m. Eulogies were read for ten members and a candle was lit for each. Our Color Guard was present and honored our Comrades. Taps was played. We also read the names and lit candles for two Post Auxiliary members.

Refreshments were served afterwards. Please note that the Post has made this an annual event which will take place the last Sunday in January.



Pictured L-R: Quartermaster **Harry Benjamin** and Chaplain **Steve Weber** taking part on January 28, 2024 Memorial Service honoring 10 members and 2 Auxiliary members who passed in 2023..

Post Service Officer

Our Post now has a Service Officer. **Mike Bunyon** has volunteered to serve the Post and our members as a Service Officer. Mike has received training and is available to help members. He can be reached at: mlbunyon@aol.com. And **312-860-6486**.

Wreaths across America

Thanks to **George Pearson** and **John Tomzik** who participate in not only laying the wreaths at the Graves at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Cemetery and also went back to clean up after.



ASK A QUALIFIED VETERAN TO JOIN THE V.F.W.

VFW POST 3579 AUXILIARY

Our Auxiliary meets the First Wednesday of each month 1:00 pm at
7255 N. Caldwell Ave., Niles, IL. 60714

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Guests and all who may be qualified for membership are always welcome to join us!

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POST HOME ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Saturday, March 9, 2024

SHANNON ROVERS TO PERFORM

\$50.00 per person, 1 drink ticket included

50/50 Drawing and Cash Raffle Prizes

4:00 p.m. Cocktails

5:00 p.m. Shannon Rovers

5:30 p.m. Dinner

Tickets available at Lounge

St. Pat's Fabulous Feast:

Lean Corned Beef, Seasoned Cabbage Wedges, Irish Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Lime Jell-O Dessert, Irish Soda Bread, Butter and Condiments

Special Discount Dues Information

ANNUAL VFW MEMBERS: Please note that VFW Post 3579 is currently offering a discount for New and current member that wishes to convert their Annual Membership to Life Membership. The discount provided by the Post is 25%. This is dues needed to be paid in order to take advantage of this offer depends on your age as of December 31st of the current calendar year. You may pay with a check, cash or credit card. This offer also extends to qualified veterans that wish to join VFW Post 3579. As a life member, you will not pay any increases and never pay dues again. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the Post Quartermaster or Jr. Vice Commander **Mike Reilly** at **847-825-4588** or email: **mreilly2220@gmail.com**

Life Member Dues

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
Through 30	\$425	\$106	\$319
31-40	\$410	\$103	\$307
41-50	\$375	\$94	\$281
51-60	\$335	\$84	\$251
61-70	\$290	\$73	\$217
71-80	\$225	\$56	\$169
81 plus	\$170	\$20	\$150

DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF YOUR DD 214? DOES YOUR FAMILY KNOW WHERE IT IS?

Calendar of events

11 Feb	Superbowl at Post Lounge
12 Feb	Post General meeting
14 Feb	Valentine's Day
11 March	Post General meeting
9 Mar	St Pat's Party 4 p.m.



Attention Retired Veterans with accounting experience

In addition to our Post activities, we also operate The Veterans Club. The Club operates the Post Home and handles Club business at 7255 N. Caldwell Avenue in Niles. The Club Board of Directors works closely with the Post Officers and numerous volunteers to keep us going strong. We are in need of someone to help the Club Treasurer in the future. If anyone with accounting or business experience is interested in helping, please contact the Club President or Post Commander to discuss. There are provisions in our Bylaws to provide compensation for this important service. President: **Terry Shannon**: 773-558-4802, Post Commander:

Jim McGrath: 847-833-6510

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