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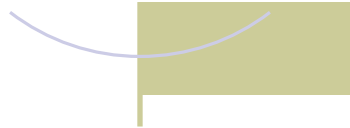


"It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

President Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, November 19, 1863



The POST NEWS



It's That Time Again — Membership Renewals Begin

You probably already received your 2011 membership renewal notice from National Headquarters.

Several people have wondered why we're already receiving notices for 2011 during July 2010. This is what Headquarters has to say:

"Membership in The American Legion is based on a calendar-year from January 1st to December 31st. When a member pays their dues, they are paid up for that membership year. They will

also receive twelve monthly subscriptions to The American Legion Magazine. The renewal process begins in July for the upcoming membership year. Renewal notices are sent out in July, October, January, March and May.

When a member renews, they are removed from future renewal notices for that year. There are times when a member pays their dues, but they still receive a renewal notice. Since dues

may be paid to the local post, it takes a little longer for national to be notified about the renewal and the member may receive another renewal notice. If this occurs, please check with your local post to ensure they have received your dues."



Groharing Named As Department Commander



Richard C. Groharing was elected on July 17, 2010 to the high office of Department Commander at the 92nd

Annual Convention held in Springfield, IL. He served his country for ten years in the United States Air Force. He is a member of Rock Falls Post 902 and has served as Post Commander,

13th District Commander and Division Commander.

Dave Hicks, of Morton Post #318 was elected Department Senior Vice Commander.

Next Raffle Taking Shape



We decided some time ago that we would plan to hold a raffle periodically to raise funds for Post activities. We have held two successful raffles so far and we expect that the one kicking off this month will do at least as well. With hunting season just around

the corner, the top two prizes this time will be a shotgun and a rifle. As with the previous gun raffle, cash prizes will be awarded in lieu of the guns if the winners prefer.

Tickets will be distributed at our meeting on August 12th, along with detailed information about each gun. Addi-

tional tickets will be mailed out to those who are unable to attend the meeting.

Members are encouraged to distribute as many tickets as possible to friends and co-workers. Let's make this our most successful raffle yet!



Commander's Corner

I want to congratulate the Officers and general Post members for a very successful past year. A very special thanks goes out to our Past Commander Jim Whittaker for leading our Post during the early months of our existence. I'm honored to now assume the office of Commander for Post 1492 for the next year.

Our young Post 1492 averages about 40 members. Your active participation is extremely important to the success and continuation of

our Post. So I wish to challenge each of you who participated in Post activities during the past year to continue into the future months. There are always opportunities for members that may not have been involved up to this point. Please attend a Post meeting (2nd Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Orchard Bowling Alley in Savoy). Invite a potential new member to come to one of our meetings.

The Post will be developing new programs and a budget

during the next few weeks to position us to assist in serving and supporting our former and current service men and women. Get involved and volunteer your time and ideas to make our Post make great strides during the year. It cannot happen without your support.

I hope to see you at the next scheduled Post meeting.

Best regards,

Ron Karr

Commander Post 1492

Uniform of the Day

When we joined the military, we had to learn how to dress all over again. We were told that there were different combinations of uniforms and we were expected to wear each of them in a specific way. In some cases, which uniform we wore depended on the season of the year. It could get complicated.

But at Post 1492, our American Legion uniform is a lot less complicated. It consists of only one item — the Legion cap.

There are a few variations, such as color to denote the level to which the wearer is assigned and certain departments (states) require that a unique insignia be worn on the front of the cap. Here in Illinois, we wear a bust of Abraham Lincoln on the front of our caps and those are applied at the factory when you order the cap itself.

The only other option is the crown of each cap. We order

only the standard crowns as shown on the caps to your left.

Women's caps are of a slightly different design but the colors are the same.

The cap can be ordered by mail or you can order it on the internet at the [Flag and Emblem website](#). No matter how you order it, you can expect to wait up to eight weeks for the cap to arrive.

Here is the information that you'll need when you order:

- Department (Illinois)
- Style (City-Savoy, IL)
- Lining (Lined)
- Crown (Regular)
- Cap Size
- Left side lettering (Savoy, IL)
- Post number (1492)

Caps are not inexpensive, unless you compare them to the cost of a complete mili-

tary uniform. Your cap should cost approximately \$42.00 plus shipping. Today's active duty dress uniforms cost several times that, plus the cost of shirts, ties, caps, shoes, rank insignia, and other accoutrements.

Included with this newsletter is a partially completed application form for your convenience. If you've been putting off buying a cap, please consider doing so soon. If you have any questions or comments on this subject, please contact Post Commander Ron Karr or any of the other Post officers.

The next newsletter will include a summary of Legion cap etiquette — how and when to wear it, what you can wear on it and lots of other good information.



National Cap



State Cap



District Cap



Post Cap

Profile of the Month — Harold D. “Bud” Vandiver

Bud Vandiver is our Post Sergeant at Arms.

An Illinois native, Bud was born in Champaign and attended Champaign schools, including the University of Illinois.



He joined the US Army Air Forces during World War II, serving in the US and England

from August 1943 to March 1946.

He was assigned to USAAF Thurleigh in England, where he was in the 306th Bomb Group, 369th Bomb Squadron as a staff sergeant gunner. He flew 26 combat missions during his tour.

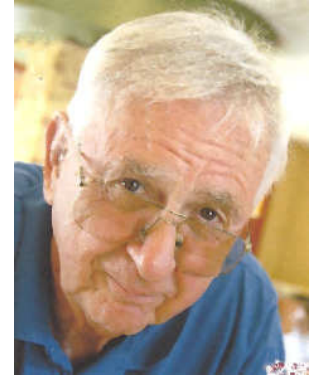


After the war, he was a brake-

man and conductor for the Illinois Central Railroad for twelve years and then worked for 30 years at the University of Illinois Institute of Aviation.

Bud and his wife Lou have been married for 58 years and live in Champaign.

He enjoys model railroading, playing guitar in a band, playing tennis and, of course, participating in American Legion activities.



Military Humor

There I was, surrounded by the enemy and running low on ammo. Suddenly, my squad leader stormed in and screamed, "Hey, Jenkins, turn off the Xbox 360 and get that report typed up!"

"Well," snarled the tough old Navy chief to the bewildered seaman, "I suppose after you get discharged

from the Navy, you'll just be waiting for me to die so you can come and spit on my grave!"

"Not me Chief," the seaman replied, "Once I get out of the Navy, I'll never stand in long lines again!"

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encoun-

tered automatic weapons."
— Gen. MacArthur

"A slipping gear could allow your M203 grenade launcher to fire when you least expect it. If that should occur, it would make you very unpopular with what's left of your unit."
(From an Army maintenance magazine)



Post 1492 Officers

The list of officers elected during the May 13th meeting was inadvertently omitted from last month's newsletter. Elected and appointed officers serving through June 30, 2011 are:

- Commander: Ron Karr
- Senior Vice-Commander: Jim Whittaker
- Junior Vice-Commander: Bill Smith
- Adjutant: Kent Kraus
- Service Officer: Don Wiggins
- Finance Officer: Harvey Hodges
- Sergeant at Arms: Bud Vandiver
- Judge Advocate: Darrell Gerald
- Historian: Kent Kraus
- Chaplain: Don Wiggins

Members should feel free to contact any of these folks with comments or suggestions about Post activities.





Savoy American Legion Post 1492

P.O. Box 471
Savoy, Illinois 61874
<http://legionpost1492.org>

Post meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Old Orchard Lanes, 901 North Dunlap Avenue in Savoy. Meeting room is through the lounge and to the right.

Parting Shot



One of the selling points for joining the American Legion is that several companies offer discount programs for products and services such as travel, health care, personal finance and computers exclusively to members of The American Legion.

Unfortunately, many of us forget about this benefit when we're in the market

for these items and we may have long forgotten about the benefits pamphlet we received with our initial membership.


National Headquarters has now updated their website to make it easier to track down these bargains. Just go to www.legion.org/benefits for a complete and up-to-date listing. You'll find dis-

counts in all of these categories:

- [Automobile Rental](#)
- [Home Services](#)
- [Financial & Insurance](#)
- [Medical](#)
- [Moving & Relocation](#)
- [Travel & Lodging](#)
- [Miscellaneous](#)

You could easily recover your Legion membership cost with just one purchase.

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LEGION UNIFORM CAPS

Fill out each of the boxes below

Step 1 Choose your CAP

Legion Cap Prices

Post "State" Cap.....\$26.95	County Cap.....\$35.95	Department.....\$35.95
Post "City" Cap.....\$35.95	District Cap.....\$35.95	National Cap.....\$35.95

CAP STYLE

Please choose one Lettering

Post "State" (state only)

Post "City" (city & state)

County (county & state)

District (district # & state)

Department (state only)

National (state only)

AL
KS
LA
MA
MD
ME
MT
NC
NM
NY
OH
PA
SC
SD
TX

LINING

Please choose one

Unlined

Lined

CAP MODEL

Please choose one

Regular crown

Ft. Knox crown

Women's crown

* Note: County, District, Department & National cap orders must be sent to your Department Headquarters for approval if your state is listed here.

Approved by: _____

Step 2 Fill in your LEFT SIDE LETTERING

City, County or District _____

State _____

Step 4 CAP SIZE

_____ (refer to chart at right)

Step 3 Fill in your RIGHT SIDE LETTERING

Post # _____

(no charge)

Optional Right-Side Lettering may be added @ \$1.00 per letter for Gold letters, and \$1.50 per letter for White or Red letters.

LINE 1: _____

LINE 2: _____

LINE 3: _____

LINE 4: _____

\$ _____ Cap Price (from Step 1 box)

\$ _____ Additional Right Side Lettering Price (from Step 3 box)

\$ _____ State Insignia Price (if your state has a mandatory insignia, you must enter the price)

\$ _____ TOTAL CAP PRICE ← Carry this amount to the CAP SUBTOTAL box on the reverse side of this form.

Mandatory State Insignia

AL.....	\$ 5.00
AZ.....	\$ 5.00
CA.....	\$ 7.00
CT.....(color).....	\$ 5.00
CT.....(oak).....	\$ 9.00
FL.....	\$ 5.00
FR.....	\$ 5.00
GA.....	\$ 6.00
HI.....	\$ 6.00
IL.....	\$ 6.00
IN.....	\$ 8.00
KS.....	\$ 6.00
LA (USA).....Style 1 only.....	\$ 4.00
LA.....	\$ 6.00
MA.....	\$ 5.00
MD.....	\$ 6.00
ME.....	\$ 5.00
MN.....	\$ 6.00
MO.....	\$ 9.00
MS.....	\$ 6.00
MT.....	\$ 9.00
NC.....	\$ 6.00
ND.....	\$ 6.00
NE.....Style 1 only.....	\$17.00
NH.....	\$ 7.00
NM.....	\$10.00
NV.....	\$ 8.00
NY.....	\$ 6.00
OK.....	\$10.00
PA.....	\$ 6.00
PR.....	\$ 6.00
RI.....	\$ 7.00
SC.....	\$ 5.00
TN.....	\$ 9.00
TX.....	\$ 8.00
UT.....	\$ 6.00
VA.....	\$ 8.00
WI.....	\$ 7.00
WV.....	\$ 7.00
WY.....Style 1 only.....	\$11.00

Cap Size Scale

Cap Size	Head Size
5 3/4	18 1/4"
5 7/8	18 5/8"
6	19"
6 1/8	19 3/8"
6 1/4	19 3/4"
6 3/8	20 1/8"
6 1/2	20 1/2"
6 5/8	20 7/8"
6 3/4	21 1/4"
6 7/8	21 5/8"
7	22"
7 1/8	22 3/8"
7 1/4	22 3/4"
7 3/8	23 1/8"
7 1/2	23 1/2"
7 5/8	23 7/8"
7 3/4	24 1/4"
7 7/8	24 5/8"
8	25"
8 1/8	25 3/8"
8 1/4	25 3/4"
8 1/2	26 1/8"
8 5/8	26 7/8"
8 3/4	27 1/4"
8 7/8	27 5/8"
9	28"

S.A.L. UNIFORM CAPS

Fill out each of the boxes below

Step 1 Choose your CAP

Please choose one Lettering

Squadron "State" (state only)

Squadron "City" (city & state)

County (county & state)

District (district # & state)

Detachment (state only)

National (state only)

S.A.L. Cap Prices

Squadron "State" Cap	\$26.95
Squadron "City" Cap	\$35.95
County Cap	\$35.95
District Cap	\$35.95
Detachment Cap	\$35.95
National Cap	\$35.95

AL NM
KS NY
LA OH
MA PA
MD SC
ME SD
MT TX
NC

Step 2 LINING

Please choose one

Unlined

Lined

* Note: County, District, Detachment & National cap orders must be sent to your Department Headquarters for approval if your state is listed here.

Approved by: _____

Step 3 Fill in your LEFT SIDE LETTERING

City, County or District _____

State _____

Step 5

CAP SIZE _____ (refer to chart at right)

Step 4 Fill in your RIGHT SIDE LETTERING

Squadron # _____

(no charge)

Optional Right-Side Lettering may be added @ \$1.00 per letter for Gold letters, and \$1.50 per letter for White or Red letters.

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NY.....	\$ 6.00
PA.....	\$ 6.00
PR.....	\$ 6.00
TN.....	\$ 9.00
TX.....	\$ 8.00
UT.....	\$ 6.00
WI.....	\$ 7.00
WV.....	\$ 7.00
WY.....	\$11.00

Optional Insignia

CA.....	\$ 7.00
FL.....	\$ 5.00
HI.....	\$ 6.00
LA (USA) Style 1 only.....	\$ 4.00
LA.....	\$ 6.00
MA.....	\$ 5.00
ME.....	\$ 5.00
NC.....	\$ 6.00
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