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Roy Imwie  
Jr. Vice Commander

Hey! It was great to see so many of you out at our last meeting! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday.

I do need more of you out at meetings, though. Call a friend that's a member and remind him about us. Better yet, pick him up on meeting night. See you there! Be there! Next Meeting — January 25th @ 8PM!

## Post Commander

Post Commander Mark Klein has been deployed, but will be returning soon.

### Christmas Cheer

Vivian Bagnell  
Ladies Auxiliary President

Over 140 Ditty bags were delivered to the hospitalized veterans at Hines V.A. Everyone participated and worked together in one way or another to bring

Christmas cheer to the veterans—the Post, Ladies Auxiliary, Men's Auxiliary and Jr. Girls Unit. Also participating was Brendon Tresch who is working to achieve his Eagle Scout Award.

Items for the ditty bags were gathered, money was collected, sewing was done to make the ditty bags, assembling and putting the bags together. Along with the ditty bags we obtained Operation Uplink cards and each veteran received those along with Christmas cards. Also the Jr. Girls Unit made picture frames at their last meeting with a message of Happy Holidays that were delivered to the Residential Care unit. We also distributed the items to the Extended Care Unit. Post, Ladies Auxiliary and Jr. Girls Unit members were there to distribute the items and the cards from the Men's Auxiliary.

Thank you one and all for a job well done and bringing smiles to those hospitalized veterans. Working together can really get great things done!

LaVergne Anbach  
Ladies Aux. Conductress

We had a wonderful time at our Hines Hospital visit. The Veterans were very happy to see us and to receive our gifts. I look forward to doing this again, and I hope more of you will join us next time and feel the joy we all felt.



## Turkey Raffle

Past Commander  
Rick Storey

Our Past Commanders annual Turkey Raffle was a great time. We ordered 125 turkeys and thanks to all our volunteers, the raffle turned out to be a great success. I would like to thank:

Mike & Betty Eggert; Bill Burde, Ray Soden, Joe Buttice, Rob Cannella, Fred & Norma Manrose, Ray Sargent & Susan Flemming, Jim Mixon, John Bauer, Jim Meeker, Al Roth, Art Brown, Glenda Storey, LaVergne Anbach, Jessica Walsh, and Ken Schumacher.

Thanks again to everyone who helped with the raffle. And a very big thank you to everyone who attended.

## Needy Children's Christmas Party

Sharon Cannella  
Club Manager

There are 102 needy children from DuPage County who will mark this Christmas as one of the best they can remember, thanks to Tioga Home, Inc.

The children were found through the Women's Abuse Shelter, neighborhood churches and the food pantry of Bensenville. The children received at least three new toys each thanks to our Bingo players, bar patrons, and Auctions by Jennifer (who donated cases of toys). The mom's also received a \$25.00 gift certificate.

They were all entertained by Jelly Bean the Clown. Santa Claus (Daniel Hoff) arrived by fire truck. The children and their parents were served pizza (donated by Tree Guys Pizza of Itasca), hot dogs (donated by Fox River Foods), cup cakes (baked by Connie Hardy Ralls), and hot chocolate (machine donated by John Bezdicek - Men's Aux.).

Thanks to Post 2149 for their donation and help. Thanks to the Ladies Aux for their charity auction donations and help. Special thanks to the Men's Aux for their donation, charity auction items, hot chocolate machine, and anything else I needed.

I truly enjoyed doing the needy kids party this year and look forward to doing it again next year.

Happy New Year!

## Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy

Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Chair  
Betty Eggert

The Patriot Pen Essay Contest had a very good response this year. We had 32 students from Blackhawk Middle School enter the contest. These students did a fine job with the essays. The theme this year was "Citizenship in America". It was a difficult decision deciding which was the best one. Four ladies made the final choice.

Charles Nutley, Kevin Murphy, Nichole Wegman, and Roberto DeLarose were the winners.

We thank the teachers for their help in the project; without them we are lost. Mr. McGuire and Ms. Zabel we applaud you.

We had two entries in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest this year. The theme was "Freedoms Challenges". Both essays were very good.

The students were Amy Sampson and Beth Sampson. We thank the students for entering.

We will have an awards night on January 22 at 7:00pm at the Post Home for all winning students and their families. Post members and the Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries are invited.

## Jr. Girls Unit News and Upcoming Events

Kony Klein — Jr. Girls Unit Chairperson

Our Junior Girls have been busy the last few months. Some of you may have seen them at our annual picnic at Franzen Grove. The girls helped out by providing face painting for the little ones and running the games. They did a great job! They also had a little fun of their own when they painted each other.

In September, the girls attended the 9/11 memorial service at the Post and we had our installation of officers. The Junior Girls officers for this year are Katie Klein, President; Jessica Walsh, Sr. Vice President; Hailey Becker, Jr. Vice President; Celeste Winkle, Secretary/Treasurer; Samantha Erwin, Chaplain; Karoline Klein, Conductress; Erin Mackey, Guard; and Sydney Becker, Mascot. The girls are really excited and have lots of great ideas for what they would like to accomplish this year. I hope I can keep up with them.

At our November meeting we made Happy Holiday frames to be given to some of the Veterans at Hines Hospital. The girls worked really hard to make these frames special. They were delivered to the Veterans on December 23rd at Hines hospital. The Veterans were pleased with the frames and appreciated them very much.

Again, if you know of any eligible girls that might be interested, we'd love to have them join us. Any daughter, foster daughter, stepdaughter, granddaughter, sister, half sister, foster sister, or stepsister of a Veteran of Foreign Wars and is between the ages of 5 and 16 is eligible. Please call me at 773-505-2377, see the Post Commander Mark Klein or the Ladies Auxiliary President Vivian Bagnell for an application. The girls meet the second Monday of every month at the Post at 6:30pm.

Looking Ahead: The Junior Girls will be having a Pancake Breakfast and Bake sale at the Post on Sunday March 4 from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please come out and show your support for our girls.

## Ladies Auxiliary Membership & Rehabilitation

### Membership Chairperson — Norma Manrose

A reminder, ladies, that some of you have not paid your 2007 dues yet. If you're having problems in renewing, please let me know. We need each and every one of you. Please call me at 630-766-2529.

Yours in friendship,  
Norma

### Rehabilitation Chairperson — Norma Manrose

On a personal note, I want to thank my friends for all the cards and phone calls I received during my recent hospitalization. I am home recuperating and feeling better.

Yours in friendship,  
Norma

Ham and Cheese Raffle at the Post

Saturday January 20th 5:00-8:00 PM

Come on out and join the fun!  
Volunteers are always welcome!

**BINGO BINGO BINGO**

REMINDER: BINGO EVERY TUESDAY

7:00PM AT THE POST

Doors open at 4:00pm

COME BY AND TRY YOUR LUCK!

## A Message From the Editors

Ray Sargent (ray@sargent.net) and Sue Flemming (suef1957@yahoo.com)

As interim co-editors of the Tioga SIGNAL, we would like to introduce ourselves; Ray Sargent who joined Tioga Post 2149 in May 2006 and Sue Flemming who joined the Ladies Auxiliary in September 2006. We've enjoyed helping out at the miscellaneous Post and Auxiliaries' functions this past year and getting to know some of you. The functions have all been for a good cause...helping our Veterans who have served and are serving our country in any way we can. We both look forward to helping with any functions that the Post, Auxiliaries' and Jr. Girls Unit host in 2007.

Also, since we'd like to make this newsletter informative for all of our members, please send us any relevant articles you'd like to get published in the next quarterly Tioga SIGNAL or any suggestions or ideas you may have for us regarding the newsletter. We need your help to keep this newsletter going. We wish you all a happy, healthful and wonderful New Year.

### The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands  
one nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.

## Calendars are back!

We have begun a new series of Money-Rama Calendar raffle sales. The first month to be sold will be for April 2007. Donations, as in the past, will be \$10.00 for one calendar. Your ticket will be valid for all 30 days of the drawing — multiple wins are possible. Total cash prizes will be over \$5000.00. Most days will have prizes of \$25.00, but all Friday drawings will be for \$100.00 and Sunday drawings will be for \$50.00 to \$2000.00.

Sales of Calendars for  
the Month of April, 2007  
have begun. Order now.  
Only 1000 will be sold!

Calendars may be ordered through the mail by sending a \$10.00 check made out to **Tioga VFW #2149**. We will fill out your coupon and send the Calendar on to your home address. Send your \$10.00 donation to:

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## Ladies Auxiliary National President's Visit

Linda Meader, our National President, will be making her official visit to the State of Illinois on February 9, 2007 at the Diamond Ballroom, Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL.

There will be a Meet and Greet for our National President

2:00pm Aisle of Honor  
2:15pm Introductions

# Tioga Post 2149 Upcoming Dates January — April

Bingo every Tuesday 7:00pm at the Post. Try your luck!! Doors open at 4:00pm

January	1	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm Happy New Year's!	March	1	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	4	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm		3	Poppy Celebration/Poppy Display Judging @ Addison Post 6:00pm Cocktails 7:00pm Dinner
	8	Jr. Girls Unit Meeting 6:30pm		4	Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale @ Post 9:00am-1:00pm Jr. Girls Unit
	11	Post Meeting 8:00pm		5	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	13	Voice of Democracy Dinner- Batavia 6:00pm Tickets in advance.		8	Post Meeting 8:00pm
	15	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm		12	Jr. Girls Unit Meeting 6:30pm
	18	Corporation Meeting 7:00pm		15	Corporation Meeting 7:00pm
	20	Ham and Cheese Raffle @ Post 5:00-8:00pm		17	Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner @ Post 5:00-8:00pm \$12.00
	22	Patriot's Pen Awards Night @ Post 7:00pm		19	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	25	Post Meeting 8:00pm		22	Post Meeting 8:00pm
February	1	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	April	2	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	5	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm		5	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	8	Post Meeting 8:00pm		9	Jr. Girls Unit Meeting 6:30pm
	12	Jr. Girls Unit Meeting 6:30pm		12	Post Meeting 8:00pm
	15	Corporation Meeting 7:00pm		14	Jr. Girls Unit Conference-Joliet
	18	District Meeting Breakfast @ Addison Post first Post Men's meeting @ Addison Post Ladies Aux meeting @ Tioga Post		16	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
	19	Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm		19	Corporation Meeting 7:00 pm
	22	Post Meeting 8:00pm		26	Post Meeting 8:00pm

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