

Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
Department of Illinois
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 23 September 2013 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 216 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to bring a guest/potential new member.

POPPY DAY. The Post offered Veterans' Poppy's to the public on Saturday 8 September 2013 from 9 AM to 3 PM at Dierbergs in Shiloh. These Poppies are assembled by Veterans in VA Hospitals who are paid a small amount for their labors. The money collected will be distributed to various organizations which support Veterans at our September meeting.

MEMBERSHIP. As this writing the 2014 Post membership stands at 71. As you know dues notices have been sent out. The Legion Membership year runs from 1 January thru 31 December. Dues are payable in advance, hence the dues notices in July. Life will be a whole lot easier for Bill Martin if you would send you dues in pronto. They are still \$25.00.

There have been rumors, none substantiated as yet, that the National Organization or the State Organization or both may be considering a dues increase. If that should happen we would be forced to raise our dues. More on this later as additional information becomes available.

The IRS in its infinite wisdom has decided that Veterans Organizations should keep a record of their member's dates of service and their type of discharge. This post has been checking DD214 information but not keeping copies. According to the IRS, we could be fined \$1000.00 per day if they ask for this data, and we can't provide it. So, in order to satisfy the IRS we are forced to request that you send a copy of your DD214 to the address on the letterhead.

Please black out everything except your name, your dates of service and your character of discharge.

DIFFERENT SUBJECT.

On Saturday, September 21, our Military and Veterans will be honored before the Belleville East and Belleville West Football game at 12:45 P.M. with special recognition for WW II Veterans. If you should attend, you should be there between 12:15 and 12:30 P.M. Vets and Military will be admitted free. Otherwise admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for Senior Citizens and Students. The game will be played at West on Frank Scott Parkway West.

The meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:
Oct 2013 – 28th; Nov 2013 – 25th; Dec 2013 – 23rd. All begin at 7:00 P.M.