

**Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
Department of Illinois
P.O. Box 23944
Belleville, IL 62223-0944**

Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 24 February 2014 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.

MEMBERSHIP: As of this writing the Post membership stands at 124. We can do more. Check your Membership Card. If it doesn't show '2014' at the top center you haven't paid your 2014 dues.

PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY: If you have not sent us a copy of your 214 or Discharge certificate, please do so. The IRS has backed off a little bit, but if they decide to audit a Post, they can ask for proof of eligibility if they think they smell a rat.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. The winner of the January Insurance 50/50 was (?) Mank. He won \$32.50. Enclosed are 2 tickets for the February Drawing. If you decide to purchase 1 or both of them, send them and the money to the address on the letter head or to me at 1760 Payton Dr., Belleville, 62226. If you would like additional tickets, call Carl at 233-4597 & I'll get them to you. If you want more on a recurring basis, let me know and I'll include them in the Newsletter mailing. Thanks .
2. As mentioned before as a possibility, the Department has increased its Per Capita \$2.75. As a result, the per capita for the Department and National will be \$26.00. In addition the per capita for the 'Haven', District, and Division will add 25 cents to that figure for a total of \$26.25. Consequently, Post 2007 has been forced to increase its dues. This was discussed at our January 2014 meeting. It was decided to raise our dues to \$30.00. This, we feel, will be sufficient to cover the above Department increase and most likely the next National per capita increase. The increase will be effective when they start collecting 2015 dues in August 2014 after the Department Convention. At this time dues are still \$25.00.
3. www.ilegion.org/index.shtml is the online address of the Department of Illinois. Or just do a search for Illinois American Legion. There you will find job announcements, the Department Newsletter, news of upcoming events, access points for the National website, etc.
4. If you like Fish, you might want to give the Swansea Improvement Association fish stand a try. Good food. Reasonable prices.

The meeting schedule for 2014 is as follows: Mar 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 22. All begin at 7:00 P.M.

ATTEND MEETINGS. WE KEEP 'EM SHORT AND SWEET.