

Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
Department of Illinois
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Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 25 July, 2011 at the Swansea Improvement Association Hall, located at 301 Service St. in Swansea. The Executive Board will meet at 6:30 P.M. All members are welcome to attend. The SAL will meet at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance at our June meeting was excellent. We had about 25 members present. That's a quarter of our total membership. Thanks. Speaking of Membership, we are at 100. We're always looking for more. A past Department Commanders' theme was **'Just Ask'**. The next Commander followed up with **'It Works'**. And, you know what? It does work. Who do you know who is a veteran?

Again speaking of membership, most likely you have received your membership notification. It would make the job of your Membership Chairman, Bill Martin, much easier if you would send them, along with your \$25.00 dues as soon as possible.

There was an error in last Mays Newsletter. Tom Sheeler was elected to the Executive Board, not Bill Martin.

Don't forget the Raffle Tickets. The return so far has been disappointing to say the least. If you haven't returned yours, please do so. Outside of the 75 cents or so that the Post keeps from your dues; this raffle money is our main and really the only income which can be used for Post operations. Poppy money cannot be used except for aid to Veterans and/or their families. If you can sell more than we sent you we'd appreciate that too. Contact Carl Bales at 233-4597 or ccvbales@aol.com and arrangements will be made to get additional tickets to you. Money and stubs can be sent to the address on the letterhead above. Winners will be drawn at the August meeting, just in time for the Labor Day Bar-B-Ques. We thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

As reported in the May Newsletter our Post received notification that we have been given a very prestigious award by the Department of Illinois. We received **'The Commanders 1st Place 15 – 100 Member Category Community Service Award'**. This award is for a broad and outstanding community service program. Commander Meister and Adjutant Kaigh worked long and hard to provide the necessary information to the Department that resulted in our receiving this award. We are the first Post in this area, of any size, to receive this award in a number of years. By the time you receive this News Letter, Commander Meister and Sr. Vice-Commander Bales will have been presented the award at the Department Convention. It will be available for viewing at the July meeting.

Due to the efforts of David Devine, the Post now has a site on the web. You can take a look at it at swanseapost2007.com. Dave has done an outstanding job. The Post thanks him very much.

Our Commander, Bill Meister was presented the American Legion Meritorious Service Medal. This is a very prestigious individual award. Congratulations Bill.

The 2011 session of the American Legion Premier Boys state was held during the week of June 11 - 17. A young man, Cornelius Allen, from Belleville was elected Governor. He is the first alternate for attendance at Boys Nation.

Attend meetings. We keep them short so that we have time to visit