

Swansea Community Post 2007
American Legion
Department of Illinois
P.O. Box 20093
Swansea, IL 62226

Our next meeting is scheduled at 7:00 P.M. 21 May 2012 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.

MEMBERSHIP: There are still a few of you out there who have not as yet paid your 2012 dues. Are you one of those few? Check your membership card. If the membership year does not indicate 2012, you are. PLEASE REMIT \$25.00 ASAP.

On a different subject, don't forget the upcoming 'Celtic Fest'. We have arranged to have several of the top Celtic Bands in the country perform. Among them is the 'Highland Reign' which completed a tour of Scotland and Ireland in March. We'll have the usual food and refreshment stands, a few things for the kiddies to amuse themselves with and possibly a few ethnic craft stands. We're looking for sponsors and individuals or organizations interested in taking part or specially helping. The local Hibernians have joined us in this project. The 'Celtic Fest' is scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday June 15 and 16, 2012 at the Mel Price Park on Caseyville Ave. in Swansea. On Friday the 15th the hours will be 3:00 P.M. til 10:00 P.M. The Saturday hours will be from noon until 10:00 P.M. For more information Contact Bill Meister at (618) 401-0531.

We have scheduled a Flag Retirement Ceremony on 23 June 2012. It will be held at the Mel Price Park on Caseyville Avenue in Swansea. It will begin at 7:00 PM. We've been doing this every year. The Boy Scouts from several troops help us out, and even provide the fire pit. If it wasn't for the Scouts and their leaders, we would have very few attendees'. Generally, six or eight post members show up. It would be nice if a few more would do so.

The Post has been contributing to 'The Fisher House' at Jefferson Barracks since its inception. It opened for business July 2010. From the opening through February 2012, they have served over 580 families and more than 1030 individuals varying in age with the youngest being 3 months old. The average length of stay is 22 days with the longest being 198 days. The estimated saving in costs to families is \$1,065,200.00. These families use the facilities while visiting family members being treated at JB. No family pays to stay at any Fisher House. Our contributions support the Veterans and their families.

Some Post members knew Dale Ferguson, the gentleman who operated 'The Haven'. He succumbed to cancer April 26. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and by the American Legion.

A question for your friend and acquaintances –

ARE YOU A VETERAN? DO YOU BELONG TO THE AMERICAN LEGION? HOW ABOUT JOINING?

JUST ASK! IT WORKS!

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