



LEGION-AIRES

Moline American Legion Post 246

For God and Country

December 2019



Post Commander's Message:

I would like each of you to consider returning to active status at your post 246.

Also bring along a fellow veteran to become active also or become a new member of the American Legion as part of Moline Post #246. I know at our current location (Moline VFW) on 7th street in Moline the parking is a major problem and you might have to walk up to a half block, please take a chance. Our monthly meeting are the 4th Monday of each month. For your information myself and your E-board committee have been working very hard to find ways for our membership to reconnect and enjoy yourself at your Post #246.

One of the better activities is your being a member of the Honor Guard. It is considered one of the best in the area, but it could use some new members.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your Commander at the number below.

Your Commander

John Marsho

American Legion Post 246

(563) 650-5304

P.S. Looking forward to seeing you at the post 246.

Blood Donors:

Your body replenishes a donated pint of blood in 24 hours. Donors are always needed. If you can donate please do. Code 585 credits the Legion.



Honor Guard Commander:

The post honor guard is alive and well with 167 fall outs through 25 November 2019. As things stand now all our efforts are for deceased veterans military honors or special holiday events.



Our honor guard strength has pretty much remained at or around 20 (Luckily only one on the list is a "snowbird").

Every honorably discharged veteran is entitled to military honors when they pass on. Full honors include , rifle salute, the playing of taps, and the flag. The service can be modified in any way to suit the family.

An important step in receiving honors is having the proper military papers to prove you served (a photo in uniform won't cut it) more importantly is that some one in the family also know where your documents are. Your DD214 is the important one.

The majority of honors around here are presented by veteran groups, but the family has the option of requesting the deceased branch of service do the honors. This usually consists of two or three representatives, one of which must be from the deceased branch of service. Their honors consist of flag presentation and the playing of taps. However, if requested, the rifle salute by a veteran organization can also be included.

Prior to August 2019,, The American Legion "locked out" veterans who served during certain periods where there were no major conflict. This was not fair and has been corrected. Anyone who served honorably from WWII on is eligible to join the Legion (and the honor guard)

If you have some spare time, and would like to help us honor departed comrades call me at the number below.

James Joseph

Honor Guard Commander

Finance Officer

Our Post 246 financial situation at the present time is good. We are working to keep ourselves on sound footing and to be guided on the path of good judgement and sound decisions that concern our Post and its future. We are striving to increase our membership both active and inactive. With many veterans in our area, we hope and need to have more active members at our monthly meetings. Our monthly meetings are on the 4TH Monday of the month at the Moline VFW Post 2153, 1721 7th Street, Moline IL. At 7PM. Our post financial health is based on the dues received from our members each year. Our post share of the \$40.00 of our yearly dues is only \$9.00. As we increase our membership we also increase the health of our Post and are able to do more for veterans in our area and in our state. Thank you for your membership and participation and may we continue to prosper as a post.

Dale Brahm

Post 246 Financial Officer



Chaplain's Corner:

My fellow legionnaires, I have the privilege of being

your Chaplain once again for Post 246 and if I can be of any support to you in any way, or if you are in the hospital, please let me know so I can let the post know. I am always available for you, My number, should you ever need me is (309) 428 0777

Thank you and God bless.

In Christ's name

Harry C. Scarff Sr.

Chaplain Post 246

Service Officer:

I am your Service Officer. If you need assistance in Legion or VA matters contact me at (309) 203-8506. I can also be contacted at our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the VFW Post 2153, 1721 7th Street, Moline Illinois.

Service Officer

Kevin Kastelic



Membership report:

As of November 25th we have 257 members that have renewed for 2020..
