

American Legion Marne Post 13

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Membership Meetings:
Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday
Dinner 6:30pm
Meeting 7:00pm

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May 2025

Dear Members of Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13,
As we welcome May, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support and participation in our Post activities. Your involvement is vital to our community's strength and success.

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Upcoming Events

Mother's Day Buffet: Join us on Sunday, May 11th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for our annual Mother's Day Buffet. Enjoy a special performance by Patrick James from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Memorial Day Observance: On Monday, May 26th, we will honor our fallen heroes with a Memorial Day Parade starting at 10:45 AM from Ira Jones Middle School, proceeding to Settlers Park. The ceremony will include a wreath-laying, rifle salute, and band performances.

Regular Events

Bingo Nights: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 5:00 PM, and ticket sales begin at 5:30 PM.

Karaoke Nights: Join us on Friday, May 2nd, at 7:00 PM for a fun-filled evening of music and camaraderie.

Bunco: Our next Bunco event is on Sunday, May 4th, at 12:30 PM. Open to the public; a \$20 entry fee applies.

Euchre Tournament: Test your skills on Wednesday, May 7th, at 6:30 PM.

Legion Riders Bike Night: Join us on Wednesday, May 14th, for our monthly bike night.

Live Music - "Don't Matter To Me Band": Enjoy live entertainment on Friday, May 16th, at 8:00 PM.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament: Our next tournament is on Saturday, May 17th, at 10:30 AM.

Our Post continues to thrive because of the unwavering support and participation of our Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders. Together, we honor our mission of service and community.

Thank you for your commitment. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

For God and Country,
Commander James "Casta" Castaneda
Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13



Adjutant

We have achieved our Membership goal for the 2025 Membership Year. We have 393 of 388 renewals complete for 2025. That puts us at 101%.

We currently have 38 new members of Marne Post 13 for the 2025 membership year.

That means we have achieved Silver Brigade Status once again. We need 12 new members to achieve Gold Brigade Status.

If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

**Bradley L. Sellers
Adjutant**

Chaplain

The sick call report is as follows: Please reach out to these and pray for our members who are recovering and on sick call; Ron and Mary Kay Allan, Frank Pecoraro, Jim and Peggy Arends, Gary Taylor, Bill Miller, Lee and Barb Perignon, Tom Mlynik, Jim Walls, and Doug Flagg. Please contact me or the Legion office for any additions and corrections.

I have not received any notifications for additions to Post Everlasting.

We have a vital role in each other's healing journeys. The Bible teaches us about the power of community in supporting one another through challenging times. We are called to love and care for one another, and this means standing by each other in prayer, encouragement, and acts of kindness.

Some verses serve as a reminder that we are not alone; we have a family in Christ who can walk alongside us during tough times. Together, pray and support each other as we experience the beauty of God's love shared.

Galatians 6:2, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

The best

Chaplain Marne Post 13

David Levally

Next, for May 2025 here are some important days to remember and celebrate.

First, The entire month of May is Military Appreciation Month. Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999. In May 2000, the month-long observance was celebrated for the first-time.

May 1, 2025 - Silver Star Service Banner Day: A day set aside to honor our wounded, ill, and dying military personnel by participating in flying a Silver Star Banner.

May 1, 2025 - National Day of Prayer: The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

May 8, 2025 - VE (Victory in Europe) Day: A day which marks the anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II (1945).

May 9, 2025 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day: A day set aside to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 11, 2025 - Mother's Day: Organizations that support deployed military personnel on Mother's Day

May 13, 2025 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day: A day to honor the families our Fallen Heroes have left behind – especially their children. It's a reminder to the community that we have an obligation to support the families of our Fallen Patriots.

May 17, 2025 - Armed Forces Day: A day set aside to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces.

May 2025- National Poppy Day (Marne Post May 10th) National Poppy Day to honor American soldiers who died in war.

May 26, 2025 - Memorial Day (Decoration Day) A day set aside to commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States. Typically recognized by parades, visiting memorials and cemeteries

Interesting Event during May Historically (there are many more)

May 1, 2021 U.S. Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan-President Joe Biden officially announced the complete withdrawal of U.S. military forces from Afghanistan, marking the end of America's longest military engagement. This historic decision signaled a significant shift in U.S. foreign policy, concluding a nearly two-decade-long military presence that began in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

May 1, 1960 - An American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over Sverdlovsk in central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

May 4, 1970 - At Kent State University, four students - Allison Krause, 19; Sandra Lee Scheuer, 20; Jeffrey Glenn Miller, 20; and William K. Schroeder, 19 - were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's

May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft Freedom 7 during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth.

May 6, 1937 - The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames at 7:20 p.m. as it neared the mooring mast at Lakehurst, New Jersey, following a trans-Atlantic voyage. Thirty six of the 97 passengers and crew were killed.

May 7, 1945 - In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alfred Jodl signed the unconditional surrender of all German fighting forces thus ending World War II in Europe.

May 8: Victory in Europe Day-The unconditional surrender of Germany in World War II came on May 8th, 1945.

May 10, 1994 - Former political prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as president of South Africa.

May 11, 1969 - During the Vietnam War, the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. While attempting to seize the Dong Ap Bia Mountain, U.S. troops repeatedly scaled the hill over a 10-day period and engaged in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After finally securing the objective, American military staff decided to abandon the position, which the North Vietnamese retook shortly thereafter. The battle highlighted the futility of the overall American military strategy.

May 13, 1943 - During World War II in North Africa, over 250,000 Germans and Italians surrendered in the last few days of the Tunis campaign.

May 13, 1981 - Pope John Paul II was shot twice at close range while riding in an open automobile in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

May 14, 1942 - During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for non combat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC),

May 18, 1980 - Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky.

May 21, 1881 - The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

May 22, 1972 - President Richard Nixon became the first American president to visit Moscow.

May 25, 2020 - George Floyd, an African American man, died during an arrest by

Minneapolis police officers, including Derek Chauvin,

Americanism

Patriots,

I would like to thank the Sons and Riders who have financially sponsored Plainfield boys attending this summer's Boys State seminar. We held a great information night for the boys and their parents on April 23rd. John Reece the Vice Chairman of Illinois Premier Boys State attended along with 5 Boys State alumni. The program is open to boys who will be entering their senior year in high school next fall and who are in good academic standing. This year's program is at Eastern Illinois University from Saturday, June 7 through Friday, June 13th. The Post financially sponsors all Plainfield attendees. Registration is open until May 31st at www.illinoisboysstate.org.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to give out this year's D202 scholarships and School Awards. Please see the table below for your obligations:

Event	Presentation	Date	Time	Location	Presenter
Plainfield East HS Awards Night	Scholarships	May 7	7:00pm	PEHS Auditorium	Frank Brow
Plainfield South HS Awards Night	Scholarships	May 7	7:00pm	PSHS Auditorium	Paul Thomason
Plainfield Central HS Awards Night	Scholarships	May 7	6:00pm	PCHS Auditorium	David Hale
Plainfield North HS Awards Night	Scholarships	May 14	7:00pm	PNHS Auditorium	Greg Roach
Drauden Point MS 8 th Grade Awards	School Awards	May 16	7:30pm	Drauden Point MS	David LaFrancis
Aux Sable MS 8 th Grade Awards	School Awards	May 20	TBD	Aux Sable MS	Kenneth Blair
St. Mary Immaculate Parish 8 th Grade Awards	School Awards	May 22	1:30pm	SMIP Church	Michael Davis
Indian Trail MS 8 th Grade Promotion	School Awards	May 27	7:30pm	PCHS Field House	Dennis Dowling
Ira Jones MS 8 th Grade Promotion	School Awards	May 27	7:30pm	PNHS Field House	David Hale
Heritage Grove MS 8 th Grade Promotion	School Awards	May 27	5:30pm	PNHS Field House	David LeVally
Timber Ridge MS 8 th Grade Promotion	School Awards	May 27	5:30pm	PCHS Field House	Jim Mladic
John F. Kennedy MS 8 th Grade Promotion	School Awards	May 27	7:00pm	PEHS Field House	Gary Taylor

Please reach out to Deb Uher and the Auxiliary as they still need volunteers to work shifts on the morning and early afternoon in support of Poppy Days on Saturday, May 10th. Donations received from Poppy Days go directly and exclusively to support veteran's health and rehabilitation.

Memorial Day is here! Saturday, May 24th at 9:00am members of Marne Post 13 will be meeting at the flagpole in the middle of the Plainfield Cemetery. We will be decorating veteran's graves with American Flags. PLEASE COME OUT and support this solemn event. On Monday, May 26th we will be forming up in the parking lot at the Ira Jones Middle School for the Memorial Day parade. Wear your AL cover and your officer white shirt or American Flag polo shirt. Long pants should be worn. The parade will end at the Settler's Park monuments for our Memorial Day Observance ceremony. This is truly our organization's largest event in the community, we need EVERYONE who can be a part of this event to participate. A BBQ will take place afterwards in the Pavilion.

May important days to remember:

Sunday, May 4th Firefighters Memorial Day – FLY YOUR FLAG

Thursday, May 15th Peace Officer's Memorial Day – FLY YOUR FLAG

Monday, May 26th Memorial Day – FLY YOUR FLAG (The flag is at half-mast until noon).

**E pluribus, unum,
Greg Roach
Americanism Officer**



Auxiliary News

Hello Legion Family,

Happy spring!! April brought the 1st Annual Post 5k! Thank you to everyone who helped out and a huge thank you to Hugo for leading such an incredible event! We look forward to next years!!

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Easter! Thank you to the Legion for hosting an amazing party for members and their families. Thank you also to all the Auxiliary members who helped at the party and filling all the eggs for the egg hunt. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Auxiliary put together Easter bags of goodies and necessities for Veterans at two local nursing homes. Thank you to the incredible ladies who shopped, put together the bags, and delivered the bags to the local Veterans. We are so grateful for you volunteering your time for this important cause.

Poppy Month has arrived! As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we will be holding our Poppy collection date on Saturday May 10th . Please see the attached flyer for locations. If you have signed up to help out, please check the Google Group this week for your time reminder. We are still looking for a few volunteers so please email me to sign up if you are available.

Our next Bunco date is Sunday, May 4th. Registration begins at 12:00, with game play beginning at 1p. Come on out to support this Auxiliary fundraiser and for a chance at winning cash prizes!!

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmothers, and aunts. Hoping you each have a beautiful day celebrating you!!

With much gratitude and appreciation!

Deb Uher

President ALA Unit 13

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Deb Uher

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Renee Bush

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Crystal Egle

Secretary

Karen Gibson

Treasurer

Erica LaFrancis

Historian

Sandi McVey

Chaplain

Cynthia King

Sergeant-at-Arms





Sons,

Euchre will be on Wednesday, May 7th. Registration will start at 6pm and games will take place between 6:30 and 9:30pm. Come out and have fun!

Come out for some great music and singing on Friday, May 2nd for karaoke! We have been having such a great time with an incredible spectrum of different types of music. This has really been a success. Don't miss it!

This month's meeting is Monday, May 12th, dinner starts at 6:00pm. We will be nominating officers for 2026. We will need at least a new Commander. Boots has led the way and been a great example of leadership over the last several years. Someone new will need to fill his shoes! Be ready to volunteer to ensure the future of our Squadron.

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**In service and support,
Greg**

SAL Officers

Bob "Boots" Tosch
Commander
815-557-8316

Greg Roach
Sr. Vice Commander

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Jr. Vice Commander

Gary Uher
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Riders Officers

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Secretary

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Historian

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Nick Mesik

Run Coordinator

Roger Scott

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Jason Vavra

Nick Mesik

Road Captains

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy May! As the weather warms up and spring blossoms around us, we are excited to announce that our Bike Nights are back in full swing. We appreciate your patience as we had to cancel our first event of the year on April 9th due to inclement weather.

However, our April 23rd Bike Night boasted an amazing turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces come together for a night of camaraderie and fun! We're eagerly looking forward to our upcoming events, which will continue to be held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday**** of each month until the end of October.**

Mark your calendars for our next Bike Night on May 14th, and don't forget that this evening will also be Ladies Night! Ladies, come join us for a complimentary drink courtesy of the Riders. Remember, Bike Night is not just for motorcycles—classic car enthusiasts are welcome, and if you simply want to enjoy the beautiful outdoors from our lovely pavilion, we invite you to join us!

Additionally, we will be hosting our **May Poker Tournament**** on ****Saturday, May 17th****.**

One of our regular poker players, who owns Hat Trick BBQ Company in Aurora, IL, has graciously offered to provide a delicious BBQ treat for the occasion. It's sure to be a fun day filled with great company and good food. We encourage everyone to come out, play some poker, and enjoy the festivities. If you're planning any spring or summer gatherings, please consider supporting those who support our post by choosing Hat Trick BBQ for your catering needs!

Looking ahead, our second Bike Night for May will be on **Wednesday, May 28th****. As the grass grows greener and the trees fill with leaves, let's take a moment to appreciate the blessings we have in life and the joys of riding and fellowship.**

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the Riders and the Plainfield American Legion. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events!

Ride safe and see you soon!

Warm regards,

Chris Gibson



Calendar of Upcoming Events

May

- 05/02/25 Karaoke @ 7 pm**
- 05/04/25 Auxiliary Bunco Event Registration @ 12:30, Bunco starts @ 1pm**
- 05/06/25 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7pm**
- 05/07/25 Euchre Tournament**
- 05/12/25 SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- 05/13/25 Post and Auxiliary meetings, dinner @ 6:30pm and meetings to follow**
- 05/16/25 Live Music: Don't Matter To Me Band**
- 05/17/25 Riders Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney (Doors open @ 10am)**
- 05/21/25 Riders Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- 05/26/25 Memorial Day**



June

- 06/01/25 Auxiliary Bunco Event Registration @ 12:30, Bunco starts @ 1pm**
- 06/03/25 Executive Committee Meeting @ 7pm**
- 06/04/25 Euchre Tournament**
- 06/06/25 Karaoke @ 7 pm**
- 06/09/25 SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- 06/10/25 Post and Auxiliary meetings, dinner @ 6:30pm and meetings to follow**
- 06/14/25 Riders Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney (Doors open @ 10am)**
- 06/18/25 Riders Meeting @ 6:30pm**
- 06/27/25 Live Music:**



WEEKLY EVENTS

- Monday Mornings: Military Movie at the Post @ 10am (see Google Group for specifics)**
- Every Thursday: BINGO (Doors open @ 5pm, ticket sales start @ 5:30pm)**
- Every Friday: Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 8pm**

Plainfield American
Legion Riders Present



BIKE And Cruise NIGHT

Classic cars
welcomed!

50/50

Bike Blessing



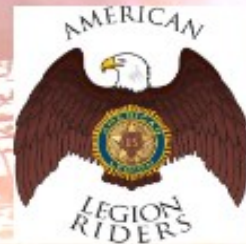
MAY
28TH, 2025

5-10 PM

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Plainfield
American Legion
Riders present
LADIES NIGHT



BIKE

And classic
cars

Night

50/50
And
More

Poppy Night!



May 14th 2025, 5-10 pm Ladies receive one
free drink compliments of the Riders!

Proceeds will go to the Plainfield Auxiliary Poppy Day Fund!
PLAINFIELD AMERICAN LEGION PAVILION
24741 Renwick Rd, Plainfield, IL 60544

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Plainfield American
Legion Riders
Presents



10:30
Registration
11:30 Play starts

Texas Hold'Em
TOURNAMENT

\$100.00 Buy in 61K in chips, No Rebuys 1
Add On For \$50.00 For 60K In Chips, 5K In
Extra Chips With Preregistrtn, Arrive
Before 11 Am For Another 5K In Chips.

Plainfield American Legion Hall
24741 Renwick Rd, Plainfield, IL 60544, Cash Bar
And Snacks, To Sign Up Go To
plainfieldlegion.com Click On Texas Hold'Em
Registration Link. 80% of proceeds go to payout

plainfieldlegion.com



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**

POPPY DAY DONATION LOCATIONS

Please stop by any of these locations to pick up your poppy and leave a donation to help support the future of veterans

Southern Belle's

**15051 S Van Dyke Rd, Plainfield, IL
8:00am - 2:00pm**

Walgreens

**14902 S IL Rt 59, Plainfield, IL
10:00am - 2:00pm**

Ace Hardware

**2240 S IL Rt 59, Plainfield, IL
10:00am - 2:00pm**

Moe Joe's

**24033 W Lockport St, Plainfield, IL
11:00am - 3:00pm**

Conrad's Harley Davidson

**19356 NE Frontage Rd, Shorewood, IL
10:00am - 2:00pm**

Tony's Fresh Market

**2300 S Route 59, Plainfield, IL
8:00am - 2:00pm**

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MAY 4, 2025



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24741 W RENWICK RD. PLAINFIELD, IL

18+

**IT'S
BUNCO
TIME**

**\$20
ENTRY**

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00PM & BUNCO BEGINS AT 1:00PM

