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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR **630-964-0011** **630-963-9100**

1919....Walter Staats
1920....Robert W. Carpenter
1921....Jay Allison
1922....Dan M. Diener
1923....Norman E. Anderson
1924....Henry Swift
1925....Morris E. Stevenson
1926....William E. Hooper
1927....Harold H. Clarke
1928....George Hannan
1929....A.T. Witt
1930....Arthur Johnson
1931....A.T. Witt
1932....A.J. Walter
1933....J. Richard Hawkins
1934....Melvin G. Binder
1935....L.J. Dixon
1936....William A. Finger
1937....G. Willard McCollum
1938....Leslie L. Meyer
1939....Charles Dyer
1940....Newell Fishel
1941....Rollin Whitaker
1942....Ivan M. Webster
1943....Thomas C. Arndt
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock
1945....Stanley A. Lynch
1946....Louis A. Edwards
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan

1948....Eugene Weaver
1949....Fred W. Lester
1950....Harvey H. Kenitz
1951....Joseph R. Krepper
1952....Gilbert G. Giesler
1953....Andrew S. Blaida
1954....Herschel Hubbard
1955....A.R. Fister
1956....Dino Convalle
1957....Tony F. Morello
1958....W.H. Schenke
1959....James L. Newall
1960....Edwin D. Wrenn
1961....Bernard J. Blaida
1962....Louis W. Wrenn
1963....James R. Hodous
1964....Jerry Kopecky
1965....Earl W. Will
1966....Leonard J. Voss
1967....Gene Kappelman
1968....Alois E. Sheber
1969....Mason Taylor
1970....William Harkness
1971....Earl W. Will
1972....Steven J. Kadlec
1973....Joseph A. Bartels
1974....Zedo Oliver
1975....Herbert Morrison
1976....Chester Kotowski
1977....Ed Knickerbocker
1978....Elmer J. Mears
1979....Dudley E. Smalley

1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1983....Frank J. Bulin
1984....George R. Novak
1985....George R. Novak
1986....Bill Johnson
1987....A.E. Sheber
1988....David D. Wisbrock
1989....David D. Wisbrock
1990....David D. Wisbrock
1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1993....Ken Gallagher
1994....Richard Bernardini
1995....Emery Wolff
1996....Curt McCullagh
1997....Larry Bryant
1998....Larry Bryant
1999....John Magic
2000....Jack Border
2001....Jack Border
2002....Bob Isenberger
2003....Bob Isenberger
2004....Joe Pappalardo
2005....Richard Rooney
2006....Richard Rooney
2007....Richard Mueller
2008....Richard Mueller
2009....Woody Kawaters
2010....Woody Kawaters

Italics denotes deceased



Commander's Column

We are into the holiday season. Thanksgiving has come and gone. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be Sunday December 5th at 1:30PM. Santa Claus will be there of course with a present for every boy and girl aged ten and under, and some entertainment for the youngsters.

When we had our Veterans Day Ceremony I was pleasantly surprised to see such an excellent turnout. We had over sixty people present thanks to some of the most beautiful weather for November. Many of you were impressed and touched when the Army posted the Colors. Our Color Guard was short handed this year, and I asked the Recruiters to help out.

Let us not forget December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The day thousands of servicemen who had lost their lives and those who were gravely wounded. December 31st is not only New Years Eve, but is the official end of WWII.

I'd like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



AUXILIARY NEWS

320 pounds of wish list items were delivered to “Support Our Troops” on October 21. These donations, which totaled up to \$3000.00, came from our Craft Show. The Commander, Rich Greenwald, Pegi Castle and I were proud to present a \$1000 check to “Support our Troops”. It costs 30.00 to ship a box of goodies so do the math and be proud of the Craft Show accomplishment.

I hope that everybody is keeping track of their “Service Hours”. Keep your tally sheet somewhere accessable, like the surface of your referigator. It’s easier to keep track on a monthly basis than try to remember everything that you accomplished at the end of April. You can pick up these sheets at any meeting.

Veterans Day was as perfect as a November day can be. I met Major Nancy Cech, and I invited her to speak at our February meeting. It is appropriate that Veterans Day and Thanksgiving are in the same month. The holiday season reminds us to be thankful for our blessings. We should be thankful for all who serve, for they give us the gift of freedom.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season,
Karen Greenwald, President

Important Auxiliary Dates

December 3:	6:00pm	Children’s Party Gift Wrap
December 5:	1:00pm	Legion Children’s Christmas Party Kitchen help needed
December 13 meeting:	6:00pm	Auxiliary Christmas Pot Luck, \$5.00 grab bag
January		No Unit meeting
January 15:		50/50 Luncheon, details next month
January 16		Auxiliary Power Poker
January 19	7:00pm	Executive Board Meeting
January 8 & 22:		Leadership Training Hostess help needed

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

I have chartered the bus for the May 30th baseball outing. 1st Student has raised their rates and is adding a 15% gratuity fee. The bus fare is raised to \$10/person. The total ticket cost will be \$22/person.



Mark your calendars for May 30th. I am planning an outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ballgame with the Kane County cougars. The Game starts at 6:00PM. This would be a fun time for us all. There will be fireworks that night

If we get twenty people or more the box seats is **\$12.00** per person. And, we can have a charter a bus to take us to the game and return us to the post.

The cut off date is April 16th to purchase your box seat tickets. Please make checks payable to **American Legion Post 80** for **\$22 per person**, which includes the **cost of transportation (\$10.00 for chartered bus)**.

The incentive to purchase tickets by April 16th is four undated tickets good for any game for the rest of the season. Two pair of these tickets will be raffled off on Game Day to all who attend. So get your money in ASAP.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people: _____ x **\$22.00**= _____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-960-5898)
Sr. Vice-Commander



Legion Rider Update

Legion Riders – Post 80 Sponsored Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser

On October 23rd the American Legion Riders of Post 80 held it's Fall Fundraising event, a Candle Light Bowl at the Strikes & Spares Lanes in Lockport, IL. The Riders were very pleased with a turnout of over 40 fellow Legionnaires, Riders, family and friends. Tickets for the event included buffet supper and rental of bowling shoes and balls.

Veteran's Parade Honors Parade Organizer Woody Weidens on Nov 7th, in Utica IL

In response to an invitation from Bessie Strickland, Legion Rider Treasurer for American Legion Post 294 in Morris, IL, over thirty Legion Rider bikes joined to form a combined Unit for the Utica Veteran's Day Parade on Nov 7th. Legion Riders came from Downers Grove Post 80, Morris Post 294, Utica Post 731 as well as Legion Riders from Coal City and Oglesby IL.

This year's parade was dedicated to the memory of Veteran and parade organizer Terry "Woody" Weiden. Woody was called to Post Everlasting unexpectedly on June 22, 2010. His widow, Sharon Weiden, is Post Commander of Pierce Davis Post #731 in Utica. Woody spent 14 years in the US Army and Sharon spent 10 in the US Marine Corps. She has shared with parade participants how much her husband looked forward to the parade every year, and hoped each year was better and bigger than the last.

Military, Veteran, and Police and Fire Units participating in the parade were also invited to attend a Brunch hosted by Post 731 at the Utica Community Building. The American Legion Auxiliary as well as other Utica Women's groups produced the wonderful home-cooked array of food and baked goods for the brunch.



Legion Scholarships
Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2011

This is the 29th year of the veterans memorial scholarship and we hope to have many of our Post 80 children and grandchildren enter, September 2011 entry forms can be obtained from the adjutant. All must be out of high school, can enter all 4 years of college. Put your name only on the 1st page. All copies will go to 5 judges, 2 non- legion members and 3 legion members. Names will be blocked out and you will receive a number. Mail in you scholarship forms by March 15th. Mail to American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove 60515. First place winner will receive \$1000, 2nd place winner will receive \$500. Must be under 23 years old. Pick up scholarship forms at post 80.

Enter all of the scholarships you can. Samsung/ American Legion Scholarship gave \$20,000 to 11 winners. The American Legion Auxiliary have scholarships: if we find more scholarships, we will put them in the Legion letter.

Post 80 Thank You



Scholarship Book

500 Entries for Scholarship info.
Get a Free book, “Need a Lift”
Go to online: <http://www.legion.org/needalift>



Gift For Yanks

Those that will be collecting for Gifts for Yanks will meet at 7:00 am Saturday, December 11th, at the **Offices of the Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation, 933A Curtis Street**. This is once again made possible by the community minded and gracious President of the Downtown Management Corporation, **Linda Kunze**.





MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The second dues notice was mailed on Oct. 1st, and if you are one of our unpaid members you have received yours. We would really appreciate if upon receipt you submit your 2011 dues .

Also the SAL membership cards are in the dues remain at \$7.00 and you can remit these to the post Adjutant..

Welcome to all the Veterans who have joined our post: Ken Okelman, Robert Parrott, Robert McGuffin, Robert Mitilieni, John Mensik, Tho Rodak, Robert Kohnen, and Walter Reitz.

Please join us at our regular meetings and feel free to lend a hand at our many functions.

Thank you all for your support.

Post Adjutant
Jim Nelson

Attention:

Be a participating member of Post 80, if you would like to be a volunteer as a paid hall representative contact Ronald A. Czech at 630 734-1098 for additional information.

Thank You

Sick Call

If you know of any member that is not feeling well please drop Woody Kawaters an e-mail at **hckawaters@comcast.net**.

Bartenders Needed

Steve Collins, our Bar Manager, is in need of some B.A.S.S.E.T. trained bartenders (a Downers Grove requirement for someone to be behind the bar, even to serve soda or water) to help with our growing bar business.

This is a great and easy way to help more veterans.

Contact Steve Collins at usmc.snickers@yahoo.com to express your interest and obtain more details.





2010 - 2011 *New Years Eve*



CELEBRATION



American Legion Post 80
4000 Saratoga Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
630-968-9710



Prime Rib Dinner

MUSIC TO DANCE BY

CHAMPAGNE TOAST- FAVORS- SNACKS

Donation: \$50 per person

Doors Open at 6:00 PM

Buffet Dinner at 7:30 PM

Celebration Starts at 9:00 PM



Tables of 8 or 10 may be reserved

Tickets prior to December 21st are \$50 per person

After December 21st, tickets are \$60 per person

For Tickets Sales and Table Assignments Call:

Bill Downing at: (630)932-8674 or Rich Jones at: (630)964-2434



THOUGHT<>OF<>THE<>MONTH:

LEGION MEMBERS WHERE ARE YOU?? (NO EXCUSES!):

The wise old owl syndrome:

A wise old owl sat in an oak,



the more he saw,

the less he spoke.

the less he spoke,

the more he heard.

Why aren't more of

you like that

wise old bird?

So many ways our time to spend,
on nights when our Hall we should attend.

And by the interest we show,
be one of them who help us grow.

We find some trivial excuse,
worn out and frayed from overuse,

Some errand that we have to do,
Although we know this isn't true.

In spring attending our hall is hard, we love to work around the yard.
And pass away the evening hours, by puttering with shrubs and flowers.

The summer nights are much too hot, we simply cannot bear the thought,
Of putting on a shirt and tie, so summer meetings we pass by.

When autumn comes we then decide, to get the car and take a ride,
For fields and woodlands everywhere, entice us with their colors rare.

Comes winter and we plan to go, then look outside and see the snow,
Although our conscience won't approve, from out the house we fail to move.

And so it goes from year to year, so many things that interfere,
For poor attendance at our Hall, RESPONSIBILITY, we dodge, that's all.

What is the remedy you ask? And answering is an easy task,
TURN OUT and show you really care, Attend our Hall and do your share.

Meet with brothers face to face, for no one else can take your place,
When you and all the others go, Our Hall will prosper, live, and grow!!

Amen!! (by Ivan E. Addis).....RWB



PRESIDENT..... KAREN GREENWALD
VICE PRESIDENT.....BONNIE WISBROCK
SECRETARYELECTA CHONKO
TREASURER..... NORMA BORDER
CHAPLAINGERRI GRAGG
HISTORIAN.....MARGE PAVICH
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... LORRAINE DONNEGAN

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR
PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb
1921....Jessie Straub
1922....Matilda Uhlorn
1923....Myra Hawkins
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins
1925....Emily Sanders
1926....Daisy Swift
1927....Florence Johnson
1928....Mary Pfaff
1929....Esther Binder
1930....Beulah McCollum
1931....Viola Vix
1932....Bernice Goltry
1933....Mae Jones
1934....Bernice Hannan
1935....Marie Finger
1936....Evelyn Walter
1937....Josephine Mitchell
1938....Lorraine Edwards
1939....Ethel Margison
1940....Vera Iehl
1941....Mabel Webster
1942....Muriel Fischel
1943....Ruth Karvatt
1944....Emily Mrkvicka
1945....Flossie Dreuttel
1946....Minnie Lester
1947....Esther Weaver
1948....Myrtle Kraft

1949....Vivian Harkness
1950....Christine McGarvie
1951....Shirley Wrenn
1952....Letitia Mrkvicka
1953....Corabelle Krepper
1954....Christine McGarvie
1955....Elsie Niedner
1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss
1957....Marian Lacey
1958....Evelyn Fredericks
1959....Shirley Schenke
1960....Margaret Morello
1961....Marian Ruzicka
1962....Margaret Edwards
1963....Alice Pechinski
1964....Alice Pechinski
1965....Anne Creel
1966....Evelyn Jenkins
1967....Dorthy Nied
1968....Eleanor Bartels
1969....Alice Pechinski
1970....Helen Beck
1971....Jeanette Foster
1972....Dorthy Kadlec
1973....Margaret Morello
1974....Ann Hodous
1975....Ann Hodous
1976....Eleanor Bartels
1977....Alice Pechinski
1978....Mildred Mueller
1979....Catherine Smalley
1980....Frances North

1981....Anne Creel
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1984....Anne Creel
1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1987....Ethel Clark
1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1989....Eleanor Bartels
1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
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2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

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Bingo Workers

Dec. 7 **Kitchen:** Karen G., Pam H.,
Joey K., Joyce W.
Tickets: Jane B., Leora N.

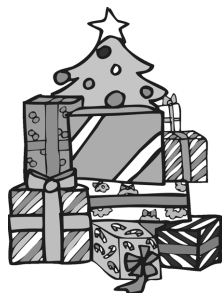
Dec. 14 **Kitchen:** Lorraine D., Karen G.,
Marge P., Mary P.
Tickets: Evelyn F., Leora N.

Dec. 21 **Kitchen:** Karen G., Gloria P.,
Kathy P., Charlotte U.
Tickets: Pam H., Eileen K.

Dec. 28 **Kitchen:** Arlene G., Dolores H.,
Gloria P., Marge P.
Tickets: Leora N., Kathy P.

Hostesses

There are NO hostesses this month because
of our Pot Luck Christmas Party



Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri.	Sat
December 2010			1 Business Meeting 7:30pm	2	3 Auxiliary Children's Gift Wrap 6:00pm	4 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
5 Children's Christmas Party 1:30pm	6	7 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	8 County Meeting Bartlett Post 1212	9	10	11 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
12	13 Auxiliary Pot Luck Christmas Party 6:00pm	14 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	15	16	17	18 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am Legion Riders 10am
19	20	21 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	22 Board Meeting 7:30pm	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	29	30	31	

ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • **VIETNAM** FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975

WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • **OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA** DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • **KOREAN WAR** JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 •

GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 **PERSIAN GULF** AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities