

May 2010



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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

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
Italics denotes deceased

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**
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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 Pappalaro**
2005....**Richard Rooney**
2006....**Richard Rooney**
2007.. **Richard Mueller**
2008.. **Richard Mueller**



Commander's Column

Although the Legion year starts in September, May is the month where things start to get busy. We have the Past Commanders Night Dinner (May 16th all are welcome), Poppy Day, a Baseball Outing, and Memorial Day events. Each of these, in turn, is a big deal. How many of you know that our Post 80 was asked by Veterans of The Grand Army of The Republic to take over the events on Memorial Day. Unto itself, that is a significant event that most, if not all of us take very seriously. I hope we never stop honoring those who died while in the uniform of our Country. Words can not adequately cover their and their family's sacrifices. On Poppy Day we hit the streets of Downers Grove to collect for wounded, disabled, and hospitalized veterans. Next to those who we honor on Memorial Day, this group gave the most. Their wars are still being waged within themselves. Poppy Day is a combined Legion and Women's Auxiliary effort. Many of the events over the past year have been a combination of Legion & Auxiliary efforts.

Speaking of the Women's Auxiliary, I want to draw your attention to just a few of their members. Have you ever noticed how Julie Isenberger and Dee Harrison always have nice things to say? I am not implying this trait is unique to them, but they never let an opportunity go by without offering a kind word. On New Member Initiation Night, without being asked, they, along with Rosemary Collins and Kim Cruz, helped clean up the kitchen and hall. We as the Legion often talk about our members, forgetting what the Auxiliary has done for each of us and the Post. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

The dinner to honor Past Post Commanders is open to all and it is right that we acknowledge these men. Each of them has left a mark on what the Post is today. Of the 16 past Commanders still living many are still very active within the Post. All one has to do is look around on any day of the week and there will be four or five past Commanders. I know as the present Commander that those who have offered suggestions have influenced things I have done or not done.

We all owe a big thank you to each and every member of the Legion and Auxiliary for your efforts and service. **Please remember to be kind.**

Woody



MAY 2010



**Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
The American Legion**

Memorial Day

**Monday
May 31, 2009**

Events of the Day

1. Breakfast at the Post
6:30 a.m

**2. Memorial Service &
Post Everlasting.**
in front of Post 8:00a.m.

**3. Honor Guard Salutes
Fallen Veterans**
at Area Cemeteries
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

4. Memorial Day Parade
Main Street Downers Grove
Railroad to Fishel Park
Parade step off 10:45 A.M.

5. Memorial Day Ceremony
Fishel Park at 11:00 a.m

6. Light Lunch at Post
for Participants 1:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule of area cemeteries to be visited:

8:30 A.M. St. Bernard's Cemetery (Hobson Road)

8:45 A.M. West Side Cemetery (Oak Hill)

8:55 A.M. Blodgett Cemetery (Oak Crest)

9:15 A.M. Memorial Park

9:30 A.M. Main Street Cemetery

9:45 A.M. Pierce Downer Cemetery



Memorial Day Prayer

(Excerpt from Services for the GRAND ARMY OF
THE REPUBLIC – dated April, 1917)



Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy sovereign care and protection, in that Thou did lead us in the days that were shadowed with trouble, and gave us strength when the burden was heavy upon us, and gave us courage and guidance, so that after the conflict we have come to these days of peace. We thank Thee that the wrath of war has been stilled, that brother no longer strives against brother, that once again we have one country and one flag.

May Thy blessing be upon us as a people that we may be Thy people, true and righteous, in all our ways, tender and patient in our charity, though resolute for the right; careful more for the down-trodden than for ourselves, eager to forward the interest of every citizen throughout the land, so that our country may be indeed one country from the rivers to the sea, from the mountains to the plains. Protect it and let it endure, and unto the latest generation may its influence be for the education of the citizen, for the honor of civil life, for the advancement of the nation, for the blessing of humanity, and for the furtherance of Thy Holy Kingdom.

Amen





Sick Call

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses in a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

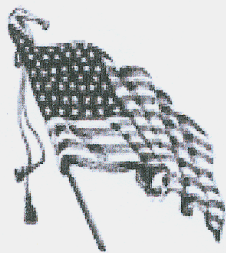
To:

Tony Sestak
Bob Gobeli
Larry Kasel
Bill Levin
Emery Wolff

In Memoriam

Gunther Zerbe
Frank A. Zimmerman

This Legionnaire Has Gone To The Commander of Us All.
Rest Well Our Friend.



Post 80 Past Commander's Night Sunday, May 16th

Our annual Past Commander's Dinner will be held this year on Sunday, May 16th.

This is an annual event to honor our Past Commanders. All members of Post 80 are invited and welcome. Spouses are especially welcome. Social hour begins at **4:30 P.M.**, a buffet dinner will be served at **5:30 P.M.**, and the program will begin at approximately **6:45 P.M.** Drink tickets will be honored with a \$5 donation per person to help offset the cost of the meal. Mark your calendar and make it a night out. **So, just be there.**



Auxiliary News

On March 27th, Unit 80 welcomed ten new members at its Initiation Ceremony held in conjunction with Post 80's initiation ceremony. This brings Unit 80 membership to 105 members. We look forward to their participation in Unit 80's activities.

At its April 19th meeting, American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 80 completed the review process and successfully voted on the recommended updates to the Unit's Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. This will enable Unit 80 to complete and submit the updated

Constitution and Bylaws to Department by the May deadline. This places Unit 80 in the top 25% of units that have accomplished this significant task. Unit 80 also accepted nominations from the floor for the election of Unit officers which will be held at the May 17th meeting. Following is the proposed slate of office candidates:

- Rosemary Collins has been re-nominated for Unit President
- Kim Cruz has been nominated for Vice President
- Norma Border has been nominated for Treasurer
- Marge Pavich has been nominated as Historian
- Dolores Harrison has been re-nominated for Chaplain
- Arlene Guest has been re-nominated for Sergeant at Arms

Karen Greenwald, Poppy Chair advised the Unit that May 27th is officially Poppy Day. The proceeds from Poppy Day donations go directly to providing support to veterans through the American Legion Auxiliary programs. Volunteers are needed to solicit Poppy Day donations at various locations around Downers Grove. Please contact Karen at kag60@att.net.



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Initiation / Recognition of New Members

On Saturday March 27th Post 80 initiated 14
new members to the Post.

The following members of the Downers Grove and surrounding communities are now Post 80 Legionnaires; Kenneth Schlorf, John Miller, Mark Cuthbert, John Cruz, James Cochrane, Robert Miller, William Romain, Eugene Saldek, Ralph Lunberg, Edward Full, James Izinga, William Stowe, Edward Martin, **and James Snyder.**

WELCOME TO POST 80.

See you all at the next Post 80 Business Meeting on May 5th.



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Poppy Day, Thursday, May 27, 2010
Poppy Evening, Friday, May 28, 2010

Your early morning participation at several Downers Grove locations is needed. Poppy funds are used only for the rehabilitation of a Veteran and the welfare of the families of a Veteran.

Please call Karen Greenwald,
630 960-5898
with your intent to help.



*Mothers Day May 9th
Remember that special Mom*



Poppy Day **Thursday, May 27th**

*Please Help Us Help Veterans
Legion Poppies are made by
Hospitalized Veterans to
Aid Hospitalized Veterans*



Donate and Wear a Poppy

On Thursday May 27th, Post 80's Auxiliary and Post members will be on the streets of Downers Grove to ask for donations to help Hospitalized Veterans. If you wish to help be at Post 80 Thursday morning, May 27th.

Poppy Evening **Friday, May 28th**

The Auxiliary and Post 80 members will be at "Cruse Night" in downtown Downers Grove asking for donations. Help is needed for both days.



Legion Rider Update

The American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post 80 successfully hosted their first Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday April 18th, from 1 pm to 5 pm. Wheelchair veterans from Hines Hospital were our honored guests. The Legion Riders thank all the Post 80 and Auxiliary Unit 80 members and family who attended. Our thanks to Auxiliary members Julie Isenberger, Kathy Pleet, Arlene Guest and Ilene Kuhnert, for helping as volunteers at the dinner. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts from Troops 80 and 181 who helped with our Hines veterans as well as bussing tables and clean-up. Jim Sotarikas was the winner of the 20 speed Mongoose Mountain Bike and many were winners of the themed raffle baskets.

On April 14th, the Legion Riders attended the Memorial service for Scotty Clohan, a recent member of the riders and past-Commander of the Elmhurst Legion Post at Ahlgrim Funeral Home, in Elmhurst

The Post 80 Legion Riders meet once a month, usually on the third Saturday at 10 am in the Library. Our next Legion Rider meetings are on May 15th and June 19th. If you are interested in joining us, please plan to attend or contact Steve Collins, Legion Rider Director at 708 473-5620 (cell) or Jack Border at 630 336 3421 (cell).

Scheduled ALR Rides & Charity Runs

Legion Riders are planning to participate in the following 2010 rides and events in May, June and July:

May 15 – Hines VA Hospital Wheelchair Olympics

May 22 – Blessing of the Bikes – Wauconda Post Legion Riders

June 19 – Freedom Run to Mideast Conflict Memorial Wall

June 26-27 – Michigan Wine Country tour

July 4 – Downers Grove July 4th Parade

July 10 – Save a Vet Run

July 17 – Lt. Dan Band Concert for Support Our Troops at Cantigny

July 18 - Pediatric Ride for Kids on July 18.



The American Wind Band will perform in the Legion's memorial park in the pavilion

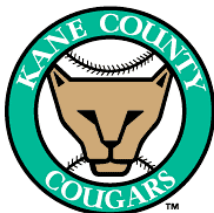
The performance will be June 25th at 7 p.m.
Admission Free



Electronic Recycling Program 2010

June 4th 9am to 6pm

The recycler will accept TV's, Radios, VCR's, DVD Players, Computers, Cables, Batteries, Telephones, and Cell Phones



Attention Baseball Fans

There will be a 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.

May 30th is the Baseball outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ball game 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.



MAY 2010

Boy Scout Troop 80 Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 29, 2010

8:00 am to 12:00 noon

American Legion Hall

4000 Saratoga Ave. - Downers Grove



‘All You Can Eat’ menu of fresh pancakes, delicious sausage, syrup, toppings, juice, coffee or milk.

\$6 - 12yrs & older, \$4 - 4 to 11 yrs,
3 & under - free



Rentals Available for the 2010 Season

Do you have an Event in the near future?

We can accommodate your Rental Needs.

Our Banquet Hall, Our Pavilion and Our Gazebo are available for the 2010 season. Our Banquet Hall can accommodate 300 people, Our Pavilion will seat 144 people under cover and the surrounding 11 acres can accommodate many more people and Our Gazebo with a garden like atmosphere is just right for that romantic wedding. Up to 200 chairs surrounding the Gazebo can accommodate any large wedding.

We give discounts to members, school organizations and charities.

For more information:

Call Post 80 at (630) 968-9710

or our Rental Agent at (630) 971-1438 or

visit our website at www.post80.org





THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

The Good Old Days –Or are They??

- >> Who can relate to this story: I buy something, put it away for safekeeping and then when I need it, I can't find it. I'm obviously better at hiding than finding!
- >> Golden years! What's so golden about them? They should be called rustin' years. Getting old ain't for wimps.
- >> When I look back on my life, I've done some pretty silly things. Maybe I should spend more time, Lord, listening for your instructions and less time relying on my own understanding.
- >> I have to admit it's a kick to get older. I feel more freedom to do outrageous things, such as turn a cartwheel on the front lawn with my grandchildren, Swing dance, or rock climb with my grandson. But it's time to make a splash and enjoy this precious life I still have remaining.
- >> Sometimes I find it hard to apologize, yet I always feel better when I do. Pride crowds out humility, especially after I've made a mistake that I'm embarrassed about.
- >> I thank the Lord for the gift of laughter. It's one of the best remedies for almost every crisis.
- >> It's encouraging to read about others who are experiencing some of the challenges I am. I remember as a child feeling invincible! But now I'm well aware of how fragile life is and that mine could end at any moment!
- >> When I get up with the birds, pull on my duds, and pound my way around the block or through the park, I feel energized. It's a great way to start my day!
- >> It's a joy to know age is no barrier to all you Legionnaires! RWB



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NOTES





PRESIDENT.....	ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENT.....	EVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY	JULIE ISENBERGER
TREASURER.....	JANE BERNARDINI
CHAPLAIN	DOLORES HARRISON
HISTORIAN.....	NORMA BORDER
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	LOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	ARLENE GUEST

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

1920....Margaret Bebb	1949....Vivian Harkness	1979....Catherine Smalley
1921....Jessie Straub	1950....Christine McGarvie	1980....Frances North
1922....Matilda Uhlorn	1951....Shirley Wrenn	1981....Anne Creel
1923....Myra Hawkins	1952....Letitia Mrkvicka	1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins	1953....Corabelle Krepper	1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1925....Emily Sanders	1954....Christine McGarvie	1984....Anne Creel
1926....Daisy Swift	1955....Elsie Niedner	1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1927....Florence Johnson	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1928....Mary Pfaff	1957....Marian Lacey	1987....Ethel Clark
1929....Esther Binder	1958....Evelyn Fredericks	1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1930....Beulah McCollum	1959....Shirley Schenke	1989....Eleanor Bartels
1931....Viola Vix	1960....Margaret Morello	1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1932....Bernice Goltry	1961....Marian Ruzicka	1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1933....Mae Jones	1962....Margaret Edwards	1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1934....Bernice Hannan	1963....Alice Pechinski	1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1935....Marie Finger	1964....Alice Pechinski	1994....Midge Zielinski
1936....Evelyn Walter	1965....Anne Creel	1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1937....Josephine Mitchell	1966....Evelyn Jenkins	1996....Leora Novak
1938....Lorraine Edwards	1967....Dorothy Nied	1997....Leora Novak
1939....Ethel Margison	1968....Eleanor Bartels	1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1940....Vera Iehl	1969....Alice Pechinski	1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1941....Mabel Webster	1970....Helen Beck	2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
1942....Muriel Fischel	1971....Jeanette Foster	2001....Leora Novak
1943....Ruth Karvatt	1972....Dorothy Kadlec	2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1944....Emily Mrkvicka	1973....Margaret Morello	2003....Midge Zielinski
1945....Flossie Dreuttel	1974....Ann Hodous	2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
1946....Minnie Lester	1975....Ann Hodous	2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
1947....Esther Weaver	1976....Eleanor Bartels	2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
1948....Myrtle Kraft	1977....Alice Pechinski	2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
<i>Italics denotes deceased</i>	1978....Mildred Mueller	2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

Bingo Workers

May 4: Tickets: Jane B. Pam H.
Kitchen: Pat M., Karen G.,
Julie I.

May 11: Tickets: Mary P Lorraine D
Kitchen: Carol C., Cheryl B, ?

May 18: Tickets: Evelyn F Eleanor R
Kitchen: Karen G, Delores H.,
Gloria P.

May 25: Tickets: Rosemary C Leora N.
Kitchen: Kim Cruz, Marge P
Arlene G

Hostesses

May Meeting
May 17
Pam H and Lorraine D

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
 <h1>May 2010</h1> 						1 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
2	3	4 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	5 Business Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	12 Country Meeting West Chicago Post 300	13	14	15 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10am .
16 Past Commander's Night 4:30pm	17 Auxiliary Meeting	18 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.
23	24	25 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	26 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27 Poppy Day	28 Poppy Evening	29 Boy Scout Troop 80 Pancake Breakfast
30 Post Ball game Outing	31 Memorial Day (see schedule)	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				