

November 2010



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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

Most of you will receive this newsletter before the end of October. Just a reminder that Halloween is the 31st. Please watch out for the kids on that day.

There was a question as to why we bother to pay for membership for our delegates to the Veterans Assistance Commission. This month's County meeting, Joe Craig, who heads the Veterans Assistance office Wheaton gave us some insight into one of many problems he encounters from day to day. Since the VAC is a county supported service the VAC is required to keep its operating funds in the county's operating fund. It takes three weeks to process a check. Here's where our dues come into play. That money is kept in a separate account that Joe can access at anytime. There are times a vet needs financial assistance and a three-week wait isn't acceptable. Therefore he can help that individual out till their benefits kick in. We've a number of our own members who have been assisted by the VAC.

Where am I going with this you ask? Portions of our dues go to support this program. And portions of our dues go to support other programs run by the Legion for active-duty personnel whose families encounter economic hardships, legal problems, and childcare. This takes money to run these programs, and that's why I encourage those of you who haven't paid your dues yet please do. I beg you please do. There are about three or four million military personnel serving right now. A good part are EM's whose pay doesn't always cover expenses especially when you have a family. I'm sure many of you were married when you served, and know of the hardships an EM faces.

November 10th will be the Marine Corps 225th Birthday. November 11th we will have our Veterans Day Ceremony at 11AM. We will serve coffee and rolls at 10AM. Afterwards we will go to Papa Pizzaro's for lunch. At 7PM our Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at the fire pit with help of Troop 80. Come join us.



NOVEMBER 2010

Auxiliary News

It's **membership** renewal time. The membership theme for this year is:

100% Membership Brings Home the Emmy

Have you considered giving an Auxiliary membership as a gift to a family member? The holidays will soon be here. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

So bring home the Emmy to Channel 80 by renewing you membership. Contact Evenly Fredericks or Jane Bernardini , if you have any questions.

Our VA & R chair, Pat Mustradi, arranged for the Auxiliary to make Halloween cards and candy bags for the Veterans. Pat, Marge P., Julie I., Pam H., Evelyn F., Deloris K., and Karen G. stuffed 89 bags of candy and made 89 Halloween cards for veterans living at Hines, DuPage Convalescent Center, Rest Haven and Fairview Baptist Home.

Our Craft show was a great success! Forty-nine tables were staffed by 30 crafters. Thanks to Kathy P. and Bonnie W. for their work in the kitchen. Let's not forget Jane B. and Midge Z. for their help with the bake sale, and all the Auxiliary woman who baked for this event. Michelle W., Electa C., Leora N., Pat M., Karen G., Arlene Guest and new member Josephine K., worked tables.

The craft show would not happen without the passion and dedication of Pegi Castle. By my calculations, it would take at least three people to do the work that she did for the craft show, and continues to do for the Unit and our veterans.

And a big THANK YOU to Legion members, Dave W., Dick B., Bruce and Rich G. for help with set up and lock up. This is a fine example of the Legion and Auxiliary working together as a family for our Veterans. Next month, we'll have the total numbers on what we collected in donations and made in sales for "Support our Troops".

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Vicky Eckhardt, Department Field/Hospital Services Director, conducted a training seminar at our October meeting. We learned the difference between Field Service, Home Service and VA and R. Those that attended received a Field Service Certification Card.

Girls State Citizens, Jennifer Nichole and Alison Berg attended our meeting and shared their experiences at Girls State, which was held last June. In fact, one of our girls changed her classes to take Political Science. We're so proud of our 5 citizens that we sent to Girls State. Thank you, Girls State Chair, Kim Cruz . You did well!

Thank you for this honor to serve,
Karen Greenwald, Unit President

Important Auxiliary Dates

November 2:	Election Day
November 6:	Children and Youth Seminar, Bloomington
November 11:	Veteran's Day Service, 11:00am Post
November 15 meeting:	6:00pm service project, bring brown lunch bags, to decorate winter, Valentine and St. Patrick's' theme 7.00pm meeting.
December 3:	6:00pm Children's Gift Wrap
December 5:	Legion Children's Christmas Party
December 20 meeting:	6pm , Auxiliary Christmas Pot Luck, \$5.00 grab bag



Legion Rider Update

The Legion Riders of Post 80 participated in the Corn Fest Parade at Morris, IL on September 26th joining a large number of Legion Riders from other Posts in the 2nd Division. Jack Border is now the American Legion DuPage County and 11th District representative, reporting on Legion Rider activities to both these Legion levels.

Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser – October 24th

The theme for the Legion Rider Candle Light Charity Bowl on Oct. 23rd at the Strikes & Spares Lanes in Lockport, IL was “Let the Good Times Roll!” And they certainly did with participation from other Legion Rider groups and Post 80 members.

All fundraising efforts by the Legion Riders of Post 80 support such events as the barbecue as well as direct assistance to meet the needs of the hospitalized veterans at Hines VA Hospital. Legion Riders also contribute to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund for children who lost parents during the 9/11 attacks. Legion Riders of Post 80 also contribute to the Support Our Troops Program to provide needed comfort items to active military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Come Ride With Us!

October 30th Our Annual Fall ride is scheduled for to the Haunted Pumpkin Farm and then to the Honey Hill Apple Farm in Waterman, IL to stock up on cider, apples, donuts and home made apple pie!

November 7th We've been invited to ride in the Veteran's Day Parade in Utica, IL at invitation of the Utica American Legion Post.

Working with and for Hines VA Veterans

In addition to the very successful barbecue on Sept. 18th for Hines Spinal Unit veterans, the Legion Riders are also working to assist the Hines VA to obtain additional grant funding from the 2011 Olympic Opportunity Fund to support the activities of the Hines Physically Challenged Sports Program. Currently, the Hines Physically Challenged Sports Committee is composed of physicians, nurses, therapists and administrative staff located at the Hines Veterans Hospital.



Training for the National Events sponsored by Veterans Affairs is provided by Hines staff, as well as through community resources and activities, year round.

This program includes the Annual Hines VA Wheelchair Olympics which the Legion Riders participated in May 2010 and have been asked to participate in the 2011 event on May 14, 2011. Since its inception, over 30 years ago, the Hines Physically Challenged Sports Program has recruited and trained veterans of all ages and disabilities in therapeutic recreational activities.

The ultimate goal of many who participate is to attend one of the Veterans Affairs National competitions/clinics. Last year, approximately fifty veterans from Hines Veterans Hospital attended four National Sporting Clinic/Games.

their attendance was made possible through fundraising efforts and donations made to this program through numerous individuals, groups and service organizations such as Legion Riders.

The goal of the Hines Physically Challenged Sports Program is to extend the rehabilitative process and to encourage the development of healthy, active, social and physical lifestyles. Participants learn to enhance their ability to overcome environmental, social and psychological barriers through local participation and national competitions. As a result, the participating veteran athlete gains confidence and independence in functioning outside his or her home following an injury or disability. Secondary to these life changing experiences, the effect of the Hines Physically Challenged Sports Committee is measured through increased participation in Hines therapeutic activities, as well as community involvement in recreational past times. The number of Hines Veteran participants continues to grow. This year an increase of 20 percent participation is expected. Awareness amongst veteran peer groups has also improved interest and participation.



IN MEMORIAM

Bartholomew A. Pesko

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

Sick Call

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

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.



Veterans Helping Veterans

November 10, 2010 Post #80 was invited to go to DuPage County Conv. Center, with the Downers Grove Women Club to have a Veterans Day Party for all the Veterans. Womens Club provided the food and the Legion provided the entertainment. We will meet at the DuPage Country Conv. Center at 11:45, any member free that day can come, last year we all had a good time. This is part of our Gift For Yank Fund program, we thank you for your help.

Rehab Chairman Herbert Morrison



Post 80 Veterans Day



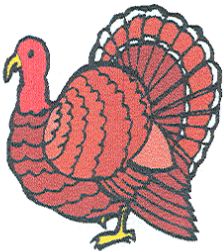
Ceremony and Memorial Service
Thursday, November 11, 20010

We will commemorate the service of veterans of all wars
and a remembrance of our fallen Comrades

At 11:00 A.M. in front of Post 80



Have A Happy
Thanksgiving





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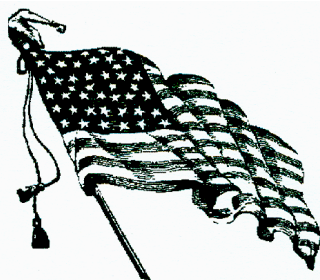
Be a participating member of Post 80, if you would like to be a volunteer as a paid hall representative contact Ronald A. Czech at 630 734-1098 for additional information.

Thank You



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.



FLAG RETIREMENT

Flag Retirement Ceremony

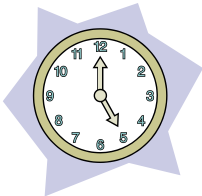
Thursday - November 11th - 7:00 P.M.

There will be an outdoor ceremony at 7:00 P.M. in which the Boy Scouts are assisting in the disposal of old and worn flags.



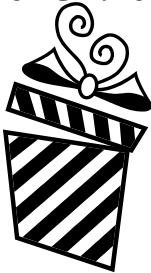
Fall Back, Change Your Clock

Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour before turning in on Sat., November 6th. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am November 7th



Gift For Yanks

We are starting to gear up for the annual collection for Gift for Yanks Program. If you wish to make a contribution please make the check out to Gifts For Yanks and send it c/o Herb Morrison, American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Thank you. Woody





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**POST 80
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

DECEMBER 5, 2010 AT 1:30 PM

Children must be 10 years of age or younger and be children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to a Post 80 member. There will be a Santa Claus, fun and games, cookies, treats and presents. The cut off date for registration of a child is November 15th. This cut off date is required to ensure each child gets a wrapped present. Why not register your child now while you are thinking about it. Use the form below and send it to the Post. Children must be present to receive a gift from Santa.

Member's name _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy/Girl _____ Relation to Member _____





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

A few things they didn't tell you in your history book: .

- >> The Boston "Tea Party" (December 16, 1773), was partly "encouraged" by John Hancock, who smuggled in $\frac{3}{4}$ of all Boston tea on the black market.
- >> June 14, 1954 (Flag Day), President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill that added "Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.
- >> A few revisionists (who wish to rewrite history) wants Washington's picture on the \$1 dollar bill, and on the quarter, and Thomas Jefferson's picture on the \$2 dollar bill removed because they once owned slaves.
- >> The only Confederate official to hang from Civil War crimes was Henry Wirz, Commandant of Camp Sumter (Andersonville) on November 10, 1865, where 12,913 Union prisoners died.
- >> On June 28, 1836, James Madison's last words were: "I always talk better laying down."
- >> On January 8, 1835, The United States under President Andrew Jackson for the first and only time, completely paid off it's National debt!
- >> Until 1900, the state of Rhode Island had two capitals, one at Providence and the other at Newport.
- >> Every United States President with a beard (all 5 of them), was a Republican. (Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant, Rutherford Hays, James Garfield, and Benjamin Harrison).
- >> In 1938, Time magazine named as it's "Man of the Year" Adolf Hitler!!
- >> It wasn't until the early 1990's that women were allowed to wear pants on the senate floor.

enough history for now.....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
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1987....Ethel Clark
1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1989....Eleanor Bartels
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2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

Italics denotes deceased

Bingo Workers

Nov. 2 **Tickets:** Jane B., Leora N.
 Kitchen: Marge P., Pam H.
 Karen G.

Nov. 9 **Tickets:** Leora N., Irene K.
Kitchen: Lorraine D., Mary P.,
Carol C.

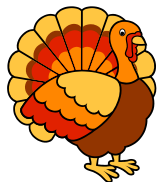
Nov. 16 **Tickets:** Eleanor R., Evelyn F.
Kitchen: Karen G., Delores H.,
Kathy P.

Nov. 23 **Tickets:** Leora N., Pam H
Kitchen: Marge P., Gloria P.,
Carol C.

Nov. 30 **Tickets:** Leora N., Lorraine D.
Kitchen: Arlene G, Karen G.,
Kathy P., Gloria P

Hostesses

November 15 Meeting ? and ?



Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri.	Sat
	1	2 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	3 Business Meeting 7:30pm	4	5	6 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:00 am
7	8	9 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	10 County Meeting Roselle 1084	11 Veterans Day @ Post 11am Flag Retirement 7:pm	12	13 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:00 am
14	15 6:00pm VA&R Service Columbus Day	16 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	17	18	19	20 Legion Riders 10am CDC 8:30am
21	22 Auxiliary Training 6pm Meeting 7pm	23 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	24 Board Meeting 7:30pm	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:00 am
28	29	30 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	November 2010			

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