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July 2011

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1919....Walter Staats
1920....Robert W. Carpenter
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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
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

Commander's Column

Well we've been through another Memorial Day, and we're coming to July already. Seems like Memorial Day was yesterday. When I wrote the June's newsletter, we hadn't done our Memorial Day Ceremonies yet. I'd just like to say I was very pleased with how the ceremonies worked out. You couldn't ask for a better day, and what a great sight to see everyone attending our ceremony. Thanks to everyone who had participated and a special thanks to Ralph Luneburg, our Jr. Vice for organizing the event.

June 11th, the Auxiliary President, Karen Greenwald, and I were invited to Cookes Manor on the Hines Hospital Campus for an open house. Cookes Manor is a homeless shelter for veterans with an addiction. It is currently a two year program run jointly by Catholic Charities and the VA. Catholic Charities does the counseling and job training. The VA does the medical care part.

We had a chance to talk with a couple of gentlemen who have been in the program, and told us how it was the best thing they've ever done. One is in the program for 6 months, and the other gentleman has completed the program. He's been working steadily for the past two years and has his life back to normal. The staff there are a dedicated group. The chef is quite a personable guy. He was Air Force and crossed over to the Army and retired from the military. I tried recruiting him for our Post.

I was surprised by the number of volunteers there. Many are families that cook dinners for everyone once a month and on holidays. These people are remarkable. If you have hard cover novels, the library could use them. Any clothing that you have, the Manor will gladly accept. This is one place I feel that could use our support.

Onward to July. The big event coming up is the Fourth of July Parade, which is Monday. Like always, we will meet at the Post about 11:30AM. The fire truck will take us to marshaling area about a half hour before the parade starts.

If you haven't noticed the flyers at the Post, The Legion Riders are hosting a rock concert July 30th. See the advertisement for details.

Rich Greenwald, *Commander*

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Memorial Day ceremonies were held at the post this year. I want to thank the our color guard, Arlene Guest and Julie Isenberger. This year we didn't get drenched.

Department President, Pam Ray was at the Eleventh District convention hosted by our Unit on June 5. Donna Rosenkranz and her kitchen team, Kathy Pleet, Electa Chunku, Pam Hartigan and Arlene Guest for their part in preparing and serving the food. And thanks to all who donated bakery.

The Commander and I had the privilege to visit Cooks Manor Home on June 11. Cooks Manor is a 2 year rehab program for homeless veterans. New member, Theresa Schey, who is currently on their Board, chaperoned us around.

The first fish fry in a very long time was a success. The Auxiliary staffed the kitchen and sold soda and bakery. A good time was had by all.

Our last meeting on June 20, was our Past President's Parley Recognition Pot Luck Dinner. Past Presidents who honored us with their presence were, Shirley Wren, Evelyn Fredericks, Leora Novak, Pegi Castle, Therese Scgey and Midge Zelinski, Lurenda Kidd, Division President attended. We remembered all our former Presidents who have gone to "Unit Everlasting".

And finally, please put Pam Hartigan in your prayers. She has a serious medical condition and your words and cards of encouragement will be appreciated. Pam always strives to be the best that she can be and she is a fine example to us all.

Respectfully,

Karen Greenwald

UPCOMING EVNTS

Monday July 4	11:30am	Meet at Post for Parade
	1:00pm	Parade Starts at Train Station
		Lunch after Parade at Post
July 16-18		**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**
Saturday, July 30		Jammin' 4 Vets Rock Concert
Friday, August 19		INSTALLATION DINNER

Dear American Legion and American Legion Auxilary Members,

This year, despite weather that ranged from cold, wet, damp, wind, and finally sunburn, The Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 raised just over $2,500.00 for the Veterans.

Saying "Thank You" is not enough to the following people who made this possible:

Leora Novak	*Pam Hartigan*	*Jenny Hartigan*	*Richard Jones*
John Tuider	*Jim Cochrane*	*Herb Morrison*	*Steve Novota*
Marilyn Czech	*Dick Bernardini*	*Joey Klingbiel*	*Karen Greenwald*
Rich Greenwald	*Jack Border*	*Dondi Nueva*	*Diane Fischer*
Frank Mangone	*Todd Hanson*	*Allen Hartigan*	*Jane Bernardini*
	Evelyn Fredericks	*Norma Border*	

Thank You All, God Bless You!

Electa Chunku, 2011 Poppy Chairman

AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS - 2011

Post #80 of the American Legion, Inc. takes a great deal of pride each year in the presentation of the American Legion School Award. This award is presented to those students who have been chosen by the faculty of each school and who possess the highest qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Scholarship, Patriotism and Service; qualities the American Legion feels are necessary to the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society. The award consists of the framed American Legion School Award certificate, the distinguished American Legion Bronze Medallion, and a U.S. Savings Bond.

The following were recipients this year:

D.G. North High School ..... ***Alexandra Loufman***, ***Ivan Marquez***

D.G. South High School ..... ***Courtney Conrad***, ***David Manganielo***

St. Scholastica School..... ***Matthew Fisch***

St. Mary of Gostyn School ..... ***Madeleine Sanderson***, ***Patrick Drabick***

Marquette Manor Baptist Academy..... ***Meghan Sullivan***

St. Joseph School..... ***Shannon Kennedy***, ***Evan Culligan***

Herrick Middle School ..... ***Elisabeth DiGiulio***, ***Colin Michels***

Lakeview Jr. High School..... ***Michael Fogarty***, ***Edward Laviste***

O'Neill Middle School ..... ***Allison Williams***, ***Thomas Matysik***

Jefferson Jr. High School..... ***Brooke Pryor***, ***Michael Mason***

These awards were presented by Past Commander Elmer Mears, Awards Chairman.

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A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS....

Post 80 Baseball Outing at the Kane County Cougar's Game

Bob Parker (center) recieves an award for outstanding service as Finance Officer. L to R: Gloria Parker, Todd Hanson, Commander Rich Greenwald, Larry Bryant and Herb Morrison

LEGION RIDER UPDATE

LEGION RIDERS PARTICIPATE IN FREEDOM RUN TO MARSEILLES, IL ON JUNE 18, 2011

Legion Riders of Post 80 joined other Legion Rider and veterans motorcycle groups from around the state to honor US military who have given the supreme sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan over the last twelve months. Each name is read and has been inscribed on the Mideast Conflict Wall located in Marseilles IL.

LEGION RIDERS HOST PICNIC FOR HINES VA VETS @ POST 80 ON JUNE 26, 2011

The Legion Riders hosted the second annual barbecue picnic in the Post 80 Pavillion for veterans from Hines VA Spinal Unit. The event featured a cookout and bingo. Our thanks to fellow legionnaires, auxiliary members and other Legion Rider members from other Posts who helped make the day special for our guests.

"JAMMIN FOR VETS" – JULY 30TH CONCERT

Mark your calendars and save the date for the July 30th **"Jammin For Vets"** Concert at Post 80 from 3 pm to 9 pm. Plan to bring your family, friends, lawn chairs and blankets. This is a joint event by the Post 80 Legion Riders and Global Hope, a DuPage County based charitable organization that focuses on providing hands on assistance wherever help is needed. One hundred percent of the concert profits will benefit Veterans Wheelchair Olympics and the Midwest Homeless Shelter for veterans.

Admission to **"Jammin For Vets"** will include a Pig Roast with the barbecue being served from 4-5:30 pm. Advance Adult tickets are $15.00, children 12 and under $5.00. Raffles at the concert will include a bass guitar autographed by Gary Sinese of the Lt Dan Band and TV series CSI New York, as well as a Mongoose Mountain Bike and American Flag Leather Jackets.

For **"Jammin For Vets"** tickets, call John Pavich at 630 712 1834. For more information on Global Hope, please visit their web site at: http://www.globalhopenow.org/

LEGION RIDER SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR JULY 2011:

American Legion Riders of Post 80 normally meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. Please check with Steve Collins, Director, (630-968-8147), John Pavich, Treasurer (630-541-5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting location for any given month.

Black Hills –Mt. Rushmore Group Ride .....July 1 – 9, 2011

Lt. Dan Band 6th Annual Rockin' For the Troops 2011
Benefit Concert @ Cantigny Park.....July 16, 2011

JAMMIN FOR VETS CONCERT
& PICNIC AT POST 80.....JULY 30, 2011

Jammin' 4 Vets

Sponsored by Global Hope and American Legion Riders ~ Post 80

July 30th, gates open at 3~9

Live music, Pig Roast & Beer Garden

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
4000 Saratoga Avenue ~ Downers Grove, IL 60516

bbq Served 4~6

(Tickets: Adults $15.00 Children~12 and under $5.00)

Dinner Tickets at the door ~ Adults $18.00
Concert Tickets only ~ $10.00

Music by-Local Favorites

Raffle

Grand Prize:
Autographed Bass Guitar by Gary Sinese

1st. Prize ~ Mongoose Mountain Bike

2nd. Prize ~ American Flag Leather Jacket

Raffle Tickets ~ $5.00 donation

bring lawn chairs or blankets

Profits benefit
Midwest Homeless Shelter & Hines Hospital Wheelchair Olympics

veterans helping veterans

Contact: Steve ~ 708.473.5620 or John ~ 630.712.1834 for Tickets

THOUGHT**OF**THE**MONTH

THE JURY SYSTEM

Watching any of the Blagojevich trial has me concerned about our jury system. I'm not as enthusiastic about the jury system as I used to be. In the movies or on TV when Perry Mason talked to the jury, the good guy always won and justice triumphed.

It doesn't seem to work that way any more. It just doesn't seem to go the way it is supposed to. Look at "Blago's" 1st trial. He was cleared of all but one charge by only one woman jurist of the 12 (could she have been paid off??). Doesn't the majority have a say?

The jury system has been given up in most foreign countries ---- replaced by 1 to 3 judges. The deal always that if you were charged with a crime, you were judged by 12 of your peers --- meaning your equals. Sounds great! Well, that's not what a jury is, any more.

Juries are now handpicked by lawyers. How are you going to get 12 average people if you let the lawyers and the person accused of the crime choose them??

Justice in this country, to me, has deteriorated too far.....RWB

A jury of your peers:

One would think that after women were given the right to vote in 1920, everything would be equal among the sexes. Far from it. As late as 1942, women only had the right to sit on a jury in 28 states. It wasn't until 1957 that they were guaranteed the right to sit on federal juries. in 1973 they were finally given the right to sit on all juries in all 50 states.....

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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

Italics denotes deceased

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
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1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
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2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

Bingo Workers

July 5 Kitchen: Lucille B., Karen G., & Theresa S.
Tickets: Jane B.& Leora N.

July 12 Kitchen: Carol C., Joey K., & ?
Tickets: Evelyn F. & Pam Q.

July 19 Kitchen: Kim C., Kathy P., & Charlete U.
Tickets: Radika J. & Leora N.

July 26 Kitchen: Arlene G., Gloria P., & Marge P.
Tickets: Leora N. & Eleanor R.

No Auxiliary Meeting in July

July 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
					1	2 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4 4TH OF JULY PARADE!	5 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11	12 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	13	14	15	16 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
17	18	19 Bingo 6:30 m Doors Open 4:30 pm	20 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	21	22	23 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	27	28	29	30 C D C 8:30 am JAMMIN' 4 VETS 3-9PM
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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*