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June 2011

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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

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

A reminder to all of you who have not paid your dues for fiscal year 2011. The Department of Illinois will close their books on your membership June 24th. The 2012 fiscal year begins September 1st, 2011. You will be getting 2012's membership notice July 1st.

Citizenship is a very important part of the American Legion. Boys State exemplifies this along with Oratorical and Police Academy. We have five candidates for Boys State this year. All from Downers Grove North High School, three of whom are Boy Scouts from Troop 80. In addition, we have two candidates for Police Academy.

Dick Rooney and Ed Ludwig had setup bee hives in the garden a few years ago. The honey harvested has raised enough money to provide a $500 scholarship for a deserving student. This award which recognizes Environmental Conservation was presented on Awards Night with the Boys State Award and the Police Academy Award.

Elmer Mears is Chair for our School Awards Program. He has presented awards to students in ten area schools for academic achievement. Herb Morrison had created a scholarship fund a number of years ago. These awards are presented to children and grandchildren of Legion members. This year there was a tie for second place, and that award was split between the two finalists.

June 17th, the Post is doing a fish fry. It's on a Friday night and we will begin serving at 5PM. The menu will feature fresh caught walleye and white bass from the Wolf River. Catfish will be on the menu also with sides of homemade potato salad and coleslaw.

June 24th, the American Wind Band returns to our pavilion. The concert will begin at 7PM featuring patriotic music in celebration of Independence Day. Admission is free and bring your lawn chair. This year the Auxiliary will do an Ice Cream Social as a fundraiser.

Rich Greenwald, *Commander*

~~~~ NEWS ~~~~

The American Legion Post 80 is going to bus the Veterans from DuPage County Convalescent Center to Post 80 for lunch at 11:45 am on June 23. It is being paid for by our Gift for Yank Fund. Thanks to all Legion members who help us collect. Legion members can come to the lunch.

See Nick Brescia or Herb Morrison.

Are you moving?

We hate to have you miss the next LEGION-AIRE Newsletter!

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FLAG DAY

Tuesday - June 14th

FLAG RETIREMENT

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Tuesday - June 14th - 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.

HAPPY

JUNE19th

THE AMERICAN WIND BAND

will perform at the Post's memorial park

June 24th

Admission is free

SEE YOU AT THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

AUXILIARY NEWS

Your newly elected officers for 2011-2012 are listed below. I know that I speak for all when I say thank you for the honer to serve Unit 80.

President	Karen Greenwald
Vice-President	Kathy Pleet
Chaplain	Pat Mustradi
Historian	Beverly Parrott
Sergeant-at-Arms	Arlene Guest
Treasurer	Norma Border

At the District Convention held on May 15, Unit 80 won the Mike and Carol Brady award for best Music report. Thanks to Pegi Castle for her music and name-that-tune games at our meetings.

And Unit 80 was also mentioned in the District Membership report as one of the few unit's that achieved 100% membership or better. We did better. We went from 104 to 122 members this year.

I had the honor to meet the 3 of the 4 Girl State candidates at the Downers Grove North Awards night on Tuesday, May 17. The Illini Girl's State Awards recipients are Heather Johansn, Sara Johnson, Juliana Oertwl-Reuter and Rachel Wasielewski.

June is a busy month for everyone. I hope that you can help us with your bakery donation for the events listed below.

Respectfully,
Karen Greenwald

UPCOMING EVNTS

Sunday June 5	1:00pm	Division Convention at Post 80 *Bakery Donations needed*
Thursday, June 16	11:00am	DuPage Veterans Lunch *Bakery Donations needed*
Friday, June 17	5:00pm	Legion Fish Fry, Auxiliary Bake Sale *Bakery Donations needed*
Monday, June 20	6:00pm	PAST PRESIDENTS POT-LUCK DINNER
Friday June 24	7:00pm	American Windband Patriot Concert Auxiliary Ice Cream Social *little cookie donations needed*

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and then thank them for their support of **Post 80**.

Grand Opening

June 17th - from 5-8

Delicious Battered-Fried Fish
Fresh Cut Coleslaw
Potato Salad
Only $9.00

Kids meal available too!
Macaroni & Cheese
Only $3.00

Come see us!
Tickets sold at door.

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LEGION RIDER UPDATE

WHEEL CHAIR OLYMPICS AT HINES VA – MAY 14TH

Legion Riders Post 80 participated in the Hines VA 2011 Wheel Chair Olympics, assisting veterans to compete in the various events scheduled around the campus as part of the Physically Challenged Sports Program on May 14, 2011. Our next event with our Hines Vets will be a Picnic at the Post on June 26th.

MARK THE CALENDAR – 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 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 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 JUNE 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.

ALR 80 Meeting ..... June 18, 2011
Freedom Run to Marseilles, IL ..... June 18, 2011
ALR Picnic for Hines VA Vets @ Post 80 ..... June 26, 2011

Jammin' 4 Vets

Sponsored by Global Hope and American Legion Riders - Post 80

July 30th, from 3-9

Live music, Pig Roast & Beer Garden

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

bbq Served 4-5:30

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

Tickets at the door - Adults $18.00

Music By - Local Favorites

Raffle :

Autographed guitar by Gary Sinese

Mongoose Mountain Bike

Two American Flag Leather Jackets

bring lawn chairs or blankets

Call Steve - 708.473.5620 or John - 630.712.1834 for Tickets

100 % profits benefit Veteransprofits will be going to
Midwest Homeless Shelter & Veterans Wheelchair Olympics

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THOUGHT◇OF◇THE◇MONTH:

A soldier died today

He was getting old and paunchy, and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly for they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer, for ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer for a Soldier died today.

He won' be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, Going quietly on his way,
And the world won't note his passing, 'tho a Soldier died today.

He was just a common Soldier, And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING, A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable '*To My Country*' for an amount "up to and including my life." That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it!!.....RWB

PRESIDENT..... KAREN GREENWALD
VICE PRESIDENT.....BONNIE WISBROCK
SECRETARY ..... PAM HARTIGAN
TREASURER..... NORMA BORDER
CHAPLAIN .....GERRY 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

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
1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
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1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
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2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

Bingo Workers

June 7 **Kitchen:** Arlene G., Karen G. & Dolores H.
Tickets: Jane B. & Evelyn F.

June 14 **Kitchen:** Jen H., Pam H., & Joey K.
Tickets: Evelyn F. & Pamela Q.

June 21 **Kitchen:** Kim C., Kathy P., & Charlotte U.
Tickets: Radika J. & Leora N.

June 28 **Kitchen:** Carol C., Karen G., & Marge P.
Tickets: Pam H & Leora N.

Auxiliary Meeting
Past Presidents Dinner
June 20 - 6:00 PM
Bring a Dish to Share

June 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
			1 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	2	3	4 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
5 2nd Division Mtg. Lunch 12 pm Meeting 1 pm	6	7 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	8 County Meeting Hinsdale Post 7:30 pm	9	10 VA Benefits Seminar 7:00pm	11 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
12	13	14 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30pm Flag Day Ceremony 7pm	15	16 DuPage Veteran's Lunch 11am 40&8 Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Fish Fry 5 pm	18 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
19	20 Auxiliary Meeting & Past President's Dinner - 6pm	21 Bingo 6:30 m Doors Open 4:30 pm	22 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	23	24 American Wind Band Concert Auxiliary Ice Cream Social 7 pm	25 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
26	27	28 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	29	30		

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*