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August 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

I read an article in the Tribune almost two weeks ago that touched me deeply. It was about U.S.A.F. Lt. Col. Laura Regan the only forensic anthropologist in the military. Her job is Director of Operations at the Rockville, Maryland, Armed Forces Medical Examiner Facility. The Colonel also assists the Port Mortuary, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. She literally lays hands on the fallen soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Colonel is one of the last to touch the remains to provide the families the truth of what had happened, and cares deeply for her fellow servicemen and women.

More times than not, the deceased was killed by an improvised explosive device than a bullet. She will go through extrodinary means to positively identify the deceased by finger prints, DNA, tissue analysis, and observation. The facility has the lastest labratory equipment and CT scanner at her disposal. This officer is one very dedicated woman who is on duty 24/7. No matter what time of the day the plane arrives or what day of the week the Colonel is there to receive the bodies.

The military has gone to this measure to give the famlies of the fallen the closure that they want and need since 2004. Unlike in wars past the Military wants to be absolutely certain that the remains are who they are supposed to be. Suprisingly, these famlies want the hard truth of how their loved one died. The Colonel personally talks to each family of every fallen soldier to provide the answers.

An additional sidebar to this story is the Ritual Staff at the Dover Air Force Base. This is a group of servicemen and servicewomen from all branches of the military, who drill everyday and are on call 24/7 to escort the remains off the plane to awaiting vehicle to be taken to the mortuary. At the mortuary are other dedicated men and women who care and prepare the fallen soldiers for burial. They have at their disposal uniforms from all branches of service, insignias for rank, units and the proper medals. Many of these service men and women are posthumuosly decorated.

The next time you see on the news the coffin coming off the plane at some local airport and being escorted to the waiting hearse, that soldier, sailor, and airman has been cared for with respect. And the families can rest assured that is their loved one.

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Commander's Column cont'd.

Saturday, August 6th will be our first poker event for the coming fiscal year. We will be going with three shifts since the the games will start at 1:00 PM and going to 1:00AM.

Our Ritual Team won't be available for Sunday, August, 14th because they are delegates meeting for the National Convention. Therefore we will have the Officers' Installation on Friday, August, 19th. Cocktails at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM. The installation will follow afterwards.

Rich Greenwald, *Commander*

Are you moving?

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

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AUXILIARY NEWS

It always is an honor to represent our Auxiliary in the 4th of July Parade in Downers Grove. Thanks to Carol Cermak, Jerry Diddia and Rose Policky for their participation.

Pegi Castle, Kathy Pleet an myself attended the Department Convention held July 13-15 in Peoria. The purpose of the convention is to elect officers for the ensuing year and delegates and alternates for the National Convention, to amend the Department Bylaws, to receive reports of Department Officers and Committees, and to transact other business as may be brought before it. We did all that. Pegi was one of the instructors at Leadership training, which Cathy and I attended. We are proud of Pegi Castle, she won a Department award for best leadership report from a unit.

Past President, Pam Ray's special project was Honor Flight. I am happy to say that it was reported that money is not a problem. But, now we need to find and sign up World War Two Veterans. If you know a WW2 Veteran, have them sign up for Honor Flight.

Veteran, Tammy Duckworth, paid us a surprise visit and announced that she was going to run for Congress. And State Controller, Judy Barr Topinka, talked about our state's budget crisis and assured us that Veterans were her priority.

Friday, August 5, the Post will be collecting for Gifts for Yanks. If you have time to help, contact Commander Richard Greenwald for more information and locations.

Installation is on Friday, August 19. Since our theme for the year is "HATS OFF TO OUR VETERANS", decorate and wear a hat. Best decorated hat wins a prize.

Respectfully,

Karen Greenwald, President

AUXILIARY NEWS cont'd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Aug. 5		Gift for Yanks Collection
Saturday, Aug. 6		POKER KITCHEN
Sunday, Aug. 7	1:00pm	District Installation, Elburn, IL
Friday, Aug. 19	6:00pm	Unit 80 JOINT INSTALLATION DINNER
		Decorate and wear a Hat!
Sunday, Sept. 20	6:00pm 7:00pm	Service Hour Meeting

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD MARTIN
(April 6, 1923 - June 21, 2011)

JAMES J. WEBER
(July 9, 1923 - July 14, 2011)

WAKE SERVICE FOR VETERAN
EDWARD J. PROSEK

Ed died early in May and was cremated at the Covell Funeral Home in Bradenton, FL. His ashes were brought back here for Legion Wake Service which was held June 18, 2011 at St. Mary of Gostyn Church.
Legion Members for the Service:
Commander: Rich Greenwald
Act. Chaplain: Dick Bernardini
Color Guard: Jim Sotirakos, John Cruz, Frank Manzone.
Also in attenandace, Elmer Mears.

These Legionnaires Have Gone To The Commander of Us All.
Rest Well Our Friends.

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Consistent with Section 4 of the Post Constitution and Bylaws, at the August regular business meeting a question of intent to transfer funds from the investment account at Merrill Lynch shall be brought to the floor. The question will be whether to grant approval to transfer $15,000 from the Merrill Lynch Investment account to the General Fund Account. A 2/3 majority roll call vote of the membership present is required to authorize the transfer. Opportunity for discussion shall be given.

YOUR 2012 ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE NOW!

Let's show our pride in Post 80 with continued strong membership.

Any questions, call 630-932-8674.
Bill Downing, Adjutant

GIFT FOR YANKS COLLECTION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

The date has been moved up from December.

Volunteers are needed for this event. There are two convenient shifts so you can choose whichever one fits your schedule best! Name tags will be available for everyone.

Please call the Post, Herb Morrison (630-969-1655) or Rich Greenwald (630-960-5898) for more information.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR POWER POKER

SATURDAY, AUG. 6, 2011

Your time supports the Legion Family
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"I saw your Ad in the **Legion-Aire Newsletter**,"
and then thank them for their support of **Post 80**.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Friday, August 19, 2011
Cocktails at 6:00pm
Dinner at 7:00pm

The new officers of Post 80 will be installed on Friday night August 19, 2011. Cocktails will start at 6:00PM, dinner will be at 7:00PM with the ceremony to follow dinner. Drink tickets will be accepted and the menu will be Hawaiian. To get an accurate count for dinner we are asking people to use the form below and to offset the cost we are asking for an $8.00 donation per head. The menu consists of of Polynesian Chicken, Beef Teriyaki, Pineapple Pork, Tropical Salad, and Rice.

Please respond by August 12th, and make your checks payable to Post 80. Mail the form and your check to American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Thank you. Rich Greenwald

OFFICERS' INSTALLATION DINNER

Name_____

Number in Party _____

Phone Number_____

Check Amount_____ Check Number_____

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

The Legion Party for the Veterans from the DuPage County Convelescent Center on June 23rd was a great success. Thanks to Legion and Auxiliary members! Thanks to the members that collected for the "Gift for Yank Fund" that paid for the party. The veterans like coming to Post 80 as it's like their second home.

The following Legion and Auxiliary members attended: Joe Pappalardo, Nick Brecia, Gene Kulaga, Bill Downing, Jim Nelson, Don Brecia, Jack Border, Joe Grippando, Woody Kawaters, Carol Cermak, Ron Paleck, Pat Mastional, Gerry Didlia, Frank Mangone, Julie Eisenberger, Ron Czech, Pete Tepler, Herb Morrison. Sorry if we missed your name.

LEGION RIDER UPDATE

"Jammin For Vets" JULY 30TH CONCERT

Our thanks to all of the American Legion Post 80 family for their help and participation in helping to make the July 30th "Jammin For Vets" Concert a success! This was a joint event by the Post 80 Legion Riders and Global Hope, a DuPage County based charitable organization. One hundred percent of the concert profits have been designated to benefit Veterans Wheelchair Olympics and the Midwest Homeless Shelter for veterans. Adding to the excitement were raffles that included 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.

Mark the Calendar – Legion Rider Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser – October 22nd

Mark your calendars as all of the American Legion Post 80 Family are cordially invited to the next Legion Rider fundraising event, a Candle Light Bowl on Oct 22nd at the Strikes & Spares Lanes in Lockport, IL. Tickets for this event are $30 and include food and rental of bowling shoes and balls. Plan to join the fun.

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 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.

Legion Rider Scheduled Events for August-September 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.

August:	**ALR 80 Meeting**	**Aug. 20**
	Hogs for Dogs	**Aug. 27?**
September:	**ALR 80 Meeting**	**Sept. 17**
	POW-MIA Remembrance Ride w/ALR 294	**Sept. 17**
	Grundy Corn Fest Parade w/ALR 294, Morris, IL	**Sept. 25**
October:	**ALR 80 Meeting**	**Oct. 15**
	Candle Light Charity Bowl	**Oct. 22**
November:	**Utica Veteran's Day Parade**	**Nov. 6**
	ALR 80 Meeting	**Nov. 19**
	Holiday Gift Distribution at Hines VA	**Nov. 25**

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:

"Old" Legionnaires are what??

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You know you are getting old when:

>>You wear a Jack Armstrong Hike-O-Meter to measure distance while walking in a mall.

>>Your head makes promises your body can't possibly keep!

>>You have to grow old before somebody will tell you that you look young for your age!

>>You open your outgoing mail!

>>Your childhood toys turn up in antique malls with huge price tags on them!

>>Your broad mind changes place with your narrow waist!

>>You stoop to tie your shoelaces and ask yourself "What else can I do while I'm down here??"

>>You can't find your glasses without your glasses!

Also consider:

>>The older you are the smarter you were as a kid!

>>I'm growing old by myself. My wife hasn't had a birthday in years!

>>At my age, when a girl flirts with me in the movies, she's after my popcorn!

>>Why do so many retirees in this country move south – into the sun--- and then do everything they can to stay out of it??

>>If you are still calling the refrigerator an "Icebox", it's a giveaway, you're probably over 65!

>>Middle age, when a woman's hair starts turning from gray to black!

>>Middle age is when the girl you smile at thinks you are one of her father's friends!

**********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
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2010....Rosemary Collins

Bingo Workers

Aug. 2 Kitchen: Karen G, Delores H ., &Theresa S.
Tickets: ,Jane B., Lucille B.

Aug. 9 Kitchen: Marillyn C., Karen G., & Joey K.
Tickets: Evelyn F., Pam Q.

Aug. 16 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlette U.
Tickets: Radika J., Leora N.

Aug. 23: Kitchen: Carol C., Gloria P., & Marge P.,
Tickets: Leora N. Eleanor R

Aug. 30 Kitchen: Arlene G., Karen G., Delores H., & Gloria Parker,
Tickets: Pat M., Leora N.

No Auxiliary Meeting in August

DON'T FORGET
JAMMIN' 4 VETS
Saturday JULY 30

August 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
	1	2 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	3 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5 GIFT FOR YANKS COLLECTION	6 CDC 8:30 am POWER POKER
7 District Installation 1 pm Elburn, IL	8	9 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	10	11	12	13 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
14	15	16 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	17	18	19 POST 80 INSTALLATION DINNER 6 pm	20 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
21	22	23 Bingo 6:30 m Doors Open 4:30 pm	24 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
28	29	30 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	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*