VETERANS HELPING VETERANS
AMERICAN LEGION
ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS POST 80
4000 SARATOGA AVENUE
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

LEGION - AIRE

April 2011

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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
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

We had an excellent turnout for the New Members' Initiation. Both the Legion and the Auxiliary each initiated eleven members. We had signed up a total of twenty people for the Legion to date. It was a lot of hard work on the part of the Adjutant, Sr. Vice and myself in recruiting these people. We also had some members recruit a friend, and it takes all of us to reach out, "Just ask."

It is my hope to keep this momentum going so to reach the level of membership we had ten years ago. My greatest fear is that this Post would dwindle down to a point to where it could not sustain itself any longer. Currently there are three Posts in Du Page County that are in trouble. About two years ago the Post took a loss of 18 members who had passed away. This happened in one year. The twenty new members brings us back to that level two years ago. We need to sustain this recruiting campaign to go beyond that point.

I would like to thank my Initiation Team for their help with program. And I would like to thank the Auxiliary for their help in decorating the hall. It really added to the appearance and importance to the occasion.

There are approximately 35 people who have not paid there dues yet. ***If you are more than two years in arrears we will drop you.*** **<u>April 1st is the deadline</u> to be current for the fiscal year 2011**.

April 18th is the deadline for me to purchase our tickets for the baseball game May 29th. It's $23 per person which includes bus transportation. Make your checks payable to American Legion Post 80.

Rich Greenwald, *Commander*

AUXILIARY NEWS

Wow, what a busy time it has been. The Legion and the Auxiliary hosted a new membership luncheon on February 27. Pam Hartigan, Donna Rosenkrantz and Arlene Guest provided us with great luncheon. Pam also decorated and provided beautiful centerpieces. Norma Border made sure everybody had a name tag. Second Division President, Lucinda Kidd spoke on Auxiliary national and state programs. I spoke on our unit accomplishments. As of this date, I am proud to say that we obtained four new members.

The Gold Star luncheon and District meeting was held on March 5. Six members from Unit 80 attended. Our Gold Star member, Irene Contrill, was unable to attend.

Pegi Castle and I traveled to Urbana for the 83 Annual Patriotic Conference held on March 11. Pam Ray, Department President welcomed everyone. Illinois Girls State Senators, Luci Bower and Neha Nigam shared their Girl's State experience.

Sunday, March 13, Electa Chunku, Pegi Castle and I traveled to Sycamore, IL. for the Second Division Spring Meeting. Reports from all committees were given just like we do at our Unit meetings. Each committee chair stressed the importance of each unit turning their yearly reports.

Eleven new members were initiated at the Initiation Dinner held on March 19. Welcome to new members Beverly Parrott, Nancy Compton, Josephine Klingbiel, Diana Fisher, Radika Jungworth, Anita Kenpel, Jean Krupin, Gloria Parker, Pam Quednau, Donna Rosenkranz ad Vivian Veres.

April will be report month at our next meeting. Officers and Committee Chairs are responsible to report to District no later than May 5. I know that nobody likes to do paperwork, but this is essential. Our reports are compiled by district division , department, and national. National reports to congress.

Any girls interested in attending Girls State in June should contact Beverly Parrott. Her number is 630.434.8925.

The Auxiliary would like to give some scholarships to students needing money for college. Call Pegi Castle at 630.953.9662.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Greenwald, President

April 16	**2:00pm to 7:00pm**	**Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraiser for Disabled Veterans**
April 18	**6:00pm**	**Reports**
	7:00pm	**Unit Meeting**
		Hostesses: *Kim C. & Pam M.*

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR POWER POKER

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

Your time supports the Legion Family

Contact Woody Kawaters (630) 541-3023

if interested.

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS!!!!

The absolute drop-dead date to purchase tickets is April 18th.

I have made our reservations with the Kane County Cougars for **May 29th**. It's a **Sunday evening** game that starts at **6PM**. The ticket prices are **still $12 each** for reserved seats at our favorite spot at home plate on the third base line.

The bus will pick us up at **4:30 PM** at the Post and return us after the game.

The bus fare has risen again and including gratutuity will be $11/person. The total ticket cost will be $23.

Please make checks payable to **American Legion Post 80** for **$23 per person,** which includes the **cost of transportation**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people:_____ x **$23.00** = _____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-418-5372)

LEGION RIDER UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – APRIL 16, 2011 - SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, April 16th, the Post 80 American Legion Riders are hosting their 2nd Annual Spaghetti Feast from 2 pm to 7 pm at Post 80. The proceeds benefit our veterans at Hines VA Hospital and we will have veterans from the Spinal Unit joining us at the Post for Dinner. Tickets are $7.00 for adults. Children (5 to 10 yrs) are $3.00 and children under 5 eat FREE. There will also be a Raffle for a 32" flat screen TV - Raffle Tickets @ $5 each. Please plan to attend and support our veterans at Hines VA!!

Legion Riders Post 80 are working to assist veterans at Hines VA Hospital, and includes efforts to get grant money for the 2010 Wheel Chair Olympic Opportunity Fund to support the activities of the Hines VA Physically Challenged Sports Program. The Hines VA Spinal Rehab Unit patients and staff have alerted us that the Wheelchair Olympics are set for May 14, 2011 and hope that Legion Riders and Legionnaires will plan to participate.

Global Hope, a DuPage County based charitable organization that focuses on providing hands on assistance where help is needed has advised us that their focus for 2011 is working to assist veterans. Global Hope representatives have approached the Post 80 Legion Riders and all of the Legion Family with a proposal to sponsor a joint fund-raising concert to benefit disabled and homeless veterans at the Post on July 30, 2011. For more information on Global Hope, please visit their web site at: http://www.globalhopenow.org/

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. Scheduled meeting dates for 2011 are:

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

April 16th
May 21st
June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

American Legion Riders
(Post 80)

Spaghetti Feast

Saturday, April 16, 2011

Time: 2:00 ~ 7:00

At

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
4000 Saratoga Avenue • Downers Grove

Dinner Tickets ~$7.00 for adults
Children - (5-10 yrs. ~ $3.00)
Under 5 years ~ free

Raffle

32" flat screen TV
Raffle Tickets for TV ~ $5.00 Each

The proceeds benefit our vets at Hines Hospital.

Veterans Helping Veterans

For tickets call 630.712.1834, or purchase tickets at the door.

ATTENTION VETERANS & SPOUSES

_WHAT: VA BENEFITS SEMINAR

WHEN: MAY13TH@ 7PM

WHERE: ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS POST 80
4000 SARATOGA AVE.
DOWNERS GROVE

WHO: WAYNE MACEJAK
DIRECTOR
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

DEPT OF ILLINOIS

SICK CALL:

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses to a toast to them (just not too many times). -wk.

TOBY VUKARODIC

LAWRENCE KASEL **HARVEY LUND**

WALLY REITZ

Those of you who are well.... Stay Well.

IN MEMORIAM

MASTER SERGEANT
JACK W. ARDELL (Ret.)

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

IHOP BREAKFAST

Herb Morrison hosted Post 80's Spring Breakfast for the veterans from Du Page Convalescent Center at IHOP March 17th. There were about ten veterans in attendance for the event. Bob Cormack who was our Guest of Honor generously contributed to the breakfast. Thank you Bob.

PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

Saturday, May 21, 2011

...is the Past Commanders Dinner which is open to one and all Legion, Auxiliary, and other family members. It is the one chance to pay honor to the past commanders who are alive and those whose voices have been stilled.

The Social Hour.....6PM – 7PM
Dinner.....7PM
Past Commanders program
Entertainment

We are asking $10/per person for the dinner.

Please come and join us. By returning the lower part of this we minimize waste and off set the cost of food. So come let your hair down and have some fun.

Yes, I am coming to Past Commanders Dinner

Name_____

How many in your party?_____

Mail back to: **American Legion Post 80**
4000 Saratoga Ave
Downers Grove, IL 60515

THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

The legion as a freight train:

One day while watching a long freight train on our always busy rail crossing in Downers Grove, pulled by a steam locomotive with two other locomotives on the rear as "Pushers", go slowly by (this was many years ago!!), an analogy came to my mind of our ***Legion*** as a freight train:

>>Locomotive--- Our Commander.
>>Coal & water tender--- Reserve energy.
>>All kinds of cars--- All kinds of Legion members.
>>Caboose--- Riders, those who helped to get it started, but are now riding along.
>>1st Pusher--- Jr. & Sr. Vice Commander, & Adjutant.
>>2nd Pusher--- Members who usually come to our meetings.
>>Track--- Our Legion program. Stay on it and it will keep our members in line.
>>Stations--- The many jobs at the Post.
>>Spectators--- The Auxiliary. (of course!).
>>Sand on the track--- A "Helping hand" or word of encouragement from all our officers to keep our Post active.

What part of this train are you?? Are you doing your best to keep our Post as a helpful assistant to needy Veterans?

.....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
1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
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2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Rosemary Collins
2010....Rosemary Collins

Bingo Workers

Apr. 5 **Kitchen:** Arlene G., Pam H., Joey K..
Tickets: Jane B., Leora N.

Apr. 12 **Kitchen:** Lorraine D., Mary P., Marge P.
Tickets: Evelyn F., Pam H.

Apr. 19 **Kitchen:** Carol C., Karen G., Dolores H., Gloria P.
Tickets: Lorraine D., Eleanor R.

Apr. 26 **Kitchen:** Kim C., Kathy P., Charlotte U.
Tickets: Evelyn F., Leora N.

Auxiliary Meeting Hostesses
April 18: *Kim C. & Pam M.*

April 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
					1	2 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4	5 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11	12 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	13 County Meeting Cantigny Post 556	14	15	16 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am Spaghetti Dinner 2-7pm
17 Auxiliary Power Poker 1:30pm - 12am	18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	20	21	22	23 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25	26 Bingo 6:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm	27 Board Meeting 7:30pm	28	29	30 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am

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*