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April 2012



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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 everyone knows of Honor Flight. Currently, the Honor Flight Program has been flying WWII Vets to Washington D.C., and quite a few of our members have participated in this program to date. Those that have gone were moved and thrilled by their experience. The average age of our WWII Vets is 87 years old. We are losing these great guys at an alarming rate. Well, there's a big push to get every last WWII Vet in the Chicago area to D.C. to see the WWII Memorial.

Several organizations have come together setting their goal to accomplish this task, one of which is the Du Page Veterans Foundation. Wayne Fisher, Past Commander, 11th District, is part of this organization. He informed us at the last County meeting that they have 11 flights reserved with Southwest Airlines 'till the end of the year. The Foundation is doing a big fundraiser at Du Page County Airport May 5th. There will be a lunch with WWII Vets, static displays of aircraft and vehicles, silent auction, and entertainment by the "Legacy Girls". The proceeds will benefit Honor Flight Chicago.

There are approximately 4,000 vets in Du Page County alone. We have 84 of our members out of 420 who are WWII Vets. Of those 84, seven have been on the Honor Flight. I strongly encourage you WWII members who have not gone yet to sign up for the program. Even if you are wheelchair bound, it does not matter. There are assistants on the flight to get you around from the time you arrive at Midway Airport 'till you return back to Midway. We have the applications at the Post. I'll mail you the applications. It is such a wonderful experience, so please do not miss out on this opportunity.

The Legion tradition is to initiate new members in March. This is done on St. Patrick's Day or as close as possible, and we had the traditional corned beef and cabbage. This year, forty four new members joined our Post. Of the forty new members, thirteen participated in the initiation ceremony. Welcome, newcomers. Thank you to my officers that participated in the ceremony, my friends that helped with the setup, Karen Greenwald for decorating, and Carmen Gnolfo for helping with the catering. Again thank you all for your help which is appreciated very much.

We are starting a new plaque to be placed on the obelisk. Each plaque carries thirty three to thirty six names. The plaques are to honor those of



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us who have served our country. I, my brother, father in-law and several of my uncles are on one the plaques. It costs \$35 to have your name placed on the plaque and forms are available at the Post.

As a reminder to everyone who wishes to attend the Kane County Cougars ballgame, the deadline for tickets is April 6th. The price includes bus transportation.

Up coming events; The Valentine Singers return April 13th, Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser April 22nd, Fish Fry with live Band, "Daves Not Here" April 27th, and the last Poker event April 28th. Steve Richards, a Neil Diamond tribute artist performs on May 18th.

Rich Greenwald, Commander



Are you moving?

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AUXILIARY NEWS



The March 11, Second Division meeting and Poppy Seminar was held in Leaf River. Attending from our unit were Pegi Castle, Electa Chunku and Karen Greenwald.

Then on March 16, Theresa Schea drove Joey Klingblei, Nancy Compton and Karen Greenwald to the 92nd Annual Patriotic Conference held in Bloomington. Department leadership training was held the previous day by our own Pegi Castle, who is Department Leadership Chair.

Do you know a high school junior girl who has June 17 - June 23 available? Unit 80 is looking for girls with a GPA of 2.0 or better, who have an interest in government. Citizens that return from Illini Girls State always report back to Unit 80 on how positive their experience has been. Contact Karen and she'll get you the information you need.

Do you know a nursing student that needs a scholarship? Unit 80 is prepared to help. Contact Karen for the information.

The Unit unanimously voted to move forward with plans for our 90th birthday celebration. Marge Pavich, Norma Border, Joey Klingbiel, Electa Chunku, Arlene Guest, Donna Rosenkrantz, Theresa Schea and Karen Greenwald happily volunteered to work together to make this a success. If you are interested in helping out call your President and have her add your name to the list.

All committee chairs please make time to attend the workshop that is scheduled for April 21. The purpose of this workshop is to complete all reports that are to be sent into District by May 5.

AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Apr. 9	7:00 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
		FINAL DEADLINE FOR SERVICE HOURS
Saturday, Apr. 21	10:00 am	Committee Chair Report Workshop
Saturday, Apr. 28		Final Auxiliary Power Poker



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NEW BRONZE PLAQUE FOR 2012

There will be a new plaque for veteran's names to be placed on our 30 foot high Obelisk in our Veteran's Memorial Park. The last plaque was put up in 2010. The plaque is for all veterans that have served our country. The price for the placement of the name on the new plaque will remain the same as it has been in the past (\$35.00). Thirty three names are needed to fill a plaque; we now have a number of names on file for the 2012 plaque. A certificate and a picture of the plaque will be sent to the person who ordered the placement of the name. At the present time over 600 names have been placed on the Obelisk.

What is needed is the full name of the veteran, branch of service and year of service (for the certificate), and the phone number and address of the person who is ordering and paying for the placement of the name. Come to Post 80 or mail your information and a check to: American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515, Attn: 2012 Plaque, Post Adjutant.

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VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR POWER POKER SATURDAY, APR. 28, 2012

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email him at: b_dawson2@att.net
if interested.





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Maintenance Help Wanted

Saturday, April 21st



A few hours of **YOUR** help can make a tremendous difference in the appearance and operation of **OUR** post grounds and facilities. The improvements **YOU** help perform will serve to attract new rentals and lower operating costs, allowing **US** to help support more needy veterans.

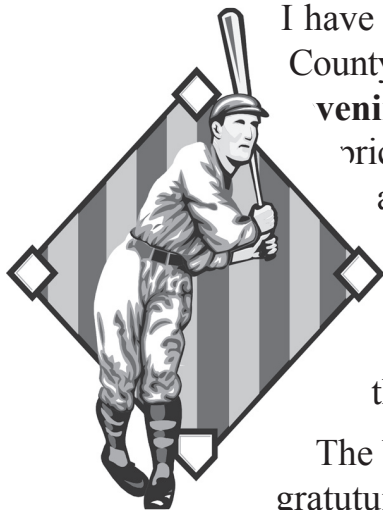
The list of tasks **WE** need performed both inside and outside are posted in **OUR** lounge. **EACH OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE, WHETHER IT BE TIME, MATERIALS OR BOTH.** Do more than carry your membership card in your wallet by signing up and completing a task you can do.

We've scheduled the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts **AND THEIR PARENTS** to help us on Saturday, **April 21st**, beginning at 9:00am, with some of the outdoor tasks needed (**April 28th** is a rain date). Come work with them to show **YOUR** appreciation for **THEIR** help.

Save The Date!
Sept. 22nd. 2012
Unit 80
90th Celebration!



ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS



I have made our reservations with the Kane County Cougars for **May 27th**. It's a **Sunday** **vening** 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 **4:00 PM** at the Post and return us after the game.

The bus fare has risen again and including gratutuity will be \$18/person. The total ticket cost will be **\$30**.

The absolute drop-dead date to purchase tickets is April 6th.

Please make checks payable to **American Legion Post 80** for **\$30 per person**, which includes the **cost of transportation**.



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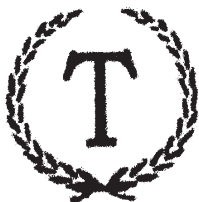
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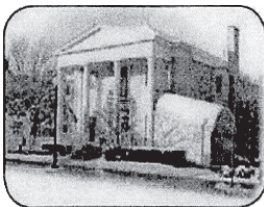


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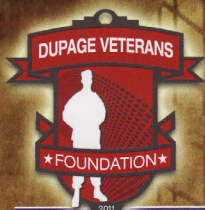
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American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 Update

3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner, April 22nd - SAVE THE DATE!!

On Sunday April 22nd, the American Legion Riders-Chapter 80 will host our Spaghetti Dinner from 1 to 7 p.m. Join us for good food and a good time. We will be raffling a 40" flat screen TV. We also plan to have as our honored guests fellow veterans from Hines VA Hospital.

Legion Riders – Chapter 80 meets monthly on the second Saturday at 10 am in the Post 80 Library. The next Legion Rider meeting will be on February 11, 2012. Please check the Post 80 web site and Legion Rider page for all of the 2012 meeting dates,
<http://www.post80.org/>

The Legion Riders have the following events scheduled for 2012:

April 22, 2012	Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser
May 5, 2012	Wheel Chair Olympics at Hines VA
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day Events
June 16, 2012	Freedom Run, Marseilles, IL
July 4, 2012	Downers Grove July 4th Parade
July 15, 2012	Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride
July 22, 2012	Hines VA Picnic at Post 80
August 4, 2012	Joint Legion Installation – District, County, Post, Chapter, Unit
Aug 21-26, 2012	American Legion Rider Legacy Run Niagara Falls NY – Indianapolis IN
October Fall Ride	Halloween Farm and Honey Hill Orchard
October 20, 2012	Candle Light Charity Bowl
Nov, 4, 2012	Utica Veteran's Day Parade

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 locations for any given month.





Keep the date Open!

American Legion Riders (Post 80)

Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Time: 1:00 ~ 7:00

At

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
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Initiation/Recognition of New Members

On Saturday, March 17th Post 80 initiated 11 new members to the Post.

The following members of the Downers Grove and surrounding communities are now Post 80 Legionnaires: Bob Nimz, Jerome Bonkowski, Daniel Coughlin, Robert Douglas, David Rice, John Boudrean, Ron Schneteer, David Spartzel, Virginia Gary, Norbert Miloch and Jason Wales.

WELCOME TO POST 80

See you all at the next Post 80 Business Meeting on April 4th.



Initiation Class of 2012

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Friday, May 18th

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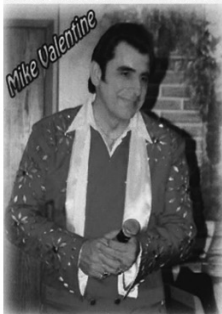
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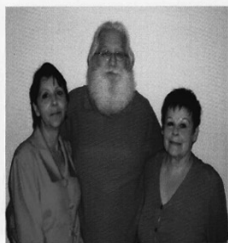
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1927....Florence Johnson	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	1988....Bonita Wisbrock
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	1980....Frances North	2010....Rosemary Collins


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**April 9 Meeting Hostesses:
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	3 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	4 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
8  EASTER	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	11 County Meeting Cantigny Post 556	12	13 Mike Valentine Entertains 7-11:00 pm	14 CDC 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
15	16	17 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	18	19	20	21 CDC 8:30 am Maintenance Day 9:00 am
22 Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner 1-7:00 pm <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	25 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27 Post 80 Fish Fry & Live Music 5-8:30 pm	28 CDC 8:30 am AUXILIARY POWER POKER 1pm - 1am
29	30	 <h1>April 2012</h1> 				

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