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# LEGION - AIRE

## June 2012



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1969....Mason Taylor  
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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  
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1985....George R. Novak  
1986....Bill Johnson  
1987....A.E. Sheber  
1988....David D. Wisbrock  
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1991....Gilbert J. Gawin  
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1993....Ken Gallagher  
1994....Richard Bernardini  
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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**

Tom Leinart from O'Neil Middle School, who had won First place in our first annual Speech contest, went on to the County contest. The speech contest for County was held at the Cantigny Post on April 29th. Tom had finished in Third place in this county wide contest.

The Veterans Fund Raiser at Du Page Airport was reported to me as being very successful. There was an excellent turnout for the event, and excellent representation from our Post members. Particularly our WWII members who were hosted by the event.

May 15th was awards night at DGN High School. Post 80 was well represented on that night. Elmer Mears handed out the scholastic awards, Dick Rooney presented a \$500 scholarship for the Legion's environmental program, Bob Parrott presented three certificates for participation Police Academy program, Bob McGuffin presented three certificates for Boys State.

May 19th was the Past Commanders' Dinner. There was a nice turnout to honor our special guests the Past Commanders. Our other special guests were the Downing family and the Parker family. Matthew Downing, grandson of Bill Downing, was presented a check and certificate for First place for scholarship program. Michael Parker, son Howard Parker, was presented with a check and certificate for Second place. Patrick Clark, who was not present placed Third, is Don Brescia's grandson.

Taisha Miller, our 2012 Miss Poppy, granddaughter of the Cruz family collected \$155 at the dinner. Gabriella Wisbrock who was Miss Poppy in 1997, 2003 and 2007 assisted Taisha.

Thank you to Frank Mangone and Fred Schuster for helping with the setup for dinner, Karen Greenwald for decorating the tables, Woody Kawaters arranging the catering. It was a very nice affair.

May 22nd we did the joint dedication for Veterans' Memorial Pavilion at Fischel Park with VFW POST 503. Both Posts provided a Color Guard.

Rich Dahlman, Commander of the VFW and I gave our dedication speeches and Jack Border gave the invocation.

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Members of the Post did the annual baseball outing to the Kane County Cougars on Sunday before Memorial Day. This year we hosted veterans from the Midwest Homeless Shelter in Wheaton.

Lastly, the month of May is capped off with our Memorial Day ceremonies. We honored our comrades who joined the Commander of us all with Post Everlasting, followed by our pilgrimage to six town cemeteries to honor our veterans. It was back to Fischel Park and the new bandshell for the town's ceremony to honor our fallen comrades from all the wars.

Rich Greenwald, Commander



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## AUXILIARY NEWS



Your officers for the 2012-2013 program year are:

President:	Rosemary Collins
Vice President:	Norma Border
Chaplain:	Leora Novak
Historian:	Beverly Parrott
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Diane Fischer
Treasurer:	Joey Klingbiel

At our May meeting we had an orientation session and reception for our Girl State candidates. Our guests were impressed with our refreshment table. A special thanks to Beverly Parrott, who despite recent knee surgery, did a wonderful job in getting candidates from 3 schools.

Miss Poppy, Taisha Miller, escorted by former Miss Poppy, Gabrielle Wisbrock, kicked off our Poppy drive for this year. Special thanks to the Cruz family for providing us with another Miss Poppy. Special thanks to Carol Cermak for making the Miss Poppy sash.

The 11th District Convention, held on May 20, our Unit won recognition for our VA&R contributions this past year. Thanks to Marge Pavich and Therese Schey for their dedicated work.

Members of Unit 80, unanimously endorsed Pegi Castle to be the Second Division First Vice President. As Unit President, it was my honor to ask the Eleventh District to join in our endorsement, they unanimously did, so now our Pegi Castle is the nominee for the office of First Vice President of the Second Division for the Auxiliary Year of 2012-2013.

The 90th Birthday Committee met and made plans for program and fundraising. Please feel free to contact Karen Greenwald if you want to be a part of the planning for this celebration. Everybody has something that they can contribute; their time, their talent, their participation.

Respectfully Submitted

President, Karen Greenwald

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**AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, June 3      1:00 pm   2nd Division Convention,  
Peccatonica, IL
- Thursday, June 7                      90 B-Day Meeting, Marge's House
- Monday, June 11      6:00 pm   Past Presidents Pot Luck Dinner  
7:00 pm   Meeting
- Wednesday, July 4   11:30 am PARADE meet at Post at 11:30am

*Save The Date!*

*American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 80*

*90th Celebration!*

*Sept. 22nd. 2012*

**Holiday Inn**

7800 Kingery Hwy, Willowbrook IL 60527

Time: 12 noon to 4:00



## WORLD WAR II VETS HONORED

On Saturday, May 5, the DuPage Veteran's Foundation Hosted a Recognition Day to honor our WWII Vets. Total attendance at the Calamos Hangar, DuPage Airport event exceeded 1,100.

Post 80 attendance coordinated by our Adjutant, Bill Downing, was well represented by Nick Brescia, John Tuider, Herb Morrison, Emery Wolf, Elmer Mears and Bruno Maestri. Supporting our Heroes were 15 Post members and guests.

Festivities included a luncheon, followed by Presentation of Colors, Roll Call of all WWII Vets in attendance and the very talented "Legacy Girls" supplied music of the era. A very good time was had by all.

Proceeds from this gala event will benefit future Honor Flights departing from Chicago.



*The Legacy Girls with  
Herb Morrisson, Gerry  
Diddia, Rose Polikey and  
Nick Brescia*



*Two of The Legacy Girls  
with Gerry Diddia and  
Rose Polickey*



**PAST COMMANDERS  
DINNER**

*Front L-R: Emery  
Wolff, Woody Kawaters,  
Herb Morrison, Joe  
Pappalardo  
Back L-R: Elmer Mears,  
Dick Bernardini, Dave  
Wisbrock, Jack Border,  
Dick Rooney*

**MISS POPPY**  
*Gabrielle Wisbrock (1997,  
2003, 2007)  
and Taisha Miller (2012)*



**1st PLACE SCHOLARSHIP**  
*Matthew Downing  
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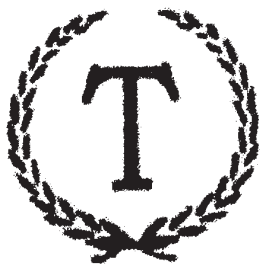
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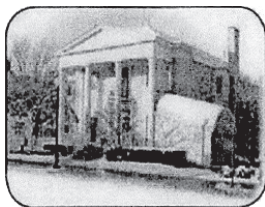


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*Two Scouts from Troop 80 passed the Eagle Board of Review, are now Eagle Scouts:*

**>ANDREW LIM**

**>CHRIS KENNEDY**



*Eagle plaques by Post 80 will be presented to these young Scouts at the "Eagle Court of Honor" Sunday May 20, 2012*

*Troop 80 has been sponsored by Post 80 for over 76 years, and we're very proud of their service to, and with us these years.*

*Congratulations, again Andrew and Chris, and to your success in your future plans with Troop 80, and in life.....*

R. Bernardini  
Scout Chairman





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# **American Legion Riders**

## **American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 Update**

Our thanks to all the Post 80 Legion family for their contribution to the success of our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner, on Sunday April 22, 2012. We were happy to have as our honored guests our fellow veterans from Hines VA Hospital. We raffled off the 40" flat screen TV as well as a dozen more Gift Baskets and Gift Certificates, courtesy of our generous donors.

Bright and early on May 5th we were joined by Legion Riders from other Chapters as well as other veteran's group bikers to kick off the Hines VA Wheelchair Olympics. Legion Riders participated in the opening ceremonies, including an Olympic Torch and worked with disabled veterans throughout the morning to assist their participation in various games and events.

The Chapter 80 Legion Riders also attended the DuPage Veteran's Foundation Luncheon and events at the DuPage County Airport. All the proceeds from this event were earmarked to provide funding for sponsoring World War II veterans' participation in the Honor Flight Program to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington DC.

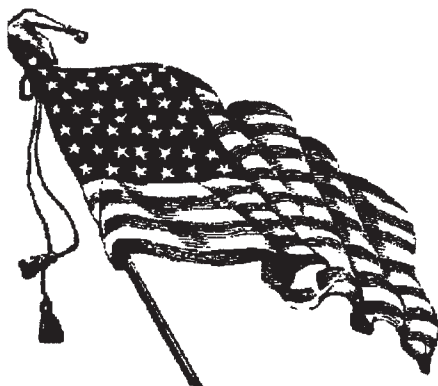
American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 meets monthly on the second Saturday at 10 am in the Post 80 Library. The next Legion Rider meeting will be on June 9, 2012. Please check the Post 80 web site and Legion Rider page for all of the 2012 meeting dates, <http://www.post80.org/>

### **The Legion Riders have the following events scheduled for 2012:**

- **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**





## FLAG DAY

Thursday - June 14th

## FLAG RETIREMENT

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Thursday - 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.*



See you at  
the  
Fourth  
of July  
Parade!



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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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**Bob Parrott & Herb Morrison**



## POLICE ACADEMY AWARDS

On May 1st, Bob Parrott, Chairman of the Youth Police Academy for Post 80, attended the awards program at Downers Grove South High School to present awards for participation in the Youth Police Academy program sponsored by the American Legion Department of Illinois. Awards were given to Victoria Doster and Kamil Baldyga. Bob also attended the awards program at Downers Grove North High School on May 15th to present an award to Cassidy Santen for her participation in the Youth Police Academy program.

The three participants will attend the program in Springfield, which is held at the State Police Academy on June 24th thru June 29th, 2012.

This year's participants have been invited to attend our July meeting to give a short speech on their experience at the academy.

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# THOUGHT<>OF<>THE<>MONTH:

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>> *You must not smoke – It harms the lungs.*

>> *You must not gamble – Or you'll get stung!*

>> *You must not drink – It harms the liver.*

>> *You must not beg – You'll hate the giver!*

>> *Don't overeat – It won't agree.*

>> *Don't under eat – You'll get TB!*

>> *Don't overwork – You'll need An analysis.*

>> *And if you loaf – Your seat gets calluses!*

>> *Don't drowse too much \_\_ Or you'll feel saddened*

>> *Carouse too much \_\_ And you'll wish you hadn't!*

>> *Attend our meetings \_\_ Be an active member.*

>> *Or stay away \_\_ And just be a number!*

>> *This is a list of things imprudent \_\_*

>> *Whatever you do, perhaps you shouldn't!*

>> *But warm days are near \_\_ So forget the above.*

>> *Have a wonderful summer \_\_ With all our love!*

RWB



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1941....Mabel Webster	1970....Helen Beck	2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
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1948....Myrtle Kraft	1977....Alice Pechinski	<b>2008....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
	1978....Mildred Mueller	<b>2009....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
	1979....Catherine Smalley	<b>2009....Rosemary Collins</b>
	<b>1980....Frances North</b>	<b>2010....Rosemary Collins</b>

*Italics denotes deceased*



## Bingo Workers

- 6/5 Kitchen: Joey K., Dee H., & Theresa S.  
Tickets: Lorraine D. & Leora N.
- 6/12 Kitchen: Nancy C., Karen G. & Dee H.  
Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.
- 6/19 Kitchen: Kim C, Julie I., & Charlotte U.  
Tickets: Evelyn F. & Eleanor R.
- 6/26 Kitchen: Nancy C., Arlene G. & Barb G.  
Tickets: Jane B. & Pat M.

**June 11 Meeting Hostesses:  
Past Presidents Pot Luck**



**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

# June 2012



					1	2 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4	5 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8	9 CDC 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	13 County Meeting Hinsdale Post 250	14 Flag Retirement 7 pm FLAG DAY	15	16 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
17 FATHER'S DAY 	18	19 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	20 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	21	22	23 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	27 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	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