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March 2012



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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
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1945....Stanley A. Lynch
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1949....Fred W. Lester
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1951....Joseph R. Krepper
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1964....Jerry Kopecky
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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
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

I jumped the gun last month on membership. Turns out we were a few short of the goal. However, we did achieve our goal a few weeks later and even surpassed it. I understand we are at 105% as I now write this with the possibility of exceeding this mark. I appreciate this effort on your part to bring in new members, and those that are unaffiliated. I also thank the members that have promptly paid their dues. The last cut-off date for 2012 dues notice is April 14th. After that the last renewal notices go out for 2012. Remember the Legion calendar for 2013 is based on the fiscal year, which starts September 1st 2012, and ends August 31st 2013. You will be getting your 2013 dues notices in July this year.

We will have new members initiation, Saturday, March 17th. Corned Beef and cabbage will be served for dinner before initiation ceremonies begin. See the notice in the newsletter for complete information.

March is community service month. This is when we begin recruiting students for Boys State, and the Auxiliary for Girls State. Bob McGuffin is co-ordinating the Boys State program with Downers Grove North and South High Schools for the Legion. The students that want to participate are selected by their teachers based on scholastic achievement. The purpose of these programs is to teach the function of local, county and state governments.

Bob is also contacting the Jr. High Schools in District 58 for a speech contest on the United States Constitution. Also the Oratorical Contest is on the United States Constitution at the high school level. Both contests are open to all students who wish to participate.

Another of our community service programs is Police Academy, which is being co-ordinated by Bob Parrott. Bob is also working with both

Downers Grove High Schools for student participation. This gives the selected students a chance to learn everything about law enforcement for a one week period at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

Elmer Mears has been running the School Awards Program for many years. Elmer presents a Savings Bond to the students who are selected by their teachers based not only on scholastic achievement, but show leadership qualities as well. These awards are given to graduate students from jr. high and high school.



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Presently Herb Morrison conducts the Essay Contest for the Legion Post. This contest is based on the United States Constitution, and the students in in this case must be related to a Legion member. The first and second place winners are given a monetary award towards their college tuitions, which are presented at the Past Commanders Dinner in May.

Coming up March 9th Dan Hamilton returns again for another fun night of singing and dancing.

March 24th is Poker.

April 9th is the deadline for the purchase of the Cougar baseball tickets for our reserved seats.

Rich Greenwald, Commander



Are you moving?

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AUXILIARY NEWS



At the February meeting the Unit voted NOT to have a craft show this fall. Discussion on alternative fundraising will proceed during the next few months.

During our February meeting we had a reception and an awards ceremony for our Americanism Essay winners. The winners come from Cass Junior Hi, in Darien. The essay subject was America's Constitutional Freedoms.

1st Place: Samuel Chang, whose essay was forwarded to District for judging in March.

2nd Place: Jayana Tabbilos

3rd Place: Rachel Kongoria

4th Place: Madilyn Matsunaga

Honorable Mention: Sydney Locke, Pryia Nair and Cheyne Brucato

Plans are being made NOW to celebrate the Unit's 90 Birthday. I know that we don't look a day over 80, but, get excited about this and be prepared to participate in the discussion at our March meeting.

The Nominating Committee has been selected. They are Kim Cruz, Theresa Shey, Marge Pavich, Arlene Guest and Jane Bernedini. In order for this Unit to continue with it's work we need women who are willing to participate in the process.

A healthy unit is a unit where women are willing to take leadership positions. A healthy Unit changes it leadership annually. A healthy unit is a unit that supports it leadership with encouragement not criticism. So you have to ask yourself these questions:

Can I do this? Yes you can with the help of your unit.

Am I able to do this? We all have leadership abilities only held back by our attitude.

AM I WILLING TO DO THIS? It's not a life sentence. It's only for a year.

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If you have an interest and need more information on officer positions contact any member of the nominating committee.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Greenwald, President

AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Mar. 11		Poppy Seminar, Second Division Meeting
Monday, Mar. 11	7:00 pm	Unit Meeting
Friday, Mar. 16		Patriotic Conference, Bloomington
Monday, Apr. 9	7:00 pm	Unit Meeting/New Member Initiation

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED: Cooks Manor, Hines homeless facility for veterans needs a 40 cup coffee maker, microwave oven and 4 slice toaster.

You'll get a receipt for your taxes. They can also use new underwear sizes small thru XX large and bath towels. Please donate by our March 12 meeting. Questions? Call Theresa Schey, 708/354-8849

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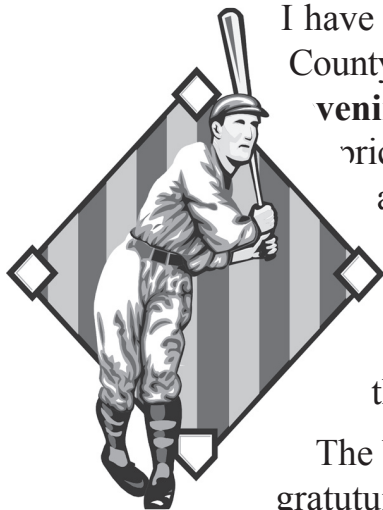
SATURDAY, MAR. 24, 2012

**Your time supports the Legion Family
Contact Rich Greenwald (630) 960-5898
if interested.**





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**.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people: _____ x **\$30.00** = _____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-418-5372)
Commander



MARCH 2012

New Members Initiation Dinner
Saturday, March 17, 2012

March 17th we will have new class of members to initiate. We will start the program with a cocktail hour at 5PM (cash bar). Dinner will be served at 6 PM featuring corn beef and cabbage in honor of St. Patrick's Day. There will be a \$5 donation to offset the cost of the food. New initiates and their spouses are free.

Please RSVP by March 9th to Todd Hanson, Sr.-Vice Commander with a \$5.00 donation per person.

Todd can be reached by e-mail at (todd.hanson@zurichna.com)

Name: _____ Number of People _____

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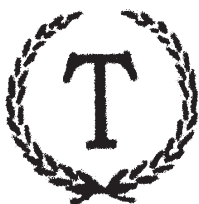
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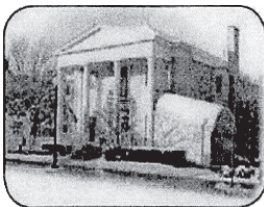


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American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 Update

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

On Sunday April 22nd, the American Legion Riders-Chapter 80 will host our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Feast from 1 to 5 p.m. CDT. 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
June 24, 2012 (July 1)	Hines VA Picnic at Post 80 w invite to MSHV (Alternate Date for Hines Picnic)
July 4, 2012	Downers Grove July 4th Parade
July 15, 2012	Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride
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.





American Legion Riders

(Post 80)

Keep the date Open!

Spaghetti Feast

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Time: 2:00 ~ 7:00

At

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Post 80 Helps Sponsor Boy Scout Chess Merit Badge

125 Boy Scouts from 4 different Boy Scout Councils in the Chicago area participated in activities at Post 80 to earn their Chess Merit Badge. The event was organized and conducted by Rich Busch, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Boy Scout Troop 80. Troop 80 is within the boundaries of the Des Plaines Valley Council, one of the 4 participating Councils.

Boy Scout Troop 80 has been proudly sponsored by America Legion Post 80 since 1936, with almost 110 youth earning their Eagle rank.



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

Post 80 has wheelchairs (both regular and electric), walkers and canes for your use if you need them. If you can't pick them up, we can deliver. Please call 630-968-9710.

Bob Parrott & Herb Morrison



On March 11th
Remember to change your
Clocks Forward
For Daylight Savings Time

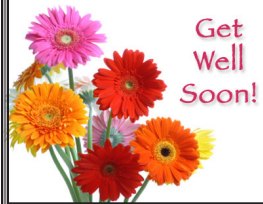
SICK CALL

**JIM
ROSENKRANZ**

*is home
recovering
from knee
surgery.*

**JACK
BORDER**

*had an
angiogram
and is
doing well.*



IN MEMORIAM

JOE GRIPPANDO
February 15, 2012

ALBERT W. VICKS

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



THOUGHT><OF><THE><MONTH:

Those Were The Days

- >> *Youth is a gift of nature. Old age is a work of art.*
 - >> *There are times when forgetting can be as important as remembering -- and even more difficult!*
 - >> *You're old when you ah--ah--ah- forgot what you were going to say!*
 - >> *Ever notice that you have to get old before people start saying how young you look.*
 - >> *I'm a weightlifter (every time I stand up!).*
 - >> *One thing about getting old is that you know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.*
 - >> *You know you are getting old when your wife asks you to pull in your stomach, and you already have!!*
 - >> *Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.*
 - >> *You know you are getting old when you have to sit down to brush your teeth!*
 - >> *Its amazing --According to the Obituary column. People die in alphabetical order!*
 - >> *Old is when it takes longer to rest than it does to get tired.*
 - >> *You feel like the morning after the night before, except you haven't been anywhere.*
 - >> *You look forward to a dull evening.*
 - >> *Pundits -- on getting older --If you don't recall it, forget it.*
 - >> *What you don't remember, make up.*
 - >> *My doctor puts his hand on my wallet, & asks me to cough.*
 - >> *What's wrong with being absentminded? Think of all the new people you meet over and over and over!*
 - >> *One problem: Everyone under 65 think I am handicapped!*
- Being old is the only choice I have.....rvb*



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1921....Jessie Straub	1950....Christine McGarvie	1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1922....Matilda Uhlorn	1951....Shirley Wrenn	1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1923....Myra Hawkins	1952....Letitia Mrkvicka	1984....Anne Creel
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins	1953....Corabelle Krepper	1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1925....Emily Sanders	1954....Christine McGarvie	1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1926....Daisy Swift	1955....Elsie Niedner	1987....Ethel Clark
1927....Florence Johnson	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1928....Mary Pfaff	1957....Marian Lacey	1989....Eleanor Bartels
1929....Esther Binder	1958....Evelyn Fredericks	1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1930....Beulah McCollum	1959....Shirley Schenke	1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1931....Viola Vix	1960....Margaret Morello	1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1932....Bernice Goltry	1961....Marian Ruzicka	1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1933....Mae Jones	1962....Margaret Edwards	1994....Midge Zielinski
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	1978....Mildred Mueller	2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
	1979....Catherine Smalley	2009....Rosemary Collins
	1980....Frances North	2010....Rosemary Collins

Italics denotes deceased



3/27 Kitchen: Nancy C., Arlene G.
& Barb G.
Tickets: Jane B. & Pat M.

March 12 Meeting Hostesses:
Carol C. & Eecta C.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <h1>March 2012</h1>				1	2	3 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
4	5	6 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	7 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9 Dan Hampton's Sing Along 6:00 pm	10 CDC 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	14 County Meeting Wood Dale Post 1205	15	16	17 CDC 8:30 am New Member Initiation <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21	22	23	14 CDC 8:30 am POWER POKER 1pm - 1am
25	26	27 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	28 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30	31 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