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February 2012



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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

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

The Post has achieved 100 percent membership. I thank you all for your prompt payment of your dues, and especially those of you that recruited new members. We are one of three posts in the county to achieve this goal.

We had a very nice New Years Eve Party. The DJ played music for every age group. He did a good job of getting people to get up and dance. I would like to thank the New Years Party committee for all their work in putting the party together. And, I would especially give a big thank you to Marilyn Czech, and Donna Rosenkranz for decorating for the party. Also, Donna baked a lot of desserts for the party that entailed a lot work. Thank you very much Donna.

Two weeks later Dan Hamilton was our entertainment for Friday night. He has a neat twist to his gig. Dan uses a Power Point that projects the lyrics on the screen along with the music. This encourages everyone to sing their favorite tunes when the music is playing. It took a little bit of time to get the crowd warmed up, but once they did it was a blast. A blast from the past. A lot of great tunes from when we were in high school, or young adults and were in the service. Gee, just the like the last two generations before us. Dan is on the calendar again for February 17th and March 9th. A few of the guys did some solos. The gals put on a good show too. We had our own Supremes.

We have a lot going on for February. We are having our Annual Super Bowl Party on February 5th that's a potluck with lots of really good food. Mike Valentine and his group are returning to put on a show for Valentine's Day Feb 11th. As I said before Dan Hamilton returns on Feb 17th.

Some important dates this month are; Lincoln's Birthday Feb 12th, Washington's Birthday, Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd, Desert Storm starts Feb 23rd, 1991 and ends Feb 27th, 1991.

Rich Greenwald, *Commander*



FEBRUARY 2012

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AUXILIARY NEWS



February is Americanism month. I'm excited to say that this year, with Theresa Shea's help, we are participating in the Americanism Essay Contest. Come to our February meeting and meet our first place essay winners, and hear their winning essays.

We have a Vice-President. Joey Klingbiel was nominated, elected and sworn in at our January meeting. Joey is our bingo banker. She is a master seamstress who has been one of the few selected by So Much Comfort which makes clothes for hospitalized veterans. These veterans are given the dignity of wearing specially tailored clothes while the recuperating from disfiguring injuries.

The renovation of the Auxiliary room continues, Marge and I are almost finished. Thanks to Legion member Ed Ludwig for help in assembling the new racks. Ed even found a smaller used rack which we promptly named the Tuesday rack. Thanks to Commander, Richard Greenwald for assembling the new desk and chair. Thanks to John Pavich and Jim Nelson for help in moving out heavy furniture.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: If you have any information that you wish to announce in the newsletter, e-mail, snail mail it to me before the third Monday of each month.

As Auxiliary members, we work together for a common cause, helping veterans and their families. And sometimes that is the only time we see each other is at Auxiliary meetings and Auxiliary projects and Auxiliary events. Working together is fine, but sometimes it's nice to relax, laugh, and even (at our age) be silly. The Legion is providing monthly, Friday night entertainment. We have had lots of fun relaxing and blowing off steam. Yes, there is a cover charge but only to pay for the entertainment. The bar is open and the pizza is sold cheap. I know that this sounds like a big, fat commercial for the Legion, but it is a way for us, the Auxiliary, to relax in a safe atmosphere with friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Greenwald

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FEBRUARY 2012

AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 13 6:00 pm **Awards Reception**

7:00 pm **Unit meeting & Essay Awards**

Saturday, Feb. 18

Auxiliary Power Poker
Kitchen help needed, call Karen

Saturday, Mar. 5

**Patriotic Conference/Bloomington
Leadership Training - Contact
Karen**



SUPER BOWL PARTY

**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 5TH**

DOORS OPEN @ 4:00PM

KICKOFF @ 5:30PM

All Legion and Auxiliary members (and their guests) are invited to the Super Bowl Party. This is a potluck party, so bring an entrée, side dish or dessert to share. Admission is a canned or non-perishable food donation for the Township Food Pantry.

Drinks are membership prices for everyone
(no drink tickets).

Any questions contact Ed Ludwig (630-215-3123)
or Rich Greenwald (630-418-5372)



NOMINATIONS FOR 2012/2013

The Nominating Committee has developed the following slate of candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, which will be placed on file with the Post Adjutant:

Commander	Todd Hanson
Sr. Vice Commander	Dondi Nueva
Jr. Vice Commander	John Cruz
Finance Officer	Bernie Dudek
Sgt. At Arms	Howard Parker
Historian	Dick Bernardini
Chaplain	Jack Border
Judge Advocate	Dave Wisbrock
Adjutant	Bill Downing
Service Officer	Bob Parrott

Board of Director – 1 yr.	Elmer Mears
Board of Director – 1 yr.	Dick Bernardini
Board of Director – 2 yr.	Emery Wolff
Board of Director – 2 yr.	Dick Rooney
Board of Director – 3 yr.	Ed Ludwig
Board of Director – 3 yr.	Joe Pappalardo

Honorary Post Position

Jr. Past Commander

Rich Greenwald

Per Post 80's Constitution and By-Laws (approved May, 2010) the above positions will also constitute Post 80's Board of Directors.

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Nominations may be made from the floor of the April Business Meeting. Nominees must submit written acceptance to the Post Adjutant 5 days prior to the May Business Meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY DELEGATES

The following members of Post 80 have been nominated to be County Delegates for the Legion Year 2012/2013:

County Delegate	Jim Rosenkranz
County Delegate	Frank Mangone
County Delegate	Woody Kawaters
County Delegate	Gene Kulaga

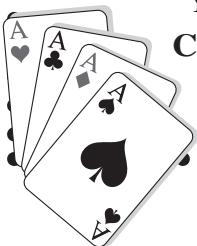
Nominations for County Delegate may be made from the floor of the April Business Meeting.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR POWER POKER



SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 2012

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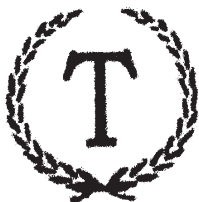
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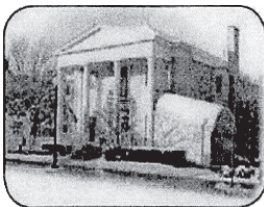


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American Legion Riders

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	Hines VA Picnic at Post 80 w invite to MSHV
(July 1)	(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

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
4000 Saratoga Avenue • Downers Grove

Dinner Tickets ~\$7.00 for adults

Children - (5-10 yrs. ~ \$3.00)

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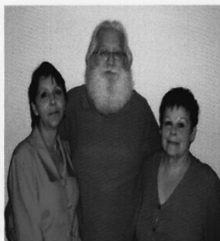
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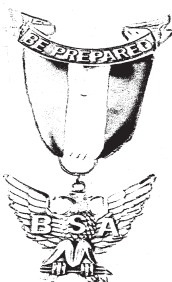


Recently three Scouts from Troop 80 passed the Eagle Board of Review and became Eagle Scouts:

>ANDREW STERR

>SEAN SPRATT

>ANDREW LIM



Eagle plaques by Post 80 will be presented to these young Scouts at the "Eagle Court of Honor," possibly some time in January, in the Legion Hall.

Troop 80 has been sponsored by our Post for at least 76 years, and we are very proud of their service to, and with us these years.

Long ago we lost count of the number of plaques we presented to the troop, but by last count, over 100! We hope to continue our sponsorship a long time.

Congratulations, again. Andrew, Sean, and Andrew, and to their success in their future plans with the troop, and in life...

R. Bernardini
Scout Chairman

SICK CALL

RON CZECH

*is home
recovering
from surgery.*



IN MEMORIAM

HARVEY LUND

November 25, 2011

JOHN MEYER

December 19, 2011

THOMAS ARNDT

December 21, 2011

STANLEY BALUK

January 12, 2012

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



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH;

happy new year

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**I have shut the door on year 2011,  
It's sorrows and mistakes.  
I have locked within its gloomy walls,  
Past failures and mistakes.**

**And now I throw the key away,  
And seek another room.  
And furnish it with hopes and smiles,  
And every springtime bloom.**

**No thought shall enter year 2012,  
That has a taint of pain.  
And envy, malice, and distrust,  
Shall never entrance gain.**

**I have shut the door to year 2011,  
And thrown the key away.  
Tomorrow holds no fear for me,  
Since I have found today.**

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Happy New Year to all..... rwb



PRESIDENT.....	KAREN GREENWALD
VICE PRESIDENT.....	JOEY KLINGBIEL
SECRETARY	PAM QUEDNAU
TREASURER.....	NORMA BORDER
CHAPLAIN	PAT MISTRADI
HISTORIAN.....	BEVERLY PARROTT
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	ARLENE GUEST
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	CATHERINE KUBA

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR

PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb	1949....Vivian Harkness	1981....Anne Creel
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
1934....Bernice Hannan	1963....Alice Pechinski	1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1935....Marie Finger	1964....Alice Pechinski	1996....Leora Novak
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1948....Myrtle Kraft	1977....Alice Pechinski	2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
	1978....Mildred Mueller	2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
	1979....Catherine Smalley	2009....Rosemary Collins
	1980....Frances North	2010....Rosemary Collins

Italics denotes deceased



2/7 Kitchen: Barbara G., Karen G.,
& Theresa S.
Tickets: Lucille B., & Leora N.




2/14 Kitchen: Nancy C., Delores H.
& Joey K.
Tickets: Radika J., & Pam Q.

2/21 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I.,
& Charlette U.
Tickets: Evelyn G., & Eleanor R.

2/28 Kitchen: Nancy C, Arlene G.
& Gloria P.
Tickets Jane B., & Pat M.

**February 13 Meeting Hostesses:
Theresa S., Joey K., & Gail M.**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 2012			1 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
5	6	7 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	8 County Meeting Elmhurst Post	9	10	11 CDC 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am VALENTINE PARTY 7-11pm
12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	14 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 Dan Hampton's Sing Along 6:00 pm	18 CDC 8:30 am POWER POKER 1pm - 1am
19	20  <i>President's Day</i>	21 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	22 Board Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23	24	25 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
26	27	28 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	29 			

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