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## **Commander's Column**

Well, another year has closed and now we start anew under new leadership. Ed Ludwig comes in as your new Commander with time under his belt as Sr. Vice Commander, Rick McLaren moves up to Sr. vice Commander with a successful year planning the children's Christmas party, Memorial day parade and the Independence day parade, and last but not least Jeff Adams comes in as our new Jr. Vice Commander. I was Commander for only one year, but I learned a lot in that year; the main thing I learned was that one person cannot run this Post. It takes the combined effort of all the officers and the membership to keep this place running and in shipshape order.

Case in point, our current Jr. Vice still works. It's hard for him to plan and get the Post ready for our Christmas party, and so the other officers and Post members chip in and help. Knowledge from the past Commander is passed down to the new Commander, knowledge from the past Sr. Vice is passed down to the new Sr. Vice, and knowledge from the Past Jr. Vice is passed down to the new Jr. Vice, we help each other. No one is left in the cold. Whatever they don't know, we help them learn because we've been there. Our new Jr. Vice still works so he will need our help too.

So, with all the changes coming up, let's support our new officers and keep the Post running smooth. Our installation of new officers is on Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. Please plan on attending and show your support. Our Ladies Auxiliary is also installing their new officers, so it will be quite a gala affair. The time has come for me to leave as Commander. I will still be around the Post as I still work in House & Grounds and there still is maintenance to be done. Becoming Past Commander just gives me more time to work on the Post. Hmm, maybe I should remain as Commander..... naaa. Thank you for all your support.

John Cruz, Past Commander Post 80



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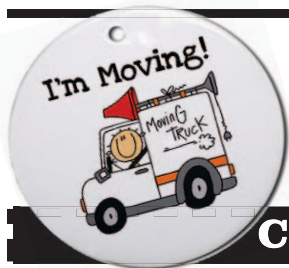
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## Auxiliary News – August 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

### Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Helping Veterans

In early July we planned and participated in the Downers Grove 4th of July Parade. It turned out to be a lovely day, very warm, but a nice breeze that kept us cool. All those that participated were Kim Cruz (President), Arlene Guest (2nd Vice President), Joey Klingbiel current (Treasurer and new Vice President) Rylla Gasaway and 5 of our Jr. Auxiliary, three of them being past Miss Poppy and one being our current Miss Poppy. Thanks so much to everyone for your attendance. A big thank you to our Junior Auxiliary, you made the day extra special.



*Top Row: Kim Wales, Harley Beards, Alexis Russell.*

*Bottom Row: Arlene Guest, Joey Klingbiel, Rylla Gasaway, Current Miss Poppy, Talia Wales, Kim Cruz*

Jean Krupin, Joey Klingbiel and Karen Greenwald attended the Department Convention in Springfield this year and Jean attended the leadership class and enjoyed the classroom content and the speaker very much. I am sure as our new president she will tell you more of her experience in her article next month.

Also, they were informed that our department dues will go up by \$6.00. As a unit we will have to vote on how to handle this raise in dues. I am just giving you all a heads up because dues will go up. If you are able, pay your dues early so they can be turned in at the first caravan in September. This helps our unit with a head start and all dues paid prior to December 31st will be at the old rate.

This will be my last newsletter and I would like to say thank you to our



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membership for all your hard work and support over the last 2 years. A very special thank you to our officers for being so diligent in attending all our meetings and very important meetings that were outside our unit and in some cases quite an adventure. We have shared many laughs and I know how blessed I have been to have such a good group of woman by my side in this special time of service to our auxiliary. It has been grand and an experience I will never forget. I will still be around helping our unit to stay strong and grow in helping our veterans and their family. Again thanks so much!

Ladies, our new President and Officers are being installed at our unit on August 22, 2015 please attend and give your support to them. The new theme for this year will be revealed and it sounds like it will be quite entertaining.

Our new president is Jean Krupin. She has been a good Vice President and I look forward to working with her in the year ahead.

There is no meeting in August so attend installation.

Our next meeting will be September 14, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Cruz, Past President



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"August rushes by like desert rainfall,  
A flood of frenzied upheaval,  
Expected,  
But still catching me unprepared.  
Like a match flame  
Bursting on the scene,  
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.  
Like a dream  
Of moon and dark barely recalled,  
A moment,  
Shadows caught in a blink.  
Like a quick kiss;  
One wishes for more  
But it suddenly turns to leave,  
Dragging summer away."

- Elizabeth Maava Taylor, *August*

"Someone's sitting in  
the shade today because  
someone planted a tree a  
long time ago."

- Warren Buffett

"When summer  
opens, I see how  
fast it matures,  
and fear it will  
be short; but  
after the heats  
of July and  
August, I am  
reconciled, like  
one who has  
had his swing,  
to the cool of  
autumn."

- Ralph Waldo  
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There shall be  
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the grateful heart."

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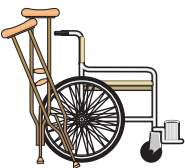
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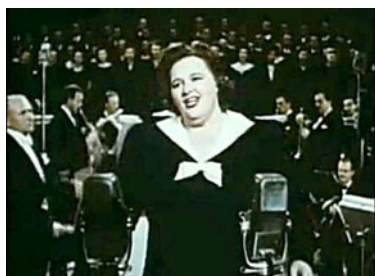
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Shortly after becoming an American citizen in 1918, Irving Berlin, already a highly successful popular lyricist and composer, was inducted and stationed at Camp Upton in Yaphank, Long Island, New York. He beguiled his commanding officers into allowing him to write a rousing musical comedy review which would serve to raise both funds and Army morale. For the finale of this production, Yip, Yip, Yaphank, Berlin wrote the original "God Bless America." But he felt the song was too solemn for a comedy and put it aside for twenty years.

In the fall of 1938, as fascism and war threatened Europe, Irving Berlin decided to write a peace song. He recalled an unpublished version of a song that he had set aside in a trunk, took it out and shaped it into a second national anthem, "God Bless America."

Once Berlin decided to re-work the song, he worked in typical style: with speed and attention to detail. The first manuscript of "God Bless America" (in the hand of musical secretary Helmy Kresa) is dated October 31, 1938, and the earliest "final" version of the song is dated November 2.



It is said in show business that "timing is everything." During the three days Berlin revised "God Bless America," the singer Kate Smith asked him for a patriotic song to perform on her CBS radio program, to be broadcast from the New York World's Fair on November 10 to honor Armistice Day. Berlin wanted his song introduced by Smith's fine contralto voice

and the combination created an instant hit. Berlin generously signed over his royalty money from the song to charity and the revenues went to the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of America.

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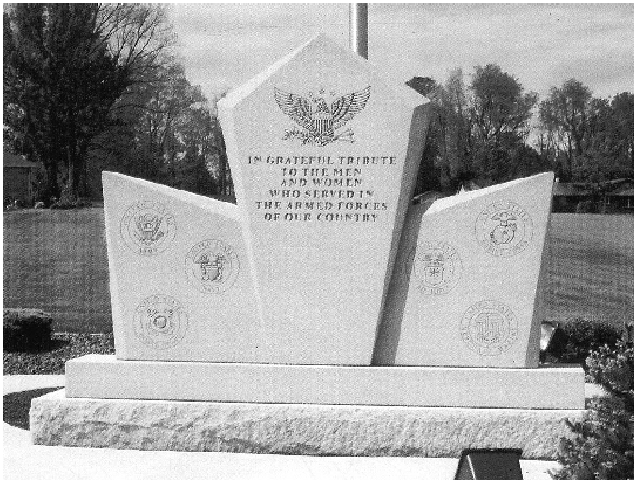
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The American Legion Membership Year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

During the past year our goal was 365 members to achieve 100%. **Not only did we achieve our goal, but we surpassed it by over 5%!**

Many reminders were sent to members that were somewhat late in paying their dues; those reminders came from both the state and our post. Help us save those costs by paying your \$40

dues early, so we can use the money we save to help some of our less fortunate comrades.

Just as important, come join us for our many activities, starting with Coffee, Donuts & Conversation (CDC) every Saturday morning in the Lounge to meet your fellow members; everyone is welcome. This is an excellent time to learn of all of our events.

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DIRECTOR.....JOHN PAVICH  
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SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....MIKE KCLICK

## American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – August 2015 Update

Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are \$20.00. Please check with Director, John Pavich, (630 541 5710), or Marge Pavich, Secretary (630-721-1834) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

### NEW OFFICERS FOR 2015/2016

**DIRECTOR- MIKE KCLICK**  
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**TREASURER- JOHN PAVICH**  
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**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS- STEVEN COLLINS**  
**RUN COORDINATOR - MIKE MASCHKE**

### UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and web site at [post80.org/legion-riders](http://post80.org/legion-riders) for updates for the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

Aug. 22-23	Abates Governors Run
Sept. 3-5	Group Wisconsin Ride
Oct. 11th 2015	Spaghetti Dinner will be held at our legion.
Nov. 1st.	Utica Veterans Parade

Next Meeting: August 1st 9 am

John Pavich  
Director ALR





## The Beehive is Dead



Much has been written or heard about the decline of the population of bees. One cause is by the disease called “Colony Collapse Disorder” or “CCD”. Beekeepers know their bees are getting sick when there are few adult bees left in the hive. If there is no build-up of dead bees in the hive, it’s another bad sign because infected bees just “disappear”. Usually the queen bee stays in the hive, but there are not enough worker bees to sustain the hive and all die. If the remaining honey is not harvested immediately, “robber” bees and wasps will move in to take the honey back to their own hives or nests. Regardless, the beekeeper will need to obtain a new queen and a small amount of workers in the Spring to start all over.

Another cause is one when the beekeepers discover a diminishing amount of adult bees and a buildup of dead bees at the hive entrance. They may notice crawling, trembling and/or aggressive bees around the outside of the hive and bees being refused admission to the hive. Eventually the hive dies. The cause is normally poisoning from spray or dust applications in the vicinity of the hive. There are preventive measures the beekeepers can take if notified before spraying starts, but the notification rarely happens.

Last fall all 3 hives at the Legion died; the cause of the last hive to die was the result of poisoning. All 3 hives were provided with new queens this Spring and were off to a good start. We looked forward to having another good harvest this fall. However, one of the hives has died in mid-July and “robber bees stripped it of all the honey. We strongly suspect the cause to be poisoning.

The most serious disease is American Foul Brood (AFB), which is caused by a spore-forming bacterium affecting young bee larvae. There is no treatment or cure for this disease and requires the destruction of the entire hive by burning the hive, equipment and bees to prevent its’ spread to other hives. We are fortunate to not have this happen to our hives.

There are other diseases that can cause the weakening or loss of a hive that require the beekeepers to keep a continuing vigil on the activities of each hive.

Being aware of the above makes us more appreciative of the harvested honey that we enjoy. This year we will be selling 1 pound honey jars for \$12, with all net proceeds being awarded as Environmental Scholarships to selected High School seniors. \$2,000 was awarded to deserving students in May.

Honey may be reserved by contacting Dick Rooney on Bingo nights. Once the reserved honey is distributed, sales are on a first-come/first sold basis.





AUGUST 2015



**Enjoy the Summer!**



*On June 18th, your Service Committee treated 8 Veterans from the DuPage Convalescent Home to lunch at Maxfield's Restaurant in Lombard. A great time was had by all.*

*I'd like to give a big THANKS to everybody who helped. I really appreciate it and I'm sure the Vets do, too.*

Rich Jones, Service Officer







## THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

A little "Ditty" given me at the Post one day....Author unknown:



LEGION VETS ARE MIGHTY HIP  
WE KNOW HOW TO KEEP IN STEP  
PROUD TO BEAR RED WHITE & BLUE  
MARCHING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.



LEGION VETS ALL KNOW THE SCORE  
SERVING PROUD IN EVERY CORPS:

AIR FORCE GUYS FLY OVERHEAD  
PROTECT THE SKIES FROM EVERY DREAD.



NAVY GUYS ALL DRESS IN BLUE  
PROUD TO SAIL THE SEA FOR YOU.



MARINE CORPS GUYS ARE SHARP AND SPRY  
THEIR BATTLE CRY IS SEMPER PARATUS.



ARMY GUYS ALL DRESS IN GREEN  
MARCHING SHARP & LOOKING MEAN.



COAST GUARD IS THE QUIET FORCE  
PROTECT OUR HARBORS, LAKES & PORTS.

RWB



**PRESIDENT..... KIM CRUZ**  
**1st VICE PRESIDENT.....JEAN KRUPIN**  
**2nd VICE PRESIDENT .....ARLENE GUEST**  
**SECRETARY .....PAM QUEDNAU**  
**TREASURER.....JOEY KLINGBIEL**  
**CHAPLAIN .....PAT MUSTRADI**  
**HISTORIAN..... BEVERLY PARROTT**  
**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... JULIE ISENBERGER**  
**ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... DOLORES KONDRASCHOW**

DUES: AUXILIARY \$18.00/YEAR JR. AUX \$4.00/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 Dreuttl  
1946....Minnie Lester  
1947....Esther Weaver  
1948....Myrtle Kraft  
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....Dorothy Nied**  
**1968....Eleanor Bartels**  
1969....Alice Pechinski  
1970....Helen Beck  
1971....Jeanette Foster  
1972....Dorothy 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  
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**1994....Midge Zielinski**  
**1995....Boneta Wisbrock**  
**1996....Leora Novak**  
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**2010....Rosemary Collins**  
**2011....Karen Greenwald**  
**2012....Karen Greenwald**  
**2013....Rosemary Collins**  
**2014....Kim Cruz**  
**2015....Kim Cruz**

*Italics denotes deceased*



## Bingo Workers

8/4 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K.,  
Sharon T., & Donna R.  
Tickets: Pam Q. & Mary Ann P.

8/11 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H.,  
& Gloria P.  
Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.

8/18 Kitchen: Kim C. Julie I.  
& Charlotte U.  
Tickets: Eleanor R. & Mary Ann P.

8/25 Kitchen: Kim C., Jean K.,  
& Arlene G.  
Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.

*No August Auxiliary Meeting.*

*Please plan to attend the Joint Officers  
Installation on August 22*



**SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY**

### WEATHERLORE:

"If the first week of August be unusually warm, the Winter will be white and long"

"If a cold August follows a hot July, It foretells a Winter hard and dry."

# August 2015



						1 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
2	3	4 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	5 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	6	7	8 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
9	10	11 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	12	13	14	15 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
16	17	18 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	19	20	21	22 CDC 8:30 am Joint Officers Installation 5 pm
23	24	25 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	26 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30	31	<b>ELIGIBILITY DATES</b> 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 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRENADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities				