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Commander's Column

As the year comes to a close, we look back on the month of December. The *kids' Christmas party* was a success. All the kids loved Dave the Reptile man; some of the adults did too. When it came time to pet or handle the animals, some adults and my sons were up there ready to pet them; their excuse was they were there just to support the kids so they would not get scared. Yea, right, we know. Anyway, all enjoyed themselves.

I'd like to thank the ladies from the Auxiliary for doing a fine job on wrapping the gifts: President Kim Cruz, 1st Vice President, Jean Krupin, Chaplin, Pat Mustradi, Sgt. at Arms Julie Isenberger, Eleanor Richards, and last but not least, Maryann Proney. Thank you all. The hours you spent wrapping lasted but a minute when the kids got their hands on their gifts.

Many thanks also the Jr. Auxiliary members who worked the kitchen: Tajah Miller, Macayla Wales, Talia Wales, Kim Wales, and my daughter-in-law Alysia Wales. Thanks for all your help. And what would a Christmas party be like without Santa Claus (Jack Border), Mrs. Claus (Therese Schey), and Santas Number 1 helping Elf (Norma Border)? Look for photos in this issue.

It was a bittersweet day; we always have the Christmas party on the 1st Sunday of the month, but this day was December 7th, the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. We had the flag at half mast, and I know all that remembered and said a silent prayer for the men and women we lost on that day.

Our Adjutant, Bill Downing, says our membership renewal is at about 95%. The reminders he and our Sr. Vice Commander Ed Ludwig sent out seem to be working. Keep up the good work. Our service officer, Rich Jones is working hard on the *Gifts for Yanks* project, and visiting veterans in all the various homes. Our Honor Guard is also visiting veterans at Arden court and Lexington. They like it when we show up in full uniform.

Thanks to all who keep our post running, and for all the Veterans you help.

John Cruz, Commander



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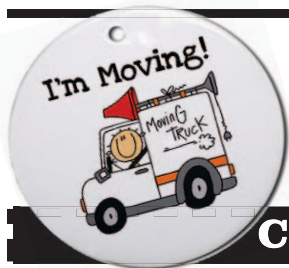
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Auxiliary News – Jan. 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Serving Veterans

Hello ladies and Happy New Year to all. This past year of 2014 we have all been very busy serving our Veterans and trying hard to meet there many needs.

Different ladies at different times have spent time visiting our Veterans at various facilities. We conduct ceremonies, sing songs, laugh and just have nice conversations with them. It has been a lot of fun. Therese Schey is always busy setting up these visits along with Gloria Parker who arranges our time at Arden Courts while coordinating things with Gloria Dei church with whom we partner for our Arden Court visits.

The Auxiliary Christmas meeting and party was a lot of fun. We were honored to have our District President Angie Mulligan and the Post Commander John Cruz join in our festivities.

Thank you to all our ladies for helping to make this year a success!

Please remember to continue to send in your membership and thank you to all of you that already have.

Our next meeting is January 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thank you to all of the Legionaires for the opportunity to do my Eagle Project at Post 80. I am very proud of what the scouts have done and I have learned a lot about leadership. Weather restricted us from doing Roundup this fall so we will be finishing up this spring. When all is done, the prairie will be expanded and the bees will have more flowers to make honey with. Feel free to check out the new stone path that will lead you to the new cedar trellis.

Thanks,

Jackson Hansen

Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2015

This is the 40th year of our memorial college scholarship program. Eligible participants are children and grandchildren of Post members who will be entering or continuing their college education, Fall 2015. Applicants must be less than 23 years of age. For applications, see our Post 80 Bulletin Board or contact Bill Downing, Post Adjutant at 630-968-9710.

Scholarship forms must be received by March 15, 2015 to be eligible.

Mail Scholarship Entry Forms to:
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4000 Saratoga Ave.
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Dave the Reptile Man entertained and educated the kids with his collection of reptiles.

Seth Wales made sure to tell Santa just how good he's been.



left to right: Norma Border, Therese Schey, Jack Border

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY!





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Scholarship Opportunities



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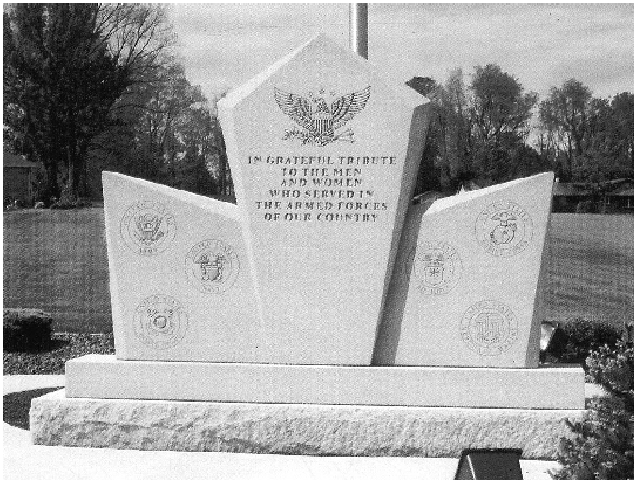
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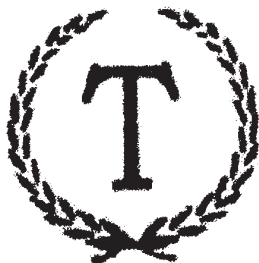
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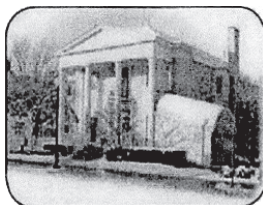


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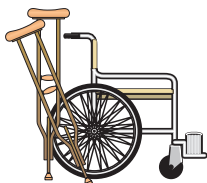
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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80

January 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.

UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

Date T. B. A. Operating Support our Troops Warehouse
Date T. B. A. Spaghetti Dinner
Jan. 17th. ALR Naperville Post Installation
No Legion Rider Meetings January or February
March 7th. 9:00 Meeting at legion

In cooperation with Operation Home Front, we collected over 1000 toys for distribution to Toys for Tots and other organizations.

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and web site at post80.org/legion-riders for updates regarding the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

John Pavich
Director ALR

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American Legion Riders

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The Legion Riders worked at the Marine Toys for Tots Warehouse on December 5th. In cooperation with Operation Home Front, we collected over 1000 toys for distribution to Toys for Tots and other organizations.



The Legion Riders Donated and Distributed Wreaths at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on December 13th.





History of Post 80 TAKEN FROM THE PAST

- Organization meeting held in Masonic quarters in Heart Building, Main and Curtiss.
- Meetings held for some time in Dicke Building, Forest and Warren.
- Masonic Lodge gave exclusive use of third floor of Masonic Temple Building to Legion in return for finishing and furnishing these quarters.
- Moved to original Avery Coonley School building on Grove Street.
- First home owned by Legion purchased from Village on Burlington Ave. in 1940.
- Ogden Ave. property of 42 acres purchased by Legion in 1945.
- Five acres of this property deeded to High School District without cost for use as a baseball field.
- Approximately 3 acres of Ogden Ave. frontage sold to Robert Hall and Kinney Shoe Store.
- Ten acres zoned for Legion Club House 1960.
- 66 feet of Ogden Ave. frontage dedicated for extension of Saratoga Ave.
- 3.8 acres south of baseball field sold to high school district. Proceeds of this sale used by Legion to build joint parking lot for use of Legion and high school.
- The new building ground broken October 16, 1960.
- Construction started November 1, 1960.
- Building completed August 1, 1961.
- One storypressed and common brick.
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(From the Post 80 Newsletter "The Legionaire" 1961 and February 2002)

FEBRUARY 8, 2015 - 2 PM

CELEBRATING FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY

Post 80 and the Auxiliary will be conducting a ceremony honoring the 4 Chaplains on Feb 8th at the Legion Post at 2PM. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY

The first Sunday in February is Four Chaplains Sunday. More than 70 years after they made the supreme sacrifice, the story of these heroic chaplains – Methodist, Jewish, Roman Catholic and Dutch Reformed – is still being told. The American Legion encourages its post, district and department chaplains to conduct or participate in a nondenominational service to honor the Four Chaplains and ensure their legacy of brotherhood and selfless service is remembered.

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS



Alexander D.
Goode



George L. Fox



Clark V. Poling



John P.
Washington

The story of the Four Chaplains

On the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, USAT *Dorchester* was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 U.S. troops, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. *Dorchester*, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward a U.S. base in Greenland. Coast Guard cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba* and *Comanche* escorted the convoy.

Hans Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier, *Tampa* had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the report. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been sunk.

Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.



A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

one of my all time favorites

*I believe for every drop of rain that falls,
a flower grows!*

*I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,
a candle glows!*

*I believe for everyone who goes astray,
someone will come to show the way.*

I believe!! I believe!!

*I believe above the storm the smallest prayer
will still be heard!*

*I believe that someone in that great somewhere
hears every word!*

*Everytime I hear a new born baby cry, or touch
a leaf, or see the sky,*

Than I know why I believe!! I believe.!!

.....author unknown

Merry Christmas and a Happy

New Year to all.....RWB



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1924....Clara Nash Hawkins	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	1989....Eleanor Bartels
1925....Emily Sanders	1957....Marian Lacey	1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1926....Daisy Swift	1958....Evelyn Fredericks	1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1927....Florence Johnson	1959....Shirley Schenke	1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1928....Mary Pfaff	1960....Margaret Morello	1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1929....Esther Binder	1961....Marian Ruzicka	1994....Midge Zielinski
1930....Beulah McCollum	1962....Margaret Edwards	1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1931....Viola Vix	1963....Alice Pechinski	1996....Leora Novak
1932....Bernice Goltry	1964....Alice Pechinski	1997....Leora Novak
1933....Mae Jones	1965....Anne Creel	1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1934....Bernice Hannan	1966....Evelyn Jenkins	1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1935....Marie Finger	1967....Dorothy Nied	2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
1936....Evelyn Walter	1968....Eleanor Bartels	2001....Leora Novak
1937....Josephine Mitchell	1969....Alice Pechinski	2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1938....Lorraine Edwards	1970....Helen Beck	2003....Midge Zielinski
1939....Ethel Margison	1971....Jeanette Foster	2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
1940....Vera Iehl	1972....Dorothy Kadlec	2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
1941....Mabel Webster	1973....Margaret Morello	2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
1942....Muriel Fischel	1974....Ann Hodous	2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
1943....Ruth Karvatt	1975....Ann Hodous	2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
1944....Emily Mrkvicka	1976....Eleanor Bartels	2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
1945....Flossie Dreuttl	1977....Alice Pechinski	2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
1946....Minnie Lester	1978....Mildred Mueller	2009....Rosemary Collins
1947....Esther Weaver	1979....Catherine Smalley	2010....Rosemary Collins
1948....Myrtle Kraft	1980....Frances North	2011....Karen Greenwald
1949....Vivian Harkness	1981....Anne Creel	2012....Karen Greenwald
1950....Christine McGarvie	1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek	2013....Rosemary Collins
1951....Shirley Wrenn	1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek	2014....Kim Cruz
	1984....Anne Creel	

Italics denotes deceased



Bingo Workers

- 1/6 Kitchen: Therese S. Joey K.,
& Sharon T.
Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Donna R.
- 1/13 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H.,
& Gloria P.
Tickets: Radika J. & Pat M.
- 1/20 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I.,
& Charlotte U.
Tickets: Mary Ann P. &
Eleanor R.
- 1/27 Kitchen: Jean K., Arlene G.,
& Nancy C.
Tickets: Pam Q. & Jane B.

January Hostesses :
Karen G, Therese S, Joey K.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>January 2015</h1>				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 	2	3 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
4	5	6 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	7 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	8	9	10 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
11	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	13 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	14 County Meeting Westmont Post 338	15	16	17 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	20 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	21	22	23	24 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
25	26	27 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	28 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30	31 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
Flower: Carnation Birthstone: Garnet Ntl. Glaucoma Awareness Mth Ntl. Blood Donor Month			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 • 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			