

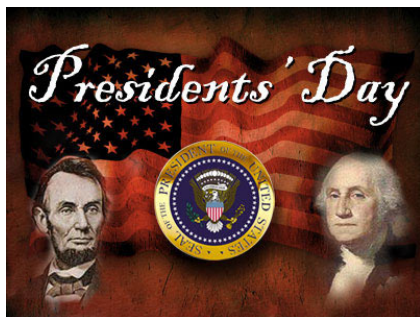


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## **Commander's Column**

Here we are going into February. January was a good month and we welcomed home a soldier at our post on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Army Sergeant Dan Reyas came home and was escorted by the Downers Grove Fire and Police Departments. The Warrior Watch motorcycle group also led the escort, but it was so cold and the streets were slick they decided to leave their motorcycles at home and bring him in by car. Our Honor Guard was there to greet him to our post where family and friends were waiting to greet him and have a welcome home party.

The post presented Sgt. Dan with an American Legion challenge coin and thanked him for his service and welcomed him home. We also presented him with a one year membership to the post. A good time was had by all. We also made the channel 32 evening news. Now back to February. February is Americanism month; with that in mind, the American Legion and the Auxiliary of post 80, along with the Gloria Dei Church choir, will present a tribute to The Four Chaplins on February 8<sup>th</sup>. It will be open to the public, so please invite friends and family. There will be refreshments served after the tribute, so please come and show your support.

Don't forget our Super Bowl party on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Doors open at 4 pm. Come and join other Legionnaires and have a good time, bring a dish to share. And don't forget Valentine's Day; take your wife or lady friend out for dinner. February is also Abraham Lincoln's and George Washington's birthdays so please remember our founding fathers in your prayers.

John Cruz, Commander





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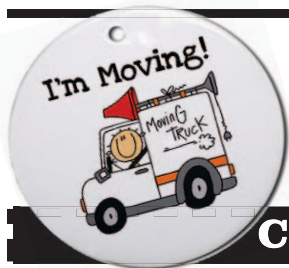
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## Auxiliary News – Feb. 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

### Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Serving Veterans

The American Legion of Downers Grove, IL and the Women's Auxiliary Unit 80 are having a Four Chaplains Tribute and Ceremony to honor the courageous chaplains and 668 brave young men who lost their lives on February 3, 1943.

This Tribute and Ceremony is open to the public as well as members, so bring a family member or a friend to share in this tribute with us. Save this date: February 8, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the American Legion post 80, 4000 Saratoga, Downers Grove, IL. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony. If you would like to bake for this event, please contact Julie Isenberger or Kim Cruz.

Americanism Essay Contest is in full swing. Please contact Karen Greenwald for the contest form at 630-960-5898. Essays must be given to Karen Greenwald by February 6, 2015.

Our next Auxiliary Meeting is February 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm

District 11 – Mid Winter Meeting is March 8, 2015. Lunch is at 11.30 and the reg meeting is 1:00pm at Wheaton Unit 76, in Carol Stream, IL.

Patriotic Conference is March 13th and 14th in Bloomington IL.

Anyone who has yet to turn in your membership please do so and we will be able to keep our numbers rising.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Cruz, Unit President





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## WELCOME HOME Army Sergeant Dan Reyas!



*The Warrior Watch Motorcycle Group, members of Post 80, family and friends warmly welcome Sgt. Dan Reyas home.*

### 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.

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# SUPER Bowl Party

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Kickoff @ 5:30pm

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*Rich Jones, Service Officer*



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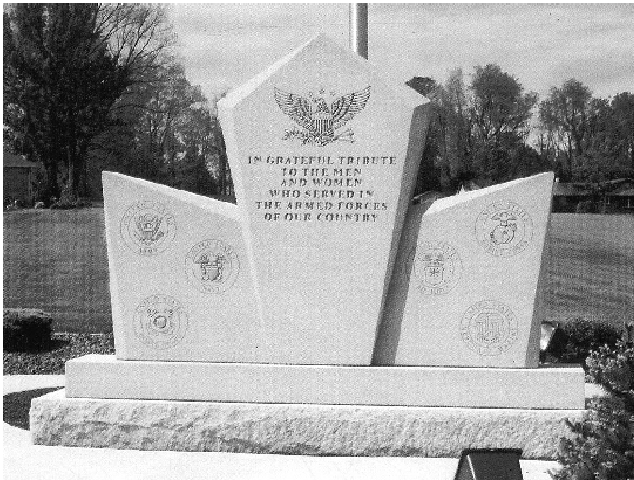
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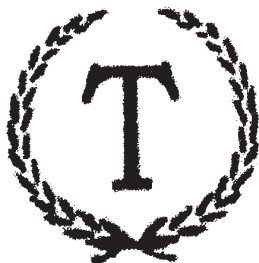
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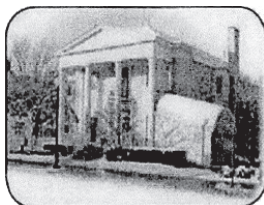
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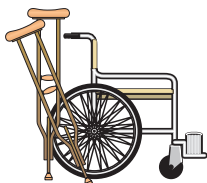
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**Nicole Dedick, Adjutant**



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## American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – Feb. 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

No meeting scheduled for this month

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

John Pavich  
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## **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

... continued from last month, the story of the Four Chaplains....

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard U-223 spotted Dorchester. After identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire a fan of three torpedoes. The one that hit was decisive and deadly, striking the starboard side, amidship, far below the water line.

Alerted that Dorchester was sinking rapidly, Danielsen gave the order to abandon ship. In fewer than 20 minutes, Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out power and radio contact with the three escort ships. Tampa, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and rescued 97 survivors. Escanaba circled Dorchester, rescuing an additional 133 survivors (one died later). Comanche continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

Aboard Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion, were groping in darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside, where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then the knowledge that death awaited.



Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, overcrowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get into them.

In the midst of the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness: Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish rabbi; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. They tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded, and guide the disoriented toward safety.

\* Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," said Wyatt Fox, son of Reverend Fox.

One witness, Pvt. William Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smeared water surrounded by dead bodies and debris- "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalled. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

A sailor, Petty Officer John Mahoney, tried to re-enter his cabin but was stopped by Rabbi Goode. Concerned about the cold Arctic air, Mahoney explained that he'd forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs."

The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. Later, Mahoney realized that Goode hadn't been carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the chaplain had decided not to leave Dorchester,

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more life jackets to hand out, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew, and Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic. Nor did Rev. Fox and Rev. Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to those next in line.

"It was the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains, braced against the slanting deck, arm in arm. They were heard praying and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard Dorchester, 672 died. When the news reached the United States, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and the heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

"Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes."

That night, Rev. Fox, Rabbi Goode, Rev. Poling and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

In 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to the chaplains' next of kin, and in 1961, President Eisenhower awarded a special Medal for Heroism, a one-time award authorized by Congress and intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

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**2012....Karen Greenwald**  
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*Italics denotes deceased*










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- 2/3 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Donna R.  
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 2/10 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H., & Julie I.  
 Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.  
 2/17 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.  
 Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Pat M.  
 2/24 Kitchen: Nancy C., Arlene G., & Kim C.  
 Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.

*Hostesses: Norma Border, Jane Bernadini*

*Happy Valentine's Day Everyone!!*



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1 SUPER BOWL PARTY Doors Open 4:00 pm	2 	3 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	4 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6	7 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
8	9	10 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	11 County Meeting Elmhurst Post 187	12  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14 CDC 8:30 am  <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm <i>President's Day</i>	17 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	18	19	20	21 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
22  <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23	24 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	25 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	26	27	28 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
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