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Commander's Column

May has arrived, and boy, is our Honor Guard going to be busy. We have three requests starting on May 17th: Legacy Corp is hosting a "Salute to Summer" at McCollum Park in Downers Grove starting at 12 noon. Our Honor Guard will be Posting Colors, building a Battlefield Cross, and Taps will be played by Bugles Across America bugler, Larry Buttimer.

May 25th is our Memorial Day service; we start at 6:30 am, do our Post Everlasting service at 8:30, then go to 6 cemeteries and salute our lost veterans, come back to the post and get everything loaded up on the fire truck for the parade. Our Jr. Vice Commander, Rick McLaren, has been working his tail off getting this ready. It's got to be the most important thing he has to do, other than the children's Christmas party, which was a huge success, and the 4th of July Parade coming up.

May 28th is Hinsdale High's graduation, which our Honor Guard has been posting colors for as long as I can remember. They must be doing a good job...no, a great job.

Last, but not least, on June 14th our Honor Guard is Posting Colors for the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the S.A.R (Sons of the American Revolution) Flag Day concert in Fishel Park, starting at 2pm. This will be our 2nd year doing this.

Don't forget Mother's Day on May 10th; remember your favorite girl.

We also have the Past Commanders Dinner on May 16th. We have 14 Past Commanders still with us, so come on out and honor them and have a good time. Be sure to fill out the RSVP on page 6 in this month's newsletter to let us know you're coming.

That's all for now, see you soon.

John Cruz, Commander



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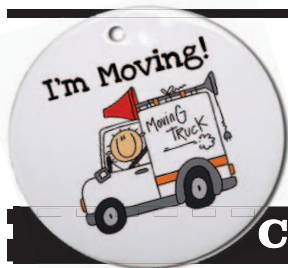
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Auxiliary News – May 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Serving Veterans

May is here and spring is in full swing let's get out and enjoy this nice weather. I wish all of you moms, a wonderful

Mothers Day!

Our auxiliary has been very busy preparing for up coming events. Our 3 Girl state participants visited us to receive their information in anticipation of their week away.

Keep an eye out for your revision of changes to our Constitution By Laws, so we are prepared to vote at our next meeting.

The ladies have been invited to the Past Commanders Dinner May 16, 2015 at 6pm. I hope you are all able to attend.

This Month is all about our donations for Poppy Days. The more of you that can help, the more we are able to help our Veterans. Our Miss Poppy this year is Talia Wales and she is very excited.

The nominating committee has submitted a report at our April meeting. The nominees for our 2015-2016 slate are:

President – Jean Krupin
1st Vice President – Joey Klingbiel
2nd Vice President – Therese Schey
Treasurer – Pam Quednau
Chaplain – Sharon Trumble
SGT AT ARMS – Pam Hartigan

Sad news Irene Cottrill passed away in March. Irene was a Gold Star member. Prayers go out to her family and friends.

Our next meeting is May 11th at 7pm.

May 13th at 1:30 The American Legion Auxiliary and Gloria Dei church will present a program for the Arden Court Veterans. Come join them if you are able.

May 21st at 2pm - Therese is conducting a program for Eve Asst. Living. If you would like to attend, contact Therese Schey.

Happy Mother's Day!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Cruz, Unit President





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A Word about the Past Commanders Dinner:

In April, we printed the details about the Past Commanders Dinner. We've had some RSVP responses come in and I am planning to have a nice event. I hope to get as many members to the dinner as possible. This is a dinner to honor all past commanders, living or not, for service to Post 80. It is not a dinner only for the past commanders. If you are available that evening please come and bring your wife or a guest - even if you forget to RSVP. All members are welcome.

Todd Hanson, Jr., *Past Commander*

PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

Saturday, May 16, 2015

...is the Past Commanders Dinner which is open to one and all Legion, Auxiliary, and other family members. It is the one chance to pay honor to the past commanders who are alive and those whose voices have been stilled.

The Social Hour.....6PM – 7PM

Dinner.....7PM

Past Commanders program

Entertainment

We are asking \$5/per person for the dinner. Past Commanders and their spouses are free.

Please come and join us. By returning the lower part of this we minimize waste and off set the cost of food. So come let your hair down and have some fun.

Yes, I am coming to Past Commanders Dinner

Name _____

How many in your party? _____

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION REPORT

4-20-15 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairperson - Therese Schey e-mail Tvsflag@aol.com

The construction of Freedom's Path, on the site of the Hines VA Hospital Campus immediately to the east of Ronald McDonald House, a 3 story elevator building was officially launched on May 22, 2014. Cook County has made several investments into the project: The first phase of Freedom's Path will be a total of 72 units - 36 studio apartments, 28 one bedrooms and 8 two bedroom apartments with a focus on those at risk for homelessness and disabled households meeting the needs of our veterans. All units will include a refrigerator, electric range, microwave oven, dishwasher, garbage disposal, carpeting, window blinds, central heating and air conditioning and a security system. Each unit will be mobility and/or sight, hearing adaptable. Community amenities include an on-site managements office, a fitness center, a club room, a technology/computer center, a library/reading room, a sport court, community laundry facility and elevators. There will be a meeting room and smaller counseling rooms for therapy and special needs services. The exterior of the building will be a blend of brick and accent masonry treatments to blend in with the architecture of the existing campus. The second phase will be developed at a later time. Further information or questions can be directed to Angela Maglin Cook County Bureau of Economic Development 312-663-1077.

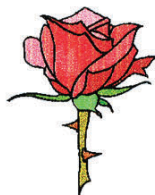
Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 16, 2015. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of this special day to honor all branches of the Armed Forces. Memorial Day formerly known as "Decoration Day" to remember the men and women who died while serving their country. Please fly your flags and take part in any local ceremonies honoring those who gave so much for our freedoms.

Those Auxiliary volunteers who are keeping track of their volunteer hours, please note the following: Visit with veterans, and remember them on special occasions, offer to drive them to doctor appointments, to stay with a veteran while his/her primary caregiver goes shopping or out for a break, take for a Sunday drive, picnic, or maybe to see one of his/her friends, treat them to a sporting event or movies, donate a membership to the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, arrange a outing to a post/unit meeting or special event like Veterans Day, Memorial Day, July 4th or take them to lunch or dinner. Help furnish new living space for a veteran graduating from a transitional housing program like Cooke's Manor Hines. These are just a few suggestions. You cannot count hours volunteering in the kitchen on bingo evenings.



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*Mothers Day May 10th
Remember that special Mom*



Poppy Days
Saturday, May 9th
Thursday, May 21st

Please Help Us Help Veterans

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Donate and Wear a Poppy

On Saturday May 9th & Thursday May 21st, Post 80's Auxiliary and Post members will be on the streets of Downers Grove to ask for donations to help Hospitalized Veterans. If you wish to help be at Post 80 Saturday morning May 9th and Thursday morning, May 21st.

Poppy Evening
Friday, May 22nd

The Auxiliary and Post 80 members will be at the "Car Show" in downtown Downers Grove asking for donations. Help is needed for all 3 days.

POPPY DAY HONOR BOARD

The Poppy Program raises community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating the public about the symbol of the poppy, taken from a line in the poem “In Flanders Fields” written on the battlefield during World War I by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D.

In honor of the men and woman that have served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we will display an “HONOR BOARD” in a prominent place in our legion to give thanks to them.

Last year Unit 80’s Poppy donations totaled just over \$3300 for veterans and their families.

All funds go directly to the Veterans and their families. During the month of May the displayed board will honor your loved ones who served.

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Thank you for supporting Poppy Day Honor Board!

*** The honor board will be displayed at the legion starting in May!**

Please fill out the form below and list the full names & branches of service that your loved ones served.

** Each name will be a \$5.00 donation.*

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____





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**Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
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Memorial Day

**Monday
May 25, 2015**

Events of the Day

1. Breakfast at the Post

6:30 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.

**2. Memorial Service &
Post Everlasting**

in front of Post 8:00 A.M.

**3. Honor Guard Salutes
Fallen Veterans**

at Area Cemeteries
8:30 to 9:45 A.M.

4. Memorial Day Parade

Main Street Downers Grove
Railroad to Fishel Park
Parade step off 10:45 A.M.

5. Memorial Day Ceremony

Fishel Park at 11:00 A.M.

6. Light Lunch at Post

for Participants 1:00 P.M.

The following is the schedule of area cemeteries to be visited:

8:30 A.M. St. Bernard's Cemetery (Hobson Road)

8:45 A.M. West Side Cemetery (Oak Hill)

8:55 A.M. Blodgett Cemetery (Oak Crest)

9:15 A.M. Memorial Park

9:30 A.M. Main Street Cemetery

9:45 A.M. Pierce Downer Cemetery



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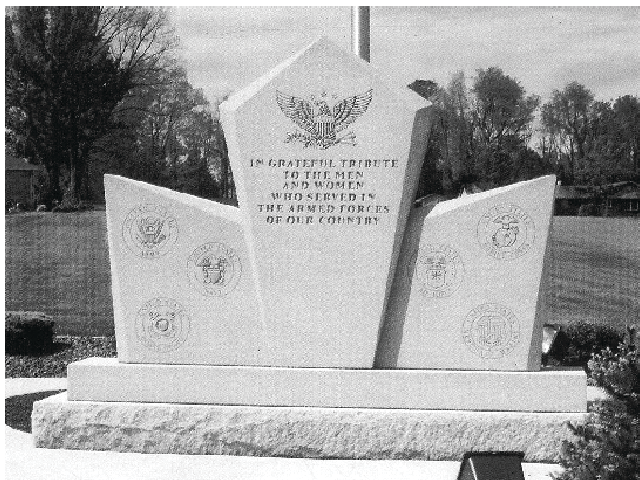
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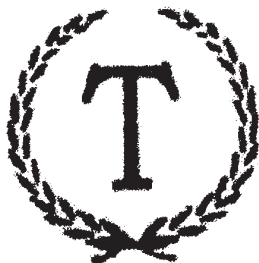
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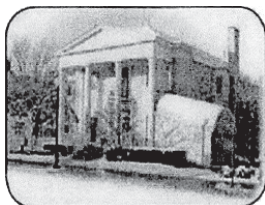
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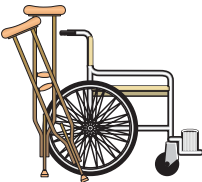
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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 –May 2015 Update

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

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

April 4th Legion Riders meeting, 9:00
May 2nd. Honor Flight
May 3rd. Ride Jamie Ride/ Starts at IL. Harley, Countryside
May 16th. Wicked Wheels (benefit for domestic violence)
June 7th. Wings Benefit Ride
June 20th Freedom Run
TBA Frogs for Freedom
July 9th-12th American Legion Convention, Springfield
Oct..4th 2016 Fund raiser Dinner

Riders meeting on the first Saturday of the Month at 9:00.

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*Post 80 Jr High School oratorical
contestants and oratorical contest
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The contest was held 4/12.*



*The three finalists with
chairman, Bob McGuffin.*

Two Scouts from Troop 80 passed the Eagle Court of Honor April 26th and are now Eagle Scouts!

>ADAM GESIOR

>LAWRENCE DUNN

As sponsors of Troop 80, we present a coveted plaque to our new eagle recipients, as we've done for more years than any Legion member can remember! We've lost count on how many we have presented over the 70 or more years we sponsored Troop 80, but we plan to continue this practice as long as Troop 80 is with us!.....

Congratulations, again, to ADAM and LARRY, and to your success in your future plans with troop 80 and in life....

R. Bernardini
Scout Chairman

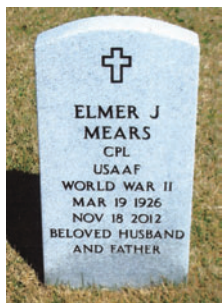


An interesting item on Eagle Scouts:

- >1st Eagle Scout: ARTHUR ELRED, 1911 Berlin, N.J.
- > One millionth: ALEX HOLSINGER, 1982, Normal, Ill.
- > Approx 25,000 new Eagle Scouts each year.

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GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN...



Post 80 donated a commercial grade microwave to Cooke's Manor Homeless Shelter for Veterans on the Hines Campus. Cooke's Manor is run by Catholic Charities for the VA. The VA provides the program to rehabilitate veterans suffering from PTSD, drugs and alcohol. The building is leased from the VA, but Catholic Charities is responsible

for the maintenance of the building and equipment. The previous microwave was a used unit that was donated and had quit working.

In the photo left to right *Donita Pines, Program Director, Rich (Eldo) Eldorado, Post 80 member, Past Cmdr. Rich Greenwald, Pst President, VA&R Chair Therese Schey, and Terrence Ruthledge, Assist. Property Manager.*



THOUGHT^OF^THE^MONTH:

Veterans Serving Veterans:



>There isn't any pay for you' you
serve without reward.....

>The men who know the work you
do, but little could afford.....

>And yet your pay is richer far, than
those who work for gold.....

>for in a dozen different ways your service
shall be told.....

>You'll feel it in the knowing that a deed
was done with pride.....

>You'll read it in the pleasure of a Post
that's satisfied.....

>And down the distant future --- you will
surely read it then.....

>Written in the grateful heart of a needy
Veteran.....

RWB

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"If we ever forget that we are 'One Nation Under God,
then we will be a nation gone under."

Ron Reagan



PRESIDENT..... KIM CRUZ
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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	1952....Letitia Mrkvicka	1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1921....Jessie Straub	1953....Corabelle Krepper	1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1922....Matilda Uhlorn	1954....Christine McGarvie	1987....Ethel Clark
1923....Myra Hawkins	1955....Elsie Niedner	1988....Bonita Wisbrock
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

- 5/5 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Sharon T.
 Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Pam Q.
- 5/12 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H. & Gloria P.
 Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.
- 5/19 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Arlene G.
 Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Eleanor Richards
- 5/26 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.
 Tickets: Pat M. Jane B.

*Hostesses: Norma B. & Kim C.
 Happy Mother's Day!*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 May 2015 					1	2 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4	5 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	7	8  World Red Cross Day	9 CDC 8:30 am  POPPY DAY
10 	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	12 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	13 County Meeting West Chicago Post 300	14	15	16 CDC 8:30 am Past Commander's Dinner 6:00pm
17	18	19 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	20	21  POPPY DAY	22  POPPY EVENING	23 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25 Memorial Day  (See Schedule of Events)	26 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30
31	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					