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Commander's Column

IN February, WE HAD A SERVICE HONORING THE FOUR CHAPLAINS. IT WAS A VERY TOUCHING SERVICE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE LADIES FROM THE AUXILIARY FOR ALL THEIR HELP IN THE SET UP OF THE HALL. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK KIM CRUZ, JEAN KRUPIN, JULIE ISENBERGER, DOLORES KONDRASHOW, PAT MUSTRADI AND KAREN GREENWALD; ALL FROM UNIT 80 AUXILIARY FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AND HELP IN THE SERVICE.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK CHRISTOPHER BENIGNO, 11TH DISTRICT IMMEDIATE PAST COMMANDER, RICH GREENWALD, DUPAGE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAPLAIN, AND VERGIL OIKION 11TH DISTRICT CHAPLAIN FOR THEIR HELP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, ELIZABETH WALDON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND THE GLORIA DEI CHOIR.

WE HAD SO MANY GUESTS SHOW UP FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY I CAN'T REMEMBER THEM ALL, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR COMING AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO "THE CHAPEL OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS". WE COLLECTED OVER \$300.00 .

NOW ON TO MARCH: MARCH IS COMMUNITY SERVICE MONTH. BOYS STATE SELECTION IS THIS MONTH, SO MAKE SURE ALL APPLICATIONS ARE IN BEFORE THE DUE DATES. WE WILL BE INITIATING NEW MEMBERS ON THE 21ST, SO IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN INITIATED INTO THE LEGION PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST. THE 21ST IS ALSO THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING; TIME TO START PLANNING SPRING CLEANING AT HOME AND AT THE POST, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY SKILLS THAT WE CAN USE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP.

THANK YOU

JOHN CRUZ, COMMANDER





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Auxiliary News – March 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Serving Veterans

In February we had a Tribute and Ceremony in Memory of the four Chaplains that lost their lives on February 3, 1943. This was a program the Legionnaires and Auxiliary worked on together. It turned out wonderful and very heart warming. Many ladies contributed time setting up, baking cookies, clean up, thank you all so much. It made the program a success. A big thank you to the ladies that participated in the program you all did so well.

During our February meeting we also welcomed a new member, Judy Ross. Everyone make sure you say hello when you see her.

Also in our February meeting we conducted our Draping Ceremony for the two members that passed in January. Ilene Kuhnert and Mary Pizzo. They will be missed.

March 8th is District 11 - Mid Winter Meeting

March 9th next Auxiliary meeting

March 13th , 14th Patriotic Conference

Happy St Patricks Day!

Our Monthly meetings are always held on the second Monday of the Month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Cruz, Unit President





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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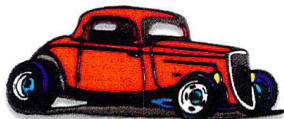
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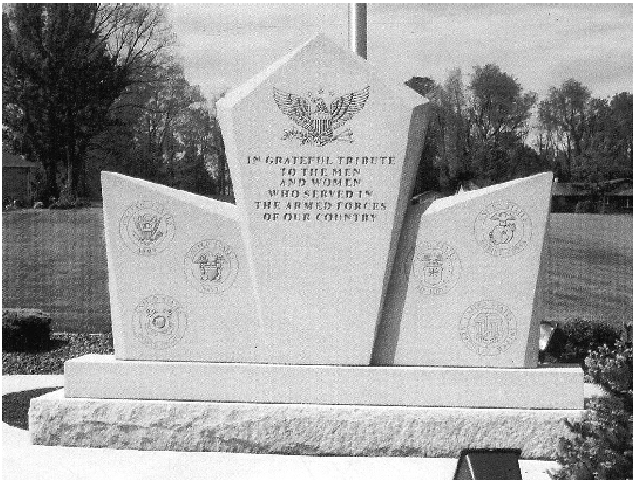
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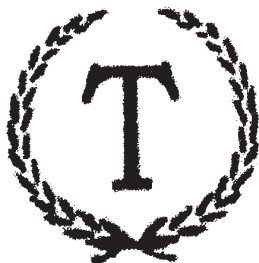
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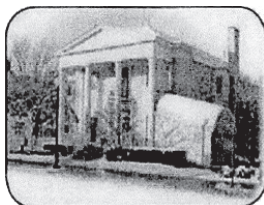
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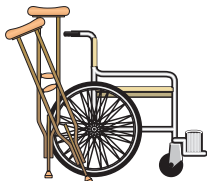
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Nicole Dedick, Adjutant



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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – March 2015 Update

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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

ALR meeting scheduled for March 7th.

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John Pavich
Director ALR

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2. It is not that I have nothing to give, but rather that no one wants what I have.....
- 3 The way to avoid setting unrealistic goals is to avoid setting goals in the first place.....
4. Looking back at where I came from only proves that I haven't come very far.....
5. Never underestimate yourself when others are happy to do it for you.....
6. Having hope is a decision. Having no hope is a reality.....
7. Stepping stones are merely stumbling blocks in disguise...

~~~~~☠~~~~~☛~~~~~ ENOUGH ☹~~~~~☛~~~~~☠~~~~~

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least ONE big thing each day.

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- 3/10 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H., & Gloria P.  
 Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.
- 3/17 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.  
 Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Eleanor R.
- 3/24 Kitchen: Nancy C., Arlene G., & Jean K.  
 Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.
- 3/31 Kitchen: Nancy C., Kim C., & Jean K.  
 Tickets: Pat M. & Eleanor R.

*Hostesses: Everyone bring cookies!  
 We have company.*

*Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!!*



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                      | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                 |
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| 1                                                                                                                           | 2                                    | 3<br>BINGO<br>6:45 pm<br>Doors Open<br>4:00 pm                              | 4<br>Business<br>Meeting<br>7:30 pm<br><i>Hug a GI Day!</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 5        | 6      | 7<br>Coffee<br>Donuts &<br>Conversation<br>8:30 am       |
| 8<br><br><i>Daylight Savings</i>           | 9<br>Auxiliary<br>Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 10<br>BINGO<br>6:45 pm<br>Doors Open<br>4:00 pm                             | 11<br>County<br>Meeting<br>Wood Dale<br>Post 1205                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12       | 13     | 14<br>Coffee<br>Donuts &<br>Conversation<br>8:30 am      |
| 15                                                                                                                          | 16                                   | 17<br>BINGO<br>6:45 pm<br>Doors Open<br>4:00 pm<br><i>St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 19       | 20     | 21<br>CDC<br>8:30 am<br>New Member<br>Initiation<br>5 pm |
| 22                                                                                                                          | 23                                   | 24<br>BINGO<br>6:45 pm<br>Doors Open<br>4:00 pm                             | 25<br>Board of<br>Directors<br>Meeting<br>7:30 pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 26       | 27     | 28<br>Coffee<br>Donuts &<br>Conversation<br>8:30 am      |
| 29                                                                                                                          | 30                                   | 31<br>BINGO<br>6:45 pm<br>Doors Open<br>4:00 pm                             |  <b>March 2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |          |        |                                                          |
| <b>Flower: Daffodil</b><br><b>Birthstone: Aquamarine</b><br><b>American Red Cross Month</b><br><b>Women's History Month</b> |                                      |                                                                             | <b>ELIGIBILITY DATES</b><br>WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975<br>WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955<br>• GRENADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA<br>DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities |          |        |                                                          |