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Commander's Column

Though I was out of town and couldn't participate, I've been told we had a fantastic turnout for the Veterans' Benefit Fair with more than 50 veterans attending to learn from over 40 vendors and representatives what benefits were available and how to obtain them. Along with that was a blood drive & Lifesource met their quota. Thank you to all who attended and contributed blood; special thanks to Dave Wisbrock, Jeff Adams, Rich Greenwald, etc. who helped with setting up the hall. Also, extra special kudos are extended to the Auxiliary for their participation, plus providing coffee and pastries. According to reports, the parking lot was full (not unlike the poker events we used to sponsor).

Be sure to attend our December Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 2. Hal Burke has arranged for Vincitori's Chef Bob Airdo to donate a meal for after our meeting. Chef Bob is a dedicated supporter of veterans, which we sincerely appreciate. If you haven't attended meetings for a while, this is a great opportunity to not only learn what's happening at the Post, but also enjoy some fellowship.

For all those that signed up their kids, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren, be sure to have them attend to receive a present from Santa on December 6th. Jeff Adams, our Junior Vice Commander, has been shopping with John Cruz, our Junior Past Commander, and members of the Auxiliary to buy some really nice presents that the Ladies' Auxiliary will be wrapping the day before. Also, the Ladies Auxiliary will be serving hot dogs, sodas and snacks at the party. This is a great example of the teamwork we have in our Post and brings to mind something Bob Isenberger once said to Dick Rooney and I as we were gardening, "this is a volunteer organization. You do what you can, when you can." Thank you all in advance for making this happen for our youth.

Several times I've been asked "How can I help?" and I consistently respond, there are many ways. While the most noticeable is that of helping on Tuesday's when a substantial portion of our income comes from the Bingo activities, there are many ongoing maintenance items that need doing. Each of us has unique abilities that can be a tremendous asset to the Post and John Cruz has a list of items that need attention. Your help is really welcome, even if only for an hour or so here and there.

We'll be having a Legion Christmas party on December 18th, which is open to members AND friends. John Pavich has arranged for Tony Bernard to provide music from the 40's to today. Tony has performed here in the past and provided excellent entertainment! There's a minimal \$5 donation per person at the door, and we'll have a couple of raffles plus a 50/50 drawing. Doors open at 6:30.



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Commander's Column.....cont. from pg 3....

On December 19th there will be a Gifts for Yanks fundraiser from 8am to 1pm coordinated by Rich Jones. Please contact him if you can help. See the notice in this newsletter.

Just after Christmas we will be having a ½ Price Bingo night. This event is normally very well attended and is expected to be even larger than normal because of many families being in town for the holidays. When Traffic Court is done for the afternoon (usually around 1:30 or 2:00), the "A" Team can use help setting up the tables and chairs for the Bingo players. A little later, around 4:30, help at selling Pull Tabs is always welcome. Verifying winners by calling back numbers starts around 7:00 and is needed for about 2 hours. Cleanup only takes about 15 minutes with enough help. This is a prime opportunity for you to help with any portion of these tasks and would be greatly appreciated.

All of us at the Post hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May you always walk in sunshine.

Ed Ludwig - Commander



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Auxiliary News – Dec. 2015

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The days are getting shorter which means that the holidays will be here sooner than most of us are fully prepared for. As the end of the year approaches, I want to encourage all of you who have not yet renewed your membership to do so before the middle of December. If renewals are not in the Department office in enough time to be processed before the end of the year, dues will need to be paid at the increased rate of \$24.00. I know that everyone may be tired of hearing my reminders, but I don't want anyone to miss out on the current rate of \$18.00. Remember that if you are sponsoring a Junior, you need to submit \$4.00 for their renewal in addition to yours. If you have a hard to buy for woman on your gift list who qualifies for membership, you might want to gift her with a year or more of membership. It is a gift that benefits not only your friend, but also our unit and most important, all of the vets that we help to support during the year.

November brought the first Veteran's Fair to Post 80. The Auxiliary was invited to participate in this benefits and informational morning. We met Ron Sandack, Christine Radogno, and Jim Durkin in addition to several other state government and non-profits that provide benefits for the vets. There were over 55 vets in attendance plus family members. Unit 80 manned the refreshment table which provided coffee, bagels, and assorted breads, cookies, and doughnuts. Thanks to Linda Wojdyla from Bolingbrook Unit #1288 for her donations of homemade bakery in addition to varied donated goodies. Any food that was left over was brought to the homeless vets at Hines. We had several requests for information on Auxiliary membership in addition to the Americanism essay contest. Poppies also brought in some donations. Thanks to all who helped during the busy morning.

Our November meeting was well attended. Quite a few members of the Bolingbrook unit joined us as well as a prospective transfer from another unit. After the meeting we gathered in the lounge for refreshments and also a presentation from Diane Buck who is the owner of the Spice Merchants store in Downers Grove. She gave us a very informative talk on all things tea – black, green, and white – in addition to herbals. I hope to have another guest at one of our meetings next spring. Several of the



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presenters from the Veteran's Fair have offered to come out and speak. If anyone has an idea of who they would like to invite, please let me know and I will be happy to contact them.

December's meeting and Christmas pot-luck will be held on Monday, December 14th. Remember that we will be starting at 6:00 pm. After the meeting, we will adjourn for supper which should begin at 6:30. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. We will also be having a grab bag gift exchange and carol sing after dinner. Anyone needing a ride will have one if you call me - 630-915-7823. Anyone who is able to come in about 5:15 to help set-up will definitely be welcome.

The next Arden Courts visit will be on Thursday, November 19th at 1:30. If you have that afternoon free, you are welcome come out and spend some time with the vets who live there. The program will be a belated Veteran's Day celebration. Contact Gloria Parker with any questions.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.



REMINDER...for those who signed up...

2015



**Post 80
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CHEF BOB BACK FOR AN ENCORE!

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Rich McLaren



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I know this is the day after our Christmas Party but it's for a good cause and we could use the help from a few good Vets. So if you will be able to help please let me know.

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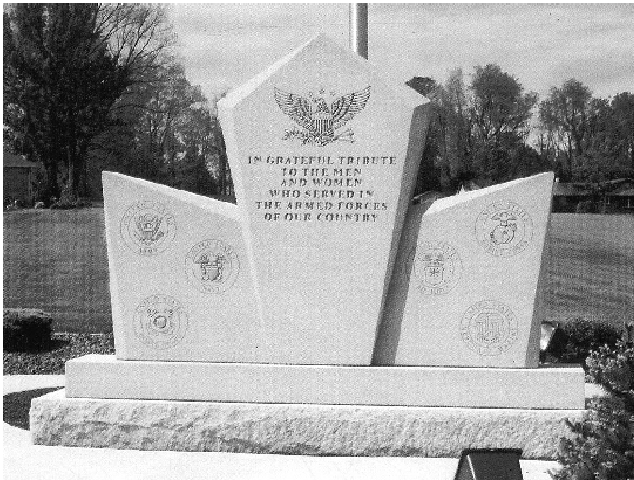
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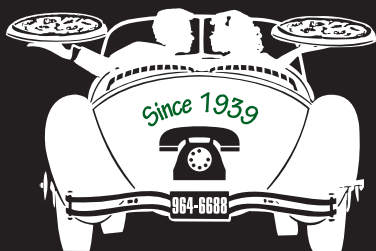
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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 –December 2015 Update

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, Mike Klick, (708.670.1475), 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.

Dec. 5th Meeting 9:00
Dec. 11th Toys for Tots (6:30 Lombard)
Dec. 12th Wreaths Across America (9:00 at legion)
Dec. 12th Christmas Party (6:30)

Mike Klick
Director ALR



The American Legion Riders along with Post 80 donated \$475 to Wreaths Across America. The Wreaths will be placed on the graves of departed post members, family and friends on December 12th. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

A Special Thanks to Rich Jones and Emery Wolfe for their contributions.

The ALR are now accepting applications for supporter members. Please contact Mike Klick, Director (708.670.1475) or Marge Pavich, Secretary (630.541.5710)



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - IT'S OVERDUE!!



We have 300 paid members as of 11/14; that's almost 81% of our 371 goal, which we reached last year. Even though the membership year is from July 1st, to June 30th, National is raising dues by \$5 beginning January 1st, as you may have read in the Legion magazine. This means we will be paying the National \$5 more per member after January 1st. To avoid paying this extra amount to National, please pay your dues ASAP, if you haven't already. Our annual dues remain at \$40 per year.

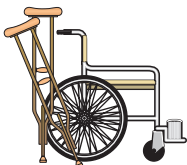
The state normally sends out 3 separate notices. Once you pay your dues, those notices will stop coming. So, if you're one of 71 that haven't paid yet, please mail your check for \$40 (payable to American Legion Post 80). Send your dues to:

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THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

As many of you may know the American Legion will be 100 years old in March of 2019. The National American Legion has started a collection of individual Post histories.

I have begun a legacy of Post 80 and would like every member to contribute to our story. The history of Post 80 has been written by several members before me and I have been passing it on to you.

The Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L. and Legion Riders all have a story to tell. If any one has anything of historical value to Post 80 and would like to share it, here is the time and place.

I will be looking for pictures with identification (date, who, event). Old dated documents, letters etc. If anyone has old videos of Legion activities and is willing to share them. News articles related to Post 80. All items must be identified with a date. Items are entered in a timeline format similar to that of "Face Book"

Anything you think we can share please contact me at the Post. Send info to Post 80 (Dave Wisbrock)

The National website is: www.legion.org/centennial

We have just started this project so there is not much there today. Every chance I get I will be adding to it. Post 80 can be found under Department of Illinois

Thank you.. Dave Wisbrock, past commander 1988-89-90



A-THOUGHT-FOR-THE-MONTH-OF-DECEMBER:



Thanksgiving is over. Its cold and snow has fallen. Christmas displays have been in the stores since Halloween. Normally the spirit of Christmas is here by now --- and this atmosphere once reminded me of an old poem:

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day,
their old familiar carols play;
and loud and deep, the words repeat:
'Peace on earth, good will towards man'.

And then it went on:

"And in despair I bowed my head,
'there is no peace on earth', I said.
'For hate is strong and mocks the song
of Peace on earth good will towards man'.

That defines our world today. Why can we not all get along with each other? We do have so much more in common, and so little differences. For the survival of the world as we know it, lets adopt the final words of that poem:

"Then chimed the bells more loud & deep,
God is not dead nor does he sleep.
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
Peace on earth good will towards man!!"

Merry Christmas.....RWB

"We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon." Franklin D. Roosevelt



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ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST

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 Dreuttel
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
1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1994....Midge Zielinski
1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1996....Leora Novak
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
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2009....Bonnie Wisbrock
2010....Rosemary Collins
2011....Karen Greenwald
2012....Karen Greenwald
2013....Rosemary Collins
2014....Kim Cruz
2015....Kim Cruz

Italics denotes deceased



Bingo Workers

- 12/1 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Sharon T.
 Tickets: Marianne P. & Bonnie B.
- 12/8 Kitchen: Karen G. Pam H., & Gloria P.
 Tickets: Pam Q. & Radika J.
- 12/15 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.
 Tickets: Eleanor R. & Norma B.
- 12/22 Kitchen: Jean K., Arlene G., & Donna R.
 Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.
- 12/29 Kitchen: Pat M., Kim C., Julie I.
 Tickets: Marianne P. & Pam Q.
- December Hostesses: Pot Luck**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

and God Bless Our Military Men and Women

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>December</div>			1 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	2 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	3	4	5 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
6 Children's Christmas Party 2-5pm <div>Chanukah Begins</div>	7 <div>National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</div> <div>December 7</div>	8 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	9 County Meeting Naperville Post 43	10	11	12 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am	
13	14 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm	15 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	16	17	18 Post Christmas Party 6:30 pm	19 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am	
20	21 <div></div> <div>Winter Begins</div>	22 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	23 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25 <div>MERRY CHRISTMAS</div>	26 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am	
27	28	29 1/2 PRICE BINGO! 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	30	31 <div></div> <div>New Year's Eve</div>	<div>2015</div>		
<div>WEATHERLORE:</div> <div>If there is thunder in Winter, it will snow 7 days later.</div> <div>If the first snowfall lands on unfrozen ground, the Winter will be mild.</div>			<div>ELIGIBILITY DATES</div> <div>WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975</div> <div>WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955</div> <div>• 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</div>				