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## Commander's Column

June has arrived, spring is on the wane. Summer is right around the corner. May has gone out with a bang; it has been a very busy month. The Past Commanders Dinner was a great success thanks to Jr. Past Commander Todd Hanson and all that helped with the setup of the hall.

The food was great and the music was fantastic a good time was had by all. We had nine Past Commanders show up to honor; five no shows, some because of health issues. This years' Miss Poppy is Ms. Talia Wales, she will be joining us in the Memorial Day Parade on the fire truck. Please join us at the parade and cheer us and all the veterans on.

Flag Day is June 14th; there will be a Flag Day concert at Fishel Park here in Downers Grove. The D.A.R. would like to invite all of you to come enjoy yourself in the park and listen to the music by The West Suburban Concert Band, don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. Concert starts at 3pm, our Honor Guard will Post the colors at around 2-2:30 pm

June 21st marks the beginning of summer and it's also Father's Day, so go visit your dad take him out to lunch and or a movie and have a good time. I'm blessed to have three daughters and two sons, so it's going to be a battle as to who gets me for the day (I hope).

Have a great month and see you at the parade.

John Cruz, Commander





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## Auxiliary News – June 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

### Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Helping Veterans

In May we had a very productive meeting; we voted in our 2015 – 2016 slate of officers.

President – Jean Krupin

1st vice President – Joey Klingbiel

2nd vice President – Therese Schey

Treasurer - Pam Quednau

Chaplin – Sharon Trumble

Historian - Beverly Parrot

SGT-At-Arms – Pam Hartigan

ASST-SGT-At-Arms – Arlene Guest

Congratulations All !!

We also updated and voted on Department recommended changes to our Constitution and By Laws. Thank you so much for the time consuming work, Norma Border.

Many of our women attended the Legions Past Commanders dinner and Ceremony. It was nice to see you all. Miss Poppy, Talia Wales, was introduced to our membership.

Don't forget to put in your names and donations for our Poppy board. It will be up through June.

Our June Meeting; Memorial and Past Presidents service starts at 6pm June 8<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all in attendance. Please bring a dish to share.

Thank you so much to all who helped with Poppy Days. All your hard work is very much appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Richard Eldorado and Nicole Dedick for helping on the extra day of poppy donation collections.

Happy Fathers Day to our legion family and friends!!

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Cruz, Unit President



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# 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!***

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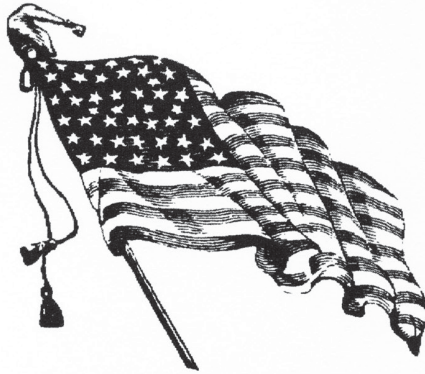
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## FLAG DAY

Sunday, June 14th

## FLAG RETIREMENT

Flag Retirement Ceremony

SUNDAY, June 14th, 7:00 p.m.

*There will be an outdoor ceremony at 7:00 P.M. in which the Boy Scouts are assisting in the disposal of old and worn flags.*



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JULY  
PARADE**



## **NOMINATIONS FOR 2015/2016**

The Nominating Committee has developed the following slate of candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, which will be placed on file with the Post Adjutant:

Commander	Ed Ludwig
Sr. Vice Commander	Rick McLaren
Jr. Vice Commander	Jeff Adams
Finance Officer	Bernie Dudek
Sgt. At Arms	Howard Parker
Historian	Bob Parrott
Chaplain	Jack Border
Judge Advocate	Rich Greenwald
Adjutant	Nicole Dedick (To be appointed by the Commander)
Service Officer	Rich Jones (To be appointed by the Commander)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	John Pavich (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	Carmen Gnolfo (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	Emery Wolff (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	Dick Rooney (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Joe Pappalardo
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Frank Mangone
Honorary Post Position	
Jr. Past Commander	John Cruz

In accordance with Post 80's Constitution and By-Laws (approved May, 2010) the above positions will constitute Post 80's Board of Directors. Nominations may be made from the floor of the June Business Meeting. Nominees must submit written acceptance and proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant five (5) days prior to the June Business Meeting.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR COUNTY DELEGATES**

The following members of Post 80 have been nominated to be County Delegates for the Legion Year 2015/2016.

County Delegate	Jim Rosenkranz
County Delegate	Frank Mangone
County Delegate	Jack Border
County Delegate	Rich Greenwald

Nominations for County Delegate may be made from the floor at the June Business Meeting.





## *Miss Poppy 2015*

Talia Wales is our "Miss Poppy" for 2015. She is 9 years old and has been a Jr. Auxiliary member for 5 years.

## *BEE Scholarship Winner*

Adam Gesior, the winner of this year's BEE Scholarship, is an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop 80, which is sponsored by the Post. He is a senior at Benet Academy and will be going to Marquette University in the Fall to study Civil Engineering.





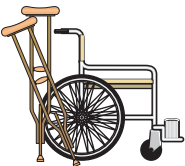
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## 2015 PAST COMMANDERS DINNER



*Top L/R: Dick Rooney, Rich Greenwald, Jack Border, Dave Wisbrock, Todd Hansen. Bottom L/R: Joe Pappalardo, Larry Bryant, Emery Wolff.*

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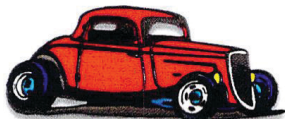
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## American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 –June 2015 Update

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](http://post80.org/legion-riders) for updates for the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

June 6th	Legion Riders meeting, 9:00
June 7th.	Wings Benefit Ride
June 20th	Freedom Run
TBA	Frogs for Freedom
July 9th-12th	American Legion Convention, Springfield
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## Attention Veterans With Disabilities:

By combining their expertise, the Downers Grove Park District & SEASPAR have developed a new program to provide recreational service to disabled veterans and their families. Here are some of the details:

- **Program Name:** Home Front Health:
- **Offered:** Starting last fall at the Downers Grove Park District(DGPD) Fitness Facility.
- **Designed to meet:** Specific needs of veterans' physical, social and emotional health.
- **Focused on:** Veterans who were diagnosed with a disability rating of 10% or greater. If not officially diagnosed with a disability rating, you can contact SEASPAR for assistance in getting a rating.
- **Program Consists of:** a 4500 Fitness Membership, personal training sessions, Veterans Night Out, Recreational Muster and a Home Front Health Fun event.
- **Program Provides:** One free 4500 Fitness annual pass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Free 4500 Fitness annual pass for companion/spouse, Eight free personal training sessions and four additional personal training sessions for referrals to the program.
- **Rationale:** Improve physical health and socialization, include companion pass to keep veteran motivated and accountable and to assist them with equipment changes and transportation, and to educate the veteran to work out properly and safely with their disability.
- **Funding:** There is no cost to Downers Grove area veterans. The Downers Grove Park District has estimated that it will cost about \$12,000 for ten participants for this first year. They are asking for community support for this important program.

The Grove Foundation Board already donated \$1300 to the DGPD for the certification of one trainer. They also agreed to donate the proceeds from their Chilympics raffle sale, which totaled \$280 toward the purchase of new, special equipment for the program. Any business or community

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entity may donate to this worthwhile program by contacting the Downers Grove Park District.

I would appreciate any publicity our Post could provide Downers Grove area veterans about this new program. For additional information, contact Greg Pavesich at SEASPAR; [gpavesich@seaspar.org](mailto:gpavesich@seaspar.org) or 630-960-7600 and ask about the "**Home Front Health**" program.

Submitted by Walt Sandine



## New Membership Year Starts July 1<sup>st</sup>

The American Legion Membership Year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. During the past year our goal was 365 members to achieve 100%. **Not only did we achieve our goal, but we surpassed it by over 5%!**

Many reminders were sent to members that were somewhat late in paying their dues; those reminders came from both the state and our post. Help us save those costs by paying your \$40 dues early, so we can use the money we save to help some of our less fortunate comrades.

Just as important, come join us for our many activities, starting with Coffee, Donuts & Conversation (CDC) every Saturday morning in the Lounge to meet your fellow members; everyone is welcome. This is an excellent time to learn of all of our events.

Mail your check for \$40 to the post to the attention of Nicole Dedick, Adjutant. Your membership card will be mailed to you as soon as we receive it from the State.



## ***THOUGHT\*\*OF\*\*THE\*\*MONTH:***

*Old Friends---Wear your Nameplate!*

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*Another elderly veteran and I were sitting together in a recent Legion meeting. We've known each other for decades.*

*At a pause in the meeting he said something to me (which I missed because of my poor hearing). I looked at him and said: "Now don't get mad at me, but all of a sudden I can't think of your name" (It's happening a lot these days!!). "I thought and thought but I can't remember it!!"*

*He glared at me for a few minutes, than finally said: "How soon do you need to know??"*

*Guess old age is getting to all of our memories.....*

RWB

*Life is a grindstone, and  
whether it grinds a man  
down or polishes him up  
depends on the stuff he is  
made of.....*





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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 Dreuttl  
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  
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**1994....Midge Zielinski**  
**1995....Boneta Wisbrock**  
**1996....Leora Novak**  
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**2009....Rosemary Collins**  
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**2011....Karen Greenwald**  
**2012....Karen Greenwald**  
**2013....Rosemary Collins**  
**2014....Kim Cruz**

*Italics denotes deceased*







## Bingo Workers

- 6/2 Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Sharon T.  
 Tickets: Pam Q. & Mary Ann P.
- 6/9 Kitchen: Karen G., Pam H., & Gloria P.  
 Tickets: Radika J. & Pam Q.
- 6/16 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Charlotte U.  
 Tickets: Mary Ann P. & Eleanor R.
- 6/23 Kitchen: Kim C., Arlene G. & Jean K.  
 Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.
- 6/30 Kitchen: Pat M., Karen G., & Jean K.  
 Tickets: Eleanor R. & Norma B.

*Hostesses: Everyone bring a dish to share  
 Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	3 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5 American Wind Band Patriotic Concert 7:00 pm	6 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
7	8 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm	9 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	10 County Meeting Hinsdale Post 250	11	12	13 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
14  FLAG DAY	15	16 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
21  FATHER'S DAY	22	23 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	24 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	25	26	27 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
28	29	30 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	 <b>June 2015</b> 			

**FUN FACT: On June 14, 1777,  
 the flag of the United States  
 was adopted by  
 the Continental Congress.**

### 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