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Commander's Column

Happy April everyone; I want to start out by telling everyone we are at 100% plus in membership. Congratulations on all your efforts on getting the word out to your fellow Legionnaires to get there renewals in. At the time of the writing of this column, we have not had our new member Initiation yet. I've been falling behind on my duties and have not notified any new members about Initiation on March 21st.

Hopefully they all read about it in the Legion-Aire and came anyway. April 15th is income tax day, so remember to pay your taxes or uncle Sam will be knocking on your door. Jim Sotirakos AKA "Jimmy the Greek" is having the Bingo workers appreciation party on April 24th, so if you worked Bingo come on out and have fun and a good meal. Also, there will be entertainment for the evening. We can always use help on Tuesdays with Bingo. There's setup before, cleanup after, and work on the floor during Bingo to be done. Or just come on out and play Bingo, we'd like to see you anyway.

Now for a little history about the good ole U.S. of A. 100 years ago, back in 1915, two years after income tax came on the scene, you were doing about average if you were making \$687 a year, according to the Census. That is, if you were a man. If you were a woman, cut that number in about half.

Buying a house today, the median home value in the U.S. is \$177,600. In 1915, purchasing a house would have set you back \$3,200. If you buy a car today, it could have cost you around \$31,252 on average. Purchasing a car in 1915 would have set you back about \$2,005. Filling up that car today would cost about \$2.79 a gallon; in 1915 a gallon of gas would have cost around \$0.15 a gallon. Oh to have those prices again.

To have those prices we would have to make the 1915 wages again. If we were paid that, we could not survive in today's economy, so we must pay today's prices to live comfortably today. Just a little food for thought.

John Cruz, Commander



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Auxiliary News – April 2015

Extra, Extra, Read All About It

Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Still Serving Veterans

In March, our Americanism chairman, Karen Greenwald, had a program for the Americanism winners. The content of their papers were on what new amendment should be added to the US Constitution? The 3 winners all had wonderful papers and they were all invited with their parents and siblings to read their papers and receive their awards. It was a very nice program and very enjoyable to see what amendments these young minds produced.

Our new member initiation welcomed 4 new members on March 21st. Thank you, Therese Schey for being our installation officer. Thank you to our other officers for participating in this event. Vice President Jean Krupin, Chaplain Pat Mustradi, SGT AT ARMS Julie Isenberger, Asst SGT AT ARMS Dolores Kondraschow. Thanks for all the help setting up and for clean up to everyone involved.

On March 8th District 11 held their mid winter Meeting at the Wheaton Post. It was attended by President Kim Cruz, Chaplain Pat Mustradi, SGT AT ARMS Julie Isenberger and District Chaplain Karen Greenwald.

Our next meeting is April 13th I hope to see many in attendance now that the weather has changed.

Happy Easter All!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Cruz, Unit President





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VETERANS LUNCH

On March 12 the Service Committee treated 10 Veterans from the Du Page County Convalescent Home to lunch at Maxfield's Restaurant in Lombard. Everybody had a great time and I know the Vets really appreciated the chance to get out of the home for a little awhile and have a nice lunch. So THANKS to everyone who came along to help, I really appreciate it.

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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.

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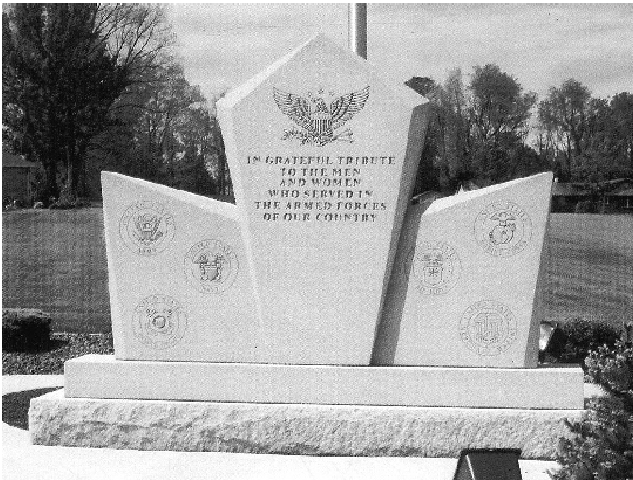
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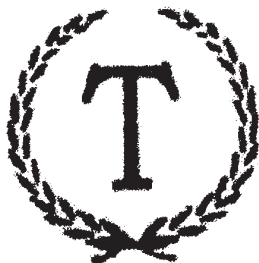
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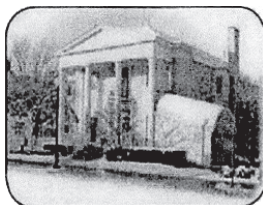


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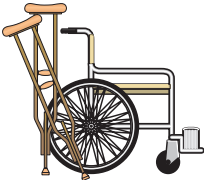
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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – April 2015 Update

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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 at 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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BILL DOWNING



THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

As you look around the Legion Hall on any day a few members are present sometimes a word comes to mind: **"CHARACTERS"**. Is that good, or not so good? It's good if you are considered to **"have"** character, but not so good if you are considered to be **"A"** character!!

Lets see what others have to say about Character:

- +++++
- >> **"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself." *O. W. Holmes.***
 - >> **"A man's character is the reality of himself – his reputation is the opinion others have formed of him." *H. W. Beecher***
 - >> **"There is nothing so fatal to character as half-finished tasks." *David Lloyd George***
 - >> **"Make few explanations. The character that cannot defend itself is not worth vindicating." *F. W. Robertson***
 - >> **"The character that needs law to mend it, is hardly worth the tinkering." *Jerrold***
 - >> **"Character is the result of two things: Mental attitude, and the way we spend our time" *Elbert Hubbard***
 - >> **"The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving." *O. W. Holmes***
 - >> **"A tree will not only lie as it falls but will fall as it leans." *J. J. Gueney***
 - >> **"Truthfulness is a corner-stone in character, and if not firmly laid in youth, there will ever after be a weak spot in the foundation." *J. Davis***
 - >> **"The character is like white paper; If once blotted, it can hardly ever be made to appear white as before." *J. Hawes***
 - >> **"Character is a diamond that scratches every other stone." *Bartol***

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- 4/28 Kitchen: Nancy C., Arlene G., & Kim C.
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5  EASTER	6	7 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	8 County Meeting Cantigny Post 556	9	10	11 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
12	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	14 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	15	16	17	18 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
19	20	21 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	22 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24	25 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
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