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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats	1948....Eugene Weaver	1979....Dudley E. Smalley
1920....Robert W. Carpenter	1949....Fred W. Lester	1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1921....Jay Allison	1950....Harvey H. Kenitz	1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1922....Dan M. Diener	1951....Joseph R. Krepper	1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1923....Norman E. Anderson	1952....Gilbert G. Giesler	1983....Frank J. Bulin
1924....Henry Swift	1953....Andrew S. Blaida	1984....George R. Novak
1925....Morris E. Stevenson	1954....Herschel Hubbard	1985....George R. Novak
1926....William E. Hooper	1955....A.R. Fister	1986....Bill Johnson
1927....Harold H. Clarke	1956....Dino Convalle	1987....A.E. Sheber
1928....George Hannan	1957....Tony F. Morello	1988....David D. Wisbrock
1929....A.T. Witt	1958....W.H. Schenke	1989....David D. Wisbrock
1930....Arthur Johnson	1959....James L. Newall	1990....David D. Wisbrock
1931....A.T. Witt	1960....Edwin D. Wrenn	1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1932....A.J. Walter	1961....Bernard J. Blaida	1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1933....J. Richard Hawkins	1962....Louis W. Wrenn	1993....Ken Gallagher
1934....Melvin G. Binder	1963....James R. Hodous	1994....Richard Bernardini
1935....L.J. Dixon	1964....Jerry Kopecky	1995....Emery Wolff
1936....William A. Finger	1965....Earl W. Will	1996....Curt McCullagh
1937....G. Willard McCollum	1966....Leonard J. Voss	1997....Larry Bryant
1938....Leslie L. Meyer	1967....Gene Kappelman	1998....Larry Bryant
1939....Charles Dyer	1968....Alois E. Sheber	1999....John Magic
1940....Newell Fishel	1969....Mason Taylor	2000....Jack Border
1941....Rollin Whitaker	1970....William Harkness	2001....Jack Border
1942....Ivan M. Webster	1971....Earl W. Will	2002....Bob Isenberger
1943....Thomas C. Arndt	1972....Steven J. Kadlec	2003....Bob Isenberger
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock	1973....Joseph A. Bartels	2004....Joe PappalarDO
1945....Stanley A. Lynch	1974....Zedo Oliver	2005....Richard Rooney
1946....Louis A. Edwards	1975....Herbert Morrison	2006..Richard Rooney
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan	1976....Chester Kotowski	2007..Richard Mueller
<i>Italics denotes deceased</i>	1977....Ed Knickerbocker	2008..Richard Mueller
	1978....Elmer J. Mears	2009..Richard Mueller



Commander's Column

This is my last Commander's column. I am very optimistic about our future as a Post. We have a great slate of officers taking over and each has moved up the chairs so they understand what we as a Legion Post are about. I would encourage everyone to take the correspondence course that goes through the history of the American Legion. We are somewhat of a unique Post in that we have a kitchen but we do not cook dinners, we have a bar but it is not open except Tuesday Nights and rentals – no, our Post is about the programs we support. Last year we donated over \$45,000 to various charities and Community events. That is what we are about.

Being Commander for the past two years was a real honor, one that I soon will not forget. I encourage each of you to be as involved with the Post as you can be without sacrificing the rest of your life. Over the past two years some wanted me to move faster on some issues while other wanted me to go slower. Each of you taught me something about myself and life in general and for that I thank each of you. I now become a proud general member of Post 80 which is an honor unto itself. If you are skeptical of this, all I have to do is ask you who was Commander in 1926 or 1951 or 1969 (it is not fair to look them up). They are faces on the wall; each did the best they could and left their mark, but the Post still stands and is doing well because of you.

I can not let my last Column pass without reminding you that the new Legion year starts so please get your dues (still only \$35/ per year) in as early as you can and be proud of your Post. Tell your friends.

Finally, I would like as a Commander, to be remembered by what George Carlin said he wanted on his tombstone, "Hey, he was here a minute ago". Thank you and Please remember to be kind. Woody

Thanks Woody for your two years as commander. It was a learning experience and a pleasure working with you.



Operation Support Our Troops Illinois

Once again Operation Support Our Troops held its concert “Rockin’ for the Troops at Cantigny Park. The Lt. Dan Band starring Gary Sinise & Kimo Williams (editors note... Kimo is terrific) played. If you have not been to one of these concerts it is well worth the price of admission. Last year we promoted the “Moving Wall”. This year Michele Kawaters put tags on flags. The tags held the name, hometown, service, and where KIA/MIA were last seen. Service People from Illinois from the Korean, Vietnam, and the current conflicts were responsive. Howard Parker, Rich Greenwald, and Michele Kawaters gave out about 400 flags. After receiving a flag, more than a few people had tears in their eyes. I wish everyone could have seen the faces of those who took a flag, especially the Gold Star parents.

Last year 11,000 people saw our table and without confirming it I would say at least that many saw it again this year. We even will get a few new members out of this effort. Our Post name and Downers Grove was shown on the big screens and in the program. Plus the money raised goes to send packages to people who are in harms way. Our money was well spent and our name got out. Thank you to all that participated. Woody

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of Post 80 will be installed on Saturday August 14, 2010 cocktails will start at 5:30 PM, dinner will be at 6:30 PM, with the ceremony to follow dinner. Drink tickets will be accepted and the menu will have a Hawaiian theme. To get an accurate count for dinner we are asking people to please use the form below and to offset the cost we are asking for an \$8.00 donation per head. The menu consists of Polynesian Chicken, Teriyaki Beef, Pineapple Pork, Tropical Salad, and Rice. There will be a limited number of tickets at the door.

Please make your checks payable to Post 80 and mail the form and your check to the Post. American Legion Post 80; 4000 Saratoga Avenue; Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Name _____

Number In Party _____

Phone Number: _____

Check Amount: _____ Check Number: _____



As of June 25th the membership for 2010 ended. We have 440 post members who have paid their 2010 dues. Unfortunately, there are 16 members who have not paid. These members have been dropped from our current mailing list. To reinstate, you must pay the 2010 dues as well as 2011 dues.

The 2011 newsletter will be in the mail soon and we would appreciate payment upon receipt. To avoid further yearly billing please consider PUFL. If you need further information, please give me a call. We appreciate your support and making Post 80 a success.

Jim Nelson
Post Adjutant
630-968-9710

Sick Call

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer, raise your glasses in a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

Larry Kasel
Bill Levin
Joe Pappalardo



The First Annual Rotaryfest

On Flag Day at our Flag Retirement Ceremony one of the Scout Dads saw our fire truck in the garage. This fellow was on the committee that organized the car show for the Fest, and he thought it would be great to have the ol' truck in the show. Of course I was very happy to oblige. Any excuse getting the truck out to show it off.

It looked like rain early Sunday morning, and not too many cars showed up for the event. Until later in the morning when the sun came out then the participants began to roll in, and eventually there was a good turnout. And then Downers Grove's antique fire truck parked by me. They have a 1946 Chevy that is beautifully restored.

Capt. Cech one of our legion members came by and kept me company for a while, and some people that I knew stopped by to chat. We had a lot people taking pictures, and kids wanting to sit in the truck. I'd turn on the siren on for them and the kids would get a big kick out of it.

It was about an hour before the show was ready to close up. The committee began to hand out awards. Unfortunately I didn't win anything, but I got some neat door prizes. I was preparing to leave when this young man stopped by to talk to me, and introduced himself. He was working as security for the fest. He is a marine that returned from Afghanistan, and is in active reserve right now. We discussed the Legion, its importance, and he wants to become a member. I gave him several brochures to pass on to his friends in the reserves that live in the area. It turned out to be a good day.

Rich Greenwald, Sr. Vice-Commander



Convention Report

I am happy to report that our Division the 2nd Division was number one in contributions for a total of \$59,884.39. District 11, which Post 80 is part of was number one in contributions within the Division for a total of \$454,477.79. Post 80 was recognized for contributing a \$1000 or more along with 39 other Posts.

The Auxiliary at the Division level also was number one in contributions totaling \$7,820.00. At the District level the Auxiliary contributed \$5,000.

Our Auxiliary Unit 80 received three awards. First I am proud to say that Department Poppy Chair, La Vere Davis, awarded Karen Greenwald first place for her Poppy Report. Unit 80 received a Certificate of Recognition from Department Commander William Flanagan for 4th place out of the top ten contributors. Julia Moore, Department President, recognized Unit 80 with a Citation of Appreciation for their Valentines for Veterans Program. You ladies did a wonderful job.

Rich Greenwald, Sr. Vice-Comander



Legion Rider Update

The Legion Riders of Post 80 have had a very busy July, starting with a set of red, white and blue bikes in the Downers Grove 4th of July Parade. Legion Riders headed down to the American Legion Department Convention in Springfield, IL on July 15th to help man the Legion Rider booth and join the bike show in front of the Convention Center. On July 18th members participated in the Children' Brain Cancer Ride and on July 31st the DuPage County Marines "Toys for Tots" Run

Serving Veterans

The Legion Riders hosted a chicken & rib barbecue on July 24th for Veterans in the Spinal Rehab Unit from Hines VA Hospital. Legion Riders from Joliet Post 1080 came to help make the afternoon a fun one for our honored guests with music and games.

All fund raising efforts by the Legion Riders of Post 80 support such events as the barbecue as well as direct assistance to meet the needs of the hospitalized veterans at Hines VA Hospital. Legion Riders also contribute to the Legacy Scholarship Fund for children who lost parents during the 9/11 attacks. Legion Riders of Post 80 also contribute to the Support Our Troops Program to provide needed comfort items to active military in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Upcoming Rides

- Aug 4** Cruzin for Kids Run, Bolingbrook, IL
- Aug 15** Legion Rider Regional meeting, Brian's Place, Monee IL
- Aug 22** Hogs for Dogs Run
- Aug 27-28** Legion Rider Romp at American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee WI
- Sept 18** POW-MIA Remembrance Ride with Legion Riders in Morris IL

Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser – October 24th

All of the American Legion Post 80 Family are cordially invited to the next Legion Rider fundraising event, a Candle Light Bowl on Oct 23rd at the Strike & Spare Lanes Lanes in Lockport, IL. The event is open to the public and advance tickets are \$30/person.



Poker

As most of you know the last poker night had to be canceled because we were out of compliance with a old town ordinance. The Village changed the ordinance and we have filled out the renewal application for our Poker License. If we hear back in time the **next Poker Night will be August 29, 2010**. Please plan on helping or playing.



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

Dedicated to all fathers who survived Father's Day:

A Father is someone who:

- 1). Picks up the tab for father's day outing dreamed up just for him.
- 2). Becomes your child's court of appeal after the mother says "NO!"
- 3). Can fix.... well, just about anything.
- 4). Takes you fishing....and lets you row the boat.
- 5). Buys your last 5 boxes of girl Scout cookies.
- 6). Has his own special chair to relax in...when the dog isn't in it; kids aren't under it; ironing isn't over it.
- 7). Catches your cold.
- 8). Lets you eat anything you want at the ball game.
- 9). The children resemble... whenever they misbehave.
- 10). Needs absolute quiet at income tax time.
- 11). Has second class bathroom privileges.
- 12). Should think twice, before he offers to help out in the kitchen.
- 13). Is still awake no matter what time your date brings you home.
- 14). Only the caterer recognizes at his daughter's wedding.
- 15). Takes more pictures of your children than you do.
- 16). Is a living doll; knight in shining armor; household banker; dispenser of justice; all American champ; and ruler of the roost.....

RWB



PRESIDENT..... ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENT..... EVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY JULIE ISENBERGER
TREASURER..... JANE BERNARDINI
CHAPLAINDOLORES HARRISON
HISTORIAN.....NORMA BORDER
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... LOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/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
Italics denotes deceased

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
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
2008....Bonnie Wisbrock
2009....Bonnie Wisbrock

Bingo Workers

August 3 **Tickets:** Jane B. Leora N.
Kitchen: Carol C., Cheryl B.
Arlene G.

August 10 **Tickets:** Leora N. Ilene K.
Kitchen: Lorraine D. Mary P.

August 17: **Tickets:** Eleanor R Evelyn F.
Kitchen: Karen G, Delores H.
Gloria P.

August 24: **Tickets:** Kathy P Pam H.
Kitchen: Kim C., Marge P.
Karen G.

August 31 **Tickets:** Leora N. Jane B.
Kitchen: Karen G, Pam H.,
Rilla G., Marge P

No meeting
August 16

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thus	Fri.	Sat
1	2	3 Bingo Doors Open at 4:30	4 General Post Business meeting	5	6 Social Nigh	7 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
8	9	10 Bingo Doors Open at 4:30	11	12	13 Social Night	14 C D C 8:30 a.m. Instillation of New Officers
15	16	17 Bingo Doors Open at 4:30	18	19	20 Social Night	21 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10am
22	23	24 Bingo Doors Open at 4:30	25 Board Meeting	26	27 Social Night	28 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.
29 Poker Night	30	31 Bingo Doors Open at 4:30 ½ Price Bingo	<h1>August 2010</h1>			
<p>ELIGIBILITY DATES</p> <p>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 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities</p>						