

Commander's Column

March was a busy month. We have had great crowds at Bingo on Tuesdays. We are averaging over 90 players a night. The whole bingo team has been working hard to keep things running smoothly. Because of their efforts, we have been able to increase the amount of money the Post deposits by a significant amount. They all deserve a huge round of thanks. The new members initiation was not particularly well attended. Please try to attend next year to meet the new members of the Post and reconnect with the older members. More on this later.

At the general meeting in March, we held an election for Emery's position on the Board of Directors. Chis Martinez was elected and attended his first meeting on March 22nd. The other news of note is that Rich Eldorado has been selected to go onto the ice for the National anthem at the March 30th Blackhawks game. If you are free that night, try to go to the game and support him. The way they are playing, you should be able to get tickets at the box office.

Several of the new members have already volunteered to help us out. We can always use help so if you can volunteer at any time just show up. We will welcome you with arms and not twist your arm to commit to more than you are able.

One final note, we will supply the color guard for the Burr Ridge Armed Forces Day celebration on May 20th. They have an impressive ceremony and everyone is welcome. See you at the Post.

Howard



Our newest members, (L to R): Patrick Yanahan, Jr., Christine Scherbing, Paul Clement, and Michael Hodul were initiated on March 18th at our Initiation/Recognition Dinner.

Next time you see them at the Post, be sure to introduce yourself and give them a heartfelt welcome.







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There has been a delay in shipping of 2023 membership cards due to a paper shortage. Please refrain from calling Department HQ about the status of your cards, as we have been getting ant to keep everyone.

influx of inquiries. We will do our best to keep everyone update as soon as we receive more information. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

—Membership Dept.



"My name is Richard and it's been 4 weeks since my local mall closed up..."

AUXILIARY SENIOR POPPY CONTESTS

for Senior Auxiliary Members Only

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- 2. A Poppy Hat
- 3. Poppy Holiday Hanging Wreath
- 4. Poppy Corsage
- 5. Poppy Wall Hanging
- 6. Poppy Floral Table Holiday Arrangement
- 7. Poppy Floral Table non-holiday Arrangement
- 8. Poppy Tray Favors
- 9. Poppy Poem contest

All entries due to Bonnie by June 1.

For more information: Contact Bonnie Wisbrock at 630-303-2691 or

by email at bonitawisbrock@yahoo.com



Auxiliary News - APRIL 2023

"Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes"

March was a slow month for us but productive. I cancelled our March meeting because I came down with Covid.

Our ladies, Julie, Jean, Kim, MaryAnn, and Joyce did some community service for Good Samaritan Hospital. We also made some pocket flags for the deployed soldiers. We made a delivery to Manteno once again.

I'm happy to announce we had three new applications for Auxiliary membership. Ladies, please plan to attend our April meeting to welcome and meet our ladies.

The nominating committee has wrapped up the nominations as follows:

Sgt. At Arms Joyce Wilk

Historian Kim Cruz

Chaplain Joey Klingbeil

Treasurer Christine Graves

Vice President Julie Isenberger

President Bonnie Wisbrock

Secretary Jean Krupin

Our bingo workers committee is in dire need of some kitchen help on Tuesday night bingo. If you have the time once a month to help out in the kitchen, we can sure use your help. Call or text me for details.

Board meeting is April 3rd at 6:00 and our regular meeting is April 10th at 6:30. Please join us this month. We will be discussing a September craft show.

Wishing all Happy Easter!!

Bonnie 630-303-2691



The following Veteran is on sick call. Let's keep him in our prayers.







PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

Saturday, May 20th

...is the Past Commanders Dinner which is open to one and all Legion, Auxiliary, and other family members. It is the one chance to pay honor to the past commanders who are alive and those whose voices have been stilled.

The Social Hour......5PM - 6PM
Dinner.....6PM
Program will follow dinner

We are asking \$8/per person for the dinner. Past Commanders and their spouses are free.

Please come and join us, by returning the lower part of this notice so that we can minimize waste and off set the cost of food.

Yes, I am coming to Past Commanders Dinner

Name_____ How many in your party?____

Mail back to: American Legion Post 80

Attn: Rich McLaren 4000 Saratoga Ave,

Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville

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\$15 Gen. Admission, \$12 Seniors, \$10 Students For tickets visit www.napervillemensgleeclub.org



The Illinois American Legion Second Division is Froud to Host

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Saturday, May 20, 2023

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Key Note Speaker:

National Commander
Vincent I. (Iim) Irviola

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Dinner will be a buffet with 3 entree choices, and multiple sides.

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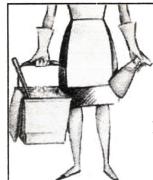
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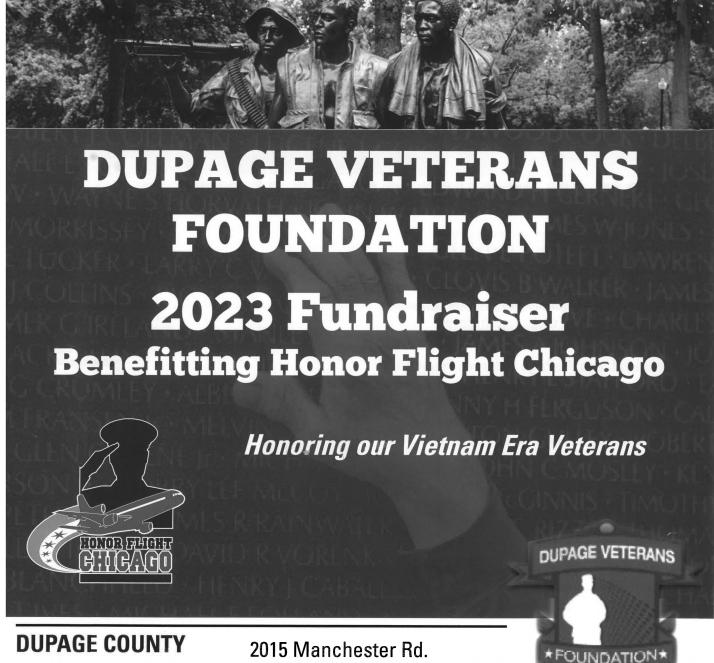
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