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Commander's Column

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Vincitori's Restaurant is donating our dinner after our meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, so be sure to make it to this meeting. Chef Bob Airdo is a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of veterans in general and Post 80 in particular. The food at Vincitori's is great, and you will get a warm welcome and a 20% discount* when you dine at Vincitori's on Cass Ave. in Westmont.

Mark your calendars for the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 4, 2017 and for the Post's adult Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Both parties promise to be memorable affairs. There will be a nominal $5.00 charge at the door for the adult party to cover the wonderful food and music from Tony Bernard.

Thanks to our members who set up for the Veterans' Expo on Saturday, November 4, 2017: John Cruz, Dave Wisbrock, Carmen Gnolfo, Rich Greenwald, Jeff Adams, Mike Nawara. The volunteers who manned our Post 80 table were Emery Wolff, Rich Eldorado, Jack Border, and Rich Greenwald (please forgive me if I missed you). The Illinois Secretary of State and the Veterans Administration combined to create on-site driver's licenses saying "veteran" again this year, saving untold amounts of bureaucratic hassle for veterans who brought their DD214s to the Expo. Unfortunately, LifeSource never showed up to take blood donations, but otherwise the Veterans' Expo was a big success.

The Flag Retirement on Monday night, November 6, was a fantastic success. At the fire pit Bruce Peiffer produced a spectacular "log cabin" fire for our Boy Scouts in Troop 80 to use to dispose of retired flags. Thanks to Chaplain Jack Border, Jr. Vice Bruce Peiffer, Mike Madsen, and Big Doug Goding for helping with the ceremony. John Cruz and Dave Wisbrock were a big help handling the really huge flags.

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**20% Discount (food only) for Veterans at Vincitori's in Westmont. Please mention to your waitstaff that you are a Veteran. 630-663-9467 for more information.*

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Congratulations to our Honor Guard for making the evening news on TV while posting the colors at the DG North High School Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 10. Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11, was too cold for our traditional outside service at the Post, but our inside service went off without a hitch. Thanks to all those who helped including Jeff Adams, Bruce Peiffer, Mike Madsen, Stacy McDonald, Auxiliary President Joey Klingbiel, bugler Dave Wisbrock, Chaplain Jack Border, and our hard working Honor Guard.

For current news and photos from the Post please log on to www.Facebook.com and "join the group" on our Facebook page "American Legion Post 80."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Rick McLaren—Commander mclarenR17@gmail.com

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Auxiliary News – October 2017

STRIVING FOR GOLD FOR OUR VETERANS

Our last meeting was very eventful. We met our new member Sandy Snaidauf. Her son is a Marine on active duty. She works with the USO. She will be a wonderful addition to our Post. We wish her a warm welcome from all of us.

We had Marti Tracy a guest who gave an interesting talk about Crystals, Color and You. And lastly but NOT least Celeste Aguzino, the 2012 Girl State Candidate told us of her wonder experience at Girl State and how it lead to her current position as Communications Director for Neil Mohammad of the 16th district out of DeKalb.

There is now a new budget thanks to our wonderful, hard working finance committee.

A discussion to have Bev Parrott send email of the minutes from our meetings to the board members. We will read them and at least three members will email Bev of any correction or additions and then she will not need to read the minutes at every meeting. Good idea.

Mary Ann Proney and Kim Cruz did a really good job with our bulletin Board. Let Mary Ann know if you have any pictures or articles and it can be added through the year. Thank you so much. Great Job.

I thank Jean Krupin, Therese Schey, Karen Greewald and Arlene Guest for helping me with the Vet's Fair Nov. 4th.

The Christmas party like usual. Bring a $10 gift for the game, a dish to pass and a gift for out Vets. Therese Schey will email a list to us.

Therese Schey has really been busy with all of her VA&R. She is like the Ever ready Bunny, She never Stops.

Remember our attendance raffle. Don't miss out.

LADIES, IF YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE MEETINGS, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL ARRANGE A RIDE.

We will need to shop for gifts for Children's Party AND gift wrappers. When I get the final count..

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Post 80 Children's Christmas Party Dec. 3 2 - 5P.M.

Post 80 Christmas Party Dec. 16th 6:30 till 11. Great Fun.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 11 AT 6 IT IS PARTY TIME.

Please try to attend the scheduled Auxiliary meetings and bring a friend. Our meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month. Dec. the meeting will begin at 6 PM.

LETS BE KIND TO EACH OTHER,

Joey Klingbiel

1st Vice President/VA&R Chairperson Therese Schey along with Navy veteran Mike and Administrator Jim of the Birches in Clarendon Hills shared in a special lunch and program on November 9th for veterans living at the facility

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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – November 2017 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 John Pavich, (630-712-1834) 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.

Nov. 4th. Sat.	Support our Troops, 1989 University Lane, Suite A, Lisle, IL. Time:
Nov. 5th. Sun	Uttica Parade (more information to follow)
Dec. 8th. Fri.	Toys for Tots Place TBA
Dec. 9th. Sat.	Legion Riders Christmas Party(TBA)
Dec. 16th. Sat	Wreaths Across America (more information to follow)

The Legion Riders our proud to have donated to the following organizations this month

- Wreaths Across America - The Legion Riders and Post 80, in conjunction with generous donations from service officer, Rich Jones and Emery Wolfe have donated a total of $1000.00
- American Legion Legacy Run (Donated $300.00)
- Operation Support our Troops (Donated $500.00)
- Toys for Tots (Donated $300.00)
- Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (Donated $400.0
- Save a Vet (Donated $500.00)
- NEF National Emergency Fund (Donated $500.00)

Mike Klick, Director ALR

The ALR are now accepting applications for supporter members. Please contact Mike Klick, Director (708.670.1475) or John Pavich, (630.712.1834)

JOIN US FOR THE MEETING, STAY FOR DINNER!

Bob Airdo, owner of Vincitori's Restaurant in Westmont, will be donating a gourmet Christmas dinner to Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 Legionnaires on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm. Bob honors Veterans by offering them a delicious holiday meal, which is enjoyed and appreciated by American Legion Post 80 members.

Bob Airdo, Vincitori's, carves prive rib for John Cruz and Howard Parker during last year's feast.

Rich Eldorado and Emery Wolff welcomed everyone to the Veterans Expo in November

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Nov. 6
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Flag
Retirement

Presented here are photos from the Flag Retirement bonfire ceremony held at the Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 American Legion in Downers Grove with assistance from the Boy Scouts of Troop 80 on Monday, Nov. 6. where worn and torn flags of assorted sizes were retired during the ceremony.

The ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is outlined in Resolution No. 440, passed by the 19th National Convention of the American Legion in NY, 20-23 September 1937. The ceremony has been an integral part of the American Legion ritual since that date.

Post 80
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 16th.

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Air Raid On Pearl Harbor

On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor External, Hawaii Territory, killing more than 2,300 Americans. The U.S.S. Arizona was completely destroyed and the U.S.S. Oklahoma capsized. A total of twelve ships sank or were beached in the attack and nine additional vessels were damaged. More than 160 aircraft were destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.

A hurried dispatch from the ranking United States naval officer in Pearl Harbor, Admiral Husband Edward Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet, to all major navy commands and fleet units provided the first official word of the attack at the ill-prepared Pearl Harbor base. It said simply: **AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT DRILL.**

The following day, in an address to a joint session of Congress, President Franklin Roosevelt called December 7, 1941 "a date which will live in infamy." Congress then declared War on Japan, abandoning the nation's isolationism policy and ushering the United States into World War II. Within days, Japan's allies, Germany and Italy, declared war on the United States, and the country began a rapid transition to a wartime economy by building up armaments in support of military campaigns in the Pacific, North Africa, and Europe.

Also on the day following Pearl Harbor, Alan Lomax, head of the Library of Congress Archive of American Folk Song, sent a telegram to colleagues around the U.S. asking them to collect people's immediate reactions to the bombing. Over the next few days prominent folklorists such as John Lomax, John Henry Faulk, Charles Todd, Robert Sonkin, and Lewis Jones responded by recording "man on the street" interviews in New York, North Carolina, Texas, Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. They interviewed salesmen, electricians, janitors, oilmen, cabdrivers, housewives, students, soldiers, physicians, and others regarding the events of December 7. Among the interviewees was a California woman then visiting her family in Dallas, Texas.

> "*My first thought was what a great pity that… another nation should be added to those aggressors who strove to limit our freedom. I find myself at the age of eighty, an old woman, hanging on to the tail of the world, trying to keep up. I do not want the driver's seat. But the eternal verities–there are certain things that I wish to express: one thing that I am very sure of is that hatred is death, but love is light. I want to contribute to the civilization of the world but…when I look at the holocaust that is going on in the world today, I'm almost ready to let go…*"

--- "What A Great Pity." Lena Jameson, Interviewee; John Lomax, interviewer; Dallas, Texas, December 9 & 10, 1941. After the Day of Infamy: "Man-on-the-Street" Interviews Following the Attack on Pearl Harbor. American Folklife Center

To read the rest of this article and to learn more go to:
https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/december-07

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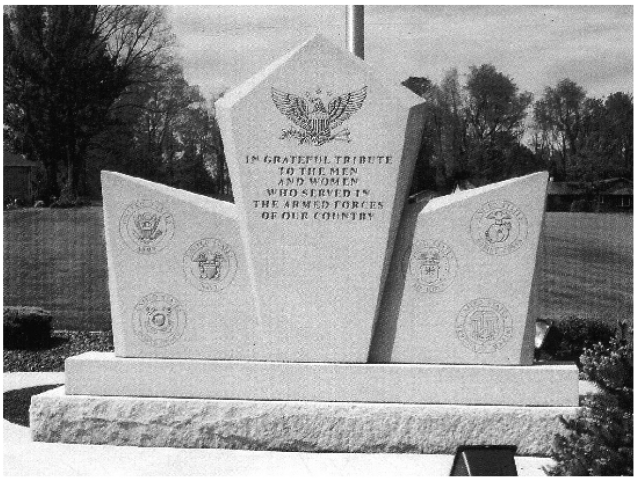

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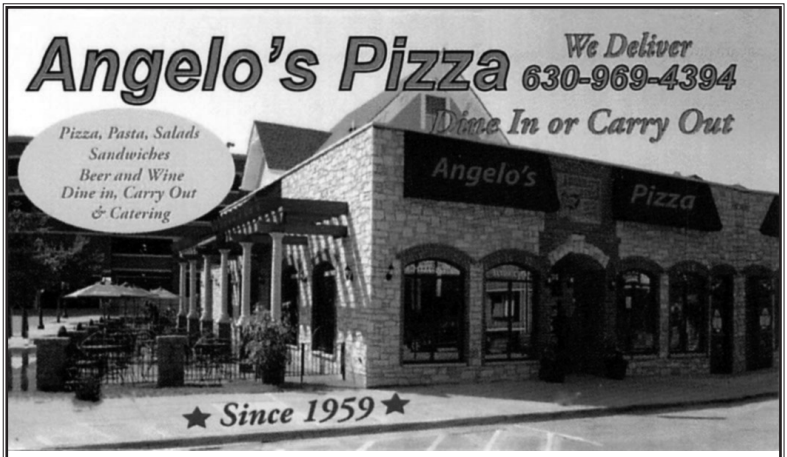

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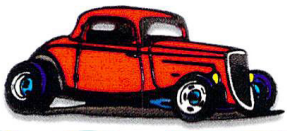

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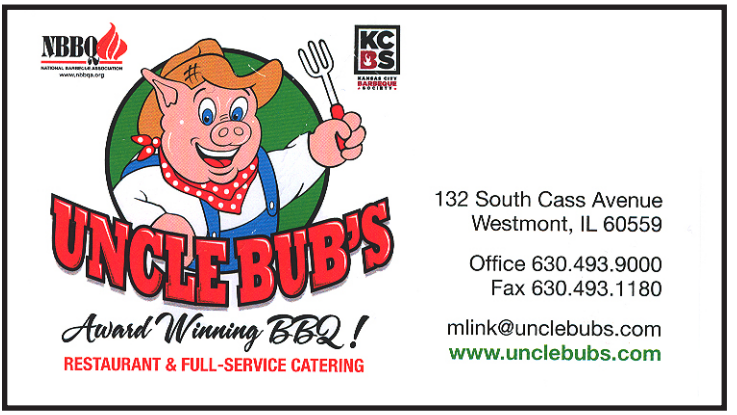

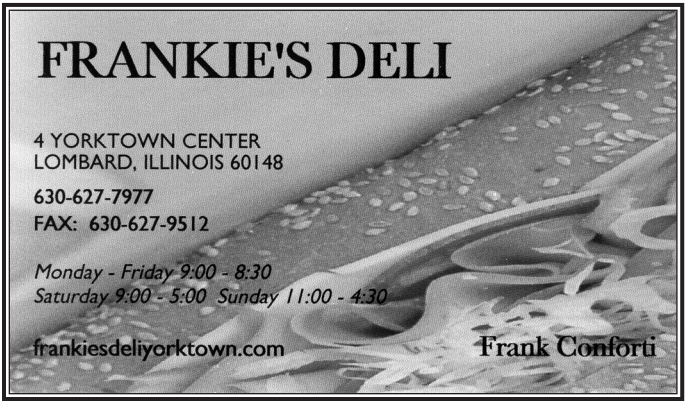

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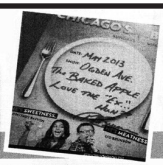

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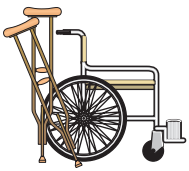

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2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!

WE WANT YOU BACK!!!

The 2018 American Legion Membership YeaThe American Legion Membership year is from **July 1, 2017** to **June 30, 2018. Check your current membership card. If it does not say 2018**, your membership is not up to date. Remember the Post Christmas party? We still have it! Past Commanders dinner, Labor Day picnic and new member installation. We still do it! **Don't forget our annual dues remain at $40** even though National has increased the dues. Send your check for $40.00 to:

Send your Membership Dues TODAY!

American Legion Post 80
Attn.: Adjutant
4000 Saratoga Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

As an alternative you can renew online by going to **www.legion.org** and click on RENEW. We will send your card as soon as we receive notice of your payment.

Jeff Adams - Vice Commander

SICK CALL

The following Veterans are on sick call.
Let's keep them in our prayers.

HOWARD PARKER
EMERY WOLFF

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!

Happy Birthday

to the

Civil Air Patrol

http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com

Since Civil Air Patrol's formation during the earliest days of World War II, this vigilant organization of citizen Airmen has been committed to service to America. Founded on **Dec. 1, 1941**, as a way to protect the nation's shorelines from invading German U-boats, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that still carries out emergency service missions when needed — in the air and on the ground.

As a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

Civil Air Patrol's missions for America are many, and today's adults and cadets perform their duties with the same vigilance as its founding members — preserving CAP's 75-year legacy of service while maintaining its commitment to nearly 1,500 communities nationwide.

The Civil Air Patrol's three primary missions are: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services. To learn more about CAP's aerospace education programs, products, and other resources available to our members, go to www.capmembers.com/ae. For information about joining as an aerospace education member (AEM) and to join online, go to www.capmembers.com/joinaem.

The National Guard Turns 380!!!

Born from humble beginnings, the National Guard celebrates its 380th birthday.

By Bill Boehm, National Guard Bureau http://www.military.com/national-guard-birthday

The military organization we know today as the National Guard came into existence with a direct declaration on December 13, 1636. On this date, the Massachusetts General Court in Salem, for the first time in the history of the North American continent, established that all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 were required to join the militia. The North, South, and East Regiments were established with this order. Simply stated, citizen-soldiers who mustered for military training could be and would be called upon to fight when needed.

Owing to many failures in the time that English settlers had attempted colonization in the Massachusetts frontier and elsewhere in North America, leaders decided that a proactive and ready state of mind must be kept by all citizens, particularly those training in military tactics. Being part of citizenry in the small villages meant that a price must be paid for the freedoms that could potentially be enjoyed, were the colony to ultimately succeed. That price exacted meant taking responsibility for defending the settlements of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Although other colonial settlements in North America such as those in Florida, Virginia, and New Mexico that would become part of the United States utilized military protection in order to allow settlers safe passage and to defend against aggressors, Massachusetts proved to be the first entity to have its government establish and raise a militia. Nor did these other colonies' militia service remain continuous. The tie to legal precedent in this manner remains to this day. That record of service has remained continuous and unbroken, no matter the change in each unit's function as a part of the militia or the National Guard.

This distinction qualifies it as the birthplace of the militia in the United States. With the North, South, and East Regiments established, its exemplary military tradition continues through this day with four Massachusetts National Guard units -- the 101st Engineer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery, the 181st Infantry Regiment, and the 182nd Infantry Regiment.; The tradition born in Salem continues today.

Much has changed since 1636, but one thing has not: the National Guard still consists of Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen providing protection from natural disaster, training regularly to uphold high standards of readiness, and also deploying to far-away countries to protect the United States' national interests abroad. Although the country's growth and expansion has made it a large military force around the world, the National Guard still remains a community cornerstone – just as it did when it was given birth on **December 13, 1636.**

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

2017

Post 80 children's christmas Party

Sunday, December 3, 2017, 2-5 pm

PRESIDENT.....JOEY KLINGBIEL
1st VICE PRESIDENT..... THERESE SCHEY
2nd VICE PRESIDENT .....MARY ANN PRONEY
SECRETARY .....BEVERLY PARROTT
TREASURER.....PAM QUEDNAU
CHAPLAIN ..... KIM CRUZ
HISTORIAN.....BEVERLY PARROTT
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... KAREN GREENWALD

DUES: AUXILIARY $24.00/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
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1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
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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
2016....Jean Krupin
2017....Jean Krupin

Italics denotes deceased

Auxiliary Bingo Workers

Dec. 5
Kitchen: Therese S., Joey K., & Arlene G.
Tickets: Bonnie B.

Dec. 12
Kitchen: Jean K., Sharon T., & Karen G.
Tickets: Chris G.

Dec. 19
Kitchen: CLOSED
Tickets:

Dec. 26
Kitchen: Karen G., Pam Q., & Radika J.
Tickets: Pat M. & Jane B.

Hostesses for December:
CHRISTMAS MEETING & POT LUCK

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and God Bless Our Military Men and Women

December 2017

SEE www.post80.org/calendar
FOR MORE DETAILS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				WREATHS across AMERICA *December 16*	1 *Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday*	2 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3 Children's Christmas Party 2-5pm	4	5 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm *See page*	7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day December 7	8	9 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	12 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	13 NATIONAL GUARD *National Guard Birthday*	14	15	16 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am Post Christmas Party 6:30pm *Hanukkah Begins*
17	18	19 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	20	21 *Winter Begins*	22	23 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24 *Christmas Eve*	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors Open 4:00 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
31 New Year's Eve						

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*