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Legion Rider Update for American Legion Post 80 February Newsletter

Legion Riders joined in the Hero's Welcome for US Army Major Mark Provenzano, MD on Jan 10th at Eisenhower Junior High School in Darien, IL. Major Provenzano was returning after a twelve month deployment in Afghanistan. (Insert picture)

Legion Riders Post 80 continue to work with Hines VA and prepared Holiday cards, socks and candy for the spinal unit patients for Christmas. The Goodie bags were delivered on December 16th by John Pavich and Jack Border.

We continue efforts to get grant money for the 2010 Olympic Opportunity Fund to support the activities of the Hines VA Physically Challenged Sports Program. Hines VA Spinal Rehab Unit patients and staff have alerted us that the Wheelchair Olympics are set for May 14, 2011 and hope that Legion Riders as well Legionnaires will plan to participate.

We are also soliciting support from American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, other Legion Rider Chapters as well as other charitable organizations such as Global Hope to help pay for the new Wheel Chair van at Hines. We are hoping to significantly underwrite the \$100,000 cost of the new vehicle.

Legion Rider Director Steve Collins has developed a photo album with highlights of the veteran support events and group rides the Legion Riders have participated in over the last two years and it will continue to be updated to reflect the group's activities.

American Legion Riders of Post 80 normally meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. Please check with Steve Collins, Director, (630 968 8147), John Pavich, Treasurer (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting location for any given month. Scheduled meeting dates for 2011 are:

February 19th

March 19th

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

November 19th

December 17th