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FEBRUARY 2023



Commander's Column

January has been an eventful month at the Post. On the 15th we hosted the Department Membership caravan. Over 80 people were there to learn what the various parts of the Legion were doing to increase membership. Bonnie Wisbrock and the rest of the Auxiliary hosted and served a veritable feast for the attendees. The meal garnered many compliments from the attendees. We also received compliments for the Post itself. Dave Wisbrock gave guided tours of the Library, the history of the Lincoln portrait, and the Enola Gay poster. He also set up a 50/50 and a meal donation jar. As a result, the Post made money on the event.

Bingo continues to thrive. On January 17th we were especially shorthanded. A combination of sicknesses and absences almost caused us to cancel. We were able to pull it off thanks to several members stepping up. Joe Simonetti was able to come in long enough to train someone to check in on the computer. Ed Ludwig sold pull tabs, took care of the money, and handled the payouts. Augie did all the calling so his helpers could be out on the floor. As a result, the night was a success.

The Saturday coffee and donuts is always well attended. There is always room for other voices so plan on attending when you can. You won't be disappointed.

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Howard



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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



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 an 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.

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Auxiliary News - FEBRUARY 2023

“Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes”

Happy Valentines Day Everyone!!

We had a nice break in January so we are back to work this month.

Our February meeting is the 13th at 6:30. First thing is I want to apologize, Arlene Guest was also at our Christmas party. Sorry Arlene.

Department Membership Chair, Angie Mulligan, graciously offered to be our special guest at our February meeting. Please attend to meet with her and make her welcome. We need a hostess for refreshments. Please let me know who would like to host this meeting.

Important Date: Peotone is hosting the 11th District Gold Star luncheon with 11th District President, Laurel Hickman presiding. Anyone wanting to go let me know at our meeting.

We need to put together a Poppy committee this month. Please sign up and thank you in advance. Also, Poppy contest if anyone is interested in participating. We have our Poppy Poster contest to advertise in our schools. I need some help distributing to the schools. It's 4th thru 12th grade. I will get a list of schools for us. We are looking for a Poppy girl for this year. We need to think about putting together a nominating committee.

Please take note in the newsletter that I put in a request for some prayers for a Department prayer book contest.

We can work on our Pocket Flag project at our March meeting.

For future, Patriotic Conference is coming up on March 17, 2023. It is being held in Springfield at the Double Tree/Lincoln Hotel.

Our Auxiliary helped the Post host the Caravan on January 15th with a good dinner and our Auxiliary ladies providing the desserts and some sides. A total of 65 signed in from the Caravan. 80 seats were filled.

All the speakers were very interesting presenting their message to us. The National SAL Commander stopped at our Auxiliary table to say hello and gave us all the 2022/2023 SAL pin. Our ladies present and hosting were: Kim Cruz, Julie Isenberger, Jean Krupin, Donna Rosenkranz and myself. It was a pleasure as always to visit with our own, Department President Janet, 2nd Division President Linda, and 11th District President Laurel and Department Membership Chair Angie Mulligan.

On Wednesday January 18th, the Auxiliary welcomed DGPD Detective Dan Montanari to our Post. He did a talk and slide presentation about Fraud, Scams, and Ruse. He covered Government Impersonator, Grandparent, Internet/Account, Ruse Burglary, Robocall/Phone, Sweepstakes/Lottery, Computer Tech Support, and Medicare/Health Insurance scams. It was excellent how he presented! So knowledgeable, he answered every question we had during and after his presentation. He was so pleasant to speak with. We can all be Proud of our Officers/Detectives like him. We can feel safe in our homes and town. We hope to welcome him back with many more interesting topics to share. There were 12 of us present: Kim Cruz, Arlene Guest, Julie Isenberger, Joey Klingbiel, Jean Krupin, Donna Rosenkranz, Joyce Semenek, Joyce Wilk and John Cruz, Cliff Maser, Dave Wisbrock, and myself.

Thank you to Kim & John Cruz and Dave Wisbrock for all the pictures you have been sending me so I can send them to our printer for the newsletter and to Department.

On a final note, from our Department President Janet quoting Past Dept. President of 2021: *“Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and the best days give memories.”* I just love this quote.

Bonnie

630-303-2691



FRAUD PREVENTION TALK

The Auxiliary invited Detective Dan Montanari of the Downers Grove Police Department to give a talk in January on Fraud Prevention. It was an incredibly informative evening with 12 members of the Auxiliary and guests in attendance.



Detective Dan Montanari



LEGION CARAVAN DINNER

Post 80 hosted many dignitaries of the National, Department, Divisions and Posts including National Sr. Vice Commander Ken Hylton, Department Commander Lomac A. Payton, Dept. Adjutant Marty Conatser and Department Auxiliary President Janet Bacon among many others too numerous to mention. Our Auxiliary members did a fantastic job hosting the event that puts a spotlight on the need for the working to maintain and expand membership to continue our strong voice for veterans nationwide.



National Sr. Vice Commander Ken Hylton



Auxiliary Department President Janet Bacon



Auxiliary members, Bonnie, Kim, Julie, Donna, Jean





VETERAN INFO PAGE

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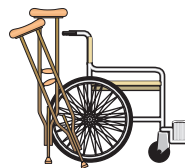
Then go to Start your Military Service Record (DD Form 214) Request and follow the prompts and fill in the required information. It also has you print a signature sheet that you have to mail to them. When they receive the signature paper, they will send you an email confirming that they received it. Then in about 10 days, you'll receive 2 certified copies of your DD 214 and copies of your discharge orders.

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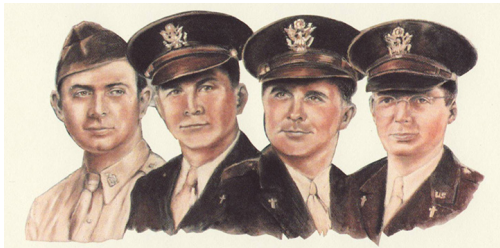
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February 3

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February 5



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February 20



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February 12

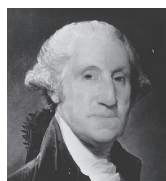


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- Fullersburg Woods, Oak Brook** - www.discoverdupage.com/listing/fullersburg-woods-nature-education-center/1072/
- Hawk Hollow, Bartlett** - www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/hawk-hollow
- Meacham Grove, Bloomingdale** - <https://www.dupageforest.org/places-to-go/forest-preserves/meacham-grove>
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that others may be inspired or feel peace.

You may submit any prayer or devotional thought. Please include the name of the author if not original work.

Please submit your prayer/ devotional to Bonnie Wisbrock bonitawisbrock@yahoo.com

CHAPLAINS BOOK OF PRAYERS, DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS, AND POEMS Senior Contest Rules for Unit, District, and Division

- Cover 8 1/2 X 11 either hard or soft cover (illustrated appropriately)
- First page **MUST** include:
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 - Unit, District, Division number (if Unit entry)
 - District and Division number (if District entry)
 - Division Number (if Division entry)
 - Department of Illinois
 - Name of Unit President and Chaplain (if Unit entry)
 - Name of District President and Chaplain (if District entry)
 - Name of Division President and Chaplain (if Division entry)
 - Date: May, 2022 to April, 2023
- Scrapbook to contain three sections:
 - Prayers
 - Devotional Thoughts
 - Poems

Each prayer, devotional thought, or poem should include the name of the author (if different from the person submitting it), the name of the person submitting it and their Unit, District, and Division number.

- Content: Typed or printed. Can use both side of the paper. Paper can be printed and embellished with stickers or clip art if desired. Only one prayer, thought, or poem per side of the paper.
- Last page to contain **ONLY**:
 - Written signature of Senior Chaplain
 - Name
 - Address
- Basis for Judging:

A. Prayer, Devotional Thought, and Poem Sections	35%
B. Content and Originality	35%
C. Neatness	15%
D. Illustrations	15%

NO DISTRICT ELIMINATION FOR UNITS!!!!

Unit, District, and Division Chaplains need to submit their Book of Prayers to reach the Department Chaplain by June 1, 2023.
Mail to: Karen Melone, 1338 W. Mulloy Drive, Addison, IL 60101

SICK CALL

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EMORY WOLFF



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Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society (open on Wednesdays)
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Sunday, February 12th

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Kickoff @ 5:30pm



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Admission is a canned or non-perishable food donation for the Township Food Pantry. Drinks are membership prices for everyone. Cash Bar.

Any questions contact Rich Jones (630-370-2434)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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Tax preparation assistance is available at no charge to eligible individuals and families. Eligibility requirements include age and/or income. Please check with the assistance provider.

Downers Grove Park District is working with the AARP to offer free tax assistance. Appointment scheduling begins January 9, 2023 on a first-come, first-served basis. Tax appointments will be at Lincoln Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays February 2 - April 15, 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Detailed information can be found at <https://www.dgparks.org/lincoln-center-adult-center>. Registration is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. To make an appointment: call 630-960-7500 or visit the Lincoln Center (935 Maple Avenue) or Recreation Center (4500 Belmont Road)

The College of DuPage Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Free Tax Preparation program will begin preparing tax returns at the COD main-campus in Glen Ellyn, at a new location on the third floor of the Student Resource Center, Room 3000, on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Go to <https://www.cod.edu/tax-prep> for detailed information including additional locations and how to register.

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 COMPUTER: JOE SIMONETTI

FEBRUARY 14, 2023








KITCHEN: JEAN KRUPIN
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FEBRUARY 21, 2023

KITCHEN: TODD HANSON
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FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 			1 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am  USO BIRTHDAY
5  FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY	6 Auxiliary Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm	7 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	8	9	10	11 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
12 SUPER BOWL PARTY Doors Open 4PM	13 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm Guest: Angie M.	14 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
19  U.S. COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY	20  PRESIDENTS DAY	21 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	22 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
26 Auxiliary 11th Dist. Meeting Peotone	27	28 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	29	30	2023 	
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