

Commander's Column

The Christmas party was a huge success. Thanks to Augie, Bob Hahn, and the Auxiliary For everything they did to make it enjoyable for the kids. They really enjoyed the magic show and having them make cards for the veterans at Hines really helped them to understand the true meaning of Christmas. The hall looked festive-thanks to all the decorating help we had.

The Post ended the year on a high note. We have established a committee to try to bring in new members - especially post 911 veterans. The committee has already had its first meeting and I am sure they will be successful in getting younger vets to join the post. We need all the members we can get to ensure the Post continues to thrive.

Harry did a great job of organizing, advertising, and running the Blood Drive. This is the kind of event we should be doing to increase our profile and to continue to serve both veterans and the community.

I hope everyone's holidays were happy. As the new year starts, The Post will continue to be a great place to spend time. Our recurring programs have been successful, and we look forward to making them even better. Attend the meetings, stop in Saturday mornings for Coffee and doughnuts, have a drink at the bar with us on Tuesday nights (or whenever the Post is open). You will have a great time.

See you at the Post.

Howard



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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 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.

SICK CALL

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

BILL HILDENBRANDT





IN MEMORIAM

This Legionnaire Has Gone To The Commander of Us All.

MARVIN JOHNSON

U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran American Legion member - 31 years

Rest Well, Our Friend.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

A New Year's resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western World but also found in the Eastern World, in which a person resolves to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve their behaviour at the beginning of a calendar year.

-Wikipedia





Auxiliary News - JANUARY 2023

"Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes"

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a Healthy and Happy Christmas.

I want to thank Julie and Joyce for helping me set up and decorating our tables. Also Dave Wisbrock for coming early with us to help out.

Our Auxiliary Christmas party was a lot of fun. We had a delicious variety of good food made by our ladies. Our own John Cruz read the Right/Left story for our gift exchange game once again.

We entertained three special guests: Department President Janet Bacon, 2nd Division President Linda Fagan and Dept Membership Chair Angie Mulligan.

Auxiliary Officers/Members present: Julie, Jean, Joey, Mary Anne, Kim, Joyce, Donna, Electa, and myself.

After our game we headed outside to the parking lot and we each launched a Chinese lantern. And thank you to Dave and John for lighting them for us. We watched as Kim's first launch disappeared into the night sky. It was cold standing out there, but fun. It was amazing to watch as they filled the sky with their light.

Just a reminder that Officer Dan from DGPD will be at our Post on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 p.m. with a slide presentation on how to identify fraud to protect ourselves. This should be very eucational and interesting. There will be question and answer time also.

This is open to all Post members and their families and to our Community.

Bonnie 630-303-2691



Chinese Lantern launch at the Auxiliary Christmas Party





Here Comes Santa Claus....



We wish to thank all the volunteers who made the Children's Christmas Party so much fun:

Bob Hahn (Santa), Bonnie Wisbrock (Mrs. Claus), Elves, Maryann Proney, Donna Anders and Derek Anders.

Jr. Vice Commander Augie Sisco put the events of the day together to make for an awesome party.

Twenty-eight children were signed up and twenty-three attended the party. They enjoyed a great magic show, made Christmas cards for veterans in local VA hospitals and received gifts from Santa.



...Auxiliary Christmas Gift Exchange

At the Auxiliary Christmas Meeting, the Ladies played a Left-Right Gift Exchange Game narrated by Past Commander John Cruz.

...Post Christmas Party



Everyone had a wonderful time at the Post 80 Christmas Celebration.

Auxiliary President Bonnie Wisbrock and her husband, Past Commander David Wisbrock

> Past Commander Dick Rooney and his wife, Mary Ann.





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Article from https://nationaltoday.com/ national-law-enforcement-appreciationday/

Law **Enforcement** National Appreciation Day was created by multiple organizations in 2015 to express their gratitude for officers in the United States. In support of their services citizens are encouraged to do their part in thanking the law enforcers on this day. One of the main organizations to take the lead in this is C.O.P.S - Concerns of Police Survivors. According to them, law enforcement officers need to be shown that the difficult career path they have chosen is recognized by the people who they protect and uphold the law for.

This holiday was triggered by the chain of events in 2014, when a police officer was involved in a crossfire shooting in Missouri. The backlash and violence that followed this event led C.O.P.S to take the initiative to change this negative portrayal of police officers in the news in recent years into a positive one. With over 900,000 officers in the United States, the organization believes it is essential to support law enforcers during difficult times, and a holiday dedicated to them does just that. The day also raises awareness on the importance of understanding that the difficult decisions taken by police officers are in the best interest of citizens and the law.

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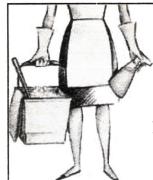
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- Members meeting, 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary meeting, 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
- Taco Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM
- Hall Rental (Maximum Seating 100 people) see website
- Upcoming events (Calendar) see website

Please stop by to visit, all veterans welcome

MARY KAY



Around Jown!

GOT GABIN FEVER?

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Stories of DuPage County: Reading Between the Lines

Until March 25, 2023

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Vietnam Peace Day - January 27

Article from https://nationaltoday.com/vietnam-peace-day/

HISTORY OF VIETNAM PEACE DAY

The American experience in Vietnam was a long and painful one for the soldiers and the nation. It even took a significant toll on American culture and was considered the most tumultuous period in American history since the Civil War. The roots of the Vietnam War can be traced back to World War II when Japanese forces invaded French-ruled Vietnam. At that time, the political leader Ho Chi Minh formed Viet Minh, inspired by the Chinese and Soviet Communism. After their defeat in World War II, Japan withdrew its forces from Vietnam, leaving the French-backed emperor, Bao Dai, in control.

Viet Minh forces seized this opportunity and captured the northern city of Hanoi, declaring the Democratic Republic of Vietnam with Ho as President. On the other side, Bao set up the state of Vietnam in July, with Saigon as its capital. While Ho wanted a communist nation model, Bao wanted a country with western culture. This is the conflict that pitted the communist government of North Vietnam against South Vietnam.

In 1954, the U.S. began its involvement in the war by backing South Vietnam following its policy of being against any allies of the Soviet Union. After a long and horrific two decades of war, in January 1973, the United States and North Vietnam signed the final peace agreement, pulling its troops from Vietnam. This was the birth of Vietnam Peace Day. However, the war between North and South Vietnam continued for another 15 years. Today, Vietnam's economy is growing and people are enjoying the fresh air of freedom. On this Vietnam Peace Day, let's honor and pay tribute to the hundreds of thousands of lives lost in the course of this war.

WHY VIETNAM PEACE DAY IS IMPORTANT

It is a positive day

The Vietnam War was one of the significant wars of that time, and even today, it is described as one of the goriest wars that the U.S. has faced. Vietnam Peace Day marks the end of that ugly war and marks the anniversary of peace in Vietnam.

It saved a lot of lives

The Vietnam war is responsible for many deaths of both U.S. citizens and the people of Vietnam. Putting an end to that war saved many lives that could have been lost.

It teaches us that peace brings change

By putting an end to the war, we prevented the destruction of a beautiful country and allowed it to rebuild and grow for the better. The day teaches us that war is not the answer.



Vietnam War Memorial Statue in Washington D.C.



Sunday, February 12th



Doors open @ 4:00pm Kickoff @ 5:30pm

All Legion and Auxiliary members (and their guests) are invited to the Super Bowl Party. This is a potluck party, so bring an entrée, side dish or dessert to share.

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)

Manteno Veterans Hospital visit by the Auxiliary



Left to right Jean/Secretary, Pres. Bonnie, Historian/Kim, First Vice/Julie and caregiver Jeanette Front Row: Veteran from the Manteno Veterans Hospital

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