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Commander's Column

As we approach the end of the year, we should take a moment to see how the Post has fared during the year. In January we hosted the National membership caravan. Representatives of all levels in state and national legion offices came together to discuss recruitment and retention. We then formed a committee to explore options to make our efforts to recruit new members more effective. We were also featured on the November cover of the Downers Grove Living magazine. Financially, through the combined efforts of the Bingo crew, we have turned the Tuesday Bingo into the main financial engine for the Post. Everyone involved, especially the volunteers who man the tables and sell Jackpot games should be proud of their efforts. Stop in one Tuesday to see the operation. You will be impressed.

The children's Christmas party was a success. Thanks to Jason Wales for setting it up. Those of you who attended the Post Christmas Party on the 16th had one of the most memorable experiences in recent Post history. As I drove up, the Post was dark, and I immediately thought I had the wrong day. It turned out the power was out. We gathered by candle light and had a great time despite the lack of power. I will admit that going through the buffet was an eye-opening experience. I ate several things that I don't normally eat, but in my defense, they looked like something else in the candle light. I did, however, enjoy them.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you at the Post in January.

Howie



95 years young!
Rich "Eldo" Eldorado





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Post 80 Christmas Party

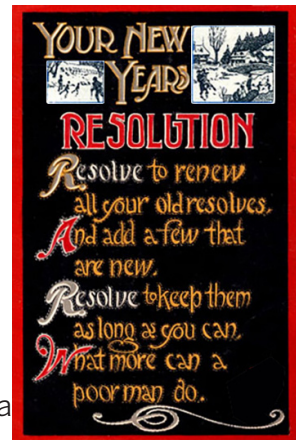
Post 80 celebrated an Old Fashioned Christmas Party courtesy of ComEd.

Everyone enjoyed the ambience of the candle-lit event and it will be a night to remember for years to come.

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



SICK CALL

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

- JOE SIMONETTI
- NICK DARIEN
- MIKE NAWARA





Auxiliary News - JANUARY 2024

“Serving Veterans, the Real Super Heroes”



Hello Everyone:

In place of a December meeting the Auxiliary had a Christmas Party at the Olive Garden. We had 13 members attending and our President, Bonnie, joined us and it was nice having her with us again.

A few items carried over from the November meeting are the Children Christmas party presents were wrapped by auxiliary members on Friday evening December 1st and we also made out Christmas cards for veterans in nursing homes. A total of 81 cards were taken by Julie to the following nursing homes: Providence 10, Downers Grove, Saratoga Grove 12, Downers Grove, Lacey Creek 9, Downers Grove, Cordia 15 and Burgess Square 20 in Westmont and Sunrise 15 in Willowbrook.

We had a sad loss in November: Jim Rosenkranz, husband of Auxiliary member Donna Rosenkranz, passed away. Please remember Donna and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Stay SAFE and be KIND! Blessings!

Julie, Vice President

A Very Merry Auxiliary Christmas Party!



A joyful group of Legion Auxiliary members celebrating the Christmas holiday at Olive Garden.



To understand a Military Veteran you must know:

- We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.
- We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.
- We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.
- We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the Earth.
- We found new friends and new family.
- We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.
- We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.
- We didn't get enough sleep.
- We smoked and drank too much.
- We picked up both good and bad habits.
- We worked hard and played harder.
- We didn't earn a great wage.
- We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.
- We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.
- We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.
- We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.
- Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.
- Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.
- Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.
- We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.
- We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.
- We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.
- We have dealt with victory and tragedy.
- We have celebrated and mourned.
- We lost a few along the way.
- When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.
- We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.
- We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.
- We speak highly of our own branch of service, and poke fun at the other branches.
- We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one, in a heartbeat.
- Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.
- It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift.
- People see a Veteran and they thank them for their service.
- When we see each other, we give that little upwards head nod, or a slight smile, knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.
- So, from myself to the rest of the veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.
- Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times.
- Share your stories.
- But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran.



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- Canteen open Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 3:00 PM
- 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

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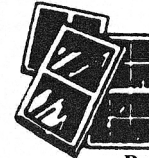


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This is a potluck party, so bring an entrée, side dish or dessert to share.

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)

Around Town!

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Saturday, JANUARY 27 | 9:30am-11:30am

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For more information: <https://www.scarce.org/event/repair-fair-2/> or call SCARCE at (630) 545-9710.



JANUARY 2024

Here Comes Santa Claus...



...Children's Christmas Party





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suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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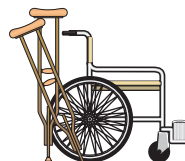
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JANUARY 23, 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 	2 NO BINGO	3 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5	6 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
7	8 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm	9 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	10	11	12	13 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
21	22	23 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	24	25	26	27 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
28	29	30 HALF-PRICE BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	31 Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm	 January 2024		



NOTE: This calendar can change without notice

SEE www.post80.org/calendar

FOR MORE DETAILS

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