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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats	1948....Eugene Weaver	1978....Elmer J. Mears
1920....Robert W. Carpenter	1949....Fred W. Lester	1979....Dudley E. Smalley
1921....Jay Allison	1950....Harvey H. Kenitz	1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1922....Dan M. Diener	1951....Joseph R. Krepper	1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1923....Norman E. Anderson	1952....Gilbert G. Giesler	1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1924....Henry Swift	1953....Andrew S. Blaida	1983....Frank J. Bulin
1925....Morris E. Stevenson	1954....Herschel Hubbard	1984....George R. Novak
1926....William E. Hooper	1955....A.R. Fister	1985....George R. Novak
1927....Harold H. Clarke	1956....Dino Convalle	1986....Bill Johnson
1928....George Hannan	1957....Tony F. Morello	1987....A.E. Sheber
1929....A.T. Witt	1958....W.H. Schenke	1988....David D. Wisbrock
1930....Arthur Johnson	1959....James L. Newall	1989....David D. Wisbrock
1931....A.T. Witt	1960....Edwin D. Wrenn	1990....David D. Wisbrock
1932....A.J. Walter	1961....Bernard J. Blaida	1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1933....J. Richard Hawkins	1962....Louis W. Wrenn	1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1934....Melvin G. Binder	1963....James R. Hodous	1993....Ken Gallagher
1935....L.J. Dixon	1964....Jerry Kopecky	1994....Richard Bernardini
1936....William A. Finger	1965....Earl W. Will	1995....Emery Wolff
1937....G. Willard McCollum	1966....Leonard J. Voss	1996....Curt McCullagh
1938....Leslie L. Meyer	1967....Gene Kappelman	1997....Larry Bryant
1939....Charles Dyer	1968....Alois E. Sheber	1998....Larry Bryant
1940....Newell Fishel	1969....Mason Taylor	1999....John Magic
1941....Rollin Whitaker	1970....William Harkness	2000....Jack Border
1942....Ivan M. Webster	1971....Earl W. Will	2001....Jack Border
1943....Thomas C. Arndt	1972....Steven J. Kadlec	2002....Bob Isenberger
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock	1973....Joseph A. Bartsels	2003....Bob Isenberger
1945....Stanley A. Lynch	1974....Zedo Oliver	2004....Joe Pappalaro
1946....Louis A. Edwards	1975....Herbert Morrison	2005....Richard Rooney
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan	1976....Chester Kotowski	2006....Richard Rooney
<i>Italics denotes deceased</i>	1977....Ed Knickerbocker	2007....Richard Mueller
		2008....Richard Mueller



Commander's Column

Memorial Day has come and gone. The service of Post Everlasting, the visit to the local cemeteries and the parade went very well. As the service at Fishel Park started so did the rain. We did get to the Mayor's words, the reading of names of those who perished, and the rifle salute before we had to eliminate the rest of the ceremony. I made the decision along with the recommendation of the on site Village Public Safety Officials. I found the Mayor's words to be sensitive and right on target. I am sorry that those who were to lay wreaths became so wet without the honor of fulfilling what they agreed to do, but I hope that next year's Commander and Jr. Vice will give the same crew the opportunity to finish what was started.

June also saw the election of next year's officers. I truly believe that under Rich Greenwald, Todd Hanson and Ralph Luneburg the Post will be in very good hands. This is my next to last column and if I follow what has been done in the past I would start to list what I have accomplished, but I would rather focus on what we as a Post have accomplished. We have strong relations with the Village, Boy Scouts and the Auxiliary. We have reached out to the VFW Post 503 and have integrated them into all of our activities for we share a common goal of making life better for veterans. We have expanded who we send to Boys State and we have reached out to our community. We have reached out and done joint activities or made our facility available to other DuPage County Posts. All of this is due to hard work on both sides and numerous people at the Legion.

As I look into the future I believe that the American Legion, especially Post 80, will be as relevant 100 years from now as it has over the past 91 years. I worry that the soldiers who are on their third or fourth deployment will not receive the medical benefits that they need today or tomorrow; the help may not be there. Medicine and research have made incredible strides in helping the physical wounds. When it comes to the mind, we are simply not as far along. The number of homeless veterans with mental illness and the suicide rates are staggering. This is not to say that the military or VA does not do a great job - they do, but the demand may rise faster than they can handle.

This column is not meant to be a downer but rather to explain why, when I became Commander, I took the position that you and the rest of our members as individuals are what's important and hopefully I have put my actions where my mouth was. I am very optimistic about our future as a Post and the Legion and I hope you share that view. Please remember to be kind. Woody



AMERICAN LEGION SCHOOL AWARDS – 2010

Post #80 of the American Legion, Inc. takes a great deal of pride each year in the presentation of the American Legion School Award. This award is presented to those students, who have been chosen by the faculty of each school, and who possess the highest qualities of Courage, Honor, Leadership, Scholarship, Patriotism and Service, qualities the American Legion feels are necessary to the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society. The award consists of the framed American Legion School Award certificate, the distinguished American Legion Bronze Medallion, and a U. S. Savings Bond. The following were recipients this year:

D.G. North High School – Alexander Haig, Julia Pasquale

D.G South High School- Robert J. Mueller III, Grace C. Magliola

St. Scholastica School- Sierra Stark

St. Mary of Gostyn School-Katherine Mahlke, Kevin Burns

Marquette Manor Baptist Academy- Marjorie Tumamao, Alexander Viscioni

St. Joseph School – Emma Welsh, Paul Wagner

Herrick Middle School- Nicholas Steichmann, Eric Wisz

Lakeview Jr. High School – Kovas Rugienius, Haley Holz

O’Neill Middle School – John Ebersold, Apoorva Sooranahalli

Jefferson Jr. High School- Mara Alvarez, Kassandra Bernardo

These awards were presented by Past Commanders Elmer Mears, Awards Chairman, with the assistance of Dick Rooney at Downers North High School.



Sick Call

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses in a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

Larry Kasel
Bill Levin
Joe Pappalardo

IN MEMORIUM

Bob Gobeli

This Legionnaire Has Gone To The Commander of Us All. Rest Well Our Friend.



Did You Know?

Downers Grove has produced many heroes to include it has also produced two Medal of Honor winners. Wells H. Blodgett was the first Medal of Honor recipient from Illinois. President Lincoln awarded the medal for actions taken during the Civil War. Frederick F. Lester won his medal for actions during World War II.



JULY 2010

POPPY NEWS 2010

I am convinced that you need these three factors to have a successful Poppy campaign:

Fair Weather
Dedicated Volunteers
High Volume Traffic Collection Areas

We had a combination of all three to make this year's poppy campaign a success. We collected just over \$3500.00 for disabled veterans and their families.

A big Dinah Shore kiss to legion volunteers:

Dick Bernardini
Rich Greenwald
Frank Mangone
Steve Novota
John Tuidor

Jack Border
Ralph Harrison
Herb Morrison
Ray Pote

Jim Cochrane
Rich Jones
Jim Nelson
Tim Sorensen

Auxiliary helpers were:

Jane Bernardini
Dee Harrison

Chris Billie
Pam Hartigan

Norma Border
Leora Novak

The following businesses allowed us to collect on their property, please give them your thanks.

Ace Hardware and CVS Pharmacy (63 & Main)

Dimitri's Restaurant

Jewel (Ogden and Saragota)

Wannemakers Home and Garden Center

Additional Poppy donations for disabled veterans and their families can be sent to the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 80.

It has been an honor to serve Unit 80 as the 2010 Poppy chair.

Karen Greenwald



Winners of the 2010 Post #80 Scholarship

1st Place Lisa N. Billie, \$1,000.00

Winner Grandchild of Jean Dvorak

2nd Place Sarah J. Schunnacher, \$500.00 Winner,

Grandchild of George Schumacher.

All other winners received \$100.00

Madeline N. Honnm, Gtandchild of Robert "Bob" Ineuch

Michael P. Parker, Grandchild of Howard Parker

Gabriela M. Jimenez, Grandchild of John M. Cruz

Please feel free to enter the contest next year



Legion Rider Update

The American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post 80 participated in the annual Wheelchair Olympics at Hines VA Hospital in Maywood, IL on Saturday, May 15, 2010. The Legion Riders took part in the opening parade and then assisted veterans to participate in the multiple events located on the Hines campus. Hospitalized veterans were encouraged to participate in billiards, table tennis, adaptive tennis, mini-golf, shuffleboard, bowling and an air rifle range. Legion Rider members joined the vets for a special luncheon and Illinois State Governor Patrick Quinn also dropped in to make some special presentations to several of the veterans.

Post 80 Legion Riders are also working with VA staff to set up a picnic barbecue for some of the Hines veterans at Post 80 in late July.

The Post 80 Legion Riders meet once a month, usually on the third Saturday at 10 am in the Library. Our next Legion Rider meetings are on June 19th and July 17th. If you are interested in joining us, please plan to attend or contact Steve Collins, Legion Rider Director at 708 473-5620 (cell) or Jack Border at 630 336 3421 (cell).

Scheduled ALR Rides & Charity Runs

Legion Riders are planning to participate in the following 2010 rides and events in May, June and July:

July 4 – Downers Grove July 4th Parade

July 10 – Save a Vet Run

July 17 – Lt. Dan Band Concert for Support Our Troops at Cantigny

July 18 - Pediatric Ride for Kids



Thank You

Over the past two years anything we accomplished was due to people stepping up. Many of you do not remember when I was both Commander and Adjutant until Jim Nelson stepped up and competently took over the role of Adjutant, with the Wall and other activities. Ed Ludwig stepped in and made them a success; of course I can not leave out Bob Parker who took over the Finance Officers job. Larry Bryant did not have to but took over the checkbook which was left a mess. Anyone who has a question as to how much work straightening out the checkbook was needs only to ask. Steve Collins stepped up and became bar manager. We now know what the bar costs and how much revenue it contributes to our Post. Nick Brescia stepped up and ran the POW/MIA dinner. A year ago Emery Wolff said he wanted to step down from being the Chairman of the House & Grounds Committee but because of other issues at the Post he did not and stuck it out for another year. As you can see we owe these and others a big thank you for making Post 80 one of the best in the state.



INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of Post 80 will be installed on Saturday August 14, 2010 cocktails will start at 5:30 PM, dinner will be at 6:30PM, with the ceremony to follow dinner. Drink tickets will be accepted and the menu will have a Hawaiian theme. To get an accurate count for dinner we are asking people to please use the form below and to offset the cost we are asking for an \$8.00 donation per head. The menu consists of Polynesian Chicken, Teriyaki Beef, Pineapple Pork, Tropical Salad, and Rice.

Please make your checks payable to Post 80 and mail the form and your check to the Post. American Legion Post 80; 4000 Saratoga Avenue; Downers Grove, IL 60515.

Name _____; Number In Party _____

Phone Number: _____

Check Amount: _____; Check Number: _____

Thank you. Woody Kawaters



Election – 2010

Congratulations to those elected offices for the Legion Year 2011 that starts on September 1, 2010. Next year's slate is a strong one with Rich Greenwald, Todd Hanson, and Ralph Luneburg being elected as Commander, Sr. Vice and Jr. Vice Commanders, respectively. Jim Nelson will remain as Adjutant and Bob Parker will remain as Finance Officer. Howard Parker will also remain as Sgt at Arms. I believe that Rich also has a strong Board of Directors to work with. Those elected this year are as follows:

Sgt. at Arms Howard Parker
County Delegate Jack Border
County Delegate Pete Tepler
County Delegate Steve Collins
County Delegate Gene Kulaga
Board of Directors - 1 yr. Dick Rooney
Board of Directors - 1 yr. Emery Wolff
Board of Directors - 2 yr. Joe Pappalardo
Board of Directors - 2 yr. Ed Ludwig
Board of Directors - 3 yr. Elmer Mears
Board of Directors - 3 yr. Dick Bernardini.

I, for one, congratulate and thank each of you for stepping up and volunteering to do a tough task. I promise that I will work with and provide advice to Rich only when asked and in any way he sees fit. – Woody Kawaters



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

Dedicated to all fathers who survived Father's Day:

A Father is someone who:

- 1). Picks up the tab for father's day outing dreamed up just for him.
- 2). Becomes your child's court of appeal after the mother says "NO!"
- 3). Can fix.... well, just about anything.
- 4). Takes you fishing....and lets you row the boat.
- 5). Buys your last 5 boxes of girl Scout cookies.
- 6). Has his own special chair to relax in...when the dog isn't in it; kids aren't under it; ironing isn't over it.
- 7). Catches your cold.
- 8). Lets you eat anything you want at the ball game.
- 9). The children resemble... whenever they misbehave.
- 10). Needs absolute quiet at income tax time.
- 11). Has second class bathroom privileges.
- 12). Should think twice, before he offers to help out in the kitchen.
- 13). Is still awake no matter what time your date brings you home.
- 14). Only the caterer recognizes at his daughter's wedding.
- 15). Takes more pictures of your children than you do.
- 16). Is a living doll; knight in shining armor; household banker; dispenser of justice; all American champ; and ruler of the roost.....

RWB



PRESIDENT..... ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENT..... EVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY JULIE ISENBERGER
TREASURER..... JANE BERNARDINI
CHAPLAINDOLORES HARRISON
HISTORIAN.....NORMA BORDER
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS..... LOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR
PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb
1921....Jessie Straub
1922....Matilda Uhlor
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
Italics denotes deceased

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
1997....Leora Novak
1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2000....Lorraine Vimtrup
2001....Leora Novak
2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
2003....Midge Zielinski
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock
2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

Bingo Workers



July 6 *Tickets:* Jane B. Leora N.
Kitchen: Karen G. Carol C. Cheryl B.

July 13 *Tickets:* Leora N. Mary P.
Kitchen: Lorraine D., Rylla G. Pam H.

July 20 *Tickets:* Eleanor R. Evelyn F.
Kitchen: Karen G, Dolores H. Gloria P.

July 27 *Tickets:* Kathy P. Ilene K.
Kitchen: Arlene G. Kim C. Marge P.

July 19
No Meeting

Sun	Mon.	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri.	Sat	
			July 2010				1 2 3 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
4 Independence Day 10:30am at Post	5	6 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	7 General Post Business meeting	8	9	10 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.	
11	12	13 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	14 Dept. Convention	15 Dept. Convention	16 Dept. Convention	17 C D C 8:30 am Legion Riders 10am LT Dan Band	
18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23	24 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.	
25	26	27 Korean Armistice 1953 Bingo 6:30 p.m.	28 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 a.m.	
<p>ELIGIBILITY DATES</p> <p>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 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities</p>							