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JULY 2023



For God and Country

Commander's Column

I hope y'all are enjoying summer. The post has been active in the past months. Rentals are steady and the other post activities are going strong. Our next event is the Fourth of July parade. I encourage all to come out and participate. We have a truck available for those who want to ride, and everyone will be proud of the patriotic shown by the crowd. Please try to be there to join in the celebration.

There is a veteran's night scheduled at Blackberry Farms in Aurora [100 South Barnes Road] on July 28th. There will be representatives there from 5-8PM to help with benefits. Access to the park for families start at 5PM. You will also get a free meal from Mission Barbeque. All are invited. See page 2 in the Legion-aire for more details.

I want to remind you that the Post relies on you to operate. If you have any free time, please consider helping. So far, we have been successful in manning the various functions, but it is often a struggle. And any help is appreciated.

Please take time during the coming month to reflect on your service. You should be proud of your service and the people you served with. Remember them in your prayers. Also remember that we are citizens of the greatest nation in history and that your service was an essential contribution to our nation.

See you at the Post.
Howard

UPCOMING EVENT!

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JOIN US IN THE DOWNERS GROVE ANNUAL
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Meet at Post 80 at 10:00 a.m.

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JULY 2023



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RESOURCE FAIR
1pm - 4pm Veterans
& FAMILY NIGHT OUT
5pm - 8pm Vets + Families
Saturday, July 28th
Blackberry Farms
100 S. Barnes Rd. ♦ Aurora

Illinois Joining Forces will host an Aurora Regional Summit and Resource Fair and Military and Veteran Family Night Out at Blackberry Farms. The Regional Summit for Service Providers serving Will, Kendall, Kane, and DuPage Counties will focus on resource connection and collaboration and take place from 1-4pm. Veterans are welcome to attend the summit, but we ask that all family members under the age of 18 be in attendance for the family event only.

The family night out will take place from 5-8pm and will include an opportunity for Veterans to meet with service providers and gather information from resource tables, while enjoying a few hours of family fun, including a carousel, wagon and train rides, face painting, dinner provided by Mission BBQ, and more.

2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

July 1st is the start of the new American Legion membership year.

Your annual dues of \$40 are now due.

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4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515





Auxiliary News - JULY 2023

“Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes”



Hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we are having on and off.

Flowers soaking up the sun. Life is good.

Not much happened in June.

We had a beautiful day for the Memorial Day services. Three of our ladies, Jean, Julie, and Joyce marched in the parade. The Wind band was just awesome. Augie did a terrific job organizing the days' events. Thank you, Augie!

We had our June dinner at Stevens and the Auxiliary ladies treated Eldo to dinner as a thank you for turning in the most donations for Poppies. He has been doing this for years. A big thank you to you Eldo! It was a pleasure having you join us for dinner.

Julie and I had attended the 11th District meeting in Carol Stream. Our 11th District officers were elected. I will be the 11th District Chaplain this coming year.

We want to extend a warm welcome to three more new members who have joined our Auxiliary: Judy Maitland, Marybeth and Sandy Szalkowski.

Thank you, Judy, for helping out in the kitchen on bingo nights.

Julie and I will be going down to Springfield this July 13, 14, 15 for the Convention.

I haven't heard anything about the 4th of July doings yet.

Our September meeting will be on the 11th. Board meeting TBD.

Have a Great summer everyone!

Bonnie

630-303-2691



Flower arrangement for Convention contest in July by Josephine Klingbiel



Bonnie's summer started taking her grandson Derek Anders, also SAL member, fishing at a local pond.



THE POPPY PROJECT

We would like to thank Elizabeth Luke and her 7th Grade Art Students at Herrick Middle School for making and donating ceramic poppies to our members. The students made the poppies and added a little note with each one.

Senior Past Commander and Historian Dave Wisbrock



Memorial Day Highlights



Post 80 Auxiliary marching in the Parade.



BSA Troop 80 at the Downers Grove Memorial Day Parade.



Building battlefield cross.



Rich "Eldo" Eldorado laying Korean wreath.



Poppy girl Madeline Krajniak with mom Gabrielle and sister Lucille

Poppy girl Madeline Krajniak with Eldo



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Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps



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Panoramic Photo Update

Back in November of last year, we received a panoramic photo taken in 1918 in Downers Grove. In this photo are 90 World War One veterans. Several are some of our founding fathers. Walter Staats, our first commander is among those in the picture. The names of most of those pictured are printed on the

back. The picture sent to us was in poor condition but had the names. We happen to have an identical picture without the names. Our picture has been reframed and the names recorded with a number key to identify most of the men pictured. One of our community service volunteers reprinted the names.



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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

Please stop by to visit, all veterans welcome

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BLACKHAWKS HOCKEY HONORS VETERANS



Rich Eldorado and Carmen Gnolfo attended a Blackhawks game recently where Eldo stood on the ice for the National Anthem before the game.

Rich is a Korean war veteran and very active member of Post 80 assisting with all activities. He's 94 years old and is as active as a person in their 40's.

Rich Eldorado representing all Veterans at a Hawks game assisted by Carmen Gnolfo.



Eldo on the jumbotron

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY Wednesday, June 14th

Members of Downers Grove Post 80 and BSA Troop 80 in a joint ceremony, inspected and respectfully retired worn American, State and Military flags.



POST 80 OFFICERS FOR 2023/2024

The following candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, were elected on June 7, 2023:

Commander	Howard Parker
Sr. Vice Commander	Ed Ludwig
Jr. Vice Commander	Jason Wales
Finance Officer	Rick McLaren
Sgt. At Arms	Bill Dawson
Historian	Dave Wisbrock
Chaplain	Bob Hahn
Judge Advocate	Todd Hanson
Adjutant	Bruce Peiffer (Appointed by the Commander)
Service Officer	Rich Jones (Appointed by the Commander)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	Ed Ludwig (previously elected 2022/2023)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	Frank Mangone (previously elected 2022/2023)
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	John Cruz (previously elected 2020/2021)
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	John Pavich (previously elected 2020/2021)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	Chris Martinez (previously elected 2022/2023)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	Dick Rooney (previously elected 2020/2021)

Honorary Post Position

Jr. Past Commander Rich Jones

In accordance with Post 80's Constitution, By-Laws & Standing Rules, the above positions will constitute Post 80's Board of Directors.



JULY 2023

BLOOD DRIVE

Striking Out
Blood Shortages



DONATE BLOOD

Thursday
JULY

13

2:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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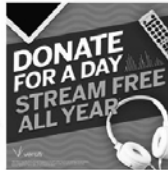
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Senior past commander, David Wisbrock





VETERAN INFO PAGE

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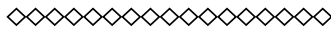
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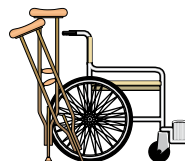
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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

NOTE: This calendar can change without notice
 SEE www.post80.org/calendar
 FOR MORE DETAILS

July 2023

1	Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
2	3 Aux. Board Meeting 6:30 pm
4	4 TH OF JULY PARADE! meet at Post 10am Parade 12-2 pm
5	Business Meeting 7:30 pm
6	7
8	Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
9	10
11	BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm
12	13 BLOOD DRIVE 2:30-7:00 pm
14	15 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
16	17
18	BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm
19	20
21	22 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
23	24
25	BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm
26	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm
27	28 Korean War Vets Armistice Day 1953 WW1 Began 1914
29	Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps
30	31

ELIGIBILITY DATES
 WORLD WAR I - APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918
 WORLD WAR II - DECEMBER 7, 1941 to present for any veteran with an Honorable Discharge.

