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Commander's Column

The plans for Memorial Day are just about done as I write this (May 18). Junior Vice Commander Rich Jones has arranged for the American Wind Band (including Post 80 member Bob McGuffin) to play and for the drum section of Downers Grove High School to keep time as we march down Main Street. Many hours of work go into preparing for the many activities that day, so a big THANK YOU to Rich for his efforts. Thanks also to the Boy Scouts for the breakfast, to the Post 80 Honor Guard, and to John Cruz for getting our 1954 Ford Fire Engine ready for the parade. Post 80 has made the arrangements for the Memorial Day parade and service for nearly 100 years.

The months of May and June are when we give scholarships to the local students. Post 80 gives away about $25,000 in scholarships and other charitable grants every year. The Environmental Scholarships (aka "Bee Scholarships") alone account for $3000 of that sizeable number. Ed Ludwig and I awarded some of them at the senior's award night at DG North High School, while Dick Rooney awarded some more the same night at DG South. The Morrison (f/k/a Veteran's) Scholarship for second place ($1000) was awarded to Autumn Bryant at the Past Commanders' Dinner. First Place ($2000) went to Andrew Lifka.

Commander Rick McLaren and Past Commander Ed Ludwig enthusiastically present scholarship and environmental awards at Downers Grove North High School.

Shortly after you receive this Legion-Aire will be the 74th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944. I made a count of the Post 80 members from World War II and was amazed to discover that we have no fewer than 40 members from that era. There are too many of you to list here, so thank you to all of you for your service in that war. The same day, Wednesday, June 6, at our regularly scheduled Business Meeting, we will hold the election of new Post officers and board members. Please check out the slate submitted by the Nominating Committee, which is printed on page 25 in this Legion-Aire, and then come to the June 6 meeting.

Then on Thursday evening, June 14, Flag Day, the Post will conduct its traditional Flag Retirement service. Volunteer Post members will inspect a sample of the discarded flags and supervise the Boy Scouts as they place them on

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the bonfire. Our Post is one of the few locations in the surrounding communities which can carry out this ceremony, and it is fun to watch. All are welcome. Summer would not be complete without the Fourth of July Parade, which we will again lead with our comrades from the VFW. All members of Post 80 are encouraged to march with us. Finally, Past Commander Rich Greenwald has resigned from all of his duties at the Post, including Post Adjutant. Best of luck to Rich in his future endeavors.

Please send your email address to the Post's Gmail address to be used for last-minute notices to members: abbpost80@gmail.com.

Cheers!

Rick McLaren - Commander mclarenR17@gmail.com

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!!!!!

JUNE 17, 2018

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Auxiliary News – June 2018

STRIVING FOR GOLD FOR OUR VETERANS

I cannot believe it is June already. Our last meeting before summer breaks.

Americanism Chair, Chris Graves, reported that BOTH of our essays won at the District level. The awards ceremony will be at the 11th District Convention meeting on May 20th. Chris stated that she will be in attendance along with Mia Fitzgerald and her parents. Sister, Julia, had a conflict.

IL Girls State Chair, Bev Parrott, reported that there are four candidates for this year's program in June. Their fees have been paid. Bev will meet the bus on Sunday June 17th to give the girls their spending money and wish them a great time at IL Girls State.

Mary Ann Proney, Vice President, handed out Instructions on How to Access the Unit's Meeting Minutes on the Auxiliary computer. In addition, Bev will leave several copies of the minutes on the check-in table for those who may want a copy. Mary Ann also put together a schedule for the kitchen and passed it around for volunteers.

Jean Krupin asked where we stand with regards to dues. Mary Ann stated that Department will be raising the dues for the next program year to $27.00 for seniors and $6.50 for Juniors.

Bonnie Wisbrock asked if our unit would be interested in having a garage sale for the veterans. Volunteers are asked to sign up. Mary Ann Proney will help out with creating flyers & posters, other volunteers are Joey Klingbiel, Julie Isenberger, Dolores Kondraschow, Kim Cruz, Electa Chonko and Sandy Snaidauf. Bonnie will set up a meeting during the summer months.

We voted on the slate of Officers for 2018-2019 and they are:

President:	Joey Klingbiel
Vice President:	Mary Ann Proney
Secretary:	Bev Parrett
Treasurer:	Jean Krupin
Chaplain:	Kim Cruz
Historian:	Bev Parrett
Sgt-at-arms:	Arlene Guest.

Have a GREAT SUMMER, See you in Sept.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 3, 208 2nd Division Annual Convention-Lockport

June 11, 2018, 6:00pm, Unit 80 General Meeting. We will have a potluck dinner and a short meeting. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

June 3, 2018, 2nd Division Annual Convention-Lockport

June17 to June 22, 2018, ALA Illini Girls State –Eastern Illinois University

July 11 to July 14, 2018, Department Convention – Springfield

July 21, 2018, 11th District Joint Installation-Lockport

August 24 to August 30, 2018 National Convention - Minneapolis

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Joey Klingbiel President

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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 –June 2018 Update

Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are $20.00. Please check with Director Mike Klick (708.670.1475) or John Pavich (630-712-1834) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and web site at post80.org/legion-riders for updates for the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

Up Coming Rides and Events:

May 31st. Hines Hospital Day, at DuPage County Building, 421 County Farm Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187(9 am thru 3 pm)
June 2nd. Sat. L. R's Meeting /Ride After
June 3rd. Sun. Topless Tour, Roadhouse Bar and Grill (Roadies), Yorkville
June 16th. Sat. Illinois Freedom Run

The ALR are now accepting applications for supporter members. Please contact Mike Klick, Director (708.670.1475) or John Pavich, (630.712.1834)

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In honor of the men and woman that have served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we will display an "HONOR BOARD" in a prominent place in our legion to give thanks to them.

Our goal for 2018 is to raise $3,000 for veterans and their families.

All funds go directly to the Veterans and their families. During the month of May the displayed board will honor your loved ones who served.

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May 19, 2018 was Past Commander's Dinner Night at Post 80. This year's Miss Poppy is Khaleesi Wisbrock. Khaleesi has has the distinction of having several Legionnaires as her relatives. She is the granddaughter of past commander David Wisbrock and past Auxiliary president Bonnie Wisbrock. She is also the granddaughter of member Larry Deno as well as the great niece of Rich Jones, I might ad that her dad has Dave Wisbrock is a 40 year member of our S A L and mom, Dani Wisbrock is an Auxiliary member.

We want to thank Past Commander Ed Ludwig for a grand evening with a wonderful meal.

L to R, top row Dave Wisbrock, Jack border, Dick Rooney, Ed Ludwig, John Cruz; Sitting Larry Bryant, Dick Bernardini, Emery Wolff

2018 Miss Poppy, Khaleesi Wisbrock

Past Commander Larry Bryant and his family

Past Commander Dave Wisbrock and his wife Bonnie.

SCOUTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED

At the Past Commander's Dinner, Ed Ludwig presented Dick Bernardini with an award for decades of service to the Boy Scouts.

Ed Ludwig presents the Scouting Achievement Award to Dick Bernardini

A close up of the award presented to Dick Bernardini

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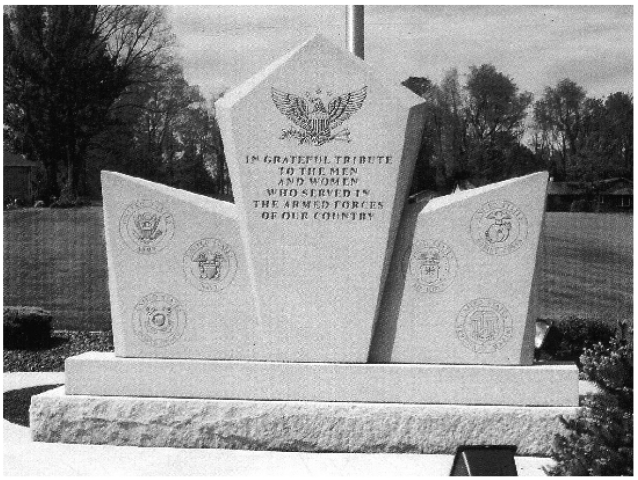

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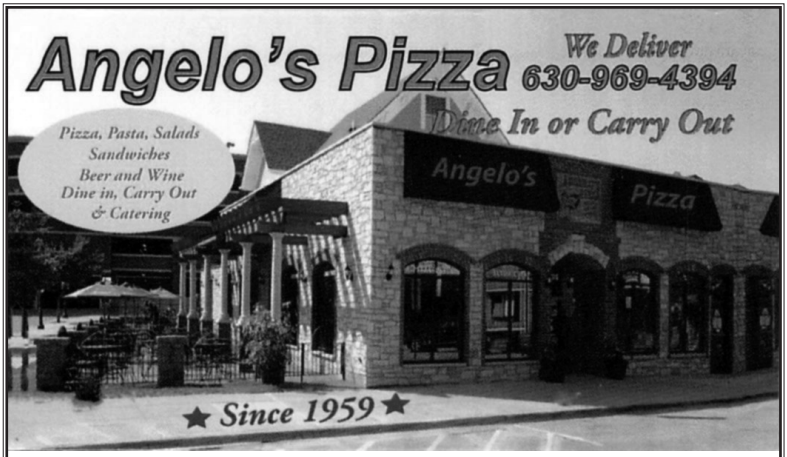

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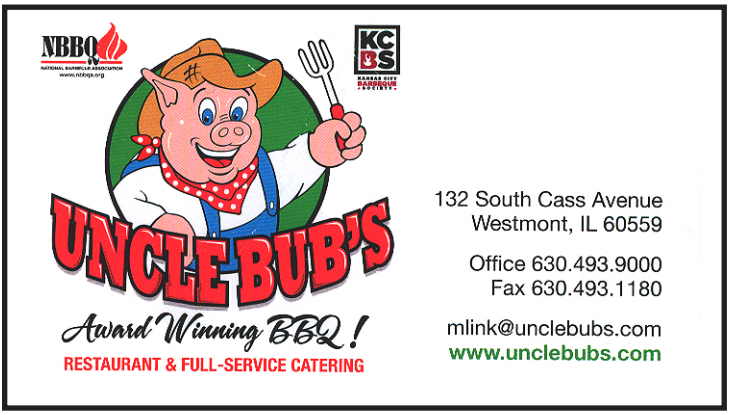

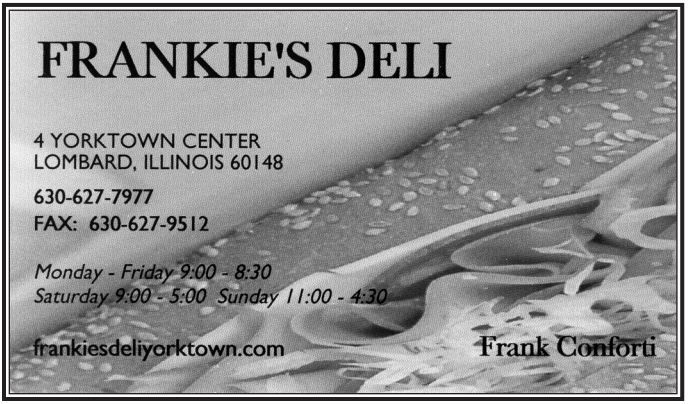

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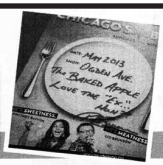

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- Auxiliary meeting, 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
- Taco Tuesday, 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM
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- Upcoming events (Calendar) see website

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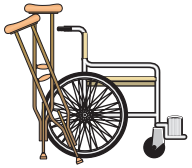


Post 80 lends out wheel chairs, walkers and crutches to anyone that may need them. For more information, call Rich Jones at 630-964-2434.

Anyone who has borrowed a wheelchair, walker, or crutches and no longer needs them, please return them to Post 80 so they may be available for other veterans.

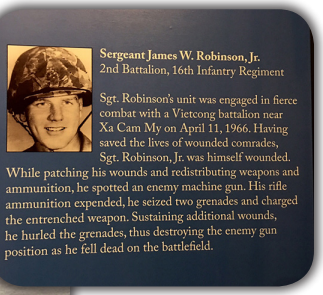
ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES:

va.org
legion.org
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Three Posthumous Medal of Honor Recipients are buried

Westmont honors resident killed in Vietnam

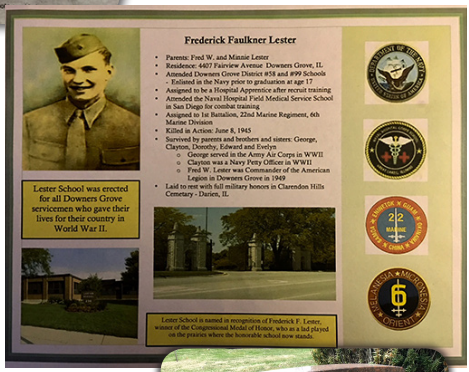
Westmont Mayor Ron Gunter speaks April 11 during a memorial service for James Robinson Jr., a Westmont resident who was killed in battle April 11, 1966, in Vietnam. The service, which was at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, was officiated by Frank Trout, commander of the Westmont American Legion Post 338. Robinson posthumously was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He is the grandson of William Robinson, a former mayor of Westmont.


Sergeant James W. Robinson, Jr.
2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. Robinson's unit was engaged in fierce combat with a Vietcong battalion near Xa Cam My on April 11, 1966. Having saved the lives of wounded comrades, Sgt. Robinson, Jr. was himself wounded. While patching his wounds and redistributing weapons and ammunition, he spotted an enemy machine gun. His rifle ammunition expended, he seized two grenades and charged the entrenched weapon. Sustaining additional wounds, he hurled the grenades, thus destroying the enemy gun position as he fell dead on the battlefield.

One of the Medal of Honor recipients, U.S. Army SST James W. Robinson, Jr., who came from Westmont and was killed in Vietnam, was honored at a recent memorial service.

Another Medal of Honor recipient was Fred Lester, who was killed in action on Okinawa in 1945. Fred's family resides in Downers Grove.


Frederick Faulkner Lester

- Parents: Fred W. and Minnie Lester
- Residence: 4407 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove, IL
- Attended Downers Grove District #58 and #99 Schools - Enlisted in the Navy prior to graduation at age 17
- Assigned to be a Hospital Apprentice after recruit training
- Attended the Naval Hospital Field Medical Service School in San Diego for combat training
- Assigned to 1st Battalion, 22nd Marine Regiment, 6th Marine Division
- Killed in Action: June 8, 1945
- Survived by parents and brothers and sisters: George, Clayton, Dorothy, Edward and Evelyn
  - George served in the Army Air Corps in WWII
  - Clayton was a Navy Petty Officer in WWII
  - Fred W. Lester was Commander of the American Legion in Downers Grove in 1949
- Laid to rest with full military honors in Clarendon Hills Cemetery - Darien, IL

Lester School was erected for all Downers Grove servicemen who gave their lives for their country in World War II.

Lester School is named in recognition of Frederick F. Lester, winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, who as a lad played on the prairies where the honorable school now stands.

Lester Weber, the third Medal of Honor recipient, was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969. He had attended Hinsdale South High School.

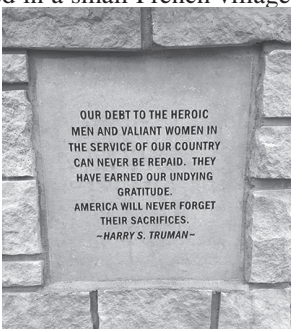
Clarendon Hills Cemetery Cross at sunset

in Clarendon Hills Cemetery

According to Christian M. DeJohn's article in the recent American Legion Magazine (May Issue), "Congress tasked the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) with creating cemeteries, chapels and monuments to honor the dead and missing, worthy of families visiting the final resting places of their loved ones."

"After the 1918 armistice, some 2,400 temporary American cemeteries remained in Europe, many near where doughnuts had fallen."

Alexander Bradley Burns, Post 80 namesake, was buried in a small French village cemetery, and later relocated to the Meuse-Argonne American military cemetery, Lorraine, France.



I've had the honor of visiting military cemeteries in Normandy and Anzio, as well as Arlington National Cemetery, and the experience of viewing thousands of white crosses row after row was deeply solemn and humbling. The picturesque beauty of the military cemetery grounds are impeccable and reverent.

I believe President Harry S. Truman's epitaph on a monument in Burr Ridge's Memorial Park offers a lasting Memorial Day tribute to our valiant fallen heroes.

----Hal Burke

On April 17th, we took 10 Veterans from DuPage Convalescent Home to lunch at Maxfield's Restaurant in Lombard. Everybody had a lot of fun with a lot of laughs. And, as always, the wait staff and food was excellent. So, a big thanks to all the Legion members who came along to help, I really appreciate it.
Rich Jones - Service Officer.

Americanism Committee American Essay Contest Winners

Unit 80's 2018 American Essay Contest winners, sisters Mia Fitzgerald (9th grade) and Julia Fitzgerald (7th grade), both won the essay contest at the District level. Mia read her essay to attendees and was congratulated for her work at the District 11 Convention meeting on Sunday, May 20 (Julia was unable to attend). Julia's essay has also won at the 2nd Division level; she will be attending the 2nd Division meeting on June 3.

Connie Boxleitner, 11th Dist. Pres, Mia Fitzgerald, (9th Grade Winner & Karen Melone, 11th Dist Americanism Chairman at 11 Dist Annual Convention 5/20/2018

ARE YOUR AIRLINE MILES GOING NOWHERE?

Donate your airline miles to Fisher House Foundation, the famous private foundation that helps veterans. Go to www.fisherhouse.org and click on the box at the top of the screen "Donate Miles." Unfortunately, the IRS does not recognize donations of frequent flyer miles as a tax deduction, but what better way to pass them on if your miles are going to expire?

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Thursday, June 14th
7:00 pm

Please join us for an outdoor ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in which the Boy Scouts are assisting in the disposal of old and worn flags.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018/2019

The Nominating Committee has developed the following slate of candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, which will be placed on file with the Post Adjutant:

Commander	Rick McLaren
Sr. Vice Commander	Bruce Peiffer
Jr. Vice Commander	Rich Jones
Finance Officer	Bernie Dudek
Sgt. At Arms	Howard Parker
Historian	Dave Wisbrock
Chaplain	Jack Border
Judge Advocate	Todd Hanson
Adjutant	Vacant (Appointed by the Commander)
Service Officer	Rich Jones (Appointed by the Commander)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	Ed Ludwig (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 1 yr.	Frank Mangone (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	John Cruz (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 2 yrs.	John Pavich (previously elected)
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Emery Wolff
Board of Directors – 3 yrs.	Dick Rooney
Honorary Post Position	
Jr. Past Commander	Ed Ludwig

In accordance with Post 80's Constitution, By-Laws & Standing Rules, the above positions will constitute Post 80's Board of Directors. Nominations may be made from the floor of the June Business Meeting. Nominees must submit written acceptance and proof of eligibility to the Post Adjutant five (5) days prior to the June Business Meeting.

IN MEMORIAM

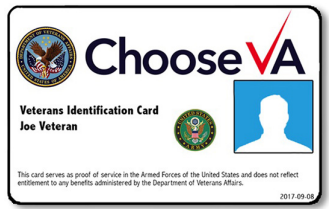
Ths Legionnaire Has Gone To The Commander of Us All.

THOMAS McHALE

U.S. Army Veteran - KOREA
American Legion member - 54 years

Rest Well, Our Friend.

VETERAN'S ID CARDS AVAILABLE



The Department of Veterans Affairs is accepting applications for new Veteran ID cards.

The cards — designed to be an easy way for veterans to prove their military service for a host of non-government services — will be delivered within 60 days of applying with digital copies available next month.

Veterans can start the application process now through the main VA website at www.vets.gov. The link to the ID application is on the bottom left of the page, labeled "Apply for printed Veteran ID Card."

"The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most veterans to show proof of service," VA Secretary David Shulkin said in a statement. "With the card, veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain veteran discounts and other services."

Cards will be printed and shipped by Office Depot, an arrangement that VA officials said will allow veterans to receive the IDs free of charge.

Under rules developed by VA, individuals who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and have a character of discharge of honorable or general under honorable conditions are eligible for the new IDs. Veterans with other than honorable status are not eligible.

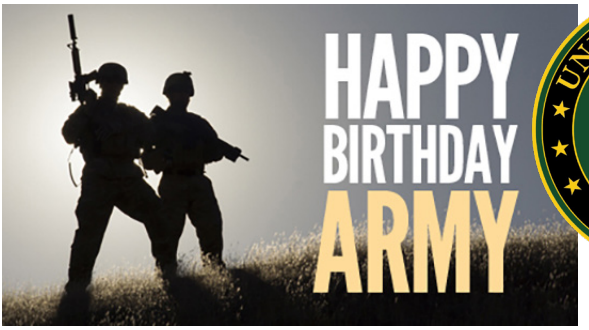
The new cards won't replace VA medical cards or official defense retiree cards and will not carry any force of law behind them. Veterans will also need to register for an online account with VA to apply for the card.

ATTENTION: FOR VETERANS WHO HAVE LOST A BATTLE BUDDY, FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND TO SUICIDE.

LOSS (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) is pleased to announce the addition of a new monthly **Drop-In-Support Group** for veterans on the Hines VA Campus.

WHEN: **Third Tuesdays 1-3 P.M.** *WHERE:* **Bishop Goedert Residence Library**, Hines VA Campus Building #53 across from Building #228, 53 Tripp Ave., HINES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(708) 202-4966 or (312) 655-7283. www.Catholiccharities.net/loss

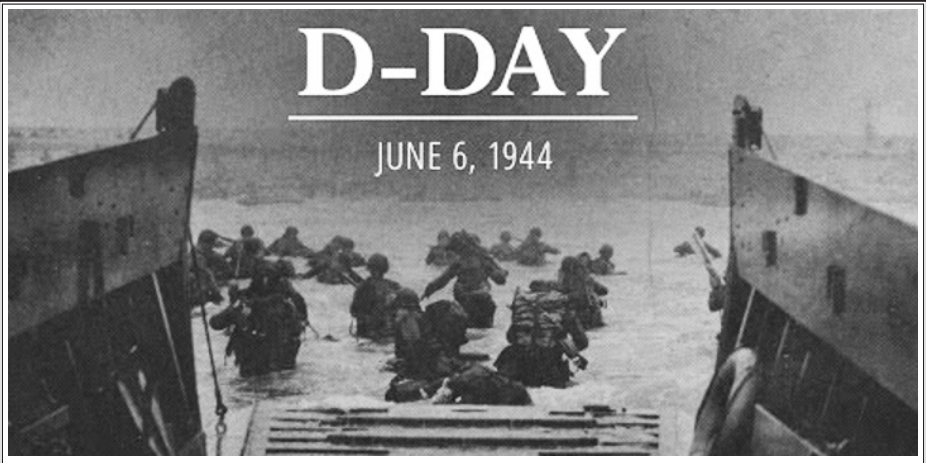


JUNE 14

The United States Army (USA) is the land warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces. It is one of the seven uniformed services of the United States and is designated as the Army of the United States in the United States Constitution, Article 2, Section 2, Clause 1 and United States Code, Title 10, Subtitle B, Chapter 301, Section 3001. As the oldest and most senior branch of the U.S. military in order of precedence,[9] the modern U.S. Army has its roots in the Continental Army, which was formed (14 June 1775) to fight the American Revolutionary War (1775–1783)—before the United States of America was established as a country.[10] After the Revolutionary War, the Congress of the Confederation created the United States Army on 3 June 1784 to replace the disbanded Continental Army.[11][12] The United States Army considers itself descended from the Continental Army, and dates its institutional inception from the origin of that armed force in 1775.[10]

As a uniformed military service, the U.S. Army is part of the Department of the Army, which is one of the three military departments of the Department of Defense. The U.S. Army is headed by a civilian senior appointed civil servant, the Secretary of the Army (SECARMY) and by a chief military officer, the Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) who is also a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It is the largest military branch, and in the fiscal year 2017, the projected end strength for the Regular Army (USA) was 476,000 soldiers; the Army National Guard (ARNG) had 343,000 soldiers and the United States Army Reserve (USAR) had 199,000 soldiers; the combined-component strength of the U.S. Army was 1,018,000 soldiers.[4] As a branch of the armed forces, the mission of the U.S. Army is "to fight and win our Nation's wars, by providing prompt, sustained, land dominance, across the full range of military operations and the spectrum of conflict, in support of combatant commanders".[13] The branch participates in conflicts worldwide and is the major ground-based offensive and defensive force of the United States.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Army



The Normandy landings were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe from Nazi control, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

Would you believe that Post 80 has 40 members from WWII?

U.S. assault troops in an LCVP landing craft approach Omaha Beach, 6 June 1944.

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U.S. Rangers scaling the wall at Pointe du Hoc

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Carrying their equipment, U.S. assault troops move onto Utah Beach. Landing craft can be seen in the background.

PRESIDENT.....JOEY KLINGBIEL
VICE PRESIDENT.....MARY ANN PRONEY
SECRETARY .....BEVERLY PARROTT
TREASURER.....PAM QUEDNAU
CHAPLAIN .....KIM CRUZ
HISTORIAN.....BEVERLY PARROTT
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....ARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY $24.00/YEAR JR. AUX $4.00/YEAR

PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb
1921....Jessie Straub
1922....Matilda Uhlorn
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
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
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1965....Anne Creel
1966....Evelyn Jenkins
1967....Dorothy Nied
1968....Eleanor Bartels
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1970....Helen Beck
1971....Jeanette Foster
1972....Dorothy Kadlec
1973....Margaret Morello
1974....Ann Hodous
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1977....Alice Pechinski
1978....Mildred Mueller
1979....Catherine Smalley
1980....Frances North
1981....Anne Creel
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2014....Kim Cruz
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2016....Jean Krupin
2017....Jean Krupin

Italics denotes deceased

Auxiliary Bingo Workers

JUNE 5TH
KITCHEN: JOEY K. -LEAD, ARLENE G. & SANDY S.
TICKETS: BONNIE B

JUNE 12TH
KITCHEN: JEAN K. -LEAD , SANDY S. & ?
TICKETS: CHRIS G.

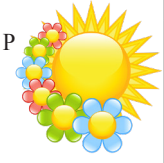
JUNE 19TH
KITCHEN: KIM C. -LEAD, JULIE I. & CHARLOTTE U.
TICKETS: PAT M. & JANE B.

JUNE 26TH
KITCHEN: SANDY S.-LEAD & JULIE I.
TICKETS: DONNA R.

No Hostess for June Needed

LEGION BINGO COMPUTER SCHEDULE

JUNE 5TH GUY Q
JUNE 12TH MARY ANN P
JUNE 19TH SANDY K
JUNE 26TH HARRY



JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDSAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3	4	5 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm D-DAY	7	8	9 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 6:00 pm Past Presidents Dinner	12 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	13	14 U.S.ARMY FLAG DAY *U.S. Army Birthday*	15	16 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
17 HAPPY Father's DAY	18	19 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	20	21 HAPPY first day of SUMMER	22	23 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25	26 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am

SEE www.post80.org/calendar
FOR MORE DETAILS

ELIGIBILITY DATES

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* • **KOREAN WAR** *JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955* • **GRENADA & LEBANON** *AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984* • **OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA** *DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990* • **PERSIAN GULF** *AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities*