

## Commander's Column

It looks like winter has not given up yet, so stay warm and be careful, I recently returned from a short stay in Florida, and it has been mentioned that the cold weather returned when I got back, I feel bad about this and have offered to return if someone paid for the Trip. So far I have had no takers, but the offer still stands. \ March will be a busy month. Daylight saving time returns on March 10TH. There is also an Eagle Scout ceremony on that day. Troop 80 is a very active troop and has been a big help to the Legion. Everyone who is a part of the Troop deserves a big thank you from us.

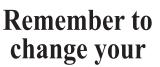
We also have another Poker event on March 18th.anyone who can be the legion rep for a three hour shift please let me know. The new member initiation is on Saturday the 23d.

Financially, the Post is in good shape. Bingo has been had good crowds and we could always use help. Stop by on Tuesday and see what's going on and consider volunteering. It can be a good time and those of us there will make sure you feel welcome.

As we look forward to spring, we hope to see you at the Post.

Howard

# on MARCH 10th





For Daylight Savings Time









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## SPOTLIGHT ON:

Togetherweserved.com enables Veterans to preserve, share their military stories for free

A Veteran's military service memories, captured in their own words and photographs, is one of the most valuable legacies a former service member can provide for his or her family. Reading about what Veterans did to serve their country allows family members and future generations to understand and appreciate what they went through to provide the freedoms we all enjoy today.

Togetherweserved.com (TWS), an online community with a membership of over 2.3 million U.S. Veterans, has been preserving the military service stories of its Veterans for over 20 years. TWS is seen as an important archive of living military history.

By way of a guided questionnaire and a specially designed interface called 'Service Reflections,' TWS makes it very easy for Veterans to record memories of key people and events from their military service. Their service story comes to life by simply answering one question at a time to which they can add accompanying photographs.

The result is a beautiful I2-inch-wide presentation of a Veteran's entire Military Service Story, from enlistment to separation, complete with their personal Military Service Plaque. Veterans can download and save the plaque as a PDF file or share it with family and friends via a personal web address.

One Veteran who has appreciated this free service is retired Marine LCpl Ramon D. Arredondo, who served from 1968 to 1972.

"My story is a humble one," Arredondo said. "I served my country and had a few moments of valor and virtue. But since all of us will fade into the pages of history, virtually unknown, Together We Served has allowed me to tell my story of duty, honor, God and country, for which I am very grateful."

Meanwhile, Togetherweserved.com has been collaborating with VA by hosting a monthly competition, promoted through the weekly #VetResources newsletter, encouraging Veterans to write about a specific memory from their military service. Over 6,400 exceptional stories have been submitted since the Military Memories competition commenced in February 2023. All 55 winning entries can be viewed at on the TWS blog.





## **Auxiliary News - MARCH 2024**

"Serving Veterans, the Real Super Heroes"

Hello Everyone

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We had our meeting on February 12 at 6:30.

Secretary, Jean Krupin, reported that the minutes of last month were approved with corrections and filed.

Treasurer, Christine Graves gave her report and will be filed for audit.

Membership, Julie Isenberger gave her report and we still have some members who have not paid yet. Ladies please send in your dues.

No bingo report this month. But we are still short-handed for helpers in the kitchen on Bingo nights.

Thank you to my sister Vicki Jones for her delicious bakery treats and her help in the kitchen while she is visiting from Arizona.

Our first fun bowling was on February 21 at 9:30. Suburbanite Bowl. All are welcome to join us, this is not for competition just a good time Cost is three games for \$8. Shoe rental is \$4.00.

Remember our Craft fair/bake sale will be on Saturday September 14, 9:00 to 2:00. Set up Friday 13th from 3:00 to 6:00. Please save some time to help out on Saturday. Advertising for the fair is in the making. Please let your crafting friends know about our craft fair, spread the word. More info to come.

Keep sending in items for VA& R needs. Puzzles, art supplies, adult coloring books, tooth paste, playing cards, baseball hats, just to name a few.

The 11th District meeting is Sunday, March 3rd at the Post in New Lenox - 14414 Ford Drive 815-485-4651. Opens at 11:30, lunch at noon, meeting starts at 1:00 to approximately 3:00.

Ladies wishing to go please meet at our Post at 10:45 to leave by 11:00 the latest. Let's try to have a good representation of our Unit. These meetings are informative and great to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

The 98th annual Patriotic Conference will be held in Springfield IL on Friday March 22nd, at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 East Adams. Opens at 8:00 with exhibits and basket raffles. The conference session begins at 9 a.m.

The Department Convention will be held again in Springfield on July 11th to the 13th. Further information will be given as time nears.

March 8th is International Women's Day, celebrating women of Service.

That's all for now. If anyone has news to share or photos for the newsletter next month and after please contact me.

"Keep helping our Veterans"

Bonita Wisbrock President Unit 80 630-303-2691





# Super Bowl Party







# SUPER BOWLING PARTY



Front Rylla, Julie, Bonnie. Back Donna, Jean, Donna





SEABEES March 5



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## DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING INTERESTING TO SHARE?

Articles and photos for the newsletter must be submitted **no later** than the **17th of the month**.

Please contact Bruce Peiffer: agnlbp@gmail.com.

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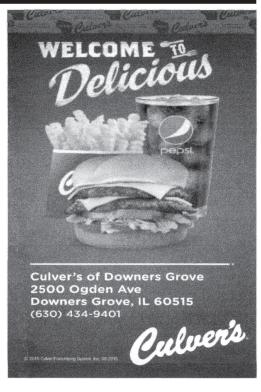
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#### Monthly Events:

- Canteen open Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 3:00 PM
- Members meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 PM
- Taco Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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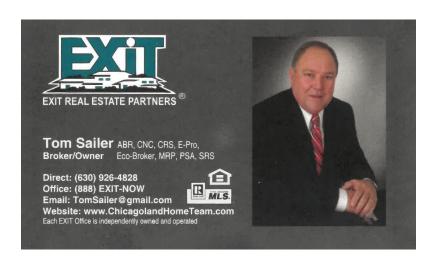


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# PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

## Saturday, May 18th

...is the Past Commanders Dinner which is open to one and all Legion, Auxiliary, and other family members. It is the one chance to pay honor to the past commanders who are alive and those whose voices have been stilled.

The Social Hour......5PM - 6PM
Dinner.....6PM
Program will follow dinner

We are asking \$8/per person for the dinner. Past Commanders and their spouses are free.

Please come and join us, by returning the lower part of this notice so that we can minimize waste and off set the cost of food.

Yes, I am coming to Past Commanders Dinner

Name\_\_\_\_\_

How many in your party?\_\_\_\_\_

Mail back to: American Legion Post 80

Attn: Rich Jones 4000 Saratoga Ave

Downers Grove, IL 60515

## FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

Tax preparation assistance is available at no charge to eligible individuals and families. Eligibility requirements include age and/or income. Please check with the assistance provider.

The College of DuPage Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Free Tax Preparation program is able to prepare federal and state income tax returns for 2020, 2021 2022 and 2023 tax years. This service is available to all community members regardless of income level. If you have concerns about the complexity of your return contact taxprep@cod.edu

Free tax preparation services are available on Saturdays and select weekdays by appointment on Saturdays, Feb. 10 through April 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (No appointments on Sat., March 30.)

Go to https://www.cod.edu/tax-prep for detailed information including additional locations and how to register.

**Downers Grove Park District is working with the AARP** to offer free tax assistance. Appointment scheduling begins January 8, 2023 on a first-come, first-served basis. Tax appointments will be at Lincoln Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays February 6 - April 11, 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Registration is open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. **To make an appointment: call 630-960-7500** or visit the Lincoln Center (935 Maple Avenue) or Recreation Center (4500 Belmont Road). Detailed information can be found at https://www.dgparks.org/lincoln-center-adult-center.



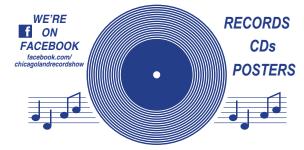
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## **Visit the Elmhurst Historical Museum**

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Victory at Home: 1941-1945 March I - August 18, 2024

Spurred by the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the United States entered the Second World War. President Roosevelt urged every citizen to answer the call to fight, whether overseas or at home. The exhibition, Victory at Home: 1941-1945, will explore the national effort to support the military during the war. This resilient and steadfast generation of civilians helped lead the Allies to victory through united efforts such as rationing, women in the workforce, increased war production, purchasing war bonds, and so much more. These efforts taught Americans how to economize, to alleviate the domestic hardships and mental fatigue a nation at war often experiences. The exhibition will include compelling artifacts, photographs, and interactive audio-video stations with hands-on experiences to demonstrate the significant contribution Chicagoland residents, including those in Elmhurst, had on the home front effort.

#### Lecture: "The Fly Girls of WWII" Sunday, March 10, 2024 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Price: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members reservations required: https://elmhursthistorymuseum.ticketspice.com/the-fly-girls-of-wwii

Speaker: Rebecca Tulloch

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During WW2, over IIOO women, led by Jackie Cochran, the "Speed Queen", served their country by flying every military aircraft in the American Armed Forces. Air ferry missions, target practice for artillery crews, and the aircraft maintenance shakedown flights are just a few of the types of missions flown by these American Heroines. Join Rebecca Tulloch, a certified FAA pilot herself, as she tells the story of the Fly Girls of WW2 as only a pilot can.

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#### ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES:

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#### **MARCH 12, 2024**

KITCHEN: JEAN KRUPIN

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** 

TICKETS: BILL COZZI COMPUTER: TOM LYNCH

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