



For God and Country

MAY 2023

Commander's Column

It looks as if we are in for a very late, short spring. Despite the weather, the bees are doing well and the Scouts have been keeping up with the mowing. They have gotten some help maintaining the mowers and should be in good shape for the season. In addition, several outside lights have been positioned around the perimeter of the building to illuminate the dead spots. Thanks to John Cruz and Dave Wisbrock for their efforts.

The post continues to be in good financial shape. Bingo attendance has increased and rentals are picking up. Stop in some Tuesday and see what's happening. You will be surprised. We have had several compliments from players that we have the friendliest operation they have seen, and that it is a pleasure to play Bingo at Post 80. The whole Bingo crew should be proud of their work. The people who run Bingo are the reason for our success.

This month is also Armed Forces Day (May 20th) and Memorial Day (May 29th). We are posting the colors at Burr Ridge for Armed Forces Day and have ceremonies for Memorial Day starting at 8AM at the post and concluding at Fishel Park in downtown Downer's Grove. The Scouts will host a pancake breakfast before the ceremonies. I encourage you all to attend. As they say, Armed Forces Day honors those who wear the uniform, Veterans Day honors those who came home and took the uniform off, and Memorial Day honors those who never got the chance to take the uniform off.

Don't forget to come by on Saturday mornings for coffee and donuts. The conversation is worth the trip. See you at the Post.

Howard

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
The American Legion
Memorial Day
Monday May 29, 2023

Events of the Day

- 1. Breakfast at the Post 6:30 A.M. 7:45 A.M.
- 2. Memorial Service & Post Everlasting 8:00 A.M. in front of Post
- 3. Honor Guard Salutes Fallen Veterans 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at Area Cemeteries (see below)
- 4. Memorial Day Parade Main Street - Downers Grove. Railroad to Fishel Park. Parade step off at 10:45 A.M.
- Memorial Day Ceremony
 11:00 A.M. Veterans' Memorial Park
- 6. Light Lunch at Post1:00 P.M. for Participants

The following is the schedule of the area cemeteries to be visited:

8:30 A.M. St. Bernard's Cemetery (Hobson Road)

8:45 A.M. West Side Cemetery (Oak Hill)

8:55 A.M. Blodgett Cemetery (Oak Crest)

9:15 A.M. Memorial Park (Maple Ave.)

9:30 A.M. Main Street Cemetery (Downtown)

9:45 A.M. Pierce Downer Cemetery (Linscott Ave.)





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There has been a delay in shipping of 2023 membership cards due to a paper shortage. Please refrain from calling Department HQ about the status of your cards, as we have been getting an

influx of inquiries. We will do our best to keep everyone update as soon as we receive more information. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

—Membership Dept.

SICK CALL

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

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AUXILIARY SENIOR POPPY CONTESTS

for Senior Auxiliary Members Only

Time to create some unique poppy designs. You can create:

- 1. Poppy Apparel
- 2. A Poppy Hat
- 3. Poppy Holiday Hanging Wreath
- 4. Poppy Corsage
- 5. Poppy Wall Hanging
- 6. Poppy Floral Table Holiday Arrangement
- 7. Poppy Floral Table non-holiday Arrangement
- 8. Poppy Tray Favors
- 9. Poppy Poem contest

All entries due to Bonnie by June 1.

For more information: Contact Bonnie Wisbrock at 630-303-2691 or by email at bonitawisbrock@yahoo.com





Auxiliary News - MAY 2023

"Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes"

It's May and the flowers are blooming. Hope everyone had a good Easter. In our March newsletter I mentioned about having a Craft Fair. At our April meeting we agreed to cancel for now.

With a lack of representation at our monthly meetings and only 7 active members we find that we do not have enough people to handle a craft fair.

If the future brings more participation we can reconsider the Craft Fair.

We are still short-handed for kitchen help on Tuesday bingo night. We like to staff three people. Right now we have only one person on the first Tuesday of the month. We have four ladies, each doing two Tuesdays a month and extra on a month with five Tuesdays. Our Kitchen is our only big income for service to our Veterans. We need to keep the kitchen running. All our kitchen money goes to support our Veteran programs.

Members out there, please consider offering to help on Tuesday night bingo. Come to our monthly meeting to see how you can help.

We have Chairmanships that we cannot fill because of the lack of enough members willing to volunteer their time once a month. Remember all of our time is dedicated for service to our Veterans. We cannot do our programs without everyone's help.

Our Officer nominations for the coming year are as follows:

President Bonnie Wisbrock
Vice President Julie Isenberger
Treasurer Christine Graves
Chaplain Joey Klingbiel
Historian Kim Cruz
Sgt at Arms Joyce Wilk

Jean Krupin will continue as secretary.

Our Poppy girl is our Junior member Madeline Krajniak, granddaughter of David and Bonnie Wisbrock, and daughter of Senior member Gabrielle (Wisbrock) Krajniak, former Poppy girl of 1997 & 2001 and Christopher.

Call to sign up and help collect donations for our Veterans by offering a Poppy. If you have a business or know of a business you frequent maybe they would let you place a Poppy donation can in their business.

Reminder of Past Commander's night on May 20th and Memorial Day ceremony at the Post.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's. Enjoy your special day and no cooking!

Our Past Presidents ceremony and light refreshments will be at our May meeting. Hope to see you at our next meeting May 8th at 6:30. We have refreshments and a light snack and friendly ladies with interesting

conversations.

Bonnie

630-303-2691



PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

Saturday, May 20th ...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 McLaren 4000 Saratoga Ave,

Downers Grove, IL 60515





VETERAN INFO PAGE

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Bill Brophy, Admin. Assistant

Bernadette Wawczak. Case Manager/Service

Officer

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Audrey Mollo, Administrative Assistant I

Telephone: **312-603-2221** Fax: 312-603-4479

email: Audrey.Mollo@CookCountyll.gov Veterans.Affairs@CookCountyll.gov

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If you are in need of your **DD 214** go to the following website:

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Then go to Start your Military Service Record (DD Form 214) Request and follow the prompts and fill in the required information. It also has you print a signature sheet that you have to mail to them. When they receive the signature paper, they will send you an email confirming that they received it. Then in about 10 days, you'll receive 2 certified copies of your DD 214 and copies of your discharge orders.

It's really easy and it only costs you the price of a postage stamp and an envelope.

Your Service Officer.

WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS & CRUTCHES

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For anyone having difficulties with the VA, there is a White House HOTLINE that is staffed 24/7: 855.948.2311



Special Military Observances in May

May 1, 2023 Silver Star Banner Day

Per Congressional resolution, it is an "Official Day to honor wounded, ill, and injured Veterans".

May 12, 2023 Military Spouse Appreciation Day

This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.

May 13, 2023 Children of Fallen Patriots Day

A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.

May 20, 2023 Armed Forces Day

Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 29, 2023 Memorial Day

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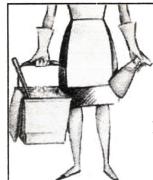
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Articles and photos for the newsletter must be submitted *no later* than the <u>17th</u> of the month.

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~~ INTERESTING THINGS TO DO IN MAY ~~

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Saturday MAY 20; IOAM-4PM - FREE for the whole family! at **Argonne National Laboratories - 9700 S. Cass Ave., Lemont IL** (Outdoor - Rain or Shine Event)

The Open House is primarily an outdoor event held within the lab's 2.7 square mile campus. All activities are accessible by foot or using a mobility device. Visitors should wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and dress for the day's weather forecast. Visitors will receive an Open House guide with a map and activity list upon entry to the lab site.

Argonne will operate a continuous shuttle loop to help visitors travel to different activities and areas. There are pick-up and drop-off locations near all tours, activities, and parking lots across campus. Some shuttles are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

Visit https://www.anl.gov/open-house/plan-your-day for essential information before your visit

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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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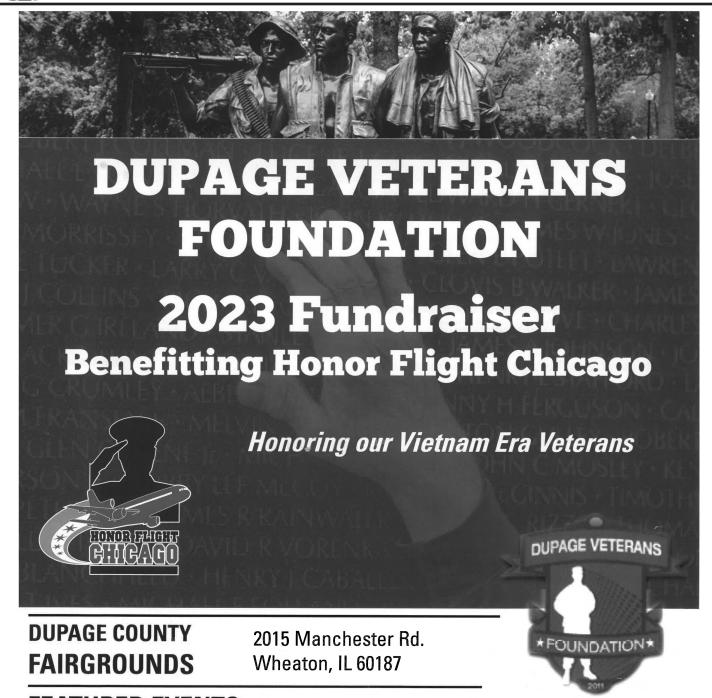
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MAY 6, 2023 · 11AM - 3PM



NOMINATIONS FOR 2023/2024

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 Howard Parker

Sr. Vice Commander Bob Hahn
Jr. Vice Commander Vacant

Finance Officer Rick McLaren
Sgt. At Arms Bill Dawson
Historian Dave Wisbrock

Chaplain Vacant

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.

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John Cruz (previously elected 2020/2021)

John Pavich (previously elected 2020/2021)

Board of Directors – 1 yr.

Chris Martinez (previously elected 2022/2023)

Dick Rooney (previously elected 2021/2022)

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. 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.

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calendar

FOR MORE DETAILS

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BONNIE WISBROCK

TICKETS: **CHRIS GRAVES**

COMPUTER: JOE SIMONETTI

MAY 9, 2023

KITCHEN: **JEAN KRUPIN**

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JOYCE WILK

TICKETS: **BILL COZZI** COMPUTER: HARRY MCCABE

MAY 16, 2023

KITCHEN: **TODD HANSON**

KIM CRUZ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! TICKETS: **BONNIE WISBROCK**

COMPUTER: MARY ANN PRONEY

MAY 23, 2023

KITCHEN: JEAN KRUPIN

DONNA ROSENKRANZ

JOYCE WILK

TICKETS: **JASON COCHRAN**

BONNIE WISBROCK

COMPUTER: JOE SIMONETTI

MAY 30, 2023 **HALF PRICE BINGO**

KITCHEN: KIM CRUZ

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CHRIS GRAVES TICKETS:

BONNIE WISBROCK

COMPUTER: JOE SIMONETTI



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