


AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Commander's Column

November is a busy month. The month starts with the clocks falling back an hour, the elections, and Veterans Day, and ends with Thanksgiving and the beginning of the end of the year holidays. Yet it is a solemn month as we give 'Thanks' for what and who we have in our lives. For many of our hospitalized veterans, homeless veterans, and on active duty military men & women there is very little to give thanks for. Each year we take to the streets of Downers Grove for a day where about ten people go out in early December and ask for change for our Gifts for Yanks Program. This year is no different (the date is December 14th) with the exception that I am **begging** you to please reach deep into your pocket. I challenge the Sons of The American Legion who are old enough to come collect for this program with us or, if you can not, know that your donations will matter.

October saw another successful family bingo night with the proceeds going to the Women's Auxiliary. The night was organized and run by Ed Ludwig. Ed, take another turkey leg. Thank you to Joe Pappalardo for being rental agent for the past two years; he has passed the torch to Jack Border. Joe you get a drum stick too.

The Legion & Auxiliary are jointly holding a Taco dinner on the afternoon of November 16th. It is an 'all you can eat' deal with any profits being split by the two groups. Any profits that the Legion receives will be put into the general fund. Hopefully we can start to rebuild our investment funds after our building spree of the past few years.

November has some interesting events that have taken place during the month. - The Mayflower Compact was signed in 1620; the Marine Corps has a birthday; the last Battle of the American Revolutionary War was fought in 1782; the Unknown Soldier of World War I was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in 1921; President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address in 1863 (it doesn't hurt to reread this every once in awhile); and the Continental Army was disbanded, 1783. Also in November, and my all time best reason for being proud that I live near Chicago - A protest parade was held in Chicago, in 1915, whereby 40,000 men demonstrated against the closing of saloons on Sundays. It is good to have priorities.

We will be celebrating Veterans Day twice. First, on Monday the 10th, members of our Post, along with others, will talk to groups of students at Downers Grove North High School. I would encourage you to participate. The second celebration will be our traditional 11/11 celebration at 11:11 AM.

I am just hoping that we are not digging out of snow drifts before the end of the month.

Woody



NOVEMBER 2008

ITS FOOTBALL TIME!!!!

On Sunday, November 16th the Bears play the Packers. We are holding a fundraiser with the Women's Auxiliary that will start at 11:45. We are offering all the tacos you can eat for \$10.00 for Adults and for Children 7-10 years old the cost is \$5.00. Children under 7 years of age pay only \$1.00! Drink tickets will be honored. All funds after costs will be split evenly between the Legion and the Auxiliary general funds to continue with our community good works. So grab a beer & taco and watch the game. If this is a success then we will be doing more things like it. If not, we will not. It's up to you!!!

What: Taco & Football Fundraiser.

When: Sunday, November 16th

Costs: \$10.00 per person over 10 years old

\$5.00 Children 7-10 years old

\$1.00 Children under 7

Drink tickets will be honored

Doors open at 11:30AM



IN MEMORIUM

Ed Genatempo

Phil F. Mitchell

These Legionnaires Have Gone To The Commander of
Us All.

Rest Well Our Friends.



AUXILIARY NEWS

We had family Bingo October 4th and it was a lot of fun! I want to say Thank You to Arlene Guest and Julie Isenberger for helping in the kitchen. We had the craft show at West Chicago October 18th and I want to say Thank You to Evelyn Fredericks, Juile Isenberger, Dee Harrision, Kim Cruz, Electa Finley and Pegi Castles, niece and friend for helping out. We had a District meeting on Sunday October 19th in Lockport we had Kathleen Hotchkiss, Julie Isenberger, Pegi Castles there. I hope everyone will have a Happy Halloween. I hope to see you at the Taco & Football Fundraiser November 16th.



Thank You
Rosemary Collins

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

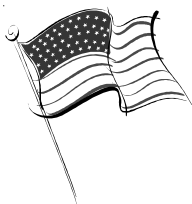
The Legion thanks the Legionnaire and Auxiliary member that took the veterans from DuPage County Center out to IHOP. Mrs. Penny Griesman said the veterans enjoy being with the men from post 80. Nick Brescia and others did a good job

The next party for the veterans at DuPage will be on Wednesday, Nov. 12th 2008; the Downers Grove women club will serve the food and the Legion will have music by Laura Preseton, Nick Brescia, Jack Border, and Rich Greenwald will be from post 80.

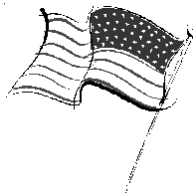


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**REMEMBER TO CHANGE
YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE
HOUR ON NOV. 2ND**



Post Veterans Day

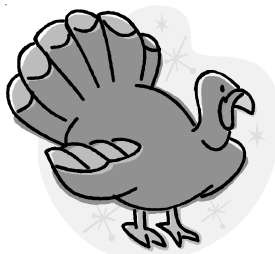


**Ceremony and Memorial Service Wednesday,
November 11, 2008 10:45 A.M.**

We will commemorate the service of veterans of
all wars and a remembrance of our fallen Comrades

At 10:45 A.M. in front of Post 80

**Have A Happy
Thanksgiving**





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Veterans Day

We remember this day before You all who serve in the armed forces of our Nation. Protect and defend them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace grant that they may serve with honor and dignity both to Your great glory and to the credit of this Nation.

We ask also that You will watch over the veterans of this land, inspiring them to serve You and this Country in ever new and creative ways.

Comfort our ill and wounded comrades who languish in hospitals or homes.

Grant that we shall appreciate and treasure the freedom that is our gift and our heritage, and that we may never forget the great price at which it was purchased for us all.

All this we ask of You, Almighty Father, in Your Name. Amen.

Give Thanks to the men and woman who have given and preserved our nation on this Thanksgiving Day.

Wm. Jack Border
Chaplain Post 80

Dont Forget to VOTE!!
November 4th





NOVEMBER 2008



2008-2009
New Years Eve
CELEBRATION



American Legion Post 80
4000 Saratoga Avenue
Downers Grove IL 60515
630-968-9710

Prime Rib Dinner

Cash Bar 6PM...Open Bar 9PM-1AM

MUSIC TO DANCE BY

CHAMPAGNE TOAST-FAVORS-SNACKS

Donation: \$45 per person

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Buffet Dinner at 7:00 PM

Celebration Starts at 9:00 PM

Tables of 10 may be reserved Tickets prior to December 21st are \$45 per person

After December 21st, tickets are \$55 per person

For Tickets Sales and Table Assignments Call:

Pete at 1-630-416-2029



2008

**POST 80
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**



DECEMBER 7, 2008 AT 1:30 PM

Children must be 10 years of age or younger and be children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to a Post 80 member. There will be a Santa Claus, fun and games, cookies, treats and presents. The cut off date for registration of a child is November 17th. This cut off date is required to ensure each child gets a wrapped present. Why not register your child now while you are thinking about it. Use the form below and send it to the Post. Children must be present to receive a gift from Santa.

Member's name _____

Phone Number _____

Child's Name Age Boy/Girl Relation to Member





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WERE YOU?

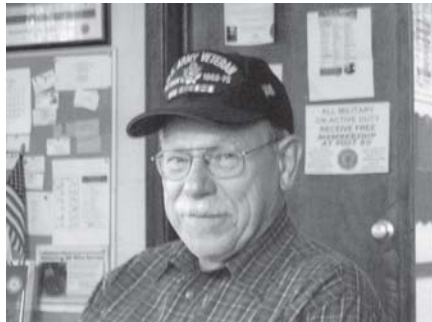
Jack Ardell who spent 30 in the US Army asked did anyone serve with the 85th Division? If so please let Woody or Mr. Ardell know.

Thank you.

NOW HEAR THIS JARHEADS!!!!

Major General E.G. Payne Assistant Deputy Commandant of the US Marine Corps has sent out a letter looking for individuals who resided or worked aboard Marine Corps Base **Camp Lejeune, NC between 1957 and 1987**. A water quality issue was discovered in some base water systems. The unregulated chemicals may cause health problems. The Marines would like to put you and your address into a registry to keep you up to date on the continuing studies. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the Marine website at www.marines.mil or call 877.261.9782.

Legionaire of the Month



Sr. Vice Commander

R. "Mike" Mikulecky

- 7years Member, Bingo Worker
- Spent many hours rebuilding the fire truck sand blaster and painted the howisters
- All-Around Handy-Man



Our friends at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery





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Saturday morning coffee
and donuts at the post.

Come Join Us!!



Never Forget

At our September meeting Peter Tepler asked for the floor. Pete relayed how he had met and spoken with a young 23 year old Marine, Anthony G. Mihalo of Naperville. The Marine won four Purple Harts and lost his life in Afghanistan on August 14, 2008. "Pete said this is what Anthony's Stepfather wrote in a newspaper article 'Bill Wolfe said his Stepson's death makes him feel like it's only the families of service men & women who are truly fighting the war. Most Americans do not feel the burden because there is no draft, war bonds, or rationing. He said we're not a nation at war but there are families in the Nation who are at war'".

It is up to us to remind people that as we enjoy our freedoms there are families that have lost next everything for our freedom.



Growth mode continues at Post 80.

Please join us at our monthly meeting.

The basic requirements remain;

Legion member (or Auxilary or Sons of Legion member),

Poses a two or three wheeled vehicle of 350cc or better.

A Legion Rider is NOT required to be a member of Post 80.

(any legion post is OK)

Saturday June 14 was the Ride for Global Hope to help the people of New Orleans rebuild their homes.

One sad note; one bike was hit on the benefit ride. Chuck and Cathy Ruiz from the Fox Lake area Legion Riders were injured. On October 5, 2008 A spaghetti dinner was given following a Bike ride that went into Wisconsin. The event was hosted at the Fox Lake American Legion Post 703.

Over \$5000 dollars was raised to help the Ruiz family.

Our next meeting will be November 15 at the post. A Boy Scout breakfast will be in the main hall so will meet in the library at 10 am.



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Thought-Of- The-Month

Many of the interesting things around us, are the results of humans!!

- » Took thousands of years for the world to reach one billion people, but took less than a century to reach six billion people.

- » 750 000,000 tons of trash is collected each year worldwide, costing over 1 billion dollars, (where to dump it in the future?).

- » At present, 17.4 trillion kilowatts of electricity are available in the world through present equipment. The U. S. uses about 10.

- » Buildings consume up to 33 of our natural resources, 33 of Fossil fuel, & 68 of Electricity, & create 50 hazardous waste.

- » The Colorado River never reaches the sea. It is consumed before it passes through California.

- » 1/5 the of the world's fresh water is in the Great Lakes.

- » Speaking of water, a waterless urinal saves over 300.000 gal. of water over 20 years, and at a cost savings of \$4,000.00..

- » The human eye adapts from dark to light in 2-3 seconds, while from light to dark in 2-3 minutes.

Dont Forget November 4th !!

November 2008

BINGO WORKERS

November 4th

TICKETS: Midge Zielinski
Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Pat Mustradi

Jane Bernadini

Arlene Guest?

November 11th

TICKETS: Ilean Kuhnert

KATHLEEN Hotchkiss

KITCHEN: Mary Pizzo

Lorraine Donnegan

Kathy Pleet

November 18th

TICKETS: Eleanor Richards

Evelyn Fredericks

KITCHEN: Karen Greenwald

Leora Novak?

November 25th

TICKETS: Alice Dunn

Rosalyn Gizzi

KITCHEN: Dolores Harrison

Rosemary Collins

Julie Isenberger

Meeting

November 17th

Dolores Harrison

Eleanor Richards

Berrince K.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Bears Game 11:00a.m. at the Past	3	4 Election Day BINGO 6:30PM	5 Business Meeting 7:30	6	7 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	8
9 Bears Game 11:00a.m. at the Past	10	11 Veteran's Day BINGO 6:30PM	12 County Meeting @ Roselle Post 10841	13	14 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	15
16 Bears Game 11:00a.m. @ Past Taco & Football fund raiser	17 Auxiliary Meeting	18 BINGO Half Price Night	19 Business Meeting 7:30	20	21 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	22
23 Bears Game 11:00a.m. at the Past	24	25 BINGO 6:30PM	26 Business Meeting 7:30	27 Thanksgiving	28 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	29
30 Bears Game 6:15p.m. at						

ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I—APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918

KOREAN WAR—JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955

GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984

WORLD WAR II—DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946

VIETNAM—FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975

OPER: JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA—DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990

PERSIAN GULF—AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities

November 2008



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JR. VICE TODD HANSON
ADJUTANT..... WOODY KAWATERS
FINANCE ANDY PELLICIONI
SGT-AT-ARMSJIM NELSON
HISTORIAN DICK BERNARDINI
CHAPLAIN.....JACK BORDER
JUDGE ADVOCATEJACK BORDER
SERVICE OFFICER.....HERB MORRISON
969-1655
NEWSLETTER JOE PAPPALARDO& JIM LEONAS
964-0011 964-0030

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

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



PRESIDENT ROSEMARY COLLINS
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CHAPLAIN..... GERRY GRAGG
HISTORIAN KATHLEEN HOTCHKISS
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS LOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR

1920.... <i>Margaret Bebb</i>	1949.... <i>Vivian Harkness</i>	1979.... <i>Catherine Smalley</i>
1921.... <i>Jessie Straub</i>	1950.... <i>Christine McGarvie</i>	1980....Frances North
1922.... <i>Matilda Uhlorn</i>	1951....Shirley Wrenn	1981....Anne Creel
1923.... <i>Myra Hawkins</i>	1952.... <i>Letitia Mrkvicka</i>	1982.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1924.... <i>Clara Nash Hawkins</i>	1953.... <i>Corabelle Krepper</i>	1983.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1925.... <i>Emily Sanders</i>	1954.... <i>Christine McGarvie</i>	1984....Anne Creel
1926.... <i>Daisy Swift</i>	1955.... <i>Elsie Niedner</i>	1985.... <i>Genevieve Kotowski</i>
1927.... <i>Florence Johnson</i>	1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss	1986.... <i>Genevieve Kotowski</i>
1928.... <i>Mary Pfaff</i>	1957.... <i>Marian Lacey</i>	1987....Ethel Clark
1929.... <i>Esther Binder</i>	1958....Evelyn Fredericks	1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1930.... <i>Beulah McCollum</i>	1959....Shirley Schenke	1989....Eleanor Bartels
1931.... <i>Viola Vix</i>	1960....Margaret Morello	1990....Bonita Wisbrock
1932.... <i>Bernice Goltry</i>	1961.... <i>Marian Ruzicka</i>	1991.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1933.... <i>Mae Jones</i>	1962.... <i>Margaret Edwards</i>	1992.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1934.... <i>Bernice Hannan</i>	1963.... <i>Alice Pechinski</i>	1993.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1935.... <i>Marie Finger</i>	1964.... <i>Alice Pechinski</i>	1994....Midge Zielinski
1936.... <i>Evelyn Walter</i>	1965....Anne Creel	1995....Boneta Wisbrock
1937.... <i>Josephine Mitchell</i>	1966....Evelyn Jenkins	1996....Leora Novak
1938.... <i>Lorraine Edwards</i>	1967....Dorothy Nied	1997....Leora Novak
1939.... <i>Ethel Margison</i>	1968....Eleanor Bartels	1998.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1940.... <i>Vera Iehl</i>	1969.... <i>Alice Pechinski</i>	1999.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1941.... <i>Mabel Webster</i>	1970.... <i>Helen Beck</i>	2000...Lorraine Vimtrup
1942.... <i>Muriel Fischel</i>	1971.... <i>Jeanette Foster</i>	2001...Leora Novak
1943.... <i>Ruth Karvatt</i>	1972....Dorothy Kadlec	2002.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1944.... <i>Emily Mrkvicka</i>	1973....Margaret Morello	2003...Midge Zielinski
1945.... <i>Flossie Dreuttel</i>	1974.... <i>Ann Hodous</i>	2004...Bonnie Wisbrock
1946.... <i>Minnie Lester</i>	1975.... <i>Ann Hodous</i>	2005...Bonnie Wisbrock
1947.... <i>Esther Weaver</i>	1976....Eleanor Bartels	2006...Bonnie Wisbrock
1948.... <i>Myrtle Kraft</i>	1977.... <i>Alice Pechinski</i>	2007...Bonnie Wisbrock
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