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## Commander's Column

Wow, November already? We flipped back to Standard Time on 01 NOV – I never appreciate the shorter daylight hours but also not willing to live along the Equator. We do appreciate the four Seasons, though shoveling snow is generally not a favorite. 2020 has been a tumultuous year and not even late December yet. It is also the 245th birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps on 10 NOVEMBER 1775. Parris Island was also officially designated a USMC Recruit Depot on 01 NOV 1915. Happy Birthday all Marine veterans, active duty, and reservists – Semper Fidelis!

Please plan on attending our Veteran's Day service on Wednesday 11 NOVEMBER @1100 hours. We shall hold the ceremonies in the Hall as the weather is generally not cooperative. We must always understand the sacrifice of so many to preserve the freedoms we enjoy every day. American Veterans have sacrificed their lives, limbs, and health to bring freedom to all Americans and countless billions around the world. Every day should be Veterans Day as we breathe the free air of a country that started as a dream and the reality is far stronger and greater than the Founders could have ever dreamt.

President Abraham Lincoln also delivered his revered "Gettysburg Address" on 19 NOV 1863 to dedicate the National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Though only 240 words and not well received at the time, they have rung strongly in the hearts of Americans for over 150 years.

I must thank all members and guests of the Post observing the mask/distancing – better safe than sorry. As we learn through the news outlets, excellent progress appears to be made for effective vaccines and advanced treatments to defeat the virus. Our continued hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing should minimize spread not just of the Wuhan virus but also help minimize the annual cold and flu season. We appreciate all observing the precautions, let us beat the virus.

I continue to speak about the allergy season for me being minimal as I continue to use the American Legion honey, a teaspoon a day. If allergies and sinus infections hamper your health; please consider trying it: available daily in the Lounge of contacting Ed Ludwig or Dick Rooney.

Bingo is still in limbo – we still have not received a response to our 08 SEPTEMBER letter to our State Senator Curran explaining the irrational rule of 50 or 50%, whichever is lesser. He has no jurisdiction over these matters but has sent to Governor Pritzker's office where it sits awaiting their action. The Senator and his staff are doing what they can but unfortunately must wait for action by the Governor's office. Our players and volunteers are terrific, we do our best to follow our Bylaws and Preamble: obey the rules and laws of the United States of America.

The progress of the new ADA compliant restroom is steady, and we are hopeful of its completion by late November. We must thank Ed, Dave & John, and others for keeping an eye on its progress and successful completion.



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We have also confirmed that the DuPage County Traffic Court will be ending their lease in early 2021. This was a determination by the County Board to consolidate all courtrooms into the Wheaton Courthouse. I spoke to the Chief Judge recently and was highly complimentary of the professional and gracious manner our Post members have always treated Court personnel and those having to report to the court.

We have postponed the annual Children's Christmas Party not because we wanted to; but until we can safely conduct such activities it is the most prudent course of action.

Our next is Board Meeting is scheduled for 28 OCTOBER @ 7:30. The next Business Meeting is 04 NOVEMBER. Our December Business Meeting will have a special snack prepared by Todd Hanson. We encourage all members to participate in our meetings.

Please have enjoy a joyful Thanksgiving and enjoy family and friends. We are a resilient people who have weathered the worst calamities imaginable and gained strength and grown from them. Please imagine a healthier and stronger 2021 – it will happen.

Semper Fidelis, Bruce Peiffer



# Are you moving?

**We hate to have you miss the next  
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## Auxiliary News – NOVEMBER 2020

### Celebrate Your Pride in Membership to Grow for the Future



I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and stay safe and healthy. We had an October General Meeting on 10/12/2020. It still is a little strange with everyone social distancing, but with the Hall set up for court, we had enough room. So, come join us if you are healthy. We

have masks, hand sanitizer and wipes.

We approved on the changes to the By-Laws and I will email a copy of the Unit 80's Constitution and Bylaws if we have your email and will mail out a copy to those who done.

Jean Krupin gave us a Treasurer's report, there was not much change because the Bingo Kitchen was not open. We did have some more additional to Our Flanders Field, bulletin board. We are leaving the Bulletin up for awhile longer since the Legion has not been open yet. If you have not added a name, there is still time. See the article in this newsletter.

Bonnie Wisbrock Bonnie Wisbrock, Membership Chair, reported that we have 54 paid memberships and that we are three quarters of the way to 100%. The renewal fee will still be \$24.00. You can pay your dues electronically on the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois's Website: [http:// www.ilala.org](http://www.ilala.org) or bring it to Our General Meeting.

Bev Parrott, IL Girls State Chair, reported that she received an email from Kathy Ciena, from Department, regarding Girls State for 2021. The three candidates for the 2020 program have been approved to attend the 2021 program. Bev relayed the good news via email to Mia Fitzgerald, Olivia Ostrowski and Anyssa Pazmino. They are all excited to attend the 2021 program. Great News! If you know of a young lady who might be interested, please let Bev Parrott know. ALA Illini Girls State is done each year in June where over 400 young ladies will arrive to create 18 unique cities, 4 counties and one state government. It is a Great week where



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the young woman gets to experience how Our government works and will make lifelong friends. Again, if you know of someone let Bev know.

BINGO is still on hold. If Kim Cruz, Bingo Chairperson, hears anything she will let us know via email. If you do not have email, please continue to check on the Legion website for BINGO updates. The Legion website is [www.post80.org](http://www.post80.org). If you would like to help in the kitchen or tickets, please Kim Cruz- 630-408-2322.

Also, the Legion Kid Holiday Celebration has been cancelled

The Board is open to any ideas on what you want your Auxiliary Unit to accomplish next year. We will need to adjust how we work this year due to COVID19, but we want to continue to support Our Community Veterans, Active Military, and their families the best we can. So, if you have any ideas please let us know.

Our next General Meeting is on November 9, 2020 at 7:00pm. The Post is set up for the 6 feet of separation and we can meet and still maintain the 6 feet of separation. We ask that if you are coming, please bring your facemask and if you are feeling off/ill or have been in contact with anyone with COVID19, please do not come.

Hope to see everyone soon. Stay Safe and Healthy so we can all get together soon.

Mary Ann Proney  
Unit 80 President



*When you give thanks this  
Thanksgiving, please remember our  
men and women in the service who are  
away from their families this holiday.  
Pray for Peace.*



# Poppy Day Honor Board \$5.00 per Name

The Poppy Program raises community awareness and respect for our veterans by educating the public about the symbol of the poppy, taken from a line in the poem **"In The Flanders Fields"** written on the battlefield during World War 1 by Lt Col. John McCrae, M.D.

In honor of the men and women that have served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom, we will display an **"HONOR BOARD"** displaying the Auxiliary version of Flanders Field on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board at Post 80 to give thanks to them. We look forward to your honored veteran's name.

All Poppy Day Honor Board donations go directly to the Veterans and their families. During the month of July through September, the displayed board will honor your loved ones that served.



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# American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 – NOV 2020 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/legionriders](http://post80.org/legionriders) for updates for the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.



~~~~ DECEMBER 19 2020 ~~~~

*Please fill out a form for any loved one or friend that was laid to rest at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. We will be laying wreaths for the Christmas season. Please mail in or drop off forms c/o Legion Riders to the Post no later than Nov 10th. Please include family/friend's name and section number.*

*Form is available online at: <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/assets/downloads/Wreath-Sponsorship-Form-updated.pdf>*

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS - Contact John Pavich 630-712-1834**

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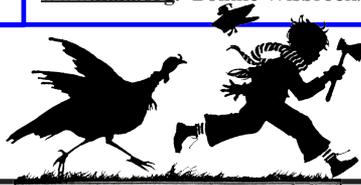


It is time to Renew your American Legion Auxiliary Unit 80 Membership.

Unit 80 has decided NOT to increase your dues . So your dues is still \$24.00.

Please renew your membership and remember to come and Join your fellow Members at any Legion or Auxiliary event or Our General Meeting beginning September 14 at 7:00pm. Look in the Legion – Aire Newsletter for events . Bonnie Wisbrock will be sending renewal letters out shortly

You can pay your dues electronically on the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois's Website : <http://www.ilala.org>. Bonnie Wisbrock/Membership Chairperson



## Attention American Legion Post 80 Members 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL!!!



The first renewal notice for 2020-2021 annual dues will be mailed from the National Headquarters very soon.

Consider joining the growing number of Post 80 members who pay dues online.

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NOVEMBER 11, 2019 -- 11 AM

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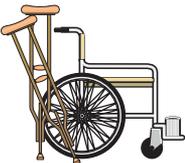
[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records)

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.

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### **ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES:**

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Honey is also available for purchase on Saturday mornings during the Coffee, Donuts & Conversation sessions from about 8:00am to 10:00am.



Exact change is appreciated.

**Be sure to wear your mask!**

## 2021 Bronze Memorial Plaque

We are in the process of collecting names to be placed on the new Bronze Plaque that will be placed on the Obelisk that is in the park in front of our Legion Post. The plaque is for all Veterans that served our country and the price is \$35.00 per name. We need 36 names to fill the plaque. A certificate and a picture of the plaque will be sent to the person who ordered the placement of the name. At present time over 600 names have been placed on the Obelisk.

If you know anybody who is a Veteran, (Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Aunt, Uncle, Cousin, just a friend or yourself) who's name you would like to see put on the plaque, pick up an application, which are located on the table in the hallway at the Post or call Rich Jones, Service Officer at (630) 964-2434.



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



*November  
10*

Every year on Nov. 10, Marine Corps veterans receive emails, calls and Facebook messages wishing them a happy birthday.

There are times throughout the year when we remember what it means to be a veteran, when we honor our fallen comrades on Memorial Day, or celebrate veterans on Veterans Day.

However, the Marine Corps birthday brings leathernecks back to a time surrounded by our brothers and sisters.

For me, it serves as more of a nostalgic day that reflects both Memorial Day and Veterans Day -- it's a time where Marines focus on their brothers in arms, remembering the good, and staring off into the distance as sorrow washes over them for all of their fellow Devil Dogs who gave their lives for our freedom.

It's a time spent remembering Marines gathering for a luau on Okinawa, or tossing each other around in the sand of Camp Pendleton for Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training. Who could forget the setting sun on evenings in boot camp, marching in formation and realizing what you were about to become, or the moment your drill instructors presented you with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor?

This Marine Corps birthday, let's remember our fallen comrades while focusing on these wonderful memories, of the time spent enjoying each other's company and forming the bonds that hold us all together forever.

Reach out to your fellow Marines and let them know you're still there for them. Celebrate our great Corps. Watch "Full Metal Jacket," or whatever you do to remember the good old days. Eat some cake and, if you have kids, make sure they understand what you're celebrating.

However you choose to celebrate the Marine Corps birthday, have a happy one.

-- Justin Sloan (USMC Veteran), Military.com

<https://www.military.com/marine-corps-birthday>



# *Happy Birthday*

## **to the U.S. MARINE CORPS - November 10**



# Auxiliary Bingo Workers

**BINGO HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED  
until further notice.**

**PLEASE CHECK  
[www.post80.org/calendar](http://www.post80.org/calendar)  
for regular updates**

**ALA GENERAL MEETING HOSTESSES:**



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                   | THURSDAY                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY                                      |                                                                |
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| 1                                                                                                                                                      | 2                                 | 3<br><br>U.S. NATIONAL ELECTION                                                         | 4<br>Business Meeting<br>7:30 pm            | 5                                                                                         | 6                                           | 7<br>Coffee Donuts & Conversation<br>8:30 am  |                                                                |
| 8                                                                                                                                                      | 9<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7:00 pm | 10<br><br>Marine Corps Birthday                                                         | 11<br>VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL<br>11 am        | 12                                                                                        | 13                                          | 14<br>Coffee Donuts & Conversation<br>8:30 am |                                                                |
| 15                                                                                                                                                     | 16                                | 17                                                                                                                                                                       | 18                                          | 19                                                                                        | 20<br>FAMILY FRIDAY @<br>POST 80<br>7:00 pm | 21<br>Coffee Donuts & Conversation<br>8:30 am |                                                                |
| 22                                                                                                                                                     | 23                                | 24                                                                                                                                                                       | 25<br>Board of Directors Meeting<br>7:30 pm | 26<br> | 27                                          | 28<br>Coffee Donuts & Conversation<br>8:30 am |                                                                |
| 29                                                                                                                                                     | 30                                |       |                                             |                                                                                           |                                             |                                               | <p><b>NOVEMBER 2020</b><br/>NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY MONTH</p> |
| <p>NOTE: This calendar can change without notice<br/>SEE <a href="http://www.post80.org/calendar">www.post80.org/calendar</a><br/>FOR MORE DETAILS</p> |                                   | <p>ELIGIBILITY DATES<br/>WORLD WAR I - APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918<br/>WORLD WAR II - DECEMBER 7, 1941 to present for any veteran with an Honorable Discharge.</p> |                                             |                                                                                           |                                             |                                               |                                                                |