

## **Commander's Column**

Fall is approaching. The signs are everywhere: flowers are losing their bloom, leaves are starting to turn, and the Bears are O-3. The post continues to thrive. We could always use more help, so if you have the time, spend it with us. The post has several positions that need to be filled- we need a rental agent and someone to manage the court workers. Both of these positions are important and contribute to the smooth running to the Post. If you can help with either of these let me know.

As we prepare for the cold weather, get started on the winterizing process early. I am trying to make this the year that when the first cold snap hits I am not outside rushing to finish the process.

The fire department has volunteered to give a first aid/CPR class to post members. They will also train us in the way to use the defillabrator. This is a great opportunity to brush up or to learn new skills. We will send out an Email to everyone when the date and time are set.

Again, I encourage you to get involved in Post activities. However much you can do will be helpful and you won't be disappointed.

See you at the Post.

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## American Legion Post 80 U.S. Military Veterans

Proudly Serving Downers Grove AS A LEGION MEMBER YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR VETERANS

The types of opportunities and volunteer work we need your help for:

- Our weekly Bingo night (every Tuesday) needs help – pull tab sales, check-in of players, kitchen crew, setup the hall, Constant Contact photos and create content
- Grounds and building maintenance
- Work with our youth Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, scholarships, other opportunities
- Service to active-duty military, veterans, military family support, Honor Guard for Veteran Funerals
- Community activities Memorial Day, Veterans Day, 4th of July Parade, etc.
- Many other activities that require the active support of Post 80 members



# OCTOBER 2023



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### The Most Dangerous Night of the Year...



The risk of a child being killed by a driver is TWICE AS HIGH on

HALLOWEEN than it is on other nights. PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY.

## FUN THINGS TO DO IN OCTOBER TALES & TOMBSTONES

Presented By: Lombard Historical Society and Lombard Park District October 6 & 7 - 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Location: Lombard Cemetery 462 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60!48 - (630) 629-1885 South Main Street at Washington Boulevard in Lombard Price: Ages I3-Adult = \$25, Children Ages 3-12 = \$5

The Lombard Historical Society in partnership with the Lombard Park District invites you to an evening in the oldest cemetery in Lombard. Staff and volunteers will guide attendees on a candlelit tour through the cemetery where they will meet past residents of Lombard that lived here over a hundred years ago. Listen to the bizarre, admirable, and ridiculous things that these people did that, really, when you think of it, are pretty much the same types of things that people do today.

This program is geared toward adults, but kids ages three and up (accompanied by adults) are welcome too. Wear sensible shoes. The terrain is bumpy. Feel free to bring your flashlight. Sorry, it is unsafe at night for strollers, wheelchairs or baby carriers.

(Meet at the West Gate of the cemetery I5 minutes before your starting time to check in) Please bring a copy of your receipt or the electronic receipt received at the time of registration.

Children ages I4 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

No cancellations or refunds after Thursday, October 5, 2023.

## **GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH**

#### at The Morton Arboretum 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532 October 13, 2023 - October 15, 2023 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Price: Included with entrance fee:

Adults 18–64 \$17, Seniors 65+ \$15, Children 2–17 \$12, Under 2 Free

The I3th Annual Glass Pumpkin Patch opens on Friday, October I3, 2023, and runs through Sunday, October I5, 2023. It will take place on the West Lawn and Staff Lot of the Arboretum grounds. Please note that this is a 'rain or shine' event.

Guests are invited to stop by and watch daily demonstrations by featured glassblower, Shannon Jane Morgan, along with many other artists, as they dramatically turn bits of glass into stunning molten pumpkin masterpieces (see times above). Narrators will take them step-by-step through the process as these talented artists demonstrate this ancient art form, explaining the processes and tools used to create these stunning autumnal beauties.

This year, guests can also visit the new Halloween tent to find enchanting and frightful works of art to decorate both home and garden this "spook-tacular" season!

Please check out https://mortonarb.org/visit-the-arboretum/ for more details.





## **Auxiliary News - SEPTEMBER 2023**

### "Help Us Grow to Support Our Heroes"

Hello Everyone:

This is Julie, your V/P for Unit #80 Auxiliary.

It is my turn to do this newsletter, so please bear with me.Our board meeting was held on September 2, 2023 and it was decided to install the officers for the new year 2023- 2024 at that meeting.

President Bonnie Wisbrock, V/P Julie Isenberger, Secretary Jean Krupin, Treasurer Christine Graves and Historian, Kim Cruz were installed . Sergeant-at-Arms, Joyce Wilk was not present but was installed at the regular meeting September 11, 2023.

Also, at the regular meeting new business was presented. A reminder that membership dues for the 2023-2024 year can be given to Julie at anytime.

Julie spoke of her experience attending the convention with Bonnie in July. She mentioned that she learned alot and met some very nice, friendly and helpful ladies. She hopes that others will want to attend next year.

Also a reminder about services for Danny Anders, father in law of Auxiliary member, Donna Anders who is the daughter of David & Bonnie Wisbrock. Email was sent to all members regarding arrangements.

Bingo reports were given by Kim Cruz and the kitchen Bingo fund is doing quite well.

Bingo workers dinner will be October 14, 2023. Invites will be sent out soon with details.

Kim Cruz also, gave a report on VA&R that food and gas were purchased and given to a local vet. Also, Kim has been Chairperson for a few years and she feels her time has come to end.

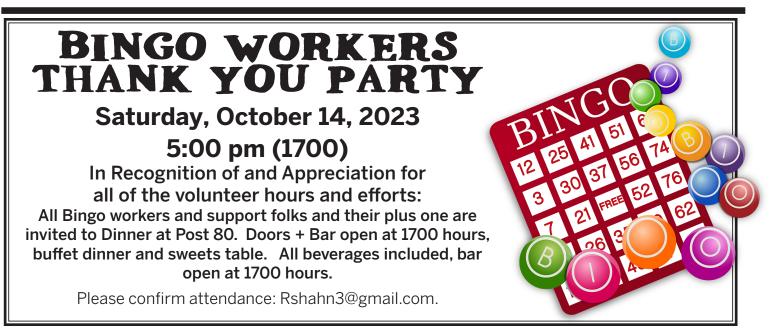
With our new programs just starting, all our committees are open and in need of Chairmanships. If interested please contact Julie at 630-852-1785.

In closing, please keep Dave & Bonnie in your prayers.

Thank you!

Blessings!

Julie





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# 1/2 PRICE BINGO NIGHT AUGUST 29TH



**PET BLESSING** Sunday, Oct. 8, 2022 (I2pm) Lord of Life Lutheran Church 725 75th St., Darien, IL Come join us rain or shine to have your pets blessed. Any and all pets

are welcome and people too! Your pet will receive a blessing, certificate, and treats.

### HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET DOWNERS GROVE Saturday Oct 21, 9am - 12noon

As the weather —and the local yard decor—becomes more chilling in Downers Grove, residents are invited to join in the annual tradition of painting storefront windows downtown to celebrate Halloween.

To participate, head to 933A Curtiss St. with a canned good to donate to benefit FISH Pantry and gather paints for decorating. The paints are available until supplies run out. Participants must bring their own paintbrushes.

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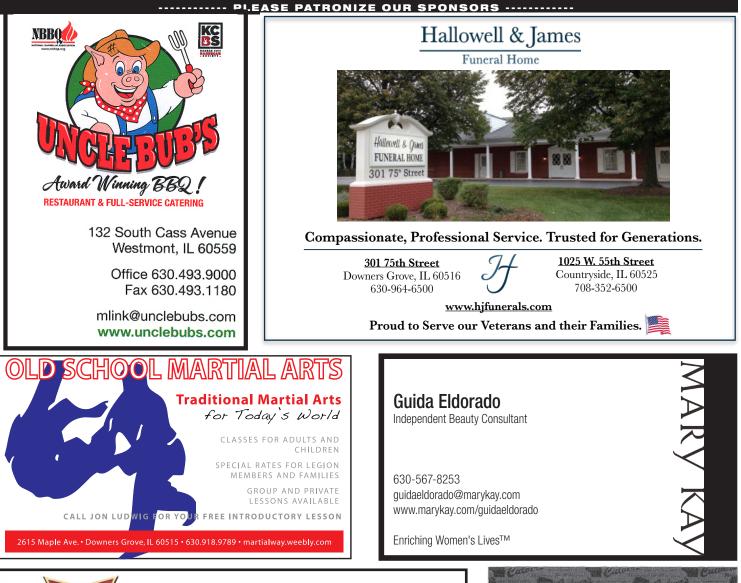
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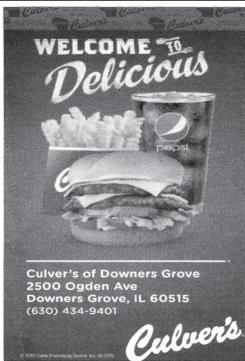
Century Post 503 – VFW 5101 Belmont Rd. Downers Grove, IL. 60515

Visit our website at www.vfw503.org

### 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



#### **OCTOBER 2023** ------ PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS ------We salute our Laura Passero Trilla veterans. Thank you. 630-963-7660 www.papapasseros.com Jennifer Wilken, AAMS® mily Restauran Since 1977 **Financial Advisor** 6800 Main Street Suite 100 Downers Grove, IL 60516 630-435-5432 **BANQUETS & CATERING** www.edwardjones.com Delivery, Dine-In, Carry Out 6326 S Cass Ave Westmont, IL 60559 Edward **Jones** MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING Member SIPC CUSTOM WINDOW & AWNING CO. www.sunesta.com (800) 303-WINDOW akedapple RETRACTABLE PATIO COVER (9463)breakfast C9. AS FEATURED ON ... Dest FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATION. 708-424-3377 Serving Breakfast JIM LINK FIELD TECH and Lunch NO POLES WE PRIDE OURSELVES IN CREATING HOMEMADE, SIGNATURE DISHES... Vinyl & Wood Windows Storm Doors & Windows the baked apple pancake • frittatas Entry Doors Soffit-Fascia-Siding crepes • old fashioned pancakes Leaf Guard Aluminum & Cloth Awnings waffles • farm fresh omelettes benedicts • beef burgers specialty sandwiches • paninis **CUSTOM WINDOW** huge salads • homemade soups daily & AWNING CO. Dine In · Carry Out Daily Specials **Residential/Commercial** open daily from 6am to 3pm Caulking - Sun Rooms and Screen Rooms Phone (708) 424-3377 JIM LINK 00 yelpes 0 Full Menu online.... www.Baked-Apple.com Fax (708) 424-3422 Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Happy 178th Birthday to the HAPPY BIRTHDAY. **US NAVAL ACADEMY!** Dctober 248 years STRONG

SICK Call These following Veteran is on sick call. Let's keep him in our prayers. **DAVE WISBROCK** 

HARRY MCCABE



October 13

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NATIVE AMERICAN HARVEST POW WOW October 14 & 15, 2023 | DuPage County Fairgrounds 2015 N Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL.

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ARTS, CRAFTS & FOOD NATIVE FLUTE PLAYER CONTEST MEN/WOMEN DANCING FRANK WALN / RAPPER (LAKOTA) NATIVE AMERICAN DANCING /DRUMMING OCELOTL-CIHUACOATL AZTEC DANCERS CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS VETERANS HONORING KARE FOR WILDLIFE

> All Welcome Family Friendly Event

#### EVENT DETAILS - INDOOR POW WOW

HOURS: Saturday 11 am-10pm, Sunday 11 am-6pm GRAND ENTRY: Saturday 1 pm & 7pm, Sunday 1 pm GATE ADMISSION: Adults \$15, Seniors 62+ \$10, Kids 3-12 \$7, under 3 free. \$30 Adult weekend pass. Discounted tickets available online (\$12 Adults, \$9 Seniors) purchase by October 7, 2023 at http://www.harvestpowwow.com/tickets.html. Call for group ticket price 773.585.8613. No alcohol, drugs, or weapons. Sorry, no pets. Event subject to change.

HOST HOTEL: Hyatt Place Warrenville 630-836.9800

HEAD STAFF: Emcee: Leonard Malatare, Arena Director: Mark LaRoque, Head Male:Thorpe Sine, Head Lady: Regina Tsosie, Pow Wow Princess: Amber T. Roy, Host Drum: Medicine Bear, Invited Drums: Iron Bear, Wind Eagle

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## Annual Fire Department SILENT PARADE Friday, October 13, 2023 • Approx. 7:15 p.m.

This parade is a dedication to the firefighters and civilians who have lost their lives due to fires. The parade originates in Hinsdale and will proceed west through Lisle. Department vehicles from several surrounding villages are featured. All vehicles will display lights only. No sirens will be sounded.

In Downers Grove, people may assemble along Maple Avenue to view the parade and pay tribute by holding a flashlight as the cortege passes at approximately 7:15 p.m. A brief ceremony will be held at the Hinsdale Fire Department to begin the parade. The parade route ends at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1101 Kimberly Way (two blocks south of Route 53 and Maple Avenue), Lisle at approximately 7:45 p.m.

For further information contact Gina Barr, Administrative Assistant, at the Downers Grove Fire Department at 630.434.5990, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



For more information, contact Jason Wales at jwales42@gmail.com

# VETERAN INFO PAGE

### **DO YOU KNOW A VET IN NEED? VETERANS AFFAIRS** ASSISTANCE

The DuPage Veterans Assistance Commission 421 N. County Farm Road - 2nd FI - Rear of Cafeteria. Wheaton, IL 60187 Bill Brophy, Admin. Assistant Bernadette Wawczak, Case Manager/Service Officer Phone: 630-407-5655 Fax: 630-407-5656 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Office Hours: 1-4 p.m. Monday - Friday

email: dupagevac@dupageco.org

**Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs** Bureau of Administration Cook County Government Audrey Mollo, Administrative Assistant I Telephone: 312-603-2221 Fax: 312-603-4479 email: Audrey.Mollo@CookCountyll.gov Veterans.Affairs@CookCountyll.gov Website: www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/veterans-affairs

## VETERANS CRISIS LINE 1-800-273 TALK (8255)

AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

When callers press "1" they are immediately connected with a qualified and caring provider. 

## NATIONAL CALL CENTER FOR **HOMELESS VETS,**

assists homeless veterans, at-risk veterans, their families and other interested parties with linkages to appropriate VA and communitybased resources, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK.

#### 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838)

## **LEGAL HOTLINE FOR ILLINOIS VETS** 855-452-3526

for more info go to iejf.org

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

DISCOUNTS FOR VETERANS and/or ACTIVE MILITARY VISIT https://veteran.com/military-discounts/ to find information on discounts for: AT&T, Home Depot, Lowes, Yeti products, Apple, Microsoft, HP, AMC Theaters and many other retailers.

Veterans and military members can also utilize the Veteran Tickets Foundation https://www.vettix.org/ visitor/home to find free and discounted tickets to events in their area. •

• VetTix is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that partners with sports teams and promoters to give tickets to those currently serving and veterans of all branches of the U.S. military.

## ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES:

## va.org • legion.org suicidepreventionlifeline.org

For a list of benefits Exclusively for **ILLINOIS VETERANS**, go to

https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/illinois

## **DD 214 REQUESTS**

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

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

Your Service Officer.

### WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS & CRUTCHES

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



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

### AMERICAN LEGION Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 4000 Saratoga Avenue Downers grove IL 60515



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Are you moving? We hate to have you miss the next	NAME
LEGION-AIRE Newsletter!	NEW Address:
Mail this form to: Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80	City/State/Zip:
Attn: Adjutant 4000 Saratoga Ave. Downers Grove, IL 60515	Effective Date:
	New Phone Number:

JOIN US FOR	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAV	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2023 KITCHEN: KIM CRUZ BONNIE WISBROCK	1	2	<sup>3</sup> BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	4 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	5	6	7 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
JUDY MAITLAND TICKETS: CHRIS GRAVES COMPUTER: JOE SIMONETTI OCTOBER 10, 2023 KITCHEN: JEAN KRUPIN	8	9 Columbus day	10 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	11	12	13 US NAVY BIRTHDAY	14 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am BINGO WORKERS DINNER 5PM
DONNA ROSENKRANZ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! TICKETS: BILL COZZI COMPUTER: HARRY MCCABE OCTOBER 17, 2023 KITCHEN: TODD HANSON	15	16 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	17 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	18	19	20	21 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
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