

BINGO WORKERS

September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
TICKETS: Midge Zielinski  
Leora Novak  
KITCHEN: Pat Mustradi  
Jane Bernardini

September 9<sup>th</sup>  
TICKETS: Leora Novak  
Kathleen Hotchkiss  
KITCHEN: Mary Pizzo  
Lorraine Donegan

September 16<sup>th</sup>  
TICKETS: Eleanor Richards  
Evelyn Fredericks  
KITCHEN: Terri Johnson  
Lorraine Donegan

September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
TICKETS: Alice Dunn  
Rosalyn Gizzi  
KITCHEN: Delores Harrison  
Julie Isenberger  
Rylla

September 30<sup>th</sup>  
TICKETS: Leora Novak  
Kathleen Hotchkiss  
KITCHEN: Rosemary Collins  
Karen Greenwald  
Arlene Guest

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 BINGO 6:30 P.M.	3 Business Meeting 7:30 PM	4	5 Social Nite 7:00 p.m.	6
7 National Grandparent's Day	8	9 BINGO 6:30 p.m.	10 County Meeting Wood Dale	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 Social Nite 7:00 p.m.	13
14	15 Auxiliary Meeting	16 BINGO 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19 <i>POW/MIA</i> Social Nite 7:00 p.m.	20
21	22 Autumn Begins	23 BINGO 6:30 p.m.	24 Board Meeting 7:30 PM	25	26 Social Nite 7:00 p.m.	27
28	29	30 Half Price BINGO 6:30 p.m.				

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

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POST PHONE NUMBER  
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COMMANDER..... **WOODY KAWATERS**  
630-541-3023  
SR. VICE .....**RICH GREENWALD**  
JR. VICE .....**TODD HANSON**  
ADJUTANT..... **WOODY KAWATERS**  
FINANCE .....**ANDY PELLICIONI**  
SGT-AT-ARMS .....**JIM NELSON**  
HISTORIAN ..... **DICK BERNARDINI**  
CHAPLAIN.....**JACK BORDER**  
JUDGE ADVOCATE .....**JACK BORDER**  
SERVICE OFFICER.....**HERB MORRISON**  
969-1655  
NEWSLETTER ..... **JOE PAPPALARDO & JIM LEONAS**  
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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR  
PAST COMMANDERS

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



PRESIDENT ..... **ROSEMARY COLLINS**  
VICE PRESIDENT .....**EVELYN FREDERICKS**  
SECRETARY ..... **JULIE ISENBERGER**  
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CHAPLAIN.....**DELORES HARRISON**  
HISTORIAN .....**KATHLEEN HOTCHKISS**  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ..... **LOUISE LEWANSKI**  
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS ..... **ARLENE GUEST**

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR  
JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR

PAST PRESIDENTS

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>	<b>1980....Frances North</b>
1922.... <i>Matilda Uhlorn</i>	<b>1951....Shirley Wrenn</b>	1981.... <i>Anne Creel</i>
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.... <i>Anne Creel</i>
1926.... <i>Daisy Swift</i>	1955.... <i>Elsie Niedner</i>	1985.... <i>Genevieve Kotowski</i>
1927.... <i>Florence Johnson</i>	<b>1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss</b>	1986.... <i>Genevieve Kotowski</i>
1928.... <i>Mary Pfaff</i>	1957.... <i>Marian Lacey</i>	<b>1987....Ethel Clark</b>
1929.... <i>Esther Binder</i>	<b>1958....Evelyn Fredericks</b>	<b>1988....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
1930.... <i>Beulah McCollum</i>	<b>1959....Shirley Schenke</b>	<b>1989....Eleanor Bartels</b>
1931.... <i>Viola Vix</i>	<b>1960....Margaret Morello</b>	<b>1990....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
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>	<b>1994....Midge Zielinski</b>
1936.... <i>Evelyn Walter</i>	1965.... <i>Anne Creel</i>	<b>1995....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
1937.... <i>Josephine Mitchell</i>	<b>1966....Evelyn Jenkins</b>	<b>1996....Leora Novak</b>
1938.... <i>Lorraine Edwards</i>	<b>1967....Dorothy Nied</b>	<b>1997....Leora Novak</b>
1939.... <i>Ethel Margison</i>	<b>1968....Eleanor Bartels</b>	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>	<b>2000....Lorraine Vimtrup</b>
1942.... <i>Muriel Fischel</i>	1971.... <i>Jeanette Foster</i>	<b>2001....Leora Novak</b>
1943.... <i>Ruth Karvatt</i>	<b>1972....Dorothy Kadlec</b>	2002.... <i>Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
1944.... <i>Emily Mrkvicka</i>	<b>1973....Margaret Morello</b>	<b>2003....Midge Zielinski</b>
1945.... <i>Flossie Dreuttel</i>	1974.... <i>Ann Hodous</i>	<b>2004....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1946.... <i>Minnie Lester</i>	1975.... <i>Ann Hodous</i>	<b>2005....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1947.... <i>Esther Weaver</i>	<b>1976....Eleanor Bartels</b>	<b>2006....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
1948.... <i>Myrtle Kraft</i>	1977.... <i>Alice Pechinski</i>	<b>2007....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
Italics denotes deceased	1978.... <i>Mildred Mueller</i>	<b>2008....Bonnie Wisbrock</b>



## *Commander's Column*

I want to thank each of you for being a Post 80 member. I want to thank our Past Commanders for leaving the Post in excellent financial, physical and spiritual shape. Commander Mueller has overseen the most extensive building program since the Post home was built. I would encourage all to stop in at the Post or at least drive our grounds and see the wonderful new buildings.

My main emphasis for the next year will be on people. You are the heart and soul of the American Legion. In 1919 when the American Legion was formed there was not a single Post home, just a group of good people; in 2009 the Legion will be 90 years young and it is still the people that make the Legion. As wonderful as our Post home has become, if it was all destroyed, but each of us was okay, then there would still be a Post 80. Conversely, if we all went away but we still had the great building that is all it would be - an empty building.

It is a basic tenet of mine that people are not problems but rather people have problems. Often I have heard people belittle one another, speak behind their backs, or voice negative feelings towards one another. I truly believe that each time one of these events happens it weakens our Post. I am asking each of you to understand one another and make a choice not to partake in demeaning other members. Try it for six months and see if we are not a stronger group of people. Instead of identifying each others' short comings, why not identify each others strengths. We can build off of each others' strengths. Those who are active should take leadership roles in building various programs or recruitment and share their talents with others. Some new members may want to get involved in post activities but are either shy or do not know how. With the meshing of our individual talents we will be building a Legion Post that will last a long time. It is up to you what kind of Post we have.

I realize this does not sound like a plan but if we start being supportive of one another then we can move to having the Legion speak with a unified voice when we are dealing with anyone outside of the Legion. Before you know it, Legion programs will be better than ever.

There are two up coming events I would like you to be aware of and plan on joining us for. First is the Annual Labor Day Picnic on September 1st and on September 19<sup>th</sup> we will be participating National POW/MIA Remembrance Day. More about each of these are written in other parts of this Newsletter.

Last but not least, thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the Commander of your great Post; I look forward to working with each and every one of you this upcoming year.



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## **‘OH NO’ - HE’S BACK!!!!!!**



The Legion year 2009 begins on September 1, 2008. Yearly dues notices have gone out and I would like to thank the 175 of you who addressed your dues already. If you have not sent in your dues yet, please do so. As soon as we achieve our goal, I will stop writing about them. As always, if you are having problems meeting your \$35.00 dues payment the Post can and does help. Thank you.

-WK

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## **Labor Day Picnic!!!**

The pork is being pulled, the corn is being picked, the brats are being whatever brats do. All we need is you. Please bring you whole family and have a great time. There will be soda and games for the kids, beer for the adults. We will be holding the picnic - rain or shine - so bring your family, kick back and have fun. Lunch will be served starting at noon or come early and help with the fixings.



**When: Monday, September 1, 2008**

**Time: Noon Rain or Shine**

**What: Annual Labor Day Pig Roast**

-WK

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## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



### AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to thank the American Legion Auxiliary, Post 80, and everyone for allowing me to be part of your family.

I want to give a special thanks to Bonnie for her faith and support since I've been involved with the American Legion Auxiliary.

I'm looking forward to doing bigger and greater things for the American Legion Auxiliary.

I also want to congratulate Woody as being our new commander and congratulate Jack.

Thank you,  
Rosemary Collins

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*Have a happy  
and safe  
Labor Day  
Weekend!*





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## **SICK CALL**

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses as a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.



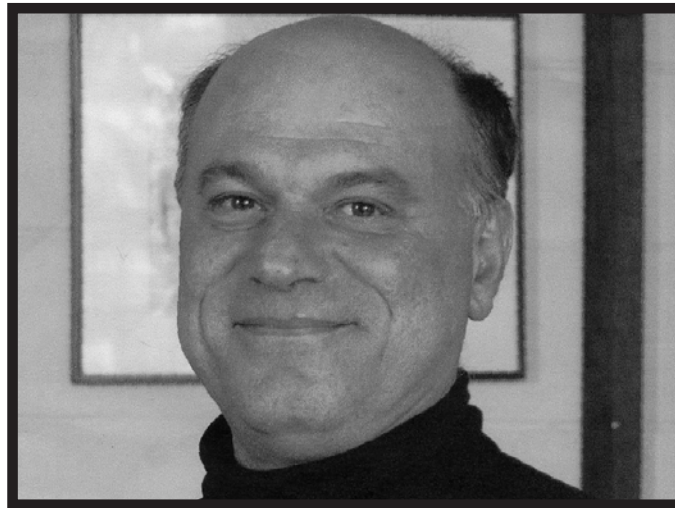
-WK

### **Legion:**

Ralph Gray  
Bob Jenson  
Jim Shanahan  
Bill Westrup

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## ***Legionaire of the Month!***



**Andy Pelliccioni**

- Member 10 Years
- Finance Officer
- Community Service Officer
- Boy Scout Leader
- Police Officer



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

For the earth forever turning;  
For the skies, for every sea;  
To the Lord we sing returning  
Home to our blue green hills of earth.

For the mountains, hills and pastures  
In their silent majesty;  
For all life, for all of Nature  
Sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the sun, for rain and thunder;  
For the land that makes us free;  
For the start, for all the heavens,  
Sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the earth forever turning;  
For the skies, for every sea;  
To our Lord we sing returning home to our blue green hills  
of earth.

——Kim Oler

Remember in your prayers our past commander Bob  
Isenberger who's Memorial Garden we dedicated in  
August. The sunflowers are amazing.

Yours in service to veterans, I remain.....

**Wm. Jack Border**  
**Chaplain**



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ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS POST 80

# **LABOR DAY PICNIC**

On The Post Grounds

**Monday Sept. 1st 12:00 Noon**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

***FOR MEMBERS OF POST 80 AND THEIR FAMILIES***

**FEATURING PULLED PORK**



***WE'LL HAVE CORN ON THE COB, HAMBURGERS,  
BRATS, KEG OF BEER AND SODA***

***THERE WILL BE GAMES FOR THE KIDS AND THE ADULTS  
CAN MAKE UP THEIR OWN GAMES.***

***BRING YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH TO SHARE, LAWN CHAIRS  
AND A TABLE FOR YOUR USE***

***THIS IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE "LABOR"  
SO, COME ON OUT AND CELEBRATE  
AND HELP US HAVE FUN***





## ***DUPAGE COUNTY REBUILDS OUR PARKING LOT***





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## *DUPAGE COUNTY REBUILDS OUR PARKING LOT CONTINUED*







## *The Garden*



*Bob Isenberger Memorial Garden*



*Nick Bresia Tends to the Tomatoes*



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*Scarecrow Dick Rooney*



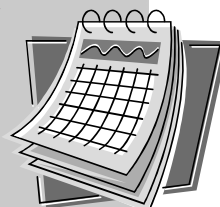
*Wildflower Garden*

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## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

# Mark Your Calendars

Did you know that we have a National POW – MIA Recognition Day? Given the large (very large) number of Missing in Action from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf wars we will have a dinner and service on Friday Night, September 19, 2008. Committee members Nick Brescia, Steve Collins and Hugo Montenegro have put together a solid program and it will be open to the public. The bar will be open at 5:30PM, dinner at 6:15PM with a ceremony following. So mark your calendars and please join us. WK



**When: Friday, September 19, 2008**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

**What: MIA – POW Recognition Ceremony**

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## *Veterans Memorial Tuition Scholarship*

The first donation of \$500 was received in memory of past Historian Finley H. Morrison; his name will be placed on the scholarship plaque in the Legion Hall. Post #80 thanks you!

American Legion Post 80 Veterans Memorial Tuition Scholarship Fund Raising needs your help. The interest in our scholarship fund has decreased as other funds have. So we are asking for your help to build it up. The fund can only pay the first place winner; second place winner is paid by other legion funds. We are trying to pay one winner out of one fund.

For \$500 you can have a deceased veteran name put on the scholarship plaque, that hangs in the legion hallway. All donations are deductible and any amount is greatly appreciated. Please make your check out to: **A.L. Post 80, Veteran memorial Tuition Scholarship Fund, 4000 Saratoga Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515 c/o Jack Border or Dave Wisbrock or Herb Morrison.**

*Scholarship Committee Post #80 2008*



Scholarship applications for your child or grandchild will be at the Legion Hall starting September 10, 2008. Please Call 630-968-9710. All applications must be returned by March 30, 2009.





## Thought-of-the-Month: Don't Vote?!?

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*Tonight I am part of the 47% that hasn't decided yet who to vote for. It isn't as though **George Washington** or **Abe Lincoln** were our choices for president.*

*I think a lot of people who are listed as undecided are not really undecided – they're embarrassed to admit they are voting for **McCain** or **Obama**, At least, both of them have short names. Not many people think either of one of them will make the best president the U. S. could possibly have. Their debates were ties.*

*About all we can hope now is that whoever wins will turn out to be better than he seems. Its possible,they're both good men. Even if it does turn out OK, this election has made it obvious that we have a flawed system for choosing our president. Democracy is one of the best ideas human beings ever had but its been screwed up by professional politicians! The Republican and the Democratic parties have taken the election away from the rest of us! Party members hand pick the candidates. We don't have anything to do with it. All we get to do is choose between the two they hand us!*

*In the week before Election Day there's always a lot of talk about getting out the vote. In the last election (**Bush & Gore**), only 49% of all Americans eligible to vote, did vote! So my advice to all who read this is "If you don't know what the issues are in this coming election, whatever you do **DON'T GET OUT AND VOTE**" Just get out!!*

RWB