

**June 2009**



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

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



## Commander's Column

A while back a musician named John Prine wrote a song entitled “Your Flag Decal Won’t Get You Into Heaven Anymore”. Simply saying you are patriotic does not make it so. The second pillar upon which the American Legion is based is Promoting Patriotism and Honor.

Clearly our activities on Memorial Day fit into this category. For decades upon decades the American Legion has organized and run the parade and the Ceremony. This honor had been passed from the Grand Army of The Republic to the American Legion. While I am on Memorial Day, we owe a thank you to Todd Hanson our Jr. Vice for putting on this year’s events, and, as well, a big thank you to Mayor Ron Sandack for his time and remarks in remembering those who gave their all. The Boy Scouts of Troops 80 & 181 did an outstanding job of fixing breakfast. The post owes a thank you to all who participated in the ceremony both in front and behind the public display.

Additionally, by participating in Downers Grove Fourth of July Parade and Heritage Fair we promote Patriotism. When we go to a school and talk about our experience in the military we promote Patriotism. How we talk about our nation helps promote patriotism. When we try to stop ignorance and intolerance we are promoting Patriotism. When we keep alive the memories of those who have gone before us we are promoting Patriotism.

Honor is a more elusive concept. The dictionary has 24 meanings for the word. For me honor is inherent in each of us. It is ours to spend wisely or discard. Every time we are called upon to perform a funeral service for a former member of the services we are exhibiting honor. When we host a POW/MIA Dinner we are honoring the memory of those otherwise long forgotten. Last year when we honored our members of the Greatest Generation, or this year as we celebrate the members who were in Korea we are acting upon this principle. In October when the “Moving Vietnam Wall” is at our Post, the people who stand guard duty will be displaying honor. All of these events promote Honor by our example. When we take the Veterans to breakfast or when we are out collecting for Poppies, the Gift for Yanks, or the Children’s Miracle Network we are reconfirming their and our honor. So put your flag decal on your car but live your life like your honor depends on it.

Please remember be kind to each other. – Woody



## Elections for 2010 Officers

In the April Newsletter the Nominating Committee of Joe Pappalardo (who did most of the work), Jack Border, and Larry Bryant published the names of a slate of officers for the Legion Year 2010. At the May 6, 2009 General Business Meeting nominations were requested from the floor. Only Howard Parker was nominated for Sgt. at Arms (Frank Risky withdrew his name a week before the election). The slate with Howard was unanimously approved.

I would like to thank Frank Risky and Ralph Harrison for their work as Sgt. at Arms and assistant Sgt. at Arms for more than a few years. Also I thank Howard Parker who was put on the spot as he walked into the meeting as to whether he would take the job and Frank the Tank for volunteering to be assistant Sgt. at Arms.

Next years officers of the Post will be:

Commander	Woody Kawaters
Sr. Vice	Rich Greenwald
Jr. Vice	Todd Hanson
Finance Officer	Rich Mueller
Sgt at Arms	Howard Parker
County Del	Jack Border
County Del	Steve Collins
County Del	Frank Mangone
County Del	Pete Tepler
BOD - 1 Yr	Dick Bernardini
BOD - 1 Yr	Joe Maska
BOD – 2 Yr	Dick Rooney
BOD – 2 Yr	Emery Wolff
BOD – 3 Yr	Joe Pappalardo
BOD – 3 Yr	Ed Ludwig

Please join me in congratulating all. – WK



## AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day. We had the District 11 meeting at our post. We are having our past president pot luck dinner June 15th at 6:00pm. We need some ladies to show up around 5:30pm to help set up. Plus we are having game night June 19th come out and play some games at 7:00pm to 9pm.

Rosemary Collins

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### The Officers For 2009/2010 Will Be:

President-	Rosemary Collins
Vice President-	Evelyn Fredericks
Secetary-	Julie Isenberger
Treasurer-	Jane Bernardini
Chaplin-	Dee Harrison
Historian-	Norman Border
Sargent At Arms-	Arlene Guest
Ass't Sargent At Arms-	Louis Lewanskit

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### “All Bingo Players”

The next Half Price Bingo Night  
will be

**Tuesday, June 16th**

Mark your Calendar

Bring Your Friends

Get in on the Action

**Be A Winner at POST 80**



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### **Sick Call**

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

To: Ralph Grey  
Bob Jenson  
Bill Westrup

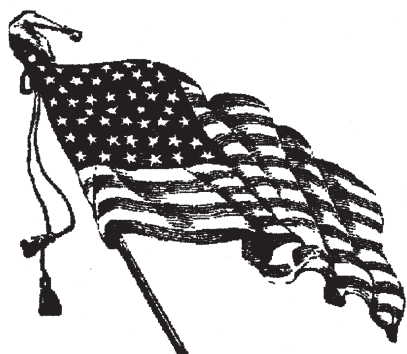


### **IN MEMORIAM**

William A. Morrison

Stephen Volchko (Father of Rosemary Collins)

These Legionnaires & Auxiliary Member Have Gone To  
The Commander of Us All.  
Rest Well Our Friends.



## ★ FLAG DAY ★

Sunday - June 14th

## ★ FLAG RETIREMENT ★

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Sunday - June 14th - 7:00 P.M.

*There will be an outdoor ceremony at 7:00 P.M. in which the Boy Scouts are assisting in the disposal of old and worn flags.*



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## REMEMBER HERITAGE FEST

at Our Booth

June 27th &

June 28th

**SEE YOU AT THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE**



## **LEGISTRATION OF INTEREST**

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs led by Chairman Bob Filner (D-CA), recently approved five bills that would improve benefits and services to veterans provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The bills include:

- H.R. 23 -- The Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II
- H.R. 466 Wounded Veteran Job Security Act;
- H.R. 1088 -- Mandatory Veteran Specialist Training Act of 2009;
- H.R. 1089 -- Veterans Employment Rights Realignment Act
- H.R. 1170 -- To establish a grant program to encourage the development of new assistive technologies for specially adapted housing.

The bills will next be considered by the U.S. House of Representatives. Why not write your Congress person and let them know how you feel about these. (All but the last line came from Military.Com)

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## **RETURNING VETERANS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has launched a new "Returning Veterans" Web site -- [www.oefoif.va.gov](http://www.oefoif.va.gov) -- to welcome home Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts with a social, Veteran-centric website focusing on their needs and questions. The site will feature videos, Veteran stories, and a blog where Veterans are encouraged to post feedback. The site will also restructure the traditional index-of-benefits format found on other VA pages into question-based, categorized, and easily navigated links by topic. This will allow Veterans to find benefits of interest easily and discover related benefits as they explore. – Taken from the Rao report





## Investment

We, as your elected officials are committed to the oversight of the Post 80 investment accounts. We have been blessed that in the past members have left us land and money. If you have any questions about our investment accounts please come to a meeting or contact one of us and we will do our utmost to get a complete answer.

In the mean time, I would like to remind you that Post 80 receives gifts as a memorial to a loved one, a special event, as well as gifts as part of your Estate Plan, i.e., Last Living Will & Testament, or Living Trust. No offer is too small or too large. You will be helping Post 80 to continue for another 100 years. - Woody

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## Veterans Helping Veterans On June 18th, 2009

The Legion and Auxiliary members will be having the veterans from DuPage County center for lunch, at our legion post home on June 18.

Lunch will be at noon and post member our welcome to help with visiting and having lunch with the veterans. Nick Bresia and Herb Morrision will be hosting the lunch and would like to know how many can come, please call 630-969-1655. Thank You

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Scholarship Donation, Post #80 received \$500 donation in the Memory of William A. Morrison, who past away on May 8th, 2009. William's name will be put on the scholarship plaque. William has 19 years in the legion and past commander on the V. F. W..



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## **Rentals Available for the 2009 Season**

Do you have an Event in the near future?

We can accommodate your Rental Needs.

Our Banquet Hall, Our Pavilion and Our Gazebo are available for the 2009 season. Our Banquet Hall can accommodate 300 people, Our Pavilion will seat 144 people under cover and the surrounding 1 1 acres can accommodate many more people and Our Gazebo with a garden like atmosphere is just right for that romantic wedding. Up to 200 chairs surrounding the Gazebo can accommodate any large wedding.

We give discounts to members, school organizations and charities.

*For more information:*

*Call Post 80 at (630) 968-9710*

*or our Rental Agent at (630) 971-0515 or*

*visit our website at [www.post80.org](http://www.post80.org)*



## **‘The Moving Wall’**

The ‘Moving Wall’ is coming to Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80, The American Legion, October 1 Through October 5, 2009. The ‘Moving Wall’ is a half size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. To cover costs, we are seeking donations. Please ask your friends, relatives and coworkers to donate also.

Please mail or bring your donation to:

Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80

4000 Saratoga Avenue

Downers Grove, Illinois 60516

(630) 968-9710

Visit our website at

[www.post80.org](http://www.post80.org)





At past commander's night Sr. Vice Commander Rich  
Greenwald and 1st place scholarship winner  
Jamie S. Castonguay



Past Commanders' s Night  
Dave Wisbrock, Dick Bernardini, Elmer Mears, Herb  
Morrison, Jack Border, Joe Pappalardo, Ed Knickerbocker,  
John Magic, Emery Wolff



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## **Electronic Recycling**

Saturday, June 20th, 2009

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Bring your old TVs radios, VCR's , computers, all batteries, cables, power cords, cell phones, anything, and everything electronic for recycling.



Bring to the pavilion for drop off.

Any questions contact

Rich Greenwald 630-960-5898

## **Have You Seen**

If the birds in our memorial park sound a little happier it may be due to the new bird houses that our Cub Scout pack put up in the park. The houses, all different colors, are scattered amongst the trees. Thank You Cub Scouts for a job well done!

– Woody Kawaters



Post #80 is taking names for our new plaque for the abolish, we have only three names. Plaques can not be ordered until we have fifty names. Please give your name and address to the post adjutant, or Herb Morrision



## **THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:**

### **Immigration!?!**

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Most of us who are lucky enough to be Americans aren't really enthusiastic about letting in a lot more people from other countries the way our grandparents or our great-grandparents were let in. We no longer take that legend on the Statue of Liberty as literally as we once did. *"Give us your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breath free"*. We don't want any more "huddled masses." We want to keep what we have for ourselves!

And that was in the days when most who entered our country did it legally. Last year we had almost a million people immigrate to the U. S. legally. (and over a million illegally! but that's another story not for today!).

Meanwhile, it is of interest that legal immigrants have to pass a Citizenship Test. One I've recently seen has 20 questions of which the person has to get at least 12 of them to pass. Here are 10 typical questions. See if you get to stay in our country!! (you can miss no more than four of them!):

- 1). How many stars are there in the American flag?
- 2). What do we call a change in the Constitution?
- 3). Name the two Senators from our state.
- 4). Who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?
- 5). What is the name of the ship that brought the pilgrims to America, and where did they land?
- 6). What is the minimum voting age in the U. S.?
- 7). What country did we fight in the Revolutionary War?
- 8). Here's one that will send you packing! – Name 10 of the 13 original states.
- 9). How long do we elect representatives to Congress?
- 10). Who said: "Give me liberty or give me death:?"

That's your Citizenship Test! Each of you reading this that missed more than 4, well, get out!!!

RWB



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# *Notes*





**PRESIDENT.....ROSEMARY COLLINS**  
**VICE PRESIDENT .....EVELYN FREDERICKS**  
**SECRETARY.....JULIE ISENBERGER**  
**TREASURER.....JANE BERNARDINI**  
**CHAPLAIN .....DOLORES 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....Margaret Bebb  
 1921....Jessie Straub  
 1922....Matilda Uhлом  
 1923....Myra Hawkins  
 1924....Clara Nash Hawkins  
 1925....Emily Sanders  
 1926....Daisy Swift  
 1927....Florence Johnson  
 1928....Mary Pfaff  
 1929....Esther Binder  
 1930....Beulah McCollum  
 1931....Viola Vix  
 1932....Bernice Goltry  
 1933....Mae Jones  
 1934....Bernice Hannan  
 1935....Marie Finger  
 1936....Evelyn Walter  
 1937....Josephine Mitchell  
 1938....Lorraine Edwards  
 1939....Ethel Margison  
 1940....Vera Iehl  
 1941....Mabel Webster  
 1942....Muriel Fischel  
 1943....Ruth Karvatt  
 1944....Emily Mrkvicka  
 1945....Flossie Dreuttel  
 1946....Minnie Lester  
 1947....Esther Weaver  
 1948....Myrtle Kraft  
*Italics denotes deceased*

1949....Vivian Harkness  
 1950....Christine McGarvie  
 1951....Shirley Wrenn  
 1952....Letitia Mrkvicka  
 1953....Corabelle Krepper  
 1954....Christine McGarvie  
 1955....Elsie Niedner  
 1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss  
 1957....Marian Lacey  
 1958....Evelyn Fredericks  
 1959....Shirley Schenke  
 1960....Margaret Morello  
 1961....Marian Ruzicka  
 1962....Margaret Edwards  
 1963....Alice Pechinski  
 1964....Alice Pechinski  
 1965....Anne Creel  
 1966....Evelyn Jenkins  
 1967....Dorothy Nied  
 1968....Eleanor Bartels  
 1969....Alice Pechinski  
 1970....Helen Beck  
 1971....Jeanette Foster  
 1972....Dorothy Kadlec  
 1973....Margaret Morello  
 1974....Ann Hodous  
 1975....Ann Hodous  
 1976....Eleanor Bartels  
 1977....Alice Pechinski  
 1978....Mildred Mueller

1979....Catherine Smalley  
 1980....Frances North  
 1981....Anne Creel  
 1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1984....Anne Creel  
 1985....Genevieve Kotowski  
 1986....Genevieve Kotowski  
 1987....Ethel Clark  
 1988....Bonita Wisbrock  
 1989....Eleanor Bartels  
 1990....Bonita Wisbrock  
 1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1994....Midge Zielinski  
 1995....Boneta Wisbrock  
 1996....Leona Novak  
 1997....Leora Novak  
 1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 2000....Lorraine Vimtrup  
 2001....Leora Novak  
 2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
 2003....Midge Zielinski  
 2004....Bonnie Wisbrock  
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# June 2009

## BINGO WORKERS

**June 2nd**  
**TICKETS:** Midge Zielinski  
 Jane Bernadini  
**KITCHEN:** Pat Mustradi  
 Julie Isenberger  
 Rylla

**June 9th**  
**TICKETS:** Mary Pizzo  
 Lorraine Donegan  
**KITCHEN:** Carol Cermack  
 Rylla  
 Kathy Pleet

**June 16th**  
**TICKETS:** Kathleen Hotchkiss  
 Leora Novak  
**KITCHEN:** Karen Greenwald  
 Rosemary Collins  
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**June 23th**  
**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
 Rosalyn Gizzi  
**KITCHEN:** Kathleen Pleet  
 Dolores Harrison  
 Eileen Mears

**June 30th**  
**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
 Kathleen Hotchkiss  
**KITCHEN:** Terri Johnson  
 Dolores Harrison  
 Arlene Guest  
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**Pot Luck**  
**June 15th**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Bingo 6:30pm	3 Business Meeting 7:30pm	4	5 Social Night 7:00pm	6 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation 8:30a.m
7	8	9 Bingo 6:30pm	10 County Meeting @ Hinsdale 7:30pm	11	12 Social Night 7:00pm	13 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation 8:30a.m
14 FLAG DAY Flag Retirement 7:00pm	15 Auxiliary Meeting	16 1/2 Price Bingo 6:30pm	17	18	19 Social Night 7:00pm	20 CDC 8:30am Legion Riders 10a.m
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23 Bingo 6:30pm	24 Board Meeting	25	26 Social Night 7:00pm	27 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation 8:30a.m
28	29	30 Bingo 6:30pm				

## ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I-APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918  
 WORLD WAR II-DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946  
 KOREAN WAR-JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955  
 GULF-AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities

VIETNAM-FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975  
 OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA-DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990  
 GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 PERSIAN