

MAY 2009



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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. Vintup</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 Pappalarido
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



Commander's Column

The April County meeting was held at our Post. We had three current and former 2nd Division Commanders present. One of them, in their remarks said of another Legionnaire that "... he had the Legion in his heart." This phrase struck a nerve with me. Having the Legion in your heart means many things but to me it is our service to active duty people and their families; our veterans; and our youth. All other issues are secondary to these. For without these being paramount in our activities, we should simply shut our doors. One of our members who typify having the Legion in his heart and the rock upon which our Post supports our Veterans is Herb Morrison. He has run our "Gifts For Yanks" program for many years and is the Post Service Officer. Anyone who has needed help found a helping hand reached out after talking to Herb. This year we were going to cut our donation to Operation Support Our Troops in half, Herb took responsibility and paid out of funds that had been collected to help Veterans, so we could match what we donated last year.

Given that 'Support of Veterans' is one of the four pillars upon which the Legion is based I thought that I would rattle off some of the programs that we do to support Veterans. The "Gifts For Yanks" program allows the Post and the Department to buy gifts for Hospitalized Veterans. We have donated to the Fisher House (housing for families at Hines Hospital), Operation Wounded Warriors, and other National Legion Programs. We have focused on the DuPage Convalescence Home, insuring that the Veterans get out at least every other month for breakfast or lunch. We put together packages of personal items for Hines Hospital, and donate to the Canteen Fund for veterans. We insure that all Veterans receive a final service thanking them and their families for their service to our country (they do not have to be Legionnaires). We visit those who are homebound or are in hospitals insuring that they know that there are others who care about them. I know that I am forgetting some items but you get the point. Most, if not all of these programs at the Post have Herb walking point. Thanks Herb.

I can not let the month go by without mentioning the true meaning of Memorial Day. If you have never lost a friend or loved one in war, you are truly blessed. Memorial Day is a solemn day dedicated to the remembrance of those who died so we can live our lives as we see fit. In addition to the parade and service at Fischel Park we visit the grave yards where veterans are buried and conduct a short service at each. Please join us if you are able, or if you are not, say a short prayer for those who have a small American Flag by their headstone. Please remember be kind to each other. - Woody



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**Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
The American Legion**

Memorial Day

**Monday
May 25, 2009**

Events of the Day

1. Breakfast at the Post
6:30 a.m

**2. Memorial Service &
Post Everlasting.**
in front of Post 8:00a.m.

**3. Honor Guard Salutes
Fallen Veterans**
at Area Cemeteries
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

4. Memorial Day Parade
Main Street Downers Grove
Railroad to Fishel Park
Parade step off 10:45 A.M.

5. Memorial Day Ceremony
Fishel Park at 11:00 a.m

6. Light Lunch at Post
for Participants 1:00 p.m.

The following is the schedule of area cemeteries to be visited:

8:30 A.M. St. Bernard's Cemetery (Hobson Road)

8:45 A.M. West Side Cemetery (Oak Hill)

8:55 A.M. Blodgett Cemetery (Oak Crest)

9:15 A.M. Memorial Park

9:30 A.M. Main Street Cemetery

9:45 A.M. Pierce Downer Cemetery



AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope the Mother's had a very nice Mother's Day!! We are having 11th District Convention and Memorial Service at our post May 11th Sunday.

After the opening service at our meeting on April 20, Dee Harrison mentioned that she donated an American Flag with 48 Stars to our museum. The 48 star flag served as the national flag the longest of any flag from 1912-1959.

The Auxiliary will donate \$500.00 to the Vietnam Moving Wall coming to the post 80 Oct1-5, 2009. The Auxiliary had there first game night Friday April 17. Five members exercised their minds and had fun with there pennies and nickels. Join us Friday May 15 for the cards and laughs at 7:00pm.



The Nomination for 2009/2010

The Nominating committee has developed the following ticket of Candidates for Offices of Alexander Bradley Burns unit 80, The American Legion Auxiliary

President- Rosemary Collins
Vice President- Evelyn Fredericks
Secretary- Julie Isenbeger
Treasurer- Jane Bernardini
Chaplain- Pegi Castel
Sergeant At Arms- Arlene Guest
Ass't Sergeant At Arms- Louis Lewanskit



Sick Call

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

To: Bob Jenson
William Morrison
Bill Westrup



IN MEMORIAM

Constanti Debartolo

Joseph R. Shea

Margart K. Maynard

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



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mother's Day Thought

Blessed be my brain
that I may conceive of my own power.
Blessed be my breast
that I may give sustenance to those I love.
Blessed be my womb
that I may create what I choose to create.
Blessed be my knees
that I may bend so as not to break.
Blessed be my feet
that I may walk in the path of my highest will.

-- Robin Morgan

A Memorial Day Prayer

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, in Your hands are the living and the dead, we give You thanks for all those, our comrades, who have laid down their lives in the service of our Country. May they rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May the good work of seeking justice for the oppressed and peace for all mankind be rewarded with success, that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain. And may we never fail to remember the awesome cost of the freedom that we enjoy. All this we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Chaplain's Handbook
Wm. Jack Border
Post 80 Chaplain



DATES, DATES & MORE DATES

For you long term planners there are a few dates and events I want to make sure you mark down. Past Commanders Night will be May 16th. This Dinner will honor all of our Past Commanders and all are welcome. On May 17th the 11 District will be meeting at our Post. Please join us for the activities on Memorial Day May 25th, June 18th the Veterans from DuPage Covalence Home will have lunch at Post 80. Come join us at the Heritage Fair on June 27 & 28. And way down the calendar on July 4th we will be marching again in the Downers Grove Parade. On July 26th we will have a pot luck dinner to honor all of our Korean War veterans. The Post will supply the meat but you bring a side or desert to share.

Come join your Post at any or all of the above dates. It is a good way to get involved and who knows we may even have some fun. - Woody



Post 80 *Past Commander's Night* *May 16th*

Our annual Past Commander's Dinner will be held this year on May 16th. This is an annual event

to honor our Past Commanders.

All members of Post 80 are invited and welcome. Spouses are especially welcome. Social hour begins at 5:30 P.M., a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

And the program will begin at 7:45 P.M. Mark your calendar and make it a night out. So, just be there.



*Mothers Day May 10th
Remember that Special Mom*



Poppy Day

Thursday, May 21st

Please Help Us Help Veterans

Legion Poppies are made by

Hospitalized Veterans to

Aid Hospitalized Veterans



Donate and Wear a Poppy

On Thursday Morning May 21st, Post 80's Auxiliary and Post members will be on the streets of Downers Grove to ask for donations to help Hospitalize Veterans. If you wish to help be at Post 80 early Thursday morning, May 21st.



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G.I. Bill's Yellow Ribbon Program



The G.I. Bill's Yellow Ribbon Program grants free tuition at North Central College for veterans.

As of March 27, 2009 North Central College in Naperville, IL will participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, which grants free tuition to eligible veterans.

The Yellow Ribbon Program builds on the Post-Sept. 11 G.I. Bill, through which government grants cover costs up to the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public university. By participating in the program, North Central College and the government will cover any additional differences in tuition costs, allowing eligible veterans to attend North Central College tuition-free.

For more information contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at www.gibill.va.gov or by calling (888) 442-4551, toll free.

At North Central College, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at (630) 637-5800 or toll-free at (800) 411-1861.



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 visit our website at 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





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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



Two New Books IN POST 80's Library

The subject of the new books is U.S. Submarines. The first is: United States Submarine I. S. BN-088363-1032. The second is: Naval Submarine Sonalyst Inc. by Hugh Lauter.

"All Bingo Players"

There will be a Half Price Night

This Month

Tuesday, May 12th

Mark Your Calendar

Bring Your Friends

Get In On The Action

Be a Winner At Post 80



THOUGHT ☯ OF ☯ THE ☯ MONTH:

Thoughts on surviving the difficulties of today:

- ☯ Live beneath your means.
- ☯ Never deprive someone of hope; It may be all they have.
- ☯ Show respect for military personnel.
- ☯ Remember that all news is biased.
- ☯ Treat everyone that you meet like you want to be treated.
- ☯ Don't take good health for granted..
- ☯ Never invest more in the stock market than you can afford to lose.
- ☯ Learn how to read a financial report.
- ☯ Learn Spanish. In a few years more than 35% of all Americans will speak it as a first language.
- ☯ Say "Thank you" & "Please" a lot..
- ☯ Give your best to your employer. It is one of the best investments you can make.
- ☯ Never pay for work before it is completed.
- ☯ Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures.
- ☯ Stand at attention and put your hand over your heart when singing the National Anthem.
- ☯ Don't think a higher price always means higher quality.
- ☯ Start meetings on time, regardless who's missing.
- ☯ Learn to show cheerfulness even when you don't feel it.
- ☯ Never take action when you're angry.

RWB



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Notes





PRESIDENT.....ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENTEVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY.....JULIE IS ENBERGER
TREASURER.....JANE BERNARDINI
CHAPLAINDOLORES HARRISON
HISTORIAN.....KATHLEEN HOTCHKISS
SERGEANT-AT-ARMSLOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMSARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR
 PAST PRESIDENT'S

1920....Margaret Bebb
 1921....Jessie Straub
 1922....Matilda Uhlm
 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....Leora 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
 2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

BINGO WORKERS

May 5th

TICKETS: Midge Zielinski

Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Pat Mustradi

Jane Bernadini

Julie Isenberger

Rylla

May 12th

TICKETS: Ilene Kuhnet

Kathleen Hotchkiss

KITCHEN: Mary Pizzo

Lorraine Donegan

Kathy Pleet

May 19th

TICKETS: Eleanor Richards

Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Karen Greenwald

Rosemary Collins

Carol Cermack

May 26th

TICKETS: Alice Dunn

Rosalyn Gizzi

KITCHEN: Kathleen Pleet

Dolores Harrison

Eileen Mears

Arlene Guest

Meeting

May 18th

Alice Dunn

Electra Finley

Irene C

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Social Night 7:00pm	2 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
3	4	5 Bingo 6:30pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30pm	7	8 Social Night 7:00pm	9 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
10 	11	12 1/2 Price Bingo 6:30pm	13 County Meeting @ West Chicago 7:30pm	14	15 Social Night 7:00pm	16 CDC 8:30a.m Legion Riders 10a.m Past Commanders Night
17 11th District Meeting	18 Auxiliary Meeting	19 Bingo 6:30pm	20	21 Poppy Day	22 Social Night 7:00pm Poppy Night	23 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
24 Post Ballgame Outing	25 Memorial Day (see schedule inside)	26 Bingo 6:30pm	27 Board Meeting 7:30pm	28	29 Social Night 7:00pm	30 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
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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