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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

Over the past few months I have written about two of the pillars of the American Legion, the third of the pillars that the Legion is based upon is a "strong national security". The term strong national security is difficult to define but easy to write about. I ran a Google search on the term and received two million, three hundred thousand hits. Immigrations, Economics, Military, Civilian Leadership, International Relations all can lay claim to be part of our National Security. So can the energy and environmental businesses, phone companies and electrical utilities; each have a role to play. Maybe the easiest approach is to equate it with strong leadership. Our military men and women deserve leadership that will not waste American lives, provide them the best equipment, intelligence and generals available.

We, as Legionnaires support a strong National Security two ways. First we can raise our voices as citizens when we see a wrong. When we hear of our troops receiving poor treatment at Walter Reid Hospital, or body armor in crates at the port of Baltimore, or a defense contractor going way over budget, we as individuals can let our elected leaders know our feelings. We can write an editorial for our newspaper or we can ask the Department and National levels of the Legion to pass a resolution righting a wrong.

Towards the end of the Vietnam War, when our country was of two minds about National Policy members of military were treated with scorn, as if they developed National Policy. Even within our post home Vietnam veterans were not welcome by all. There was a valuable lesson for the taking if we wished to, that is there is a difference between those fighting in a combat area and the politicians that send them into harms way.

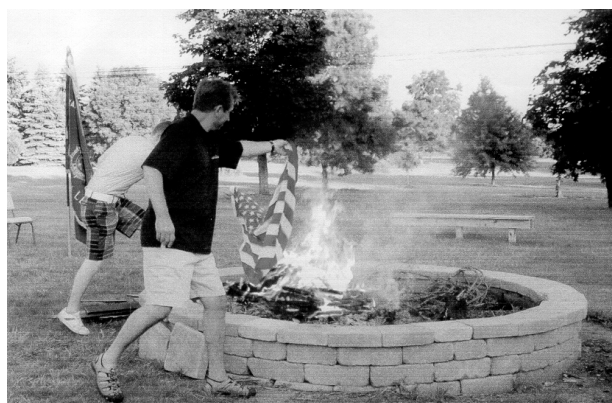
I prefer to read "Strong National Security" as supporting our men and women that wear the uniform of our country. Post 80 does this by donating every month and a bigger donation once a year to "Operation Support Our Troops" that sends packages to people overseas. We support our troops by paying for twenty five memberships in the Legion each year. I am sure that these people do not understand the complexity of what the Legion does for them but some day they will. We donate to the Wounded Warrior Fund that supplies personal items to wounded military. We honor those who return home with a party or use of our hall. Over the past few years we have let the area recruiters use our facilities for team building meetings. We have supported our own that have been called up for active duty.

Even if we disagree with each other about National Security Policy we can and do come together when it comes to the men and women who wear the uniform. We need to be on the look out for new ways of making their sacrifices seem less onerous. Please be kind to each other- Woody



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Flag Day Flag Retirement 6-14-09





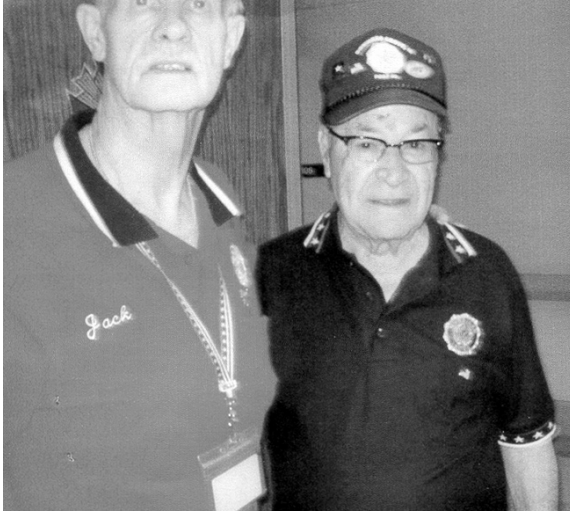
Auxiliary Women & Joe Makas



Kitchen Helpers at Legion District Meeting May 17, 2009



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Jack Thompson and Nick Brescia. On Monday June 8th Nick Brescia took a box of stamps to the Hines V. A. Hospital and gave them to Jack Thompson (Legion Service Officer for Hines.) The stamps will be given to the veterans.

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Grey

This Legionnaire & Auxiliary Member Has Gone To
The Commander of Us All.
Rest Well Our Friend.

AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



NOW HEAR THIS Pot Luck or Pot Shot

Please join us as we celebrate those lovable veterans that were in the service during the Korean War. Last year we paid homage to our WWII folks now it's the Korean War veteran's turn in the barrel. Everyone in the Legion family is welcome. The Post will supply the meat you supply the side dishes or desserts. Drink tickets will be honored.

What: Drinks and Dinner

When: Saturday July 25, 2009

Drinks 5:30 to 6:30PM/ Dinner 7:00

Where: Post 80 home

Who: All Legion Family members

Misc: Drink Tickets will be accepted

Please bring a pot luck side dish or dessert.

Okay, Okay - what is the difference between a war and a police action? How close to the front lines you are! That is all.

Children's Miracle Network

Saturday July 18th

Please join your fellow members of Post 80 as we collect for the "CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK" in Downtown Downers Grove this year. A Troop 80 parent has agreed to allow us to use his downtown office location as our headquarters for the morning. You can pick up your collection materials and drop off collections at 5205 Washington (between Curtis and Maple) from 9am to 1pm Saturday the 18th. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Hope to see you there. Coffee and donuts will not be available at the Post that Saturday.

"All Bingo Players"

The next Half Prince Bingo Night will be

Tuesday, June 28th

Mark your Calendar Bring Your Friends

Get in the Action

Be A Winner at Post 80



History into the 1970's...

It has been several months since I have had time to research the history of Post 80. After finding little more of interest from the end of the 1960's I moved into the 70's.

The new Post home is now eight years old and Post 80 is a vital part of Downers Grove. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day are all annual events which bring the Legion and the Village together. Post 80 is still the sole organizer of Memorial Day, a tradition handed down from The Grand Army of the Republic in 1921.

There are several stories from the 70's, each of which would take several pages of this News Letter. So here are the big issues of the seventies:

1970 - The Cass Flag

1972 - The Freedom Flame

1973 - Civil War relics

1976 - Bicentennial project - the obelisk

Time capsule to be opened in 2076

These are the main events of this decade: I'll begin with the history of The Cass Flag. This story begins in 1861 shortly after Kansas became a state and The Civil War began. There was a small village called Cass and its residents wanted to show their patriotism by having their own flag. After Kansas became the 34th State a member of the village was sent to Chicago to purchase a flag. There were no 34 star flags to be found, so he returned without one. As the 4th of July got closer the young people of Cass became more determined to have a flag to show their patriotism. A new plan was put into action, George B. Heartt was sent to Chicago on July 3rd to purchase enough red, white and blue material to build a flag. While -he was making the trip, the women of Cass under the leadership of Elisha Smart were preparing to sew the new flag. George returned with enough material to build an eleven by six foot flag.

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The women sewed all night by kerosene lanterns and finished the flag as the sun began to rise on the 4th of July. The Flag was carried in a parade around the Village of Cass, Illinois and after the parade it was raised on the new flag pole in front of the Cass School. There it flew for many years until it was lost in time.

There is more to this story which has been written and can be read at the Post. The Village of Cass, Illinois no longer exists. It once occupied the land now known as Argonne National Laboratory or Darien, Illinois.

There is much documentation to back this story and it has been verified by descendents of the Heartt family.

In 1972 as the Vietnam War was coming to an end thousands of men and women were listed as POWs or MIA's, one was from Downers Grove. His name was Tim Bodden. The JayCees had a memorial built and dedicated to Bodden and all POWs and MIA's. It was to be a perpetual flame located near the fire station on Highland and 39th. The Flame was erected at the south end of the parking lot. The Flame burned until 1974 when the energy crisis hit and it became too costly to keep it burning. The Flame would be dormant until 1985 when it was struck by an out of control car. The burner was badly damaged and removed from the memorial. The gas line is now sealed.



AUXILIARY

Poppy Day 2009

The 2009 Poppy day activities netted \$2250.00 for disabled veterans. I thank you, the family of our Miss Poppy, Alexis Sage Russell, for your commitment to supporting Post 80

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Greenwald
2009 Poppy Chair



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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 11 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



‘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





There was a neighborhood parade to greet Sgt. 1st Class Jonak home from his one year tour of service in Afghanistan



Legion Riders with returning Army Sgt. 1st Class John Jonak in the center with his daughter



Ladies of the Legion Riders at the Homecoming Parade for Sgt. John Jonak



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The Garden Club of D.G. is in charge of these memorial gardens. Members carry water to Main Street Cemetery and Maple Grove. The hose is used at the post. The club will be holding a free 2009 flower show at the post on July 11th from 1-5 p.m. Please Come!

*Claire Purlack Chairman- Main St Cemetery, Terry Dutkovich
Chairman- Legion, Nancy Slove- Maple Grove*



The flowers planted by the Garden Club Post 80



Emery Wolff, Nick Brescia, Joe Maska, & Herb Morrison
On Saturday June 6th Post #80 members attended the 65th anniversary, commemoration at the first division museum at Cantigny recognize all d-day veterans over 400 veterans attended. Ceremony started at 10am and the veterans received a free lunch and free parking at Cantigny Park



Emery Wolff, Pete Tepler & Joe Maska at the 65th anniversary



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THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

A 1942 song written in respect to Veterans. Just as acceptable today:

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*Oh, Father Who art in Heaven,
Thou Who hath given us birth,
Lend us thy flaming sword, Oh Lord!
To fight thy battle on earth.*

*As we walk through the perilous darkness,
Lend us Thy holy light
That shines in Thy Heavenly mansion,
To guard our path in the night.*

*And lend Thy shield and Thine armor
To the gallant boys over there,
They are Thy children, Father—
And this is Thy country's prayer:*

*That soon may the forces of evil
Fall at last on their knees,
With the flag of Thy Kingdom of Heaven
Flying high in the breeze!*

*Then sons will return to their mothers,
And men to their wives, and then
This earth will be like Heaven,
Peaceful and bright, Amen.*

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From a song by Albert Stillman & Lawrence Stock, 1942.

RWB



PRESIDENT.....ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENTEVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY.....JULIE ISENBERGER
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 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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 2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

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BINGO WORKERS

July 7th
TICKETS: Midge Zielinski
 Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Pat Mustradi
 Julie Isenberger
 Jane Bernadini

July 14th
TICKETS: Ilean Kuhnert
 Kathleen Hotchkiss

KITCHEN: Mary Pizzo
 Rylla
 Lorraine Donegan

July 21st
TICKETS: Eleanor Richards
 Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Karen Greenwald
 Rosemary Collins
 Arlene Guest

July 28th
TICKETS: Leora Novak
 Rosalyn Gizzi

KITCHEN: Kathleen Pleet
 Dolores Harrison
 Eileen Mears

No Meeting

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Have a SAFE 4th</i>			1	2 Business Meeting 7:30	3 Social Night 7:00 pm	4 Independence Day 4th of July Parade
5	6	7 Bingo 6:30 pm	8	9 County Meeting Downers Grove	10 Social Night 7:00 pm	11 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
12	13	14 Bingo 6:30 pm	15	16	17 Social Night 7:00 pm	18 Children's Miracle Network
19	20 NO Auxiliary Meeting	21 Bingo 6:30 pm	22	23 Board Meeting 7:30	24 Social Night 7:00 pm	25 Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am
26	27	28 1/2 Price Bingo 6:30 pm	29	30	31 Social Night 7:00 pm	

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