

**December 2009**



## POST INFORMATION

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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats  
1920....Robert W. Carpenter  
1921....Jay Allison  
1922....Dan M. Diener  
1923....Norman E. Anderson  
1924....Henry Swift  
1925....Morris E. Stevenson  
1926....William E. Hooper  
1927....Harold H. Clarke  
1928....George Hannan  
1929....A.T. Witt  
1930....Arthur Johnson  
1931....A.T. Witt  
1932....A.J. Walter  
1933....J. Richard Hawkins  
1934....Melvin G. Binder  
1935....L.J. Dixon  
1936....William A. Finger  
1937....G. Willard McCollum  
1938....Leslie L. Meyer  
1939....Charles Dyer  
1940....Newell Fishel  
1941....Rollin Whitaker  
1942....Ivan M. Webster  
1943....Thomas C. Arndt  
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock  
1945....Stanley A. Lynch  
1946....Louis A. Edwards  
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan  
*Italics denotes deceased*

1948....Eugene Weaver  
1949....Fred W. Lester  
1950....Harvey H. Kenitz  
1951....Joseph R. Krepper  
1952....Gilbert G. Giesler  
1953....Andrew S. Blaida  
1954....Herschel Hubbard  
1955....A.R. Fister  
1956....Dino Convalle  
1957....Tony F. Morello  
1958....W.H. Schenke  
1959....James L. Newall  
1960....Edwin D. Wrenn  
1961....Bernard J. Blaida  
1962....Louis W. Wrenn  
1963....James R. Hodous  
1964....Jerry Kopecky  
1965....Earl W. Will  
**1966....Leonard J. Voss**  
1967....Gene Kappelman  
1968....Alois E. Sheber  
1969....Mason Taylor  
1970....William Harkness  
1971....Earl W. Will  
1972....Steven J. Kadlec  
1973....Joseph A. Bartels  
1974....Zedo Oliver  
**1975....Herbert Morrison**  
1976....Chester Kotowski  
**1977....Ed Knickerbocker**

**1978....Elmer J. Mears**  
1979....Dudley E. Smalley  
1980....Jens P. Vimtrup  
1981....Elmer W. Anderson  
1982....Elmer W. Anderson  
1983....Frank J. Bulin  
1984....George R. Novak  
1985....George R. Novak  
1986....Bill Johnson  
1987....A.E. Sheber  
**1988....David D. Wisbrock**  
**1989....David D. Wisbrock**  
**1990....David D. Wisbrock**  
1991....Gilbert J. Gawin  
1992....Gilbert J. Gawin  
1993....Ken Gallagher  
**1994....Richard Bernardini**  
**1995....Emery Wolff**  
1996....Curt McCullagh  
**1997....Larry Bryant**  
**1998....Larry Bryant**  
**1999....John Magic**  
**2000....Jack Border**  
**2001....Jack Border**  
2002....Bob Isenberger  
2003....Bob Isenberger  
**2004....Joe Pappalarido**  
**2005....Richard Rooney**  
**2006..Richard Rooney**  
**2007..Richard Mueller**  
**2008..Richard Mueller**



## **Commander's Column**

Now that you are stuffed with turkey and a little sleepy, I'll hit you with a few dates. During November 10th Downers Grove North High School hosted Veterans. They put on a great program and our Post had many members present. Mike Kayes & Missy Carlson did a great job. Mike will be retiring after this school year and has done a lot to further the issues of veterans. I would urge you to let Downers Grove North know how important this program is and hopefully there will be others to pick up the work. On November 11th we had Veterans Day at the Post. One count put our number at 60 people. The day was only marred by learning that our friend John Weller and Past President of the Auxiliary Lorraine Reimer Vimtrup past away. Even the weather cooperated. Thank you to all who participated. This day is yours. By the time you get this we will have had our first poker night of the year. I hope it was successful.

December sees the annual children's Christmas Party on December 6th. A great big thanks to Todd Hanson for pulling it together and thank you to Santa for appearing. On December 12th we hit the streets again for The Gift For Yanks Program. We need your body to help collect and your money. This program supports those Veterans that need help the most. So please leave time to help. In addition, this year's New Year's Party is being organized by Rich Greenwald, Jack Border, and Rich Mueller. Irrespective of how it turns out you guys did a heck of a job.

Our membership stands at 392 or 85.9% of last year's total. Please ask your friends or relatives that spent time on Active Duty to join the Legion. If you do not ask, who will? You have done a lot for your Post, be proud of it.

I end each column by reminding people to be kind to each other. During this holiday season it is especially important to be kind. I often wonder why we are kinder to total strangers than people that we have chosen to be united with for the betterment of Veterans. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah and ask you to look at yourself and find the kindness which is in you. Be kind to each other or if you do not want to spend time on introspection then I ask you to ponder an observation made by Steven Wright, "If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it?" Have great and peaceful holidays. Be Kind!! Woody



## Gift For Yanks

Those that will be collecting for Gift for Yanks will meet at 7:00am Saturday, December 12th, 7:00am at the Offices of the **Downers Grove Downtown Management Corp 933A Curtis Street** This is made possible by the graciousness of the president of the Downtown Mangement Corp.

Linda Kunze.



## Hey you, yeah you

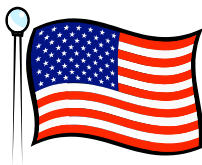
On December 18th members of the Post will go with the Women's Club of Downers Grove to the DuPage Convalescent Center to entertain the resident Vets. We will be meeting at the Post at 11 a.m. If you have never taken the time to speak with these veterans, I urge you to attend this. These men and women are great. Woody



## Flag Retirement

On a chilly November 11 night Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts gathered around the fire pit on the Post Home grounds. Legion members along with scout leaders preformed a shot ceremony and then the Scouts started the retirement by burning the unusable flags. The Scouts treated each flag with dignity and honor which speaks volumes about the boys and their upbringing. The turnout of Scouts, parents and friends seemed to be the largest that I remember. Congratulations Scouts for a fine job and thank you.

Woody





## New Books

Our Library has obtained two new books for your reading pleasure.

The first is entitled *Soldier Boy* by George K. Zak. Mr. Zak lives in Darien and participated in the Downers North High School's Veterans Day Program. The book recounts Mr. Zak's experience in the early days of the Battle of The Bulge and being taken captive, being sent to a Stalag, and his subsequent escape from the Russians who liberated the Camp. This is an excellent account from one who was there.

The second, is entitled *The Good Soldiers* by David Finkel. Mr. Finkel is a reporter that was imbedded in a platoon in Iraq (the 2-16). The book is written from the perspective of platoon level combat and describes what it was like to be in the boots that were on the ground in 2007.

Both of these books are good reads, informative, and interesting. Woody



## “All Bingo Players”

The next Half Price Bingo Night will be

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Mark your Calendar Bring Your Friends

Get in the Action

**Be A Winner at Post 80**



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



## **MEMBERSHIP**

**It's that time again. Have you payed**

**your dues ? Dues are still \$35 for for**

**2010. We are asking all that have not**

**payed to please do it as soon as possible**

**Let's help our Sr. Vice Commander and**

**our Adjutant make this a successful**

**membership year.**

**Please do your part by sending**

**your dues now !**



## **Auxiliary News**

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. Girl state girls visited our meeting. They are very nice girls. We need some ladies to help wrap the gift for the children Christmas party. We will be wrapping gifts Friday Dec. 4th at 5:30 p.m. Our meeting will be Dec. 14th at 6:00 p.m. I will need some ladies at 5:00 p.m. to help set up for our Christmas party. Please bring a grab bag gift up to \$5.00. Plus bring a dish for the pot luck dinner. Electra won our drawing. Our game night will be the second Friday Dec. 11th at 7:00 p.m. There is no meeting scheduled for January. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROSEMARY COLLINS



### **Post President of Auxiliary**

Lorraine Vintriys Age 88 Died Wed, November 4, 2009 in Wauconda, IL  
Born November 19, 1920. She served as a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary in 2000



### **AUXILIARY BINGO HELP NEEDED**

Tired of Tuesday night TV? The Auxiliary Bingo Team needs you once a month for 3 to 4 hours. Sign up for kitchen or ticket sales.

Call Karen Greenwald (630 960-5898) for more information.



**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: Bill Levin  
John Kloster  
Robert Krause  
Frank Risky  
Jim Vinopal Sr.



***IN MEMORIAM***

John G. Fitzgerald  
John A. Weller  
Lorraine Reimer Vimtrup  
(Past President of the Auxiliary)

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





**2009-2010**  
*New Years Eve*  
**CELEBRATION**



American Legion Post 80  
4000 Saratoga Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
630-968-9710



**Prime Rib Dinner**

**MUSIC TO DANCE BY**

**CHAMPAGNE TOAST- FAVORS- SNACKS**

**Donation: \$50 per person**

**Doors Open at 5:30 PM**

**Buffet Dinner at 7:00 PM**

**Celebration Starts at 9:00 PM**

Tables of 8 or 10 may be reserved

Tickets prior to December 21st are \$50 per person

After December 21st, tickets are \$60 per person

For Tickets Sales and Table Assignments Call:

Jack Border at: (630)971-1438 or Rich Greenwald at: (630)960-5898





## THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

December is the month you catch up on past history before going into the New Year. (Not all history is as you remembered it !!):

- ❖ *The recent Obama "Nobel Peace Prize" reminds us that in 1937 Gertrude Stein proposed that Adolph Hitler receive that award!!*
- ❖ *When the Civil War started, Union General Ulysses S. Grant owned slaves while Confederate General Robert E. Lee did not!*
- ❖ *John Wilkes Booth was actually the 3<sup>rd</sup> assassin who attempted to take the life of Abraham Lincoln. Two previous attempts failed!*
- ❖ *Colonel Leonard Wood, not Teddy Roosevelt, was actually in command of the charge on "Kettle Hill" with the "Rough Riders".*
- ❖ *In 1603 the colony of New Plymouth, Massachusetts imposed the first recorded income tax in America.*
- ❖ *In 1978, President Jimmy Carter, the 1<sup>st</sup> Southerner elected President following the Civil War, restored U. S. citizenship to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America!*
- ❖ *No one really knows what Christopher Columbus looked like because he was never known to have sat for a painting.*
- ❖ *Herbert Hoover was the only President to turn his entire salary over to charity.*
- ❖ *It is highly unlikely that the "Father of our Country" was able to father a child by anybody! George Washington claimed he always wanted children but he and Martha never conceived. Martha had 4 children by a previous marriage.*
- ❖ *The initials "CBJ" didn't just stand for Cyndon Batnes Johnson. They also stood for every member of his family. His wife Lady Bird Johnson; daughters: Cynda Bird Johnson and Lucy Batnes Johnson, and even the family dog: Little Beagle Johnson!*

\*\*\*\*\*ENOUGH HISTORY FOR NOW\*\*\*\*\*

Well, have a Merry Christmas and a very  
Happy New Year!!.....RWB



<b>PRESIDENT.....</b>	<b>ROSEMARY COLLINS</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT.....</b>	<b>EVELYN FREDERICKS</b>
<b>SECRETARY .....</b>	<b>JULIE ISENBERGER</b>
<b>TREASURER.....</b>	<b>JANE BERNARDINI</b>
<b>CHAPLAIN .....</b>	<b>DOLORES HARRISON</b>
<b>HISTORIAN.....</b>	<b>NORMA BORDER</b>
<b>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>LOUISE LEWANSKI</b>
<b>ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b>	<b>ARLENE GUEST</b>

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

<i>1920....Margaret Bebb</i>	<i>1949....Vivian Harkness</i>	<i>1979....Catherine Smalley</i>
<i>1921....Jessie Straub</i>	<i>1950....Christine McGarvie</i>	<b>1980....Frances North</b>
<i>1922....Matilda Uhlorn</i>	<b>1951....Shirley Wrenn</b>	<b>1981....Anne Creel</b>
<i>1923....Myra Hawkins</i>	<i>1952....Letitia Mrkvicka</i>	<i>1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1924....Clara Nash Hawkins</i>	<i>1953....Corabelle Krepper</i>	<i>1983....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1925....Emily Sanders</i>	<i>1954....Christine McGarvie</i>	<b>1984....Anne Creel</b>
<i>1926....Daisy Swift</i>	<i>1955....Elsie Niedner</i>	<i>1985....Genevieve Kotowski</i>
<i>1927....Florence Johnson</i>	<b>1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss</b>	<i>1986....Genevieve Kotowski</i>
<i>1928....Mary Pfaff</i>	<i>1957....Marian Lacey</i>	<b>1987....Ethel Clark</b>
<i>1929....Esther Binder</i>	<b>1958....Evelyn Fredericks</b>	<b>1988....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
<i>1930....Beulah McCollum</i>	<b>1959....Shirley Schenke</b>	<b>1989....Eleanor Bartels</b>
<i>1931....Viola Vix</i>	<i>1960....Margaret Morello</i>	<b>1990....Bonita Wisbrock</b>
<i>1932....Bernice Goltry</i>	<i>1961....Marian Ruzicka</i>	<i>1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1933....Mae Jones</i>	<i>1962....Margaret Edwards</i>	<i>1992....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1934....Bernice Hannan</i>	<i>1963....Alice Pechinski</i>	<i>1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1935....Marie Finger</i>	<i>1964....Alice Pechinski</i>	<b>1994....Midge Zielinski</b>
<i>1936....Evelyn Walter</i>	<b>1965....Anne Creel</b>	<b>1995....Boneta Wisbrock</b>
<i>1937....Josephine Mitchell</i>	<b>1966....Evelyn Jenkins</b>	<b>1996....Leora Novak</b>
<i>1938....Lorraine Edwards</i>	<b>1967....Dorothy Nied</b>	<b>1997....Leora Novak</b>
<i>1939....Ethel Margison</i>	<b>1968....Eleanor Bartels</b>	<i>1998....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1940....Vera Iehl</i>	<i>1969....Alice Pechinski</i>	<i>1999....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1941....Mabel Webster</i>	<i>1970....Helen Beck</i>	<b>2000...Lorraine Vimtrup</b>
<i>1942....Muriel Fischel</i>	<i>1971....Jeanette Foster</i>	<b>2001...Leora Novak</b>
<i>1943....Ruth Karvatt</i>	<b>1972....Dorothy Kadlec</b>	<i>2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek</i>
<i>1944....Emily Mrkvicka</i>	<i>1973....Margaret Morello</i>	<b>2003....Midge Zielinski</b>
<i>1945....Flossie Dreuttel</i>	<i>1974....Ann Hodous</i>	<b>2004...Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
<i>1946....Minnie Lester</i>	<i>1975....Ann Hodous</i>	<b>2005...Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
<i>1947....Esther Weaver</i>	<b>1976....Eleanor Bartels</b>	<b>2006...Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
<i>1948....Myrtle Kraft</i>	<i>1977....Alice Pechinski</i>	<b>2007...Bonnie Wisbrock</b>
<i>Italics denotes deceased</i>	<i>1978....Mildred Mueller</i>	<b>2008...Bonnie Wisbrock</b>

# BINGO WORKERS

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Midge Zielinski  
Jane Bernadini  
**KITCHEN:** Pat Mustradi  
Julie Isenberger  
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**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Ilean Kuhnert  
Pam Hurtigan  
**KITCHEN:** Lorraine Donegan  
Carol Cermack  
Mary Pizzo

**Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Evelyn Fredericks  
Eleanor Richards  
**KITCHEN:** Karen Greenwald  
Carol Cermack  
Kathleen Pleet

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Evelyn Fredericks  
Eleanor Richards  
**KITCHEN:** Rosemary Collins  
Dolores Harrison  
Marge Pavich  
Kim Curz

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
Pam Hurtigan  
**KITCHEN:** Karen Greenwald  
Arlene Guest  
Terri Johnson  
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Dec 14th  
Chistmas Party

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# DECEMBER 2009



Have A Merry Christmas		1 1/2 Price Bingo 6:30 pm	2 Business Meeting 7:30	3	4	5
6	7	8 Bingo 6:30 pm	9 Country Meeting Naperville Post 43	10	11	12 Gifts for Yanks 7:00am @ 933 A Curtis
13	14 Auxiliary Meeting	15 Bingo 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19 Legion Riders 10am 10:00 am
20	21	22 Bingo 6:30 pm	23 Board of Directors Meeting	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26
27	28	29 Bingo 6:30 pm	30	31 New Years Eve 2010 	And A Happy New Year!!	

## 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