

APRIL 2009



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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*
Italics denotes deceased
1947....*Thomas J. Lanagan*

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 PappalarDO**
2005....**Richard Rooney**
2006....**Richard Rooney**
2007....**Richard Mueller**
2008....**Richard Mueller**



Commander's Column

Spring has sprung and we all should have a song on our lips. How about the "Happy Birthday" Song? Yes, in March we, as the American Legion, turned 90 years old. Over the years many people have decried the decline of the American Legion. I have just completed reading the Commanders' Columns for 1995 and some of 1996. The consistency of the issues surrounding the Post simply have not changed much, we need more people to get involved, increase our membership and get some young blood into the organization. Yet we seem to muddle through. As Will Rogers said "things will get better despite our efforts to improve them".

But Spring is a time of rebirth. I truly believe that most people join the Legion to help others and the strength of the Legion Family is in our programs. There will be a test of this later. The American Legion is based on four pillars which are: A strong National Security; Taking care of Veterans; Mentoring Youth; and Promoting Patriotism and Honor. How many of us understand what they mean? Okay, you in the way back - what Post programs fit under which pillars? Not a clue? Then shame on me for not communicating enough.

I have asked David Wisbrock to take the lead in putting together a program for new members that would entail mentoring, development of what the four pillars of the American Legion are and why they are important. The program is in the initial planning stages but would be voluntary for new members. Wouldn't it be great if we could understand why our organization developed the way it did, and what our goals are.

I would also like to start a program whereby on one Saturday morning per month we visit one of the rest homes in our area for coffee and donuts. Some of these veterans are our family, friends, or soon to be friends. But I need someone to take the lead. It would matter to those whom we visit and us. All of this depends on you.

You are a member of the Legion family - are you willing to let your organization drift into the sunset or are you will to promote our programs and insure that the Legion will have another 100 nay 1,000 years before it becomes obsolete. As Dr. Seuss said "Today is your day, your mountain is waiting, so get on your way.

Please remember be kind to each other.

-Woody



THANK YOU

One of the nice things about being Commander is that you get to thank so many people who do so much. For instance, John Weller donated two American Legion 50 year Anniversary coins to the Post. One belonged to John's father who was a long time member of Post 80 and one was his. Jim Nelson is putting them in a display case and we will put them on display where the pay phones used to be. Thank you to John and Jim.

Another Thank You to Bruce Piffer for taking care of the lodging for the driver that will bring us "The Moving Wall" in October. Bruce's ordeal is worth repeating. Bruce wrote a letter to the Marriott Resident Suites asking if they would donate a room. After not hearing from them he called and was told they do not support things such as this. He then contacted by writing Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel located at 2111 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove. Before a week passed he was contacted and was told that it would be their honor to house these people for the week free. This saves the Post big bucks. I can assure you that any out of town guests I have will be put up in the Doubletree. Their and Bruce's support is very much appreciated.

On March 19th Nick Brescia and other Post 80 members took the Veterans from DuPage County Convalescence Home out to the IHOP for breakfast. They not only deserve our thanks for taking care of vets but also for upholding one of the four pillars upon which the American Legion is built.

Each month you receive a Monthly Post Newsletter. The Newsletter does not produce itself. A big Thank You to Joe Pappalardo for being the editor month after month.

- Woody



AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope everyone had a very nice St. Patrick's Day. We had the second division meeting at our Post March 22nd Sunday.

Thank You to the ladies that helped in the kitchen poker Sunday and we needed more helpers.

Peggy Castle went to the Department of Illinois' 81st Annual Patriotic Conference & Department Board meeting March 13-14. Peggy Castle, Electra Finley and Irene Cattrill wanted a gold star meeting plus Irene Cattrill is a gold star.

I would like to pick the third Friday to be game night for all the ladies at the hall. It will start at 7:00pm April 17th and it will be every month on the third Friday. I hope to see all the ladies come out to play games.

I wish every one a Happy Easter.
Rosemary Collins





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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

James "Pat" Shanahan
John L. Steger Jr.

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



The Vietnam Moving Wall is coming to Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80, The American Legion, October 1 through October 5, 2009. To cover costs, we are seeking a \$2 donation from 3,000 people. Please ask your friends, relatives, and coworkers to donate also.

Please mail or bring your donation to:
Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
4000 Saratoga Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

www.post80.org
630-968-9710



FINANCE UPDATE

Given our performance in February and March we have cut our operational deficit by approximately \$12,000. Thank you for your hard work and efforts.



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“All Bingo Players”

The next Half Price Bingo Night
will be

Tuesday, April 28th

Mark Your Calendar

Bring Your Friends

Get In On The Action

Be a winner at POST 80

Post Clean-Up Day April 18th



Please mark your calendars at 9:00a.m. on Saturday, April 18th there will be a Post wide clean-up day. We will need as many members as we can get to this clean-up day. Irrespective of your ability to work, all are needed and welcomed. The more members attending, the more can be accomplished. This is your Post home, let's work together to keep it in shape. See you on Saturday April 18th.



Veterans Helping Veterans

March 19 in Post 80, is the day we took the veterans from DuPage County Convalescent Center out to I.H.O.P. for breakfast. We left the Post 80 at 8am and got to I.H.O.P. by 9AM to help the Veterans off the Bus. Nick Brescia got everyone there on time. Post 80 and Auz. members help to take care of the veteran, we gave away flags, camera and T-shirts. Thanks to the Gift For Yanks collection and members.

Rehab. chairman

Herb. Morrison and Nick Brescia

Do you know where your discharge is? DD 214

Make sure you have a copy of it. We had a wife looking for her Husband's discharge and could not find it. If you went in service In Illinois, the Veterans Affairs Office in Wheaton can help find it in State Records. Call 630-690-9499. Or Illinois Veterans Records Office of DuPage 630-682-7398 or 7200 first copy is free. Post 80 has discharges of members, do we have yours? Call Post 80, 968-9710.

Your Service Officer

Herb Morrison



NOMINATIONS FOR 2009/2010

The Nominating Committee has developed the following ticket of candidates for offices of Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80 in Downers Grove, Illinois, which will be placed on file with the Post Adjutant.

Commander	Woody Kawaters
Sr. Vice Commander	Richard Greenwald
Jr. Vice Commander	Todd Hanson
Finance Officer	Richard Mueller
Sgt. At Arms	Frank Risky

County Delegate	Jack Border
County Delegate	Pete Tepler
County Delegate	Steve Collins
County Delegate	Frank Mangone

Board of Dir.- 1yr.	Dick Bemardini
Board of Dir.- 1yr.	Joe Maska
Board of Dir.- 2yr.	Dick Rooney
Board of Dir.- 2yr.	Emery Wolff
Board of Dir.- 3yr.	Joe Pappalardo
Board of Dir.- 3yr.	Ed Ludwig

Honorary Post Position	
Jr. Past Commander	Rich Mueller

Nominations may be made from the floor of the May Business Meeting. Nominees must submit written acceptance to the Post Adjutant 5 days prior to the June Business Meeting.



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



MEMBERSHIP

Have you payed your dues ? We are asking all that have not 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 !



Attention Baseball Fans

Mark your calendars for May 24th. I am planning an outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ball game with the Kane County cougars. The Game starts at 6:00PM. This would be a fun time for us all. There will be fireworks that night If we get twenty people or more the box seats are \$12.00 per person. These seats are on the west side of home plate. We will have the sun to our backs and some shade possibly. We can have a chartered a bus to take us to the game and return us to the post.

The cut off date is April 2nd

To purchase your box seat tickets at home plate. Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 80 for \$23 per person, which includes the cost of transportation (\$11.00 for chartered bus). The incentive to purchase tickets by April 2nd is four undated tickets good for any game for the rest of the season. Two pair of these tickets will be raffled off on Game Day to all who attend. So get your money in ASP.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people: ____ x \$23.00= ____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald Sr. Vice



THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

When assigned a job at the Legion:

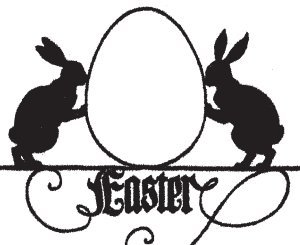
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When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're hiking seems all uphill,
When your spirits are low, but the needs are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When your leader is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit!

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out,
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow!

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the job when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worse,
That you must not quit!

RWB





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 Uhlorn
 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
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April 2009



BINGO WORKERS

April 7th

TICKETS: Midge Zielinski
Jane Bernadini

KITCHEN: Leora Novak
Pat Mustradi
Rylla

April 14th

TICKETS: Lorraine Donegan
Mary Pizzo

KITCHEN: Kathy Pleet
Karen Greenwald
Eileen Kuhnart

April 21st

TICKETS: Eleanor Richards
Kathleen Hotchkiss

KITCHEN: Rosemary Collins
Carol Cermack
Eileen Mears

April 28th

TICKETS: Alice Dunn
Rosalyn Gizzi
KITCHEN: Kathleen Pleet
Dolores Harrison
Julie Isenberger

**Meeting
April 20th**

Julie Isenberger
Pat Pleet
Eileen Guest

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Business Meeting 7:30p.m	2	3 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	4 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
5	6	7 Bingo 6:30p.m	8 County Meeting @ Glen Ellyn 7:30pm	9	10 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	11 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
12 	13	14 Bingo 6:30p.m	15	16	17 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	18 CDC 8:30a.m Legion Riders 10a.m Clean-up Work Day
19	20 Auxiliary Meeting	21 Bingo 6:30p.m.	22 Board Meeting 7:30p.m	23	24 Social Nite 7:00p.m.	25 Coffee, Doughnuts Conversation 8:30a.m
26	27	28 Bingo 1/2 Price Night	29	30		

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