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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. Vimtrup</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.... <i>Emery Wolff</i>
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 Pappalardo
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

“YOU!...YOU!” Truer words have never been spoken than by Robert De Niro in the movie Analyze This. I congratulate You. Your Post is celebrating 90 years of vibrancy. You have kept faith with Veterans that came before and are protecting it for those who come after You. Your membership in the American Legion insures that at the National, State and Local level Veterans' needs are heard. You may not even been aware that You counted when the Legion helped pass the new GI Bill. In economic hard times, many groups suffer a loss in membership but You have helped in making us a growing group. In December You concluded another successful Gift for Yanks Program. You are attracting the movable wall to Your Post next October.

In uncertain times with our services fighting two different wars, You have supported our men and women directly, through gifts to Operation Support Our Troops or paying for their membership while they are away. You have made the Saturday Donuts, Coffee and BS successful. You make the Dinners we have fun to come too. You make an effort to build our Library and museum. You work to have a beautiful grounds and building. You have made a difference in the lives of our youth. You have supported Boy Scouts for 70 years. You have sent hundreds of boys to Boy & Girl State. Countless numbers of kids play baseball, softball or soccer each year because of You. You have sent money to The Children's Miracle Network to help children that will never know your name but would die without You.

You have sent children to study abroad and bring the true American spirit with them. You have visited schools and spoken about your activities while in the service. You have watched Commanders come and go. You have attended more wakes than you wish to remember. You still get a lump in your throat when the Flag passes by or when You hear Taps. Regardless if you are “active” in the Legion or not, You are important to us. When You pray, You re member our service men & women.

When I pray I remember You. When I hear You tell a story about some unkindness you have suffered while at the Legion it makes me very sad. I hope you get the idea that I think You are important to me and Your Post. In the coming year I wish for You Peace, Happiness and Kindness. As Bobby (to his friends) De Niro said “YOU!!!...YOU!! You're the ONE.” Woody





**DON'T GIVE ME ANY
FLAP JACK(S)!!!!!!**

Saturday January 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 there will be an all you can eat pancake breakfast at our Legion Home. This is the second fundraiser that the Post is sponsoring. Specifics are:

What: Pancake breakfast

When: 1/21/09

Where: Post 80 Home

How Much: Over 10 years old \$10

Under 10 \$1 for every year old. Please come out and support your Post and bring your neighbors, family and friends. Thank you in advance.

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: Bob Jenson
Jim Shanahan

William Morrison
Bill Westrup



Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Ect??

Are you aware the post accepts donations of wheel chairs, walkers, canes and makes them available for free as long as necessary. Hopefully to be returned for re-use.

-James J. Zalusky

AUXILIARY NEWS

I would like to take this moment and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our Christmas Party and Potluck dinner turned out very nice. We had a lot of good food. We had a special guest visit us President LaVera Doria from Second Division. It was very nice for her to come out on a very cold night. I hope to see everyone at the New Year's Eve Celebration. No meeting in January 2009.

Thank You,
Happy Holidays to Everyone
Rosemary Collins

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A prayer for the coming year.

Let us Pray;

You have cautioned us, O Lord, that You will require much of those to whom much is given: Grant that we, whose lot is cast in such goodly circumstances and so rich a heritage, may strive together through generosity, diligence, and our earnest labors to complete the ambitious tasks to which we have set our hands and the programs we have pledged to undertake. Amen.

Wm. Jack Border
Post 80 Chaplain



Post 80 Member Has Moved

Ralph's phone number in Genoa City, WI:
1-262-279-0085 Address (mail and calls welcome) is:
Ralph Gray #2-W
c/o WBF Retirement Home,
Box 426 Genoa City, WI 53128-0426

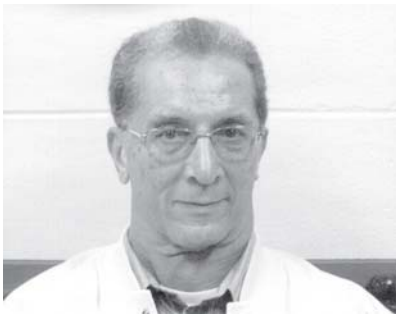
IN MEMORIUM

Stephanie Sikorski
Joseph Domkoski

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



Legionnaire of the Month



Larry Bryant
Pass Commander 1997-1998
Member 21 years
Accountant' Bingo
worker- drill team
DI. Board of Directors
"Many hands make work light"



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 ballgame 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



ATTENTION MEMBERS

ALEXANDER BRADLEY BURNS POST 80

90th Anniversary all members of the Legion, Women's Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders. We will be taking pictures for the Anniversary every Wednesday and Saturday till May 25th. Please call to make an appointment (630-968-9710). If you have any questions please contact Rich Greenwald, Sr. Vice at (630-269-5898).



Pancake Breakfast

We are planning a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the Post on Saturday, January 24th. This is just a forewarning to save the date and your appetite. Donuts will not be available that morning, so mark your calendars and plan on eating all the pancakes you can. Who knows, there could be a pancake-eating contest.



Family Bingo back on February 7th by Popular Demand

Family Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th at the request of the many past attendees and additional requests. This is an inexpensive fun event for the entire family to include kids and grandkids (youth under 18 play for free). In addition to game winners, there will be several raffle winners.

Doors open at 5:30pm to allow time to get your cards and settle in. The kitchen is open for pizza and hot dogs (maybe more) at nominal prices, plus the bar will be open.

The games start at 6:30pm.

This popular and enjoyable event is also open to Scout families and guests of the Legion and Auxiliary.



Gift For Yanks Collection Dec. 13, 2008

It was a cold day but the members came out to collect Todd Hanson, Jim Rosenkranz, Rich Greenwald, Elmer Mears, Jim Nelson, Herb Morrison, Dick Bemardini and Frank Mangone. A good job was by all. John Well and Joe Pappalardo counted the money. Money received in checks was from Dick Rooney, Stanley Ruminski, Robert Katrein, Woody Kawaters, James Scott, William Westrup, Joseph Hinton, Emery Wolff, Bob Cormack, Rich Mueller, Joe Pappalardo, and Herb Morrison. The Hinsdale Lodge # 934 AF & AM donation \$ 500.00 be for Dec. 13 we collected over \$1.300 and after Dec. 13 on the street and checks, we collected over \$ 1,000. The high man was Jim Rosenkranz. Jim was out till 3pm, good job Jim. Post 80 thanks all the help. We will print the total in the next newsletter. Herb Morrison



In pictures: Elmer Mears, Jack Border, and Rich Greenwald
Jim Henson, Joe Pappalrdo, and John Weller



SO LONG UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Legionaire Bob Cormack and his wife Beverly recently took Post #80 fellow member Ralph Gray for a Bon Voyage' dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant, located at the Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling, IL. Also attending was fellow Legionaire Stacy MacDonald. Ralph recently moved to a new retirement Condo in Wisconsin, south of Lake Geneva, where he is completing the final manuscript of this WW2 memoirs of his fighter pilot battle experience flying a P51 Mustang like the one displayed at the restaurant. Cormack proofread the historical book based on Ralph's flight records and memories which includes the incident during the D-Day invasion when he and his wingman were shot down by friendly fire while passing down over the beach. Ralph crash landed his plane on the English shore but his wingman never made it back. Ralph hopes to publish the book soon and our Post 80 military library will obtain a copy or two for the members and those interested in our WW2 heroes so they will be able to read about one of the Greatest Generation exploits first hand. Bob Cormack- Post #80 member



Childrens Christmas Party A Great Success!!

Once again the Post hosted a successful Christmas Party this year. Following a magic show and a snack, we handed out gifts to 50 children and a good time was had by all. I can assure you it would not have been possible without the efforts of a number of people to whom I owe my gratitude. We were pleasantly surprised to learn the magician's assistant was John Tuider's granddaughter Angel who has attended Christmas parties at the post since her childhood. Jack Border was our Santa and along with his wife Norma, gave the kids a great performance as Mr & Mrs Claus. Bonnie Wisbrock shopped for the gifts and along with the following auxiliary ladies wrapped those gifts for the party; Julie Isenberger, Jane Bernardini, Louise Lewanski, Arlene Guest, Midge Zielinski, Bernice Kocurek, Kathleen Hotchkiss, Elanore Richard, Dee Harrison, Pat Mustradi Kirn Cruz, and Lorraine Donegan. Bonnie and Julie also worked the kitchen at the party and served hot dogs to our guests. We were entertained for the brief intermission between the magic show and Santa's appearance by the golden voice of Larry Bryant who lead the kids in singing Christmas songs. Stacy McDonald was a very helpful elf and Steve Collins helped me clean up after the party. Many thanks to all of these individuals, to those who attended and enjoyed themselves, and to those who stayed home and wished us well. I hope to see everyone again next year on the first Sunday in December. Todd Hanson JVC



At the Childrens Christmas Party



Legionaire Stacy McDonald and past commander Larry Bryant with a chorus of children leading christmas carols.

The magician and his helper auto graphing magic tricks for the kids.



Mrs. Claus and Santa talking with a young Bears Fan on what he wants for Christmas.



THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

Time to forget “08 and start a new day!!

- 1). Today is yesterday’s tomorrow. Too late to go back.
- 2). Today is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.
- 3). Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others - time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, hours...
- 4). Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are lost as a vanished thought.
- 5). Today I refuse to spend valuable time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.
- 6). Today I am determined to do things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing things I should not do.
- 7). Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different.
They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.
- 8). Today I begin by doing, and not wasting my time. In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.
- 9). Today I will act towards other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes

Tomorrow is a New Year—enjoy it...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
 2005....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2006....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2007....Bonnie Wisbrock
 2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

BINGO WORKERS

January 6th

TICKETS: Midge Zielinski
Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Carol Cermack
Jane Bernadini
Pat Mustradi

January 13th

TICKETS: Ilean Kuhnert
Leora Novak

KITCHEN: Lorraine Donnegan
Kathy Pleet
Mary Pizzo

January 20th

TICKETS: Eleanor Richards
Kathleen Hotchkiss
KITCHEN: Rosemary Collins
Ellen Mears
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January 27th

TICKETS: Alice Dunn
Rosalyn Gizzi

KITCHEN: Dolores Harrison
Carol Cermack
Julie Isenberger
Michele Winslow

No Meeting
For January



January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Social Night 7:00 pm	3 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation @ Post 8:30am
4	5	6 BINGO 6:30 pm	7 Business Meeting 7:30pm	8	9 Social Night 7:00 pm	10 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation @ Post 8:30am
11	12	13 BINGO 6:30 pm	14 County Meeting @ Westmont 7:30 pm	15	16 Social Night 7:00 pm	17 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation @ Post 8:30am
18	19 No Auxiliary Meeting	20 BINGO 6:30 pm	21	22	23 Social Night 7:00 pm	24 Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:30am @ Post
25	26	27 BINGO 6:30pm Half Price Night	28 Board Meeting	29	30 Social Night 7:00 pm	31 Coffee, Doughnuts, Conversation @ Post 8:30am

ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I—APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918
KOREAN WAR—JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955
GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984
WORLD WAR II—DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946

VIETNAM—FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975
OPER JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA—DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990
PERSIAN GULF—AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities