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Commander's Column

One-hundred years ago this month, 20 soldiers met in Paris, France, to plan the creation of a veteran's service organization named the "American Legion." Our Post 80 was formed a few months later here in Downers Grove. Both the national organization and our Post are thus entering into a new century of service to veterans and the community.

Please log on and eyeball the new look of our Post 80 website featuring a great photo of our Post. www.post80.org. Strangely, that very same photo shows up on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/post80 and on our Twitter page @abbpost80 . What a coincidence! Slowly but surely we are joining the 21st Century. On a related note, I am pleased to announce that Jack Border has agreed to take over as the Editor of this Legion-Aire newsletter effective with the May issue. A huge "THANK YOU" to Hal Burke for his work as Editor these last two years!

Mother Nature did not cooperate with us on Tuesdays this February. Threatening weather forecasts caused the cancellation of bingo on three (3) Tuesdays in a row. As I write this (on 02/19/2019) we have a couple of inches of new snow on the ground from yesterday, but the Post is well-shoveled and ready for bingo tonight. Spring Training has started, and hopefully by the time of the general membership meeting on Wednesday, March 3, we will begin to see a warm up. Volunteers for bingo are always needed and appreciated.

Speaking of improvements, at this very moment the Post is installing new and better refrigeration coolers in the bar to replace the existing ones after a mere 35 years. Drop by the Post on a Tuesday night and you'll find that the beer is COOOOLD.

Looking ahead, please set your clocks forward one hour on March 10 so you won't be late for church. Then come and meet our new members at the Saturday, March 16 dinner and initiation. Cocktails will be served at 5:00, the short-form Initiation Program will be at 6:00, and dinner will follow. There will be a nominal $5.00 donation from existing members for the St. Patrick's Day-style dinner. New members and their guests will be free.

The next party at the Post will be the Riders' Spaghetti Dinner on April 6. Doors open at 4:00pm. Tickets will be $8.00 at the door. Our

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Post 80 Riders do a great job of supporting our veterans and community, so let's support them.

Morrison Scholarship applications are due by tax day, April 15, 2019. Post 80 member's children and grandchildren are eligible. Go to www.post80.org/forms.html or the bulletin board for the application.

At the risk of having artillery shells land on my head, I "REPEAT:" Send us your email address at Abbpost80@gmail.com During February we sent out blast emails to every address we had cancelling bingo. If you did not get one, neither the Post nor the Legion national office has your email address. Send it today, please.

Cheers!
Rick McLaren—Commander abbpost80@gmail.com

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Auxiliary News – March 2019

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The February meeting was cancelled as well as almost All of January and Feb, so fare, Bingo because of the awful weather. *WHAT A WINTER*!

Our Americanism Chair, Chris Graves, received the essays for the contest but had no members to read them. She has asked her family and friends to read them and pick the winner.

Hopefully March will be better for our bingos and Auxiliary meeting.

Upcoming events:

Patriotic Conference in Springfield
March 22nd

Junior Conference in Utica on
April 6th & 7th

ALA Illini Girls State in Charleston on
June 16th to 22nd

Gold Star Members in the District will be honored at a meeting March 16th at Unit 13 in Plainfield.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 11 at 7: p.m. I hope we will see ALL of you there.

Please Stay Warm and NO BROKEN BONES from Falls. Winter has to be over soon.

LET'S BE KIND TO EACH OTHER

Joey Klingbiel, President

MEET the CANDIDATES

Meet Downers Grove Candidates

The League of Woman Voters Downers Grove, Woodridge, Lisle will be sponsoring a Meet and Greet for those candidates running for School Board District 58 and 99 as well as for Downers Grove Park District. The Meet and Greet will be held at the Downers Grove American Legion on **Sunday, March 3rd** from **1-3 pm.**

District 58 Candidates include: Elizabeth Segale, Joanne Vasquez Drexler, Tracy Weiner, Kylie Spar and Kirat Doshi.

District 99 Candidates include: Nancy Kupka Hall, Michael Davenport and Donald Erickson.

Downers Grove Park District: Elizabeth Hallenga

Bring your questions and meet those running.

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American Legion Riders – Chapter 80 –March 2019 Update

Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are $20.00. Please check with Director, Mike Klick, (708.670.1475), or John Pavich, (630-712-1834) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and web site at post80.org/legion-riders for updates for the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

Sat. March 2nd. Legion Rider meeting 9:00
Sat. April 6th. Legion Rider Annual Spaghetti Dinner! 4:00 to 7:00
Bring your family and friends!

Mike Klick, Director ALR

The ALR are now accepting applications for supporter members. Please contact Mike Klick, Director (708.670.1475) or John Pavich, (630.712.1834)

American Legion Riders

Chapter 80

Are having their annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 6th., 2019

Time: 4:00 ~ 7:00

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Dinner Tickets - $8.00 at the door
Children - 5-10 $3.00 - Under 5 years free

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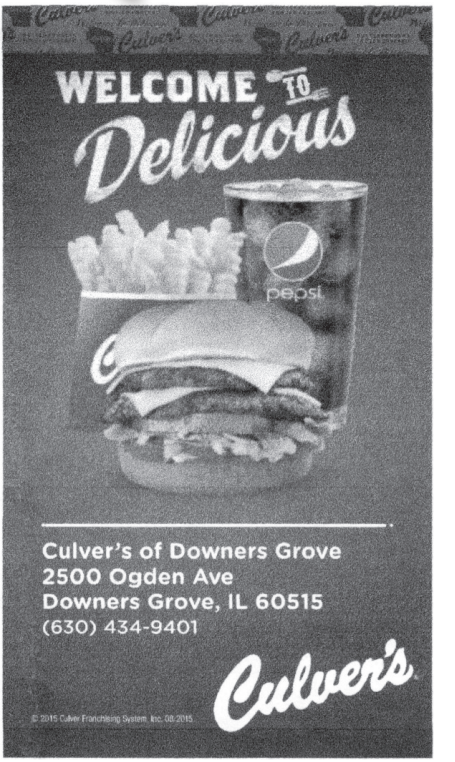
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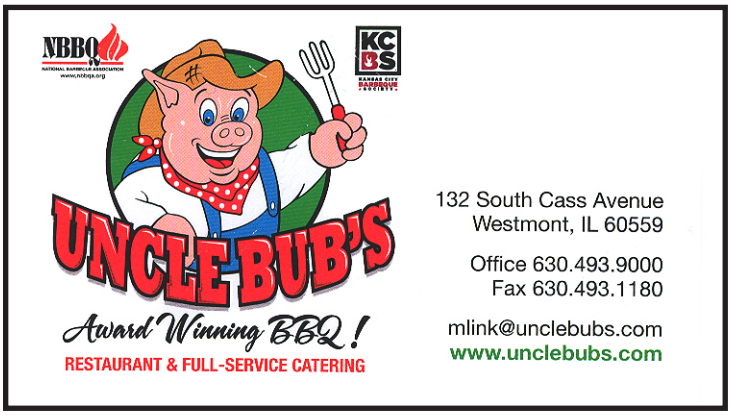

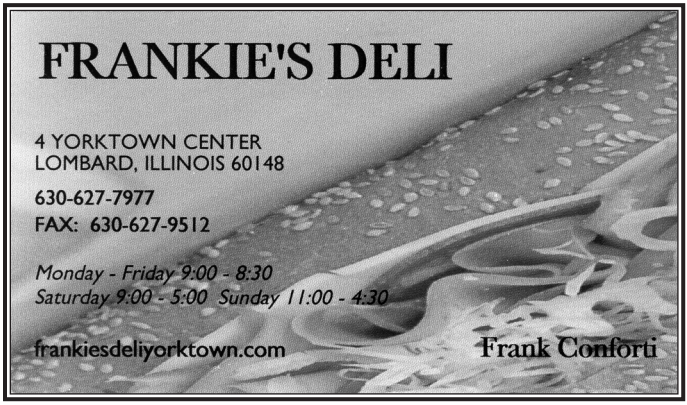

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- Auxiliary meeting, 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
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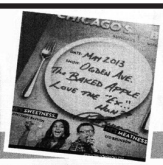

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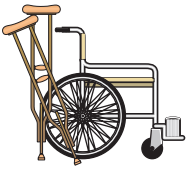

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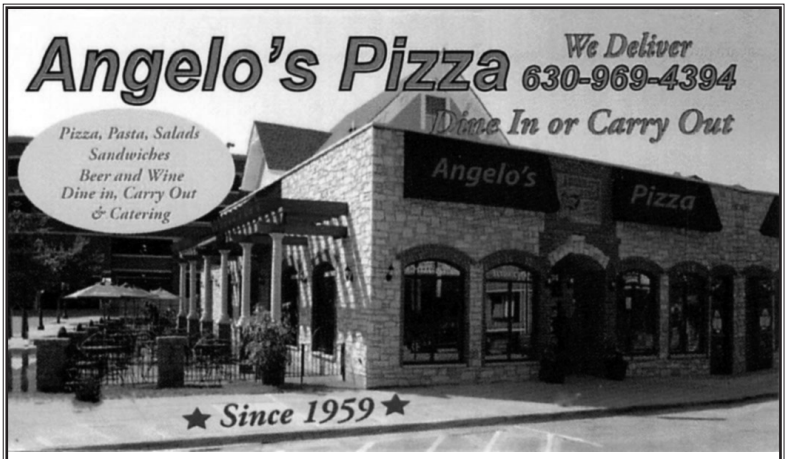

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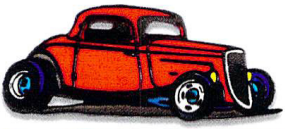

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Initiation / Recognition of New Members

Saturday, March 16th

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[*Special note to new American Legion Members and Transferees from another Post: If you have not received an Invitation Letter from me, please contact me ASAP via email (McLarenR17@gmail.com) or leave a message at the Post (630/968-9710) for me to return your call.* RicK McLaren – Commander]

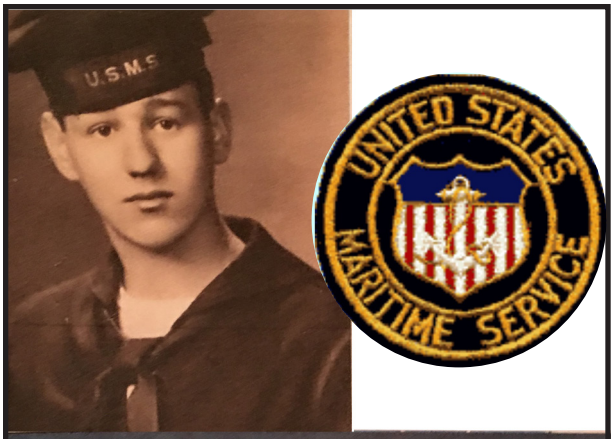
SEE YOU AT THE POST ON MARCH 16th.

ON MARCH 10th

Remember to change your

Clocks Forward

For Daylight Savings Time



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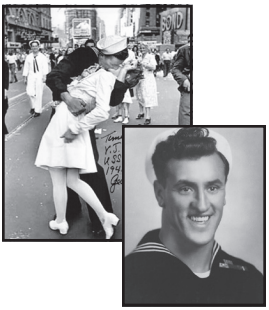

IN MEMORIAM

George "*The Kissing Sailor*" Mendonsa passed away Sunday, February 17th, 2019 two days before his 96th Birthday (19 Feb). Rest in Peace.

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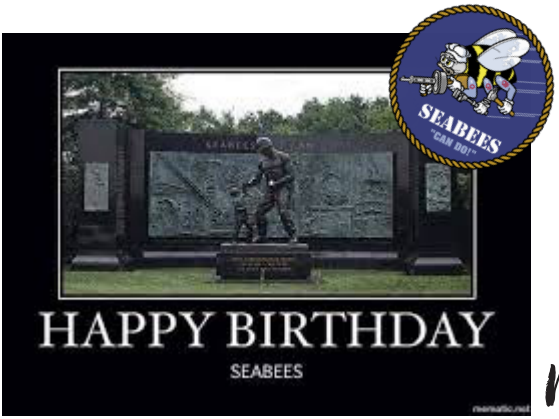
March 29th



March 5th

SICK CALL

The following Veteran is on sick call.
Let's keep him in our prayers.

AUGIE SISCO

IN MEMORIAM

This Legionnaire Has Gone To The Commander of Us All.

ANTHONY SESTAK

USAF Korean War Veteran
American Legion member - 23 years

Rest Well, Our Friend.

The Herb & Mary Morrison Veterans Memorial Scholarship for 2019

This is the 43rd year of our memorial college scholarship program. Eligible participants are children and grandchildren of Post members who will be entering or continuing their college education, Fall 2019. Applicants must be less than 23 years of age. For applications, see our Post 80 Bulletin Board, go online http://www.post80.org/forms.html, or contact Todd Hanson at 630-968-9710.

Scholarship forms must be received by **April 15**, **2019** to be eligible.

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MARCH 5TH
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ARLENE G. & MARY ELLEN
TICKETS: BONNIE B.

MARCH 12TH
KITCHEN: JEAN K. -LEAD
RYLLA G & Can Anyone help?
TICKETS: CHRIS G.

MARCH 19TH
KITCHEN: KIM C. -LEAD
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TICKETS: BONNIE W.

MARCH 26TH
KITCHEN: SANDY S. -LEAD
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TICKETS: JANE B. &Can Anyone help?

ALA MEETING -
NEED 2 OR 3: JULIE I. & DELORES

LEGION BINGO COMPUTER SCHEDULE

MARCH 5TH	TOM H
MARCH 12TH	MARY ANN P
MARCH 19TH	SANDY S
MARCH 26TH	GUY Q

MARCH 2019

NOTE: This calendar can change without notice

SEE **www.post80.org/calendar** FOR MORE DETAILS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
3 Meet The Candidates 1:00 pm *Navy Reserve Birthday*	4 HUG A GI DAY *Hug A GI Day*	5 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm *Seabees Birthday Mardi Gras*	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm *Ash Wednesday*	7	8	9 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10 *Daylight Savings*	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	12 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	13 MARCH 13th *K9 Veteran's Day*	14	15 *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* *American Legion!*	16 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC: 8:30 am *Initiation Dinner 5PM*
17 *St. Patrick's Day*	18	19 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	20 *First Day of Spring!*	21	22	23 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
24	25 *Medal of Honor Day*	26 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	28	29 NATIONAL WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY	30 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
31	SEABEES "CAN DO!"					

ELIGIBILITY DATES

WORLD WAR I *APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918* • **VIETNAM** *FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975*
WORLD WAR II *DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946* • **KOREAN WAR** *JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955*
• **GRENADA & LEBANON** *AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984* • **OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA** *DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990* • **PERSIAN GULF** *AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities*