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Commander's Column

The fourth of July parade was a big success. We marched right behind the lead police cars. The crowd was bigger than last year and was very enthusiastic. Everyone involved had a good time. The rest of the month is looking like a success. Despite this being prime vacation time, Bingo is still making a profit. Rentals are strong, and the Saturday morning coffee meetings are going strong.

We continue to gain new members. For the second year in a row, we have met our membership goal, and have, in fact, surpassed it. This is due in large part to the efforts of the marketing committee. Their hard work is starting to pay off.

The Post continues to upgrade the facilities. Flower beds have been constructed, security cameras for the parking lot have been installed, the freezers in the bar have been replaced, and the security system has been updated. All of these have made the Post more sustainable.

The Post management team is undergoing significant change, specifically in the bar and rentals. Next month we will provide a detailed explanation of all the changes. Until then,

See you at the Post

-- Howie

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VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025 9:00am-1:00pm

**JTK Administration Building
421 N County Farm Rd | Wheaton**

The Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County is collaborating with the DuPage County Recorder to hold their annual Veterans Resource Fair.

The **free** event will be held in the first-floor auditorium in the JTK Administration Building. More than 50 area agencies providing services and support to veterans and their families will be on hand to share information about their programs. Participating organizations joining the VAC include DuPage County Community Services, DuPage County Health Department, Hines VA Hospital, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, the Illinois State Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices, and the Illinois Tollway Authority. Guests will enjoy refreshments, door prizes and free items.

For details, see the Veterans Assistance Commission website at https://www.dupagecounty.gov/government/departments/veterans_assistance_commission/

SICK CALL

These following Veterans are on sick call.
Let's keep them in our prayers.

**PAUL CLEMENT
NICK DARIEN**

**ED LUDWIG
HOWARD PARKER**





AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Auxiliary News - AUGUST 2025

“Serving Veterans, the Real Super Heroes”

Hello everyone, Julie, Kim and myself have returned from the Convention in Springfield. My Patriotic poppy design hanging display has won first place and Julie has won second place for her poppy design wreath.

Jill Layton is the new Department President for 2025-2026. I don't have any information on her pin or logo for the coming year yet.

Kim will be 11th District Chaplain this coming year and I will be Sergeant-at-Arms and Ways and Means committee chair.

A very dear friend and wonderful lady, Linda Fagan, had been called to the highest command on July 3rd. She was a Past President and current officer in our 11th District. She will be so missed.

I will be looking forward to our First meeting of this new Auxiliary year come September. Second Monday of the month at 6:30. We will have a presentation from a representative of Angels Home Care at our September meeting at 6:45. I hope to see many of you present. Try to make time that one day a month to bring your ideas and your friendly smile to join the rest of us ladies in conversation.

Bring along your summer vacation stories, we would like to hear from you. As a group, we can plan some interesting programs and continue with ones we have already established.

We are always looking to sign up new members. If you have a friend or relative please have them come to one of our meetings to see what we do.

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Bonnie

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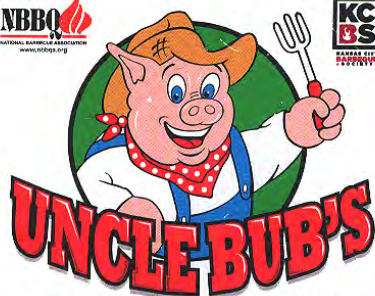
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INTERESTING TO SHARE?**

Articles and photos for the
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- Canteen open Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at 3:00 PM
- Members meeting, 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM
- Auxiliary meeting, 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM
- Taco Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM
- Hall Rental (Maximum Seating 100 people) see website
- Upcoming events (Calendar) see website

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August 7



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August 29



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025 | 10 AM - 2 PM

WARRENVILLE PARK DISTRICT
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WARRENVILLE, IL 60555

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WORLD FAMOUS WHEATON ALL NIGHT FLEA MARKET

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 16 ~3:00 PM -
SUNDAY, AUG. 17 - MIDNIGHT**

Pressing through the gates at DuPage County Fairgrounds, the Wheaton All Night Flea Market bursts into view, a sprawling festival of curios, crafts, and culture under summer skies. Stretching across indoor halls, covered barns, and open-air aisles, the market spans dozens of acres and hosts hundreds of vendors from across the Midwest.

Operating from mid-afternoon and stretching past midnight, the market earns its "all-night" title, pulsing with energy as night owls hunt for bargains by flashlight. Admission fees are straightforward, \$10 for adults, free for kids under 13, and parking is no extra charge.

Guests flock not just for the wares, but for the atmosphere: food trucks, celebrity meet-and-greets, pop-culture fanfare, and social buzz create a rich, carnival-like experience that fills every corner of the fairgrounds.



interesting things to do in August...

TENSE TIMES

THE COLD WAR IN DUPAGE COUNTY

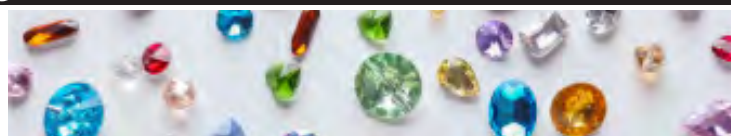
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DuPage County Museum

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The Cold War was a period of major scientific advancements haunted by threats of an all-out global war that took place between the late 1940s and lasted until the early 1990s. Come visit Tense Times: The Cold War in DuPage County to explore how these pressures and global developments shaped the lives of DuPage residents and see its lasting impacts on DuPage County as a whole.

For more information go to dupagemuseum.org



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 ~ 1-2:30 PM

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Veggie Fest Chicago has become one of the most highly anticipated summer festivals in the area, and The Chicago Tribune said it's one of the best run festivals in Chicagoland. Event organizers are expecting another year of record-breaking attendance, especially in its 15th year.

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2025 august						1 AIR FORCE DAY
3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Est. 1790	5 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	7 Purple Heart Day!	8	2 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
10	11	12 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	13	14 Navajo Code Talkers Day Anniversary of V-J Day	15	9 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am Coffee, Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
17	18	19 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	20 Board of Directors Meeting	21	22	16 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY
24 BSA TROOP 80 PANGAKE BREAKFAST Doors Open 8AM	25	26 BINGO 6:45 pm Doors & Bar Open 4:00 pm	27	28	29 MARINE FORCES RESERVE BIRTHDAY	23 Tai Chi 7:30-9:30 am CDC 8:30 am OFFICERS INSTALLATION DINNER 4PM
31	NOTE: This calendar can change without notice SEE www.post80.org/calendar FOR MORE DETAILS			ELIGIBILITY DATES Any Active Duty, Reserve, or Honorably Discharged Veteran WORLD WAR I - APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 WORLD WAR II - DECEMBER 7, 1941 to PRESENT		