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ANNUAL LEGION EVENTS

HAM SHOOTS (9:30 a.m. to dusk)	TURKEY SHOOTS (9:30 a.m. to dusk)	RAFFLE BONANZA (11:00 am)
4/2/17	11/5/17	3/19/17
4/9/17	11/12/17	
	11/19/17	

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1/7/17 Member Fun Event
1/28/17 Boy Scout Auction/Pancake Breakfast
8-11AM

Wheaton Post 76 – Bingo



**FRIDAY
NIGHT**

7:00 pm

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“The Spirit of 76” Post News

January 2017



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Bob Mischler, Commander

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Hope all have had a wonderful Christmas/Holiday season and will have a Happy New Year.

As we start the New Year, I am also starting to plan some events that will, to use the words from our preamble, “sanctify our comradeship”. The first event is a Legion Fun event. This event is only for members of the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and their spouse or significant other. The event will be on Jan 7th from 5-8pm. This is a no work, no cost, no volunteer event. Just come, enjoy some games, and meet your fellow members. If this event is successful, we will be looking for other similar events.

If you haven't been to a Legion meeting lately, I encourage you to come to our next meeting on Jan 3rd at 7:30pm. Our Sgt-at-Arms is planning to serve sliders that night.

Find the latest information on our web site at americanlegionpost76.org

Bob

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.



SAL Squadron 76

Ken Anderko, Squadron

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No meeting this month. As we head into 2017, wishing you and your families a very happy New Year. Thanks to all our members that participated last year and I look forward to an even better new year. We can always use more help on Friday night bingo, it's one of post's main sources of revenue and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Ken, aka “Curly”

In the event of death or illness, please contact either the Commander, Chaplain, or Color Guard Commander.

Chaplain: Stanley Luboff, 630/871-0227

Color Guard Commander: Sandv Lvkins. III. 630/436-0241



Auxiliary #76 News

Sheila Meyer, President

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Hello Auxiliary Ladies!!!

I hope that everyone had an Amazing Christmas and that Santa was very good to all! Christmas time is such a special and fun time of year, but can be a bit exhausting. So we can all take some time off to rest and relax.

On Dec 5, 2016, we had our annual Holiday Pot Luck - As usual everyone brought in lots of yummy dishes. I just wanted to report also that the Toy for Tots donation bin was brimming with lots of toys!!

Here is what is going to be happening next year at Post 76!!

- * On Jan 7, 2017 - The American Legion will be having a Legion Fun Night - Everyone is welcome, come out and have fun with the other Post 76 members!!!
- * Our next meeting will be on Jan 9, 2017 (instead of Jan 2 - because it is a holiday).
- * On February 11, 2017 will be our annual Port Roast Dinner.
- * On March 3, 10, 17 Bingo nights we will be selling raffle tickets for a PATRIOTIC QUILT and then again also at the Legion Birthday Party on March 18th - The winning ticket will be drawn at the Legion Birthday Party!!

Also we can always use help in the Friday Bingo kitchen, so if you are available on a Friday night and want to stop by, that would be great!!

Don't forget to like us on facebook:

[American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76](#) And [American Legion Post 76](#)

Sheila

Sheila Meyer
Auxiliary President

EDUCATION NEWS

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN JANUARY 2017, INTERESTED PARTIES PLEASE CALL BARB GOEPEL FOR INFORMATION @ 630 373 5822. THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO POST 76 MEMBERS' CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE A LIST OF SPECIFIC FORMS, REFERENCES, GRADES (THE STUDENT CURRENTLY MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING @ THEIR INSTITUTION) AND AN ESSAY WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

**PERROTTET-NICKERSON POST 76
AMERICAN LEGION**

Minutes of the regular meeting held 6 December 2016

Call to Order: Commander Mischler called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

The colors were saluted. The opening prayer was offered. The POW/MIA flag was properly placed on an empty chair in accordance with National Resolution 288. The pledge of allegiance and the Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion were recited in due form

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 1 November 2016 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Motion by McSweeney, second by Haustknecht to approve. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: No report

Finance Officer: Meyer reported the Post bank balance. Motion by Luboff, Stange by Lykins, to approve report subject to audit. Motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander: Stange reported 2017 membership results as follows – 221 dues paid vs.258 goal, 85.66%

The Commander thanked Mike Stange for all his efforts on behalf of the steak fry.

Junior Vice Commander: No Report

Sergeant-At-Arms: Lasagna and ham for the after-meeting meal.

Color Guard: Lykins reported the color guard participated in the Wheaton Holiday parade. Three (3) members of the guard were present along with Auxiliary President Sheila driven by her faithful companion Ken.

Building & Grounds: Mero reported that twenty (20) bulbs and three (3) ballasts have been changed in the Post hall.

Del Vecchio suggested additional lighting/reflectors are needed at the Gary Avenue entrance. B & G will look into the matter.

Yahoo Pub, although somewhat behind agreed upon schedule, is progressing with the updates to the bar.

There will be no bingo on Friday, 23 December.

Auxiliary: No report

SAL: 40 members paid for 2017 vs. objective of 49; 82%. Next meeting will be in March.

Baseball: No report

Boy Scouts: Annual fund raising auction this year will include a pancake breakfast.

Boys State: No report.

Sick Call & Memorials: Past Commander Doug Wickline remains at home nursing a self-sustained injury to his foot.

Service Officer: Help is needed by the DuPage Veterans Foundation for their annual Honor Flight fund raiser. The cost of sending vets on an Honor Flight has doubled in the last five years. See Mike Mero.

District: No report

Old Business: "Shoots" were quite successful in spite of a slow start on the first day. Complete financial report being prepared.
Post holiday tree set up as planned.

New Business: None.

Good of the Legion: Del Vecchio noted the need to increased number of members volunteering for Post activities. This is an age old, ongoing problem that needs a good deal of study as to how to might be accomplished.

7 January from 1500 to 1800 hours – Post Fun Night. All Post, Auxiliary and SAL members and their spouses/significant others are welcome. Chinese food will be served. No cost to attendees.

It was noted that DuPage County Veterans Reward cards are working. One member saved more than \$150 on a vehicle repair bill!

Holiday "baskets" will be available for pickup beginning Friday, 9 December.

Holiday party for vets at the DuPage Convalescent Center on 21 December.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT BINGO ON FRIDAY NIGHTS!!!! Bingo is a vital fund raiser for the Post, and we cannot afford to lose revenue due to lack of volunteers. Please see Sandy Lykins.

Calendar Review: The calendar for the next two months was reviewed.
Next Post meeting is Tuesday, 3 January 2017.

Commanders Comments: Working hard to accomplish 100% of membership goal for the third straight year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

The closing prayer was recited, and the colors were saluted.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2004 hours.

William F. Andersen
Adjutant



From your Service Officer

VA National Cemeteries Now Offering Pre-Need Eligibility Determinations

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need. Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they are eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

Interested individuals may submit [VA Form 40-10007](#), *Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery*, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cover, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000. To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

A road to personal liberation and prosperity, presented by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

Poverty is more than a lack of money and material things. **Let Out of Poverty** is designed to help someone take control of their goals, time, and money for a prosperous future. The program goals are to help participants work against hunger, homelessness, unemployment and low self-esteem.

There is no fee for this program. Graduation certificates are awarded at the completion of the program.

**Classes are held each Monday from 9AM-Noon January 9th –March 6th.
Classes will be held at: The YWCA --2055 Army Trail Rd. Suite#140 Addison IL. 60101**

As a fellow Legionnaire, if you know someone (Veteran or not) who could take advantage of this free program please have them contact Catholic Charities' Reception at (630) 495-8008

As always, Thank You for your continued support of our Legion and Post.

Michael Mero

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January 2017

Find the latest calendar updates on our website
americanlegionpost76.org

American Legion Post 76, Holidays in United States

Jan 2017 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day	3 Post Meeting 7:30PM	4	5	6 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	7 5:00PM to 8:00 Member Fun
8	9 Aux Meeting 6:30PM	10 7:30pm - SAL	11	12	13 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	14
15	16 Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM Martin Luther	17	18	19 40et8 Promenade Downers Grove	20 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	21
22	23	24 Newsletter 6:30P PM	25	26	27 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	28 33rd Annual Scout Aution 7:00PM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

February 2017

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American Legion Post 76, Holidays in United States

Feb 2017 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
					Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	Pork Dinner 5:00PM - 7:00
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Aux Meeting 6:30PM	Post Meeting 7:30PM			Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Valentine's Day 7:30pm - SAL		40et8 Promenade Downers Grove	Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM Presidents' Day				Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4



GIFTS TO YANKS WHO GAVE

Dear Legion Family Members,

Shortly after World War II, **The American Legion** established the "*Gifts To Yanks Who Gave*" program. This program was to provide Christmas gifts for veterans who were hospitalized during the holiday season. A *December Tag Day* was established to provide the funds to support this program. *Legionnaires* were asked to support this program. *Legionnaires* were asked to volunteer their time to help with collections of donations on this day.

Many towns and cities have now become concerned about having collectors out on the streets at this time of the year. The safety of these volunteers is at risk during the early dusk mornings and dark twilight evenings when collectors are at their peak. These hours are our prime hours for collectors - when we have both the manpower and our donors out. However, many cities are now refusing to grant permits due to the safety risk and possible liability.

For this reason we are asking our **Legion Family** members to help keep this worthy cause functioning. If each **Legion Family** member would make a small contribution, we feel we can make a difference.

Please tear off the form at the bottom of this page and send us what you can afford. Show our comrades who gave so much that we still care. Remember, *but for the Grace of God*, any of us could have been on the receiving end of this program.

From all of your Post Officers - a hearty **Thank YOU** and *best wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!*



Name: _____ Donation: \$ _____

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*and on behalf of
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