

Perrottet/Nickerson

American Legion Post #76

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ANNUAL LEGION EVENTS

HAM SHOOTS
(9:30 a.m. to dusk) .
3/13/16
3/20/16

TURKEY SHOOTS
(9:30 a.m. to dusk)
11/8/15
11/15/15
11/22/15

SPECIAL EVENTS

5/25/15 Memorial Day Parade
7/4/15 Independence Day Parade
8/22/15 Post Installation

Wheaton Post 76 - BINGO

American Legion Hall • 570 Gary Avenue

22	45	52	
10	16	44	58 61
5	17	FREE	51 64
4	29	36	60 74
26	43	55	

FRIDAY NIGHT
7:00 pm



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Apr 2015



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Bob Mischler, Commander
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Spring is in the air. The time where we look forward to yard work and Ham Shoots. You may receive this newsletter before the March 29th Ham Shoot, so come on out and enjoy the day. When you start working on those home projects, be sure to ask for your Military appreciation discount at The Home Depot and Lowes. Both offer 10% off all year round.

Our Legion Birthday Party was a well-attended success. We were unsure of the turnout as we opened this event to the public. Special thanks to Lisa and Curly who spent many hours preparing the food.

I have been updating the format of the newsletter in order to get more information content in a format that is less labor intensive to assemble. Those of you who receive the email version will see the calendar events have all been color coded to make reading easier. If your one of the few still not getting the email version, send me your email at pnpost76@gmail.com.

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Bob



Auxiliary #76 News

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Hello everyone, just writing some notes thank and thoughts. I want to thank everyone who helped with the birthday dinner. Thank you very much Carol you are an angel. It all worked out and we all had a good time some of you really missed out hope to see you next year.

Watch the calendar and see what is going on maybe you can help we all ways need help on Friday night. Last Friday I was the only one to show if it was not for Sandy. We got her done I am not good at asking for help nobody asks me or Paula or Carol we just are there I am worn out and need help in the kitchen Friday night think about coming if you do not like to cook let me know and we can have a cleaning party. If you cannot help we can always use supplies (thank you Bobby). Gift cards to grocery store. Baked goods for Friday night. Please help were you can. The money we raise goes to veteran/scholarship/community projects / girls state / all good causes

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SAL Squadron 76

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We will be meeting this month. We will finalize our slate for next year's officers, so try and make it. In all likelihood we will be taking the summer off and our next meeting will be in September. We could always use more help for our Friday night bingo. As always, please remember our vets.

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

**PERROTTET-NICKERSON POST 76
AMERICAN LEGION**

Minutes of the regular meeting held 3 March 2015

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

The colors were saluted, Chaplain Luboff offered opening prayer. 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.

New member Chester Skubiszewski was welcomed. He is transferring to our Post from Post 1112 in Chicago

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2015 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Westerhausen moved for approval, seconded by Luboff. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: No report

Finance Officer: Meyer reported the Post's bank balance. Motion by Fietsam, seconded by Hoffman, to approve report subject to audit. Motion passed.

Senior Vice Commander: Lykins reported membership stands at 240/248 – 96.78%
Notifications for the annual school awards program will be sent out soon. We will take inventory of necessary award materials and order accordingly.

Junior Vice Commander: Rogers mentioned the Legion Birthday Party dinner to be held on 14 March, 5-6-7. Corned beef and cabbage dinner - \$7.00 members, \$10.00 non- members. Setup help needed at 1400 hours. Mattingly noted we will have a bagpiper present for entertainment.

Color Guard: Lykins expressed hope that we will have adequate staff on hand for the Legion Birthday party

Building & Grounds: Fietsam noted a successful “thank you” workers party on 14 February. We're still working on solutions to the lighting issue in the main hall. Christoph's architect firm has surveyed the room and will be making recommendations.

Auxiliary: Mattingly reported a very successful pork roast dinner, with \$1,100.00 profit to be split between Hines Hospital and DuPage Convalescent Home.

On 26 February the Village Tavern in Carol Stream will donate 20% of receipts to the Auxiliary. You must provide donation form at time of dining in order for the donation to be made. See Lisa for forms.

SAL: Anderko reported the Squadron will meet in March and April. Membership stands at 45/46, 97%.

Baseball: J. Miller said that fund raising is going well. Rosati's Pizza made a \$500.00 donation to the state tournament fund. Various Legion groups and local organizations are being contacted for donations.

Boy Scouts: No report

Boys State: No report

Sick Call & Memorials: Elmer Branscum has returned – welcome back, Elmer!

Service Officer: Mero noted a veteran's wellness program will be held at the DuPage County Veterans Center in Aurora on 7 March.

The U.S. Army Band will be performing in the area this year. Contact Paula Krasnow for the schedule.

The annual Honor Flight fund raiser will be held at DuPage County Airport on 2 May. The Post will discuss purchase of tickets at a later date.

County: Westerhausen noted the County needs fifty five (55) more members to reach membership goal for the year.

County needs a Junior Vice Commander candidate who is qualified to hold the position.

The Flag Everlasting ceremony will be held at the West Chicago Post on 13 May. Details to follow.

Old Business: None

New Business: Westerhausen presented a resolution endorsing him as a candidate for 11th District Junior Vice Commander for the 2015-2016 year. Lykins moved, Luboff seconded adoption of the resolution. Motion passed.

Good of the Legion: The United States Army Field Band will present a free concert at the Arcada Theater in St. Charles on 10 March at 1930 hours.

Lykins thanked everyone for their help marking "shoot" targets.

Goepel requested volunteers come forward to help on the firing line at our upcoming "shoots". See Jim for details.

Calendar Review: The calendar for the next two months was reviewed. Next Post meeting on 7 April

Commanders Comments: None...

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

Luboff offered the closing prayer and the colors were saluted.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2009 hours.

William F. Andersen
Adjutant



From your Service Officer

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Effective March 24th, 2015, [VA is implementing improvements](#) to make it easier to apply for benefits. Online application tools, standardized forms, and a new *intent to file* process will create faster and more accurate decisions on your claims and appeals.

As part of the VA's full-scale transformation in 2015, these new changes will:

- Streamline the benefits process, making it faster and easier
- Use standardized forms to file disability claims and compensation appeals
- Establish a new *intent to file* claim process
- For information on how to apply, manage your benefits &/or your health care go to:

www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage

VA Eliminates Net Worth as Health Care Eligibility Factor

The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve.

Effective 2015, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans and brings VA policies in line with Secretary Robert A. McDonald's "My VA Initiative" which reorients VA around Veterans' needs.

Instead of combining the sum of Veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower-income; non-service-connected Veterans will have less out-of-pocket costs.

Veterans may submit updated income information at: www.1010ez.med.va.gov, or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility. For more information, visit: www.va.gov/healthbenefits or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

DuPage Veteran's Stand Down on June 18&19, 2015, DuPage County Fairgrounds.

This is primarily for homeless and disenfranchised veterans. At the Stand Down, Veterans will receive medical, dental and vision screenings, plus haircuts. Food and clothing will also be available. Veterans will be able to spend the night at the Fairgrounds. There will be a separate area for women Veterans. More information to follow in the May Service Officer Newsletter.

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

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APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Ham Shoot 9:30 To ?	30	31	Apr 1	2	3 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 Aux Meeting 6:30PM	7 Post Meeting 7:30PM	8 County Meeting Cantigny 7:30 PM	9	10 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	11
12	13	14 7p VFW Meeting 7:30p SAL Meeting	15	16 40Det8 Promenade Downers Grove - 7:30PM	17 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	18
19	20 Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM	21	22	23	24 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	25 Baseball Spaghetti Dinner 5-7
26	27	28 Newsletter work night 6:30PM	29	30	May 1 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	2

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28 Newsletter work night 6:30PM	29	30	May 1 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	2
3	4 Aux Meeting 6:30PM	5 Post Meeting (Nominations) 7:30PM	6	7	8 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	9
10 Mothers' Day	11	12 7p VFW Meeting	13 County Meeting Post Everlasting West Chicago 7:30 PM	14	15 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	16 Poppy Day 8:00 AM
17	18 Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM	19	20	21 40et8 Promenade Downers Grove - 7:30PM	22 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	23
24 Wheaton Cemetery Place Flags 9:00 AM	25 Memorial Day Parade 10AM	26 Newsletter work night 6:30PM Pick Up Flags 9AM	27	28	29 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	30
31	Jun 1 Aux Meeting Pot Luck Dinner 6:30PM	2 Post Meeting (elections) 7:30PM	3	4	5 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	6



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