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**ANNUAL LEGION EVENTS**

HAM SHOOTS	TURKEY SHOOTS	RAFFLE BONANZA
(9:30 a.m. to dusk)	(9:30 a.m. to dusk)	(11:00 am)
4/2/17	11/6/16	4/3/16
4/9/17	11/13/16	10/30/16
	11/20/16	

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

4/2/16	Steak Fry
4/3/16	Raffle Bonanza
5/30/16	Memorial Day Parade
8/27/16	Post Installation
10/1/16	Oktoberfest

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**FRIDAY  
NIGHT**

7:00 pm

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# "The Spirit of 76" Post News



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April 2016



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**Bob Mischler, Commander**

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As usual, Our Ham Shoots was a outstanding success. All proceeds from this event benefit the youth activities that we sponsor. Boy Scouts, Oratorical contest, Boys State, and Baseball to name a few.

Back by popular request, we are having a Steak Fry this year. If it is successful, we may be able to bring it back more often. Try to make it on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please inform your family members to notify the Legion if you pass away. This way we can help your family ensure you get what you are entitled to receive. It also allows us to pass the information on. Every year I find that we have some members late with their yearly fees, and upon investigation I find it is because they passed away. In the last two months, I found we lost 6 member as far back as July 2015. The American Legion continues to send them reminder messages to pay their dues. I'm sure this doesn't help their families with their grief over losing a loved one.

Find the latest information on our web site at [americanlegionpost76.org](http://americanlegionpost76.org)

*Bob*

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.



**SAL Squadron 76**

**Ken Anderko, Squadron**

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We will be meeting this month and finalize this coming year's officer slate.

Thanks to all who worked the ham shoots. Despite a slow first week due to the rain, the second week was a rousing success and offset the low turnout from the first shoot.

As we approach summer, this month's meeting will probably be it until the fall.

*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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Happy Easter Auxiliary Ladies!!!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the nice spring weather!!!

Since our last newsletter, we have all been very busy.

\*The Legion Birthday was March 12. It appeared that a great time was had by all who attended. And as usual we celebrated membership milestones as well.

Here is a list of the membership milestones that were celebrated:

5 Years : Kimberly Ferguson, Chloe Ferguson, Sarah Krasnow, Robin Novak, Josslyn Ostrom,  
Carol Runkel, Bobbie Westerhausen.

10 Years: Carol Nelson.

15 Years: Linda Barba, Mary Finnstrom, Dawn Unger.

20 Years: Bonnie King, Charlene Wiedel

25 Years: Marcella Matze

30 Years: Marjorie Graham

60 Years: Jeanne Dennehy

Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans.

\*We also just finished up our Ham Shoots, A HUGE Thank You to all that helped. All proceeds from the shoot kitchens goes to the scholarship fund.

\*At our April meeting we will be discussing Constitution and Bylaws revisions. Any member that would like a copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws can contact Secretary Pam Powel at: [Pamelaa.powell@yahoo.com](mailto:Pamelaa.powell@yahoo.com) or 630-780-8450.

\*At our May meeting we will be initiating any member that joined after Nov 2011. If you are interested in participating in the ceremony, please come to the Post on May 2 @ 6:30pm

\*And we will also be looking for a new slate of officers for our next year (2016-2017). If you are interested in trying an office or trying a new office, simply come to the meeting on May 2 at 6:30pm

Our next meeting will be on April 4 @ 6:30pm. I hope to you then.

*Sheila*

**PERROTTET-NICKERSON POST 76  
AMERICAN LEGION**

Minutes of the regular meeting held 1 March 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 2 February 2016 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Motion by Westerhausen, second by Fagel to approve. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adjutant:** No report

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

**Senior Vice Commander:** Lykins reported 2016 year membership stands at 238/254 – 93.7%. School awards season is coming up soon. If you would care to help present awards, please see Lykins.

**Junior Vice Commander:** Stange noted plans for the 12 March Legion Birthday dinner are well under way. Menu will be corned beef and chicken. Working with Caputo's to negotiate a favorable price on steaks for the 2 April Family dinner.

**Color Guard:** Lykins has ordered flags for inventory.

**Building & Grounds:** Fietsam noted that volunteers are needed for the Spring Shoots to be held on 13 and 20 March. Ammo and targets are ready to go. Need help with the 3 April Bingo-Like-Bonanza.

**Auxiliary:** No report

**SAL:** Anderko said the next meeting will be held in March. Membership stands at 43/49 – 87.76%

**Baseball:** No report

**Boys State:** No report.

**Sick Call & Memorials:** It was noted that a longtime friend of the Legion family, Kathleen Mattingly has passed away.

**Service Officer:** Mero mentioned the DuPage County Honor Rewards program. Go to [www.honorrewards.com](http://www.honorrewards.com) for details.

Mero will be meeting with local groups to further discuss the possibility of constructing a Veterans Memorial in Carol Stream.

**County/District:** Elections are coming up soon. Fagel will be running for County Commander. Westerhausen emphasized membership –The County is second in the District at 99%, and the District is second in the Department.

**Old Business:** Lykins and Goepel suggested that certificates of appreciation be prepared for Aldi's, Village Market, Masterpiece Framing, and Sauer's Bakery in recognition of their many contributions to the Post. Representatives will be invited to the Birthday dinner, and certificates presented then.

**New Business:** Fietsam moved that Michael Westerhausen be elected to fill the vacant Sergeant-At-Arms position for the Post. Lykins seconded, and the motion passed.

Commander Mischler and Chaplain Luboff initiated new member Walter Bieszczad, and he was appropriately welcomed to our Post.

**Good of the Legion:** Andersen commented on the excellent treatment he has received at the VA clinic in Aurora.

Fagel noted that Hines Hospital has begun efforts to coordinate housing for homeless vets.

Cold War certificates are now available

Westerhausen distributed a Legion Family Membership Caravan participation certificate to the SAL.

**Calendar Review:** The calendar for the next two months was reviewed.

Next Post meeting on 5 April 2016.

**Commanders Comments:** The Post Facebook account has been established.

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

Luboff offered the closing prayer and the colors were saluted.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.

William F. Andersen  
Adjutant



**From your Service Officer**

## **The DuPage Homeless Veterans Taskforce (DHVTF):**

All community organizations are invited such as: law enforcement, fire protection districts, health care providers, libraries, townships, religious organizations and anyone else who is interested in learning about our taskforce. The purpose of the seminar is to inform community organizations about our mission of ending Veteran homelessness in DuPage County by the end of 2016.

### Taskforce Agencies:

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans	Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet
Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC)	Hines VA Hospital Homeless Section
DuPage County Community Services	DuPage PADS

Attendees will learn about the DHVTF's mission to end Veteran homelessness in DuPage County, how each Taskforce agency contributes to the mission, how the community can partner with the Taskforce and what to do if you find a homeless Veteran.

All community organizations are invited such as: law enforcement, fire protection districts, health care providers, libraries, townships, religious organizations and anyone else who is interested in learning about our taskforce.

**Date/Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 9:00am – 11:00am**

**Where: Auditorium, DuPage County Administrative Building,  
421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187**

**For more information, contact: Veterans Assistance Commission, 630-407-5655**

## **Carol Stream Veterans Memorial Park Project**

On Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, an initial meeting to discuss the re-construction and re-dedication the Veterans Memorial Park currently located on Thunderbird Trail in Carol Stream. Participants included members of Carol Stream VFW Post, Park District Staff and several Village Officials. I was there to represent our American Legion Post. While we all agree, that this is a VERY worthwhile and LONG overdue project, there is a lot to do and a lot of fundraising that needs to take place before it becomes a reality.

I am passing this on to my fellow Legionnaires as an initial courtesy "FYI" to let you know that this project is in the works. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 9, at 8am in the Simkus Recreation Center. I expect to be able to provide more specifics including an architectural design of the renovated location, some cost estimates and fund raising plans in the coming months.

*Michael Mero*

**Post Service Officer**

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# April 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31	Apr 1 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	2 Family Dinner 5-7PM
3 Open 11AM Raffle Bonanza Start 1PM	4 Aux Meeting 6:30PM	5 Post Meeting 7:30PM	6	7	8 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	9
10	11	12 7:30p SAL Meeting	13 County Meeting Cantigny 7:30 PM	14	15 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	16
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	25	26	27	28	29 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	30

# May 2016

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





**You asked for it....  
Its Back!!!**



**Saturday, Apr. 2, 2016  
5 pm - 7 pm**

## ***Post 76 Steak-Fry***

Steak with baked potato	\$14.00
Broiled Chicken Breast with baked potato	\$9.00
(salad bar included with above dinners)	

Hamburger/Cheeseburger w/French Fries	\$5.00
Add Salad Bar	\$4.00



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# RAFFLE BONANZA

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

**14 - Raffle Games**

**13 - \$500 Games**

**1 - \$1000 Game**

(One 18 Face Card Included With Each Ticket)  
Doors open at 11:00 - \$55.00 per Entry

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- Advance tickets-\$50.00 per Entry
- Doors open at 10:30 AM
- Reserved tables for groups of 6 \*

\*Advanced tickets must be purchased by March 25th

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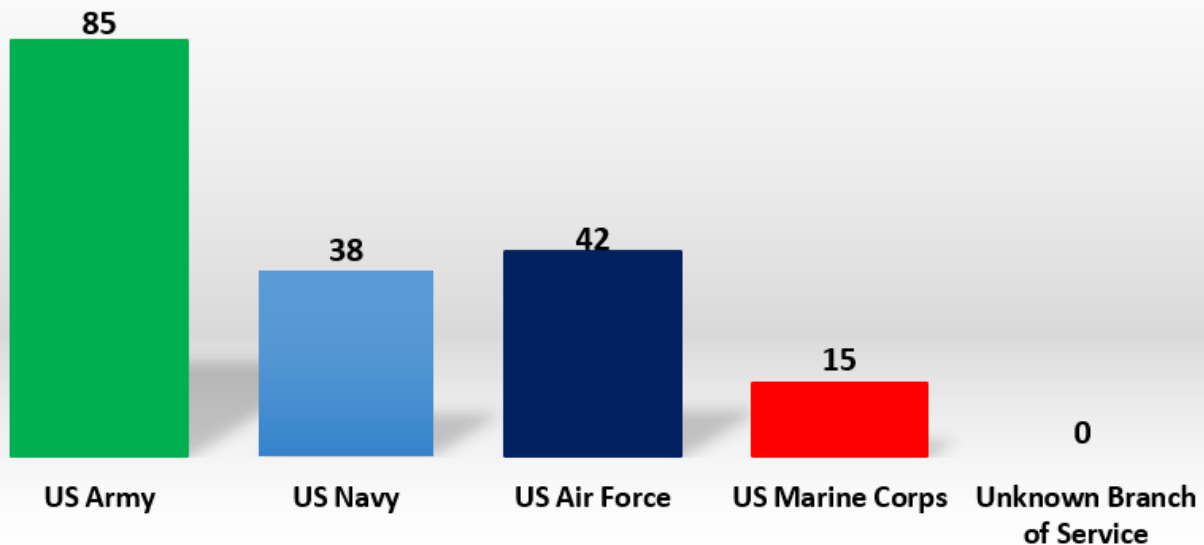


# JUST FOR FUN

Ever wonder about your fellow Vets?  
Here is Post 76's membership Statistics

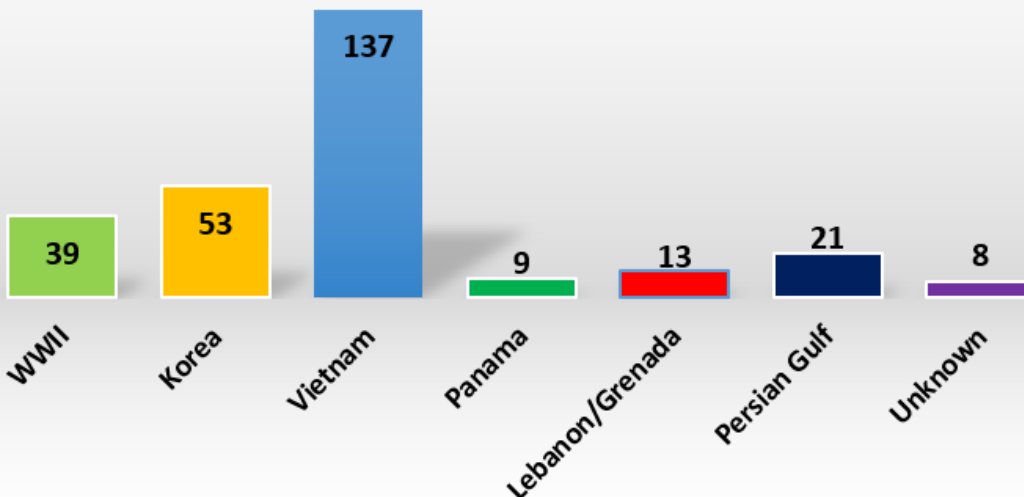
## Post 76 Members

What did we do?



## Post 76 Members

When we were in?





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