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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)
11/6/16
11/13/16
11/20/16

RAFFLE BONANZA
(11:00 am)
4/3/16
10/30/16

SPECIAL EVENTS

12/5/15 Family Dinner
1/16/15 Italian Dinner
2/13/16 Pork Roast Dinner
3/12/16 Legion Birthday Party
4/2/16 Family Dinner

Wheaton Post 76 - BINGO

American Legion Hall • 570 Gary Avenue

3	1	2	4	5
	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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"The Spirit of 76" Post News

December 2015



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Bob Mischler, Commander

Bob.mischler@gmail.com

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I encourage everybody to register on myLegion.org. Here you can view information on file at National Headquarters, view messages and events published through the department and post myLegion sites, and network with other myLegion members using networking tools. You can renew your membership or print out a copy of your membership card, and find discounts offered from a variety of sources. You will need your Post number (0076) and your member ID number found on your membership card.

As stated last month, our cost for membership is going up \$5.00 in December. Any renewals received before then, will renew at the current \$35. If you haven't renewed yet, do it soon to avoid the \$40 increase. We still have 61 members who have not yet renewed their membership.

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

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Bob



SAL Squadron 76

Ken Anderko, Squadron Commander

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Our December meeting has been cancelled. As it stands now, we will probably next meet in March unless the need to meet arises sooner. Our first two turkey shoots were a rousing success thanks in part to the remarkable good weather for November. Thanks to everyone who helped in this annual event. The post is having a family dinner on the 5th featuring meatloaf, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert for only \$10, sounds like a great deal. Come out and support our post by attending. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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 Everyone!!!

I know that everyone is very busy getting ready for the Holidays, but I just wanted to take a minute let you know what is going on at the Auxiliary.

We are just finishing up the Turkey shoots for this year. A HUGE thanks to all that helped out. All of the money that we made in the shoot kitchens will go towards our scholarships in the spring!

Our annual Pot-Luck Holiday dinner is Dec 7. Bring a dish to share and an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

I am still on the lookout for new members to join our wonderful little family. If anyone knows of someone who would like to be an Auxiliary member, sign them up. Or if you have an idea of how we can recruit new members, I would love to hear about it!! You can leave a message for me at the post.

Here are a couple of reminders on 2 issues that I have had in the last couple of newsletters, I am sorry to be redundant; it is just that these issues are very important:

*Please remember that our dues have increased by \$6.00 (\$26). This increase will not take effect until Jan, so if anyone wants to renew at the old price of \$20. You can still do that before the end of the year. And this also applies to new members joining us.

*The hard copy newsletter will NOT be mailed after the first of the year, so if you would like to have the newsletter mailed electronically, simply email the post (PnPost76@gmail.com) to sign up to have the newsletter sent. If you do not have access to the internet and still want to receive a hard copy of the newsletter please call the post (**630**) **682-0076** and leave me a message with your name and phone number, and I will get a hard copy mailed to you.

Our next meeting is Dec 7, 2015 at 6:30. I would love to see you at the next meeting.

Thank you,

Sheila

And a Note from our Vice President and Membership Chairman Emily Goepel:

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP as of Nov 10, 2015:

Ladies, in case you have not heard...our dues will be increasing to \$26.00 on Jan 1, 2016.

Consequently, if you want to save \$6, please send in your dues of \$20.00 by Dec 10, 2015 to the Membership Chairman. Remember, if the amount of \$20.00, is not processed by the end of Dec; then please send \$26.00 after Jan 1, 2016.

Any questions contact the Membership Chairman and thank you in advance for supporting the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 76.

Emily Goepel--Membership Chairman Unit 76

804 Niagara St. Carol Stream, Il 60188 Cell# 630.337.0627

**PERROTTET-NICKERSON POST 76
AMERICAN LEGION**

Minutes of the regular meeting held 3 November 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

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 6 October 2015 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Motion by Knapp, second by Fietsam to approve. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: Andersen noted that our dues increase of \$5.00 per year will take effect 1 January 2016. If you have not paid your 2016 dues as yet, please do so now, and save yourself some money.

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

Senior Vice Commander: 2016 year membership stands at 182/254 – 71.65%

Junior Vice Commander: Stange noted that he has completed the Food Service Sanitation Manager course and taken the certification exam. Results pending.

Ideas for the family dinner to be held on 5 December are being discussed. Entree' will be meat loaf, with appropriate side dishes. Cost will be \$10 for adults, \$6 under 10 years of age, and free for children under 3. Volunteers needed to help out!

Color Guard: Lykins noted the Guard had stood a casket watch for deceased former member George Wilhoit. Will conduct Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park. Arrive at Post no later than 0930. Will participate in the Wheaton holiday parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Building & Grounds: No report

Auxiliary: No report

SAL: Anderko said there will be no meeting in November. Membership stands at 38/50 – 76%

Baseball: No report

Boy Scouts: Scouts will be helping at the Shoots, and serving breakfast as a fund raiser.

Boys State: Hoping to select four boys for attendance in 2016.

Sick Call & Memorials: Sgt. at Arms Elmer Branscum is hospitalized again. Our sympathies are with Frank Fagel on the passing of his daughter.

Service Officer: Mero discussed a security breach at the federal Office of Professional Management (OPM), and its possible effect on members whose personal information was compromised. If you have questions or concerns, contact Mike.

County: On behalf of the 11th District, Westerhausen noted we are 6th in the Department with 73.85% paid memberships to date. Goal is 75% by Veterans Day. The county oratorical contest will be held at Cantigny Post on 3 January 2016, with district and department contests to follow.

Old Business: Luboff noted that the Cosmopolitan Food Market in Aurora that we thought might be a good source for meat for Post dinners has closed.

Goepel mentioned that forms to register needy families for holiday basket distribution are available in the office. Forms due no later than 27 November. Delivery date is 17 December – if you submit a request, you make the delivery.

According to Goepel, a valid FOID card is not required to work the firing line at the shoots.

Fietsam mentioned that we need at least six members to help on the shoots firing line.

New Business: Daniel Hartnett, a transferee from Post 2910, was initiated into membership by Commander Mischler and Chaplain Luboff. Dan was welcomed to our midst by all members present.

Member Benzin, who is also the Commander of the Carol Stream VFW Post, made a presentation on a proposed Veterans Memorial Park to be located at the current Memorial Park location in Carol Stream. The Carol Stream Park District along and the VFW are part of a task force to oversee the construction of the new park. Estimated cost of the project is \$213,005. No public funding will be made available for this project. Benzin asked that the Post join in the planning and fund raising for the project. No action was taken on his request.

Good of the Legion: Fixler mentioned a successful event at the County where veterans were able to have “Veteran” noted on their Illinois Driver’s License.

On 12 December, WWII veterans are invited to be guests at an Anthony Kawalkowski concert. See Steve Fixler for details

Lykins noted a successful Bingo-like raffle held last week,

The Post will provide a speaker at Lowell Elementary School for Veterans Day ceremonies.

Calendar Review: The calendar for the next two months was reviewed. Post decoration on 29 November.

Next Post meeting on 1 December.

Commanders Comments: None

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

Luboff offered the closing prayer and the colors were saluted.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

William F. Andersen
Adjutant



From your Service Officer

LOOKING FOR WWII VETERANS

THE ANTHONY KAWALKOWSKI ORCHESTRA IS PERFORMING A CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015, 7:00PM, AT THE COPERNICUS CENTER.

THEY WILL BE HONORING WWII VETERANS AND ARE LOOKING FOR WWII VETERANS TO ATTEND THE CONCERT.

THE CONCERT WILL CONSIST OF CHRISTMAS AND WWII ERA MUSIC AND A COUPLE OF VETERANS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME ONTO THE STAGE AND EXPLAIN WHERE THEY WERE ON CHRISTMAS DURING WWII.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015, 7:00PM

DOORS OPEN

COPERNICUS CENTER

6:00PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT STEVE FIXLER AT: 630-407-5655

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

Michael Mero

Post Service Officer

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630-772-8782

December 2015

Find the latest calendar updates on our website
americanlegionpost76.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Decorate Hall by Post Officers - 2pm	30	Dec 1 Post Meeting 7:30PM	2	3	4 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	5 Family Dinner 5-7PM
6	7 Aux Meeting Pot Luck Dinner 6:30PM	8	9 County Meeting Naperville 7:30 PM	10	11 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	12
13	14	15	16	17 40et8 Promenade Downers Grove - 7:30P	18 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	19
20	21 Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM	22 Newsletter work night 6:30PM	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2

January 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1 New Year's Day	2
3	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 Westmont 7:30 PM	14	15 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	16 Italian Dinner 5PM to 7PM
17	18 Exec Meeting 6:30PM +2 more	19	20	21 40et8 Promenade Downers Grove - 7:30P	22 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	23
24	25	26 Newsletter work night 6:30PM	27	28	29 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	30 32nd Annual Scout Aution 7:00PM
31	Feb 1 Aux Meeting 6:30PM	2 Post Meeting 7:30PM	3	4	5 Bingo \$500 JACKPOT 7:00 PM	6



Perrottet-Nickerson American Legion Post No. 76
570 South Gary Avenue
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

Dear Members:

We have been advised that the National American Legion has passed a \$5.00 per capita dues increase effective January 1, 2016.

Your Executive Board has reluctantly voted to increase our dues as well. Effective January 1, 2016, Post dues will be \$40.00 per year.

Below are noted some options you have with regard to your dues:

- If you have paid your current dues, no action is necessary.
- If you have not paid your current dues you must do so no later than December 31, 2015 to avoid the increase,

Several long term options with regard to your dues are available. Currently, the Post offers a five year dues payment plan for \$150.00, a savings of \$25.00. Effective January 1, 2016 the plan will cost \$175.00, reflecting the dues increase, but still offering a \$25.00 savings over the five years.

Five year plan options:

- If you have paid your current dues, you can upgrade to a five year plan for \$115.00 (\$150.00 minus \$35.00 already paid), if paid by the end of the year. This protects you from dues increases until June 30, 2020.
- If you have not paid your current dues, you can opt for a five year plan for \$150.00 if paid by the end of the year. Send your check with your renewal notice. Again, you are protected from any dues increases until June 30, 2020.
- If you are currently in five year plan and wish to extend it, please call Bill Andersen @ 630/545-0994 to discuss your options.

PUFL – Paid Up For Life:

- If you are a PUFL member no action is necessary
- Consider becoming a PUFL member. Go to hdqs@illegion.org to review your options.

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to call.

Robert G. Mischler
Commander

William F. Andersen
Adjutant

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All**

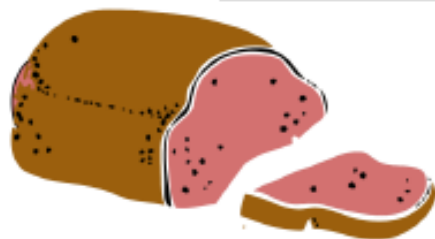
**Perrottet/Nickerson
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Presents:**



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The Legion's Family Dinner



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**Saturday
Dec. 5, 2015**

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GIFTS TO YANKS WHO GAVE

Dear Legion Family Members,

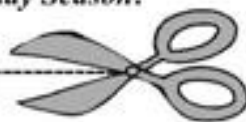
Shortly after World War II, **The American Legion** established the "*Gifts To Yanks Who Gave*" program. This program was to provide Christmas gifts for veterans who were hospitalized during the holiday season. A **December Tag Day** was established to provide the funds to support this program. **Legionnaires** 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 collections are at their peak. These hours are our prime hours for collections - 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: \$ _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Mail your check with this form to:

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*and on behalf of
those who gave so much
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