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

ANNUAL LEGION EVENTS

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

Pork Roast Dinner 2/13/16 3/12/16 Legion Birthday Party 4/2/16 **Family Dinner**





"The Spirit of 76" Post News

February 2016



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Bob Mischler, CommanderBob.mischler@gmail.com

630-768-4666

It is with a heavy heart, that I must inform you of the passing of Elmer Branscum. Elmer was a Legion Officer for over 6 years. He was very active in the Post, always willing to help his fellow veterans. He will be missed.

Please remember to update us if your email changes. Remember that the monthly email is our main avenue to keep you updated on Post events.

Let your family members know to inform us if anything happens to you. We have had 8 members pass away this year. The Post was not informed about 3 of them, so we missed the opportunity to honor their memory during their wake. The numbers to call are at the bottom of this page.

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

Bob

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.





Ken Anderko, Squadron Commander

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No meeting this month. As it stands now, we will probably next meet in March. Our pasta family dinner was a modest success, the meal was great. Mike Stange did another terrific job heading up the kitchen crew. What I'd like to know is where our post members were? If our members can't help, at least show up and enjoy the meal and support your post. It was disheartening to see such a meager crowd. Elmer Branscum, a long time SAL member, passed away this past week. He will be missed, especially on Friday nights. Great guy and he always did his best helping out wherever he was needed.

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

Sheila Meyer, President



Auxiliary #76 News

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Happy New Year Auxiliary Ladies !!!

I hope that everyone had an amazing Holiday Season and is now safe and warm from all the cold and snow that January brings.

Our Annual Pork Roast Dinner is a couple weeks away, on Feb 13, 2016.

It is going to be an evening full of great fun:

- A delicious pork roast dinner we will start serving at 5:00 pm
- Dessert will be provided by Sauer's Bakery
- DJ Roy will be spinning your favorite tunes
- Dancing
- Games Yes, Bozo buckets are coming back!
- Raffles
- Basket drawings

You get all of this for a great price of: \$12 for Adults and \$8 for kids under ten

This year's fundraiser supports The Warrior Canine Connection. So make sure you mark your calendar's and bring a friend or 2 with you !!!

What' coming up next:

- * Feb 1 Our next Unit 76 meeting at 6:30.
- * Feb 13 Our annual Pork Roast Dinner at 5:00 pm
- * Feb 28 Gold Star Lunch and District 11th meeting
- * Mar 18 Patriotic Conference. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

Stay safe and warm!!

Sheila

PERROTTET-NICKERSON POST 76 AMERICAN LEGION

Minutes of the regular meeting held 5 January 2016

<u>Call to Order:</u> 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 1 December 2015 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Motion by Haustknecht, second by Fietsam to approve. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant: No report

<u>Finance Officer:</u> 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 218/254 –

<u>Junior Vice Commander:</u> Stange noted plans for the 16 January family dinner are well under way, and he passed around a signup sheet for volunteers to help out.

Color Guard: No report

Building & Grounds: Fietsam mentioned that a space in the parking lot is being rented.

Auxiliary: No report

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

Baseball: No report

Boy Scouts: A Court of Honor was held last week, and two scouts, Kris Gardner and Mitch Martin earned Eagle Scout status. Annual auction to be held on 30 January 2016.

Boys State: No report.

<u>Sick Call & Memorials</u>: Sgt. at Arms Elmer Branscum continues to cope with heart issues. Efforts to contact him have been unsuccessful. We mourn the loss of Past Commander William Specht, Dave Fietsam's brother, Richard Fietsam, and Ken Anderko's brother, John Anderko, III. It was noted that member Andy Nelson, who resides at the DuPage County Convalescent Home, is not doing well.

Service Officer: No report

County/District: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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

<u>Good of the Legion:</u> Knapp mentioned that donations to Give to the Yanks Who Gave are still being accepted. The Post received a nice thank you note from a family assisted with holiday gift cards.

<u>Calendar Review</u>: The calendar for the next two months was reviewed. Next Post meeting on 2 February 2016.

Commanders Comments: None.

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

Luboff offered the closing prayer and the colors were saluted.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1957 hours.

William F. Andersen Adjutant











From your Service Officer

<u>DuPage Homeless Veterans Taskforce (DHVTF)</u>

There's a new committee in DuPage County that's working on ending Veteran homelessness in the county. The member's consist of: VAC (Steve Fixler), Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Catholic Charities, Hines VA Homeless Section and PADS.

The committee will be working together, along with other agencies, to end Veteran homelessness in DuPage County. It won't just be housing Veterans. It will also consist of keeping them housed; helping them find employment and helping them become self-sufficient. Please contact the VAC if you know of a homeless Veteran or if you would like more information.

Veterans Identification Card (VA Issued)

The Veterans Identification Card Act 2015 (Public Law 114-31) was enacted on July 20, 2015. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is drafting regulations that will allow VA to implement and enforce the legislation. This can be a lengthy process and can take over a year to finally start to issue ID Cards. It's very possible, that the VA may not start issuing ID Cards until 2017.

VA Updates Agent Orange Ship List

This week, VA added six new ships and expanded the dates for some already on the list of ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam. Veterans whose military records confirm they were aboard these ships qualify for presumption of herbicide exposure. To check if your ship or boat has been added to the list, visit: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp.

Walgreen's Flu Shots

Walgreens, mill give free flu shots to Veterans up until March 31, 2016. The Veteran must be enrolled in the VA Health Care system, like Hines or Jesse Brown. The Veteran needs to bring in his VA ID Card and a photo ID. Walgreens will automatically update the Veteran's VA Electronic Health Record. Family members and TRICARE members are not eligible. For information, call 1-877-771-8537 or visit www.ehealth.va.gov/lmmunization.as

Michael Mero

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February 2016

Find the latest calendar updates on our website americanlegionpost76.org

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

March 2016

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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| 27 Easter Sunday | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Apr 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | Bingo \$500 JACKPOT | Family Dinner |
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Saturday, February 13 570 S. Gary Ave., Carol Stream Dinner Served: 5 to 6:30 pm

DJ Roy will be spinning your favorite tunes: 6:30 to 8:30 pm Games and Raffles will be held throughout the evening Dessert provided by Sauer's Bakery, Carol Stream

Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 for children ages 10 and younger Tickets may be purchased at the door, by calling the post at 630-682-0076, or during Friday Night Bingo – 6-8 pm

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