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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**

7/4/15 Independence Day Parade  
8/15/15 Post Installation

**Wheaton Post 76 - BINGO**  
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22	45	52	
10	16	44	58 61
5	17	FREE	51 64
4	29	36	60 74
	26	43	55

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7:00 pm



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# Post #76 News

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July 2015



## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**Bob Mischler, Commander**

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Looks like the warm weather has finally arrived. Now if only something could be done about the rain.

Our Memorial Parade was an event to remember. The rain was timed with the parade. I heard many comments on the commitment our Post had to the parade. Through rain or shine.....

You can find the slate of next year's Officers in the Post Meeting Minutes. Our Installation Ceremony was moved to August 15<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there.

If you have any pictures of our Post's activities, please send them to pnpost76@gmail.com.

Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm.

*Bob*



## Auxiliary #76 News

*Lisa Mattingly, President*

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Congratulations to Auxiliary President Elect Sheila, and all the officers elected for the next year.

*Lisa*



## SAL Squadron 76

**Ken Anderko, Squadron Commander**

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Nothing much happening this month, our next meeting will be in September. Have a great Fourth of July holiday. We could always use more help for our Friday night bingo. As always, please remember our vets and have a great summer.

*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 2 June 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 5 May 2015 have been published and copies circulated around the Post hall. Westerhausen moved for approval, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adjutant:** No report

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

**Senior Vice Commander:** Lykins reported membership stands at 252/248 – 101.6%. The last time the Post exceeded 100% was more than twenty years ago. Kudos to Lykins!  
School awards have been prepared, and presentations made as requested.

**Junior Vice Commander:** No report

**Color Guard:** Lykins noted that the Memorial Day activities went well. Thanks to all who participated/helped with all the arrangements/work involved.  
Discussion will be held with City of Wheaton to waive any charges made to Post for participating in parades.  
The Flag Everlasting Ceremony went well.  
We may have to combine with the VFW for the Independence Day parade.  
Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Post, 11 June at 1930 hours.

**Building & Grounds:** Fietsam thanked J. Miller and his crew for the nice work they did landscaping around the Post.  
Accumulated bun trays at Yahoo Pub need to be removed. They are an eyesore.

**Auxiliary:** Mattingly thanked those who attended the pot luck dinner last night.  
We need help on Poppy Days – 1000 to 1400 hours on 13 and 14 June. Also, need help at Metra station in Wheaton – 0600 to 1000 hours on 11 and 12 June. Signup sheets available after the meeting.

Help is needed for the State Baseball Tournament banquet.

Auxilliary Officers elected were:

Sheila Meyer – President  
Emily Goepel – Vice President  
Mary Stange – Treasurer  
Carol Bodine – Sgt. at Arms

**SAL:** Anderko was elected Squadron Commander again, and he noted the next SAL meeting will be in September.

**Baseball:** D. Miller said that fund raising for the State Tournament is going well, \$11,700 has been raised so far.

Parking for the tournament could be a problem. Should bingo be cancelled on the Friday night of the tournament?

A number of dignitaries, including the Governor and Congressman Roskam have been invited to participate in opening day ceremonies.

Members of both teams and their families are working at the Post every Tuesday through mid-July  
Volunteers from the Post are needed!!!

**Boy Scouts:** Mischler mentioned the boys are getting ready for summer camp, and that there would be an Eagle Scout ceremony in July.

**Boys State:** Miller reported that the three boys from Wheaton North HS are ready to go, and they will report on their experiences at our July or August meeting.

**Sick Call & Memorials:** Luboff noted that members Robert Hoffman and Franklin Stark had passed away. He offered condolences on behalf of the Post to Sanford Lykins on the passing of his mother. Larry Hoffman is doing well.

**Service Officer:** Fixler mentioned that as of 1 July veterans can have “veteran” posted on their Illinois driver’s license.

**County:** Westerhausen noted that County has achieved 100%+ membership for the year. County elections will be held on 10 June at the Hinsdale Post.

When he was visiting Kane County, there was a rumor circulating that National is planning a \$5.00 dues increased for 2016-2017.

**Old Business:** Mischler said Post Legion caps have been received and are available for sale.

**New Business:** None

**Annual Elections:**

Miller, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee reviewed the slate of Officers nominated for next year:

Commander: Robert Mischler  
Senior Vice Commander – Sanford Lykins, III  
First Junior Vice Commander – Robert Smid

Second Junior Vice Commander – Michael Stange

Sergeant At Arms – Elmer Branscum

Ass't Sergeant At Arms – Karen Ferrando

Finance Officer – Kenneth Meyer

Smid declined to stand for election.

There being no further nominations from the floor, and Fietsam moved, Rogers seconded that nominations be closed. Motion passed.

Luboff moved, Rogers seconded that the slate be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.

For positions on the Executive Board:

Ed Haustknecht

Lisa Mattingly

Donald Bayer

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Mischler made the following appointments for the 2015-2016 year:

Judge Advocate – Del Miller

Historian/Public Relations – James Goepel

Chaplain – Stanley Luboff

Adjutant – William Andersen

Ass't Finance Officer – Kenneth Knapp

Service Officer – Michael Mero

**Good of the Legion:** Fixler noted that free golf was available to veterans at an AM560 outing benefitting OSOTAMERICA on 11 June at Bolingbrook Golf Club.

Fixler is serving on a committee working to establish a National Desert Storm Memorial.

Thanks to Robert Adams for speaking at the Memorial Day ceremony.

Mischler asked that anyone having photos of any Post activities to please email to him.

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

Next Post meeting on 7 July.

**Commanders Comments:** None...

The POW/MIA flag was recovered.

Luboff offered the closing prayer and the colors were saluted.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2021 hours.



## From your Service Officer

### DuPage Veterans Stand Down

August 20 – 21, 2015. It's still at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. We're always looking for volunteers to be part of one of our committees or volunteering at the event. We're looking for donated items and monetary donations. Please spread the word to any homeless Veterans that you know. We fall under the Chicago Stand Down organization for non-profit, tax exempt status. For more information, you can contact Pat Waisco at: 630-585-1853, [Patricia.Waisco@va.gov](mailto:Patricia.Waisco@va.gov) or go to [www.chicagostanddown.org](http://www.chicagostanddown.org) DuPage Stand Down Tab.

### Current Congressional House Bills:

**H.R. 3833 – Caregivers Expansion Act** – Extends to all veterans with a serious service-connected injury the eligibility to participate in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) program of comprehensive assistance to family caregivers of such veterans. Under current law, such eligibility is limited to those veterans who incurred such an injury on or after September 11, 2001. This will include all Veterans pre and post 9-11.

**H.R. 969 – Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2015** – This Act will include Blue Water Personnel who were on a ship off the coast of Vietnam (territorial seas) for purposes of the presumption of service connection for diseases associated with exposure by veterans to certain herbicide agents while in Vietnam.

**H.R. 2123 – Enhancing Veteran's Access to Treatment Act** – Currently the VA is only allowed to give medication that is on their approved list to Veterans. When a Veteran leaves active duty and if he was receiving medication while on active duty, but that medication is not on the approved VA list, the VA will give a substitute medication to the Veteran. This Act will allow the VA to give the medication to the Veteran that he was receiving while on active duty.

### Illinois Secretary of State:

This July, Veterans will be able to put Veteran on their driver's license. They have to take their DD-214 to one of the driver's facilities and that along with the application will be sent to the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs for Veteran verification. Once the verification is complete, the Veteran will receive his driver's license.

Thank you for your commitment to our Legion and Post.

*Michael Mero*

Post Service Officer

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# July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence	
5	6	7 Post Meeting 7:30PM	8	9	10 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	11	
12	13	14	15 11th District Baseball Tournament				18
				16 40et8 Promenade Downers Grove	17 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM		
19	20 Exec Meeting 6:30PM B & G Meeting 7:30PM	21	22	23	24 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	25	
26	27 Newsletter 6:30PM	28 Baseball Tournament				31 Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	1

# August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
		Baseball Tournament					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
District Installation 12-4		Post Meeting 7:30PM			Bingo \$500 7:00 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Aux Dist Installation Naperville					Bingo \$500 7:00 PM	Post 76 Installation 5:00-6:00-7:	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
2nd Div Installation Naperville		Newsletter 6:30PM			Bingo \$500 7:00 PM		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	



# Legion Happenings

As I write this letter, I am home drying out after watching the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade. It was just starting to sprinkle when I walked over to city hall, my perch for the morning. I met up with some friends and we chatted under a tree as it was really starting to come down and we were umbrella-less.

The parade began, the rains came down and my friends decided to go back home and I started back myself. Then as I watched the marchers carrying on, soaked to the skin, I decided to stay and watch.

It was a wonderful sight, the cherished veterans, the school bands all playing, the Cubs and Boy Scouts, the Brownies and the Girl Scouts and their leaders all soaking wet but carrying on. The music, the flags, the umbrellas, the plastic garbage bag rain shields, the loyal parade watchers were all doing their thing as usual.

I was reminded of a picture on Facebook of the guards marching in a rainstorm at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, who carry on no matter what the weather is day in and day out. Memorial Day is to honor our veterans who have served our country and today the city of Wheaton did that in fine fashion.

Mary Landreth

Wheaton

*As published in the Daily Herald*

Poppy Girl, Alexia Hall, meets with Mayor Gresk of Wheaton





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