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**WE FOUGHT TOGETHER, NOW, LET'S BUILD TOGETHER FOR A BETTER
AMERICA**

Well another year is in the book, and we are looking at the new one and all the challenges ahead. While nothing is ever easy, and criticism is often harsh, we continue to plug along.

We have tried a few different things to increase membership participation in and around the Legion, and as the New Year starts, we will look at the activities that worked or did not work and adjust accordingly. Coming up in February at the regular membership meeting, a vote will be taking place for membership dues increase, so please mark that date down on your calendar. We know, not everything we do is going to be appreciated. I would hope that all will remember that what we do or try to do, is for the good of our Legion and not for the benefit of the few. Change is inevitable, I remember someone once telling me that there are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed. I wish all a warm and healthy winter.

Commander Rick



Taps 2014



Cecil Bennett
George Crackel
Clarence Friley
Peter Lapka
Richard Scouten
Charles Tetreau
William Ward

Louis Carufel
Fredrick DeBell
Ronald Graham
Frank Martin
Roger Simmons
Dorothy Uthes

Colon Chisholm
Eugene Dyer
George James
Sean Provost
Robert Sterling
Joe Watson

Hoping everyone has a joyous and happy holiday season. Membership wise, keep up the good work.

Ed Harrison
Adjutant

New Members open house on 16 Feb 2015. All are welcome to visit the American Legion to determine if they are eligible for membership in the American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, or American Legion Riders. A Legion representative will be present to discuss enrollment and hopefully sign you up! All current members are encouraged to bring a potential member. Visit American Legion web site at "amleg449.com" for Post information

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The Legion Times is also available on our web site at amleg449.com

To the Sons of the American Legion Squadron, Legionnaires,
Auxiliary and ALR:
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Thanks to all who supported all of the events during the past year "Thank You" to all
Who helped make these events happen.
With the winter months here, stop in at the post to have fun and good times.
With the New Year right around the corner, just want
to remind SAL Squadron members that membership dues are due.
Please send in your 2015 dues to:

SAL Squadron 449
299 Huron Blvd
Marysville MI 48040

Or drop off at J Edward Malloreay Post #449 American Legion.

Merry Christmas and Peace to all
SAL Commander 449
Arnold Schneider
God Bless America



Once again our annual Children's Christmas party was a huge success with 106 children and their families enjoying the festivities. Many smiling faces were seen around the room decorating cookies, making ornaments and visiting with Santa. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who came out to help, whether setting up, working in the kitchen, baking cupcakes, or doing crafts with the children. A special thank you to everyone for supporting the many fundraisers to make the parties possible.

Mark your calendars now on March 29th from 1-3 pm for the children's Easter Party. Spring is just around the corner!

Club 17

Due to rising costs and loss of ticket sales, please give us your input on keeping Club 17 active for 2015-16.

1. Raise price of each ticket to \$100.00 and keep everything the same. Will you purchase a ticket?
Yes No
2. Keep ticket at \$75.00 and maintain all prizes but eliminate the dinner-dance in May?
Yes No
3. Dissolve Club 17?
Yes No

Recommended ticket sales is a minimum of 120 tickets. There will be a box in the lounge for your suggestions. Any Suggestion is welcome. Please feel free to call or E-mail me. Your response by January 30, 2015 will be greatly appreciated.

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Unit 449 Auxiliary Members, Legionnaires, Sal and ALR

October 25th was our annual Toys for Tots Fundraiser. A special Thank You to all my Auxiliary Sisters who volunteered and helped to make this event a success. Thank You Ladies.

In Honor of Veterans Day On November 11th Mary Davis and Vicky Jeffries represented Auxiliary Unit 449 at the Allied Veterans Cemetery. Thank You Mary and Vicky.

Marysville High School Student, Marianna Ostentoski entry in the Poppy Poster Contest 2014, took 1st place at District Level, 1st place at State Level and moved on to National Level for Judging. On November 13, Marianna was presented a certificate of Recognition from National.

November 13th at our Monthly Meeting we had our Jr. Activity Night. We had 4 Junior's in attendance and they made Pilgrims, Turkeys, and Drew and Colored Pictures for our Adopted Veterans at Marwood Nursing Home. Thank You to Leeann Osmialowski and her Daughter, Junior Member Jasmine Vicencio for taking on this task and doing such a great job.

November 15th VA&R Chairman, Diane Heide arranged for a visit with the Veterans at Marwood Nursing home. Each Veteran received a cupcake, a card and a gift prepared by the Junior Members. Diane and her volunteers visited 24 veterans and thanked each one for their service. Great Job, Diane and Thank You for your service.

December 11th was our annual Christmas Party. We had 100 Members in attendance. We all enjoyed our dinner at the Voyager on the beautiful St. Clair River. A Thank You goes out to Becky Laeder for arranging this event and making it a special night for all Auxiliary Members in attendance.

Coming Events for 2015

January 8th Monthly Meeting @ 6 pm

January 11th District Meeting in Lapeer

February 12th Monthly Meeting @ 6 pm

March 8th District Meeting in Carol.

March 12th Monthly Meeting @ 6 pm

March 15th St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser, All proceeds going to The Wilwin Lodge.

Auxiliary Members who are reading this article, Unit 449 needs your help !! In the Bingo Kitchen, Serving your Veterans and giving back to our community. It's only for 1 hour once a month to attend a meeting and you will learn the importance of giving back and you will be rewarded for it.

Auxiliary Unit 449, Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

For God and Country

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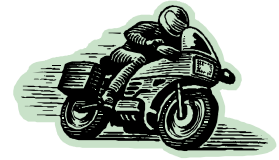


Auxiliary Membership.. All 2015 dues should now be paid. Dues are \$25 for senior/ \$10 for junior members. Please get sent in ASAP if you still need your 2015 card. Thanks Nina Summerer / Membership Chair

Auxiliary Unit 449 would like to extend our sincere Thank You to all Members and Guest for supporting Toys for Tots Fundraiser on October 25th. A special Thank You goes out to Post 449 Legionnaires, S.A.L, Debbie Cox, Henry and Debbie Dekiere and Becky Thomas for their time, cooperation and most generous donation, Unit 449 is very pleased to inform you that we have donate, 443 toys to the St. Clair County Distribution Center. Helping me with this task this year is Kelly Wulbrecht. Plus Unit 449 has 5 boxes located at the Junction Buoy, Club 21, Vinckier Foods, Toms Backwoods Bar and Grill and Post 449 that will remain on site till December 15th. Unit 449 has raised \$1,152.86 and still counting.



Legion Riders Post 449 News



Hello Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders,

Here's hoping your Christmas was happy and memorable, and on behalf of all of our ALR members we wish you a Safe & Healthy, Happy New Year!

Congratulations to our new Officers for 2014-2015. Our election takes place in October because of our riding season. This year's new officers are;

Director: John "Judge" Jeffries;
 Vice Director Mike "Boomer" Gay;
 Treasurer Vicky "Vickster" Jeffries;
 Secretary Lee "Lee Man" Fleming
 Run Coordinator/Sgt. at Arms Del "DeDog" Gieche
 Membership Mary "Snow" Davis
 Historian Kevin "Nephew" Schalm
 Chaplin Dave "Chief" Banyas

In looking back for the year 2014, our legion riders have not let up one bit in supporting our Veterans, our Post, and our Community. Besides the normal mission of our Chapter conducting Handle Bar Rides, as well as two motorcycles rides for Veterans and community, our Riders participated in some very special events.

"Riders keep those tenders plugged in, and just maybe we'll be able to ride this year for New Year's Day?"

Our next ALR meeting will not be until February, meetings are always on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. East Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks everyone for supporting our ALR, and Riders, again thank you for the support and participation you have shown in 2013-14, let's get ready to gear up and have another successful year in 2015.

John "Judge" Jeffries
ALR Director, Post 449

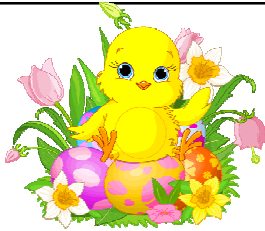
AUXILIARY UNIT 449
 ANNUAL ST.PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER
 SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2015
 SERVING from NOON TILL 6PM, or UNTIL GONE
 CORNED BEEF, CABBAGE, BAKED POTATO AND CARROTS \$7.50Plate BEEF STEW \$7.00 Bowl
 BOTH INCLUDING COFFEE, ROLL, BUTTER AND DESSERT SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE

The Proceeds from this Fundraiser will be donated to Michigan American Legion, Wilwin Lodge in the UP, which offers Free Lodging to Wounded Veterans and their Families and Veterans Suffering from PTSD, who qualify.

CHILI COOK-OFF
 FEB 21, 2015
 ENTRY FEE \$5.00 TASTERS \$5.00
 MEAT RAFFLE
 1PM TO 4 PM
 PROCEEDS TO CHILDRENS PARTIES

*NEW YEAR'S EVE' PARTY
DEC 31, 2014
8PM TO 1AM
KARAOKE BY DJ STEVE
BRING A DISH TO PASS*

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Children's Easter Party
March 29th, 2015
1 - 3 pm



JAN 2015

**1st - Post Meeting
Canceled**
5th - SAL Meeting 7pm
6th - Bingo 6:30
7th - Euchre 7pm
8th - AUX Meeting 6pm
9th - Keith & Co 8pm
 Open Mic Night
10th - Club 17 3:30pm
 Meat Raffle
13th - Bingo 6:30
14th - Euchre 7pm
**15th - House Committee
Meeting 6pm**
20th - Bingo 6:30pm
21st - Euchre 7pm
27th - Bingo 6:30
28th - Euchre 7pm

FEB 2015

2nd - SAL Meeting 7pm
3rd - Bingo 6:30pm
4th - Euchre 7pm
5th - Post Meeting 7pm
10th - Bingo 6:30pm
11th - Euchre 7pm
12th AUX Meeting 6pm
13th - Keith & Co 8pm
 Open Mic Night
14th - Club 17 3:30pm
 Meat Raffle
16th - ALR Meeting 7pm
16th - Membership Open
 House
17th - Bingo 6:30
18th - Euchre 7pm
**19th - House Committee
Meeting 6pm**
24th - Bingo 6:30pm
25th - Euchre 7pm

MARCH 2015

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3rd - Bingo 6:30pm
4th - Euchre 7pm
5th - Post Meeting 7pm
10th - Bingo 6:30pm
11th - Euchre 7pm
12th AUX Meeting 6pm
13th - Keith & Co 8pm
 Open Mic Night
14th - Club 17 3:30pm
 Meat Raffle
15th - St Patricks Day Luncheon
 Noon - 6pm or gone
16th - ALR Meeting 7pm
17th - Bingo 6:30
18th - Euchre 7pm
**19th - House Committee
Meeting 6pm**
24th - Bingo 6:30pm
25th - Euchre 7pm
31st - Bingo 6:30