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# **THE LEGION TIMES**

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



Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

Fall is coming, and it's a great time of the year. We have had an enjoyable and very busy summer.

What's new at the legion?

We have been busy ----- First of all ----

Two of the hall rest rooms have been reinvented. They are now handicap friendly and handicap accessible. Everything is new and user friendly. This project was long overdue and I 'am pleased to have it completed. The toilets now flush correctly and the facility is much easier to keep clean. My thanks to the contractor for a job well done.

My thanks to the executive committee for getting these projects completed in a timely manner.

We are trying to arrange for the post to have on display our very own helicopter, mounted on a pedestal in front of the Legion Building. We have a committee working on this project. Hopefully in the near future this will happen. If you have any input, or want to help see William Cieciek.

Bingo is doing well. Our crowds have been good. But the downed economy has had an effect. Bingo is so important, because it is a part of our life line, which pays the bills to keep this legion going. We could still use some additional workers. All we ask is one Tuesday a month from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Our regular meetings are the first Thursday of every month. Make it your goal as a member to attend these meetings.

Your input and presence is important for our success.

Dave Banyas

American Legion Post

I hope everyone had a good summer. Now that the weather is changing, hope to see more members at the Post meetings which are the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm.

The new 2013 cards are in.

The E-mail address for the adjutant is: [echarrison449@yahoo.com](mailto:echarrison449@yahoo.com)

Ed Harrison

Post Adjutant

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Well summer is coming to an end. And the sons have had there first meeting since having some time off. We have hi hopes of having a fantastic year with the new officers in place and some good ideas.

God Bless America  
Cliff Waltenburg

SAL Commander 449

To all Squadron 449 Members:  
Your 2013 membership cards are in. Please send in your 2013 dues of \$20.00 to:  
SAL Squadron 449  
299 Huron Blvd  
Marysville MI 48040  
Or drop of at American Legion Post 449  
For God and Country  
Lee Riley



Let's spring into action to support our veterans!! Would you or family members and friends be interested in participating in a 5k fun run and 1 mile walk next spring? The event would be sponsored at our American Legion Post 449 and proceeds would be donated to a local disabled veteran. We are trying to see how much interest there would be in an event like this. If you are interested, please call Monica at 956-7089 or the Legion at 364-9963.



Hello Legion Family,

Well I think Fall is on its way and before we know it the snow will be falling. As the President for Unit 449 the past ten years, this will be my final letter for the Scoop as President. I have had great pride serving as your President, and will still be around. Our new President Vicki Jeffries will do a fine job. It would be nice if we could get some of our members out to attend our meetings and help support her. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the East hall. Please try to come out and see what we are all about and what we do.

I don't know what we have in store for the upcoming months other than our Toys For Tots program in November. We will be doing some projects for our Veterans for the holidays, and we are always open for new ideas if you have anything in mind. We will also be doing the Kids Christmas party again this year, but I don't have any details on it.

In June I attended our State Convention held in Kalamazoo along with Kay Fournier. I am proud to announce that our Unit Historian Scrap Book took 1<sup>st</sup> place again this year at the state level. This is the second consecutive year that Kay Fournier has received this honor, Congratulation Kay for a job well done. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> I attended the National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was a very inspiring convention. The memorial that was held for the POW MIA'S is a memorial I will always remember. What an emotional ceremony it was. It was held at the War Memorial Museum in downtown Indianapolis. They even had a helicopter come and land at the foot of the Museum steps. A young lady by the name of Autumn Letendre spoke to the crowd about her husband USMC Captain Brian Letendre who was killed May 3, 2006 in Iraqi at the age of 28, leaving her and their three year old son, Dillon. What a great speaker she was. Autumn is now a Country Music Recording Artist and has a CD out called Raise Your Flag, and of course she did sing for us. Fall Conference will be held Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup> at Boyne Highland, in Harbor Springs, and I hope to be able to attend. This will be our school of instruction programs.

Our 2013 dues are now due. I do not know if National has sent out dues notices yet, but you can pay them to Nina Summerer at 1655 New Jersey Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040 or drop them off at the Post. The dues this year are increased to \$25.00 for seniors and \$10.00 for juniors. Please try to get your dues paid at your earliest convenience. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my past Officers and Auxiliary members for all their support over the past ten years. It has been a pleasure serving as your President. I would also like to thank the Post, Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders for all their support. I will see you around our Post.

For God and County,

Olive Hartman, Past Unit President

#### **AUXILIARY UNIT #449 MEMBERS**

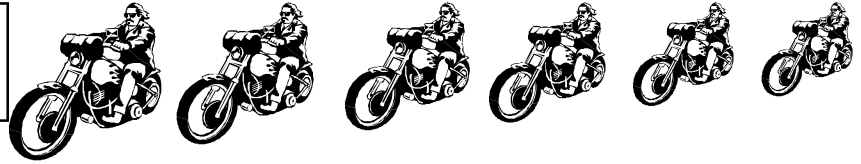
2013 Dues can now be paid. Please drop dues off at lounge or mail checks made to: ALA unit #449 directly to me at  
1655 New Jersey, Marysville Mi 48040

\$25.00 FOR SENIORS/ \$10.00 FOR JUNIORS/ \$30.00 FOR NEW MEMBERS

*Thank you Nina Summerer*

Membership Chair

# ALR NEWS



Happy autumn Legionnaires, Son's, Auxiliary, Rider Supporter's, and our Legion Rider Members!

Our Legion Riders began organizing in 2006-2007 where Jim Walker was our Director our first year, and I the Director since. As I always have said, we've done our Post 449 proud and have always carried on the mission statement as it has been intended. The American Legion Riders were first organized in 1993 in Garden City, Michigan.

The American Legion Riders were formed...

- ...to participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion.

- ...to promote cycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest.

- ...to use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.

- ...to present ourselves as Representatives of Patriotism on behalf this Country and the American Legion.

This year we raised funds for St. Clair County & Sanilac County Veterans who may be in need of Blue Water Hospice and financial assistance for their care. This is a new endeavor for 2012, which is currently being worked on and will be called forevermore "*The Gerald McGraw Veteran-Hospice Fund*" once all parties involved have worked out the necessary details. Our Riders raised funds for the Marysville Food Pantry called "SOS", and co-hosted with the Cargill Salt Co. for the American Cancer Society event called "*Ride-for-Life*". We've participated with the Patriot Guardsman at fallen Veterans funerals, supported other Posts and Community functions. This month our Legion Riders will ride to the Birchwood Mall along with Post 449 members and affiliates to make a donation for abused children, for our local community event "*Roof sit*", also will be the "Judy Switzer Breast Cancer Handle Bars Bicycle Ride Benefit" for the American Cancer Society event "Making Strides". Upcoming is the Christmas parade. We hope to have a lot of Riders to participate that day, weather permitting, "*burr*"... Our ALR will also possibly ride New Years' Day in Memory of our Past Legion Rider Member "Big Sarge" Gary Sargent.

I wish to thank our Legion Post for their acceptance to Charter the ALR and allowing us all through their doors, tolerating our noisy machines; plus all the support by the Legionnaires, the SAL, and the Auxiliary that you have shown for all we do and have done over the years. We have accomplished a lot together, as one in Post 449... as a Legion Family. But most of all I wish to thank our Legion Rider Members and the Officers of ALR Post 449 for the trust you have all had for me as your Director. It's time I think now to step down as the Director. We have many great members to fill the vacancies amongst the ranks. I do want to say we're a proud group of Riders and we've served our Legion Post and our Veterans proudly and will continue to do so for many years to come.

This September is our ALR's nominations and in October we vote for new ALR Officers. The new Officers will take over the reins in November where their terms will be from then until next October 2013. We are looking forward to 2013 with hopes of possibly some new fresh and exciting ideas for this Legion Family to have fun while we raise funds for our Veterans and community. Welcome all new ALR members, our meetings are every third Monday of each month. Reminder: Legion Rider dues for 2012-2013 are due now, so please try to take care of that as soon as possible. Riders check your emails, the ALR Board, and our Post's Website for upcoming events. – Also check out the Post's Showcase store where Legion Family merchandise is sold on behalf of our ALR, the Legionnaires, SAL and our Women's Auxiliary.

It has been fun, and a real honor to serve our Legion Rider's Chapter of Post 449. We're a great group of people in support of our Veterans and this American Legion Post's Family. For all the upcoming Holidays, Vicky & I wish you all health and happiness throughout the years to come.

Sincerely,

John "*Judge*" Jeffries

ALR Director

Just a few reminders:

We have KENO in the Lounge  
Pizza, Subs and Buritoes

Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Dec 15th  
From Noon—4pm

Any hall rentals please call (810)364-9366  
Ask for Deby

Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Nov 22nd

Noon—5pm

Anyone wishing to donate any items for Luncheon  
Call Darrel @ (810)300-3422

American Legion 2012 Golf Outing

Here's a big shout out to Jeff Pickering for running another successful golf outing held at Holly Meadows. Thanks Jeff, and to all 9 teams that participated.

Everyone had a great time, especially Jimmie Walker, Ernie Merrithew, Rick Taylor, and Dave Ceasear who came in first at 9 under. Jeff Pickering took the longest drive and Pat Schwartz made closest to the pin. Great job guys!

A big thanks also goes out to the legion for funding our luncheon that followed and to all who brought in a passing dish.

Because of all our effort we raised \$620 dollars which will go to a U.S. Navy Corpman from Columbus Twp. who was severly wounded in Afghanistan. Thank you sir, and to all our veterans, past and present, for all the sacrifices you have made for us and our great country. God bless and hope to see you all next year.

Sheila Kirkbride

My dream has become a reality. Break out your red solo cups. Mark your calendars for Nov 3, 2012. Marine Corps Ball to be held at the May O'Brien VFW 3815 Knapp Rd, Port Huron. \$45 per couple or \$25 single. Buffet, DJ, cake cutting ceremony, guest speaker. If you have never been to a Marine Corps Ball, now is your chance. Most wives haven't. Attire: black tie is optional. Open to the public. I realize it's too early for you to be planning anything. This is just a heads up to think about it.

Semper Fi  
Lennie

# NOVEMBER

SUN- DAY	MON- DAY	TUES- DAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURS- DAY	FRIDAY	SATUR- DAY
		BINGO 6:30 PM		1 POST MEET- ING 7 PM	2	3
4	5 SAL MEET- ING 7:00 PM	6 BINGO 6:30 PM	7	8 AUX MEET- ING 7 PM	9	10 CLUB 17 3:30 MEAT RAFFLE
11	12	13 BINGO 6:30 PM	14	15 HOUSE COM- MITTEE 6 PM	16	17
18	19 ALR MEET- ING 7PM	20 BINGO 6:30 PM	21	22 Happy Thanks- giving	23	24
25	26	27 BINGO 6:30 PM	28	29	30	

# OCTOBER

SUN- DAY	MON- DAY	TUES- DAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURS DAY	FRI- DAY	SAT- URDAY
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14	15	16 BINGO 6:30 PM	17	18 HOUSE COM- MITTEE 6 PM	19	20
21	22 ALR MEET- ING 7PM	23 BINGO 6:30 PM	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 BING 6:30 PM	31			

Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas! Yes, it's that time of year again and Santa will be here at the annual Children's Christmas party for Legion members and their families. The date is December 9th from 1-3 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun featuring, crafts, games, cupcake and cookie raffle, and an exciting visit from Santa. Once again the kitchen crew will be serving up hotdogs, soda, juice, and popcorn. Hope to see you that day.

If interested in helping the day of the party, please contact Karen Barber at 810-941-2994. We need people for set up, craft tables, and the games. Also, for all those wonderful bakers out there, we are looking for some help with cupcakes and cookies for that day. We usually put 4-6 cupcakes per plate.

Committee members, there will be a planning meeting on November 5th at 4:30 pm in the lounge.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3 SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	4 BINGO 6:30 PM	5	6 POST MEETING 7 PM	7	8 CLUB 17 3:30 MEAT RAFFLE
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16	17	18 BINGO 6:30 PM	19	20 HOUSE COMMITTEE 6 PM	21	22
23	24 30	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29