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

Commanders Corner----

Happy New Year, Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders

My thanks to all of you who helped support our Post activities in 2012?

As we enter a new year we have the opportunity to improve our activities and have some fun doing it.

We need to fill some important committee vacancies in accordance with our bylaws, or change our bylaws. I would rather fill these positions, because they are really needed. They should not take a lot of your personal time, if enough members step forward to help carry the load. The vacancies are as follows.

Welfare committee---shall consist of three members; the Chairmen is the Post service Officer. Their duties are to investigate and administer aid, to worthy comrades in distress. Do you know of any Veterans in distress? Please call the legion.

Finance committee---shall consist of three members, the chairmen is the Finance Officer. Their duties are the responsibility of conserving the financial assets of the post.

Entertainment Committee---shall consist of three members, the chairman is the Second Vice Commander. Their duties are to arrange for, and supervise an adequate program of social activities for the entire membership.

Bingo is doing well; crowds have been small, because of the downed economy and Christmas season. We are hoping with the New Year, things will pick up. We could still use some additional workers. All we ask is one Tuesday per month from 0630 to 0930.

Nomination and election of officers for 2012 is coming up in April/ May time frame. Please consider getting involved and running for one of the Post offices. Our future is in your hands. It's healthy for our post to have some new faces with new ideas to direct future events for the success of our post.

It is with a sad heart that I mention the passing of John Edward Mallory Dec 2012. Ed was commander here for 16 years. He sat high standards for this post, and was my mentor for the past 10 years. He is surely missed. Save us a place up there Ed!!!!!!!!!!

Our membership meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Make it your goal as a member to attend this meeting. Your input and presence is important to our success.

Commander Post # 449

Dave Banyas



Hi, I hope everyone had a good holiday season. We still have members who have not yet paid their 2013 memberships. Hope to hear from you. The Post elections are coming soon. The 1st nominations will be March 7, 2013 at the general membership meeting. The 2nd and last nomination will be April 4th, 2013 at the post meeting. The election will be April 27, 2013 from 8am to 3pm in the lounge. Absentee ballots are available starting April 6, 2013 and must be turned by 8am the day of the election. I just want to thank everyone for working with me for the past 6 months.

Ed Harrison
Post Adjutant



The SAL would like to send our Deepest sympathy out to the families that have lost a loved one.

I would like to thank all who helped in making our thanksgiving dinner another great success.

Thank you for donation of your time and food.

The Christmas party for the kids held on the 9th of December went very well. The kids enjoyed themselves very much also the parents had a good time as well.

We are planning things to do in the up coming year and again thank you for all of your help that make all of our events a success.

SAL Commander Cliff Waltenburg

CHILI COOK-OFF

FEB16,2013

1PM TILL4PM

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE

\$5.00 TASTERS

ALL PROCEEDS GOES TO THE CHILDRENS PARTIES

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: SHEILA OR KATIE

It's a New Year coming upon us.

The Lounge Hours are as follows:

Monday thru Thursday: 7am—10pm

Friday and Saturday: 7am—1am

Sunday: 12pm—9pm

Thanks everyone who has supported the lounge this past year and we like seeing your face, hope you keep it up!

Our bartenders are doing a good job with all there duties, so please have patience and respect for them, they are doing their best.

Thank you,

Debby Cox

Lounge Manager

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Auxiliary Unit 449

Hello 449 Auxiliary Ladies, Legionnaires, Son's and Rider Members,

I would like to introduce myself, I am Vicky Jeffries the current President of the Women's Auxiliary Unit 449 and I will give my all to the Unit to the best of my abilities. As a member of the Auxiliary our goals are to dedicate what time we can, to give back and thank all of those who served in the Military for all they did, the sacrifices made and to do for our communities and charities. We invite any and all to come and attend our Meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the East Hall. Hope to see some new faces, come see what is going on and give us your ideas. Please come into the lounge and check out to see what is happening in your post, meet some of the members and take time out of your hectic busy schedules to have some fun.

It's time to reflect on 2012 and look forward into the New Year of 2013. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & Happy Year. Here's a little reflection of the Aux members' services they have provided in the past few months:

This year's Thanksgiving Dinner was well received and all was very appreciative who attended. Thank you Legion Family who volunteered time to set and clean-up, donate and prepare food for the dinner that many families enjoyed.

Toys for Tots chairperson Kay Fournier did an excellent job with the organization of this event and thank you to all who supported the event to make it a huge success again this year.

Diane Heide, Chairperson for our Veterans in Marwood did a great job all year with gift items and visits. The Ladies got together in December and made blankets for the 17 adopted veterans in Marwood for Christmas. We had a great group of volunteers, had lots of fun making them and we could always use more help from our Auxiliary members.

The Needy Family this year Karen Barber adopted for our unit is a single, unemployed Mom of 3 children from Marysville. Chairperson, Olive Hartman did a great job with the organization and distribution. Thank you all for your generous donations that helped to give them a happier Christmas.

The Post 449 Kids Christmas Party chairperson Karen Barber did an awesome job with the organization. Thank you to all who volunteered to help with decorating, working craft tables, donating baked goods. A special thank you goes out to Charlie Whybrew for his generous donation to defray the cost of the crafts provided and to his Nephew Jonathon and his family for their generous stuffed toy donation that made it special for all the little ones who attended the Christmas Party. Their smiles were worth it all. Santa was a huge success and adored by all, Thank You Santa!

The Auxiliary Christmas Dinner was held at the Voyager and all who attended had a great time.

For 2013, the Post is having a challenge coin that proudly represents the Post family. They will be in the Display case in the Lounge for purchase. Check them out. Please support our Legionnaires and the fun involved with having the coin and get one for your own to carry with pride.

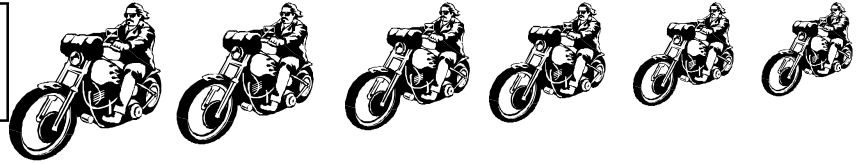
Coming up in February, we would like to invite any New 2012 Member who hasn't been initiated in the Auxiliary Unit to please attend the February Meeting for your initiation.

Coming up in March, we would like to extend an invitation to support the St. Patricks' Day Corned Beef and Cabbage or Beef Stew dinner that will be held on March 17, 2013 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM. in the Lounge. Kay Fournier is the Chair person and the proceeds will benefit the American Legion Wilwin Lodge located here in Michigan. It is a Retreat place to provide free, rest and recuperation vacations for returning service members and their families. This is a great cause to support. Hope to see you there. The food is terrific.

Coming up in April we would like to extend an invitation to all members and their daughters or granddaughters to the Auxiliary meeting. There will be activity for them to join in, and there is a light snack at the end for all to enjoy.

For Unit, Family, God and Country,
Vicky Jeffries
Auxiliary Unit 449 President

ALR NEWS



Hello Legionaries, SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders, and Supporters

Here's hoping your Christmas is 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 2012-2013. Our election takes place in October because of our riding season. This year's new officers are; Vice Director ,Cliff Waltensburg, Run Coordinator , David Barber, Secretary, Karen Barber, Treasurer, Lee Fleeming, Membership Diane Heide, Historian, Denise White, and Chaplin, Chuck Heide

In looking back for the year 2012, our legion riders have participated in supporting our Veterans, our Post, and our Community. Besides the normal mission of our Chapter conducting two Handle Bar Rides, as well as two motorcycle rides for Veterans and community, our Riders participated in some very special events.

This past year we participated in a funeral of Joey Freeleigh in North Branch. Along with Three other Legion Rider chapters we had 20 Riders present. In 2012, we rode and participated at the Veterans Day Memorial Service at the Veterans Cemetery. Our ALR members placed our Post 449 wreaths on behalf of the Legionnaires, Woman's Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and our Legion Riders in remembrance of our deceased Veterans..

Our Riders also participated in the Memorial Day Parade and the Marysville Christmas parade.

I'd like to thank all of the riders who participated this past 2012 year at our planned events, the spur-of-the moment events, and in our social rides. A good showing of participating members certainly proves positive to our Chapter and to the members of Post 449. I'd also wish to thank those members who helped make the Children's Christmas party and Easter party a huge success. Keep up the great job, and thanks again for everyone's support.

Riders keep those tenders plugged in, and just maybe we'll be able to ride this year for New Years 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 2012. Let's get ready to gear up and have another successful year in 2013.

Lee "Laid-back" Riley
ALR Director, Post 449

COMING SOON!!!

Our own POST 449 Challenge Coin will be for sale for \$10.00 in the Post Lounge and will be shown in the Lounge Display Cabinet with all the other memorabilia for sale. It should be available by the end of January. Don't be in the Lounge and be caught without your own 449 Challenge Coin!



Mark you calendar
Annual Post Golf Outing
Aug 3, 2013

American Legion Auxiliary Unit

Would like to thank the listed businesses, Bingo Players and Persons for their generous donations of either Toys, Money, or Prizes to help make our 6th Annual Toys for Tots Drive 2012 a success. Thank you to Brian Hartman, Cliff Waltenburg, Dave Kirkbride, Rick Sharrow, Mike Shue, Rick Schemansky, and my volunteer team, all of you are great for your willingness to help, your spirit of giving and your loving hearts for the Children of St. Clair County. A special thank you goes out to Marysville Meijers for their donation of \$1000.00. The Ladies of Unit 449 would also like to thank all the members and guests that attended the Toys for Tots drive on Oct 20th for your donations and your continued support is deeply appreciated.

American Legion Post 449, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449, American Legion SAL Squadron 449, Bob Evans Restaurant, Car Quest Auto Parts, Cheers Party Supply, Club 21, Cracker Barrel County Store, Different View Photography, Four Star Restaurant, Lynwood Bar, Grondin Hair Center in Kimball, Gronek's Party Store, Huron Car Wash, Kel-Mac Pennzoil in Marysville, Lumber Jack, Marysville Good Year Tire and Auto, Norman G Jenson's Inc, Polish Legion for American Veterans Post 10, Port Huron Times Herald, Red Lobster, Gordon Foods in Ft. Gratiot,, Shear Madness (formerly Joannes), South Park Welding, Spring Grove Variety, Sunshine Pool and Tan in Kimball, Super 8, Ullenbruch Florist, Viinckier Foods in Kimball, Wally's Market, Wolverine Party Store, Dave and Karen Barber, Lennie and Jonnie Brooks, Debby Cox, Hank and Debbie DeKiere, KK Fournier, Brian and Olivve Hartman, Charles and Diane Heide, John and Vickie Jeffries, Paul jr. and Shari Rivard. Paul Rivard Sr. and Rivard Construction, Mike and Pat Shue, Vern and Helene Smith, Adam and Nina Summerer, Dave and Kelly Turnbull, Rene and Katie VandeVoorde, and Dave Wakeham.

Due to the generosity of the Community, Members and Guests, Auxiliary Unit 449 was able to donate 523 toys to the St. Clair County Toys for Tots Distribution Center.

JAN

SUN- DAY	MON- DAY	TUES- DAY	WEDNE SDAY	THURS DAY	FRI- DAY	SATUR- DAY
		1 BINGO 6:30 PM	2	3 POST MEET- ING 7 PM	4	5
6	7 SAL MEET- ING 7:00 PM	8 BINGO 6:30 PM	9	10 AUX MEET- ING 7 PM	11	12 CLUB 17 <u>3:30</u> MEAT RAFFLE
13	11	15 BINGO 6:30 PM	16	17 HOUSE COM- MITTEE 6 PM	18	19
20	21	22 BINGO 6:30 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 BINGO 6:30 PM	30	31	<u>ALR</u> <u>CHRIST</u> <u>MAN</u> <u>PARTY</u> <u>JAN 12</u>	

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24	25	26 BING 6:30 PM	27	28		

Auxiliary Unit 449, will be hosting their Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Serving from noon till gone

Corn Beef ,Cabbage, Baked Potatoes and Carrots. \$6.50 a plate

Beef Stew \$6.00 a bowl

Both including Coffee, Roll, Butter, and Dessert

Share the Wealth Raffle

Proceeds will be donated to the American Legion Wilwin Lodge, UP

Please come and enjoy a meal and a Festive St. Patrick's Day !!

MARCH

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