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

Commander's Corner:

Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

Happy holidays to every one; I hope all of you had a safe and joyous holiday season. It is always a good time to share with family and friends. It sure has been a winter to remember ----- I'm glad it's over.

Today the sun is shining, and the birds are singing. We have a great New Year ahead of us. -----And we have another chance to succeed.



Members Call—

Are you satisfied, with your American Legion Post?

At your Legion Post, what would you like done different?

What would you like more of?

What would you like less of ?

How could our Legion Post, be more enticing to bring in new and younger members?

Do you yourself care, enough to get involved with any activity at our Legion?

Like ----- our kids Easter party.

Like----- our kids Christmas party.

Like ----- Working with Veterans coming home from the War?

Like----- Working with Veterans families that are in the War?

Like----- Assisting Elderly Veterans that have trouble making it on their own?

Like----- Participating in the Memorial Day Parade, it is good for your heart

And soul, and that is what it is all about fellow Veterans

Like----- Working Bingo one night a month for three hours---because that is what pays

The Utility bills.

Our membership meetings are the first Thursday of every month.

Make it your goal as a member to attend. Your input and presence are important for our success.

Dave Banyas

There are some members who have not yet paid their 2013 membership dues . You know who you are. The results of the 1st nominations are posted on the bulletin board. The next nomination meeting will be April 4th. The election will be April 27th. Absentee ballots will be available April 8th. They will be a little different.

Ed Harrison

Adjutant

I thought this might be of interest to some of our aging veterans. I am NOT an expert in this area so if you need information on this program I recommend you contact your local VA office or go to the www.veteransaid.org website

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In Feb the Sons held a dedication for the Ed Malloreay Plaque placed on the north patio wall. We would like to thank all that helped. The Sons will be helping with the 5K run and the Maverick Poker House. The Sons were invited to do an interview with the Marysville High School along with the Legion and The ALR.

Commander
SAL Squadron 449
Cliff Waltenburg

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who helped at the annual Post 449 Children's Christmas party. It was a huge success...This year 150 children and their families shared in the fun and activities. Over 30 volunteers stepped up and assisted with constructing crafts, decorating the hall, supervising the craft tables, and operating the cake raffle (over 170 baked goods were sent home with the families). Adam and the famous kitchen crew served nearly 400 hot dogs and popped popcorn during the party. Everyone's help was truly appreciated! This day belonged to the kids, but the success of this event was due to all of your help! Of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special appearance delighting everyone! A special thank you, to all the bakers who made all the sinfully delicious cupcakes and cookies or four raffle. Having so many people involved in this day reduced the work load on the entire team....Great Job.....Team..

The Easter party was held on March 10th and was another successful event. Thank you to all who volunteered and donated the baked goods. The Easter bunny "Randy" made an appearance to the delight of the children. Have a happy and blessed Easter,

Karen Barber; Event coordinator

We would like to thank everyone who supported the fish dinners. At print time it is looking like it is going to be a very good year.
Paul Rivard and Fish Fry Crew

The Chili Cook-off committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Legion Feb 16th to help raise money for the children's Christmas and Easter parties. We had 16 different varieties entered in the contest this year. They were all delicious!

Our winners this year were: In the mild category 1st—Richard Turke and 2nd— Mary MacDonald, In the hot category 1st—Adam Summerer and 2nd—Mike George.

Our success relies on the turnout of our members. Thank You for tasting, buying 50/50 and trying to decide how many hearts it takes to fill a wine glass. Together, we raised \$745.20!!

Also a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the registration of tasters. 50/50 tickets, meat raffle and the candy heart contest. Great job everyone!!

Your Cook-off Committee
Dave, Sheila and Katie

Kay Fournier and Andie Semrow would like to extend a Thank You to everyone who helped support the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser. A Special Thank You goes out to Aux. Unit 449, The Young Marines ,Hank DeKiere, and Debbie Cox. All of the proceeds will be donated to the American Legion WilWin Lodge in the UP, MI. We do not have a total yet of our income from March 16th. However we will post it in the next Newsletter.

FORE

Look for information on our 2 person scramble in the July newsletter. Scramble will be held August 25th. Proceeds to help Breast Cancer. Mark your calendars.
Pat Beaudry



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

Spring is here. The Easter Kids Party was early this year. We had 64 kids in attendance. Thank you Karen Barber (chair-Person), committee members and volunteers that helped to make it another special day for the Legion Family members. A special thank you goes out to all who attended or volunteered at the chili cook off. The funds raised go to help defray the cost of the children's Easter and Christmas Parties. Dave and Sheila Kirkbride and committee members, Nice job, Huge success! Hope everyone had a nice Easter.

The Challenge coin is in and on display in the show case. If you haven't purchased your coin, please do so, and have fun with the camaraderie that comes with having one, as well as the pride.

We had a good turn-out of new members for initiation. Thank you ladies, and please, we hope to see you again in the future to help keep the Auxiliary unit 449 Charter alive and thriving at Post 449. All members are welcome and we encourage you all to help support our unit in protecting its existence.

Once Again Kay Fournier and volunteers did an awesome job with the St Patrick's Dinner. The funds raised were to support the Wilwin Lodge retreat here in Michigan for returning Veterans and their families. Hope everyone enjoyed the great meal and Karaoke that evening and had a fun and safe St Patrick's Day.

April 11, 2013, we will be having nomination of officer positions. Please remember to bring your Daughter or Grand-daughters to the meeting for an evening of fun for them. We hope to keep the meeting as brief as possible to spend time with our young guests. A light snack is provided at the end of each meeting.

May 9, 2013 will be election of officer position and June 13, 2013 will be Installation of officers. This is a change in agenda to follow suit with the Legionnaires and have officers assume position before we go dark in July and August to give them time to prepare for the meeting in September.

Delegate Ashley Jones will be attending Girls State this year as representative for Unit and Post449.

Ladies, we can always use new volunteers to help with the Bingo Kitchen. Due to the rising cost, you will see a small increase in pricing in the near future. The bingo kitchen isn't a huge fund raiser for the Auxiliary Unit. It is more of a service provided for the Legion Family Members and bingo participants. Thank you to the volunteers who currently work the kitchen. Awesome job one and all!

Changes on the Women's Auxiliary Constitution and Bylaws are available on our Web-sight. Check out the Web-sight for activities past and up-coming.

May is Poppy Month, a time for remembrance. Please support the hand made, by Veterans, Poppy. Keep the memory alive and thriving in remembrance of those who served, Past, Present, and Future. Help the disable Veterans Rehabilitation Program by donating to the cause and display your Poppy proudly.

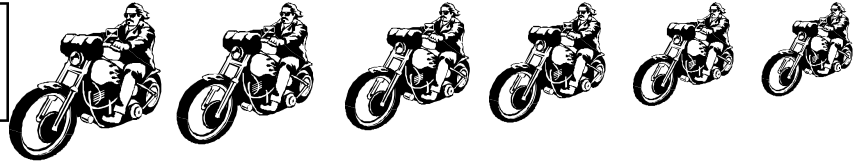
Please get your Poppy support card that will be posted in the lounge or Main hall to show your support and remembrance of those who served. All funds raised for the Poppy program are used to help the Veterans we have here in our county that are in Marwood Nursing Home.

May 27, 2013, we would like to encourage your support of the Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Ceremonies held in our local community park and Cemetery. Let our Veterans know they are not forgotten.

Have a wonderful Spring Season. Hope to see some new faces.

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

ALR NEWS



Hello Legionnaires, Son's, Auxiliary, and Legion Rider members.

Spring is just around the corner . Some Riders have already been riding, We are all looking forward to Those nice warm days to ride.

This year's events for 2013 will be as follows;

Ride-4-Life Cancer Ride - June 29th

Veterans Ride – August 17th (attends only Veteran Organizations)

Judy Switzer Memorial Handle Bars Ride - September 21 - for Breast Cancer (bicycle)

Please remember that you do not have to have a motorcycle to participate. You can register and go in your personal vehicles on all of our ALR 449 Benefit Rides. The more the merrier, and your input and support does help support our Post's cause. You'll get to visit the same places we all go and participate in the fun.

One of our other addendums we have done within our Legion Rider Chapter is the creation of The Gerald McGraw Veteran - Hospice Fund , now in place, and the purpose is to help out where help can provided to any Veteran living in St. Clair County. This fund and our Veterans Benevolent Fund are supported from proceeds of the August Veteran run. That money raised will go to help support these funds.

Our Legion Riders have received many new members' in 2012-2013 and you are most welcomed. Once the weather gets a bit warmer and begins to stabilize into summer we have our Wednesday night Social rides.

So here's to a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Riding Season to all, C'mon Summer!

Lee "Laid-Back" Riley
ALR Director

CLUB 17

Monthly drawing April 13, 2013. Dinner-Dance and drawing is May 11, 2013.

Tickets for 2013-2014 go on sale on May 11, 2013. The price is still \$75.00 and entitles ticket holder and one (1) guest to the Dinner-Dance in 2014, plus monthly drawings from July thru April. Look for our information table at the Stars and Stripes Run for more information and ticket sales.

AUXILIARY UNIT #449 MEMBERS

!! ALL 2013 DUES SHOULD NOW BE PAID!!

Please check to be sure you have your **2013** membership card.

Approximately 50 Auxiliary members still owe their 2013 dues, so please get your dues in as soon as possible!!!!

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..... Unit #449 Membership Chair

Support American Legion Post 449

@ The Maverick Poker Palace and Saloon

Wednesday, April 17th thru

Saturday April 20th

5:00 pm to 2:00 am

A portion of every buy-in goes to Post 449

Maverick Poker House is located @ 1639 Garfield St. in the Colonial Shopping Center, Port Huron

Phone # 985-8200

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SAL MEETING 7PM	2 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS	3	4 POST MEETING 7 PM	5	6
7	8	9 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS	10	11 AUX MEETING 7 PM	12	13 CLUB 17 <u>3:30</u> MEAT RAFFLE
14	15 ALR MEETING 7PM	16 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS	17	18 HOUSE COMMIT- TEE 6 PM	19	20 KARAOKE
21	22	23 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS	24	25	26	27 POST ELECTIONS
28	29	30 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS				

4TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION GOLF OUTING
TO BENEFIT A WOUNDED VETERAN

AUGUST 17TH @ LEANING TREE
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE (\$40.00 A PERSON DUE AUG. 3RD)
8:00 AM SHOT GUN START
HOTDOG AT THE TURN
\$5.00 SKINS (OPTIONAL PER PERSON)
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING @ 449
CONTACT:
JEFF PICKERING—810-357-2768

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 POST MEETING 7 PM	3	4
5	6 SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	7 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS	8	9 AUX MEETING AND ELECTIONS 7 PM	10	11 CLUB 17 <u>6:30</u>
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19	20 ALR MEETING 7PM	21 BINGO <u>6:30 M</u> DRINK SPECIALS	22 PUT FLAGS UP AT CEMETERY 5PM	23	24	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	28 BING <u>6:30 M</u> DRINK SPECIALS	29	30	31	

STARS AND STRIPES RUN

5K RUN / 1 MILE FUN WALK

Sponsored by

American Legion Post 449

229 East Huron Blvd

Marysville, MI

Saturday, 15 June 2013 @ 9:00 am

Route: thru old Marysville

Profits donated to a local disabled veteran / family

Costs \$20.00 to \$30.00 (includes T-shirt)

Award ceremony in the hall

Pancakes, fruit, and refreshments following run

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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