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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 Spring to everyone; 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 has been a very easy winter. We have had warm temperatures and not much snow, which is very easy on the heating bills.

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

I am pleased to see our Post Legion organizations working closer together. We have improved on this somewhat by allowing a voting seat on the house committee for the Sons of the legion, and the Ladies Auxiliary. This improved working relationship allows all parties to have a voice in our daily and our future activities. I encourage all members to give input to their selected representatives. Our post will only be as good as what we make it, as a team.

We have several committee positions that still remain vacant. I encourage you to consider taking on some of this responsibility. It would sure help our officers to be more effective. The vacant positions will be posted on the bulletin board. So line up, and sign up.

Members Call—

Are you satisfied, with your American Legion Post?

What would you like done differently at our Post. 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 is important for our future success.

Dave Banyas

Commander



Aloha and Happy Spring to All!!!

What a great winter we had here in St. Clair County. "o yea" the shovel has been put away.

The Son's have been busy the past winter months, behind the scenes working together with our Post Commander, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and ALR. Our Squadron will be honoring our Vietnam Veterans with a "China Beach" theme party on Arm Forces Day Saturday May 19th, 2012 again in the big hall. Admission has not been determined at present time, 1/2 chicken dinner is what we are looking at for the meal. Military beach attire is welcomed and preferred.

Also up coming Elections Will be here for April and May for our new Squadron Officers. Remember Memorial Services and Parade on May 28th, 2012 Memorial Day.

If we don't see ya soon! We'll see ya at the "Beach".

Mahal

John Livingston

SAL Commander

To all Squadron 449 Members:

Your 2012 membership cards are in. Please send in your 2012 dues of \$20.00 to:

SAL Squadron 449 ,299 Huron Blvd, Marysville MI 48040

Or drop off at American Legion Post 449

For God and Country

Lee Riley

Squadron 449 Adjutant

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Hello Legion Family,

March 20th was the beginning of Spring. I hope everyone is looking forward to warmer weather, although we did have a mild Winter. I can't believe how fast 2012 is going. Here we are in April already. We had our St Patrick's Day luncheon and it went very well. Thanks to everyone that came out to support us. A big thank you to Kay Fournier, Chairman for this event, and all the Auxiliary ladies that worked so hard to make this a success. Our children's Easter party was held on March 25th and again it was a huge success. A special thank you to Karen Barber, our Chairman for the party and one of our newer members, and thank you to everyone that helped make this possible. The kids are always so excited to see the Easter Bunny and win the baked goods. It was a fun day for everyone.

The month of April brings the nominations of officers for the 2012 -2013 year. This year I will not be a candidate for the office of President. I have been the Auxiliary President for the last ten years and it is time to step down. I have enjoyed my time as President and have worked with a great group of officers. Our Auxiliary is approximately 286 members strong. I wish that more of our Auxiliary members would start attending our monthly meetings and maybe even think about running for an office. We need to get more of our new members involved in what we do and the purpose of our organization. Please think about this and join us on April 12th which is the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the East hall. In May we will hold our election of officers for the 2012-2013 year at our regular meeting which will be May 10th at 7:00 pm. We will also have a visit from our District President Susan Svacha at this meeting.

Also, May is our Poppy Day's. Distribution of Poppies will be May 17th, 18th, & 19th. Please remember to support this Program. The Poppy Program has been one of the most beneficial programs of the Auxiliary for our Veterans. All monies that are collected from this program are used strictly for our Veterans. So remember when you see us out there, don't hesitate to dig into your pocket. Remember the Memorial Poppy has been around for some 90 years. It reminds us of the millions of veterans that sacrificed their lives to keep us free. They gave their all for us and now we need to do what we can to support them. Vicki Jeffries is our Poppy Chairman and she does a great job promoting this program. If you can give a few hours of your time during Poppy days and would like to help, please stop in to the lounge and sign up or call Vicki.

We still have a few members that have not paid their 2012 dues. If you are one of these members please take the time to pay them now. In March we were at 86% and would like to meet our 100% before convention time in June. State Convention will be held in Kalamazoo this year June 28th – July 1.

For God and Country Olive Hartman, President

ALR NEWS



Hello Legionnaires, Son's, Auxiliary, and Legion Rider Members

Well it appears that spring has sprung and some of our Riders have already been riding; we finally got to pull-off our Annual January 1st Walker/Sargent New Year's Day Ride. In the past few years it has not been possible due to the inclement winter weather.

At our last meeting (*at time of printing*) which was held in March our Chapter unanimously passed the Legion Rider Supporter Application, there are no dues and you can participate at any of our functions throughout the year as well as attend our ALR meetings. Any American Legion Member of Post 449, in good standing, can become a "Legion Rider Supporter". The applicant does have to be sponsored by an ALR member, also in good standing. Applications can be obtained from any ALR Officer, one of the Bar-tenders, or Lounge Manager.

This year's events for 2012 will be as follows;

Handle Bars Ride: May 12th (bicycle)

Ride-4-Life Cancer Ride - June 23rd

Veterans Ride – August 18th (attends only Veteran Organizations)

Judy Switzer Memorial Handle Bars Ride - September 22 - 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 out 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 a *Veteran's Benevolent Fund*. A Veteran's Fund Investigation Committee is now in place for the Legion Riders and the purpose is to help out where help can be associated to any Veteran living in St. Clair County. Our primary means of advertising will be by word of mouth. The fund is slowly growing and if there is not a specific purpose for a particular benefit in our August Veteran run, that money raised will go to help support this benevolent fund.

Our Legion Riders have received many new members' in 2011-2012 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!

John "Judge" Jeffries

Years back the Chili Cook Off was started to raise funds for the kid's parties. Over the years a great deal of money has been raised to help make these parties lots of fun for our children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces.. This year almost \$500.00 was raised. We would like to thank all of our chili makers and our tasters for coming out to make this event a success. We would especially like to thank Jim and Patty Walker for letting us use his circuit breaker box. Thank you to Jeff and Michelle Easter for the trophies. Also a big thank you for our helpers Tim Rockwell, Kay Fournier, Adam and Nina Summerer, and Rick and Andie Semrow. Also to anyone of the anonymous people who worked behind the scenes. Our winners this year were Tim Rockwell, 1st place mild, Sheila Kirkbride 2nd place mild, Donna Stevens 1st place hot and Adam Summerer 2nd place hot. All of the chili was awesome and in our book all who contributed it are winners! Thank You again

Your Chili Cook off Committee

Dave and Sheila Kirkbride and Rene and Katie VandeVoorde

The Fish crew is back!!! We have started our fish dinners again and the first was a huge success. They are Thursday nights 4 to 7pm thru Lent. Dinners are \$7.50 and children's are \$4.00. If you rather take it home to eat they are \$8.00. We sincerely hope to see you at the post.

Thank You

Paul Rivard and the Fish Fry Crew

LOOKING FOR GOLFERS

Legionnaires and Friends

We are a group of about 12 to 18 golfers, in an unstructured league. We are mostly all retirees and golf 9 holes twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. We keep scores usually until we get back to the legion and discuss our games over a beverage of our choice. We are liking to increase our membership so we can get about six foursomes.

As for being unstructured, we draw lots (cards) for partners. We have no pro's if you can't make it, try to let someone know, and come the next time or when you can. Some can only play once a week, that's ok too. We pay a membership of \$25.00 a year and that goes toward a steak banquets at seasons end. We also have a guaranteed tee time throughout ht season so everyone knows when all were to show up.

If interested, or want more information, call or e-mail or talk to any of our members:

Rene VandeVoorde—renkatie@comcast.net or 650-2385, Jack Quinlan—jack@comcast.net—or Dick Stevens—dickandnan@comcast.net or 364-8867

To all Unit 449 Auxiliary Members:

Your 2012 Auxiliary membership cards are now available. Please send in your 2012 dues of \$20 for senior (\$5 junior) members. Checks made payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449 can be dropped off at the lounge or mailed to me at address below. Once again we are striving for 100% membership for the 2012 year state deadlines. Thanks for everyone's prompt attention.

Nina Summerer (Membership Chairmen)
1655 New Jersey Ave
Marysville Mi 48040

Legionnaires this will be my final newsletter!! After three (3) years of proudly serving you, in this post, its time to step down.

On another note our 2012\2013 post officers 1st nominations were held on March 1st the results are posted at the post on the bulletin boards, as you enter. Our 2nd nominations will be held on April 5th at the Post meeting at 7pm. It would sure be nice to see more of you, taking an interest in our post.

Voting will be held Saturday, April 28th, in the post lounge, from 8am to 3pm. You must have your 2012 card with you, in order to vote.

Thanks again,
For Life, Liberty, Post
Les Larson

Anyone who wishes to help put the Flags up at the Cemetery for Memorial Day please attend the meeting on May 14th, 2012 at 5:30 pm,. If you have any questions please call Andie at (810)689-8620.

CLUB 17

Drawings the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3:30. 6 cash prizes but to win the 6th one you have to be there.

Banquet the 2nd Saturday in May at 6:30.

This includes dinner, dancing, open bar, plus 16 cash prizes.

Ticket holder may bring one guest.

You get all this for just 75.00. Get your ticket from any team captain.

Ed, Mary Jo, Rick, Debi or Pat

ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION POST 449 GOLF OUTING

August 4th 9am 4 person scramble

Holly Meadow Golf Course, Capac MI

\$40.00 per person—18 holes with cart, Skins and closest to the pin. \$5.00 to be collected at golf course.

Proceeds to local Serviceperson

Food at Post 449 after outing

Check in the Lounge or on the bulletin boards for any upcoming Karaoke or any other projects that might not have made the newsletter

On March 17th, 2012 Auxiliary Unit 449 Hosted our annual fundraiser. We traditionally served a Corn Beef Luncheon in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Kay Fournier, Andie Semrow and the Auxiliary Volunteers who hosted this event want to thank The Young Marines who assisted in the kitchen, The Auxiliary Members for the food and dessert donations. Debbie Cox who prepared and sliced the corn beef and a very special thank you to the Members and Guest who have continuously and generously supported this worthy cause. Thank You.

ALR

"AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY EVENT" | HANDLE BARS BICYCLE RIDE VII

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

Registration Time: 1:00 P.M. Donation \$5.00 (each)

at: MARYSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 499

Light food available at cost following our ride

Bicycle Ride Route • American Legion Post 449

• Junction Buoy • Lynwood • Alexander's • China Lite American Legion Post 449

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 SAL MEETING 7PM	3 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	4	5 POST MEETING <u>7PM</u> FISH FRY 4 TILL 7PM	6	7
8 HAPPY EASTER POST CLOSED	9	10 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	11	12 AUX MEETING 7PM	13	14 CLUB 17 <u>3:30 PM</u> MEAT RAFFLE AFTER
15	16 ALR MEETING 7PM	17 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	18	19 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	20	21
22	23	24 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	25	26	27	28 POST ELECTIONS 8AM TILL 3PM
29	30					



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MAY 28TH, 2012

STEP OFF 10AM

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	2	3 POST MEETING 7PM	4	5
6	7 SAL MEETING 7PM	8 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	9	10 AUX MEETING 7PM	11	12 CLUB 17 <u>BANQUET</u> HANDLE BARS RIDE (BICYCLE)
13	14 FLAG MEETING 5:30PM	15 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	16	17 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	18	19
20	21 ALR MEETING 7PM	22 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK <u>SPECIALS</u> <u>NACHOS</u>	23	24	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	29 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	30	31		

American Legion Riders RIDE FOR LIFE POKER RUN

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012

All participants are welcome to Attend

REGISTRATION; 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Marysville Post 449 -

COST: \$15.00 RIDER-DRIVER \$5.00 PASSENGER

• BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.???? • BLESSING OF THE BIKES: 11:45 AM

• Raffles & light food available at cost

• 5 Stops along the way

You Know someone who's been effected by this disease!

Please Help Fight Back Against Cancer Proceeds for the American Cancer Society

JUNE 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				POST MEETING 7PM	1	2
3	4 SAL MEETING 7PM	5 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	6	7 POST MEETING 7PM	8	9 CLUB 17 <u>3:30 PM</u> MEAT RAFFLE AFTER
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