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



Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

A new year has begun for Post #449. Your newly elected officers are:

Commander- Dave Banyas; First Vice Commander- Dan Crawford; Second Vice Commander William Cieciek; Adjutant- Edward Harrison; Chaplain Frederick Hyslop; Finance Officer- Michael Majestic; Historian- Edward Mallory; Service Officer Monica Watson ; and Sergeant –At-Arms- Paul Cloutier. I am very pleased to have this team of officers to work with. They are a very talented group.

I am looking forward to working with all groups this year to enhance our organization. Where are we going, and what do we want to accomplish this year?----- Please do not hesitate to step forward and let your voices be heard! We need all your ideas, and support to improve and enlighten our Legion.

We have done well this past year and I am proud of our accomplishments. I give a lot of credit to our past officers. Without their dedication and endurance we would not have had the success and comfort with in our legion that we now enjoy. Thank you!!!!!!!

Our latest project is to modernize the latrines in the hall. This is a very expensive endeavor. One latrine is completed, one is in progress. Please stop by to see what we are spending your money on. Hopefully this will help with more hall rentals. Hall rentals have been slow this year. Spread the news—we have a great hall with very competitive prices.

Don't forget the Legion Annual Picnic, August 9th. Bring a dish to pass. Meat and Beverages will be provided by the post. This is a good time to share stories and enjoy fellow members and their families. Let's get to know each other.

Bingo has been slow. Our crowds have had low numbers. 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. Right now we need three additional workers. All we ask is one evening a month from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.

Our next general membership meeting is September 6th 2012 at 7:00 pm. Make it your goal as a member to attend these meetings. Your input and presence is important for our success.

Dave Banyas
Commander



Aloha!

Yes Summer is here.

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 449 held their installation of Officers for 2012—13 on June 4th with Commander Dave Banyas installing the Officers. The new officers are:

Commander: Cliff Waltenburg First Vice Commander: Arnnie Schenider Second Vice Commander: Greg White Adjutant: Lee Riley Finance/Secretary: Pat Malone Sargent at Arms: Pat Macy

Chaplain: John Jeffries Historian: Chad Shue SAL Advisor: Bob Heidenrich

Executive Committee: Chuck Brettin and Lee Flemming.

I want to thank Pat Malone, Joe Goodmen, Pat Macy, and Pat James for their work on the fine display of the Flags in front of the Post During the Holidays. Also; A big thank you to Joe Goodmen, Ed Harrison, Pat Malone and Pat James for cooking that “great tasting Chicken” that they cooked for the China Beach Party that the Squadron held May 19th in honor of our Vietnam Veterans and a big thank you to goes out to all who helped build props, worked the party, took part with their support, and helped clean up the next day. This goes out to the Post, Auxiliary, Squadron, and the ALR of Post 449. We will be taking a break this Summer, and we’ll be starting back with Meetings on September 10th.

Everyone enjoy the weather and have a safe and great Summer.

God Bless America

Mahalo

John D Livingston

Past Commander SAL Squadron 449

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Hello Legion Family,

We'll believe it or not it is June and the year 2012 is almost half over. Time sure does go by fast. In May we held our election of officers for the year 2012-2013 and our new officers are as follows: President Vicky Jeffries, 1st Vice Diane Heide, 2nd Vice Nina Summerer, Secretary & Historian Kay Fournier, Treasurer Bobbi Heidenrich, Chaplain Olive Hartman, Sergeant of Arms Karen Barber, and Executive Board members are Helene Smith, Barb Hart, & June Ward. Congratulations to everyone and I hope we have a good year. Our installation of officers will be held in September at our regular meeting. May was also our month for the distribution of our Poppies and we did quite well with the economy being such as it is. We were able to raise over a \$1,000.00 for our veterans. This money is used strictly for our veterans, so it is important that we have this program. I want to thank Vicky Jeffries for the fine job she did as the Poppy Chairman, and all the members that helped get out and distribute. It is real hard to get help to do this. We did have a couple of the men give us a hand again this year, so thank you.

I will be attending the State Convention along with Kay Fournier which will be held in Kalamazoo, MI. the 27th of June thru July 1st. Again this year our history book is being judged at State Convention. This scrap book is done by Kay Fournier and she has won 1st place at the department level for the past three years. She took 1st place last year at the State level and of course we are hoping for her to do it again this year.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of my Officers and Auxiliary members, for all the support they have given me over the past ten years serving as your Auxiliary President, but it is now time for me to step down. I have enjoyed my office and have a lot of lasting memories for all I have accomplished. It was an honor to serve as the District President during my time as Unit President. I also have held several offices and chairmanships at the District level and have held several Chairmanships at the Department level. It has been a great experience for me and again thank you, it has been a pleasure serving with you. I would also like to thank the members of the Post, Sons, and Riders for all their support during my ten years. You will still see me around the Post, but just serving in a different category.

Please don't forget our picnic which will be held August 9th at 5:30 in the Marysville park. It is always a fun time. Ladies please bring a dish to pass. We also need help setting up for this picnic so please contact myself or Debbie Cox if you can help out. Ed Malloreay has always taken care of this set up and is no longer able to do it. Hope to see you there.

If you have not paid your 2012 dues please do so as soon as possible as they are now way over due. I will be picking up our new dues cards at the convention, and they will be sending out dues notices by August. I have to inform you that dues are going up for 2013. They will be \$25.00 for seniors, \$30.00 for new members joining, and \$10.00 for junior members.

We can always use help in our bingo kitchen, so if you are interested, please let me know. Have a great and safe summer.

For God and Country

Olive Hartman, Unit President

ALR NEWS



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

This is our ALR's official 5th Year Anniversary since we organized back in June 2007, and being kind of partial... our Post should be proud of what our Riders have done in just 5 years. Whether it be a community event; a Soldier's funeral to-keep-the peace from the non-famous Westborough Baptist's; one of our Troop's benefits, which recently took place in Richville MI where SSgt. Travis Mills lost both arms & both legs from a Improvised Explosive Device in Afghanistan; a visit to go see our veterans' who normally see nothing but the walls of our Michigan VA Hospitals; the partnerships we've developed over the years for help with monetary funds to help the continuance of research to fight the Curse of Cancer, and ALR Rider's each year supporting Hospice.

We've done exactly what the American Legion Riders were organized for in 1993, on behalf of Post 449.

The American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion who are also motorcycle enthusiasts. They can be found participating in parades, partaking in cycling events both in State and out of State, and supporting the communities in which they live, work, and ride. Members of the ALR come from the Legion, the Legion, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion; The American Legion Riders were formed to also partake in other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion. To promote motorcycle safety and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion Riders who share the same interest. Being a VSO, (*Veteran's Service Organization*) not an M/C..., it's all about our veterans who have served their Country proudly. We ride and will continue to ride in support of them and this Country's Constitution.

We have a few more events planned for 2012 that will be Post ALR Functions, **your participation is encouraged and you can participate with or without a motorcycle.** *Not sure when this article will be printed, but* June 23rd is our Ride-for-Life Cancer benefit. The ride is 99 miles long and afterward the band "WestFall" a classic rock & roll group out of Flint will be playing in the Lounge. They are very good and have performed in the past all over Southeastern MI. Our Veterans Ride will be August 18th. All stops will be at Veteran Posts in Sanilac & St. Clair Counties. It's a good time and for a great cause. On September 22nd will be a full community event organized from our Post which is the Judy Switzer Annual Breast Cancer Handle-Bars Ride. **Again, you do not have to ride a bicycle to participate, come in your cars, trucks, roller skates, or any means of transportation will suffice.** Just participate. You can register and go in your personal vehicles on all of our ALR 449 Benefit Rides or make a donation in support of the cause.

Lastly, I would like to share a true story with everyone in our Legion Post where one of our newest members, Bob Uyttenhove, commonly referred to as "Bac-Up", discovered the remains of an unknown person in a home that was being cleaned out in Sanilac County. All former residents had passed away, and the new tenants of the home were going to throw the Urn away... Not allowing this to occur and through extensive investigation "Bac-Up" found out that the remains were of a WW-II, Honorably Discharged U.S. Army Veteran, and after completing all of the necessary paperwork with the county VA, took these remains on his motorcycle to the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. "Bac-up" through his efforts saw that this man received the proper burial he deserved. "Bac-Up" was presented with a "Special Recognition of Patriotic Service" on behalf of our ALR.

Happy 5th Anniversary American Legion Riders of Post 449 and here's to a Healthy & Safe Riding Season.

John "Judge" Jeffries

ALR Director

MEMORIAL DAY
WEEKEND
2012





**MARYSVILLE POST 449
OUTSTANDING PATRIOTIC SERVICE**

*This recognition of Outstanding Patriotic Service is respectfully presented to
Robert "Bac-Up" Uyttenhove*

On March 22, 2012 Robert "Bac-Up" Uyttenhove after discovering and identifying the remains of a WW-II Soldier's ashes took it upon himself to follow through endless investigation in order to bring home a Forgotten Veteran to his final resting place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, located in Holly, Michigan.

The American Legion Riders of Marysville Post 449, Michigan Chapter are honored and hereby recognize the true Americanism and noble endeavor you have shown for your service to this Country and our Military Veterans.

As one of our motorcycle brethren we thank you.

John "Judge" Jeffries, Director

Bobbi Heidenrich, Secretary

Hi. As the new Adjutant, I have some big shoes to fill. The new membership cards will be in shortly. You can also go on line to pay your dues. Hope everyone has a good summer.

Post Adjutant, Ed Harrison

FLAGS AT THE CEMETERY

I would like to thank everyone who helped put up and take down the Flags at the Cemetery for Memorial Day. This is the second year that I have done this and it gets better every year.

Thank You , Andie

Club 17

Tickets are now available for 2012-2013. First drawing is July 14th at 3:30 Six monthly cash drawings and Dinner/Dance next May with 16 cash prizes. Ticket holder is entitled to bring one guest. Tickets are \$75.00 each. Get yours now from any Team Captain: Rick, Ed, Mary Jo, Deb or Pat

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 ls 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

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.

Monies due in by July 21, 2012

After July 22, the cost will be \$45.00

Limited to 66 golfers

Proceeds to local Serviceperson

Food at Post 449 after outing

Sign up Sheet will be posted on the Bulletin boards at the Post

Or call

Contact Jeff at (810)357-2768

Or Sheila at (810)300-6488

JULY 2012

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
 ANNUAL
 VETERANS RIDE
 AUGUST 18TH



REGISTRATION FROM:
 11 AM TILL 12 PM

STOPS AT VETERANS POST IN
 SANILAC AND ST CLAIR COUNTIES

AUGUST 2012

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
 ANNUAL
 JUDY SWITZER
 BREAST CANCER HANDLE-BAR RIDE



REGISTRATION AT POST 449
 AT 1 PM

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RIDE A BICYCLE
 TO PARTICIPATE
 CARS, TRUCKS, ROLLER BLADES
 OR ANY MEANS OF
 TRANSPORTATION

SEPTEMBER 2012

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