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WE FOUGHT TOGETHER, NOW, LET'S BUILD TOGETHER FOR A BETTER
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Commanders Corner----

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

My thanks to all of you who helped support our Post activities in 2011

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

What is new at the post-----

That is a good question----- We have a handsome new piece of furniture in the lounge. It's a large display case that has been completely reworked. It's made of oak wood and glass. It goes well with our decor. We will use it to display our Hats, Shirts, Pins ect. for the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary, and American Legion Riders. These items will be for sale to all that need them. My special thanks to Dave Barber and his Father in law for a Excellent Job Well Done.

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. They have 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 slow 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 PM

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.

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



Sons of the American Legion Squadron,

Aloha, Hoping all had a wonderful holiday , gone but not forgotten.

With the New Year here, just want to remind Squadron members that some dues are still a little behind. We sure would like to keep you! We're a fine group of "Brothers". If any questions on your notice please call Adjutant Lee Riley at 810-650-0990 or the Post at 810-364-9366 and leave a message for us to get back with you.

Thanks to all who supported all of the programs during November and December at the Post and a big "Thank You" to all chairpersons and staff who came forward to take on these events.

With winter months here and "Cabin Fever" here also, come and join us and have fun, Happiness and good times with the upcoming activities at the Post.

Peace,

Hahalo

John D Livingston
Squadron 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,

Happy New Year to everyone. The holidays are over and now we have the New Year before us.

Let us all pray that all troops will all be back home this year.

Again this past year our children's Christmas party was a great success. We need to thank all our volunteers that helped with this event. They do a great job and should be recognized, so thanks to everyone that helped, a great job well done. Our Toys for Tots program was also a great success. Thanks to all the auxiliary members that worked so hard to make this a great day. A special thank you to Kay Fournier who is the Chairman for this project. We had a great turnout and a lot of toys donated. We want to thank everyone that came out and supported us.

The Unit also sent out care packages to two of our local servicemen serving in Afghanistan to let them know that we are thinking of them while they are away from their families during the holidays. The veterans at Marwood Manor were also remembered on Veterans Day and Christmas. A special thanks to Chairman Diane Heide, and Debbie Shannon for taking care of the veterans at Marwood.

With the New Year here, I would like to remind everyone that has not paid their 2012 dues to please make it a point to pay them now. You can drop your dues off at the Legion or mail them to our Membership Chairman Nina Summerer, 1655 New Jersey Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040. It would be nice to have more of our members attending our monthly meetings which are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please come out and join us and see what we do, and have some input as to what you may want us to do in the future. New ideas are always welcome.

We will be having our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Stew. It will be on Saturday March 17th, so mark your calendar and come join us.

We can still use volunteers in our Bingo kitchen. This is our main source of income, so if you can help out please contact me

For God and Country

Olive Hartman, Unit President

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



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

Yep, its wintertime and for those staying in Michigan our riding season is put on hold for several months. Snow is or soon will be all over the ground, and our Riders have either winterized their scooters, or parked them on a piece of carpet in the garage with their tenders plugged in tightly keeping their batteries charged and the fuel tank full. Some of our Riders are fortunate enough to take their scooters with them to Florida for the winter; riding whenever they want... a bikers dream. Ride safe and be sure to come home to us in the spring.

For our Riders who aren't going out of State remember there's still one more ride for those who can make it... and that's the *Annual Walker-Sargent New Year's Day Ride*. This was started many years ago regardless of temperature and if the roads are dry... we ride. May not go far and may not be fast, but we can say we did it come January 1st, 2012.

New Officers of the ALR were voted on in October; the ALR Officers are Director John *Judge* Jeffries; Vice Director Lee *Lee-Man* Flemming; Secretary *Bobbi* Heidenrich; Treasurer Vicky *Vickster* Jeffries; Run Coordinator Lee *Laid Back* Riley; Membership Dianne *Princess Di* Heide; Chaplin Cliff *Buckshot* Waltenburg, and Historian/ALR Photographer "Chapter Supporter" *Jo-Jo* Zmick.

Our ALR membership in November brought up the idea of having American Legion Rider Supporters. This idea was unanimous amongst our membership and we were advised to move forward on the idea. Presently, and this will still have to be voted on come February... an Application process with Sponsorship, with no dues involved should you be interested in becoming a Legion Rider Supporter. It's not necessary for you to own a motorcycle. It does allow you to wear the Legion Rider Patch with Supporter Rocker, participating in any & all of the Legion Rider functions as a "Chapter Supporter."

Another new addition to our Post is the Legion Showcase, if you haven't seen it, stop in the Lounge. The idea behind this was often members in the Legion, SAL, AUX, or ALR may wish to purchase items. Having this will now allow each division of the Legion Family an opportunity to showcase items for purchase where members will not have to order direct. Each division will have their own "store keeper" for restocking of items. All of the details as to how exactly the items will be sold are still work in progress.

As for ending our season, some of our Riders participated in the Marysville Christmas Parade on December 3rd. It wasn't too bad this year with the temperature in the 40's; no one got wet or had to ride in the snow.

Our ALR received donated cell phones from the Elks Lodge of Port Huron. These donated phones were turned over to the Cell Phone for Soldier's Project. It's a very good opportunity to provide cell phones for soldiers overseas and at no cost. Thanks, Elks Lodge, for this wonderful donation in helping our Soldiers.

This year's ALR post-Christmas-New Year's party is on Saturday, January 14th at 6 P.M. in the Lounge, please bring a dish to pass!

Merry Christmas to everyone and here's hoping you all have a Happy & Healthy New Year!

John *Judge* Jeffries

ALR Director



The Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449

Would like to thank the listed businesses and persons for their generous donations of either Monetary Donations, or Raffle Prizes that made our 6th Annual Toys for Tot's, Toy Drive 2011 a success.

The Ladies of Unit 449 would especially like to express our gratitude to all the Members and Guest that attended the Toys for Tot's Fundraiser on October 15th for your Toy Donation, Contribution and your Continued Support.

THANK YOU to All, for your Kindness, your Help and Generosity !!!!!

American Legion SAL Squadron 449

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449

P. L. A. V. Post 10

Bob Evans Restaurant

Car Quest Auto Parts

Club 21

Conley, Sandra (Lia Sophia Jewelry)

Cox, Debra

Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

Crawford, Dan and Kay

Dawson, Bob and Betty

Foerster, Scott and Laura

Fournier, Kay

Four Star Restaurant

Gordon Foods

Grondin Hair Center

Gronek's Party Store

Hobby Lobby

Huron Car Wash

Jeffries, John and Vicky

Junction Buoy

Kel-Mac Pennzoil

Lynwood Bar

Marysville, Meijer

Mancinos Pizza and Grinders

Marysville, Tire and Auto

Norman G Jensen's

Osmialowski, Tom and Linda

Paper Factory

Red Lobster

Schemansky, Rick

Sam's Club

Shear Madness (Formerly Joannes)

Smith, Vern and Helene

Springrove Variety

Sunshine Pool and Tanning

Super 8 Motel

Swissels Inn

Turnbull, Dave and Kelly

VandeVoorde, Rene and Katie

Video World

Wally's Market

Wolverine Market

Woman's Life, Club 11

As of 1 Jan 2012 all 2011 cards will EXPIRE!! Those Legionnaires that don't have 2012 cards, get them soon. As you are delinquent., as of Feb 1, 2012 you will be suspended from use of Post facilities, and membership at our post meeting must vote you back in, and you lose your continuous years, and start over.

Support your post and check your Legion card, and pay your dues now.

Thanks

For God, Country, Post

CLUB 17

Drawings the 2nd Saturday of each month at 3:30. 5 cash prizes and 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

Chili Cook-off

Feb 25th, 2011 from 1 till 4pm. \$5.00 registration, \$3.00 taster fee, meat raffle. All proceeds goes towards Kids parties. Thank you, Dave, Sheila and Katie

Please let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped make this year's American Legion Kids Christmas party a success. This year's party was complete with crafts, cupcake decorating and let's not forget the famous Post 449 hotdogs. I'm sure it brought a warm feeling to the hearts of all of us seeing the little faces smiling in anticipation of getting a chance to talk to Santa. For those of you who donated baked goods from home I give a special thank you., I know the effort it takes this time of year to produce your favorite sweet treat. To all the family members of Post 449 , from the ladies Auxiliary,....Merry Christmas, and have a safe and happy New Year.....P.S. The date of the Post 449 Easter Kids party has been set for March 25th 2012 from 1 to 3 pm...hope to see you there.... Oh by the way....are Randy Smith's cheeks always that rosy? Karen Barber, Event Coordinator, Auxiliary / ALR

Come in and visit your lounge, our hours are Monday thru Thursday 7am till 10pm, Friday and Saturday from 7am till 1am and Sunday from Noon till 9pm.

Happy hour is Monday and Wednesday thru Friday from 3pm to 6pm. Tuesday is happy hour all day and \$1.00 draughts and \$1.50 long necks. We also run specials when the Tigers get a home run, Lions get a touch down, or Red Wings score a goal, it is 75 cent draughts, \$1.50 long neck, and \$1.50 well drinks, limited to 1 drink per person.

There is a \$25.00 fee for the Kitchen use only for any group outside of Post 449.

Small Hall fees \$125.00 for non-members and \$50.00 for members.

We now have KENO in the Lounge, and all other MI lottery tickets are available.

Thank You, Club Manager

FEB 5, 2012
 SUPERBOWL PARTY
 TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
 BRING A DISH TO PASS

VALENTINE DAY LUNCHEON
 FEB. 14TH
 NOON TILL 6PM

ALR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PARTY

JANUARY 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 7PM	6	7
8	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 ALR CHRIST- MAS PARTY
15	16	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
29	30	31 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY				

CHILI COOK-OFF
FEB 25TH
1PM TO 4PM
MEAT RAFFLE
\$5.00 REGISTRATION AND \$3.00 TASTERS
ALL PROCEEDS GOES TOWARDS KIDS PARTIES

FEB 26, 2012
DAYTONA RACE
BURGERS AND FRIES FROM 12 TO 4PM
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE ABOUT 3PM

FEBURARY 2012

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			1	2 POST MEETING 7PM	3	4
5 SUPER BOWL PARTY	6 SAL MEETING 7PM	7 BINGO <u>6:30PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	8	9 AUX MEETING 7PM	10	11 CLUB 17 <u>3:30 PM</u> MEAT RAFFLE AFTER
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19	20 ALR MEETING 7PM	21 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS <u>NACHOS</u>	22	23	4	25 CHILI COOK- OFF 1PM TO 4PM
26 BURGERS AND FRIES WHITE ELEPHANT SALE	27	28 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	29			



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

On

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Serving from noon till gone

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

Beef Stew \$5.50 a bowl

Both including Coffee, Roll, Butter, and Dessert

Share the Wealth Raffle

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

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 POST MEETING 7PM	2	3
4	5 SAL MEETING 7PM	6 BINGO <u>6:30 PM</u> DRINK SPECIALS ALL DAY	7	8 AUX MEETING 7PM	9	10 CLUB 17 <u>3:30 PM</u> MEAT RAFFLE AFTER
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