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

As Commander, I have to be honest with all of you, at the time this letter was due I really had nothing to write, I have not been in charge long enough to fully evaluate the current state of affairs of our post, then I remembered a letter I read a while back that another Commander wrote and I thought I would share some of his words because they resonate the operations of a successful American Legion Post.

### **I M P A C T**

**I** - Integrity - Be Honest With Yourself and Others Will Be Honest With You!

**M** - Motivation - When attending meetings be motivated and participate Actively, Ask questions for clarification if you do not Understand what is being discussed, don't leave a Meeting with the thought, "I didn't understand what was Said about a Motion, under Old / New Business Or for the Good of the Legion.

**P** - Patience is a virtue - one we should all exercise, Be tolerant of others and respect their opinion.

**A** - Accountability - If asked to serve on a Program or Committee, try to accept the Responsibility and then be accountable for all you do.

**C** - Creativity - "Think Outside the Box!" Don't Stagnate! Share your Thoughts and ideas with everyone.

**T** - Teamwork - Working with the Post 449 Family, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion and Legion Riders striving for One common goal... "Being the Best Post Family at All We Do". Let's continue to make the impact Post 449 Has been known for. Let's strive to be the Post other Posts will emulate.

I believe we can work together to make good things happen.

Yours in service,

Commander Rick Semrow



#### **2013/14 New board of Legion officers are:**

**Commander - Rick Semrow   1st Vice - Dan Crawford   2nd Vice - Bill Cieciek**  
**Adjutant - Ed Harrison   Finance Officer - Mike Majestic   Service Officer - Monica Watson**  
**Judge Advocate - Position Open   Chaplain - Greg Messing   Historian - Dave Banyas**  
**Sgt-at-Arms - Paul Cloutier**

I'm hoping everyone will have a nice summer. The weather has been so-so so far. Watch your newsletter for upcoming events at the post. Or better yet, stop by the post and read the bulletin board. The 2014 Membership cards should be here about the end of June. We still have some members who have not yet paid their 2013 dues. Again, hope to see you this summer.

Ed Harrison Post Adjutant

The challenge coins have been in for the past several months and were selling well, but sales have dropped off lately.. If you have not purchased one yet, please consider buying one and supporting Post 449. They are \$10.00 and are in the display case in the Lounge and can be purchased from the bartender.

I would like to Thank everyone who helped with the Flags at the Cemetery for Memorial Day. We placed about 440 Flags. Once again "THANK YOU" very much. Andie

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

Summer is here. It's that time of year for fun in the sun, picnics, barbeques and 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks.

### Auxiliary Unit 449 Officers for 2013-2014

**President:** Vicky Jeffries      **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Diane Heide      **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Nina Summerer

**Secretary / Historian:** Kay Fournier      **Treasurer:** Vivian "Bobbi" Heidenrich

**Chaplain:** Olive Hartman      **Sargent at Arms:** still to be determined      **Past President:** Olive Hartman

### Installation of the Officer position of Sargent at Arms will be held at the Sept Meeting.

Congratulations and Thank You Officers and for those who held office and those who are resuming position. Moving forward into the next year, thank you for your dedication to preserving the Charter of our Auxiliary Unit. Members please try to support the unit and attend meetings. Our attendance numbers are down and would really hate to see Unit 449 lose our charter due to lack of participation. If that should happen we as members would have to transfer our membership to another Post. We currently have over 200 members and quorum to hold a meeting is 7. We are boarder-lining each month to meet quorum. We are all very busy in these hectic times but please try to keep our Unit Charter alive and well. "Thank you".

Our Unit can always use some fresh ideas to make things more exciting and enjoyable. If you like to do volunteer work, a lot is available in all different kinds of needs. All is for our Veterans and Charities.

There are a lot of fun things going on, come in and join the members here at Post 449 and be a part of the Proud American Legion Post 449 Family and enjoy all there is offered whether you volunteer or just enjoy the entertainment, you are supporting your Post Family and it's preservation of existence. There are always events going on at the Post that are not in the news-letter. Come in and check it out to what's happening.

**Ladies check these out:** the Past President plaques in the East Hall and Lounge, they have been updated. Nice job Olive. There is an archive Flag framed for preservation by Paul Cloutier on display in East Hall, the Flags out front of Post were donated by the Squadron, it is awesome and a very proud sight to see. Flowers were donated by Unit and planted in front by Aux Deb Cox in memory of departed. Thank you!

Post Challenge Coins available, join the camaraderie. Post store has attire and items for all entities available.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** "Mother's and Daughter's Meeting" went well with Dist. 7 Pres. Betty Cline in attendance. Letters were written to the troops and Airman Sargent Major Michael Gay, Post 449 Legionnaire took responsibility to ensure delivery of letters to Afghanistan. Thank you, Mike and all who attended.

**May was Poppy Month.** Thank You, your donations help our Veterans in Marwood Nursing Home for recognized holidays and at Christmas we but fleece and make tie blankets for them. Always need help.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Service held at the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Cemetery. All 449 entities were represented, for the Auxiliary Unit 449 in presentation the Memorial wreaths were, President Vicky Jeffries and Jr. Auxiliary Member Amber McQueen. There was an article in the Times Herald picturing both.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Marysville Memorial Day Parade and Marysville Cemetery Memorial Service all entities Legionnaires, Squadron, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary were represented in the services & parade. Good support and not to hot that day. President Vicky Jeffries carried the USA Flag and Sheila Kirkbride the Unit 449 Flag. The Jr. Auxiliary representatives in the parade and wreath presentation at the Marysville Cemetery Memorial Service were Amber McQueen and Hannah Moody. The girls represented our Unit very proudly. Thank You, every-one who helped and supported it to make it great!

These are very proud services to remember our departed Veterans, so they are recognized and not forgotten for all they gave. If you haven't attended before, try to next year and represent our Unit and Post.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** the Post family picnic will be held at the Maysville Park at 4:00 p.m., bring dish to pass and have fun socializing with our legion members and their families. Raffles, drinks, hotdogs and chicken provided.

**Correction Note:** New Members that wish to have a copy of the Standing Rules please contact Vicky Jeffries (810 364 4743). They are not available on our Legion 449 Web-site as stated in the last news-letter.

**Aux Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month 7:00pm East Hall (no meetings in July and August)**

For God, Country, Family, Unit, and Legion Family,  
Vicky Jeffries / President





I would like to say Thank You for all who gave me a hand, during my time as SAL Commander. At this time all of the new officers have been sworn into their positions. Also the SAL has donated to the fund to get the parking lot fixed. I hope that everyone has a great summer and be safe. Thanks again Cliff Waltenburg.

New Officers:

Commander: Arnold Schnieder  
2nd Vice - Tom Nicolai  
Sgt of Arms - Chuck Brettin  
Adjutant - Lee Riley

1st Vice - Chad Shue  
Chaplain - John Livingston  
Historian - Adam Summerer  
Sect/Finance advisor - Pat Malone

## ALR NEWS



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

Our riding season is off to a great start doing what our Riders have done Whether it be a community event; a Soldier's funeral 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 2013 that will be Post ALR Functions, **you're participation is encouraged and you can participate with or without a motorcycle.** *Not sure when this article will be printed, but June 29<sup>th</sup> is our Ride-for-Life Cancer benefit. The ride is 99 miles long. Our Veterans Ride will be August 17th. All stops will be at Veteran Posts in Sanilac & St. Clair Counties. It's a good time and for a great cause. On September 21<sup>st</sup> 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.*

lee "laid-back" Riley ALR Director



NEW HUGLU 103F  
2 GAGE OVER AND UNDER SHOTGUN RAFFLE  
NEVER FIRED AND WITH ALL PAPERS AND ORIGINAL FACTORY  
BOX.  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT POST 449 OR ANY POST OFFICER  
\$2.00 EACH OR  
3 FOR \$5.00

DRAWING WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

#### Club 17

Tickets are now on sale for the 2013-14 year. First draw is July 13th at 3:30 and the second Saturday each month thru April. The Dinner-Dance is May 10, 2014 at 6:30. Price for each ticket is \$75.00 if paid in full by July 13th or \$8.00 a month for a total of \$88.00. Must be paid up to date to be in monthly drawings. This entitles card holder to monthly draws of 6 cash prizes and entitles you to bring one guest to the Dinner-Dance in May, plus a chance to win 1 of 16 cash prizes. You may purchase your ticket from any Team Captain:

Mary Jo Siler - 367-3388      Rick Semrow - 650-8218

Debbie Cox - 364-9366      Pat Beaudry - 367-3381

Get your ticket now and enjoy friendship and a chance to win money. These tickets also make a great gift.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 449 would like to inform all Members, and Guest that attended the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser on March 16, 2013. That the proceeds from this fundraiser were raised to donate to The American Legion Wilwin Lodge, in the UP. Unit 449 did raise and donate \$515.25. Unit 449 would like to Thank everyone who attended and donated to this worthy cause. ALSO Please mark your calendars, Toys for Tots Toy Campaign, Michigan vs Michigan State will be on November 2, 2013. Details to follow in the next newsletter. Thank You KK

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 (PER PERSON OPTIONAL)  
LUNCHEON FOLLOWING @ 449  
CONTACT: JEFF PICKERING - 810-357-2768 SHEILA KIRKBRIDE - 810-300-6488

**Remember Meat Raffle second Saturday of each month** after Club 17, new to this year will be the addition of live music provided by Kieth Menzies and Tommy Moutoux immediately following, please come down and participate, the 4 of us on this committee are providing our best efforts to raise the monies needed for scholarships in the name of Marysville American Legion Post 449, to this date St. Clair County Community Collage has since received 5 scholarships of \$1000.00 each that has went to a Veteran, a Veterans spouse, or a Veterans children. Believe us when we say it has not always been easy, but when you have the help of every member of this post and visitors alike who have participated in our raffle it has created a very rewarding feeling to know that this post is trying it's best to help make a difference in the lives of those individuals.

Scholarship Committee

2 PERSON FUN SCRAMBLE SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 - TEE TIME 9 AM LEANING TREE GOLF COURSE  
ENTRY FEE - \$35.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES 18 HOLES, CART, HOT DOG AND SOFT FRINK ON  
TURN LITE LUNCH AND PRIZES AFTER. PROFIT TOWARDS: STRIDES FOR BREAST CANCER  
THE JUDY SWITZER MEMORIAL SIGN UP AND FEES DUE BY AUGUST 12TH MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE  
TO PAT BEAUDRY DONATIONS ACCEPTED PAT BEAUDRY - 367-3381

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The Legion Times is also available on our web site at amleg449.com

# QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY CALENDAR:

Tuesday July 2nd - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Tuesday July 9th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Saturday July 13th - Club 17 - 3:30pm  
Meat Raffle - after Club 17  
Brothers in Arms - after meat raffle  
Tuesday July 16th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Saturday July 20th - Karaoke 8 pm  
Monday July 22nd - ALR Meeting 7 pm  
Tuesday July 23rd - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Tuesday July 30th - Bingo 6:30 pm

## AUGUST CALENDAR:

Tuesday August 6th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Thursday August 8th - Post Picnic 4 pm  
Saturday August 10th - Club 17 3:30 pm  
Meat Raffle - after Club 17  
Brothers in Arms - after Meat Raffle  
Tuesday August 13th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Saturday August 17th - Karaoke 8 pm  
ALR Veterans Ride  
4th Annual Golf Outing  
Monday August 19th - ALR Meeting 7 pm  
Tuesday August 20th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Saturday August 24th - Strides for Breast Cancer the Judy Switzer Memorial  
Tuesday August 27th - Bingo 6:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

Monday September 2nd - Labor Day  
Tuesday September 3rd - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Thursday September 5th - Post Meeting 7 pm  
Monday September 9th - SAL Meeting 7 pm  
Tuesday September 10 - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Newsletter Deadline for October, November and December  
Thursday September 12th - Aux Meeting 7 pm  
Saturday September 14th - Club 17 3:30 pm  
Meat Raffle - after Club 17  
Brothers in Arms - after Meat Raffle  
Tuesday September 17th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
Thursday September 19th - House Committee Meeting 6 pm  
Friday September 20th - Live Music with BROTHERS IN ARMS 8 pm  
Saturday September 21st - Karaoke 8 pm  
Judy Switzer Annual Breast Cancer Handle-Bar Ride  
Saturday September 24th - Bingo 6:30 pm