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# **THE LEGION TIMES**

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

### Commander's Corner

Well, another winter hopefully has come to an end, and what a winter it has been. I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported me through the past year; we have completed almost all of the projects at hand. There are still a few strings that still need to be tied up and I will do my best to see that those get done. From the parking lot to the post name change and all the small things in between I believe it has been a productive year. As spring and summer arrive I would like to start focusing on engaging the membership to participate more in their Legion. Some would say it's a losing battle, I don't believe that, what I think is it's not what we're offering it's what we're not offering, and we have to keep trying to find what that is, instead of just saying we tried and it didn't work, and then not trying anymore. Emerson once said "what lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us" Positive thoughts are the driving force in our success, along with the respect we can show to our Legion, Sons and Auxiliary members and also our visiting members and friends, so that when they leave they take only good thoughts and memories to pass on about our post. We can prosper, if we can work together. I am proud to be Veteran and proud to be a member of this post.

Commander  
Rick Semrow



### Ideas and Suggestion

We will be putting up a suggestion box for your creative thoughts. All we ask is you put your name on the suggestion, no name no consideration. It is not to bind you to any activity; it is so if your idea is implemented we are able to get your advice on how you thought it should work. Ideas not only for the Lounge but also for Post 449 overall. Then those will be reviewed and discussed, and not thrown away because somebody does not like your name, those days are over. We have new members coming into the post all the time and with them new ideas. We should actively seek them out, times are changing we have to try to change with them.

Commander Rick

Its almost over (the snow). Opening Day for the Tigers is March 31st. I still need more D.D. 214's from our members.

The post election will be April 19th from 8am to 3:30pm. Absentee ballots will be available April 5th. They will be behind the bar and the ballot box will be in the lounge. Just sign the sheet and show your membership card to receive your ballot.

Ed Harrison  
Post Adjutant

We now have snacks in the Lounge! Chicken strips, cheese balls (spicy and cheddar), cheese sticks, onion rings and French fries. Karaoke will be April 19th, May 24th and June 28th. Any changes will be announced in the Lounge.  
Debby Cox

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The Legion Times is also available on our web site at [amleg449.com](http://amleg449.com)

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

It' been a long bitter cold winter, lots and lots of snow, but spring is here "Yahoo". Time for being outdoors, planting flowers, enjoying the warm sunshine and green grass. Oh yeah, there's also the rain, cutting grass, digging out weeds and all the spring cleaning to do. Fun, Fun, Fun!!!

**April 10<sup>th</sup> 2014: Meeting now at 6:00 p.m. / Nomination of Auxiliary Unit 449 Officers.**

Please attend and consider stepping into a position of Office to relieve those who have held positions for some time to insure the Congressional Charter we hold here for Unit 449 existence. Membership attendance and willingness to hold Office positions are in decline and putting our Unit's Charter at risk. Come and be a part of this great Unit we have and learn more about all we do for our Veterans, their Families and Education, Communities, Charities and activities held at J Edward Malloreay Marysville Post 449 for Members of, Affiliates of, and their Guests.

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Meeting now at 6:00 p.m. / Election of Auxiliary Unit 449 Officers.**

Thank You Officers of 2013- 2014 for a superb job well done. Your dedication and sacrifice of your time is really appreciated to instill the stability of our Unit 449.

**May is Poppy Month:** Wear a Poppy proudly and get a support card in memory of a Veteran or yourself to display in the Lounge and show our Veterans we remember and appreciate them.

**In memory of the departed Auxiliary Members:** the Auxiliary will be planting flowers in the front of the Post sometime in May. Let the Blooms Grow.

**Memorial Day Parades and Memorial Ceremonies:** held every year in our communities and at the Lakeside Veteran Cemetery and the Marysville Cemetery. They are a proud and solemn service to be a part of. Members please support these. Attend as spectators or as participants.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Meeting now at 6:00 p.m. / Initiation of Auxiliary Unit 449 Officers.** Come and support your newly elected Officer's in the reciting of their vows of positions held for 2014 - 2015.

**"Thank you"** to all our Members who supported the activities held for our Veterans and community, Families, education, youth of. Also, to all who chaired committee functions, or held Officer positions. Great efforts applied and job well done by all. It takes all of us as a family working together as a whole in efforts to keep our Post and their Affiliates strong and thriving.

**Check out the Store:** available in lounge with items that are for sale. Support the Post 449 entities

**Food now available in Lounge:** Come in and check out the menu available.

**Interested in helping work the Bingo Kitchen?** Contacts are below. Currently we have four / 2 man teams and work every 4 weeks. The more teams we have the less we have to work.

**\*New Meeting Time: Changed to 6:00 p.m., (instead of 7:00p.m.)**

**East Hall: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month: (no meetings: July, Aug. & Dec is Aux. Christmas Party)**

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



**If you want routine information sent by e-mail contact Vicky Jeffries at: [jysquad55@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jysquad55@sbcglobal.net)**

**Death of Member: contact Post 449 at: 364-9366 or Vicky Jeffries at: 364-4743 or by e-mail above.**

To Sons of the American Legion Squadron, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and ALR:

It will be time to elect new officers again. There are two vacancies: finance officer and chaplain. If any SAL members are interested in the positions please e-mail me at [aes1105@gmail.com](mailto:aes1105@gmail.com) with your name, phone # and office you would like to run for. SAL's general membership meetings are held on the first Monday of the month.

The election of officers will be held at May's general membership meeting (first Monday of May which is May 5th).

On behalf of the Sons of the Legion, I would like to take this time to thank John Livingston and Pat Malone for all their years of service and dedication to this organization. You both will be missed.. The lighted, menu board hanging under the clock in the lounge has been donated to the post on behalf of the Sons.

If "Cabin Fever" is still lurking over you (like it is a lot of us), please join us at the Post to socialize and have some good times.

God Bless America  
Arnold Schneider  
SAL Commander



Thank You to everyone who volunteered at the Children's Christmas party. We had 81 children and their families attend to enjoy the festivities. Santa and Mrs. Claus once again delighted the children with a visit, craft tables were busy and the smell of fresh popcorn filled the air. Once again, thank you to all the bakers for the cake table and the kitchen crew for the lunch. Without everyone's help this would not be possible.

Everyone is invited to hop on in to the Children's Easter Party on April 6th from 1 - 3! Enjoy crafts, lunch and a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

If interested in helping please contact Karen Barber at 941-2994. Also any bakers wanting to help, we are looking for cupcakes again for the raffle. Have a blessed Easter.

Karen

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 Auxiliary Unit 449, The Young Marines, Hank DeKiere and Debbie Cox. Pleased to inform you that we are donating \$405.50 to the American Legion WilWin Lodge in the UP, Michigan.

On behalf of the Chili Cook-off committee we would like to thank all the cookers and tasters that participated. Together we raised over \$650.00 which will be donated to our Kids Christmas and Easter Parties. Awesome job everyone!!!

Sheila and Dave Kirkbride and Rene and Katie VandeVoorde

Legion Golf outing will be August 9th at Marysville Golf Course with a 1:00 tee time. All proceeds will be donated to a local wounded Veteran. Hope to see you all there!!!

From the Bartenders Corner:

A big thank you to our patrons and fellow musicians that made the "MIC" nights a blast. The bartenders love a busy and successful evening here at the post,

# ALR NEWS



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

Spring is just around the corner . This winter has been brutal. We are all looking forward to nice warm days for riding.

This year's events for 2014 will be as follows;

Ride-4-Life Cancer Ride - June 22

Veterans Ride – August 16 (attends only Veteran Organizations)

Judy Switzer Memorial Handle Bars Ride - September 6 - 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 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 is needed for any Veteran living in St. Clair County. This fund and our Veterans Benevolent Fund are supported from proceeds of the August Veteran run and that money raised will go to help support these funds.

Our Legion Riders have received many new members in 2013-2014 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

Tickets for the 2014-15 year will go on sale May 10th at this years Dinner/Dance. The prize list was slightly reconstructed to accommodate the loss for this year, due to ticket sales being down. The annual party will remain the same. Try to interest yours neighbors, relatives, friends and remember Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Special Friends as these tickets make a wonderful gift. Ticket holders do not have to be a Legion Member and one ticket allows that person to bring a guest to the Dinner/Dance in May of 2015. The price per still remains at \$75.00 per ticket, payable by the First drawing in July.

Hopefully, we'll have a good year for sales and can restore the prizes. Contact any Team Captain to purchase tickets. Thank you for your continued support. For more information contact the Chairman or any Team Captain.

TEAM CAPTAINS God Bless the USA

Pat Beaudry, Chairman

Mary Jo Siler - 367.3388

Debbi Cox - 364.9366

Rick Semrow - 689.8620

Pat Beaudry - 367.3381

WIGS 4 KIDS BENEFIT

APRIL 26TH

1PM TILL ??

SLOPPY JOE - CHIPS - PICKLE \$5.00

ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 7 PM

BROTHERS IN ARMS

SHARE THE WEALTH AND RAFFLES

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

CONTACT:

ANDIE - 810-689-8620

TINA - 810-434-7337

CHILDRENS  
EASTER PARTY

APRIL 6TH

1 TO 3 PM

CRAFTS

LUNCH

A SPECIAL VISIT FROM THE  
EASTER BUNNY

April 2014

1st - Bingo 6:30 pm  
2nd - Euchre 7 pm  
3rd - Post Meeting 7pm  
6th - Kids Easter Party  
1 - 3 pm  
7th - SAL Meeting 7 pm  
8th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
9th - Euchre 7 pm  
10th - AUX Meeting 6 pm  
11th - Open Mic Night 8pm  
11th - Burgers & Fries  
12th - Club 17 3:30  
Meat Raffle  
Brother in Arms  
15th - Bingo 6:30  
16th - Euchre 7pm  
17th - House Committee  
Meeting 6 pm  
19th - Karaoke 8 pm  
20th - HAPPY EASTER  
21st - ALR Meeting 7 pm  
22nd - Bingo 6:30  
23 - Euchre 7 pm  
26th - Wigs 4 Kids Benefit  
1pm -Brothers in  
Arms 7pm  
29th - Bingo 6:30  
30th - Euchre 7pm

MAY 2014

1st - Post Meeting 7pm  
5th - SAL Meeting 7 pm  
6th - Bingo 6:30  
7th - Euchre 7pm  
8th - AUX Meeting 6 pm  
9th - Open Mic Night 8 pm  
Burgers & Fries  
10th - Club 17 Banquet  
13th - Bingo 6:30  
14th - Euchre 7 pm  
15th - House Committee  
Meeting 6 pm  
19th - ALR Meeting 7 pm  
20th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
21st - Euchre 7 pm  
24th - Karaoke 8 pm  
26th - Memorial Day Parade  
Step off at 10 am  
27th - Bingo 6:30  
28th - Euchre 7pm

JUNE 2014

2nd - SAL Meeting 7 pm  
3rd - Bingo 6:30  
5th - Post Meeting 7 pm  
10th - Bingo 6:30  
12th - AUX Meeting 6 pm  
13th - Open Mic Night  
Burgers & Fries  
14th - Brothers in Arms  
8 pm  
16th - ALR Meeting 7 pm  
17th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
19th - House Committee  
Meeting 6 pm  
22nd - Ride-4-Life  
Cancer Ride  
24th - Bingo 6:30 pm  
28th - Karaoke 8 pm

Once again Memorial Day is fast approaching, I am looking for help to put the flags up at the cemetery on the 24th of May and to take them down on the 28th of May. Please contact me at (810) 689-8620 if you would like to help with putting them up or taking them down.  
Thank You Andie