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

Once again we find ourselves entering into the Holiday Season. That very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions, the joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads, and replacing empty hearts and lives with generous gifts of kindness and love. In that it becomes for us the magic of the season. I wish to thank our Board of Officers, also our House Committee, and all of the Post, Sons, Auxiliary and Legion Riders for their help and support around our post and for helping me as Commander. I look forward to their continuing support in the new year to come. From myself and my family we wish for every member associated with our Post the Happiest of Holidays and a Blessed New Year.

Commander Rick Semrow

From the Board of Officers
Joyful Holiday
At this sparkling, joyful time of year,
We think of people who are special and dear:
We're sending this poem in the hopes it conveys
Our best wishes for you Happy Holidays!



I hope everyone has or (had) a good holiday. The Post needs some help from the membership. The I.R.S. is checking the posts for D.D. 214's. They claim the fines will be large. I am asking each member to bring in a copy of their "214" for their records.

There are still members who have not paid their 2014 membership.

Thanks to all. Ed Harrison Adjutant

Auxiliary Unit 449, will be hosting their Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
On Saturday, March 15, 2014
Serving from noon till gone
Corned Beef, Baked Potatoes and Carrots, \$6.50 a plate
Beef Stew \$6.00 a bowl
Both include Coffee, Roll, Butter, and Dessert
Share the Wealth Raffle
Proceeds will be donated to the American Legion Wilwin Lodge, UP
Please come and enjoy a meal and a festive St. Patrick's Day!!
Karaoke to follow, starting at 6pm

Chili-cook-off time!!!

The annual chili cook-off will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014 from 1 to 4pm. The entry fee is \$5.00. There are two categories, mild and hot! Also there is a \$5.00 fee to be a taster and eat all the chili you want!!! If you don't care for chili, that's Ok because we will have raffles and a meat raffle! It is a great way to spend a winter day! Come on out and enjoy the chili and the fun!!! Remember, all money raised goes towards the Christmas and Easter parties for our children! Last year, because of you, we were able to raise \$745.20! Great job Post 449! Let's try to beat that total and make the 2014 chili cook-off the best one ever! The Chili Crew Dave, Sheila and Katie

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

2014 is here! There's a blanket of snow and the brisk wind blows. To avoid cabin fever through the colder months ahead, please come in to the Post for the warm atmosphere and welcoming conversations to be had amongst friends.

The last few months for the holidays past have been busy. Thank you to the volunteers, who worked, donated to, supported, chaired or was a committee person. All played an important part to insure the programs went off successfully and they did! Congratulations: Toys for Tots (Kay Fournier), Thanksgiving Day Dinner (Darrel Nelson), Needy Family (Nina Summerer and Olive Hartman), Community Christmas Parade (Mike Deising and Lee Riley), fund raising events held for the Post 449 Kid's Parties (Dave & Sheila Kirkbride), Kids Christmas Party (Karen Barber), Adopted Veterans at Marwood (Diane Heide) and the ringing in of the New Year on New Year's Eve. Totally Awesome efforts by all!!!

Moving forward into 2014, Congratulations go out to our longest card holding member for the Women's Auxiliary Unit 449: Mary Farrer who has 65 consecutive Membership Years this year.

Be sure to check out the calendar of events for upcoming programs being held at our Post. Just a reminder: events sometimes come up routinely that are not scheduled on the calendar, so please come into the Post and check for activities being held. They are posted on Lounge hallway information boards, also posted on table toppers are advertisements for upcoming dinners.

The Auxiliary Women will be busy this year with the Bingo kitchen and can always use extra help. Bingo is every Tuesday and is an important financial stability for the Post. We currently have 4 teams of 2 workers and each team works every 4th Tuesday rotating teams throughout the year. The more teams we have, the fewer weeks we have to work. If interested in volunteering contact Post at 364 9366 or Vicky Jeffries at 364 4743 for information.

Come March 15, 2014 the Auxiliary (chaired by Kay Fournier) will be having the traditional St Patrick's Day Luncheon of Corned beef and Cabbage or beef stew Dinner. The proceeds go to help support the American Legion Wilwin Lodge Retreat in Michigan. The retreat is available for Veterans and their families to use for a quiet restful getaway. Please come in and support the event and help to provide a returning Soldier and their family with a stay at the beautiful resort to help them re-acclimate to being home and share a little vacation time with their family.

Members, volunteers, and support of the Post, Lounge and the activities held at the Post are instrumental to keeping Post 449 alive and well, financially and otherwise. It takes everyone's individual help and efforts to keep it strong. These times have been difficult for many and your efforts do not go unappreciated or recognized. The Post and the affiliates of, very much need your continued support especially in these difficult times.

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



If you want routine information sent by e-mail contact Vicky Jeffries at: jvsquad55@sbcglobal.net
For Member's passing contact Post 449 at: 364 9366 or Vicky Jeffries at: 364 4743 or by e-mail.

TO ALL UNIT #449 AUXILIARY MEMBERS

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES NEED TO BE PAID BEFORE END OF THE YEAR

DUES ARE \$25 FOR SENIOR AND \$10 FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS. YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH OUR VARIOUS PROGRAMS AIMED AT HELPING OUR VETERANS AND COMMUNITY. YOUR CHECKS, (MADE OUT TO ALA UNIT #449) MAY BE PAID AT THE POST OR MAILED DIRECTLY TO ME AT:

1655 NEW JERSEY AVE, MARYSVILLE, MI 48040.

THANK YOU!!! NINA SUMMERER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

From the Bartenders corner. Thanks to all of our great customers this past year! We enjoy each member and truly miss those that have departed from our lives and post. Have a Blessed New Year!

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

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

With the new year right around the corner, just want to remind Squadron members that membership dues are due. Thanks to all who supported all of the events during November and December at the post and a big "Thank You" to all that helped make these events happen.

With the winter months and "Cabin Fever" here, please join us at the Post to have Fun and Good Times.

Merry Christmas and Peace to all.

God Bless America

SAL Commander

Arnold Schneider



Auxiliary Unit 449 would like to extend our Thank You to all the members and guests that supported the Toys for Tots Toy Campaign 2013. Also a thank you to all those who supported this event with monetary donations and those businesses from St. Clair to Fort Gratiot that contributed to our raffle. Auxiliary Unit 449 is proud to inform you that this event on November 2, 2013 raised \$1,831.40 and we are not done yet.. This campaign will continue thru December 22nd. As of Dec 5th we have donated 428 toys, to St. Clair County Distribution Center.

Your donations represent the spirit of giving and a loving heart for the children of St. Clair County. Thank You so very much!!!

Auxiliary Unit 449 would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Auxiliary Unit 449 Volunteers and Chairperson KK.

I want to thank all my Auxiliary Sisters for your help, your support and most of all your time.

Our Toys for Tot's 2013 was a success this year and I am very pleased to inform you that on December 5th, Auxiliary Unit 449 donated 428 toys, and still counting, to the St. Clair County Distribution center.

We did not make our goal this year, but I am very pleased with what we accomplished.

Thank You Ladies, I could not have done this without your help.

Thank You

Toys for Tots Chairman, KK

Jan 2014

2nd - Post Meeting 7pm
6th - SAL Meeting 7pm
7th - Bingo 6:30pm
8th - Euchre 7pm
9th - Aux Meeting 7pm
11th - Club 17 3:30
Meat Raffle
Brothers in Arms
14th - Bingo 6:30
15th - Euchre 7pm
16th - House Committee 6pm
18th - Karaoke 8pm
18th - ALR Christmas Party
21st - Bingo 6:30
22nd - Euchre 7pm
28th - Bingo 6:30
29th - Euchre 7pm

Feb 2014

3rd - SAL Meeting 7pm
4th - Bingo 6:30pm
5th - Euchre 7pm
6th - Post Meeting 7pm
8th - Club 17 3:30 pm
Meat Raffle
Brothers in Arms
11th - Bingo 6:30pm
12th - Euchre 7pm
13th - Aux Meeting 7pm
15th - Chili Cook-Off Noon
Karaoke 8pm
18th - Bingo 6:30
19th - Euchre 7pm
20th - House Committee 6pm
24th - ALR Meeting 7pm
25th - Bingo 6:30
26th - Euchre 7pm

March 2014

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