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

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who has helped this Post during the past year; it has made my first year as Commander an enjoyable experience, and I am very much looking forward to the upcoming year and all that it brings. We have had a very busy spring, with the Rededication, and the Memorial Day celebration. A lot of work went into the planning and execution of those functions, The Legion Officers and members who volunteered, handled those tasks with the respect and dedication that they deserved, and are to be commended for their efforts. We have some changes in the Bylaws that have to be made; and will be presenting those changes to the membership starting in September. With the way things are happening changes have to be made for this Legion to operate efficiently. Action and reaction, ebb and flow, trial and error, change – this is the rhythm of our Legion. Out of our over-confidence, fear; out of fear, clearer vision, fresh hope, and out of hope, progress. We are making some changes, be it ever so slow,. Changes, never the less. As Commander, I have to believe that we are starting to move in the right direction, to start engaging the younger Veterans when they are ready to start becoming involved. With that, I am asking Our Legion membership for one Thursday a month, the first Thursday of the month to be exact, one hour of that day 7:00 to 8:00 pm starting in September. This is your Legion meeting and in this, decisions are made. I'm asking the Legion membership be a part of those decisions, and be a part of your Post.

“Progress is impossible without change,
and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

- George Bernard Shaw



From my family to yours I hope and pray for all to have a safe and fun filled summer.
God bless our Legion family, and God bless America.

Commander Rick

Summer is finally here, we hope. I would like to thank the members for helping the post reach our membership goal. We obtained 103.8%. Hope we can do the same for the next year. Watch your newsletter or the bulletin boards at the post for up-coming activities.

Ed Harrison
Post Adjutant

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day. This year we had a WWII Veteran and his daughter, a grandfather, father and son, along with other Veterans, SAL, AUX, ALR, and family members. Once again Thank You all very much for your help.

Andie

Wheel Barrel full of Cheer to be raffled on Aug 12, 2014 at 5pm. Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Donated by Jerry Hawley in memory of his wife Joyce Hawley

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

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

Welcome to summer, warmth and sunshine! It's time for enjoying being outdoors, barbeques, beaches and the beauty of the flowers in bloom. Elections for Unit 449 Officers have been held.

2014 – 2015 / Unit 449 New Officers Positions

President: Kay Fournier
Second Vice: Nina Summerer
Treasurer: Bobbi Heidenrich
Chaplain: Olive Hartman

First Vice: Olive Hartman
Secretary: Diane Heide
Sergeant at Arms: Mary Davis
Historian: Kay Fournier

2014 – 2015 / Unit 449 Executive Committee

Helene Smith

Barb Hart

June Ward

Congratulation Officers and Thank You! I, as Past President wish you all well for the next term of Office. Your dedication, hard work, and support will continue to help the Unit move forward into the future. Embrace changes that may be needed to keep our Unit 449 alive and well, and members please, if possible, come attend the Unit meetings. Unit 449 can always use fresh ideas and help. Thank You. Hope to see you soon.

Congratulations to Unit 449 Historian Kay Fournier for the Unit 449 History Book she entered in competition. The Unit's History Book took First Place for District and State and has moved on to National Level. Great job! Thank you and good luck with the Unit 449 History Book continuance in the National level competition.

Thank You to all of you who supported the Poppy Program. All donations raised go to help our Veterans who reside at Marwood Nursing Home. They very much appreciate the visits and gifts through-out the year. These efforts let them know they are not forgotten.

Congratulations to the entrants of the Poppy Poster contest 2014. The four girls from our local schools displayed such talent and their spirit and love for our Veterans were visible in the art work done on their posters. Unit 449 is proud of the girls and their Posters. We appreciate their efforts and their pride they hold for our Veterans. Entrants: (Intermediate School) Marianna Osentoski: 1st place District, 1st place State and has moved on to Nationals. Brynn Bishop: Level 4, 1st place District and 2nd place State. Makala Cameron: Level 3, 2nd Place District. (Washington Elementary) Summer Robinson: level 2, 1st place District and 2nd Place State.

Thank you to Olive Hartman for services provided for the Women's Auxiliary Department Poppy Committee person for 2013 - 2014.

Interested in helping work the Bingo Kitchen? Contact the Unit President.

Reminders: Support the Store, food, entertainment and other activities held in Lounge. Attend the Post picnic in August and Bingo. Upcoming Raffles: Shot Gun Raffle purchased by Post. Contractor style wheel Barrow with assorted liquors donated by Jerry Hawley in Memory of deceased Aux. member and Past President Joyce Hawley. Funds are to help the Post and support of the lounge.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2014 Initiation of New Members. East Hall: at 6:00 P.M.

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



Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

On Monday, June 2, 2014, the election of SAL officers took place.
The following were sworn into their positions for the 2014-15 year:

Commander - Arnold Schneider
1st Vice - Chad Shue
2nd Vice - Tom Nicolai
Chaplain - John Livingston
Sgt of Arms - Chuck Brettin
Historian - Adam Summerer
Adjutant - Lee Riley
Sect/Finance advisor - Cliff Waltenburg



A special thanks goes to Pat Malone for his service as secretary/finance officer.
I would also personally like to thank Pat for his guidance and direction in the past year.
You will be missed!

Looking forward to a new year with the SAL.
The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 8, 2014
Hope everyone has a happy and safe summer!
God Bless America,
Arnold Schneider
SAL Commander

Club 17

Tickets are available for the 2014-15 year. The first drawing is July 12 @ 3:30pm. Need not be a member to purchase ticket(s). Price is still \$75.00.

Contact any Team Captain
Rick Semrow - 689.8620
Mary Jo Siler - 367.3388
Debbi Cox - 364.9366
Pat Beaudry - 367.3381

Once again our Children's Easter Party was a huge success with over 80 children and their families in attendance. This day was made possible by the outpouring of help from all the volunteers and those that donated baked goods. It was amazing the response and support from everyone. The Children enjoyed a special visit from the Easter Bunny "Randy", played games and a variety of crafts to do and take home. Again, Thank You to all, it was greatly appreciated.

Save the date, mark your calendars now for December 7th for the Children's Christmas Party. Plans are already in the making. Anyone interested in Volunteering please call Karen Barber (810)941-2994

2 Person Scramble for Breast Cancer

August 24 @ Leaning Tree
More info forthcoming - Check Post Bulletin Board for more details.

Thank You for your Support
Pat Beaudry 810.367.3381

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 or 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 and 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 2014 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 22nd* is our Ride-for-Life Cancer benefit. The ride is 99 miles long. Our Veterans Ride will be August 16th. All stops will be at Veteran Posts in Sanilac & St. Clair Counties. It's a good time and for a great cause. On September 6 the 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. Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

lee "laid-back" Riley
ALR Director

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Wigs 4 Kids Benefit that was held in April. We made \$3276.00 which will help 4 children with hair loss. Once again, Thank You for all for your generous donations and your support in this fundraiser.

Andie and Tina

Free Buckets for Heroes!

Golf Country is offering to all Veterans, Law Enforcement and Fire Fighter a free bucket of balls for 52 weeks. Contact Golf Country for more information at (810)364-9160

Annual Post Golf Outing

August 9, 2014
Marysville Golf Course
Tee time 1:00 pm
18 Hole with cart.
\$40.00 per person

Sign up sheets located on bulletin boards at the Post
Please sign up by August 1st, 2014

JULY 2014

1st - Bingo 6;30 pm
4th - Happy Independence
Day
8th - Bingo 6:30 pm
11th - Open Mic Night 8 pm
12th - Club 17 3:30 pm
Meat Raffle
12th - Brothers in Arms 8pm
15th - Bingo 6:30
17th - House Committee
Meeting 6 pm
21st - ALR Meeting 7 pm
22ne - Bingo 6:30 pm
25th - Open Mic Night
Blues 8 pm
26th - Karaoke 8 pm
29th - Bingo

AUG 2014

5th - Bingo 6:30 pm
8th - Open Mic Night 8 pm
9th - Post Golf Outing 1 pm
9th - Club 17 3:30 pm
Meat Raffle
9th - Brothers in Arms 8 pm
12th - Bingo 6:30 pm
14th - Legion Picnic 5:30 pm
16th - ALR Veterans Ride
18th - ALR Meeting 7 pm
19th - Bingo 6:30
21st - House Committee
Meeting 6 pm
23rd - Karaoke 8 pm
24th - Breast Cancer Golf
Outing
26th - Bingo 6:30

SEPT 2014

1st - Labor Day
2nd - Bingo 6:30
4th - Post Meeting 7 pm
6th - Judy Switzer Annual
Breast Cancer
Handle Bar Ride
8th - SAL Meeting 7 pm
9th - Bingo 6:30
11th - AUX Meeting 6 pm
12th - Flag Retirement
Ceremony 7 pm
13th - Club 17 3:30
Meat Raffle
15th - ALR Meeting 7 pm
16th - Bingo 6:30 pm
18th - House Committee
Meeting 6 pm
23rd - Bingo 6:30
27th - Karaoke 8pm
30th - Bingo 6:30 pm