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

Well, another summer is almost gone and falls just around the corner. While I sit here and reflect back on the past year and a half, and all that this post and its members have completed, I am grateful of your support. We as a Legion should have pride in what we have accomplished. While the list never stops growing, I feel confident that our Members, our current Board of Officers and our House Committee, will handle any issues that may present themselves. On another note, while the weather changes, we will be saying our farewells to those of our members who are heading south and west to escape the fall and winter season, and until the new spring has brought warmer weather, we await your return. I wish you Safe travels. I remember a quote by Thomas Edison who once said, "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time". Therefore once again, I'm asking all our American Legion members for one hour a month 7:00pm to 8:00pm to be exact, on the first Thursday of the month for your Legion meeting, it's your Legion, your voice, be a part of it, and lets work together to make our legion the best it can be.

#### Military Pride

They are proud to be an American.

Going all over fighting other men and women.

They train very hard to become the best.

Some even earn metals to pin on their chest.

No, matter the threat whether great or small.

They are giving their lives to protect us all.

They are the bravest of brave putting their lives on the line.

Protecting us all - that means your lives and mine.

Thank you so much for all the things that you do.

Fighting for the colors of the Red, White and Blue.



God bless all of you, God Bless our Legion, and God bless America.

Commander Rick

Hi,

Just a reminder, the 2015 Membership cards are in. You can take care of them either at the Post or on-line.

Ed Harrison

Adjutant, J Edward Malloreay Post 449

**Shotgun Raffle - Remington Model 870 Express 12 Gage Pump - October 11, 2014 at 6 pm - Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 (need not be present to win). License Number R27837. Tickets courtesy of Deising Real Estate - Mike Deising.**

We would like to Thank everyone who helped and participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 12th. We had over 200 Flags retired. Scout Leader Mark Eschenburg and Boy Scout Troop 216 helped with the program. We also had Public Safety Director Tom Konik, Firefighter Chris Nesbitt, and Officer Curt Babb in attendance. Once again, Thanks to everyone.

Andie Semrow and Dave Robinson

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

Unit 449 Auxiliary Members, Legionnaires, SAL and ALR

Sadly, Summer is coming to an end, and fall is right around the corner, Lets all hope and pray that this winter is not as brutal or severe as our winter passed!!!

On August 12th, the lucky winner of the wheel barrow which was filled with a wide selection of liquors, donated by Jerry Hawley in Memory of his deceased wife, Auxiliary member Joyce Hawley, was won by Michele Walter.

The Post picnic was held on Thursday, August 14, at 5:30 pm. Debbie Cox did a great job on organizing this event. Darryl Nelson cooked Brats and Hotdogs on the grill and we had a large variety of hot and cold dishes to choose from...

On September 11, Auxiliary members returned from summer recess and resumed our monthly meetings. September is the month designated to welcome and initiate New Members. With 27 new applicants, we had 6 new members in attendance.

#### Coming Events

October 9th, at 6pm we will be having our regularly scheduled meeting.

October 25th, Auxiliary Unit 449 will be hosting our annual Toys for Tots Fundraiser.

November 13th, at 6pm at our regularly scheduled meeting, we will be having our annual Jr. Member Activity Night.

November 27th, is Thanksgiving Dinner at Post 449. Auxiliary is requested to donate desserts.

December 11th, will be Auxiliary Unit 449, Christmas Party. All Auxiliary members are urged to attend. Call Unit 449 President for details.

Do you want to give back to the Veterans who have served? Do you want to give back to your community? Volunteering is a way to accomplish this task. Please come to our meetings, and you will learn about the great things the Auxiliary Unit 449 does for our Veterans and our Community.

Auxiliary Unit 449 wishes everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

For God and Country  
Kay Fournier  
Unit 449 President  
810-841-1305



#### AUXILIARY UNITY 449 ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOT'S FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

MICHIGAN VS. MICHIGAN STATE

TIME TBS

ALL YOU CAN EAT NACHOS AND TACO'S \$6.50

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS AND COME AND ENJOY DRINK SPECIALS, RAFFLES AND PRIZES

DONATION 1 NEW UNWRAPPED TOY

Unit #449 Auxiliary members.

2015 cards are now in. Dues are \$25 for senior and \$10 for junior members. Please drop at post or mail to me at 1655 New Jersey Ave, Marysville, Mi 48040. Make checks out to: ALA Unit #449. I will get new cards out to you ASAP.

Thank you Nina Summerer.. Unit #449 Membership Chair

Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer. On September 8th, we had our first meeting with the new officers for the 2014-2015 year. The SAL will be putting on a steak dinner on Sunday, Sept 14, 2014 from 1 to 4pm or until we are out of steaks.

Back in June the SAL state convention was held at Post 49 in South Haven MI. "We would like to thank our Chaplain John Livingston for attending on behalf of Post 449.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All SAL memberships are due ON or BEFORE December 31, 2014 for the 2015 year. Memberships can be paid at the meetings: October 6, November 3, and December 1. Meetings are at 7pm, at Post 449.

God Bless America  
Arnold Schneider  
Commander SAL Squadron 449



THANKSGIVING DINNER  
NOVEMBER 27TH  
NOON TILL 5 PM  
COST: DONATION

ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR DONATING  
PLEASE CONTACT  
DARRYL NELSON AT  
810-300-3422

It's hard to believe that we're already talking about the annual Children's Christmas Party, but the sun is setting earlier every day and the leaves will be showing their beautiful colors. Christmas is right around the corner. So, mark your calendar now for December 7 from 1-3 for a fun filled afternoon with the arrival of Santa for this year's Christmas Party.

As in the past, we need your help, to provide a successful, fun party for the children and their families. Volunteers will be needed in the kitchen, craft tables, setting up the hall and clean up. Bakers are also needed to provide the delicious cupcakes for the children's cake raffle. Please contact Karen Barber at 941-2994.

#### Club 17

Tickets are available for the 2014-15 year. The first drawing was 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

# ALR NEWS



Legionnaires, Son's, Auxiliary, Rider Supporter's, and our Legion Rider Members!

Our riding season is soon coming to an end. As always, we've done our Post 449 proud and have always carried on the mission statement as it has been intended. The American Legion Riders were first organized in 1993 in Garden City, Michigan.

The American Legion Riders were formed...

- ...to participate in parades and other ceremonies that are in keeping with the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion.
- ...to promote cycle safety programs and to provide a social atmosphere for American Legion members who share the same interest.
- ...to use our Association to promote and support programs of the American Legion.
- ...to present ourselves as Representatives of Patriotism on behalf this Country and the American Legion.

This year we raised funds for St. Clair County & Sanilac County Veterans who may be in need of Blue Water Hospice and financial assistance for their care. They are "*The Gerald McGraw Veteran -Hospice Fund*" and the "*Veterans Benevolent Fund*". Our Riders raised funds and co-hosted with the Cargill Salt Co. for the American Cancer Society event called "*Ride-for-Life*". We've participated with the Honor Guard at fallen Veterans funerals, supported other Posts and Community functions. This month our Legion Riders will ride to the Birchwood Mall along with Post 449 members and affiliates to make a donation for abused children, for our local community event "*Roof sit*", also will be the "*Judy Switzer Breast Cancer Handle Bars Bicycle Ride Benefit*" for the American Cancer Society event "*Making Strides*". Upcoming is the Christmas parade. We hope to have a lot of Riders to participate that day, weather permitting, "*burr*"... Our ALR will also possibly ride New Years' Day in Memory of our Past Legion Rider Member "*Big Sarge*" Gary Sargent.

This September is our ALR's nominations and in October we vote for new ALR Officers. The new Officers will take over the reins in November where their terms will be from then until next October 2014. We are looking forward to 2014 with hopes of possibly some new fresh and exciting ideas for this Legion Family to have fun while we raise funds for our Veterans and community. Welcome, all new ALR members. Our meetings are every third Monday of each month. Reminder: Legion Rider dues for 2014-2015 are due now, so please try to take care of that as soon as possible. Riders, check your emails, the ALR Board, and our Post's Website for upcoming events. – Also check out the Post's Showcase store where Legion Family merchandise is sold on behalf of our ALR, the Legionnaires, SAL and our Women's Auxiliary.

It has been fun, and a real honor to serve our Legion Rider's Chapter of Post 449. We're a great group of people in support of our Veterans and this American Legion Post's Family. For all the upcoming Holidays, I wish you all health and happiness throughout the years to come.

Sincerely,

Lee "Laid-back" Riley

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Children's Christmas Party  
 December 7th  
 1 - 3 pm  
 Bakers and Helpers needed Contact Karen at 941-2994

OCT 2014

1ST - Euchre 7pm  
**2ne - Post Meeting 7pm**  
**6th - SAL Meeting 7pm**  
 7th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 8th - Euchre 7pm  
**9th - AUX Meeting 6pm**  
 10th - Open Mic Night 8pm  
 11th - Club 17 3:30pm  
 Meat Raffle  
 11th - Shotgun Raffle 6pm  
 11th - Brother in Arms 8pm  
**13th - ALR Meeting 7pm**  
 14th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 15th - Euchre 7pm  
**16th - House Committee Meeting 6pm**  
 21st - Bingo 6:30pm  
 22nd - Euchre 7pm  
 25th - Toys for Tots - TBA  
 28th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 29th - Euchre 7pm

NOV 2014

**3rd - SAL Meeting 7pm**  
 4th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 5th - Euchre 7pm  
**6th - Post Meeting 7pm**  
 7th - Open Mic Night 8pm  
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 Meat Raffle  
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 12th - Euchre 7pm  
**13th - Aux Meeting 6pm**  
**17th - ALR Meeting 7pm**  
 18th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 19th - Euchre 7pm  
**20th - House Committee Meeting 6pm**  
 25th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 26th - Euchre 7pm  
 27th - Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Noon - 5pm

DEC 2014

**1st - SAL Meeting 7pm**  
 2nd - Bingo 6:30pm  
 3rd - Euchre 7pm  
**4th - Post Meeting 7pm**  
 7th - Children's Christmas  
 Party 1-3pm  
 9th - Bingo 6:30pm  
 10th Euchre 7pm  
 10th - Newsletter Deadline  
**11th - Aux Meeting 6pm**  
 12th - Open Mic Night  
 8pm  
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 Meat Raffle  
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