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

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR

Just a few notes:

Post Meetings are the first Thursdays of the month at 7pm.

Some upcoming events:

Bingo every Tuesday at 6:30pm

Euchre every Wednesday at 7pm

Club 17, Meat Raffle and Brothers in Arms the Second Saturday of every month

In the Lounge:

We have Keno

Happy Hour Monday thru Friday from 3 till 6pm

Drink Specials all day Tuesdays

Drink specials for Lions touch downs, Tigers home runs and Red Wings goals during the games.



TO HELP THE POST SAVE MONEY ON THE NEWSLETTER WE ARE ASKING ANYONE WITH AN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND WANTS TO START RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL.

PLEASE E-MAIL amleg449newsletter@yahoo.com TO START RECEIVING YOU NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL. THANK YOU

Hi,

We hope everyone had a good summer. I understand that some members have not received their 1st notice for the 2014 membership cards. If you have not, I have them at the post. Also members paying on line, it takes anywhere from 30 to 45 days for the State to notify the post. Watch your newsletter for up-coming events, or better yet, come on down to the Post. My e-mail will be changing to marysville449@aol.com. The Officers are here to help the membership.

Ed Harrison
Adjutant

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

Hello Auxiliary Ladies, Legionaries, Squadron and American Legion Riders,

The colors of fall will be upon us as well as a blanket of snow in the up-coming three months. It's time to get ready for the Holidays and moving forward with office and a new year, 2014. Dist. #7 President, Betty Cline will resume office and Olive Hartman will be Dist. #7 Poppy Chairman for 2014.

On behalf of the Auxiliary members we would like to welcome Mary Davis to office of Sargent at Arms and other officers that will continue on in position another year. Thank You Ladies!

Congratulations to those who submitted items for competition, District #7 Historian, Olive Hartmann for State 1st place on History Book, to Unit 449 Historian, Kay Fournier, for State 2nd place on History book, to Community Service Chairman, Vicky Jeffries and Membership for State, 1st place Award Certificate, report submitted and 1st Vice Pres. / Membership Chairman, Nina Summerer and Membership for new member applicants, Angel pins were awarded to those who recruited new members for 2013.

The annual picnic this year held at Post 449 instead of the park went well with about 80 in attendance. We had drinks, blender drinks available made with a cool blender invention built by Paul Cloutier, food and raffles. Thank you for supporting the day. Let everyone know if you like the change of location for planning of next year's picnic.

The Post parking lot has been resurfaced on the East side of the building which was in great need of repair. Please come in and support the lounge and activities going on to help keep funds flowing into the Post to resurface the rest of the Parking lot.

As Fall approaches beware of the children that are out for trick or treat. Happy Halloween everyone! Support the Toys for Tots held at the Post. A box is available in lounge for donations thru Nov.

The Memorial Service for 911 and POW MIA were held Sept 11 and Sept 20. Thank you to those of you who attended in representation of 449. Remember our Veterans on Veteran's Day, Nov 11. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and also our Soldiers that are in harms' way.

Have a great Thanksgiving Day everyone! If you care to make a food donation or volunteer to work the day of the dinner provided in the Lounge, contact the post or bring in donations the day before or in the morning of Thanksgiving Day. We serve around 80 and it's really appreciated by those who attend and is very heart felt by those Legion Family members who do the work or donate.

The Children's Christmas Party we will be in need of donated cupcakes or cookies. If possible, wrap 4 to 6 to a plate. We can also use volunteers for decorating, working craft-tables, in kitchen or clean up. This is a great fun day for the kids and you can take a photo of the kids with Santa and his helper.

The Auxiliary Meeting on Dec 12th will be the Auxiliary Christmas Party which will be held at the Voyager at 6pm A \$5.00 gift exchange if you want to participate and each person is to pay for their own meal. All members are welcome. Contact: 810 364-4743 for reservations by Dec 1. Thank You! Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all! We will be adopting a Needy family for Christmas. Items of need are non-perishable foods, personal or cleaning products, paper products and the donation box will be available in the lounge till a week before Christmas.

If you want to volunteer time or donate food you can leave name and # with event, what volunteering, any questions, or pay dues, they can be dropped in the Aux mail box or contact 810 364-4743. We'll get back with you. Please Check the Scoop Calendar for dates and times. Events not scheduled check information boards in Lounge entrance-ways or table toppers. Lots going on, hope to see some new faces.

The meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the East hall. Please support the Auxiliary, their meetings, Legion, and the functions held at the Post and Lounge to help keep it alive, well and thriving.

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



Fellow Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders:

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer.

In June, Cliff Waltenburg presented a check to the house committee for the parking lot repaving project on behalf of the Sons.

On September 9th, we had our first meeting with the new officers for the 2013-2014 year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

All SAL memberships are due ON or BEFORE **December 31st, 2013** for the 2014 year. Memberships can be paid at the meetings: October 7, November 4 & December 2. (Meetings are @ 7 pm) at post 449.

God Bless America

Arnold Schneider
Commander SAL Squadron 449



TOYS FOR TOTS

Attention Members, Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary

Auxiliary Unit 449 will be hosting our Annual Toys for Tot's Campaign
On November 2, 2013

Kick off with Mich. Vs Mich. State. Watch you local listings for game time
All you can eat Nacho bar, raffles and Share the Wealth.
Wear your team colors and come out for a fun day of food, drink specials and football

ANY HELP SUPPORT, TOYS FOR TOTS
Donation one new unwrapped toy

UNIT #449 AUXILIARY MEMBERS

YOUR **2014 CARDS** ARE NOW AVAILABLE. DUES ARE \$25 FOR SENIOR /\$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 DUES (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



NEW HUGLU 103F
12 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
DRAW AT 6PM

DRAWING WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013

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 2013-2014 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

2013 Legion Golf Outing raised a total of \$2,000.00 for a local wounded Veteran. Here is the break down for the monies - Gold Outing - 17 teams \$1,020.00, Cooler of Cheer \$480.00 won by team Turnbull and monetary donations of \$500.00. Thank You All for participating, donating and volunteering. See you all next Year!!! August 2nd 2014 at Marysville Golf Course

HO!HO!HO! It's time again! Santa will be arriving at the Children's Christmas Party on December 8th from 1 -3 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of fun with games, crafts, hot dogs, and of course a visit with Santa. We will also be having the cupcake raffle again and are looking for volunteers to donate cupcakes. Any bakers interested please drop off at the Post Saturday night or Sunday morning before 12:00. Anyone interested in helping that day with set up or craft tables please call me at 810-941-2994.

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

1st - Bingo 6:30pm
2nd - Euchre 7pm
3rd - Post Meeting 7pm
7th - SAL Meeting 7pm
8th - Bingo 6:30pm
9th - Euchre 7pm
10th - Aux Meeting 7pm
12th - Club 17 3:30pm
Meat Raffle after Club 17
Brothers in Arms after Meat Raffle
12TH - Gun Raffle 6pm
15th - Bingo 6:30pm
16th - Euchre 7pm
17th - House Committee Meeting 6pm
19th - Karaoke 8pm
21st - ALR Meeting 7pm
22nd - Bingo 6:30
23rd - Euchre 7pm
29th - Bingo 6:30
30th - Euchre 7pm

NOVEMBER

2nd - Toys for Tots - Mich. vs Mich. State Game
4th - SAL Meeting 7pm
5th - Bingo 6:30pm
6th - Euchre 7pm
7th - Post Meeting 7pm
9th - Club 17 3:30pm
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12th - Bingo 6:30
13th - Euchre 7pm
14th - Aux Meeting 7pm
16th - Karaoke 8pm
18th - ALR Meeting
19th - Bingo 6:30pm
20th - Euchre 7pm
21st - House Committee Meeting 6pm
26th - Bingo 6:30
28th - Thanksgiving Luncheon 1 - 5 pm

DECEMBER

2nd - SAL Meeting 7pm
3rd - Bingo 6:30pm
4th - Euchre 7pm
5th - Post Meeting 7pm
8th - Kids Christmas Party 1-3pm
10th - Bingo 6:30pm
11th - Euchre 7pm
12th - Aux Christmas Party Voyager 6pm
14th - Post Christmas Luncheon 12 - 4pm
14th - Club 17 3:30pm
Meat Raffle after Club 17
Brothers in Arms after Meat Raffle
17th - Bingo 6:30
18th - Euchre 7pm
19th - House Committee Meeting 6pm
25th - Christmas Day Lounge Closed

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 28,2013

POST 449 LOUNGE

COST DONATION ONLY

1 TO 5PM OR FOOD GONE

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

PLEASE CONTACT
DARREL @ (810)300-3422

ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON

12 TO 4 PM
IN THE LOUNGE