

# AMERICAN LEGION

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## POST OFFICERS

<b>Commander</b>	Ted Powis	339-8381
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice</b>	Terry Eman	202-7825
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice</b>	Dave Pierce	333-4445
<b>Adjutant</b>		
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Bob Wyman	339-6444
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Leslie Baehre	339-4231
<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	Al Boyce	290-5018
<b>Chaplain</b>	George Swanson	655-5682
<b>Service Officer</b>	Jim Suehr	202-4650
<b>Historian</b>	Chuck Rhodea	339-3226
<b>Members at Large</b>	Bob Cross	339-2540
	Ed McDonald	339-1036
<b>Auxiliary President</b>	Kathy Sedell	281-2115
<b>SAL Commander</b>	Bill Gohier	719-2287

**NO SMOKING - Due to a new Michigan State law, effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, smoking inside the Post will be Prohibited!**

**ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER** - The annual Legion Birthday Dinner will be held at the Post on March 13th to commemorate the Legion's 91st birthday. A cash bar will be available at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meal, except for dessert, will be catered. The menu will include roast beef, ham, chicken, potatoes, vegetable, baked beans, salad and rolls. The birthday cake will be provided by the Auxiliary. Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members eat **free**! Spouses and other guests pay \$6. Cards and patches will be awarded to the Legion members listed below whose continuous membership years are any multiple of five, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20 years, etc.!

**5 Years** - Jeffery S. Allen, Jon E. Chiesa, Michael J. Donaldson, Glen B. Gronseth, Paul A. Nyland, Jacque W. Sammet, Robert F. Selig, James G. Suehr

**10 Years** - Hugh A. Allen, Winston R. Bennett, Frank T. Hackett, Gregory Hilton, Richard L. Howe, Loren F. Shoesmith

**15 Years** - Roy A. Bronson

**20 Years** - Leon G. Black, Daniel L. Botimer, Robert E. Brush, Hubert B. Hess, Eugene S. Jambor, Robert N. Loomis, Thad V.

Twarozynski

**25 Years** - Dennis R. Goddard, Howard E.

Hogan, Peter A. Latus, John B. Miller

**30 Years** - Daniel L. Dickson

**35 Years** - William C. Geiszer, Bruce Helmer, Vincent R. Hutton, Joe S. Unrue

**40 Years** - Raymond E. Creps, Philip P. Pixley II

**50 Years** - Daniel E. Foote

Join us for the Birthday Dinner and have a great time!

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS** - The Post's Legion Nominating Committee will soon be soliciting members to fill all officer positions in the Post.

If you care about the future of the Post, and are concerned about the way the Post is being run, get involved and volunteer some of your time to fill one of the positions. The Nominating Committee shouldn't have to beg members to get involved.

**BENEFIT BREAKFAST** - The post's breakfast fund raiser on February 13<sup>th</sup> was an overwhelming success thanks to the efforts of: Jim Suehr, Joe Shank, Darryl Smith, Jim Blattert, John Booth, Heidi Suehr, Rose Suehr, Lori Sheets and Joanne "Jo" Helman.

Over 50 diners generously contributed \$550 for their choice of any kind of eggs, including omelets, pancakes, ham, bacon, sausage, etc. Our kudos to **Jim Suehr** for organizing the event. Special thanks to **Joe Shank** for donating all the food for the breakfast.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off** - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off will be held on March 20, 2010, from 4:00 pm – Midnight. There will be judging of the chili as well as award presentations, a corn hole tournament and entertainment. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Legion for anyone who would like to enter their chili. So...dig out that special family recipe and enter for the chance at bragging rights for 2010. Please come and join us for a good time. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Sheets (517) 749-7101 or Jo Helman (517) 204-7727.

**NEW MEMBER - Sean R. Caswell** has joined Post 269 since our last newsletter. Please welcome him when he visits our Post.

#### **POST ACTIVITIES:**

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** - The Post's Super Bowl Party was a great success thanks to all that attended and lots of good food and activities.

Our special thanks to Mary Grinnell and Bob Cross for organizing the event including the raffle for a laptop computer. Thanks also to the bar staff for their outstanding efforts selling the raffle tickets and helping with the set up. We are also grateful to Darryl Smith and Jim and Lori Sheets for helping set up the tables, and to Cindy Sutton for making the posters. And, our thanks to all those who brought the great food, to Jessie Meranda for decorating the tables and to everyone for helping with the clean up -- a job well done!

Congratulations to Al Johnson for winning the Laptop Computer.

**FIREPLACE WOOD** - We thank John

Booth and Brian Landry for providing wood for the Post fireplace. A fire in the fireplace makes for a much cozier lounge.

## **AUXILIARY CORNER**

### **SOCIAL EVENTS**

The annual "Sweetheart Dance" was an especially fun evening for all who attended on, February 13th, 2010. Congratulations to Lori Sheets who was selected as our "Sweetheart of the Year".

Our "Woman of the Year" was voted on at our January meeting and the award will be presented to the honoree at the Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Please contact Kathy Sedell at 281-2115 if you would like to help with the dinner. You may also volunteer at the March meeting. Also at the birthday dinner, Auxiliary members will be receiving certificates for length of membership as follows:

**5 YEARS** - Nancy Baran, Stacy Bloom, Anne Bozzi, Delores Foote, Patricia Graham, Joanne Helman, Chari Johnson, Debra Moises, Bonnie Olson, Rebecca Schuon, and Anne Staples.

**10 YEARS** - Anita Epolito, Rose Nieto, Sylvia Perkins, Betty Stevens, Christine Vejckik, and Virginia White

**20 YEARS** - Barbara Hensley, Barbara Ann Kelley, and Carol Ann Rainwater

**25 YEARS** - Cathleen Bartholomew, Carol Goddard, Cynthia Huffman, Lucinda Huffman, Paula Middaugh, and Kathy Sedell

**30 YEARS** - Susan Mund

**35 YEARS** - Henrietta Hensel

**45 YEARS** - Dorothy Willard

**50 YEARS** - Norma Bachman

**Congratulation to all of the above!**

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We have 6 new members since our last newsletter publication. They are as follows:  
**Renee Reeve, Cindy Lou Shepherd, Lisa**

**Trenthan**, and **Tina Sager** of Haslett, **Tracy Johnson** of Holt and **Heidi Kinnison** of Owosso. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them around the Post.

**UNIT NEWS**

The Winter Conference was held on February 20th and 21st at the Lexington Hotel (formerly the Sheraton). Honorable mention to Lynda Feneis, Kathy Ayers and Kathy Sedell for working the registration.

The Annual convention will be held on 17-20 June at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. Please contact Kathy Sedell if you would like to volunteer to help and/or to attend.

We will also be setting up a time to convene at our next meeting for our birthday members having birthdays in January, February or March.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**March**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Stacy Bloom, 4<sup>th</sup> - Mary Sheridan, 6<sup>th</sup> - Gail Smith, 7<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn Warbach, 9<sup>th</sup> - Carol Rainwater, 15<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Adams, 17<sup>th</sup> - Kelli Johnson, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Brigid Gentile and Sue Meranda, 24<sup>th</sup> - Donna Hodgson and Betty Stevens, 28<sup>th</sup> - Dawn Chick, 31<sup>st</sup> - Tracy Bennett**

**April**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Christine Vejckik, 8<sup>th</sup> - Cynthia Stern, 9<sup>th</sup> - Clara Baker, 10<sup>th</sup> - Sandra McDonald, 13<sup>th</sup> - Doris Mund, Sheila Mund and Susan Mund, 16<sup>th</sup> - Joanne Helman, 24<sup>th</sup> - Pam Nalett**

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**SAL NEWS**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Election of SAL officers for the coming year will be held at our monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th, . Any SAL member interested in serving as an officer should contact Bill Gohier prior to the

March 18th meeting. The slate of officers will be posted on the SAL bulletin board. Current Commander Bill Gohier will be stepping down after serving in a number of leadership positions these past 6 years.

**BOWLING FUNRAISER** - As this newsletter was ready to be copied and mailed, the SAL was scheduled to hold a bowling fundraiser with proceeds supporting the Haslett Food Bank. The fundraiser at Marvel Lanes was scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m. on February 27<sup>th</sup>. First Vice Commander Dick Datema organized the event and had already secured numerous sponsors and at least 24 five player teams. The event was to be followed with refreshments and snacks at the Post. Attendees were encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Individuals were encouraged to participate and/ or to donate funds. Contributions can still be forwarded to the SAL Squadron 269 at the post address. Typically, this is a slow donation time for the food bank, but the needs have not diminished. Thanks for all the legion support and to the community as well.

We welcome two new members to SAL: **Brian Blattert** and **Ted Powis**. SAL membership is now 105 which exceeds our quota set by the State Legion Headquarters.

Mike Erb has recently been selected and accepted to serve on the Bar Committee representing the SAL.

Our best wishes and prayers go out to SAL member Charlie Burke as he continues to recuperate. We also send our best to Louis Dunn and Terry Eman and hope their road to recovery is well on its way.

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**GOD BLESS OUR TROOPS**

**COMING EVENTS:**

- **POST BIRTHDAY DINNER** - The Post will hold its annual Birthday Dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup>. See page one for details.

- **CHILI COOK-OFF** - The Post will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual chili cook-off from 4:00 p.m. to midnight on March 20<sup>th</sup>. See page 2 for details.

- **SHUFFLEBOARD BANQUET** - The shuffleboard league banquet and tournament will be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Post Hall. All players must arrive by 3:00 p.m. to enter and determine teams for the tournament. Prize money will be distributed, League rules will be reviewed, and officers for next year's league will be elected at the banquet. Food will be pot luck, so be sure to bring a dish to pass. Note: Tournament details will be established at the March Team Captains meeting.

We thank all the subs that fill in for regular team members when they are out of town or unable to make games for other reasons.

- **POPIES** - Poppies will be distributed May 20-22 this year. All proceeds are used to help veterans and their families. Members are encouraged to sign up at the Post to help with this worthy cause.

- **MEMORIAL DAY** - The Post's Memorial Day Observance will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, May 31, 2010 at the World War II Monument at Ralya Elementary School. The service will be moved to the Post in the event of inclement weather.

#### GET WELL:

1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Commander **Terry Eman** suffered a stroke in December. Cards may be sent to his home at 5622 Wood Valley Drive, Haslett, MI 48840. **Lewis G. Dunn**, a 39 Year Post Legion member, suffered a massive stroke on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Cards may be sent to his home at 6090 Balog Ct., Haslett, MI 48840.

Both members will require extensive

physical therapy to recover. We wish them both all the best.

**"FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO FIGHT FOR IT,  
FREEDOM HAS A FLAVOR THE PROTECTED  
SHALL NEVER KNOW."**

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## The wisdom of Larry the cable guy.....

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane. .

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?

Why do psychics have to ask you your name?

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'

Just remember -- if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today, might burn your butt tomorrow.