

AMERICAN LEGION

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POST OFFICERS

Commander	Ted Powis	339-8381
1st Vice	Terry Eman	202-7825
2nd Vice	Dave Pierce	333-4445
Adjutant	Vacant	
Finance Officer	Bob Wyman	339-6444
Judge Advocate	Leslie Baehre	339-4231
Sergeant-at-Arms	Al Boyce	290-5018
Chaplain	George Swanson	655-5682
Service Officer	Jim Suehr	202-4650
Historian	Chuck Rhodea	339-3226
Members at Large	Bob Cross	339-2540
	Ed McDonald	339-1036
Auxiliary President	Kathy Sedell	281-2115
SAL Commander	Jim Sheets	749-7098

NO SMOKING - Due to a new Michigan State law, effective May 1st, smoking inside the Post will be prohibited!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Under the provisions of Post 269 Bylaws, Article X, Section 2, this is notice of the annual election of Post 269 Legion officers. Members will vote on officers for the new Legion Year at our monthly General Membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 13th. Candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Commander:	Ted Powis & Ed Luther
Adjutant:	
1st Vice:	Terry Eman
2nd Vice:	Dave Pierce
Finance Officer:	Bob Wyman
Chaplain:	George Swanson
Sgt at Arms:	Jim Suehr
Service Officer:	Al Boyce
Historian:	Chuck Rhodea
Judge Advocate:	Leslie Baehre

Executive Committee Members at Large:
Sean Caswell, Ed Kessler, Ed McDonald, and
Clarence Sedell (Only three may be elected).

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the election. All nominees must have accepted the nomination before being nominated at the meeting. The new officers will be installed immediately following the election. Members are urged to attend the election and installation of the new officers.

POPPY DAYS- The Post has purchased 1,000 poppies to be distributed 20-22 May, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. We need a lot more members to accept donations for this worthy cause. Please sign up at the Post, contact Ed Luther, or put your name and phone number on a slip marked "Poppies" and mail or drop it off at the Post, if you can help! Proceeds are used strictly for the benefit of needy veterans and/or their families. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated if you could offer at least two hours of your time to this activity.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - The Post will conduct its annual Memorial Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31, 2010. The observance will be held in front of the World War II Memorial at Ralya Elementary School, 5645 School Street in Haslett. The keynote speaker will be Randy Marwede, Director, Ingham County Department of Veterans Affairs. Members and the public are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served at the Post Hall following the service.

ARMY BIRTHDAY - The U.S. Army birthday will be celebrated from 4-7 p.m. on June 14th with free snacks. Beer, wine and well liquor will also be available from 4-7 p.m. for a dollar per drink.

NEWSLETTER - The Post's newsletters are available at: www.haslettpost269.org. You can save the Post \$3 per year by viewing the newsletters at our web site. It costs the Post about 50 cents to print and mail each newsletter. We mail over 400 newsletters to Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members six times per year -- that's over \$1,200. If you have internet service, you could save us mailing a copy to you by getting the Post news at the above web site. Just send your email address to www.post269@haslettpost269.org and we'll let you know when each newsletter is available.

NEW MEMBERS - **Jon L. Bartow, David L. Lloyd** and **Jack J. Suehr** have joined our Post since the last newsletter. Please welcome them when they visit the Post.

DOINGS AROUND THE POST:

BIRTHDAY DINNER - The Post's annual Legion Birthday Dinner was held on March 14th and attended by over 90 people. Legionnaires and guests enjoyed catered chicken, roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, and rolls. The festivities also included a birthday cake provided by the Auxiliary.

Post 269's Commander, Ted Powis, served as Master of Ceremonies and provided remarks on the State of the Post and presented continuous membership awards, in multiples of five years, to eligible Legion members present.

Ted reported that, with its current paid membership of 233, the Post had exceeded its goal of 229 members. He also provided the following demographics on the number of members with the conflicts they participated in: **WWII (52), KOREA (50), VIETNAM (119), LEBANON (20), PANAMA(6) and GULF (20).**

Darryl Smith was selected as Man of the

Year for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the Post. Congratulations Darryl!

Our special thanks to all the volunteers that decorated the Hall, served the food and cleaned up afterwards. If you did not attend, you missed a good time and a great opportunity to meet with friends.

SHUFFLEBOARD BANQUET - The Shuffleboard League concluded the 2009-2010 season on April 24th with its annual banquet and tournament. The "Don't Puck With Us" Team won the championship by prevailing over the defending champions "Bar Hounds" captained by the legendary Glen Cairns.

The League's 50/50 raffles provided the necessary funding to make several charitable donations. Thanks to all that participated and, especially, to those that contributed their winning portions.

The event was a huge success due to a substantial turnout, friendly competition, and great food!

SMOKE-IN - The Post held a "Smoke-In" from 7:00-11:00 p.m. on April 30th to celebrate the last day that smoking would be allowed on Post premises. The new State no smoking law went into effect on May 1st. The observance included 50/50 raffles, ash tray raffles/sales, pot luck food and acoustic guitar music by Jay DuBois and friends.

DONATION - The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL each donated \$200 to help cover \$600 of the expenses for Jacob Zimmerman to participate in a band tour to Europe. Jacob is a student at Haslett High School. Jacob was selected as a trombonist in a band participating in the International Exchange Program.

POST CLEANUP - Several volunteers participated in sprucing up the outside of the Post on Saturday, April 24th. Activities included cleaning up flower beds, sidewalk and parking lot. Our thanks to those that helped with the spring cleanup!

CHILI - The Post held its 2nd annual chili cook-off on March 20th. We had a great turnout. **Tom Olney's** chili was judged best. **Diana Sedell** and **Cheri Maurer** were runners up. Our thanks to the all the cooks and attendees.

TAPS - Our sincere sympathy for the families and friends of the following former Post 269 members: **Lewis E. Dunn** passed away on February 27th, **Irwin P. Foote** passed away on March 15th, **Larry P. Rogers** passed away on April 13th and also **James E. Rainwater**.

AUXILIARY CORNER

SOCIAL EVENTS

At our last meeting we voted to sell the hand woven baskets (that we sold previously) on Memorial Day week-end, but have postponed the sale date until June 14th (Flag Day). We will have the baskets at the Post for individual purchase. In addition, we will be selling the Aroma bears, cats and dogs and the special birthday candles.

President Kathy has ordered a patriotic T-Shirt in various sizes in black and medium blue colors. Please contact her if you are interested in purchasing one. She has a picture of the shirts if you would like to take a look in advance of arrival.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our two newest members that have joined our organization are **Jennifer Caswell** and **Rita O'Reilly**. Please welcome them when you see them at the Post.

UNIT NEWS

Our June 6th meeting will include our Installation of New Officers for the coming year. That will also be our last meeting until we resume in the fall. Our first fall meeting will be on September 12th, as the first Sunday of the month falls on Labor Day Week-end.

We voted jointly with the Legion and SAL to

sponsor two evenings at the band shell at Lake Lansing Park South. Those dates are with the Sea Cruisers on June 11th and with the Uptown Band on July 13th. Plan on coming out to attend these events. Mark your social calendars now for a free evening on the Post.

POTPOURRI:

We seem to have had a large number of funerals and funeral dinners lately, Condolences to all members, family and friends that have lost loved ones of late.

BIRTHDAY WISHES:

MAY

2nd - Angela Pohill, 5th - Annie Stackable & Terri Neito-Stevenson, 8th - Carol Goddard, 14th - Judy Daman, 16th - Debra Ballard, 18th - Brigid Gentile, 21st - Avery McDonald (Jr), 23rd - Georgianne Grigas-Somers, 25th - Diana Sedell, 27th - Wendy Stinnett, 31st - Kristina Bayle

JUNE

1st - Carol Kozlowski & Susan Robinson, 12th - Heidi Kinnison, 22nd - Beverly Ferguson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BEST WISHES TO ALL!!

SAL NEWS

OFFICER ELECTIONS - The following SAL Squadron members were elected to serve for the 2010-2011 Legion Year:

Commander	Jim Sheets
1st Vice	Dick Datema
2nd Vice	Mark Iansiti
Adjutant	Mike Erb
Finance Officer	Steve Aichele
Sergeant-at-Arms	Russell Dunn
Chaplain	Jeff Peterson

NEW MEMBERS - The SAL Squadron

welcomes the following new members: **Shandin Dunn, Walt Frarey** and **Erik Larson**. These additions bring SAL up to 110 members.

FOOD BANK - The Post SAL Squadron donated \$2200 to the Haslett Food Bank. The funds were generated by the bowling fundraiser sponsored by the SAL on February 27th at Marvel Lanes. Our sincere thanks to Dick Datema for organizing the event, to all the wonderful sponsors, and to those who participated in the fundraiser.

AWARD - Commander Bill Gohier presented Don Mittag with a plaque and a flag that had been flown over the State Capitol for his superb service to the Squadron.

COMING EVENTS:

PATTY HURNI BENEFIT - A fund raiser will be held at the Post from 8:00 p.m. to midnight on May 7th to help Haslett resident Patty Hurni. She is a widow with breast cancer, no job or health insurance, and has 3 children at home. The fund raiser will start with a spaghetti dinner at Haslett Middle school and will be followed by donated item and 50/50 raffles and karaoke at the Post. Members are encouraged to attend.

OFFICER ELECTION/INSTALLATION - Legion Officers will be elected and installed at the Legion's monthly General membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. May 13, 2010.

POPPY DAYS- Poppies will be distributed from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 20 thru 22. Let us know if you can help.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - The Post will conduct its annual Memorial Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31, 2010, at the WWII Memorial in front of Ralya Elementary School.

EVENING IN THE PARK - The Post will sponsor bands playing in the Band Shell at Lake Lansing park in the evenings of June 11 and July 13.

STATE CONVENTION - The 2010 State Legion convention will be held on 17-20 June at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn.

**SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS!!!**

A great deal of truth in this: .
"I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men Who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity. I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another. As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades... Such good men." --Author Unknown--

PROFOUND STATEMENTS-

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress.
John Adams

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed.
Mark Twain

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself.

Mark Twain

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

5. A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

6. A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

G Gordon Liddy