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POST OFFICERS

Commander	Larry Lose	521-5673 Cell 294-6913
1st Vice	Terry Eman	339-8196
2nd Vice	Mary Grinnell	290-6707
Adjutant	Dave Pohoda	230-7824
Finance Officer	Bob Wyman	339-6444
Judge Advocate	Ted Powis	339-8381
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Suehr	202-4650
Chaplain	George Swanson	655-5682
Service Officer	Ed Luther	333-1766
Historian	Darryl Smith	242-1246
Auxiliary President	Kathy Sedell	281-2115
SAL Commander	Bill Gohier	719-2287

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 14th. Nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Commander:	Larry Lose
Adjutant:	Dave Pohoda
1st Vice:	Jim Suehr
2nd Vice:	Dave Pierce
Finance Officer:	Bob Wyman
Chaplain:	George Swanson
Sgt at Arms:	Al Boyce
Service Officer:	Ed Luther
Historian:	Chuck Rhodea
Judge Advocate:	Ted Powis
Executive Committee Members at Large:	Bob Cross, Terry Eman, Ed McDonald, and

Clarence Sedell (Only three Members at Large may be selected).

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 participate in the election and installation of the new officers.

POPPY DAYS- The Post has purchased 1,500 poppies to be distributed 21-23 May, 2009 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 Larry Lose, or put your name and telephone 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. It 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 25, 2009. 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 Emileigh Stoll, Haslett High School student. Members and the public are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served at the Post Hall following the service.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY - The Post will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th, Flag Day. The ceremony will be held in the parking lot behind the Post at 2:00 p.m. Anyone with a torn or tattered flag may drop it off at the Post at 1485 Haslett Road in Haslett any afternoon before June 14th, or bring them to the ceremony. The ceremony is open to the public. Call 339-9018, if you have questions. **Note:** Flags are available for purchase at the Post. Prices are: \$20 for 3' X 5', or \$30 for 5' X 8' flags.

BICYCLE SAFETY HELMET DISTRIBUTIION - Donations are being accepted to purchase helmets for free distribution to cyclists. The helmets will be distributed by the Post in the Vision Collision parking lot at 10:00 a.m. on June 27th. Township police officers will also be on hand to fingerprint children and will also check automobile child safety seats to ensure they are properly installed.

Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 269, Attn: Darryl Smith, if you would like to donate to this worthy cause. We thank Darryl Smith and others for their time and efforts spent on this project, to those that have already donated and to Jim and Lori Sheets for their generous contribution. We also thank Vision Collision for the use of their parking lot for this event.

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.

FOOD BANK - Betsy McLernon, Haslett Community Food Bank Coordinator, recently sent a letter thanking the Post for its generous donation and ongoing support. Last year the food bank served 237 different families in over 643 visits for food and personal needs orders. With the current state of the economy, food banks need our help more than ever!

NEW MEMBERS - **James Cairns** and **Clarence Olney** 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.

Speaker for the dinner was Bill Gohier, SAL Squadron Commander.

Post 269's Commander, Larry Lose, served as Master of Ceremonies and presented continuous membership awards, in multiples of five years, to several Legion members present. **Jerry Fellows** was selected as Man of the Year for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the Post. Congratulations Jerry!

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.

FLAG DONATIONS - The Fort Custer National Cemetery has an Avenue of Flags at the entrance to the cemetery. The flags flown there are Burial Flags (5' X 9' 6") of cotton material. The flags are donated by individuals, either family or organizations, who wish to commemorate the service of a veteran. On April 22, 2009, four flags were presented to the Cemetery Manager in the names of the following

deceased Post 269 Members: LTC George W. Bachman, SSG Raymond J. Young, SGT. Eugene H. Heidenberger and SGT Robert E. Howe. If you wish to contribute a flag, bring it to the Post and arrangements will be made to forward it to the cemetery.

SHUFFLEBOARD BANQUET –

The Shuffleboard League concluded this past season with a banquet and tournament on April 18th. The event was a huge success due to a substantial turnout, friendly competition, and great food! This year's champions were the Barhounds, led by the legendary Glen Cairns. Darryl Smith would like to express his appreciation for the very generous gift, as well as the opportunity to manage the league for the past three years.

POST CLEANUP - Several volunteers participated in cleaning the outside of the Post on Saturday, April 18th. Activities included cleaning up flower beds, sidewalk and parking lot. Our thanks to those that helped with the cleanup!

AUXILIARY NEWS

SOCIAL EVENTS

Congratulations to Kay Fellows for being elected "Woman of the year" and honored at the Sweetheart Dance to commemorate the event.

It was voted at our last meeting that we would celebrate birthdays of Auxiliary members on a quarterly basis. This would consist of the unit going out to lunch as a group and giving each a card with \$1.00 inside. At the bottom of this newsletter, birthdays for April and May are listed (We presently do not have any for June). We will be deciding where to go to eat at our next meeting on Sunday, May 3rd.

If you would like to be included in this event for your special day, please notify Kathy Sedell at 281-2115 to be added to the list.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 144 paid members, having 2 new members added to our roster. They are Jane Walsh and Carol Barton. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at the Post.

UNIT NEWS

The State Convention will held on June 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st at the Causeway Bay (formerly Holiday Inn South). Volunteers are needed to help with registration on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Shifts consists of 2 hour blocks of time and your time and assistance would be appreciated. Also, there will be "goodie bags" distributed at the convention. If you have access to a supply of pens, pencils, pads of papers, emery boards, etc., and would like to make a donation, please contact Kathy Ayers at 999-3066 to sign up and/or for further information.

We will be electing our new officers at the May 3rd meeting. Please plan on attending. There is still time to nominate the woman of your choice for an office.

Lori Sheets is in charge of the Poppy Fund. Poppy Days will be May 14th, 15th, and 16th. We will be taking donations for poppies at the front of several establishments. If you would like to volunteer 2 hours of time for this worthwhile event, please contact Lori at 749-7101.

We concluded our flower bulb fund raiser and the bulbs have been distributed. It appears to have been a great success with the final profits to be know at the May 3rd meeting.

POTPOURRI:

Again, please don't forget, if any of you Auxiliary members are doing volunteer work for friends, be sure to make a notation of your hours and any money spent, so it can be noted on our Home Service report to be sent to district.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 5th - Annie Stackable

May 16th-Debbie Ballard

May 25th-Diana Sedell

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1st - Chris Vejcik
April 9th - Clara Baker
April 10th -Sandy McDonald
April 16th -Joanne Helman
April 24th -Pam Nalett
April 27th -Wendy Stinnett

COMING EVENTS:

OFFICER ELECTION/INSTALLATION -

Legion Officers will be elected and installed at the Legion's monthly General membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. May 14, 2009.

POPPY DAYS-

Poppies will be distributed from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 21 thru 23. Please sign up at the Post, or contact Larry Lose, or put your name and telephone number on a slip marked "Poppies" and mail or drop it off at the Post, if you can help.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE -

The Post will conduct its annual Memorial Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2009, at the WWII Memorial in front of Ralya Elementary School.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY -

The Post will conduct a U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony in the parking lot behind the Post at 2:00 p.m. on June 14th.

BICYCLE HELMET DISTRIBUTION -

Free helmets will be distributed at Vision Collision parking lot beginning at 10:00 a.m. on June 27th.

STATE CONVENTION -

The 2009 State Legion Convention will be held June 18-21 at the Causeway Inn (formerly Holiday Inn South) in Lansing.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

THE WISDOM OF RONALD REAGON:

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S . was too strong."

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program"

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."