



**AMERICAN LEGION**  
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	Ed McDonald	339-1036
<b>Auxiliary President</b>	Kathy Sedell	281-2115
<b>SAL Commander</b>	Jim Sheets	749-7098

**OFFICERS** - The Legion officers and members at large listed above were elected and installed at the Post 269 Legion's monthly General Membership Meeting on May 13, 2010.

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** - Post 269 held its annual Memorial Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. The service was held in front of the World War II Memorial at Ralya Elementary School in Haslett. The service was blessed with warm weather and attended by over 60 people.

Attendees were welcomed by Ed Luther, Commander of Post 269; followed by playing of the National Anthem; an invocation by George Swanson, Post Chaplain, and wreath laying by Lynda Feneis. She was followed with remarks by Ed Luther, Kathy Sedell, Auxiliary President, and Jim Sheets, SAL Squadron Commander.

This year's guest speaker was Randy Marwede, Director of the Ingham County Department of Veteran Affairs. His remarks were

well received by attendees.

The benediction was provided by Donna Palmer followed with "Taps" being played at the conclusion of the program. The service was followed with refreshments at the Post.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUES** - The new American Legion year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. You can help our Post, the members who donate their time and effort to the Post's community service activities, and yourself by paying your Legion Year 2011 membership renewal dues **now**.

The Post will be a 100% Membership Post if all members cooperate by paying their dues on time. We haven't been a 100% Membership Post for years despite the outstanding recruiting and follow-up efforts by Ted Powis. Let's all help him exceed the Post's membership goal this year!

Achieving the goal would not only bring recognition to the Post, but would make the membership chair's job easier and save money spent for postage on follow-up letters to delinquent members.

Dues payments help our Post carry out our community service activities most in the early part of the Legion year, when funds are not available from other sources. You can help by paying your dues early in July or August. You earned the right to be a Legion member the hard way, so please cooperate by sending your dues payments now to: American Legion Post 269, PO Box 245, Haslett, MI 48840.

**NEW MEMBERS** - **Frank D. Gabbert** and **Daniel J. Reid** joined Post 269 since our last

newsletter: Please welcome them when they visit our Post.

**POPPY DAYS** - The Post's annual Poppy days were conducted in front of the Michigan State University Federal Credit Union in Okemos, Haslett True Value Hardware, Haslett Rite Aid Pharmacy, Save-A-Lot, and L&L Food Markets at Carriage Hills and Haslett May 20<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>. Donations for the Poppies were down this year. As always, we could have used lots more volunteers to distribute the poppies. Proceeds are used only to help needy veterans and their families. We extend our special thanks to Ed Luther and Larry Lose for organizing this year's Poppy distribution force of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members. Our thanks to all the volunteers for donating their time and efforts to this worthy cause.



Terry Eman and Bob Wyman

**ANNUAL POST 269 BENEFIT** - Please come and join us on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm - Midnight. There will be games for the kids, corn hole

tournament, shuffleboard/bowl tournaments, 50-50 raffles, and live entertainment which will begin at 8:00 pm. There will be hot dogs for \$1.50 donation, brats for \$3 donation, and hamburgers for \$4 donation--complete with trimmings, chips & pickle. Also included in this year's benefit will be the 2nd Annual Rib Cook-Off. Entry fee is \$10, and 1st & 2nd place will be awarded. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway of the Legion. Dig up your favorite family recipe and enter for a chance to claim bragging rights for 2010.

As always, we need volunteers for set up, clean up, to sell food/beverage tickets, to man the grill, etc. If you are interested, there will be sign up sheets at the Legion. We would really appreciate the help.

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

**ARMY BIRTHDAY** - The Army's birthday was recognized with refreshments and snacks and was well attended on June 14<sup>th</sup> (also Flag Day).

**SUMMER MEETINGS** - The Legion's Executive Committee and General Membership will not meet in July. Both meetings will resume in August.

The Auxiliary will not meet in July and August. Auxiliary meetings will resume in September.

The SAL will not meet in August. Their regular meetings will resume September.

**MEMORIAL GATHERING** - Kay Fellows is hosting a memorial gathering/party in celebration of Jerry Fellows' life in their home (4420 Van Atta Road, Okemos) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 18th. Members are encouraged to attend.

## AUXILIARY CORNER

### SOCIAL EVENTS

Our fund raiser for selling the Bolgan hand

woven baskets was held on June 11th and 12th. The fund raiser netted \$131.

The Annual Legion Picnic will be on August 22nd at Lake Lansing Park North. Bring a dish to pass. Meat, drinks and tableware are furnished. It is held in the pavilion so weather will not stop the fun. There are raffles and you can sit in on a Euchre or Poker game if you like. Be sure to be there. The fun begins at noon.

The Auxiliary will hold a spaghetti dinner for the Blue Star Mothers from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The costs are: adults (over 12 years) \$7.00, 5-12 years \$5.00, and under 5 years eat free.

Due to inclement weather, the last band shell that we sponsored got rained (we should say stormed) out, but the one remaining will be on July 9th, with the Sea Cruisers. This is a free event with good entertainment and a chance to enjoy a great evening.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our newest member is **Jo Pamment**. She was at our June meeting. It's nice when our new members come to the meetings so the membership can put a face to the name from the beginning. Welcome to the unit.

**UNIT NEWS**

At our June 6th meeting, we installed our new officers for the coming year. They are as follows with phone numbers for reference:

President	Kathy Sedell	281-2115
1st Vice	Mary Sheridan	339-8603
2nd Vice	Lori Sheets	749-7101
Treasurer	Sandy McDonald	339-1036
Secretary	Sue Savage	285-7535
Sgt-At-Arms	Lynda Feneis	281-1647
Chaplain	Kay Fellows	381-5007
Historian	Nedra Vest	381-5007
Ex Board Mbrs:	Clara Baker	339-8792
	Kathy Ayers	974-7425
	Arlene Kessler	332-5780

Our meetings will resume in the fall. Please note that due to the Labor Day holiday, our next meeting will be the 2nd Sunday in September on the 12th. Please make a note of it.

We voted at our last meeting to combine poppy days in the future with the Legion and SAL under 1 entity. This should help with time and volunteering schedules.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

**JULY**

**6<sup>th</sup> - Denise Abramowicz, Murriel Miller, and Barbara Hensley, 13<sup>th</sup> - Anna Bozzi, 20<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth James, 21<sup>st</sup> - Sophia McDonald, 23<sup>rd</sup> - Carmen McDonald and Kathleen Fellows, 25<sup>th</sup> - Paula Middaugh 26<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Kelley and Patricia Scott, 30<sup>th</sup> - Jayne Elowski, 31<sup>st</sup> - Pearl Emons, Sue Frank and Cindy Huffman**

**AUGUST**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Caswell, 7<sup>th</sup> - Mary Willems, 12<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Dutter, 14<sup>th</sup> - Gloria Negus, 21<sup>st</sup> - C. Connie Everett-Connine, 25<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Sedell, 30<sup>th</sup> - Tammy Merritt, 31<sup>st</sup> - Arlene Kessler and Jordan Hayes (Jr.)**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND BEST WISHES TO ALL!!

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**NEW SAL MEMBERS** - The SAL Squadron welcomes the following new members: **Craig Iansiti** and **Bruce Chamberlain**.

**COMING EVENTS:**

**ANNUAL POST 269 BENEFIT** - The benefit will be held on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL POST 269 PICNIC** - The Post's annual picnic will be held at Lake Lansing Park North on Sunday, August 22nd. The Post will provide meat to be cooked on the grill and

beverages. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. The festivities will commence at 12:00 noon and end at 6:00 p.m. Bring the family out for a good time.

**Note: The Post lounge will be closed all day.**

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** - Don't forget to attend Meridian Township's summer Concerts in the Park program. The weekly concerts are held at 7 p.m. on Friday nights at the Lake Lansing Park band shell. The concert on July 9<sup>th</sup> will be sponsored by Post 269 (Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL) and will feature the Sea Cruisers playing "Sock Hop" music. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for an evening of great entertainment.

**MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** - The Post will hold a memorial golf scramble on September 19th at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. The scramble will kick off was with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. and honor Post Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members that passed away in the past year.

Parties interested in sponsoring a hole or registering to play golf can soon pick up an entry form at the Post.

All are welcome, so come on out and support the Post at this memorial event!

**LEGION TAPS** - We regret informing readers that **Michael J. Hamilton** passed away. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

**Support our Troops!!!**

**The Importance of Walking.**

Walking can add minutes to your life.

This enables you at 85 years old  
To spend an additional 5 months in a nursing  
Home at \$7000 per month.

My grandpa started walking

Five miles a day when he was 60.  
Now he's 97 years old  
And we don't know where he is.

I like long walks,  
Especially when they are taken  
By people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking  
Is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I have to walk early in the morning,  
Before my brain figures out what I'm doing..

I joined a health club last year,  
Spent about 400 bucks.  
Haven't lost a pound.  
Apparently you have to go there.

Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise',  
I wash my mouth out with chocolate..

The advantage of exercising every day  
Is so when you die, they'll say,  
'Well, she(he) looks good, doesn't she(he).'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing,  
Start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise  
The last few years,...  
Just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older,  
Because there's a lot more information in our  
heads.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

AND

Every time I start thinking too much  
About how I look,  
I just find a Happy Hour  
And by the time I leave,  
I look just fine.