

# AMERICAN LEGION

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Why not pay your dues now?

**TOYS FOR TOTS** - The Post has volunteered to assist the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with their annual Toys for Tots drive. The Post will serve as a drop-off point for toys. You can help by donating new unwrapped toys at the Post. We will also need volunteers to haul the collected toys to the Marines for distribution. Call the Post at 339-9018, or contact Terry Eman to help.

**VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE** - The Post's annual Veterans Day Service will be held on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be held in the Post Hall. The program will include remarks by Ted Powis, Post Commander; George Swanson, Chaplain; Kathy Sedell, Auxiliary President; Larry Lose, Executive Committee Chairman; Leslie Baehre, Judge Advocate; and at Large Members Terry Eman and Ed McDonald. The main speaker will be Bill Gohier. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

**AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS** - The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has decided to establish a service-connection for Vietnam Veterans with three additional specific illnesses based on the latest evidence of an association with the herbicides referred to Agent Orange. The illnesses affected by the recent decision are B cell leukemia, such as hairy cell leukemia; Parkinson's disease; and ischemic heart disease.

In practical terms, Veterans who served in Vietnam during the war and who have a "presumed" illness don't have to prove an

**NEW COMMANDER** - The Post Executive Committee elected **Ted Powis** to serve the remainder of Ed Luther's term as Commander. Ed resigned due to a family tragedy. Ted can normally be contacted at the Post, at (517)339-9018, between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Monday through Friday. We wish Ed's son (Ed Luther, Jr.) a complete recovery from his motorcycle accident.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** - Sincere thanks to the 161 Post members who have already renewed their Legion memberships. They and our 23 Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) members bring us to 75% of our 247 member renewal requirement. 63 Members still have not renewed their memberships for 2010.

The 2010 Legion Year dues paying period is from July 1 through December 31, 2009. You can be designated an "Early Bird" if your dues are paid by December 31st. Memberships become delinquent if not renewed by January 1 and, if not paid by February 1, the individual is not eligible for services.

association between their illnesses and their military service. This “presumption” simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits.

Other illnesses previously recognized under VA’s “presumption rule are: Acute and Subacute transient Neuropathy, AL Amyloidosis, Chloracne, Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2), Hodgkin’s Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Prostate Cancer, Respiratory Cancers, and Soft Tissue Sarcoma (other than Osteosarcoma, Chondrosarcoma, Kaposi’s Sarcoma, or Mesothelioma).

Additional information about Agent Orange and VA’s services and programs for Veterans exposed to the chemical are available at:

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange)

**FREE ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE-** All Legionnaires are entitled to a \$1,000 No Cost Accidental Death Insurance benefit if they keep their membership current. Activate by calling (866)271-2965 and your coverage will continue through August 31, 2016

**Veterans and Active Duty Military eat free at Applebees on Veterans Day**

In recognition of your service to our country, all veterans and active duty military personnel are invited to eat free at participating Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar Restaurants this Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009. As you may recall, Applebee’s launched a pilot program last year on Veterans Day offering free entrees to military service personnel and veterans. Because the response was so overwhelmingly positive, Applebee’s is extending the invitation throughout the country this year. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word. Please help us share details across your various communication channels. All U.S. veterans and active duty military with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee’s nationwide on Veterans Day Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009. Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform. For additional details, visit:

[www.applebees.com/vetsdayoutbind://19/www.applebees.com/vetsday](http://www.applebees.com/vetsdayoutbind://19/www.applebees.com/vetsday)

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**HOLIDAY TREE SALE** - The Post will be selling holiday trees again this year as a fund raiser. Trees will be sold in the Vision Collision parking lot at 1510 Haslett Road (Next to Haslett Post Office) beginning on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Trees will be priced at \$25 each.

We can use additional volunteers to sell the trees. Sign up at the Post with the date and time that you are available to help. A calendar will be posted in the hallway for that purpose. Our thanks to Vision Collision for allowing us to use their parking lot again.

**DOINGS AROUND THE POST:**

\* **FLAG POLE** - The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL joined other community organizations in sharing the costs for a flag pole and flag for the Lake Lansing Park Band Shell which was erected in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

\* **APPRECIATION TOUR** - The Post was visited by a busload of Bath American Legion Post 412 members on September 12th. The purpose of the visit was to present Post 269 with a plaque thanking us for the benefit and other assistance we provided after their Post was destroyed by fire. The event was attended by approximately 60 members of the two posts.

\* **BOB HOWE MEMORIAL BINGO** - The Post bingo scheduled for Sunday, October 18th has been postponed. The event dedicated in memory of Bob Howe, who ran the Post’s weekly Bingo program for many years, will be rescheduled for a later date.

\* **50’s SOCK HOP** - The sock hop was held at the Post on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and a good time was had by all attendees.

\* **SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE** - The shuffleboard league at the Post started its weekly competition in October. The league still needs players and substitutes. If you are interested in

playing every week, or playing occasionally as a substitute, you may contact the Post at 339-9018, or Darryl Smith at 242-1246. Teams play on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays.

\* **MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE** - Bob Wyman and others planned and coordinated a highly successful Legion Memorial Golf outing on September 20th at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course. The scramble honored Legion, members that passed away in the past year. Deceased members included: **Frank W. Ferris, Charles D. Hefner, Eugene H. Heidenberger, Guy Messacar, Bruce B. Nygren, Clyde J. Ramey, Robert Stillman, Harry G. Todd, and Robert G. Woodruff.**



Our thanks to all of the Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL volunteers that helped get sponsors and provided support for the outing! 16 Teams participated and a good time was had by all.

We also extend our thanks to the 18 sponsors for the Scramble! The scramble could not have been a success without them. The sponsors were: Applegate Financial and accounting; George Bachman; Beal's Furniture Repair and Refinishing; Darrell Brown Realty; Eye Care Assoc., Haslett; Memory of Ralph Phillips; Bob Howe; Nu Image Barbers; Haslett True Value Hardware; Invisible Fence Brand; Kositcheks; Dr. Joseph Koz; Larry & Joanne Lose; Limousines by Harris; Ed Luther; M. Van Dyk, CFP, CRPC; Vision Collision; Williamston Excavating; and Wolverine Water Treatment.

Thanks to all those who participated and

contributed heavily to the raffles, 50/50s and par three bets. The golfing was followed by a catered dinner at Wheatfield. The Wheatfield Valley Golf Course personnel were very helpful and the food was great!

\* **USMC BIRTHDAY** - The U.S. Marine Corps' birthday will be celebrated from 4-7 p.m. on November 10<sup>th</sup> with free snacks. Beer, wine and well liquor be available from 4-7 for a dollar per drink.

\* **EUCHRE TOURNAMENTS** - Euchre tournaments are being scheduled to be held at the Post. 12 Players showed up for the first tournament. The plan is to have the tournaments at least every other Sunday, if there is sufficient continuing interest. The next tournament is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Check at the post for future dates. Sign up sheets are available at the Post.

## AUXILIARY CORNER

### SOCIAL EVENTS

We're starting to go into our holiday season, so grab your calendar to make note of the important dates ahead. The annual kids Xmas party will be on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help wrap presents and assist with the event. Sign up will be discussed at November meeting.

Most of you should have received an invite to our "Tea Party" fund raiser. This makes it a simple way for all to contribute without having to purchase anything. You can mail in your donation or bring it to the next meeting.

Due to the hall at the Post being rented on our normal auxiliary meeting date on December 6<sup>th</sup>, our annual Ladies Potluck holiday luncheon will be on December 13th following our monthly meeting. Bring a wrapped gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

The birthday lunches will be resuming in January of 2010 on a quarterly basis.

### UNIT NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> District President, Linda Wallace, paid a visit

to our unit at our last meeting. She furnished us with some positive thoughts and suggestions.

Our latest fund raiser is selling Yankee candles. Orders are due in now. There is still time to order for gifts. Contact President Kathy at 281-2115 with your orders.

There are still a number of committees that need chairwomen and volunteers. Please plan on offering some time to assist on the committee of your choice.

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our newest members are **Niedra Best** and **Michelle White**. Please welcome them when you see them around the Post and at functions.

Membership dues are now past due. Please help keep your unit in good standing and pay at your earliest convenience if you have not done so already.

The next 6<sup>th</sup> District meeting is on November 8<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Davidson. Contact President Kathy Sedell if you need a ride.

Remember to wear your Auxiliary pins to our meetings or face a 25 cent fine.

**GET WELL WISHES:** We wish **Clara Baker, Mary Sheridan, Mary Williams, Kathy Ayers,** and **Rose Nieto** a speedy recovery.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:**

November

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jackie Murray
- 8<sup>th</sup> Anita Epolito
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carol Latus
- 24<sup>th</sup> Donna Hodgson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Patricia Graham
- 29<sup>th</sup> Kathy Ayers

December

- 6<sup>th</sup> Vonda Creswell
- 9<sup>th</sup> Barbara Coppersmith
- 16<sup>th</sup> Chris McKearney
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Laurie Forest
- 27<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Christian
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lori Sheets
- 30<sup>th</sup> Maria Carroll / Carolyn Sailor
- 31<sup>st</sup> Belinda Marvin

**WITH SYMPATHY** - Our deepest sympathies go to **Kay Fellows** in the loss of her husband, Jerry.

**SAL NEWS**

**SAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** - The 2010 SAL membership payments are due by December 31, 2009. Memberships become delinquent if not renewed by January 1 and, if not paid by February 1, the individual is not eligible for services. Why not pay your dues now and avoid the hassle.

**FALL RAFFLE** - The SAL will conduct a Fall raffle with drawings on November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Each ticket is eligible for all four drawings. Tickets are available at the bar and from SAL members.

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**COMING EVENTS:**

\* **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE** - Members and the public are encouraged to attend the Veterans Day service at the Post on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

\* **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Don't forget the Post's annual Christmas Party for children on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** - There will be a New Year's party at the Post on Thursday, December 31st, from 8:00 p.m. until after midnight. Festivities will include music, dancing, card games, and good company for your entertainment. Bring a dish to pass and plan on having a great time. Admission is free!

**LEGION TAPS** - We regret informing readers that Legion members **Jerry L. Fellows, William "George" E. Porter** and **Russell W. Robinson** have passed away. They will be greatly missed by their families and friends.