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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

July 4, 2019
Independence Day

July 7, 2019
A memorial service will be held in the Post hall at 12:30pm on July 7th, for Post member, Albert Anderson.

Post 143 will be saying our last goodbye to Albert, a WWII veteran.

July 17-19, 2019
Two of our Post 143 WWII members will be sponsored by the Gary Sinise foundation for an event in New Orleans. **MANY THANKS FOR SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY!**
(see Page 2 for further details

August 2019
Enjoy your summer vacation! Remember, it will b over next month!

EXTRA NOTICE
Add September 7th to your calendar for the Auxiliary Annual Yard Sale. Empty your closet, garage, shed.
(see Page 3 under Auxiliary president Mary Becker for further details)

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

July 2, 2019
NO Post & Auxiliary Meeting

July 16. 2019
NO Post & Auxiliary Executive Board meeting

July 23, 2019
NO SAL Membership Meeting

August 6, 2019
NO Post & Auxiliary Meeting

August 20, 2019
NO Post & Auxiliary Executive Board meeting

August 27, 2019
NO SAL Membership Meeting

Meetings will resume in September!

It's not the amount you pay to be a member but the price you pay to be eligible!

Visit www.legion.org/centennial for information regarding the American Legion Centennial.

The American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate its Centennial in 2019. A living history and/or photographs of our oldest member would be a memorable tribute to add to the newsletter.

Some suggestions would be to include the committees he/she served, offices held, any "day job," volunteering, family, etc.

Please send suggestions to malpost143@yahoo.com

Post 143 needs and requests the support and attendance of all Post, SAL, and Auxiliary members at Post-sanctioned functions.

Be sure to join in on our Facebook page at *American legion post 143 hill-gazette auburn hills mi*

2019/2020 Post Officers

Commander	Greg Inman
Sr Vice	Bob Schmaltz
Jr Vice	Mike Green
Adjutant	Mike Green
Finance Officer	Terry Mazzarese
Judge Advocate	Mike Green
Chaplain	Doug Elgie
Historian	John Stormzand
Sgt-at-Arms	Ken Boback
Service Officer	Open
Color Guard Chairperson	Ken Boback

Post Commander Update—Greg Inman

Legion Family. First let me say thank you for your confidence in me and electing me as your Post Commander. I am honored to serve in this capacity for the year. In spite of the dreary weather we had this spring, we had a number of successful events. The Memorial Day parade and subsequent lunch and gathering had the largest attendance in a number of years. Thanks to all who made this event a success.

The Americanism dinner hosted this year by the Auxiliary was also a success. While it was sparsely attended by the first responders, those that did make it were treated to great food prepared by the ladies Auxiliary and solid presentations by all. Finally, the recent Flag Retirement ceremony was a great success. Thanks to our FCA partners in cohosting the event. Thanks also to the Scouts and Sea Cadets that attended and participated as well.

As we relax with our families over the summer, I hope we all get energized to jump in this fall and continue the great support you give to our post and our mission to help veterans. I want one of our primary objectives in the coming year to be to continue to grow our memberships and increase overall participation in all our worthy events. To that end, for the Post, any member that attends at least six meetings in the coming year will be entered into a drawing to have their annual membership paid by me personally. The more members attend the meetings, the more they will come to realize the great things we can accomplish as we all work together. Hope to see you in the club in the coming weeks.

For God and Country

The Post has a new website www.hillgazettepost143.org

If anyone is interested, we need a webmaster for free. There are several pages that need content on our new site www.hillgazettepost143.org

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WELCOME NEW POST MEMBERS!

Your Post thanks and appreciates all those who help in our efforts to assist our veterans.

The Gary Sinise foundation is sending 30 Michigan WWII vets to the National Museum in New Orleans. Two of them are from Post 143. They and their sponsor are fully covered for a chartered flight from Detroit Metro airport, room, board, medical needs and transportation in New Orleans. They leave on July 17th and return on the 19th. They are *Harley C. Harned*, an Army Combat Engineer and *James Wiles*, WWII vet. Many thanks to these two and all who served.

Unserviceable, used and/or torn American Flags can be dropped off at any time by the Post 143 hall door or Clubroom door for proper ceremonial disposal. The purpose of The American Legion in adopting this ceremony is to encourage proper respect for the Flag of the United States and to provide for disposal of unserviceable flags in a dignified manner. The flag is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for, lived for, and died for a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

SAL Commander Update – Dan Becker

The Post 143 family rallied together to provide an excellent Memorial Day parade experience for our members, community residents, and business owners in remembering those service men and women who paid the ultimate price to defend our freedom. As Americans, we are forever grateful to our service men and women for their time, talent and service to this great nation.

On June 15, the Post conducted the Flag Retirement Ceremony in collaboration with the Fiat-Chrysler Veteran Organization and the junior Navy Cadets. This commemorative moment honored our active military, veterans and the symbolism for which the American flag represents. The SAL congratulates the Post for conducting these remarkable events.

The 2020 SAL Membership renewal period has commenced. Please remit your membership dues attention to SAL 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. The membership dues remain the same as last year at $22 SAL, $12 under 21 and $9 dual membership. By submitting your 2020 membership dues by October 31, you will be entered in the Early Bird Drawing when three winners will receive a free 2021 SAL membership. The 2019 SAL membership grew again resulting in the Department recognition for 100% membership. This past year, we had a record recruitment with the addition of 22 new members. We look forward to getting to know our new SAL family members and look forward to their participation at Legion events. We have plenty of room for more members, so please encourage your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., who are eligible to join the SAL family.

As we enter the summer months, I wish the entire Post 143 family good health and safe travels during the vacation season. The SAL Officers and I look forward to meeting with you at our monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm starting in September), in the clubroom, at the Friday family dinners (6:30pm) and at the various Post 143 events.

2019/2020 SAL Officers

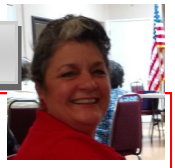
Commander	Daniel Becker
1st Vice	Allan Blascak
2nd Vice	William Hall Jr
Adjutant	Steve Bliven
Finance Officer	Al Blascak
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Mel Pohl
Post Advisor	Greg Inman

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Larry Harrison

Ronald Moniz

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker



Hello everyone,

I hope you're enjoying the spring weather and I know you have welcomed summer by now!

I would like start out by thanking all the Auxiliary for their awesome work in cooking for the Americanism dinner in honoring our police officers and firefighters. We received so many compliments on the chicken. You girls rock!

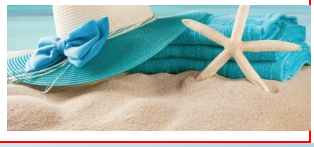
I would also like to thank everyone that helped put flags out at the cemetery before Memorial Day. We would like to see more volunteers on this before next year. Congrats to ***Mike Green*** for putting the Memorial parade together again for the community and our post!! Also thanks to all members and volunteers for helping with the parade. We would love to see more members walking or riding in the parade for next year.

We had a very nice flag retirement ceremony which is always the Saturday after flag day. Thanks to all who volunteered and thanks to Chrysler for purchasing all the food. All is welcome to attend this event.

Auxiliary meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm and if you know anyone that could be a member, please let me know. We are also looking for a secretary to be on our team. There are 18th District meetings and conventions that we go to so if anyone is interested, please let me know.

Ok, start cleaning out your closet ! We are having our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 7th. It will start at 9am and will run until 4pm. Tables will be $15. If the weather is bad, we will move inside hall.

Have a wonderful summer!



2019/2020 Auxiliary Officers

President	Mary Becker
1st Vice	Kelly Vondra
2nd Vice	Michele Riera
Secretary	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Marlene Makuch
Treasurer	Donna Harned
Chaplain	Marsha Davids
Historian	Kelly Vondra
Past President	Dorothy Johnson
Poppy Chair	Open

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Liberty is the breath of life to nations.

George Bernard Shaw

WORDS OF WISDOM

Freedom is one of the deepest and noblest aspirations of the human spirit

Ronald Reagan

Where Liberty dwells, there is my country!

Benjamin Franklin

One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation evermore!

Oliver Wendell Holmes

America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination

Harry S. Truman

If you would like to include an article, comment, notice, or upcoming event in the newsletter, please send your request to *malpost143@yahoo.com*

State your request and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Corner—Rose Elgie

PRAYERS REQUESTED for good health for all of our Post, SAL, and Auxiliary Members!
Prayers requested for families of:

Post member Marvin Krueger's mother, Norma Jean Krueger, passed 5/22/19

Post 143 Hall & Pavilion Rentals

- Ample lighted parking
- Hall Capacity up to 230
- Funeral luncheons
- Bridal Showers, Weddings
- Quinceaneras
- Qualified Bartenders
- Outdoor Pavilion for outdoor parties

- Member's Discount Available
- Class Reunions
- Graduations
- Birthday Celebrations & more!

Call for Availability & Reservations:
Call Post 248-852-4880 (leave message)

Be sure to consider booking your next Party with us!

Birthdays Anniversaries

July Birthdays

3rd – Geri Bradley
3rd – Michael Robert Modders
6th – Dan Becker
10th – John Popp
13th – Patrick Irish
18th – Kitty Dault
19th – Joe Lafnear II
22nd – Juliana Damron
24th – Mike Green
25th – Ben Kolasinski
29th – Adam Blascak

August Birthdays

1st – Debbie Reyes
4th – Linda Shaffer
4th – Beverly Green
5th – Chester Bartle
8th – Marilyn Kwolik
10th – Evelyn Ross
12th – Andrew Myatt
18th – Sandi Ferrell
18th – Mary Wall
19th – Joe Lafnear/ Sr
24th – Nancy Damron

July Anniversaries

7/4/15 – Clinton & Kimberly Westover
7/7/? – Joe & Elissa Lafnear II
7/8/05 – Greg & Lisa Inman
7/8/? - James & Leslie Thompson
7/12/86 – Al & Trish Blascak
7/16/77 – Tom & Anne Cavalier
7/ 21/ 73 – Chester & Sue Bartle
7/ 26/ 69 – Phillip & Diana Neff
7/ 29/ 77 – Bob & Pat Schmaltz
7/ 29/ 06 – Shaun & Michelle Pate

August Anniversaries

8/ 2/ 96 – Kelly & Steve Vondra
8/ 9/ 69 – Robert & Dawn Modders
8/ 27/ 66 – Jack & Lynn Hunn
8/ 29/ 81 – Doug & Rose Elgie

Also, please consider receiving your newsletter by email instead of snail mail, please send your email address to:
malpost143@yahoo.com

The **birthday, anniversary, email, and address** lists are always in need of updating. Any member who does not see their birthday or anniversary listed is asked to send your information to the Post either by mail to PO Box 214183, Auburn Hills, MI 48321 Attn: Newsletter Editor or email to ***malpost143@yahoo.com***.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Clubroom CLOSED*	2 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***NO Post & Auxiliary Meeting***	3 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	4 *Clubroom CLOSED*	5 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* **Call Clubroom for Friday's menu or check Facebook** **Host:**	6 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
7 *Clubroom CLOSED*	8 *Clubroom CLOSED*	9 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*	10 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	11 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***Movie at 7:30pm Free Popcorn***	12 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* **Call Clubroom for Friday's menu or check Facebook** **Host:**	13 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
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Bar Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

REMINDER

For an evening of fun with fellow veterans and members, be sure to call the Clubroom for Karaoke nights.

Karaoke is being planned for every weekend. Be sure to call ahead to see if it will be Friday or Saturday

ALWAYS NEED YOUR OLD KEYS, aluminum can tabs, batteries, door knobs, brass, miscellaneous steel!

The Clubroom continues to collect old keys, brass, miscellaneous steel and/or locks to use for raising funds for medical dialysis machines in local hospitals for children. Keys, old door knobs, locks, miscellaneous metal pieces, etc., can be dropped off in the Post Clubroom after 4pm or place them outside the clubroom door if closed.

Clubroom/Post Phone No. 248-852-4880

CLUBROOM ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERS

Post, Auxiliary, and SAL members can be volunteer bartenders and are always needed for the Clubroom! Call Steve at 248-852-4880 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer!

Post Clubroom has a NEW pool table, NEW ATM machine w/low fees, internet juke box, bowling and penny games. All for Clubroom entertainment. Come check them out!

Friday Night Dinners

Relax every Friday evening by joining us and visiting with fellow members! Want to contribute for the Friday dinners? Sign up in Clubroom for a Friday meal. Have a favorite family recipe? Pick a date, make the dinner, and share for a Friday dinner. ***Steak dinner planned for coming months!***

Be sure to check the monthly calendars for *Friday's dinner selection* ! *Many, many thanks* to all who donate and/or participate in our (mostly homemade) *Friday Night Dinners!!*

Movie Night every Thursday! Popcorn provided free to all! Be sure to make a request for a movie you want to see!

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

We had several members and friends take time out of their day to clean the Legion parking lot pavement then paint the yellow strips for parking spaces and blue for disabled parking spaces. Those members were Lisa Green, Linda & Bill Hall and Dale Fairman. Thank you! I cleaned gutters and downspouts on the Post building. William Hall, Jr., trimmed the front hedges in the front of the building.

Local American Legion News

- Volunteers are always needed.
- Please contact Post 143 at 248-852-4880 to advise when you are able to help!

A Salute to all our veterans for their service to our great country!

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MAY/JUNE POST EVENTS!

May 27, 2019
Memorial Day Parade
(photos by
John Stormzand)

June 9, 2019. Donation from Auburn Hills Unit 143 presented by Kelly Vondra and 18th District given during Michigan Veterans Foundation visit. Thank you Darlene Jones and Shylynn Jones for bringing Miss Jr Poppy.

UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS CEREMONY

The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags is outlined in Resolution No. 440, passed by the 19th National Convention of The American Legion in New York, September 20-23, 1937. The ceremony has been an integral part of American Legion ritual since that date.

Post 143 flag retirement was Saturday, June 15, 2019. Many thanks to all who participated to make this another successful ceremony.

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GAZETTE

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Enjoy your 4th of July Holiday with friends & family

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