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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Monday, September 2, 2019

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Annual Auxiliary Yard Sale 9am-4pm

Saturday, October 12, 2019

Witches Crawl 7pm-12:30am (info on page 2)

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Annual SAL Bowling Fundraiser at Classic Lanes, Rochester Hills, sign up 4:30pm

Saturday, October 26 2019

Halloween Costume Party In Clubroom 8pm-?

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Happy Halloween

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

2020 Membership cards are ready and available. To be entered in Early bird drawing, dues would need to be paid by November 1. Dues for (3) from drawing will have dues for 2021 paid!

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Contact your Dept leaders

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

September 3, 2019
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

September 17, 2019
Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

September 24, 2019
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

October 1, 2019
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

October 15, 2019
Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

October 22, 2019
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

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

Thousands of honorably discharged veterans are now able to join the American Legion under new legislation passed in August 2019. Under the new law, any honorably discharged veteran who has served since Dec. 7, 1941, is eligible to join. "Expanding Legion membership improves services for veterans across Arizona and honors our brave service members killed or injured during periods of unrecognized war," Arizona Democrat Senator Kyrsten Sinema said in a statement.

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	Bill Davis
Service Officer	Open
Color Guard Chairperson	Open

Post Commander Update—Greg Inman

Greetings fellow Legionaries.

Hope you are enjoying your summer. On a personal note, I've been very busy at work but have managed to get some time camping with family. I hope you all have enjoyed some well-deserved time off as well.

We are well into the renewal season so if you haven't yet, I encourage you to renew your membership. Either online or through the mail is fine.

As you may have read, Congress has approved "The LEGION Act — Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — fills in the gaps of war eras and redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates, beginning with the bombing of Pearl Harbor and continuing until it is determined the United States is no longer in a state of war." What this means is that if you have friends that were previously ineligible, now is the time to invite them to check us out.

I look forward to getting back together starting next month. I'd like our focus to be on three things. First, re-engage our existing members to participate in Post events; second, seek to expand our membership across the Post, Aux and SAL; and finally focus on fundraising and our core mission of supporting veterans and their families.

I hope to see you all in September energized to support these objectives.

For God and Country.

WELCOME NEW POST MEMBERS!

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

There will be a Witches Crawl on Saturday, October 12th, from 7:00pm to 12:30am. The cost is $35 per Witch. This includes a seat on the Limo Witch Bus, a tip for the driver, bottled water, snacks on the bus and pizza at the end of the crawl. The crawl will consist of up to 4 stops including Oxford American Legion and Lake Orion American Legion. Witches are responsible for their own drinks at each stop. Witches will meet at Auburn Hills American Legion Post 143 at 7:00pm, with the Witch bus leaving promptly at 7:30pm. The Bus will return to the Auburn Hills American Legion post 143 at 12:30am. The Limo Bus will hold 25 Witches so reserve your seat soon! Full payment of $35 will secure your seat - reserve early with Trish Blascak

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

As the school year and fall season begins, I hope all the SAL members had a safe, relaxing and healthy summer with your family and friends. It's that time of year again, the 2020 SAL membership cards are available, so please remit your 2020 dues to: SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, or pay in person at the clubroom. These dues remain the same amount as previous years ($22 SAL membership, $12 SAL under 21 years & $9 Dual Post members). All SAL members who remit their 2020 dues by November 1 will be entered into the Early Bird Drawing. Three members' names will be drawn and will receive their 2021 SAL membership for free. Please remit your dues early to give yourself a chance to win.

The SAL invites all members of Post 143 along with their family and friends to join us for

an evening of bowling on Sunday, October 20, at Classic Lanes, at 2145 Avon Industrial Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Event registration begins at 4:30pm with bowling from 5-8pm. Bowling, shoes and pizza are included with your donation of $20 plus fabulous raffle opportunities. Non-bowlers are welcome to enjoy the event and pizza for $10. This fundraiser and your membership dues significantly contribute to support the SAL charitable efforts for our veterans and local community. Please plan to join us for an evening of comradery and family fun.

The SAL Officers and I look forward to meeting with you at our monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm), in the clubroom, at the Friday family dinners (6:30pm) and at the various Post 143 events.

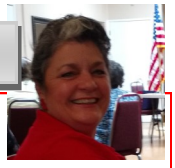
2019/2020 SAL Officers

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!

Charles Harris
Carlton McCallister
Dayton McCallister
Greyson Steed
Caiden Wilder

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker



Hello Everyone,

Wow!! Where did the summer go, fall is right around the corner. I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and is doing well. It has been a very busy two months even though we had two months off. Now that fall is approaching, lots of fun events are coming up, can't wait to see you there. I attended a conference on June 29. We learned a lot of new info and had a great time. When you come to our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month, we can pass it on to you.

We are in need of a Chaplin and Secretary so if you're interested, please let me know. We also have other committee positions that we always need help on. We should always be trying to recruit new members and due to the new bill that was passed, all veterans can join if they served. Always smile and welcome everyone!

I would like to personally thank everyone who always helps out and takes time out of their busy schedule to help our post with events.

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	Open
Historian	Kelly Vondra
Past President	Dorothy Johnson
Poppy Chair	Open

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

To be born free is an accident, To live free is a privilege, To die free is a responsibility.

Brig. General James Sehorn

WORDS OF WISDOM

If you're not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you're determined, no one can stop you.

Zig Ziglar

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

General George Patton

VICTORY has a thousand fathers But DEFEAT is an orphan,

John F. Kennedy

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:

Auxiliary member, Trish Blascak's, mother, Evelyn Freiman, passed August 5, 2019

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

September Birthdays

1st – Dawn Modders
9th – Linda Green
13th – Mike Hilborn
14th – Robert Stockard
25th – Greg Inman
25th – Leonard Kosnik
26th – Elvy Flum
27th – Emily Sharick
28th – Robert F. Miller
30th – Beth Green

October Birthdays

1st –Ronald Moniz
1st –Daymon McCallister
2nd – Danielle Vondra
5th – Bob Schmaltz
6th – Lisa Inman
10th – Paul Monarch
18th – Michelle Pate
25th-Leonard Kyllonen
28th – Phil Harrison
30th – Glenda Windels

September Anniversaries

9/ 16/ 83 – Ray & Elvy Flum
9/ 27/? – Bill & Mary Ann Davis
9/ 30/ 96 – Bob & Marie Hill

October Anniversaries

10/ 7/ 72 – Joe & Gerri Lafnear
10/ 8/70 – Curtis & wife
10/ 11/ 68 – Diana & Bob Matthes
10/ 17/ 93 – Bob & Barb Miller
10/ 22/ 88 – Dan & Mary Becker

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***.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Clubroom CLOSED*	2 *Clubroom CLOSED* **LABOR DAY**	3 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm*	4 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	5 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	6 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Chicken, red skin potatoes, Veggie, dessert Host: Lisa Green	7 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Annual Auxiliary Yard Sale 9am-4pm*
8 *Clubroom CLOSED*	9 *Clubroom CLOSED*	10 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*	11 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	12 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	13 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, dessert Host: Ken & Pat Boback	14 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
15 *Clubroom CLOSED*	16 *Clubroom CLOSED*	17 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm*	18 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	19 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	20 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Polish dinner, dessert Host: Al & Trish Blascak	21 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
22 *Clubroom CLOSED*	23 *Clubroom CLOSED*	24 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm*	25 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	26 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	27 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Fish Fry, fries, cole-slaw, dessert Host: Clubroom	28 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
29 *Clubroom CLOSED*	30 *Clubroom CLOSED*					

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.

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

Paul Monarch, Post Navy veteran, and I replaced the laundry tub in the back storage room in the clubroom from a single to a double tub. Also replaced PVC pipe drain lines for other items in the same room as well.

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!

October 2019

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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.

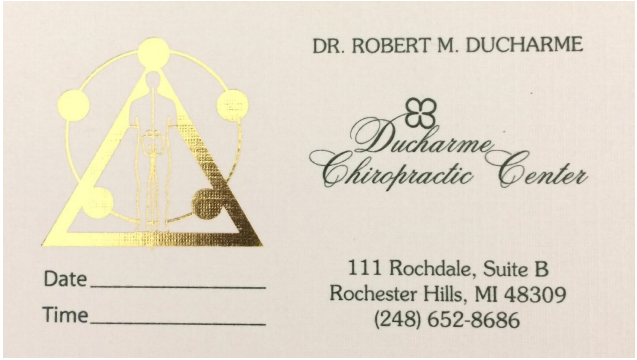
New Law Will Allow Thousands More Veterans to Join American Legion

Thousands of honorably discharged veterans are now able to join the American Legion under new legislation signed by President Donald Trump.

Under the new law, any honorably discharged veteran who has served since Dec. 7, 1941, may join the American Legion, meaning military veterans who served in what were previously considered periods of peacetime between wars are now eligible for membership. Be sure to notify friends and acquaintances that they are now eligible to join.

PLEASE PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

Contact American Legion at 248.852.4880 to be added to our growing list!



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GAZETTE

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