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***NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**: Submissions to: newsletter@malpost143.org*

UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Happy New Year

Monday, January 20, 2020

Martin Luther King day

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Played at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fl

Friday, February 14, 2020

Valentine's day

Monday, February 17, 2020

President's day

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Mardi Gras party in Clubroom

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Americanism Dinner for Auburn Hills Fire, Police, EMS

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

January 7, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board follows Post meeting
(only Executive Board Chairpersons needed to attend

January 14, 2020
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm
Auxiliary Executive Board

February 4, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Executive Board follows

February 18, 2020
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm
Auxiliary Executive Board

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

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS!

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

Be sure to review the new website for Post 143 at hillgazettepost143.org for any upcoming events and other pertinent updates

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

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a great holiday and enjoyed some time off with your families.

As you are reading this, please take a moment and make sure you have sent in your 2020 dues. If you have not paid as yet, they are now overdue. For those that have, thank you. Please encourage those that have not paid to get up to date. It's tough to see our membership dwindling. If you have suggestions or recommendations to increase our membership or get more participation from our membership, I'd love to hear from you. Drop me a line at commander@hillgazettepost143.org with any suggestions.

We have a number of upcoming activities you'll not want to miss. February 22nd will be our Mardi Gras celebration in the clubroom. March 21 will be our Americanism dinner in the hall to honor our Auburn Hills Police, Fire, and EMS first responders and will celebrate St Patrick's day Saturday, March 14th, with food and live music in the hall. Tickets will be available in the club room or at the door. As always, please join us in the clubroom on Wednesday evenings for taco night and on Fridays for dinner.

As we enter into the new year, I encourage you to stay connected and be sure to reach out to any veterans in need. There are a number of ways to get involved.

For God and Country

WELCOME NEW POST MEMBERS!

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

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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 SAL Officers and I thank all the members for their generosity and support provided throughout the year which benefit our community and local organizations.

Congratulations to Bob Hill, Preston Nikodemski, and Kim Whitmer who were all winners of the 2020 Early Bird Membership Registration drawing held in November. These gentlemen won pre-paid 2021 SAL memberships. It pays to submit your membership dues early.

Your 2020 membership dues and donations are key components that enable the SAL to provide the needed support within the communities we serve. If you have not paid your 2020 membership dues then I encourage you to take the moment to do so today by remitting your dues ($22.00) to SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills 48326 or by dropping it off in the clubroom. Also, please encourage eligible family and friends to join, so they can enjoy you in the Legion experience.

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

From the SAL Officers and myself, we wish all of our members' good health, prosperity, and success in the new year.

2019/2020 SAL Officers

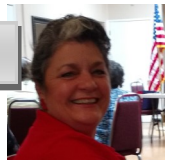
Commander	Daniel Becker
1st Vice	Allan Blascak
2nd Vice	William Hall Jr
Adjutant	Steve Bliven
Finance Officer	Al Blascak
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Mel Pohl
Post Advisor	Greg Inman

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Mike Giles

Dale Wright

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker



Hello Everyone! Happy New Year!!

I hope it was a great year for all of you. I would like to start out by thanking the Auxiliary for all their help in decorating and cooking for the children's Christmas party and donating their time and effort to make this happen.

Thanks to all that was at the adult Christmas party...what a great time! I would like to thank all that always help around the post to make it a great post.

We still have Chairmen openings in the Auxiliary. Please join us and choose a position. The Auxiliary meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Please contact me if you need more info. We are always looking for more members...so recruit, recruit, recruit.

We have some events coming up. Traditional Mardi Gras is February 25th and St Patty's is March 14th, hope to see you then. We are always donating to the Veterans, so if you have anything please let us know.

PS: Stay safe and be healthy.

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

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Elaine Ferda

Asalei Giles

Peggy Kyllonen

Maryann Mohring

Jillian Reynolds

Twanisha Potter

Mary Spicer

Michelle Smith

Mary Sullivan

Lisa Nagorski

The difference between setting a goal and achieving it is having a good plan and working it.

Les Brown

WORDS OF WISDOM

The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each individual

Vince Lombardi

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

Helen Keller

Climb the mountain so you can see the world, not so the world can see you.

Author Unknown

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

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

Post member Bill Davis was in auto accident in November & healing at home with a broken arm.

Auxiliary members Rose Elgie, Donna Harned & Connie Wright lost their brother, Douglas Harned December 15

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

New December Birthday

31st – Mary Spicer

January Birthdays

1st - Robert Hartbarger
2nd – Curtis B Carnes
5th – Trish Blascak
6th – Michael Giles
11th – Donna Harned
12th – Bill Davis
15th – James Jensen
16th – Glen Laursen
15th – James Jensen
17th – Maryann Mohring
17th – Connie Hoadley
17th – Michele Riera
20th – Andrea Gubarieu
20th – Lori Schroeder
21st – Al Blascak
24th - Robert Hill
28th – Cameron Tackett
30th – Archie Archambault
31st – John (Jack) Hunn

February Birthdays

4th – Steve Bliven
14th – Joe Ruiz
15th – Roger Dault
29th – Robert Pearson (Leap Years)

January Anniversaries

1/ 7/– Wallace & Eleanor Johnson
1/ 12 – Sheila & Richard Fleishans
1/ 12 – Bob & Sandy Jones
1/19 – James &Sharon Jensen

February Anniversaries

2/ 14 – Todd and Amy Wade
2/ 15 – Michael & KathleenModders
2/28 – John & Donna Stormzand

Also, if you have an email address, please forward your email address to:
malpost143@yahoo.com

The newsletter is no longer being mailed through the postal service.

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*.

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Clubroom CLOSED* HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	4 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
5 *Clubroom CLOSED*	6 *Clubroom CLOSED*	7 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm*	8 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	9 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	10 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	11 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
12 *Clubroom CLOSED*	13 *Clubroom CLOSED*	14 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*	15 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	16 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	17 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	18 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
19 *Clubroom CLOSED*	20 *Clubroom CLOSED* *MLK day*	21 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm*	22 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	23 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	24 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Homemade sloppy joes, salad, dessert Host: Trish & Al	25 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
26 *Clubroom CLOSED*	27 *Clubroom CLOSED*	28 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm*	29 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	30 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	31 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	

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!

Please refer to your emailed newsletter or Facebook for upcoming events and Friday night meals!

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

No projects report for the last months.

If Friday night dinners are not filled in the calendars, please call clubroom for further details and/or check details on the Facebook page American Legion Post 143 Hill-Gazette Auburn Hills MI

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!

Friday, February 14, 2020

February 2020

Mardi Gras, 2/22

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
2 *Clubroom CLOSED* **Superbowl LIV**	3 *Clubroom CLOSED*	4 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm***	5 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	6 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***Movie at 7:30pm Free Popcorn***	7 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* **Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom**	8 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
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Americanism Dinner is March 21—watch for next month's newsletter for details

Photos from Annual Children's Pancake Breakfast with Santa events!

Annual Santa's Pancake Breakfast Saturday, December 14, 2019

Photos from Adult Christmas Party in Clubroom
Saturday, December 7, 2019

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Sunday, February 2, 2020

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Friday, February 14, 2020

Monday, February 17, 2020

Mardi Gras party
Saturday, February 22, 2020