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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Saturday, March 14, 2020

St. Patrick's Party in Hall 7pm
Siren playing

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Americanism Dinner in hall for Auburn Hills Fire, Police, EMS cocktails 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Friday, April 10, 2020

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

March 3, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm

March 17, 2020
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

March 24, 2020
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

April 7, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Mtg follows Post meeting
(only Executive Board Chairpersons needed to attend but Auxiliary encouraged to attend)

April 28, 2020
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!

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

WELCOME NEW POST MEMBERS!

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

Post Commander Update—Greg Inman

Greetings Legionnaires.

I hope you are enjoying the mild weather we have been having lately. As we approach spring I wanted to remind you of a few activities we have coming up. I'm sure you'll find details elsewhere in this newsletter.

In March we will be hosting a public-welcome, St. Patrick's party upstairs in the hall. We will have a live band, great food prepared by the wonderful ladies in the Auxiliary and as always a cash bar. Hope to see you there.

The following Saturday, March 22, we will be honoring our local police and fire with our annual **Americanism** dinner. Please join us as we recognize these outstanding men and women of our community. Tickets are available in the club-room and at the door.

Also wanted to put out a final reminder that we are well on our way into 2020 and if you haven't renewed your dues yet, it's certainly not too late. We'd love to see you around the club room as well as supporting our events and meetings. The Post Executive Board now meets every other month. Be sure to attend your Post meetings for important upcoming events.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter with information about our Memorial Day parade as well as our Flag Retirement Ceremony in June.

For God and Country,

Greg

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. We also thank our members for being excellent SAL ambassadors as we have 11 new members for 2020. It is great to see and meet our new members. I highly encourage our new members along with our existing members to participate in the various Post 143 events throughout the year. Membership is critical to our success. If you have not paid your

2020 membership dues, then please take the moment to do so.

We are still in need of a few good men to join the SAL officer ranks. As an SAL officer, it gives you the opportunity to meet and make friends with the Post 143 members and to directly impact how we execute our mission of service. Nominations for the various SAL officer positions will be accepted up to the April SAL meeting when the elections will be conducted. The new officers are inducted during the May SAL meeting as their term is from June 1, 2020, through May 31, 2021. Please contact me should you have any questions or would like to nominate yourself for an officer position.

I will be not seeking re-election for the SAL Commander position, so we are looking for a member who will lead the organization into the next year. It has truly been an honor to serve. I have the highest regards for the organization and our members.

The SAL Officers and I look forward to meeting with you at our monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm), at the clubroom, at the Friday family dinners (6:30pm) and at the various Post 143 events. Together, I'm confident we can make a difference in the communities we serve.

2019/2020 SAL Officers

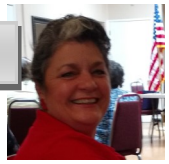
Commander	Daniel Becker
1st Vice	Allan Blascak
2nd Vice	William Hall Jr
Adjutant	Steve Bliven
Finance Officer	Al Blascak
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Mel Pohl
Post Advisor	Greg Inman

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Charles Hall

Roman Samokyszyn

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker



Hello Everyone!! I hope your winter has been going well so far; it's been a pretty calm one. Happy spring time!! I am so excited for the New Year. This year has already had some sad times and some happy times, but we keep pushing through it and make more memories.

I want to thank everyone as always for your time and hard work to make things happen at this great post. We are always looking for help with upcoming veteran events. We are all volunteers, and you are greatly appreciated for all your help. We are always looking for new members.

We have a lot of fun events coming up so please join us in some laughs. Our annual Americanism Dinner honoring our first responders and local police is planned for March 2, then our St Patty's party in the hall on March 14th. For more info, please call our club room.

I want to welcome all new Auxiliary members (please bring/recruit a friend). Everyone is welcome. We will see you on the first Tuesday of every month for our monthly Auxiliary meeting. Our meeting starts at 7pm and the second Tuesday for the Executive Board meeting which also starts at 7pm. If you are a member, pay your dues by November 1st and you get someone to join, an extra entry will be added for you for the early bird drawing in November. Dues are always due before the new year so if you are behind, come see us ASAP!! PS... All we have is time, so make the best of it, enjoy it, cherish it, hang on to it, and embrace it, Take care and stay 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!

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*

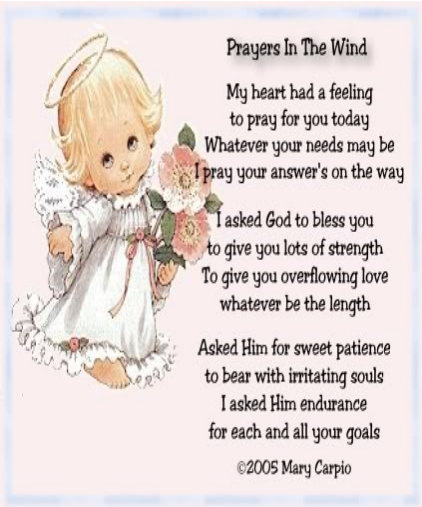
State your request and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Corner

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

SAL member Steven Bliven lost his mother January 7 and his father January 11, 2020

SAL member William Hall in the hospital through February



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

March Birthdays

3rd – Rob Drew
13th–Linda Polasek Hall
16th – Ray Flum
20th – Kelly Vondra
21st – Keith Galbraith
28th – Harold Tackett

April Birthdays

1st – Dawn Cooper
5th – Jack Kettler
7th – Ken Hebel
8th – Linda Hill
10th – Mary Becker
17th – Mario Pelka
17th – Diana Matthes
17th – Gloria Norris
17th – Thomas Cavalier
19th – Larry Evon
20th – Linda Kaarle
25th – Roger Hill
26th – Anne M Tomshoen
26th – Cassandra Hill
27th – Sandy Jones

March Anniversaries

3/4/88 – Beverly & Charlie Green
3/9/68 – Pat & Ken Boback
3/11/72 – Sandra & Terry Frisch
3/30/93 – Joyce & Al Teryek

April Anniversaries

4/13/84 – Jim & Beulah Wiles
4/21/86 – Ron & Connie Hoadley
4/27/ 85 – Ken & Brenda Hebel
4/29/? – Mike & Glenda Windels

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***.

March 17, 2020

March 2020

March 20, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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1 *Clubroom CLOSED*	2 *Clubroom CLOSED*	3 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm* *Post Executive Board Mtg 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* Fish fry, fries, cole-slaw, dessert Host: Clubroom	7 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
8 *Clubroom CLOSED* 18th District Mtg @ Farmington 2pm	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* Fish fry, fries, cole-slaw, dessert Host: Clubroom	14 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* St. Patrick's Party in Hall at 7pm Band: Siren
15 *Clubroom CLOSED*	16 *Clubroom CLOSED*	17 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *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* Fish fry, fries, cole-slaw, dessert Host: Clubroom	21 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Americanism Dinner Cocktails 6:30pm, dinner 7pm Supporting police, EMS & fire personnel
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29 *Clubroom CLOSED*	30 *Clubroom CLOSED*	31 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm*				

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, door knobs, brass, miscellaneous steel! NO BATTERIES!!

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

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!

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm* *Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	2*Clubroom Opens 4 pm* ***Movie at 7:30pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	3*Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Fish fry, fries, cole-slaw, dessert Host: Clubroom	4*Clubroom Opens 4 pm*
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Photo from
Valentines' Day in the Clubroom,
February 24, 2020

Photos from
Mardi Gras in the Clubroom,
February 22, 2020

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Good Friday is a Christian holiday recalling the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover. It is also known as **Holy Friday**, **Great Friday**, and **Black Friday**.[2][3][4]

Members of many Christian denominations, including the Anglican, Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Oriental Orthodox, and Reformed traditions, observe Good Friday with fasting and church services.[5][6][7]

The date of Good Friday varies from one year to the next on both the Gregorian and Julian calendars. Eastern and Western Christianity disagree over the computation of the date of Easter and, therefore, of Good Friday. Good Friday is a widely instituted legal holiday around the world, including in most Western countries and 12 U.S. states.[8] Some countries, such as Germany, have laws prohibiting certain acts, such as dancing and horse racing, that are seen as profaning the solemn nature of the day.

Acc Judas Iscariot arrested Garden of Gethsemane 30 pieces of silver Matthew 26:14–16 betraying Jesus om- eve he kisses Annas high priest Caiaphas Sanhed- rin John 18:1–24

Greek Latin festival holiday resurrec- tion of Jesus New Testament his crucifixion Calvary Passion of Jesus Lent Great Lent fasting prayer penance

VETERANS PAGE

The Home Front Victory Celebration – 75 commemorates the 75th Anniversary of the End of World War Two. It includes events during the weekend of May 15-17, 2020.

Friday, May 15 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM a meet and greet at Yankee Air Museum featuring notable personalities connected to the HFVC - 75. Pilots, Original Rosies, WWII Veterans, bandleaders, our curator and WWII experts will describe their roles. This event is FREE to attend, but pre-registration will be required and attendance will be limited to a few hundred.

On Sunday, May 17, from at 9:00AM to 11:00AM, "Tim Horton's Coffee with Rosie the Riveter" will be at Yankee Air Museum. There is no cost to attend this event, but pre-registration will be required and attendance will be limited to two hundred. WWII Veterans, Holocaust Survivors and Original Rosies will attend.

Sunday, May 17th from 11:00AM until 1:00PM: The Air Adventure Hangar will be open for the public to observe. Air Adventure rides are on sale now through our website. https://yankeeairmuseum.org/fly/

On Sunday, May 17th from 1:15PM to 4:00PM the Washtenaw Community Concert Band will perform "Salute to Victory - 75 Years" at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. This event begins with a presentation on the Home Front effort before and during World War Two, by Capt. Randy Hotton (U.S. Navy-Ret.). There is no cost to attend and the Michigan Theater will seat approximately 1800 people.

St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 *(March 14 Party in Hall 7pm)*

Saint Patrick's feast day, as a kind of national day, was already being celebrated by the Irish in Europe in the ninth and tenth centuries. In later times, he became more and more widely seen as the patron of Ireland. Saint Patrick's feast day was finally placed on the universal liturgical calendar in the Catholic Church due to the influence of Waterford-born Franciscan scholar Luke Wadding in the early 1600s. Saint Patrick's Day thus became a holy day of obli-

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