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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Submissions to: newsletter@hillgazettepost143.org

UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

DUE TO VIRUS—Be sure to review all calendar items. Verify with Clubroom or officers for all meetings, dinners and functions scheduled. CLUBROOM CLOSED DUE TO VIRUS.

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Post Pavilion will be held

Monday, May 25, 2020

As of printing, the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled as normal. Check with Post to confirm.

Sunday, June 21, 2020

POPPY DAYS SOON! Please read message on Page 2

Avondale Reunion Party
August 15th following annual Dream Cruise!

IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM AMERICAN LEGION AUXIIARY

The 2020 National Convention has been cancelled. As a result, the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention is also cancelled. After careful review of our Constitution & Bylaws and consulting with National Parliamentarian Chris Dickey, the 2019-2020 national officers, chairmen, and committee members will continue to serve in their roles until the 2021 National Convention or upon resignation. Post 143 officers will continue as American Legion National dictates.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

MAY MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED

May 5, 2020
Post & Auxiliary

May 12, 2020
Auxiliary Executive Board-meeting 7pm
ZOOM meeting, email kvondra@yahoo.com for ID and password to join meeting

May 26, 2020
SAL Membership

JUNE MEETINGS MAY BE CANCELLED

June 2, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Mtg follows Post meeting
(only Executive Board Chairpersons need to attend but Auxiliary is encouraged to attend)

June 9, 2020
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

June 23, 2020
SAL Membership

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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 Legionaries,

What a strange and difficult time we are currently experiencing. As you know, the events I mentioned in my previous submission were cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation. For those of you that live in Michigan, you are also aware that we closed our clubroom and ceased hall rentals to comply with guidelines and ensure the safety of our membership and the general public. As you might imagine these are our two biggest sources of fundraising. Once the situation changes and it is once again safe to open our doors, I ask that you stop down, visit and responsibly enjoy a beverage. I look forward to your support as our fundraising events resume. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for information as it becomes available. Memorial Day parade and Flag retirement ceremony are the next two events in the plan but again stay tuned to see if they take place.

Finally regarding Post elections, the Executive Committee followed the lead of National, Department, Zone and District and voted on and passed Emergency Constitution and Bylaw Provisions Article VII, Section 10 which states Posts may elect not to hold elections as recommended by Department Resolution 20-9 and National Resolution No. 3. Current officers shall remain in place until the normal 2021 elections are held next year.

As we continue to comply with guidelines, I ask that you reach out to your fellow veterans, do a buddy check, and continue to support in any way you can.

For God and Country, Greg

Hello, My name is Mari Harvey-Edwards. I have been an inactive member of Post 143 Auxiliary for years. I was appointed to chair the 2020 Poppy Drive until an election can be held. I am excited about the opportunity to be active in the Auxiliary. This year will be a challenge to try and get the public to think about anything other than COVID 19.

I have a few corporate contacts that I will send a request for support to and I have changed up the marketing a little for the public places. I am waiting for the "stay home" order to be lifted to find small business that will allow me to place a boot/can in their establishment to collect donations.

I am sure you all will be receiving a little note from me as well. I miss my American Legion friends and I am looking forward to seeing them all again soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mari

P.S. These boots will hold the traditional Poppy collection cans....I will be decorating them this week with paper Poppies and buttons/pins that celebrate the Poppy meaning.

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

Today, I write this SAL article with much gratitude and in remembrance of the generations before us who served to protect us. With that same level of gratitude, let's honor our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, police, fire, first responders, mail carriers, grocery workers, delivery personnel, and truck drivers. The list of "essential workers" is too vast to name all who are working to provide and to protect us.

We all are combatting the Covid-19 crisis together for the common goal of health and well-being for all. With that said, from myself and the SAL Officers, we wish the entire Post 143 family and their loved ones good health… take care of one another. Stay home, stay safe and stay healthy.
Dan Becker

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!

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker

Hello everyone, Happy Spring and Summer!

I hope you are staying safe and healthy. With all the crazy lockdowns and staying at home, we have a lot of time on our hands. The Auxiliary has been putting their heads together planning some fun and great events for this summer and fall. July 11th, we will have our annual yard sale. Please let me know ASAP if you need to rent a table. October 10th we will have a craft and vender show. Again, if you are interested or know someone that can join us or help, it would be truly appreciated. We are also having a "Welcome Back" spaghetti dinner. We have a longtime member, Janet Lefko, who we want to honor and recognize for her membership. All are welcome at the dinner and donations are appreciated.

Our Auxiliary would like to celebrate 100 years most likely in July? This a tentative date. It would be great to see some of our longtime members join us at the dinner. I would like to thank the Auxiliary for our fun zoom meeting held Tuesday, April 21st. It was great to see everyone. If anyone is interested in the zoom meeting or would like to talk about upcoming events and meetings, let me know.

May is Poppy month! You should receive a letter soon. If you see anyone with a can or a can sitting somewhere, please think of our great Veterans. I also want to thank Mari Harvey-Edwards for accepting the Poppy Chairman position. She has been working very hard at getting things done for our veterans. Our secretary, Chaplin and historian chairman positions are still open. Please let me know if you would like to join our great team. We are always open for more ideas and fundraisers. We are trying to communicate using email to send out information regarding Auxiliary meetings or events. It is important we have your email and phone number so we can have better communication with the Auxiliary, especially with the pandemic and older members who can't leave their house. I hope this shutdown is over very soon. Missing everyone and all the laughter. Please let me know if I can help you with anything or you just want to talk. I am just a phone call away. PS if you did not pay your dues, they can be paid online. Auxiliary email address : Auxiliary@hillgazettepost143.org

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	Mari Harvey-Edwards

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!

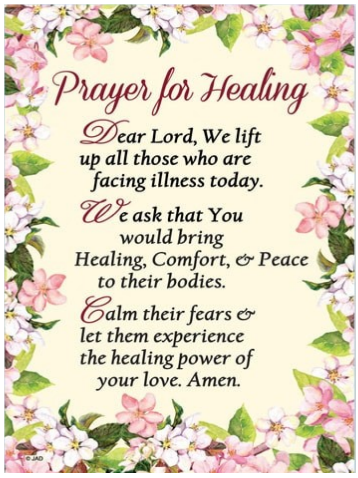
Prayers requested for families of:

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

SAL member William Hall was in the hospital

Auxiliary member Rose Elgie was in hospital in March

Auxiliary member Jean Russell had arthroscopy surgery 3/11 and is under physical therapy.



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

May Birthdays

2nd – Doug Elgie
3rd – Al Nusbietel
6th – Christine Garcia
6th – Terry Mazzarese
8th – Jennifer Galbraith
8th – Phillip Neff
8th – Jennifer Schmaltz
13th – Richard Cherry, Jr
13th – Dave Bullis
13th – Glenda Kramer
13th – Jim Wiles
16th – Helen Edgerton
17th – Thomas Cavalier
21st – William Sayre
21st – Diana Neff
24th – Bonnie Stockard
25th – Laverne Casey
28th – Jim Brixey

June Birthdays

3rd – MaryAnn Pitcher
3rd – Isabelle Ross
6th – Robert Modders
7th – Ken Boback
9th – George Morrison
10th – Dennis Bolton
15th – Ed Murray
16th – B.J. Arnold
20th – Ray Tackett
22nd – Marie Hill
27th – Bob Black
28th – Tricia Drew
30th – Carol Lefaivre

May Anniversaries

5/4/74 - Steven & Sandi Ferrell
5/ 11/ 57 – Jack & Georgie Kettler

June Anniversaries

6/ 1/ 91 – Paul & Theresa Monarch
6/ 12/ 81 – Lee & Larry Howard
6/ 15/ 46 – Bonnie & Robert Stockard
6/ 17/ 95 – Roger & Kitty Dault
6/19 / 43 – Gloria & Marv Norris
6/ 30/ 48 – Len & Irene Kosnik

The newsletter is no longer being mailed through the postal service. To ensure you receive the newsletter, be sure to forward your email address to:

newsletter@hillgazettepost143.org

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 ***newsletter@hillgazettepost143.org***

May 2020

May 10, 2020

CLUBROOM CLOSED DUE TO VIRUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Taco dinners ON HOLD until further notice	Movies ON HOLD until further notice	1 Dinners ON HOLD until further notice	2 *Clubroom CLOSED*
3 *Clubroom CLOSED*	4 *Clubroom CLOSED*	5 *Clubroom CLOSED*	6 *Clubroom CLOSED*	7 *Clubroom CLOSED*	8 *Clubroom CLOSED*	9 *Clubroom CLOSED*
10 *Clubroom CLOSED* ***MOTHER'S DAY***	11 *Clubroom CLOSED*	12 *Clubroom CLOSED* ***Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7 pm By ZOOM***	13 *Clubroom CLOSED*	14 *Clubroom CLOSED*	15 *Clubroom CLOSED*	16 *Clubroom CLOSED*
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24 *Clubroom CLOSED*	25 *Clubroom CLOSED* **Memorial Day Parade** **TENATIVE PARADE EVENT**	26 *Clubroom CLOSED*	27 *Clubroom CLOSED*	28 *Clubroom CLOSED*	29 *Clubroom CLOSED*	30 *Clubroom CLOSED*
31 *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 ON HOLD until further notice. Be sure to call ahead to see if Clubroom is open.

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!

Clubroom was closed in March and April due to coronavirus. Waiting for updates from the Michigan governor.

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 home-made) *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

Prior to clubroom shutdown, gravel was purchased and laid in parking lot by clubroom entrance. Member used his bobcat and donated time to flatten gravel. Mulch was added to right side of Pavilion. Other members donated time to clean landscaping and outside of Post 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!

June 2020

Be sure to attend and support the Flag retirement ceremony 6/13/20!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CLUBROOM CLOSED DUE TO VIRUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.			Taco dinners ON HOLD until further notice	Movies ON HOLD until further notice	Check with Clubroom to see if dinner ready!	
	1 *Clubroom CLOSED*	2 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm Post & Auxiliary*	3 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	4 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	5 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	6
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21 *Clubroom CLOSED* *FATHER'S DAY*	22 *Clubroom CLOSED*	23 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm*	24 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad*	25 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* *Movie at 7:30pm* *Free Popcorn*	26 *Clubroom Opens 4 pm* Call Clubroom for menu Host: Clubroom	27
28 *Clubroom CLOSED*	29 *Clubroom CLOSED*	30				

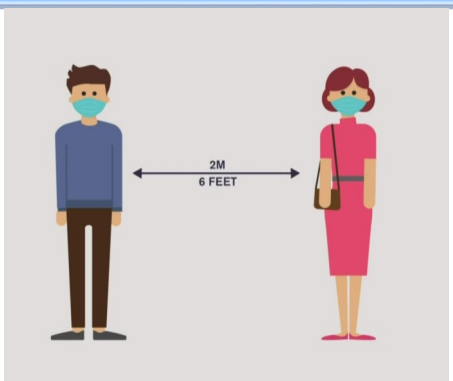
Avondale Reunion Party!

August 15th, 6pm-12am following the annual Dream Cruise! Be sure to bring your special car driven in the Dream Cruise.

$10 in advance - $15 at the door
Karaoke, food
Band included in evening
Door prizes, games, etc.
Cash Bar

Further details for the party will be provided in July/August newsletter

Please practice social distancing until the pandemic is over.



May is Poppy Days!
Remember our Veterans!

Photo from
2019 Flag Retirement Ceremony

2020 Flag Retirement Ceremony June13, 2020
WILL BE HELD AT THE POST PAVILION

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering, honoring, and mourning military personnel that have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is now observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day, particularly to honor those who died in military service. Volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

CANCELLED

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

HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY PARADE!

Post 14 hosted a parade Friday, April 17th, courtesy of the Auburn Hills police and fire department and a number of her friends past the home of Gloria Norris for her 95th birthday! Hope you are able to view the attached video!

https://www.facebook.com/michele.brownriera/videos/10216216575102520/?t=6

PLEASE PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

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

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