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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

DUE TO VIRUS THREAT

Social distancing and masks for all events is in effect until further notice.

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Thursday, November 26, 2020

Thanksgiving day!

Be sure to check out the amazing pictures on the last page of the newsletter!

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Adult Christmas party. Members & their guests in the Clubroom...6:30 pm

Best Holiday Wishes to All!

Thursday, December 31, 2020

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

November 3, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

November 17, 2020
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

November 24, 2020
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

December 1, 2020
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Executive Board follows

December 15, 2020
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

December 22, 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

2020/2021 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

Fellow Legionnaires,

As we approach the winter season, I ask that you all stay safe; and if able, come out and support your club. As always, we meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the hall for our regular membership meetings. All are encouraged to attend.

I also ask that if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. It's easy to pay online at https://legion.org

or you can simply mail in or drop off your dues to the clubroom. As you are aware, our rental income has all but gone away for this past year and your patronage in the club room will certainly help out. We are seeking additional safe ways to raise funds and welcome your input with ideas. Continue to watch the newsletter for upcoming activities that fit the guidelines we are operating under.

As always, we thank all the volunteers that help keep the Hill-Gazette family going, from officers, volunteer bartenders, clubroom chairman, kitchen crew, house chairman, volunteer coordinator, Friday night dinner crews, and all the people that keep the facility and grounds clean and presentable. I am sure I missed someone, so please forgive me. Everyone who comes to our meetings, our events, and our clubroom deserve thanks for all you do.

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

As we enter the final months of the year, I want to encourage our members to renew their 2021 membership by remitting their dues ($22.00) to SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills 48326 or by dropping it off in the clubroom; as well as, encourage family and friends to join. We have plenty of room for new members. We welcome our new members and look forward to getting to know them at the various Post 143 events and activities. Your dues, donations, and participation make it possible for the SAL to serve our veterans, community, and the Post 143 family.

With the holiday months upon us, the SAL officers and I wish you and all of the Post 143 members a safe, healthy, and prosperous holiday season. We look forward to meeting with you at our monthly meetings (4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm), at the clubroom, family dinners on Friday at 6:30 pm and at the various Post events.

Together, I am confident we can make a difference in the communities we serve.

Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be Kind to One Another.

Dan Becker

2020/2021 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!

Chad Leis
Mike Potter
JohnWeishaar

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well, it's been a crazy year, and I hope next year will be a better one. I received a phone call from Santa Claus, and he is staying home this Christmas because of the COVID-19 ☹. No children's Christmas party!

We are still having our once-a-month meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm. I would like to welcome all new auxiliary members and thank our volunteers and auxiliary for all you do in making our post a great one. We still have our Chaplin and historian chair position open so please join our team.

We are also looking for any used laptops or computers for our zoom meetings. We want to start Zoom meetings if you can't physically make the meetings. We are also looking for new warm clothes and daily necessities for the MVF shelter in Detroit. Both men and woman need shampoo, soap, socks, hats. Any questions, please contact Kelly (248-918-9130) for more information. Thank you, cutoff date is November 15.

We are also starting a *Red Cross blood drive* once a month on Thursdays. We will send out more information soon. I have been very busy moving down south to Mississippi where it is warmer and where my grandson lives. If you are ever in my area, please stop by and say hello. I will stay President until May when we have our election.

Blood Drive

Take care and be safe!

Mary

2020/2021 Auxiliary Officers

President	Mary Becker
1st Vice	Kelly Vondra
2nd Vice	Open
Secretary	Mari-Harvey Edwards (temp)
Sgt-at-Arms	Marlene Makuch
Treasurer	Donna Harned
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Past President	Dorothy Johnson
Poppy Chair	Mari Harvey-Edwards

WELCOME NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Laura Cubba

Dawn Plaggemars

Tammy Yennior

Believe in yourself, you can do it! You can and you will get through this...

Author unknown

WORDS OF WISDOM

The hardest walk is walking alone, but it's also the walk that make you the strongest.

ExplorePic.com

In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity

Albert Einstein

If you can dream it, you can do it!

GeckoGFly

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny

C.S. Lewis

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

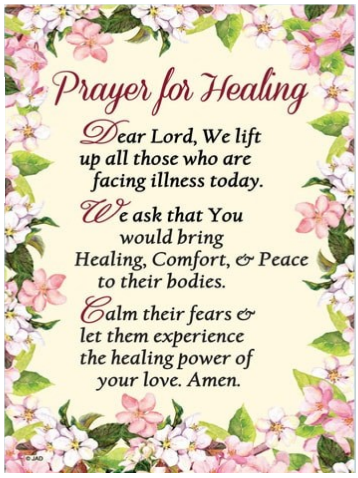
State your request and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Corner

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

Auxiliary member Linda Hall's husband passed September 8, 2020

Auxiliary member, Theresa Langley, passed October 27, 2020



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

November Birthdays

2nd – Cherise Daniel
2nd – Ron Hoadley
8th – Pat Schmaltz
10th – Larry Harrison
11th – Steven Vondra II
14th – Ashley Popp
15th – Jean Russell
16th – Sheila Fleishans
16th – Mike Potter
18th – Sandee Giangrande
23rd – William Hall Jr
27th – Kim Whitmer
29th – Richard Greene
30th – Sandra Frisch

December Birthdays

2nd – Ellen Britches Hunkins
4th – Steve Green
6th – Elizabeth Matthes
10th – Todd Wade
15th – Sara Garcia
21st – Mike Hill
22nd – Marcia Cushman
30th – Robert Damron
30th – Chad Leis
31st – Joyce Teryek

Ooops, birthday missed

9/23 Laura Cubba

Ooops, anniversary missed

9/21/19 – Tricia & Joe Ruiz

November Anniversaries

11/ 22/ ? – Dave & Pat Bullis

December Anniversaries

None

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*

November 2020

Wine Tasting Event 11/14/20 6:30 pm
$10 donation, hors d'oeurves

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Clubroom Closed*	**2** *Clubroom Closed*	**3** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm***	**4** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	**5** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	**6** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Call Clubroom to see if food available** **Host: Clubroom**	**7** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
8 *Clubroom Closed*	**9** *Clubroom Closed*	**10** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	**11** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	**12** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	**13** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Call Clubroom to see if food available** **Host: Clubroom**	**14** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Wine Tasting 6:30 pm in Clubroom**
15 *Clubroom Closed*	**16** *Clubroom Closed*	**17** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm***	**18** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	**19** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	**20** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Call Clubroom to see if food available** **Host: Clubroom**	**21** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
22 *Clubroom Closed*	**23** *Clubroom Closed*	**24** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm***	**25** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	**26** *Clubroom Closed* ***Thanksgiving Day*** 	**27** *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Call Clubroom to see if food available** **Host: Clubroom**	**28** *Clubroom Opens 5 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 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!

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!

Can goods, rice, and bagged pasta were donated to our post and is being used for our clubroom meals. Plus, our dinners are prepared in our hall kitchen by auxiliary staff. ***Thank you, ladies for many fantastic meals.*** We had several people donate their bags of empty bottles and cans to the post which helped to purchase minor supplies needed in the beginning for our pavilion. Refer to our newsletter calendar for upcoming meals and karaoke nights.
Enjoy your holidays with family and friends.

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 or watch for updates on Face-Book*! *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!

During this covid pandemic period, our outside pavilion was used for legion clubroom events. Weather permitting. Still having our taco nights and Friday dinners. Bonfires to pass the time and staring up at the open blue sky at night to see the stars. The season has changed…time to move back inside & close down pavilion for the season.

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

I repaired a small leak in outdoor air conditioning condenser unit which takes care of the hall bar area for future rentals. Parts and my time donated by me. Cleaning gutters out of the fall leaves was taken care of by me and Paul Monarch. Grass cutting & weed whipping was done by Scott Edwards. The parking lots are bering kept clean of leaves by Phil Harrison and his backpack blower. Our pavilion now has a projection screen which we assembled and use a DVD player for for summer night's movies.

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!

December 2020

Members & Guests Christmas party

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm***	2 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm Free Popcorn***	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Call Clubroom to see if food available** **Host: Clubroom**	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Members & guests, bring Dish***
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27 *Clubroom Closed*	28 *Clubroom Closed*	29 *Clubroom Opens 5 m*	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***6:30 pm Tacos, burritos, and taco salad***	31 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***New Years eve*** 		

Member visits to other American Legion Posts.
Do you have any to share? Send to malpost143@yahoo.com to be included in a future newsletter!

Halloween Party in Clubroom 2018

Halloween Party in Clubroom 2017

Please remember to practice social distancing until the pandemic is over.

PLEASE PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

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

Over 400 members receive our newsletter every two months!

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