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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

DUE TO VIRUS THREAT
Even with those that have received their shot(s), social distancing and masks for all events is in effect until further notice.

BE SURE TO ATTEND YOUR UNIT'S MEETINGS IN MAY. ELECTION OF 2020 OFFICERS WILL BE VOTED ON!

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Monday, May 31, 2021
Memorial Day Parade & lunch afterward at the Post

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS ARE BACK! BE SURE TO COME & SUPPORT THE POST!!

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
National Doughnut Day!
(info on last page of newsletter)

Sunday, June 13, 2021
Flag retirement ceremony 10 am...be sure to drop off any & all old flags

Sunday, June 20, 2021
First day of summer!
Father's Day!

Be sure to check out the amazing pictures and/or info on the last page of the newsletter!

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

May 4, 2021
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

May 18, 2021
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

May 25, 2021
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

June 1, 2021
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

June 15, 2021
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

June 22, 2021
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!

Robert Rousch

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

Post Commander Update—Greg Inman

Greetings,

Some warm weather in the forecast. Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. With this warmer weather you can expect more outdoor activities around the Post. Hope you all come out and support our activities.

This month we will (with City approval) be holding the annual Memorial Day parade. I sincerely hope you come out and support. If you aren't up for the marching itself, there are many ways to get involved with the activities before and after. We hope to have a great turn out at our picnic following the parade. Later in June, we will also be conducting our ***annual Flag Retirement Ceremony***. Again, please come out and support this event.

As always, we would love to see you in the clubroom and in our meetings which are once again being held the first Tuesday of the month in the hall. Take a look at the attached calendar and watch Facebook for current events and updates. All social distancing rules are in place as long as required.

Finally, I ask all of you to reach out to a fellow veteran and conduct a buddy check. This simple act is a great way to stay in touch with our veterans who may be shut in and in need of assistance or at the very least would love to hear from you. What an impact we could all make if we each made a call or two. Hope to see you soon.

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

For the SAL membership year 2021, the SAL Department of Michigan raised the state fees by $3 per member; however, locally we did not pass that increase on to our SAL143 members due to the impacts caused by the Covid pandemic. In essence, the SAL143 subsidized all members' dues for last year. The SAL143 membership dues have not increased in decades. As we look to start the 2022 Membership renewal campaign, the SAL Executive Board approved the 2022 SAL membership rates to be $25 Member, $15 Minor Member (< 21 age), $12 Dual Member. Please remit your 2022 SAL Membership dues to SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

As my sixth year as SAL Commander comes to a close, I'm very proud to say that our membership has grown. We've continued to raise funds to support our veterans and community while supporting the needs of Post 143. As I begin my next chapter in life (retirement), I am stepping down from the Commander position at the end of my term in May. I personally thank all the SAL Officers for your commitment to the American Legion Post, the SAL members for all your generosity and support over the years. It was my pleasure to serve the SAL and Post 143. I wish you all health and happiness for years to come.

With Highest & Warmest Regards,
Dan Becker, SAL Commander

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!

Auxiliary President Update – Mary Becker

Our Auxiliary regrets to inform you that Elvy Flum has passed away, we will truly miss her wisdom as she had much experience. She was a past President for our unit and the 18th District along with many other various positions she herld over the years. But most of all, she will be irreplaceable as her dedication is hard to find, she was one of a kind. ***RIP Elvy Flum.***

This coming May 4th is our annual elections of officers (guidebook link is below to see what a position entails), we need all the help and voters we can get as these days we (our Aux) are needed much more often. Our meeting starts at 7pm and I hope to have many of you there to continue having successful years like this past one.

Even with the pandemic we managed to accomplish a lot, and I am very proud of the team we have. For example, we did a lot of shopping then delivering of much needed items to the MVA Shelter in Detroit including items that were shipped to the women's shelter. They are always in need of necessities like our daily consumable items, clothing, food, shampoo, deodorant, soap, etc, sheets, towels, etc. We are in the process of setting up another day visit with around 50 homeless veterans so we will collecting much needed items here soon, Keep an eye open for upcoming newsletters with lists of needed items. The event will most likely be in September. We also helped the 18th district restock and setup a veterans retreat with a monetary donation. If you have not renewed your 2021 membership yet, please do as we thank you for supporting our efforts. Next year our dues are increasing from $30 to $35. You can renew online if you choose at https://www.legion-aux.org/ or https:///www.alaforveterans.org or mail to: ALA Unit #143, 96 Churchill Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

HTTPS://member.legion-aux.org/member/guides/unit-guide-book.

Keep your eyes open for upcoming outdoor events that we as a family (Aux, Post and SAL) will be hosting Make sure you like our Facebook page Post 143 page at https://www.facebook.com/hillgazette so you can get announcements. Also, we have an auxiliary page that I would like to start using as a way to communicate amongst our unit. Here's the link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/americanlegionauxunit143.

No matter how big or small you volunteer, every bit of it is a blessing; and I personally appreciate you. Also thank you to all for renewing your membership, helping a committee, chair a position, and just being you.

Thank You and Stay Safe,
Kelly Vondra
Vice President

2020/2021 Auxiliary Officers

President	Mary Becker
1st Vice	Kelly Vondra
2nd Vice	Michelle Riera
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 2020 & 2021 AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Linda Arthur
Laura Cubba
Carrie Jones
Crystal Kohl
Julia Lanoue
Sharon McCoury
Rebecca Newman
Hillary Orton
Dawn Plaggemars
Tammy Yennoir

Wisdom is the power to put our time and our knowledge to the proper use.

Thomas J. Watson

WORDS OF WISDOM

I never lose.
I either win or learn.
Nelson Mandela

If you want something you've never had, you'll have to do something you've never done.
Dave Ramsey

Success is on the same road as failure; success is just a little further down the road.
Jack Hyles

Be a light,
Not a judge.
Be a Model,
Not a Critic.
Stephen Covey

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.

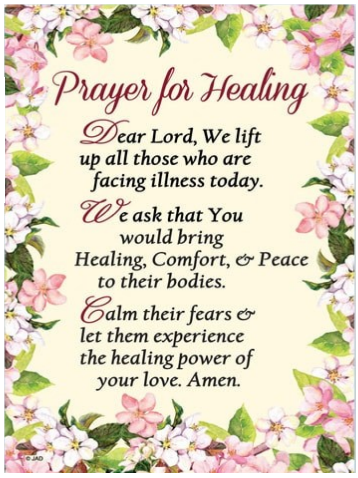
Chaplain's Corner

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

Auxiliary member Kitty Dault's husband, Roger Dault, passed February12, 2021

Auxiliary member Edith Pettit passed March 28, 2021

Auxiliary member Elvy Flum passed April 3, 2021



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 (availability subject to state's orders)
- 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 (limited to 25 due to Covid) with us!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oops! March Missrd Birthday
25th – Michelle Smith

Oops! April Missed Birthday
13th – Gerri Lafnear

May Birthdays
2nd – Doug Elgie
3rd – Al Nusbietel
6th – Christine Garcia
6th – Terry Mazzarese
8th – Jennifer Galbraith
8th – Phillip Neff
8th – Jennifer Schmaltz
12th – Jillian Reynolds
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
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/ 17/ 95 – Roger & Kitty Dault
6/19 / 43 – Gloria & Marv Norris
6/ 31/ 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:
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 *malpost143@yahoo.com* OR email to ***newsletter@hillgazettepost143.org***

May 2021

Friday night dinners have returned!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
2 *Clubroom Closed*	3 *Clubroom Closed*	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm***	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **DINNER** **Call Clubroom for up-dates**	6 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	7 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Ham, cheesy potatoes, corn, salad, rolls & dessert** **Host: Lisa Green**	8 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
9 *Clubroom Closed* ***MOTHER'S DAY***	10 *Clubroom Closed*	11	12 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **DINNER** **Call Clubroom for up-dates**	13 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	14 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **FRIDAY DINNER** **Call Clubroom for details**	15 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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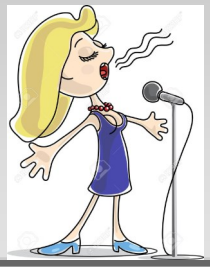
30 *Clubroom Closed*	31 *Clubroom Closed* ***Memorial Day Parade & family picnic Tentatively planned (City approval pending)***					

Bar Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

Call Clubroom for news of KARAOKE NIGHTS!



YOUR OLD KEYS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED, 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 outside the clubroom door.

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!

Movie Night

Popcorn provided free to all! Be sure to make a request for a movie you want to see!

We are practicing Covid-19 safety guidelines while inside and outside the building.

Please be sure to bring a mask to cover your mouth and nose. Sign in sheet and wall mounted forehead thermometer is located just inside the entrance door.

Still accepting your worn or ripped American flags for proper ceremonial disposal. They can be dropped off anytime. Just place in a bag and leave outside our hall or clubroom door.

Many games in clubroom… pool table, dart board, bowling video game. Also pull tabs, internet jukebox, and ATM located inside the clubroom with inexpensive service fee.

Refer to newsletter for upcoming events in Clubroom!

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

Getting ready for summer and outside gatherings in the warm air and sunshine!

Pavilion made ready for outside gatherings by five of our Legion members.

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!

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

DID YOU KNOW?

National Doughnut Day is June 1 and that means freebies and lots of sugar highs. The day was originally established in 1938 by the Salvation Army to ***honor women who served doughnuts to soldiers during World War I***. The holiday is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of June.

PLEASE PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES:

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