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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Masks and temperature taking no longer required. Mask Optional...Stay Safe!

Monday, September 6, 2021

Monday, September 12, 2021

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Family Movie Night in Pavilion, hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, kids games 6:30-?

Saturday, Sept 25, 2021

Annual Car Show 8am-3pm Hosted by Noon Optimist Club! See flyer on Pg 10

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Hoedown, dancing, food, Tickets $

Wednesday, Oct 13, 2021

Happy Birthday Navy!

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Costume party in Clubroom 6:30pm-12 midnight Funniest, scariest, & most creative prizes! Bring a dish to pass!! Karaoke at 8:30pm.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

September 7, 2021
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

September 21, 2021
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

September 28, 2021
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

October 5, 2021
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

October 19, 2021
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

October 26, 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

2021/2022 Post Officers

Commander	Greg Inman
Sr Vice	Open
Jr Vice	Mike Green
Adjutant	Terry Mazzarese
Finance Officer	Greg Inman
Judge Advocate	Mike Green
Chaplain	Doug Elgie
Historian	Phil Harrison
Sgt-at-Arms	Bill Davis
Service Officer	Mike Giles
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,

As we approach the end of summer, I'd like to thank all the volunteers that have spent countless hours maintaining our property, our building, and our clubroom. I'm proud to be a member of Post 143 and the pride our members take in our facilities.

As many of you are aware, our rentals are on the rise. While we have not recovered to our pre-Covid rental rates, they are on the rise. Thanks to Kelly (our rental chairman), and all the others that make those events successful.

We are always looking for ways to better engage with our members as well as the public at large. Please share your ideas during our meetings or drop one of us a note. Throughout this newsletter, you will see several events that are coming up this fall. Please support our mission and come out and enjoy these opportunities. Please encourage your friends and family to come out as well. If you feel passionate about an event, get involved and help make it a success.

In addition to our many events and our meetings, you also have the opportunity to socialize with other members in our clubroom. We are always looking for additional volunteer bartenders. If you are interested, please let someone know. We'd be happy to train you. Speaking of the clubroom, in the next couple of weeks we are going to be holding a clubroom committee meeting. The clubroom committee is made up of a member from all three organizations. If you would like to share your constructive input on things you would like to see take place in the clubroom, please let someone know.

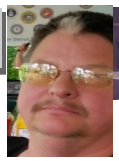
Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention renewal. You have probably already received a renewal notice from National. If you sent in your dues or renewed online, thank you. If not, please take the time to send it in. As a reminder, if you renew by November 1st,t you will be entered into the early bird drawing for a one year complimentary renewal.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

For God and Country

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 – Steve Bliven



As the school year and the fall season begins, I hope all the SAL members had a safe, relaxing, and healthy summer with your family and friends.

It's that time of year again! The 2022 SAL membership cards are available so please remit your 2022 dues to SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 or pay in person at the clubroom. The dues for 2022 have increased by $3 to match the increase from the SAL Department of Michigan. Therefore, the 2022 dues are $25 SAL membership, $15 SAL under 21 years and $12 Dual Post members. All SAL members who remit their 2022 dues by November 1 will be entered into the Early Bird Drawing. Three members' names will be drawn and will receive their 2023 SAL membership for free. Please remit your dues early to give yourself a chance to win.

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, and at the various Post 143 events.

Steve Bliven

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

2021/2022 SAL Officers

Commander	Steve Bliven
1st Vice	Allan Blascak
2nd Vice	Rick Cherry, Jr
Adjutant	Steve Bliven
Finance Officer	Al Blascak
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Mel Pohl
Post Advisor	Greg Inman
Service Officer	Mike Giles

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Auxiliary President Update – Kelly Vondra

Welcome back everyone! I hope all are well. I'm excited for the New Year ahead as we have many fun things coming up for all. This past summer I had the pleasure of attending my first Gold Star Mother's Ceremony at Perry Mount Park Cemetery in Pontiac. It was one of the nicest ceremonies I've ever been to. Rep Brenda Carter was there with her story, and it was very touching. A speech I will never forget. I would like to see more of our members attend next year.

In August, I also attended a meeting which we hosted with the 18th District on the importance of reporting our activities at the end of the year. It was a real eye opener. There was a request for them to do more of these so hopefully we will see more in the future.

Be sure tp mark your calendars for our Family Movie Night on September 18th. Movies will play outside on the big screen pretty much all day. Choice of movie will be decided on with those who attendance. Ideas welcome. Hope to see many of you and your families there. Open to all!

Hope to see many of you at our next meeting September 7th, 7pm!

2021/2022 Auxiliary Officers

President	Kelly Vondra
1st Vice	open
2nd Vice	Laura Cubba
Secretary	Mari-Harvey Edwards
Sgt-at-Arms	Linda Kaarle
Treasurer	Donna Harned
Chaplain	Connie Wright
Historian	Open
Past President	Mary Becker
Poppy Chair	Mari Harvey-Edwards

WELCOME NEW 2021 AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Kim Young

Always do what you are afraid to do.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

WORDS OF WISDOM

Believe and Act as if it were impossible to fail.

Charles Kettering

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

Lao Tzu

You must be the change you want to see in the world

Gandhi

Tough times never last, but tough people do!

Dr Robert Schuller

Soon, when all is well, you're going to look back on this period of your life and be so glad that you never gave up!

Brittany Burgunder

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

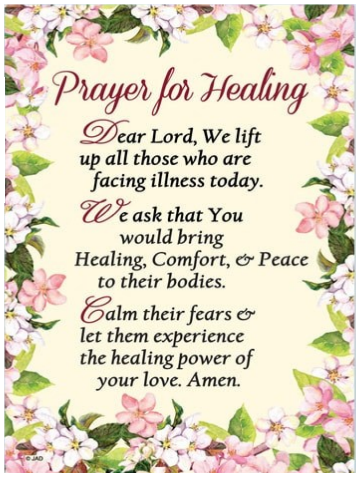
State your request and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Chaplain's Corner—Connie Wright

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

Post member Charlie Cox died August 2021, services were held at Great Lakes on Friday 8/27/2021

Post member Roger Hamilton died 8/24/2021



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

- 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

September Birthdays

1st – Dawn Modders
9th – Lisa Green
13th – Mike Hilborn
23rd – Laura Cubba
25th – Greg Inman
25th – Leonard Kosnik
27th – Emily Sharick
28th – Robert F. Miller
30th – Beth Green

October Birthdays

1st – Ronald Moniz
2nd – Danielle Vondra
4th – Twanisha Potter
5th – Bob Schmaltz
6th – Lisa Inman
10th – Paul Monarch
12th – Robert Roush
18th – Michelle Pate
25th - Leonard Kyllonen
26th – Mike Moss
28th – Phil Harrison
30th – Glenda Windels

September Anniversaries

9/16/83 – Ray & Elvy Flum
9/21/19 – Tricia & Joe Ruiz
9/24/83 – Mike & Lisa Green
9/27/? – Bill & Mary Ann Davis
9/30/96 – Bob & Marie Hill

October Anniversaries

10/7/72 – Joe & Gerri Lafnear
10/8/70 – Curtis & wife
10/11/68 – Diana & Bob Matthes
10/17/93 – Bob & Barb Miller
10/22/88 – Dan & Mary Becker

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***

September 2021

Car Show 9/25/21 8am-3pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	2 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* FRIDAY DINNER Call Clubroom for details	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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12 *Clubroom Closed* *Grandparent's day*	13 *Clubroom Closed*	14 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	15 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	16 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	17 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* FRIDAY DINNER Call Clubroom for details	18 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Family Movie Night in Pavilion...hot dogs, burgers, salad, pop-corn, kids games*
19 *Clubroom Closed*	20 *Clubroom Closed*	21 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm*	22 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	23 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	24 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* FRIDAY DINNER Call Clubroom for details	25 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* CAR SHOW hosted by Noon Optimist Club 8am-3pm Pig Roast, beer, 50/50 & more!
26 *Clubroom Closed*	27 *Clubroom Closed*	28 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm*	29 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*		

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!

Friday dinners will posted on our Legion Facebook page & mine as well. Call the clubroom for update on Friday dinners.

Per Governor of Michigan, masks or temp taking no longer required.

Always 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

Three members donated their returnable cans & bottles, Bill Davis, Harold Tackett, William Sayre, Jr. Their donations help to buy food/supplies for our Taco Wednesdays. Thanks guys.

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!

Saturday, 10/30/21
Costumes, food, drinks, SCAREY times!

October 2021

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31 *Clubroom Closed*						

Fun Facts—September 6, 2021

Labor Day has been a nationally celebrated holiday in the U.S. since 1894. It's also honored in Canada.

The first Labor Day parade was held on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. And it wasn't on a Monday. It was a Tuesday. It started with Peter McGuire, who is considered the Father of the Labor Day holiday, according to Purple Trail. He was an Irish-American pioneer unionist who wanted citizens that "labored" all year long be acknowledged and have a day to relax. **He is credited with saying the following statement during a Central Labor Union on May 18,1882:** "Let us have a festive day during which a parade through the streets of the city would permit public tribute to American Industry."

It was President Grover Cleveland who decided the first Monday of every September would be set aside to celebrate Labor Day. The move came during a railroad strike.

By *Maria Vultaggio* *@mariamzzarella*
09/05/15 AT 10:46 AM

Native American Day is always celebrated on the 4th Friday of September.

Grandparent's Day is observed in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

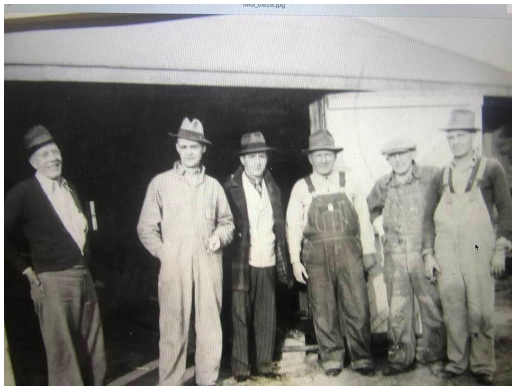
October 13, 2021—Navy Birthday

Celebrate the Navy's Birthday on October 13 and recognize the brave men and women who have served our country — past and present. Established during the Revolutionary War, the original Continental Navy was formed, disbanded, and then reestablished nearly 10 years later. Today it's the largest and most capable navy in the world, with the highest combined battle fleet tonnage. The Navy also boasts the world's largest aircraft carrier fleet, over 300,000 active personnel, and nearly 100,000 in the Ready Reserve.

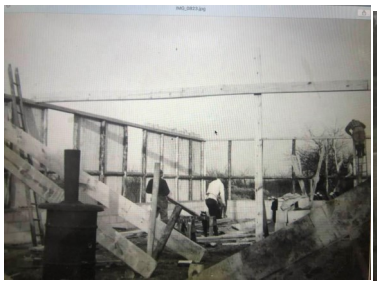
General Washington commissioned two small schooners to patrol in and around Boston Harbor as the Revolutionary War heated up — eventually leading to the Navy we have today.

Building YOUR American Legion!

March 3, 1941, the first meeting was held to establish an American Legion post in Auburn Hills, Hill-Gazette Post 143.



Anyone know the names of the men in the picture?



Car Show – September 25, 2021

1st Annual

Car Show

Saturday*

September 25, 2021

8 AM - 3 PM

* Pig Roast & Beer!
By Legion veterans and volunteers to support Post #143

AUBURN HILLS

'Across The River'™

1st Annual

Location:
American Legion Post #143
96 Churchill Rd.
Auburn Hills

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL
Friend of Youth

Rain or Shine

Awards for Classes: •A. Pre-65 (Stock/Restored) •B. 65-69 (Stock/Restored) •C.70-Present (Stock/Restored) •D. Old Iron (Pre-41 Stock/Restored /Modified (includes T-Buckets, Rat Rods •E. Hot Rod 41-63 •F. Muscle Car 64-68 •G. Muscle Cars 69-74 •H. Street Machines 75-present • I. Corvette Pre 68 •J. Corvette 68-81 •K. Corvette 82-present •L. Tribute Cars & Trucks (fiberglass all years) •M. Trucks (steel body all types) •N. Open Class (includes Tuners, Electrics, etc..) •O. Sports Cars & Foreign Cars •P. Cadillac & LaSalle (all years & models) Z. Best of Show (show officials judge this category only - all other classes A-P are participant-judged)

- **Best of Show Award**
- **Post Commander Choice Award**
- **Food and beverages available!**
- **Optimist Award**
- **Music by Beth**
- **Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle**
- **Breakfast & Lunch downtown just a short walk**

Interested in Sponsorship?

The 1st Annual Auburn Hills "Across the River" Car Show is a co-sponsored by the Noon Optimist Club of Auburn Hills and the American Legion Post #143 – our partnership began last year, in 2020, when our club needed to find a new location for our annual fundraising event due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of the downtown Summerfest event. Leadership of both organizations were excited to become partners and to be able to host our 2020 "By the River" Car Show on the Legion Hall grounds in late August with social-distancing measures in place. The show was a success and the partnership was born. For 2021, the Noon Optimist Club will be hosting two car shows, the first on June 25th with the City Summerfest event, and the second on September 25th at the Legion Hall on Churchill Rd.

Car Show proceeds benefit kids at Will Rogers Elementary, proudly served by the Auburn Hills Noon Optimist Club since 1990

Mail $20 and form by Sept.1st to:
Optimist Club of Auburn Hills
'Across the River' Car Show
1827 N. Squirrel Rd.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

- Show has limited space (due to social distancing requirements)
- Gates open 8AM to 10AM
  All cars parked by 10AM
- Pre-registered owners receive goodie bags
- No holding parking spaces
- No dogs please (service dogs only)
- After Sept. 1st register at show $25

Questions call Brian (248) 431-2350

See Other Side for "By the River" Show

I accept and assume full responsibility for any injury or loss to me or my property, agents or employe at any time, and from any cause on the premises of the show. I expressly release the management fro liability for such a loss or injury and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance.

Your Signature: _____ **Email** : _____
Name _____
Address: _____
City/Zip _____ Phone (___) _____
Make _____ Model _____
Year of Vehicle _____
Class entered _____

Registration $20.00
Extra Donation $____
Total Enclosed: $____

Make check payable to: Optimist Club of Auburn Hills and
Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for registration confirmation!