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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Friday, March 4, 2022
First Fish Fry celebrating Lent!

Every Friday through Easter

Saturday, March 12, 2022
Red, White & Blue Star Mothers Rockin' for the Troops Fundraiser. Please see info on Pages 8, 9, 10 and 11

Please respond no later than March 5, 2022

Saturday, March 20, 2022
Free Spaghetti dinner for Post, SAL & auxiliary members.

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Happy Easter!

Now until May
Nominations for Post, SAL, and Auxiliary will be available until the May meetings. Please be sure to support and participate in your Post membership meetings and activities.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

March 1, 2022
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

March 15, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

March 22, 2022
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

April 5, 2022
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
Post Executive Board

April 19, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

Aoril 26, 2022
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

Post Commander Update—Greg Inman

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

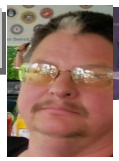
Be sure to mark your calendar for March 20, 2022, for the Auxiliary FREE spaghetti dinner!

WELCOME NEW POST MEMBERS!

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

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 we emerge from the pandemic (again), I encourage the SAL members along with all the Post 143 members to return to the Post activities, Clubroom socials, etc. as the members are the key component which creates the Post 143 environment. I and the SAL officers look forward to interacting and engaging with all the members in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

If you have not paid your 2022 membership dues, I encourage you to take the moment to do so today by remitting your dues (Only $25.00) to SAL Membership, 96 Churchill Rd, Auburn Hills 48326. It's time to share the Post fun with your friends to enrich your experiences, so sponsor them as well.

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 SAL meeting held on April 26 when the elections will be conducted. The new officers are inducted during the May 24th SAL meeting as their term is from June 1, 2022, through May 31, 2023.

Please be safe, stay healthy and be kind to one another.

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

Hello! I hope this article finds everyone well. Here, in March, is our annual reporting that we need to do for our Charter with the government so this is very important. We would love all the help we can get. For date and time, just give me a text 2489189130, and I will keep you informed. On March 20th at 6pm the Auxiliary will be hosting a **free spaghetti dinner** for our members of all three of the member families (Post, Sal & Aux) and their families. Please RSVP by text 248-918-9130 so we know how much to purchase, etc.

Sad News: This year has been really tough for me as I have had no help with my duties like a 1st vice or 2nd vice so I have been pretty behind completing the membership dues, mailing cards, getting it into the department, etc. So if you've already paid but receive a letter in the mail in the last week, please just disregard that as I've just sent in another batch this week. Sorry about all this but WE really need more HELP. I cannot do my president duties well when I am constantly having to think about 2 other positions and this is not like me, when I take on a job I like to do my best and I haven't been able to in the last couple years and this makes me sad as what we do is very important to us, the community, the veterans and the organization as a whole. With that said please consider taking on a position next year as some of our experienced members might have to consider the president position as I cannot commit to another year. I am not sure where I'll be or if I will even be in Michigan still. So someone will need to run for the position if we want the auxiliary to survive. Sorry but I am moving on with life and have many projects going on right now and don't have the time to commit like I had in the past. I've enjoyed the time I've been on the Aux board and have been humbled by the many times we've served the veterans, community, state and nation. The world still needs this organization MORE THAN EVER. Hope to see more of you there in May for our elections.

So because of all the delays (due to me being so busy), I am putting a request out to all our members to consider paying your dues online. By doing that you are in the system right away and no worries about when a check is going to be cashed or even the hassle of having to bring it up to the bartender and now having to worry that they got it to the chair person on a timely basis. It also takes a lot of work off the chairperson not having to do bank trips, processing the batch, getting a check from the treasurer, etc. So please consider helping us this way. Thank you for understanding this, the website is alaforveterans.org. Once you sign up (with your member number on your card, or call me I have it) it will take 2 min to pay your dues and then every year after that you just sign in and pay (easy peasy). If you need help, call me at 248-918-9130 I would love to help set you up for success!!! Thank you for considering helping in this

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!

Everything in life is a story just waiting to be written.

M. G. Marsh

WORDS OF WISDOM

Impossible just means you haven't found a solution yet.

FunZumo,com

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

Lao Tzu

When you change the ways you look at things, the things you look at change.

Wayne Dyer

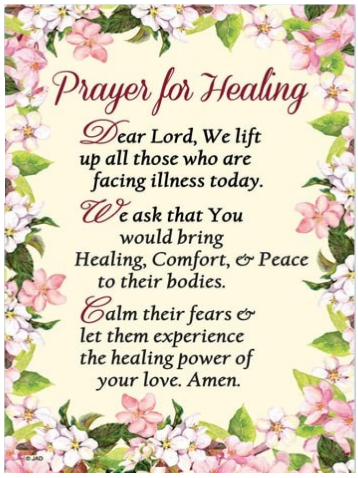
Each day we are born again, what we do with today is what truly matters!

Dauntless Journey

Chaplain's Corner—Connie Wright

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

Hope everyone stays well!



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
13th – Gerri Lafnear
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

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*

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.

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***

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm***	2 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Make your own Taco Night** 	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Fish Fry Fridays**	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
6 *Clubroom Closed*	7 *Clubroom Closed*	8 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	9 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Make your own Taco Night** 	10 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	11 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Fish Fry Fridays**	12 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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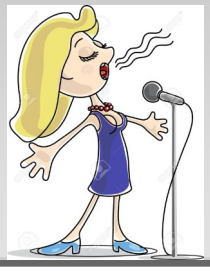
20 *Clubroom Closed* ***FREE 6pm paghetti dinner*** 	21 *Clubroom Closed*	22 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm***	23 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Make your own Taco Night** 	24 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn*** 	25 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Fish Fry Fridays**	26 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
27 *Clubroom Closed*	28 *Clubroom Closed*	29 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	31 *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 fish dinners for March and April will be posted on our Legion Facebook page & mine as well. Call the clubroom for update on other Friday dinners.

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

Legion post club room was closed for just 1 week in Jan..It was transformed from a wooden cooler on it's last leg. & 3 bar sink rusting away. After long hours with Paul Alan Monarch doing the craftsmanship on the framing on the 2 new coolers . Mike Green worked on plumbing for sink. I was the parts guy, electrician. Douglas Elgie was our cleaning guy. Thanks Paul , Douglas & Mike. Next will be deciding on kind of floor tile and rug to be replaced in the Clubroom.At the next post meeting.By a floor company. The center bar was taken down and round table tops were placed there. New cabinet for military history and items to sell. This is great start for our clubroom.

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 2022

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Rockin' for the Troops Fundraiser
(sponsored by Red, White and Blue Star Mothers)

Rockin' for the Troops Fundraiser Invitation and Registration Forms following on the next two pages.

Please note, a table can be reserved for parties of 6-8 guests.
Otherwise, you will be seated where you can make new friends!

If choosing to reserve a table, you will need to find your 6-8 guests.
One person is the contact and will fill out their contact information, then all other guests' names are filled in on the form.

Rockin' for the Troops Registration/Donation Form

Please respond by March 5, 2022

Name (s) _____

# of people attending _____ x $30 per person = $ _____ for Tickets

Donation $_____ Total Due $_____ Payment Type ¨ Check ¨ Credit Card

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

If you are interested in reserving a table for 8-10 people, please list all names:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

¨ Sorry, we can't attend but would like to support Red White & Blue Star Mothers Chapter MI-198 and their efforts to help our active military and veterans. I would like to donate $_____

¨ I cannot help at this time, but feel free to contact me another time.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198
Presents the 3rd Annual

Rockin' for the Troops

A fundraiser to support our active military and veterans

Saturday, March 12, 2022
American Legion Hall
96 Churchill Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Tickets $30 per person - includes dinner buffet and
live music with **Be the Dog** - a classic rock band.
Cash bar available.

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm
Dress is patriotic casual

For more information or questions please contact Bridget at presi-dent.mi198@bluestarmothers.us.
Deadline for purchasing tick-ets is March 5, 2022.

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a national organization supporting our active military and veterans since 1942.
Red White & Blue Star Chapter MI-198 (our local chapter) is a 501(c)3 organization. All pro-ceeds benefit active military and veter-ans.

Purchase Tickets or Donate to *Rockin' for the Troops*

By Check

Fill out the registration form below and mail it with your check payment to:

Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198
PO Box 1242
Troy, MI 48099

Please make checks payable to "BSMA MI-198" and include "2022 Rockin' for the Troops" in memo field

By Credit/Debit Card

Fill out the registration form below, pay online, and email registration form to Bridget at president.mi198@bluestarmothers.us or mail it to:

Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198
PO Box 1242
Troy, MI 48099

Pay online with credit or debit card at https://paypal.me/RockinfortheTroops?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US

Please respond by March 5, 2022

We are a national, non-profit, non-partisan and non-denominational service organization Composed of mothers with children currently serving or who have served in the

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard

1-SUPPORT ACTIVE MILITARY:

Send care packages to Deployed Troops

Send birthday cards to Active-Duty Military

2- SUPPORT VETERANS EVENTS

Volunteer at the VA Hospital in Detroit

Wreaths Across America

Patriots Day Race

Great Lakes National Cemetery

3- SUPPORT FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

Attend Memorials and Candle Light Vigils

Stand in as family for Veterans without family at funerals

4- SUPPORT EACH OTHER

There to lend an ear when a loved one is Deployed

Raise scholarships through the Big Dipper Auxiliary Fund for Veterans, Spouses/Children of the military

5. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

a. Participate in Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades, Services and Events

b. Support Enlisted Heritage House at Selfridge ANGB

c. Volunteer at Hero Appreciation Breakfast

d. Selfridge Open House, Air Show

For more information email: president.mi198@bluestarmothers.us

Donations are always needed and greatly appreciated

Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198
PO Box 1242
Troy, MI 48099

ROCKIN' FOR THE TROOPS SPONSORS

ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINE COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Red White & Blue Star Chapter MI-198 has the mission to support the Active Military, and Veterans. We are asking businesses, organizations, and individuals to help support us by becoming a sponsor for our Rockin' for the Troops Fund-raiser. All donations will be advertised at the Rockin' for the Troops event and posted on our Facebook page. The Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198 is a Tax-Exempt organization and a donation receipt is available upon request. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

We would be proud and honored to be a Sponsor for the Rockin' for the Troops Fundraiser!

Our donation of $_____

Checks payable to: *Red White & Blue Star Mothers MI-198*

Mail to: Red White & Blue Star Mothers

P.O. Box 1242

Troy, MI 48099

Pay online with credit or debit card at https://paypal.me/RockinfortheTroops?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US

Contact Name _____

Address _____

_____

Email _____

Who to Acknowledge as the Donor:

_____

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DONOR- donation $400 and above

THREE STAR DONOR – donation of $300- $399

TWO STAR DONOR – donation of $200- $299

ONE STAR DONOR – donation $100-$199

The Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian organization. The military represents all aspects of America as does our organization.