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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Sunday, May 8, 2022
Mother's Day

Monday, May 30, 2022
Memorial Day Parade and free community picnic at Post 143!

Monday, June 6, 2022
D-Day observance

Saturday, June 11, 2022
Flag Retirement Ceremony
Lunch provided after

Sunday, June 19, 2022
Happy Father's Day

Tuesday, June 19, 2022
First day of summer!

Urgent Notice
Elections for Post, SAL, and Auxiliary will be at the May meeting. Please be sure to support and participate in your Post membership meetings and activities.

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

May 3, 2022
Post & Auxiliary Election Meeting 7pm Post Executive Board

May 17, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

May 24, 2022
SAL Membership Meeting 7pm

June 7, 2022
Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7pm Post Executive Board

June 21, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm

June 28, 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

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,

Can you believe it, spring is here! At least on the calendar if not on the thermometer. As we roll into the summer, I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. Later this month, as you are aware, we sponsor the annual Memorial Day parade. I'm sure you will find additional details in this newsletter about what's happening on that day. Please come out and join us as we honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice. We will have the parade, a picnic at the pavilion following the parade, and fun for both the kids and the adults.

In June we also have our annual flag retirement ceremony. Please come out and support this event as well. As the weather warms up, we hope to have many more events outdoors taking advantage of our pavilion. Look on the website or our Facebook page for additional information as it becomes available.

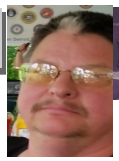
Don't forget May is when we hold our annual election for Post Officers. Please come out on May 3rd and support us at the meeting with your vote. Also, we are approaching the time of year when we begin our early bird membership renewals. Look for additional information in the next couple of months.

I encourage all of you to come out and support your post in any way you can. Stop by the club room for a visit. We'd love to see you.

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,

SAL Commander Update – Steve Bliven



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

Our elections are coming in a few days, and there are many opportunities for all to give back either in a big or small way. It's your choice but this organization is a great avenue to help. This is why I do what I do as I am a granddaughter of a WWII veteran and feel I haven't even come close to giving up what my grandfather did for all of us. So, if you can help in even a small way, I hope you can make it May 3rd at 7pm for our election of officers.

As a group, we are looking for ways to bring the community together. Your input is valuable to us. We may be planning a few things coming soon so keep an eye out on the newsletters and our Facebook page, Hill-Gazette Post 143 Auburn Hills, for upcoming events; i.e., car show, family day/night, Memorial Day parade, flag retirement, possible community scavenger hunt, possible Avondale alumni party, possible movie night, possible euchre tournaments, etc. So many things that may interest you. But we need all of you to make these a reality. I hope to see a full house on Tuesday night (May 3rd, 7pm) for our Auxiliary elections.

Have a great Mother's Day and Father's Day to all of you!

Thanks,
Kelly Vondra
cell: 248-918-9130

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!

The pessimist complains about the wind; The optimist expects it to change; The realist adjusts the sails.

William Arthur Ward

WORDS OF WISDOM

The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten.

Calvin Coolidge

Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Engage your brain before you engage your weapon

General James Mattis

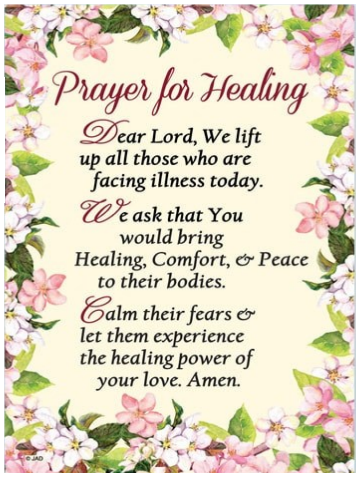
If the enemy is in range, so are you!

Infantry Journal

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

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
4th – Stephen Ritze
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
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*

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***

May 2022

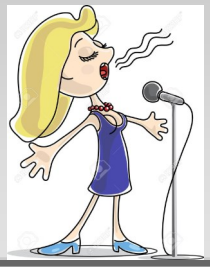
May Elections for Post, SAL, and Auxiliary

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

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* Make your own Taco Night	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Cinco de Mayo *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	6 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	7 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
8 *Clubroom Closed*	9 *Clubroom Closed*	10 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	11 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	12 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	13 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	14 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
15 *Clubroom Closed*	16 *Clubroom Closed*	17 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Post & Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 7pm**	18 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	19 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	20 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	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* Make your own Taco Night	26 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn*	27 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	28 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
29 *Clubroom Closed*	30 **Pos 143 Memorial Day Parade starting 10:30am, free community picnic after**	31 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*				

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!

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.

Our fish fry's in March and April were a great success with new members joining in all groups.

Clubroom meals

Time to break out the flat top BBQ and do steaks, hamburgers, chicken, and more! Meals will be posted on legions Facebook page, or you can call the club room 248-852-4880 for updates on upcoming dinner dates.

For the summer nights, members and guests will join together out back by the pavilion for bonfire nights (working around the hall and pavilion rentals).

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

This summer myself and a few other veterans will be replacing the hall furnace in the attic with a higher efficiency furnace and adding an air conditioning coil to help bring our heating and air conditioning bills lower with more changes to come. The Auxiliary is researching for an updated version of the kitchen range. Hall kitchen original range has six stove tops, two ovens, and a griddle top. The pavilion grounds in the tree lines will have fresh wood chips mounds. Compliments of local tree companies. Year-round collection of worn, ripped American flags for our summer disposal ceremony is still available at the Post. Flags can be dropped off in plastic or paper bags next to the legion hall main entrance or by the Clubroom door on the lower level and is greatly appreciated.

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 2022

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			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*	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND PICNIC

Monday, May 30th, 2022

10:30 am	**Muster at Avondale High School (AHS) parking lot**
11:00 am	**Parade leaves AHS**
11:10 am	**Ceremony at Aaron Webster Cemetery**
11:20 am	**Gun volley by Auburn Hills Police Department immediately followed by echo taps**
11:23 am	**Reform parade & march to Mom's plaque–short prayer**
11:35 am	**March around Squirrel Court**
11:50 am	**Arrive at Legion Post 143**
12:00 pm	**Free picnic for all** **Adult beverages available for sale**

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022, 10 A.M.

American Flag Disposal

The United States Flag Code states:

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." The Flag Code does not actually give specifics on how to destroy the flag. One should use common sense making sure the procedure is in good taste and shows no disrespect for the flag. Many of the following organizations have collections in your local community to collect and perform a flag burning ceremony: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Mayor, City Hall or other patriotic organizations.

https://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=070-08-01&category=us-flag-retirement

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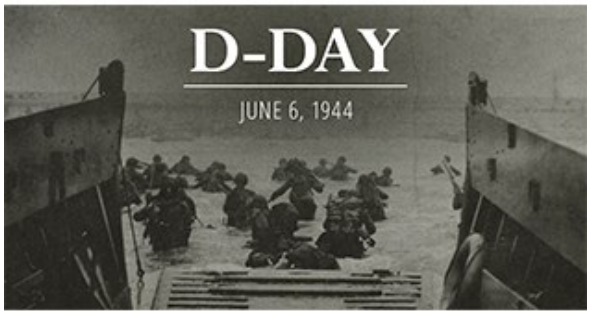

In D-Day?

The “D” stands for “day.” “It simply signifies the day that the invasion will launch and puts all the timetables into play,” says Keith Huxen, Senior Director of Research and History at the National WWII Museum. The term H-Hour worked similarly, with “H” referring to the time on D-Day when the Allied troops hit the beaches.