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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Friday, November 11, 2022
Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24, 2022
Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 25, 2022
Christmas day

Saturday, December 31, 2022
New Year's eve

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

November 1, 2022
Post & Auxiliary
Post Executive Board

November 15, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board

November 22, 2022
SAL Membership

December 6, 2022
Post & Auxiliary
Post Executive Board

December 20, 2022
Auxiliary Executive Board

December 27, 2022
SAL Membership

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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

2022/2023 Post Officers

Commander	Greg Inman
Sr Vice	Patrick Irish
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,

How time flies! Here we are in November already. On a personal note (for me) it means the camper is shut down for the winter; and I begin to look forward to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family. That family also includes our Legion family.

Look to the newsletter and Facebook page for opportunities to come together over the holiday season and enjoy a meal together or just gather for comradeship.

As we roll into the colder months, and here in Michigan sketchy driving conditions, I ask that you all be safe and check in on your neighbors and fellow veterans. We all know how gloomy weather can affect us all. You may just brighten someone's day by a simple phone call. Buddy checks are something we all can do and mean a lot.

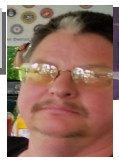
Despite a rainy morning our second annual car show with the Noon Optimist club was a success. There were about 20 cars, and everyone enjoyed the time together and the warm food and cold beverages we made available. Looking forward to dry weather next year and a much larger turnout. Thanks for everyone that helped with setup, food, bartending, teardown, and the 100 other things required to pull this off. We appreciate all you do.

Stay tuned for additional events this winter around the club room; and if you have ideas on how we can come together, please let us know.

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 we enter the final months of the year, I want to encourage our members to renew their 2023 membership by remitting their dues ($25.00) 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 as we already have added five new members this quarter. 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 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, and at the various Post events. Together, I'm confident we can make a difference in the communities we serve. Our legion's Christmas and New Years party's will beheld in the clubroom. Bring dish to pass, karaoke will be there and a 50/50 raffle.

Dates will be posted in the Clubroom bulletin board or call the Clubroom phone number. We had our Halloween party October 30 with a great turnout. Prizes were awarded for costumes, 50/50 raffle and a wide variety of finger food was there. Karaoke was a blast from all. ***Friday night dinners*** are starting again. Call the club room in advance or watch on the Legion Facebook page prior to upcoming Friday.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

2022/2023 SAL Officers

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

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Jason Michael Accorsi
Jilleen DeVries
Payton Dillivan
Steve Johnson
Chris Kurgin
Dean Moser
Asher Steed

Auxiliary President Update – Kelly Vondra

As I compose this article, I find myself wondering how we could get more done. So, if you have a sister, cousin, friend, etc., that would like to give back to our veterans, community, state, or nation we need YOU. Just call one of us or me.

Coming soon: we will be starting a euchre tournament in January or February so keep an eye out in next month's newsletter. This will be a fundraiser for a desperately needed new stove for the kitchen upstairs. Hope to have many of you attend. Also, the kitchen was in need of some new cupboards due to the roof leaking. ***Thank you to Steve Bliven*** for finding, delivering, finding help, and installing them. It looks great. We also have a new refrigerator that was donated to us from Greg Inman's work. Thank you to both of you.

We will also be hosting a few district meetings next year on February 26th & March 26th in our hall at 2pm. Please try to join as it's another way to help, get ideas, get answers, etc. Hope to see you at one of our next upcoming meetings as all our members input/help/friendship matter.

We have been making donations to the Chesterfield Home for Veterans and will be making Christmas cookies to take there (Dec 9th) for this holiday. This is a great way to help if you like to bake. We welcome the help. Also, we will be collecting all toiletries, necessity items, etc., for the homeless shelter in Detroit. If you would like to help shop, donate, coordinate, etc., please contact one of us or me (Kelly) at 248.918.9130.

2022/2023 Auxiliary Officers

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

WELCOME NEW 2021 AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change!

Wayne Dyer

WORDS OF WISDOM

Having a place to go is a home, having someone to love is a family, having both is a blessing!

Boomsumo.com

Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.

Dreamsquote.com

Listening!

Waiting!

Patience!

These are all acts of love!

Mary Davis

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

Funzumo.com

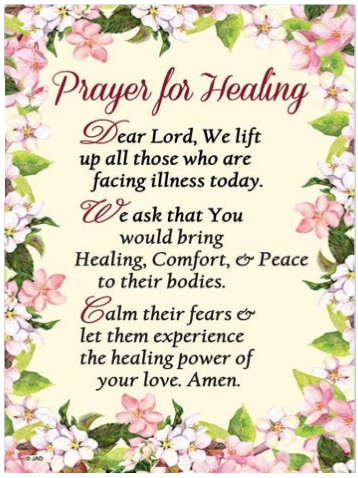
If you would like to include an article, comment, notice, or upcoming event in the newsletter, please send your request to ***malpost143@yahoo.com***

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

Chaplain's Corner—Connie Wright

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

Kelly Vondra recovering from spinal surgery



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
14th – Ashley Popp
15th – Jean Russell
16th – Sheila Fleishans
16th – Mike Potter
18th – Sandee Giangrande
18th – Julia Lanoue
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
7th – Dawn Plaggemars
10th – Todd Wade
15th – Sara Garcia
21st – Mike Hill
22nd – Marcia Cushman
22nd – Hillary Orton
30th – Robert Damron
30th – Chad Leis
31st – Joyce Teryek

November Anniversaries

11/22/? – Dave & Pat Bullis

December Anniversaries

None

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***

November 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Post & Auxiliary*** ***Post Executive Board*** ***Meeting 7 pm***	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* ***Call Clubroom for meal option***	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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25 *Clubroom Closed*	25 *Clubroom Closed*	29 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* **Make your own** **Taco Night** 			

Call Clubroom for news of KARAOKE NIGHTS!

We had our Halloween party Oct 30 and had a great turnout. Prizes given for costumes, 50/50 raffle, and a wide variety of finger food was there.

Bar Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

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.

BALDWIN SPINET PIANO now in clubroom

Clubroom meals

Meals will be posted on my Facebook page (Steve Bliven) & Legion Facebook page for Friday dinners. Be sure to watch each week for updates!

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

Clubroom has another curio cabinet with actual military items donated by members .From a purple heart to vintage papers. Come down & view the history. This past week myself, Mike Green & Paul Monarch replaced the 40 yr. old Legion hall furnace with a higher efficiency furnace and a large media air filter installed. It has a new 5-ton air conditioner to provide cooling for entire hall and adjacent rooms on the first floor. New outdoor condenser will be installed outdoors for it. This improvement will cut down the legion overhead for rentals and gatherings in legion hall. The Auxiliary kitchen was transformed with all white cabinets and tiled walls by myself and the help of a friend of mine and new member to Aux, Jilleen Devries. A side-by-side refrigerator was donated to kitchen. The upright freezer that was in kitchen is now in the club room to conserve space in the back room.

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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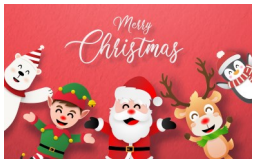
25 Clubroom Closed 	26 Clubroom Closed	27 Clubroom Opens 5 pm ***SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm***	28 Clubroom Opens 5 pm Make your own Taco Night 	29 Clubroom Opens 5 pm ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	30 Clubroom Opens 5 pm *Call Clubroom for meal option*	31 Clubroom Opens 5 pm

Halloween Party in the Clubroom October 29, 2022