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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

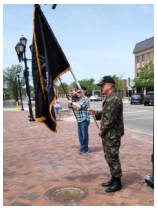
Please patronize local businesses advertised in your newsletter

Friday, May 5, 2023
Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 14, 2023
Mother's day

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Monday, May 29, 2023
Memorial day parade



Tuesday, June 6, 2023
D-Day

Saturday, June 10, 2023
Post Flag Retirement 10 am

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
First day of summer

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

May 2, 2023
Post & Auxiliary
Post Executive Board

May 16, 2023
Auxiliary Executive Board

May 23, 2023
SAL Membership

June 6, 2023
Post & Auxiliary
Post Executive Board

June 20, 2023
Auxiliary Executive Board

June 27, 2023
SAL Membership
Officer Nominations & Elections

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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

2023/2024 Post Officers

Commander	Greg Inman
Sr Vice	Mike Green
Jr Vice	Chris Kurgin
Adjutant	Terry Mazzarese
Finance Officer	Greg Inman
Judge Advocate	Mike Green
Chaplain	Doug Elgie
Historian	Mary Haight
Sgt-at-Arms	Bill Davis
Service Officer	Mike Giles
Color Guard Chairperson	Open
Rental Chair Person	Kelly Vondra
Community Chair	Steve Bliven

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,

I hope someone is enjoying all the rain we have received here in Michigan. I don't know about you but I'm ready for some sunshine. I guess just wait, it will come. Here we are in May already and have just completed our elections for the new year. Stop by a meeting and meet your new officers. Honestly most of them will be familiar as most of us have returned for another year.

Speaking of May, the highlight of our month is our Memorial Day parade. Those wishing to march with us, we are meeting at the high school at 10:30. As always everyone is welcome back to the Post pavilion following the parade for a BBQ. Please make it a point to join us for this family fun event. Look for additional details in the newsletter. If you are looking for additional information or wondering how you can chip in and help, please contact Mike Green.

For those that made it out to the SAL bowling fundraiser, thank you for your participation. As you know funds raised during these events help our Legion Family support those in need. Watch your mailbox for an opportunity to support the annual Auxiliary poppy fund drive. Your generosity, if you are able, is greatly appreciated.

If you are looking to get out of the house and enjoy some company, we'd love to have you stop by the clubroom and enjoy a beverage or two. Also, don't forget we meet on the first Tuesday of the month for our membership meeting. We will meet in June but will be taking the months of July and August off.

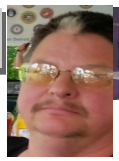
Stay tuned for additional events this spring around the club room, and if you have ideas on how we can get together please let us know.

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

SAL Commander Update – Steve Bliven



No Update as of this time!

Happy Mother's day!

Happy Father's day!

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!

Auxiliary President Update – Kelly Vondra

Hello, I hope this finds you and your family well. Our new year starts in June, and I would like to encourage many of you to come and check out our meetings since we are working on hosting more events this year.

Coming up next is our annual Memorial Day Parade which will be starting at 11 am (gather at 10:30 am) at Avondale High School. We always welcome new groups joining in our parade so consider joining us if you are involved with an organization that would like to help honor those who lost their lives while defending our country. After the parade, we will host a city-wide picnic at our pavilion and have some activities for our community. Hope to see many of you there.

On June 10th at 10 am, we will be having our annual flag retirement ceremony. So, make sure you drop off any worn or tattered flags you may have. They can just simply be put in a bag and hung on one of the outside doors at our building.

Hope everyone enjoys Mother's and Father's day.

Thanks,

2023/2024 Auxiliary Officers

President	Kelly Vondra
1st Vice	Mary Haight
2nd Vice	open
Secretary	Mari-Harvey Edwards
Sgt-at-Arms	Asalei Giles
Treasurer	Donna Harned
Chaplain	Connie Wright
Historian	Open

WELCOME NEW 2023 AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Maresa DeLizia
Mary Haight
Ashara Hood
Sherrie Kerschenheiter
Lisa Marianovic
Lisa Milmine
Darci Moser
Karen Pittman
Payton Dillivan

A word of appreciation often can accomplish what nothing else could accomplish.

B.C Forbes

WORDS OF WISDOM

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

Wayne Dyer

Be kind to unkind people, the need it the most.

Pinterest

Sometimes on the way to a dream, you get lost and find a better one,

Daily FunnyQuote.com

Focus on what matters and let go of what doesn't!

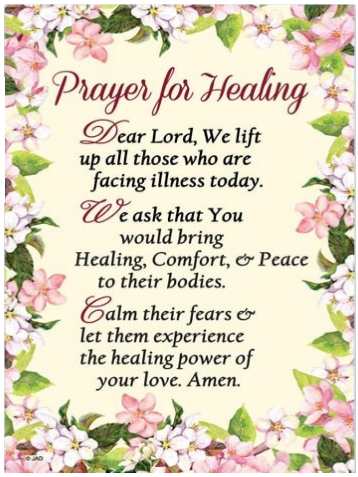
Pinterest

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 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
26th – Lisa Marianovic
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
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
6/26/20 – Jill & Mike DeVries
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***

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day Parade

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Clubroom Closed*	2 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Post & Auxiliary* *Post Executive Board* *Meeting 7 pm*	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco Night	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	5 Cinco de Mayo *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	6 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
7 *Clubroom Closed*	8 *Clubroom Closed*	9 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	10 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco	11 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	12 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	13 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
14 *Clubroom Closed* Mother's Day	15 *Clubroom Closed*	16 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Auxiliary Executive Board* *Meeting 7 pm*	17 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco	18 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	19 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	20 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Armed Forces Day
21 *Clubroom Closed*	22 *Clubroom Closed*	23 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *SAL Membership Meeting 7 pm*	24 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco	25 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* ***Movie at 7:30 pm*** ***Free Popcorn***	26 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	27 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
28 *Clubroom Closed*	29 *Clubroom Closed* Memorial Day Parade	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	31 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco			

Call Clubroom for news of KARAOKE NIGHTS!

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!

We want your old and worn out American & POW-MIA flags from your houses and businesses. Drop them off in a plastic bag by either the main hall door or Clubroom door. We collect them year-round. They are used for the Post yearly summer flag burning ceremony. The public is invited. Food & drinks will be available. The date will be posted in the newsletter.

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

Legion hall kitchen is getting a makeover. As May 3, a new natural gas kitchen range stainless steel, four burners, one oven door & griddle arrived by freight. The money for this purchase was generated by selling the old kitchen appliances - commercial side by refrigerator and range, plus misc items. The walls on the right side of the kitchen are being painted by one of the community service people assisting in the project. After the painting is completed, next step will be to put ceramic tile on the floor. Plus a few cabinets on the back wall by sink.

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 2023

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Huge thanks to Federal Paving for patching the Post driveway .Thanks to Tom and crew from Federal Paving! !

Memorial Day Parade/Family Picnic 2023

Hill Gazette Post 143
96 Churchill
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
May 29th , 2023

Dear Memorial Day Parade and Picnic Supporter

The expenses for the 2022 parade and picnic were over $1000. We are asking for donations to offset this year's parade. The City of Auburn Hills buys the hotdogs and hamburgers. They delivered 300 hamburgers and 250 hot dogs. Post 143 purchased the rest with funds from our Family Picnic account, which is now depleted. This is what we spent last year.

Meijer	$59.80	Extra Hot Dogs
Gordons	$232.86	Water, chips, condiments, plates
C & C Rental	$38.16	Propane
Sam's Club	$247.43	Buns, chips, water, foil, onions, cheese, pans.
Walmart	$15.65	Batteries for PA
Meijer	$221.01	Pop, Gatorade, Popsicles, more water.
Coaches	$375	Bounce house, Sno-cone machine
Meijer	$100	Gift card from Meijer used at Meijer
Sam's Club	$50	Gift card from Sam's used at Sam's
Total	$1039.91	

Please make a check payable to Hill/Gazette Post 143. Note Family Picnic on the memo line. Call or email if you would like me to personally pick up a donation at 248.521.0009 or mj.greeen@gmail.com. Also, donations may be mailed in to or dropped at the address above, Tuesday through Saturday after 6 pm. Thanks for your consideration. Please help us remember our fallen comrades on May 29th, 2023.

The parade starts at Avondale High School at 11 AM sharp and ends at the Hill/Gazette Post 143 at noon. The family picnic is from 12 PM till 2 PM at our pavilion. Craft and info booths are available for interested parties. See the attached map for parade route and picnic location. If you or your group would like to march in the parade, or host a booth at the picnic, please contact me for information. The booth space is free and lunch is free to all that attend.

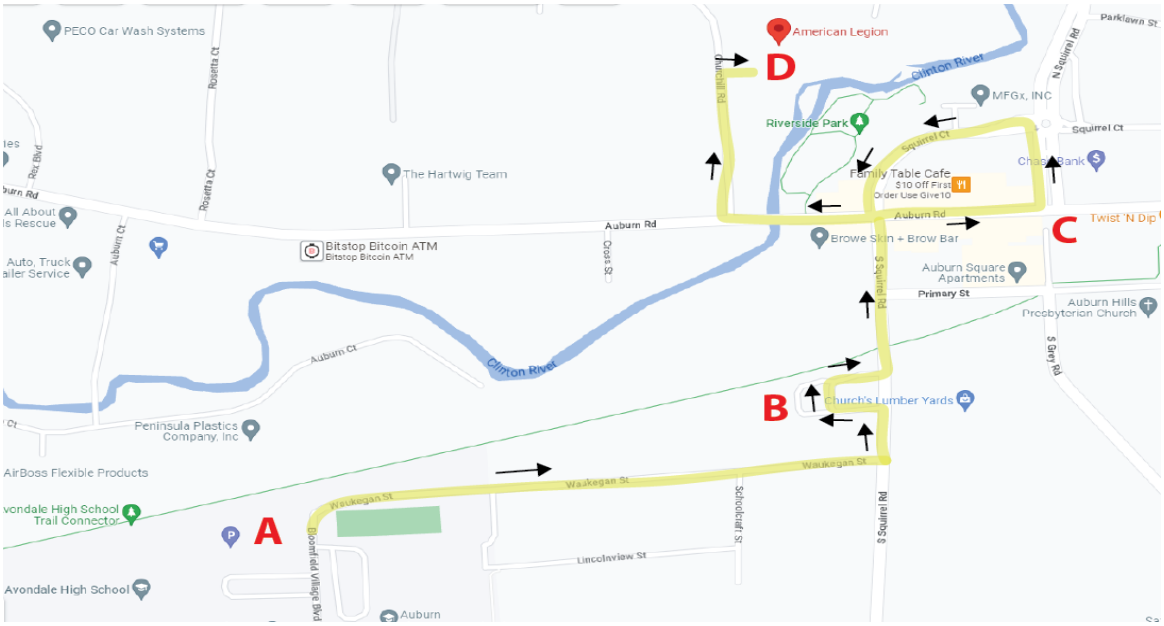
Mike Green or Chris Kurgen
JV Commander/Events Management Executive
American Legion Post 143

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND PICNIC
Monday, May 29, 2023

Memorial Day Parade/Family Picnic 2023

Monday, May 29th, 2023
Hill Gazette Post 143
96 Churchill
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Parade Route and sign in sheet



A. Parade Marchers showtime is 10:30. Parade leaves at 11:00 from Avondale High School Parking lot at 2800 Waukegan St., Auburn Hills. You can park at the Legion Hall and shuttle over to the High School

B. The parade enters the Aaron Webster Cemetery and stops for a ten minute ceremony.

C. Parade stops at the Mom's Plague for a short prayer.

D. Free Family Picnic from 12-2pm at the American Legion Pavilion. Please drop off form or call 248-521-0009 to enter.

Name/Org: _____

Email/Cell: _____