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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

NOTICE

Detroit Lions Football games in Clubrom every Sunday

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Veterans day—Thank you for your service!

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Dedication of the new Memorial at Post 143

Thursdsy, November 23, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving day

Monday, December 25, 2023

Christmas day

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP:

November 7, 2023

Post & Auxiliary

Post Executive Board

Auxiliary Executive Board (tentative)

November 21, 2023

SAL Membership

December 5, 2023

Post & Auxiliary

Post Executive Board

Auxiliary Executive Board (tentative)

December 26, 2023

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 up-coming 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

Can you believe it's November already. Leaves are falling as are the temperatures. As we enter this holiday season in November and December, I hope each of you get the opportunity to spend time with family. For me Thanksgiving has become a time to reflect on the past 11 months and all the blessings I have received and all the things I'm thankful for. My sincere wish is that all of you have many blessings to be thankful for as well.

As we come through the fall and into our cold wintery months, please be careful when you are out and about. At the hall we have a service to keep the lots clear and salted as necessary but if you see a problem, please let one of us know. As a reminder, we continue our Monthly Membership meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. Hope to see you all there.

Hate to sound like a broken record, but if you haven't already sent in your renewal for the year, please take a moment and do so. If you have, thank you and rest assured we received your dues, and the cards will be sent out shortly.

Once again, the best way to stay in touch is to attend our membership meetings and stop down and relax in the clubroom.

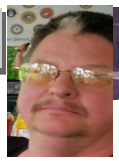
Stay tuned for additional events this winter around the club room, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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



Every Wednesday is build-your-own tacos.

Sundays are now Detroit Lions football games with food at a small cost. Game starting time varies.

Halloween party will be in the Clubroom is on Saturday, Oct 28th, starts at 6:30pm.

2023/2024 SAL Officers

Commander	Steve Bliven
1st Vice	Allan Blascak
2nd Vice	Chris Kurgin
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

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. Recently our kitchen has been getting a much-needed makeover, thanks to Steve Bliven, Mike Green, and Jillian DeVries for all the repairs thus far. Steve Bliven for helping source all the stuff and sell what we did not need. Greg Inman for the donation of the new fridge. We couldn't have accomplished any of this without all who have been involved. Come to our next meeting in December, and we will be happy to show you. Since I am not there all the time, if I missed anyone, please let me know. Thank you all.

In March the Auxiliary will be hosting an Americanism dinner in honor of our late post member B.J. Arnold. The Americanism dinner was her "Special Project" for years, and we are doing our best to bring that very important event back! We will be honoring our local Police and Firefighters and possibly a few others that may deserve an award; for example, a youth who has done a good deed or for being a hero of some sort. Keep your eyes and ears open for anyone fitting that description. Here's a link for more information https://www.legion-aux.org/youth-hero-good-deed-awards. This program is over 100 years old, so let's keep it strong!

We would also like to support our 18th district's Auxiliary President Ellen Jackson's "Special Project" for the Wounded Warriors Fund (Michigan Fund not national) and the Honorary Junior Department President Abbie Jones's "Special Project" The PTSD Dogs. Good Luck to you both!

Hope to see many more new faces at our next meeting, December 5th, 7pm so we can get more of the past programs back. It's a great way to "give back."

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!

Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end!

Leonard Nimoy

WORDS OF WISDOM

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Benjamin Franklin

Without Labor NOTHING prospers

Sophocles

You get what you give...period

Rhonda Burne

The best road to progress is freedom's road

John F. Kennedy

Chaplain's Corner—Connie Wright

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

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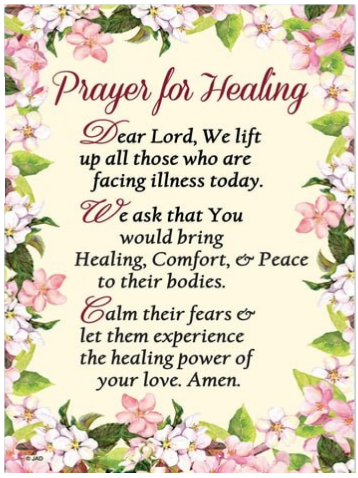
Good health for all!



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*

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***

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	4 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
5 *Detroit Lions Football in cluroon* 	6 *Clubroom Closed*	7 *Clubroom Opens 5pm* *Post & Auxiliary Post Executive Board Meeting 7 pm* *Aux Board (tentative) following regular mtg*	8 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco 	9 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn* 	10 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	11 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Veterans* Day Thank you for your service
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26 *Detroit Lions Football in cluroon* 	27 *Clubroom Closed*	28 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	29 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco 	30 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Movie at 7:30 pm* *Free Popcorn* 		

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

The front wall outside the hall entrance was repaired by patching cracks with cement and repainted. Plus, two vertical supports were replaced. Jilleen DeVries and her husband took on this project.

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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DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM
Dedication Saturday, November 11, 2023

The Desert Shield/Desert Storm Memorial was commissioned as an Eagle Scout Project by Ben Wodniak. He organized and managed the design and build. It's in the woods as a reflection area. The wall stones have the names of every KIA from Michigan since 1990. The paver stones are personalized and can be purchased for $55. There can be three lines with 11 characters per line. The Memorial will be dedicated this Saturday at Noon.

DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM
WAR MEMORIAL
1990 – 1991
"BUT IF I MUST, I WILL FIGHT
AND IF I MUST, I'LL DIE.
DEFENDING FREEDOM IS MY MISSION
AND I'VE ANSWERED EVERY CALL.
I'LL FIGHT IN THE HEAT
AND THE DUST AND SAND
AND THE DRAGON, HE WILL FALL."
-SERGEANT DIGGS R. POWELL
US ARMY KIA FEB 1991