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UPCOMING EVENTS TO WATCH FOR

NOTICE

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE AN UPDATE TO THE PRESENT DATE.

January, February, March, April, May, and June birthdays and anniversaries are listed on Page 8— July and August will be on Page 4

Sunday, June 9, 2024
Post 143 is hosting a Girls State Tea at 2pm! Hope to see you there to give your support!

Saturday, June 15, 2024
Flag retirement at 10am at Post 143

Thursday, July, 4th, 2024
Enjoy the holiday!

HAVE A WONDERUL SUMMER!

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS COMING UP

Meetings are cancelled for July and August

See you in September!

Enjoy the summer months!

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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

2024/2025 Post Officers

Commander	Greg Inman
Sr Vice	Mike Green
Jr Vice	Chris Sawyers
Adjutant	Darlene Macmillan
Finance Officer	Greg Inman
Judge Advocate	Mike Green
Chaplain	
Historian	
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.

Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring and summer weather we have been experiencing here in Michigan. Here we are wrapping up May 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 was our Memorial Day parade. For those of you that supported the parade, thank you so much. For those that couldn't attend, please consider joining us next year as we hope to keep making it bigger and better. This year was again supported by Stellantis veterans' group, and they brought several vehicles for us to ride in. The BBQ back at the Post pavilion following the parade was also a huge success. Thanks for all the cooks, and the support from the Auxiliary for managing the crowd and handing out the food. We also had the return of the Raminator Monster truck which was, again, a huge hit with the kids.

Our next event coming soon is our annual flag retirement ceremony which will be held at 10 am on June 15th. Please consider joining us for this special event, and lunch will follow.

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.

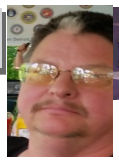
Stay tuned for additional events this summer around the club room, and if you have ideas on how we can get together please let us know.

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 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



Hi SAL members,

In May, a few of our members helped to install a new air conditioning system in the attic for the hall rooms. Thanks to Mike Green, Pat Sawyer, and me. The new system made better air circulation and cut electric consumption. A fundraiser helped pay for it . The old equipment was removed.

Outside of Post 143, by rear of the building at base of the wooden stairs by kitchen, a small area of cement was replaced for the walk way. Thanks to Pat Sawyer and Greg Landry, our latest new son members. Two yellow bollard poles were installed on top of the new area of cement in April by myself.

The wooden privacy by the pavilion was repainted with the color scheme of our American flag by two of our Auxiliary members, Lisa Green and Jilleen Devries, just in time for the Memorial Day celebration. Flower beds and bushes were trimmed up thanks to Mike and Lisa Green. The hall kitchen was renovated last fall and is still in process, new floor tiles were purchased by Auxiliary. Mike and Lisa Green helped with installation. All upper cabinets repainted by Jilleen Devries. Installed a new appliance combination stove, griddle and oven.

Yours in service, Steve

Auxiliary President Update – Kelly Vondra

No article until September!

Have a warm and sunny summer with family and friends!

2024/2025 SAL Officers

Commander	Dan Tyack
1st Vice	Brian Roose
2nd Vice	Pat Sawyers
Adjutant	Steve Bliven
Finance Officer	Brian Roose
Chaplain	Mike Giles
Historian	Open
Sgt-at-Arms	Roman Smok
Post Advisor	Greg Inman
Service Officer	Mike Giles

WELCOME NEW SAL MEMBERS!

Greg Landry

Brian Roose

Pat Sawyer

2024/2025 Auxiliary Officers

President	Kelly Vondra
1st Vice	Open
2nd Vice	Open
Secretary	Lisa Green
Sgt-at-Arms	Linda Kaarle
Treasurer	Donna Harned
Chaplain	Connie Wright
Historian	Open
Poppy Chair	Mary Haight

WELCOME NEW 2023 AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Jennifer Hosking

Sherri Kercshenheiter

Lynette Miracle

Jamie Wright

"Learn from yesterday,
live for today,
hope for tomorrow."
Albert Einstein

WORDS OF WISDOM

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.
Socrates

Prejudice is the child of ignorance.
William Hazlett

When the people are afraid of the government, that's tyranny. But when the government is afraid of the people, that's liberty.
Thomas Jefferson

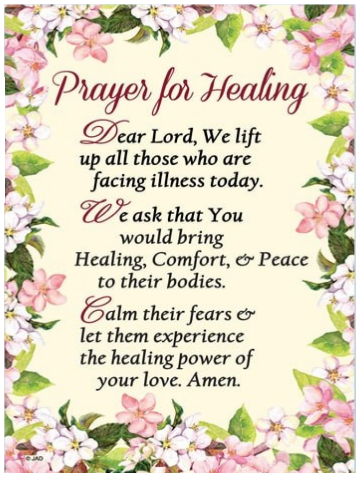
When things are steep, remember to stay level-headed
Horace

Chaplain's Corner—Connie Wright

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

Jean Russell had gall bladder surgery in January!
Connie Wright came home from the hospital in May!

Praying for 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

July Birthdays

2nd -Denise Stahl
3rd – Michael Robert Modders
6th – Dan Becker
10th – John Popp
13th – Patrick Irish
13th – Rose Elgie
18th – Kitty Dault
19th – Joe Lafnear II
22nd – Juliana Damron
24th – Mike Green
25th – Ben Kolasinski
29th – Adam Blascak

August Birthdays

1st – Debbie Reyes
4th – Linda Shaffer
4th – Beverly Green
4th – Mary Haight
5th – Chester Bartle
8th – Marilyn Kwolik
8th – Jamie Wright
10th – Evelyn Ross
11th – Sharon McCoury
12th – Andrew Myatt
13th – Connie Wright
18th – Sandi Ferrell
18th – Mary Wall
19th – Joe Lafnear, Sr
19th – Sherri Kerschenheiter
24th – Nancy Damron

July Anniversaries

7/4/15 – Clinton & Kimberly Westover
7/7/? – Joe & Elissa Lafnear II
7/8/05 – Greg & Lisa Inman
7/8/? - James & Leslie Thompson
7/12/86 – Al & Trish Blascak
7/16/77 – Tom & Anne Cavalier
7/ 21/ 73 – Chester & Sue Bartle
7/ 26/ 69 – Phillip & Diana Neff
7/ 29/ 77 – Bob & Pat Schmaltz
7/ 29/ 06 – Shaun & Michelle Pate

August Anniversaries

8/2/96 – Kelly & Steve Vondra
8/6/? – Laura & Jim Cubba
8/9/69 – Robert & Dawn Modders
8/27/66 – Jack & Lynn Hunn
8/29/81 – Doug & Rose Elgie

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***

July 2024

NO SUMMER MEETINGS!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 *Clubroom Closed*	2 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*	3 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* Make your own Taco	4 *Clubroom Closed*	5 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm* *Call Clubroom for meal option or review Steve Bliven FB*	6 *Clubroom Opens 5 pm*
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28 *Clubroom Closed*	29 *Clubroom Closed*	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!

Check the legion's Facebook page or mine. Dates will be posted in the Clubroom bulletin board, call ahead.

House Chairman Update—Steve Bliven

Summer time is here. From June until September, the Clubroom will be outside on Friday nights, weather permitting and no rentals are using it!

Come enjoy listening to band in the park on our side of the river. Cash bar, music afterwards with bonfire. Bring your own lawn chairs and treats -s'mores or your favorite snacks!

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!

NO SUMMER MEETINGS!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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2nd – Curtis B Carnes
2nd – Theresa Monarch
5th – Trish Blascak
6th – Michael Giles
11th – Donna Harned
12th – Bill Davis
15th – James Jensen
16th – Glen Laursen
16th – Jennifer Hosking
17th – Connie Hoadley
17th – Michele Riera
20th – Andrea Gubarieu
20th – Lori Schroader
21st – Al Blascak
24th - Robert Hill
25th - Theresa Monarch
28th – Cameron Tackett
30th – Archie Archambault
31st – John (Jack) Hunn

February Birthdays

4th – Steve Bliven
14th – Joe Ruiz
15th – Steven Wright
27th – Tammy Yennoir
29th – Robert Pearson (Leap Years)

March Birthdays

3rd – Rob Drew
13th–Linda Polasek Hall
15th – Jill DeVries
16th – Ray Flum
20th – Kelly Vondra
21st – Keith Galbraith
28th – Harold Tackett

April Birthdays

1st – Dawn Cooper
2nd – Darlene Masich
5th – Jack Kettler
7th – Ken Hebel
8th – Linda Hill
10th – Mary Becker
13th – Gerri Lafnear
13th – Lynette Miracle
17th – Mario Pelka
17th – Diana Matthes
17th – Thomas Cavalier
19th – Larry Evon
20th – Linda Kaarle
25th – Roger Hill
26th – Anne M Tomshoen
26th – Cassandra Hill
27th – Sandy Jones

5/ May Birthdays

2nd – Doug Elgie
3rd – A 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

6/ June Birthdays

3rd – MaryAnn Pitcher
3rd – Isabelle Ross
4th – Stephen Ritze
6th – Robert Modders
7th – Ken Boback
15th – Ed Murray
16th – B.J. Arnold
20th – Ray Tackett
22nd – Marie Hill
25th – Stephanie Potter
28th – Tricia Drew
30th – Carol Lefaivre

January Anniversaries

1/ 7/ 44 - Wallace & Eleanor Johnson
1/ 12/? – Sheila & Richard Fleishans
1/ 12/ 74 – Bob & Sandy Jones
1/19/90 – James & Sharon Jensen

February Anniversaries

2/ 14/? – Todd & Amy Wade
2/ 15/ 07 – Michael & Kathleen Modders
2/28/15 – John & Donna Stormzand

March Anniversaries

3/ 9/ 68 – Pat & Ken Boback
3/11/72 – Sandra & Terry Frisch
3/30/93 – Joyce & Al Teryek

April Anniversaries

4/1/1973 – Mike & Asalei Giles
4/ 13/84 – Jim & Beulah Wiles
4/ 21/86 – Ron & Connie Hoadley
4/ 27/85 – Ken & Brenda Hebel

May Anniversaries

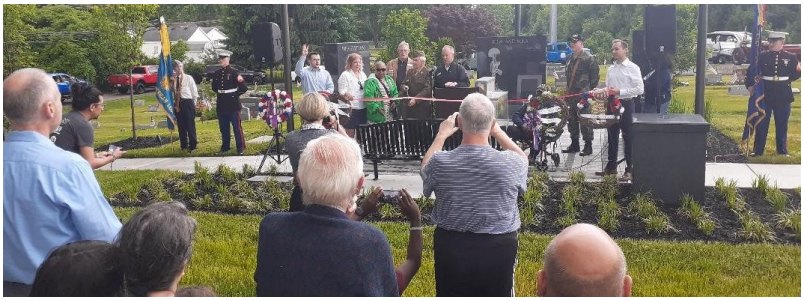
5/4/74 - Steven & Sandi Ferrell
5/11/57 – Jack & Georgie Kettler

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

Memorial Day Pictures and Project at Post 143

Pat Sawyer is in the picture lifting a brick next to Lowe's wheel barrow . Greg Landry helped with the kitchen stairs.



More Pictures at Post 143—Jan-Jun 2024

Enjoy tacos each Wednesday and dinner on Fridays in the clubroom (be sure to watch Steve Bliven's Facebook for different meal choices)

More Pictures at Post 143—Jan-Jun 2024
Memorial Day helpers

Getting ready for Memorial Day events!

Some Friday evening get-togethers in the pavilion