

S. A. L. MAURICE L. MICHAEL TROPHY

DESCRIPTION:

INSCRIPTION: "Sons of The American Legion Award in memory of Maurice L. Michael"

PRESENTED BY: Mrs. Marie Michael, widow of Maurice L. Michael, in 1957 in memory of this man who took an active part in the S.A.L. program in Detroit and served the Department on the Detachment S.A.L. Committee from 1948 until his death in 1953.

GENERAL: Light oak wood consisting of a base of two layers with two sunray eagles on either side and wood column in center topped by a sunray figure and on the front of column the inscription.

HOW AWARDED:

To be awarded annually to the Squadron which is judged on the basis of reports submitted to the Department Headquarters as having the best S.A.L. program in the State.

CONDITIONS:

1. Title of this trophy is to remain in The American Legion, Department of Michigan.
2. By mandate of the 1953 Department Convention, the original trophy is to remain at Department Headquarters on exhibit and in the stead of physical delivery of the original trophy to the winner, a small plaque, properly engraved, shall be supplied and presented by the Department at each Department Convention, with said plaque being retained by the adjudged winner. Suitable engraving shall be made upon the original trophy for record and posterity.
3. Said trophy is to be awarded annually to the squadron with the best S.A.L. program in the State of Michigan for that particular year.
4. The award shall be based on the information supplied by the squadron on form provided by the Detachment S.A.L. Committee, and filed with Department Headquarters.
5. Winner shall be determined by the Detachment S.A.L. Committee.

* By action of the Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Michigan, at its meeting in Kalamazoo on September 14-16, 1962, plaques shall be turned over to the Department Vice Commander and/or District Committeeman for presentation at a district or post meeting rather than at a Department Convention.

MAURICE L. MICHAEL AWARD
APPLICATION BY: SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
SQUADRON #999

Period From: June 2014 to the Present

ACTIVITIES TO HONOR THE AMERICAN LEGION

Participation of the S.A.L. Color/Guard Drill Team in local Memorial Day services.

Assisting in putting up the Avenue of Flags for deceased Veterans that served our country.

Placing flowers for Memorial Day - these are placed in the Cemeteries that the Post holds ceremonies at.

Participation in Honor Guard activities at the Post's Spring Banquet.

Presentation of gifts to those who gave of their time to help our Squadron at the annual Spring Banquet.

Showing appreciation at the Spring Banquet to the workers of the Sons of The American Legion Friday Night Bingo with gifts totaling \$180.00.

Donation of \$100.00 at Christmas for the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

Had members attend the annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service in Grand Rapids.

Had a member bring a large donation of clothing to the Legion Villa in Battle Creek.

Members attended the annual Vet's Carnival at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES:

Donation to the Local Ministerial Association of \$ 50.00 for needy families.

Donation to the Grand Rapids Santa Claus Girls of \$50.00 for Christmas gifts to the needy families of Kent County.

Donation to the North Kent Service Center for Seniors of \$50.00.

S.A.L. members assisted in the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post for needy members of the Post and the community by putting in a total of 43 hours of service.

Donation to the Local Festival with a Patron donation of \$100.00.

POST AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES:

Hosting of the Annual Horse Shoe Tournament game at the Post Picnic with \$69.95 in prizes.

Helping in sales of Poppy's for the American Legion.

Participation of Squadron members in the Activities of the American Legion and Auxiliary, such as Regular and Special Bingo's and Dinners.

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Hosting of the S.A.L. Friday Night Bingo, which has raised significant revenue over its 30 year existence, to assist the Post in various projects.

Paid our share of the cost of the Post Children's Christmas Party, which was \$358.41 and our share of the Post Christmas Party, which was \$195.43.

Paid the Post \$10,200.00 for utilities (operating fund).

Assisted with the annual lunch and bingo for the veterans from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and provided \$129.25 for gifts.

Have recognition from the Post by having one voting member on the Board of Control and Building Committees, each serving a two year term.

Members assist the Auxiliary by helping with their two annual Craft/Garage Sale Bazaars.

Members assisted with the "We the People Giving Back" Memorial Motorcycle run gathering that took place at our Post.

Sharing in the cost of the Post newsletter. We contributed \$932.61.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS MEMBERS:

Members of the Squadron that renewed their Membership (Birds) were treated to Breakfast at the Cafe, which cost \$262.25.

Color Guard participated in the Local Parade, Veteran's Day Parade in Grand Rapids, the Sand Lake Fourth of July Parade, as well as other parades the Post decided to participate in.

Sent sympathy cards to members that need comfort in time of illness or death, and will provide for tickets to an immediate family member to attend the annual Fifth District Memorial Banquet.

EXAMPLE

Send Squadron representative to the annual Fifth District Memorial Banquet.

S.A.L. members participated in the Post's Early Bird Dinner at a cost of \$460.57 paid by the Squadron.

Installation Dinner for Officers held at the local restaurant at a cost of \$200.00.

S.A.L. members serving on the Detachment level.

Sending S.A.L. Delegates from the Squadron to the Detachment Convention.

Held our annual Rifle Raffle, which has been an ongoing event for over 25 years.

Members participated in the District Bus Tour.

Purchased new Color Guard uniforms for marchers at cost of \$94.30.

CERTIFIED: _____ TITLE: S.A.L. ADVISOR DATE: 6-4-13