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Tunnel to Towers Opens Southfield Veterans Village, Bringing Housing and Hope to Michigan Veterans



A new chapter in caring for Michigan veterans began October 21 as the Tunnel to Towers Foundation celebrated the grand opening of its Southfield Veterans Village, providing permanent, affordable housing and a pathway toward stability for veterans facing homelessness or housing insecurity.

The Tunnel to Towers' nationwide Homeless Veteran Program is the ambitious mission of ending veteran homelessness. The Foundation has already provided housing assistance and supportive services to more than 20,000 veterans and 10,000 of their children.

The mission traces back to one firefighter's extraordinary sacrifice on September 11, 2001. Firefighter Stephen Siller had finished his shift when he learned of the attacks on the World Trade Center. After finding the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel closed to vehicles, he strapped on approximately 60 pounds of firefighting gear and ran through the tunnel toward the Twin Towers. He died while responding to the disaster.

Stephen's family established the Tunnel to Towers Foundation to honor his memory and carry forward his commitment to serving others. Led by his brother, Chairman and CEO Frank Siller, the organiza-

tion now provides mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families and families of fallen first responders, and supports educational opportunities for eligible children.

The Village transformed a former Southfield Holiday Inn Express & Suites into residential units, with shared community space and on-site support services. Rather than simply providing a roof overhead, the project brings housing and practical assistance together so residents can address the challenges that may have con-



tributed to homelessness.

Available services include job training and employment assistance, educational support, VSO access, financial counseling and legal advocacy. Mental health and

post-traumatic stress disorder counseling, and addiction recovery services will also be available. By bringing these resources into one location, the Foundation hopes to remove barriers that can make recovery and long-term independence difficult.

The American Legion Department of Michigan was represented at the dedication by State Adjutant Ron Runyan, 18th District Commander JD Daughtry, 1st District Commander Mark Sutton, Past Department Commander Roger Avie, Auxiliary Department President Anita L. Mennel, and several other Legion Family members. Their attendance reflected the Legion's continued commitment to supporting Michigan veter-



ans and recognizing organizations working to improve their lives.

Opening during the 25th anniversary year of September 11, the Village stands as a reminder that honoring service requires more than words. For veterans who once faced uncertainty about where they would sleep, Southfield Veterans Village offers something lasting: a home, a community and the tools to move forward with dignity. For information about the Southfield Veterans Village, the Foundation's programs or ways to help, visit www.T2T.org.



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We look for photos showing Legion caps in action whenever possible.

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Jim Austin
Department Commander

Greetings From the Road!

It has been a remarkably busy month of travel, and I still remember the times I had during the Upper Peninsula Tour. The small-town Legions remind us of what it was like back in the day when the Legions were the center of the community. I am patiently awaiting the winter weather so I can wear my Stormy Kromer hat.

I recently returned home from the Commander and Adjutant Conference at National Headquarters. Every time I visit National HQ, I am still impressed by the passion and knowledge of our National Leaders, Committee Chairman and their members. It reaffirms my belief that the only way this works is through teamwork. No one is more important than the other. We all have something to offer. Like National Commander Bowers says, if you think you are too smart to learn anything, you are not part of the solution. If you truly are smart and choose not to share that information, you are also not part of the solution. BPOTS, we must be part of the solution to continue the great work the American Legion does.

All the committees and programs are in full swing. Membership is doing extremely well; we have already met our October goal and are well on our way to our November goal. There have been exciting new membership incentives shared by 1st Vice Commander Deaton on social media. Please take advantage of them. All program deadlines have been posted, and they will be here before you know it. Continue the work; even if you are not part of a committee, your participation at the Post level and input help that committee excel.

As always, if you have positive feedback or input that will benefit our Legion to move forward, please feel free to share it with me or any of your leadership.



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COMMANDERS PROJECT

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED A COIN AND TO THE POSTS, UNITS, SQUADRONS AND DISTRICTS THAT HAVE ALREADY DONATED. YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



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Runyan's Ramblings: Better Members Build Stronger Posts

Why Every Legionnaire Should Take Basic Training

Knowledge is one of the most valuable tools a Legionnaire can possess. In less than two hours, members can strengthen their understanding of The American Legion, become more effective volunteers, and help their posts better serve veterans and their communities.

When we joined The American Legion, we became part of an organization with a proud history and a mission that reaches far beyond the walls of our local posts. But how much do we really know about that mission? Can we explain our Four Pillars? Do we understand the programs available to veterans and their families? More importantly, do we know how to put that knowledge to work in our own communities?

Whether you have been a Legionnaire for six months or 40 years, there is always something new to learn.

That's why every member should consider completing The American Legion's Basic Training course, offered through the American Legion Education Institute (ALEI) <https://register.legion.org/alei>. This free, online program provides a practical understanding of our organization, its history, its programs, and the responsibilities we share as members.

And the best part? It takes less than two hours to complete, can be taken from the comfort of your home, and allows you to learn at your own pace.

Being a Member Is More Than Paying Dues

Membership in The American Legion is about belonging to something larger than ourselves. It is about service, advocacy, leadership, and fellowship. Yet many members, through no fault of their own, never receive a complete introduction to everything our organization does.

Basic Training helps close that knowledge gap

The course explores The American Legion's history and organization, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. These subjects form the foundation of our mission and help members understand how their individual efforts contribute to the success of the organization.

Understanding these principles can make us more confident when speaking about The American Legion, answering questions from prospective members, or identifying opportunities for our posts to make a difference.

Stronger Members Mean Stronger Posts

Think about the challenges facing many American Legion posts today: recruiting new members, retaining existing members, developing future leaders, increasing participation, and remaining relevant within their communities.

Education alone won't solve every challenge, but it is an important starting point. A member who understands our programs is better equipped to suggest new activities. A member who knows our history can explain why the organization remains important. A member familiar with our advocacy efforts can demonstrate that Legion membership supports veterans far

beyond the local post.

That knowledge can translate into stronger membership conversations, greater involvement, better community outreach, and more effective post leadership.

Imagine the difference if every post had a group of members who understood not only what The American Legion stands for, but also how to turn its mission into meaningful local action.

Leadership Begins With Learning

You don't need to be a post commander, adjutant, or committee chairman to benefit from Basic Training.

In fact, some of the greatest benefits may come to members who have never held office but want to contribute more.

Perhaps you've considered serving on a committee, helping organize an event, recruiting new members, or eventually accepting a leadership position. Basic Training gives you a stronger foundation for taking that next step.

For those already serving as officers, the course provides an opportunity to revisit the fundamentals and ensure decisions and activities remain connected to the organization's larger purpose.

It is also an excellent starting point for members interested in attending Department or National American Legion College. Completing Basic Training is a prerequisite for National American Legion College.

Knowledge Can Improve Membership Retention

One of the biggest challenges we face is keeping members engaged after they join.

When someone understands the value of their membership, knows what programs exist, and sees opportunities to participate, they have more reasons to remain involved.

The American Legion's national membership engagement recommendations specifically recognize Basic Training as an important tool for integrating new members and improving their understanding of the organization.

That is why posts should consider encouraging every new member to complete the course. Better yet, invite longtime members to participate as well.

A post could even organize a Basic Training initiative, encourage members to complete the program, and recognize those who earn their certificates at a regular membership meeting.

Such an effort can help build a culture in which learning, participation, and leadership development become normal parts of Legion membership.

Two Hours That Can Make a Lasting Difference

We often ask what National, the Department, or our post can do to strengthen membership. Perhaps we should also ask a different question: What can I do to become a better Legionnaire? Completing Basic Training is one simple answer. It costs nothing for American Legion Family members, requires no travel, and can be completed using a computer or mobile device. Members who complete the course can receive a certificate of completion.



Roger Deaton
1st Vice Commander

Membership

Amazing membership teams across our state! As of October 9th, state membership was at 58.35%; we have 7 posts at 100%... Thank you all. We have the new Early Bird Drawing incentive out, and we ask all posts to publish the flyer and mention it at their meetings. The drawing is for \$500.00 for any member who renews before Veterans Day, November 11th, and PUFLs are included. So, pass the word around. The Flyer is on the last page of this Legionnaire.

A big shout-out to Legionnaire Gary Tanner for working with the Flint Area Bowlers Council. This month, the Bowlers had their 11th annual bowling fundraiser at Grand Blanc Lanes in Grand Blanc, Michigan. This organization, headed up by "Charlotte," has donated over \$65,000.00 to the American Legion Wounded and Returning Warrior Program. Our program is one of the best: 100% of donations go to Veterans and their families right here in Michigan. Please reach out if you would like your next fundraiser to benefit our very own Wounded and Returning Warrior program.



American Legion Membership team will have training at our Fall Conference on Saturday, November 7th in the Michigan conference room. It starts at 0930, and the subject will be "Text'em All"—a wonderful way for Posts, Districts and Zones to get information out and WHEN to send it. Our Membership Committee meeting will be on Friday, November 6th at 0900 in the Superior Room.

Please encourage your friends, Family and Community to participate in the numerous Veterans Day remembrances being held throughout our state and remember to take "pics" and post them for all of us to enjoy. This would also be an exciting time to visit an area you may not have visited and get a Passport Stamp. Visit 10 posts and receive a Hat pin, and visit 25 Posts to receive the one and only Passport Program Challenge coin.

The American Legion Cruisers Brighton Post 235 has been up and running for a few months. It is another fantastic way to bring more folks into membership, host more events and continue building camaraderie. Visit Posts and have fun.

I wanted to thank the Department of Michigan Staff and my Membership team for all their hard work so far. One team, one fight. Thank you, Legion Family, for all your support.

Americanism

David Yahr
2nd Vice Commander



Hope everyone is having a great fall. Can you believe this nice weather? Get those outside projects done now before the cold sets in. Remember to send me your Americanism events so I can get them on the Americanism Facebook page. If you are interested in having your Post featured for the Passport Program and you have the stamp, please let me know. I will get your Post on the schedule.

Has your Post been out pushing the Americanism Programs and Scholarships in your local schools? Most area high schools would be excited to hear about all of the opportunities the American Legion offers for continuing education beyond graduation. There is money for Seniors in the Oratorical Speech contest, Eagle Scout of the Year, and Baseball has a couple of different scholarships, as does Boys State. There are the Brewer and Wilson Scholarships, and of course there is the Skilled Trade Scholarship as well. If you are unsure how to help a family looking for a way to pay for college, talk to someone on the Americanism Committee or Email Legion@michiganlegion.org.

Let's show our Americanism and get moving throughout the state in support of other Posts. Ten stamps in your passport gets you a hat pin and 25 stamps gets a challenge coin.

Program Dates are all listed below.

Program Dates December 2026

December 4th- Oratorical Registrations deadline
December TBD- JSSP First round postal match competition

target set sales and registration closes
January 2027

January 1st- Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org

January 4th- Brewer/Wilson Scholarship submission deadline.

January 8th- Law Officer of the Year submission deadline

January 8th- Firefighter of the Year submission deadline

January 24th- District Oratorical Contests deadline
February 2027

February TBD- JSSP Targets due to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)

February 27th- Zone Oratorical Contests deadline.

February TBD- JSSP Second round postal match competition targets mailed out by CMP.

March 2027

March 1st-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline

March 5th- Teacher of the Year Nominations deadline.

March 27th- Oratorical State Contest, Location TBD.

Stay up to date at: <https://michiganlegion.org/programs/>

2027 Membership: October 28th Goal = 51,500
Current Total: 32,528 - 63.16%

Passport Post Spotlight Dale H. Wheeler Post 219, Fife Lake

If you're traveling through northern Michigan with your Michigan Legion Passport, make a point to stop at Dale H. Wheeler Post 219 in Fife Lake. Known for its friendly members, popular fish fries, and strong community connections, this is a post where hometown hospitality and Legion pride go hand in hand.

One of the biggest draws is the First Friday Fish Fry, a local favorite that brings



The post hosts an annual Armed Forces Day celebration, a free event open to everyone, along with a Halloween Trunk or Treat, children's Christmas party, and Easter egg hunts. These traditions reflect the post's commitment to giving back to the community that supports it.

The post's history is just as meaningful. In 1968, Dale H. Wheeler, the post's first commander, donated 25.4 acres of forestland to the charter post. That generous gift established a lasting home for an organization that continues to serve veterans, their families, and the surrounding community. It's a legacy members remain proud of today.

Located about a quarter-mile east of the US-131 roundabout in Fife Lake finding Post 219 is easy. Visitors will find the club entrance most convenient from the rear (north) park-

ing lot. Hours are Monday through Friday, 3-9 p.m.; Saturday, 1-9 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-6 p.m.

Whether you're stopping in for the famous Friday fish fry, attending a community event, or simply visiting another American Legion post, you'll find dedicated volunteers and welcoming faces ready to greet you. Be sure to ask for the post newsletter, learn what's happening around Fife Lake, and, of course, get your Michigan Legion Passport stamped!



together Legion members and the general public for good food and fellowship. It's a great opportunity to meet the people who make Post 219 special. The post's monthly raffle is another popular gathering, especially during the summer when members who spend their winters elsewhere return to reconnect with old friends.

Community involvement is at the heart of Post 219. The Legion, local businesses, and the Village of Fife Lake work together to support activities throughout the year.



See Other Passport Posts or Register at <https://michiganlegion.org/passport/>



1st District Report

Mark Sutton, Commander

Commander Austin, the First District has a deep history with the American Legion Department of Michigan. The Department started in Detroit. The first meetings to form the department started in June of 1919. You can find the meeting minutes in the basement of the department headquarters if you want to read them.

That history doesn't keep the district growing. To expand, we plan targeted outreach in Detroit, Grosse Pointe, and Wayne County, which has over [55,000 Veterans]. We will identify and engage more Veterans and community members to join the First District.

In addition, we want to ensure the district's high school students take advantage of the programs and scholarships available to them. Boys State, Girls State, Student Trooper, Oratorical, and our Scholarship programs can change lives. Actively promoting these programs can make a real difference in our community.

Over the past year, we have merged or closed several posts. The First currently has 11 Posts in the District. We finalized those mergers and closures at the last National Convention. We are moving forward with a strategy to track membership and program progress. We adjusted goals, and efforts to engage those members are ongoing.

We still have compliance issues to address, and we need to show new members and those who have been around a while that being part of the leadership team at their posts, district, department, and national is valuable. Dedication to leadership can reinforce the importance of supporting Veterans through the American Legion.

AMERICAN LEGION
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HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

★ A Constitutional Speech Contest ★

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



JANUARY 24, 2027

District Oratorical Contests Deadline



FEBRUARY 27, 2027

Zone Oratorical Contests Deadline



Scan for contest details, rules, registration, and resources



michiganlegion.org/oratorical/



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AUXILIAIRE

From the Desk of the President

November 2026



Anita L. Mennel
Department President
2026-2027

TIME MARCHES ON

Happy Fall to all. Hard to believe the time is moving so quickly. Last month was a whirlwind kind of month. Our first virtual program rollout went well, and I trust those attending gained some useful knowledge.

I had the honor of installing the 8th District officers, then traveled to our beautiful Upper Peninsula for the U.P. tour. While it was short, we visited some amazing Legion- Family Posts, where the 'ALF' is strong. Meeting new members-now friends, and catching up with the old ones is so very special! Sharing our new eligibility updates was an inspiring time and perhaps opened the door for some new Auxiliary members to join.

I returned home long enough to change suitcases, then on to Massachusetts for our National President, Coral May Grout's Homecoming. I especially enjoyed the tour of the Springfield Armory. It was established by George Washington in 1777. Weapons for every major U.S. conflict were supplied from here until its closure in 1968. Wow, how weapons were made "back then" was very impressive. If you are ever in that area, do take a few hours to visit this National Historic site.

Our schools of instruction/Fall Conference is November 6th and 7th. I encourage every member to attend and receive all of the important information that will be shared. Our Na-

tional President, Coral Grout, will be visiting our department. Please join us for the meet & greet on Friday evening, there will be a Q & A session.

November 11th is Veterans Day! The day we honor our living veterans! Where will you be on 11-11 @ 1100?? Make time to attend a ceremony or special function and honor our veterans!

This is also the month our forefathers set aside as a day to be Thankful. What are YOU thankful for? I am thankful for many things, but the most important is that I live in a free country where I am allowed to worship and speak without fear. Never mind the political part, we live in the greatest country in the world.

Christmas shops are just around the corner, it's not too early to send your donations and, better yet, make plans to give your time. Reach out to our VA & R Hospital and Homes representatives for the how and when you can best help. You won't be disappointed.

Until next time, remember your why and our Mission: Veterans, our Military and our Children & Youth. When you truly focus on working our Mission, you will feel blessed.

Happy Veterans Day – Thank you for your service, and to each of you, I wish a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving - with L.O.V.E.

Legislative News

Dawn Gilbert, Chairman

disabilities. But while that assistance is being processed, everyday expenses do not wait. Grocery costs, gas, and utility bills can quickly pile up.

That gap is where local support can make a difference. As Unit 221 member and quilt designer Denise Schubert put it, "Sometimes it's the little battle wins that keep people going."

For three years, the John A. Mortenson American Legion Auxiliary Unit 221 in Frankfort has turned that idea into action through an annual patriotic quilt raffle. The proceeds go to the Benzie County Veterans Affairs Office, where County Service Officer Karen Korolenko uses them to provide gas and grocery cards, help with utility bills, and meet other immediate needs.

This year's raffle raised \$2,530, bringing Unit 221's three-year total to \$7,530 for Benzie County veterans.

At the center of the fundraiser was a quilt created by Denise Schubert, who designed and stitched the quilt top, while her friend and patriot Nancy Morris completed the quilting. Together, they donated the finished quilt to Unit 221 for the raffle.

Unit 221 sold raffle tickets for \$5 each with help from

community partners, including the veteran-owned Sweets Bar and Grill in Honors. The restaurant displayed the quilt, promoted the raffle on Facebook, sold tickets, and purchased \$100 worth of tickets.

The local farmers market provided Unit 221 with a free booth to sell tickets, while Bayside Printing Shop donated promotional cards and raffle tickets. Their contributions helped make the raffle a true community effort.

Through the work of Unit 221 and its community partners, this year's \$2,530 can help put groceries on the table, gas in the tank, and keep utilities running for Benzie County veterans while they wait for longer-term assistance.



Something Happening at your Unit?
Submit it to the Michigan Auxiliaire!

Send your articles and Pictures (with Outline) to : info@michaux.org

ALA Girls State

Beryl Robbins, Chairman

How would you answer a student who asks, "Why ALA Girls State instead of another program?" In the past, most of us have replied with statements such as "It's a program that creates a mock state government, a chance for networking and mentorship, and it will develop you as a leader!" We need to translate that message into something they want to hear. Ask the student, "What would YOU do if you were governor? Would you be interested in meeting women who already have the career you want? Or are you interested in discovering your voice and how to empower it?" It's important to know your target and where to find her. Did you know that most students spend 4.8 hours a day on social platforms, 72% open an App within five minutes of waking and 78% access social media primarily on their mobile device?

Marketing happens everywhere: at school, at a volunteer event, at a community meeting, in an email, during a conversation, and even at the grocery store. Every time someone asks, "What is ALA Girls State?" – that's a marketing moment! One relationship, one story, one student at a time, and our program will continue to grow!

The Girls State Committee member, Ashley Cetnarowski and I attended the ALA Girls State National Conference held in Indianapolis September 18-20th. We shared, we listened, and we learned. The hardest part of the Girls State Program is reaching the students, organizations to sponsor them, and getting donations for our program. During our annual budget meeting this year, our Government Coordinator, Erika Rosebrook, shared demographics on where our 2026 ALA Girls State participants came from by ALA District, and it showed us where we need to work harder to recruit students. Districts 2, 5, 9, 10 & UPAA sponsored between 18 & 31 students; Districts 6, 7, 16, & 18 sponsored between 8 & 14 students; and Districts 3, 4, 8, & 19 sponsored between 2 & 6 students. Let's work together to reach the schools and libraries in districts that need a "beacon of light" by sharing information about our outstanding leadership program!

If you have a junior member who attended our 2026 ALA Girls State program, or one that plans to attend in 2027, she can receive an ALA Girls State Patch. Send Chairman Beryl Robbins the attendee's name and membership number. If they attended in 2026, we will mail their patch to them. To support this effort in the future, we added a question to the 2027 ALA Girls State Application asking whether the applicant is a junior member of the ALA and, if so, to provide her membership number. Those who respond will receive their patch at the 2027 closing ceremony.

In closing, our 2027 ALA Michigan Girls State program is scheduled for June 13 to June 19, 2027, on the campus of Michigan State University. Please note and follow these deadlines: Delegate Applications are due by April 30, 2027; Sponsor Reservations are due by May 15, 2027; and the Delegate online Registration deadline is June 1, 2027. Our forms and other important information are now available on our ALA Department of Michigan webpage at: <https://michalaux.org/girls-state/>.

MVH Chesterfield Township

Marie Gomez, MVHCT Representative

Help Us Make the Holidays Bright for Our Chesterfield Veterans

First, a heartfelt thank-you to the Units and volunteers who will help the Department of Michigan Auxiliary pull off another fantastic Halloween party for our veterans at Chesterfield. We always appreciate your support, and the joy you brought to our veterans says it all. Missed the chance to help? Two wonderful opportunities are coming up.

Veterans Day - Wednesday, November 11th at 2 pm. Join us at Chesterfield to honor our veterans with your time and presence.

4th Annual Christmas Gift Shoppe – Monday, December 7th from 4-7 pm is setup, and Tuesday, December 8th from 8 am-5 pm is Gift Shop Day. We need a minimum of 20 volunteers for each setup and shop day - please consider coming and lending a hand or getting your Units involved.

To volunteer, email me at marie.gomez@comcast.net. To donate, please call or text 248.854.4755 to learn the accurate way to do so - every contribution makes a BIG difference.

Finally, please consider keeping all 123 veterans currently residing at Chesterfield in your thoughts and prayers. Unlike a VA hospital, our Michigan Veteran Homes are generally the last home our veterans will ever have. While each one comes from a different background and has different circumstances, every one of them needs our prayers during the holiday season, as this can be a very stressful/overwhelming time for some. We don't know them all – but we OWE them all.

Honoring Service and Sacrifice

Bonnie Taylor, UPAA District President

Every year on November 11th, our nation pauses to observe Veterans Day—a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States Armed Forces. Originally marked as Armistice Day at the close of World War I, it remains an enduring promise that the courage and dedication of our service members will never fade from memory.

Across our communities, that gratitude comes to life in meaningful ways. Local high schools open their doors for special assemblies, bringing generations together. Fellowship flourishes as many units prepare veteran dinners and luncheons, ensuring our heroes know they are not forgotten. How touching would it be for our auxiliary juniors or grade school students to craft handmade greeting cards with a sincere expression of thanks that will brighten the day of every veteran who receives one?

As we celebrate our living veterans, this day is a crucial opportunity to recognize Green Star veterans and their families. While the Blue Star represents active duty and the Gold Star honors those lost in combat, the Green Star honors veterans who succumbed after their service—whether to physical wounds, service-connected illnesses, or the silent, unseen mental battles brought home from the front lines.

Honoring Green Star families reminds us that the true cost of service doesn't always end when a deployment is completed. It calls on us to recognize the enduring sacrifices made by our military households and to stand by them with compassion and community support.

This Veterans Day, please take part in these local traditions. Attend a high school program, host a dinner or a luncheon, and help a child write a note of thanks. Together, let us ensure that every veteran—and every family who carried the weight of service—feels our deep gratitude for the communities they protected.

Jacobetti Home for Veterans

Wanda Westman, Jacobetti Representative

The Veterans Gift Shop at Jacobetti Home for Veterans will be open to residents December 10–11, from 8:30 am to 4 pm daily. Set up day is December 9th from 10 am to about 3 pm. American Legion Auxiliary members plan to arrive at 10:30 am to help unpack the totes.

Units, please sign up workers to help residents shop and wrap gifts. Workers should arrive at 8:15 am on Thursday or Friday so we can check everyone in using Jacobetti's security system.

Please send or drop off gifts by November 30th or send your check by November 16th. This will give us time to shop. If you plan on sending gifts, the address is: AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP MVH/ Jacobetti Home for Veterans at 425 Fisher Street, Marquette, MI 49855. Please select a variety of items. Please choose new items you'd like to receive yourself (no outdated or old items).

The most requested items for ladies include embellished sweatshirts, sweaters, long-sleeved blouses, matching pajama sets, robes, watches, wallets, hat & glove sets, kitchen towel sets with hot pads, bath towel sets and boxes of chocolates. For Men, consider sweatshirts, straight-leg sweatpants (no elastic cuffs), flannel shirts, dress shirts, white T-shirts, colored short- and long-sleeve T-shirts, watches, slippers, sneakers with VELCRO closure, wallets, gloves and electronic accessories (earbuds, USB drives, etc.). Gift cards from WALMART and MEIJER are also popular. We will be purchasing poinsettia plants for gifts also, as they were

very popular last year. Gift bags and tissue paper are always appreciated. You can add other gifts you think they would like. Be sure to include a packing list for each box delivered or with your check that clearly lists your Unit name and number, City and District UPAA and the Unit Chairman's name, address and phone number. Again, as a reminder, if you send a check, always make it payable to AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY and document Jacobetti in the memo line. Please do not send your check directly to Jacobetti. If you have any questions, please call me at (906) 250-5211. In addition to the gift shop, we will also have a Christmas party for the women residents during our lunch hour on December 10th. Linda Kaare, ALA Deputy Representative, is planning this event and has some great ideas to make this really special.

Chaplain's Notes

Darlene Jones, Department Chaplain

It's hard to believe it's almost November already! The holiday season is beginning, and for some, it truly is the most wonderful time of the year. But for others, this time of year can bring stress: the pain of losing a loved one, financial worries, family struggles, and just the everyday challenges of life.

If you are one of those who struggle during the holiday season, please know it's okay to feel what you're feeling. Everyone experiences this time of year differently. When stress or grief becomes overwhelming, please reach out to a family member, a good friend, or your clergy. Sometimes, simply talking to someone who cares can help lighten the burden.

Reaching out isn't always easy, but remember, you don't have to go through these difficult times alone. You are never alone, reach out to God through prayer. His love and understanding are always there for you. He knows what is in your heart, and He will meet you wherever you are.

As we enter this holiday season, let's remember to be kind to one another, offer a little extra understanding, and keep those who may be struggling in our thoughts and prayers. If you have a friend who seems to be struggling this holiday season, don't be afraid to reach out to them. Invite them to dinner, send them a card or give them a phone call just to let them know you're thinking of them. Sometimes, it's the smallest acts of kindness that mean the most. You never know how much a simple phone call, a kind word, or a little time spent together might help someone get through a difficult day. Let's remember to look out for one another and share a little extra love and kindness this holiday season.

May God bless you and keep you safe through this holiday season.

Bee of Service

Debbie Weatherbee, Community Service Chair

National Community Service Chairman Nancy Magginnis is requesting quarterly reports from Department Chairs. I am asking each District/Unit to please report to me any projects you have accomplished or are working on. Send me pictures of your activities. It would be really great to have them posted on the National Community Service FB page too.

The ALA National Community Service Program is encouraging members across the Nation to "clean up a cemetery" where it needs special care. Mowing around headstones, weed whacking, cleaning headstones, raking, and any other sprucing up that is needed. Start planning a project in your area or elsewhere for the spring.

A few other suggestions for Community Service: remember your local Food Banks. They always need of food items and would appreciate a monetary donation to purchase fresh food such as meat. Maybe you are already helping someone, giving them rides to doctor appointments or helping them shop for groceries. Now is the time to help a neighbor get their yard in order, mow or rake leaves. Check with seniors in the neighborhood and ask if they need help with anything. The volunteer list can go on and on.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Conference, where I will share more valuable information about the Community Service program!

VA & R SAGINAW VAMC

Sandy Nuechterlein, Representative

We recently packed nine cases of donated items for the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw. We continue to support Veterans in the outlying areas that cannot get to the main hospital to receive these benefits. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we set out donated items on a table in the hospital lobby.

Highlights for our veterans include weekly bingo games, a casino afternoon, a Loons baseball game in Midland, a car show in the parking lot, and a Last Tour Wish, among other activities.

I am happy to report the completion of some much-needed upgrades, including painting, new furniture and new amenities, as we transition into a long-term care facility. Another big

change is that this year we plan to fill 50 backpacks with toiletries, games, socks, flashlights, wallets, and more, which we will present to the CLC Veteran patients at Christmas instead of the Christmas Gift Shop.

Thank you for allowing me to be the VA service representative for the Saginaw Facility. It has been very rewarding, and I look forward to spending every week greeting and assisting our Veterans.



Shannon Werner Executive Director, Secretary-Treasurer

When I accepted this position four years ago, I thought my focus would be assisting and supporting veterans in a myriad of ways. When asked during the interview if I was eligible to be a member, my response was "I don't know, what would make me eligible? That seems like it was so long ago. This career is a way of life, not a job as I originally perceived, and therefore extremely important to me.

Because I had not been an Auxiliary member in the past (although very active in helping veterans and my local American Legion Post and Unit) I had no idea the amount of arguing, quarreling, conflict and in-fighting there was at the Unit and District levels throughout our Department of Michigan. This type of conflict has dramatically increased since my employment here. Don't forget there are also National level situations that I must manage and resolve. They all require input, coordination, research, discussion, etc. My focus has shifted in a substantial way and I am forced to assist and direct this

type of activity versus helping veterans and running the business, especially in the last year.

If you have problems within your Unit, you take care of them within the Unit. Notify all members of the difficulty, have a meeting, make a motion, discuss, vote and resolve it.

Confront the issue in a positive and professional manner and you may be able to resolve the conflict by collaborating on a new solution. Collaboration is the best way to handle conflict. It involves investigating the issue as a group. There are three steps to resolving a conflict: preparation, implementation and an action plan. You have District level representatives, Department level representatives and Past Department Presidents who are more than willing to help guide you in these matters-use the tools available to you.

You can also visit the ALA National website at alaforveterans.org which has many training modules to complete that will help you resolve conflict within your Unit or District. My involvement wastes time and money that should be devoted to our Veterans, programs and the running of our Non-profit business.

Hello From the 9th District

Linda Gamache-Chick, District President

Summer is moving rapidly into Fall – are we ready? Yes, we are ready in the 9th District. We are looking forward to cooler temperatures. We know being hot and overheated affects our attitude at times. Hopefully, the temperature change will positively affect our focus on the Mission we are all passionate about, our Veterans, their children and communities.

I have great expectations for this coming year. I know we can accomplish many things, especially helping veterans and their families, one of the most important things we do. Helping the community comes in a close second, and many times they go hand in hand. Everyone needs a little help occasionally, and we are the organization that can do that job. We see many things in our daily life that we can help with.

A lot of people don't realize who we are or what we represent, so we need to be more visible in the community. Getting involved in the community is a plus for everyone. We're not all in the same boat, but we are in the same ocean.

These days, it seems hard to agree to disagree without someone getting mad or striking out at other people. Be willing to look at the other side of the issue and put yourself in their shoes. Hold your temper when things don't go your way, take a breath and smile. When we do that, it is a plus - it slows down the bad feelings and helps us to understand. We are all the same, just different.

Don't let a bad conversation or circumstance get in the way of moving forward for the good of the Unit, District, or our entire Department. Take it one day at a time and be kind – that is all you need to make a difference. You might not realize that, but someone will. Let's do it together.

NEW AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY

More Family Members May Now Be Eligible!

At the 2026 American Legion National Convention, new membership eligibility language was adopted, expanding eligibility with gender-neutral family terms.

STRONG FAMILIES STRONGER TOMORROWS
PEOPLE SUPPORTING VETERANS

★ ★ ★ WHO MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE? ★ ★ ★



Includes qualifying male and female family members.

WHAT CHANGED?

Previous wording

Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct or adopted female descendants.

New wording

Grandparents, parents, siblings, spouses, and direct or adopted descendants within two degrees of consanguinity.

WHAT DOES 'TWO DEGREES OF CONSANGUINITY' MEAN?

- 1 **1st Degree:** Parent or child
- 2 **2nd Degree:** Grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister
- ★ A spouse is also specifically included.
- ★ More distant relatives, such as great-grandchildren, are outside the two-degree limit.

IMPORTANT ELIGIBILITY RULE

- ★ If eligibility is based on a living veteran, that veteran generally must be a current member of The American Legion.
- ★ If eligibility is based on a deceased veteran, the veteran must have served during an eligible period and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge.
- ★ Women eligible for The American Legion based on their own military service also remain eligible for ALA membership.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

A person may qualify for both the Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Different Paths. Same Purpose. Stronger Together.

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★ ★ ★ Serving veterans, military families, youth, and communities. ★ ★ ★

Renew NOW!

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<https://www.legion-aux.org/renew>



American Legion Auxiliary

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name		(First)	(M.I.)	(Last)
Address				
City		State	ZIP	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	Email Address	
/ /		☐ Birth to 17	☐ 18 and over	
Date of Birth (Required)		Unit #	Location	
Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below.)				
Previous Unit City/State		ALA ID # (if known)		
		/ /		
Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)		Date		

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)

If Living: American Legion Member ID # (Required) Post # City State

☐ Deceased—If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.
For Veteran's DD214 Discharge Papers: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Veteran Served:

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

☐ Global War on Terror	☐ Panama	☐ Vietnam	☐ WWII
☐ Gulf War	☐ Lebanon/Grenada	☐ Korea	☐ Other Conflicts

Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

☐ Spouse	☐ Parent	☐ Sibling	☐ Grandparent	☐ Grandchild
☐ Child	☐ Self (Veteran or Current Servicemember)			

To be Completed by an Officer of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Officer Membership Verification / Date

HELP US GET YOU CONNECTED!

I am interested in learning more about:

- ☐ Volunteering for Veterans, Military, and Their Families
- ☐ Youth Activities, Including ALA Girls State, Junior Member Programs, and Scholarships
- ☐ Member Discounts and Services
- ☐ Other

Please contact the following individual about volunteering or joining the American Legion Auxiliary:

Name	Phone	Email
Name	Phone	Email
Name	Phone	Email
Recruiter's Name	Unit/Post #	City State

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. **Membership pending approval of application.**

District Meetings

First District Meetings at 2 PM

Sunday, November 15

ZOOM

Sunday, February 21

Location TBD

Sunday, May 23

Location TBD

Second District

Meetings: 11 am SAL, Riders@
Noon with Lunch, PSO training at
1 pm, Auxiliary & Legion @ 2 pm

January 10, 2027

Ida Post 514

11601 Lewis Ave.

Ida, MI 48140

March 14, 2027 (Nominations)

Springport Post 313

230 Mechanic St.

Springport, MI 49284

April 24, 2027 (Post Everlasting)

Tecumseh Post 34

300 N. Evans St.

Tecumseh, MI 49286

Post Everlasting ceremony will
begin promptly at 3:30

May 16, 2027 (Elections)

Tecumseh Post 34

300 N. Evans St.

Tecumseh, MI 49286

June 12, 2027 (Organizational

Meeting Promptly at 2pm)

Dexter Post 557

8225 Dexter-Chelsea Rd.

Dexter, MI 48130

Third District

Brunch @10am, Meeting @ 11:00am

November, 21 2026

Post 53 Hillsdale

1611 Steamburg Rd,

Hillsdale, MI 49242

January, 16 2027

Post 465 Climax

6010 S 44th St,

Climax, MI 49034

March, 20 2027

Post 48 Grand Ledge

731 N. Clinton ST,

Grand Ledge MI 4937

May, 15 2027

Post 36 Kalamazoo

1920 E Kilgore Rd,

Portage MI 49002

Fourth District

Service officers training @ 11 am
meal @ 12:30 Meetings @ 1:30

November 1, 2026

Baroda

January 10, 2027

Three Rivers

March 7, 2027

Decatur

May 16, 2027

Door

Fifth District

Meal @ 5:30 pm & meeting @ 7 pm.

November 12, 2026

TBA

January 14, 2027

Post 179 2327 Wilson Ave SW,

Grand Rapids, MI 49534

March 11, 2027(Nominations)

Post 47 3811 W River Dr NE, Com-

stock Park, MI 49321

May 13, 2027 (Elections)

Post 28 700 S Harbor Dr, Grand

Haven, MI 49417

Sixth District

Service Officer School at 11:10 am
(when scheduled), Lunch at Noon,
Meetings at 1 pm

November 1, 2026

Brighton Post 235

10590 E. Grand River

Brighton, Michigan 48114

810-229-9088

January 10, 2027

Devereaux Post 141

3265 W. Grand River Ave.

Howell, Michigan 48855

517-546-2534

March 14, 2027

Buck-Reasoner Post 238

1785 Cedar Street

Holt, Michigan 48842

517-699-2235

May 16, 2027

Bernard A. Bendle Post 294

3440 Morrish Road

Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473

810-635-7333

Seventh District

Lunch @12:30 meetings at 2:00pm

March 10, 2027

Post 4 Mt clemens

May 18, 2027

Post 382 St clair

June 24, 2027

Department Convention

Eighth District

Trainings will start at Noon, Din-
ner at 1:00pm with Legion and
Auxiliary meetings immediately
following.

November 15, 2026

Chesaning Post 212

Guest Speaker: Department 2nd

Vice Commander, David Yahr

January 7, 2027

Breckenridge Post 295

Guest Speaker: Gary Tanner

March 21, 2027

Elsie Post 502

Guest Speaker: TBD

May 16, 2027

Carson City Post 380 - Tentative

District Elections & Memorial

Services

Ninth District

Executive meetings @ 11:00am
with Lunch at noon. Meet-
ings@1:00 pm

Tenth District

All meetings will start with lunch
at noon. Meetings at 1:00 pm.

Eleventh District

All Meetings Start at 10 am, with
Lunch to after.

Twelfth District

Coffee and Doughnuts at 9, meet-
ing at 10 am, with a lunch and ad-
ditional hour after lunch if needed.

Sixteenth District

All meetings start at 7:30 pm

*** Service Officer School at 6:30 pm**

****Memorial Service & Elections**

November 10, 2026

Clarkston Post 63

Melvindale

17011 Rupp Rd

December 8, 2026*

Southgate Post 478

January 12, 2027

Stitt Post 232

February 9, 2027*

Fort Dearborn, Post 364

March 9, 2027

Wyandotte, Post 217

April 13, 2027*

Trenton Post 426

May 11, 2027**

Lincoln Park Post 67

313-388-2088

June 8, 2027

Garden City 396

Eighteenth District

Meetings @ 2:00 pm

Nineteenth District

Meetings will be held at the
Gaylord Bowling Center, 1200
Gornick Ave, Gaylord, MI 49735
Training at 10:00 am, Social Meet
and Greet at 11:00 am, lunch
served at noon. The both the Le-
gion and Auxiliary will start at 1:00
pm



Chaplains Corner

Rodney Tolbert, Department Chaplain

I know I and others get asked if prayer works. I believe prayer works. It is a deeply personal talk with God that spans faith, theology, and personal experience. From a biblical perspective, prayer isn't a magic formula to

get what we want, but an active, two-way relationship with God that brings strength, perspective, healing, and alignment with His will.

You will find key biblical passages that are proven powerful, along with how prayer practically applies to our everyday lives. Prayer brings healing and miracles. James 5:16 says, "Therefore confess your sins to God and pray for each other so that you may be healed." The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Prayer is a core tool for physical, spiritual, and emotional restoration. The book of James reminds believers that sincere prayer carries tangible power.

Prayer can change circumstances and grant wisdom. 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." King Solomon offered a prayer during the dedication of the temple, and God responded directly, assuring that earnest prayer rooted in humility brings restoration and healing to communities.

Prayers deliver from fear and distress. Psalm 34:4,6: "I sought the Lord, and he delivered from all my fears, this poor man called, and the Lord heard him he saved him out of his troubles." King David wrote this psalm while fleeing for his life; it testifies to God responding to cries of distress and delivering inner peace even in danger. When facing tough decisions, prayer acts as a moment of pause, allowing us to align our desires with wisdom and reflection. Regular prayer shifts our mindset away from self-reliance and encourages gratitude for daily blessings, keeping us grounded and hopeful.

So, I believe in the power of prayer. It doesn't hurt to give it a try, God is always there.

FALL CONFERENCE

2026 • COMMITTEE & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

6–8

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

TIME	MEETING / ACTIVITY	LOCATION
1:00 PM–5:00 PM	Legion Headquarters Office	Conf. Ctr – Erie
3:00 PM–8:00 PM	Registration	Lodge – Juniper Room
6:00 PM–7:30 PM	Chairman & DEC Unofficial Training	Conf. Ctr – Huron

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2026

TIME	MEETING / ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 AM–8:00 PM	Registration	Lodge – Juniper Room
8:30 AM–5:00 PM	Legion Headquarters Office	Conf. Ctr – Erie
8:30 AM–7:00 PM	Auxiliary	Lodge – Oak
8:00 AM–9:00 AM	Resolutions Assignment	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
9:00 AM–10:30 AM	Education & Scholarship	Lodge – Birch South
9:00 AM–10:30 AM	Finance & Personnel	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
9:00 AM–10:30 AM	Boys State	Conf. Ctr – Huron
9:00 AM–10:30 AM	Membership & Post Activities	Conf. Ctr – Superior
9:00 AM–10:30 AM	National Security (w/subcommittees)	Conf. Ctr – Michigan
10:30 AM–NOON	Baseball	Lodge – Birch South
10:30 AM–NOON	Meetings Time & Place	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
10:30 AM–NOON	Internal Affairs (w/subcommittees)	Conf. Ctr – Huron
10:30 AM–NOON	Legislative	Conf. Ctr – Superior
10:30 AM–NOON	Americanism (w/subcommittees)	Conf. Ctr – Michigan
NOON–1:30 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:00 PM–3:00 PM	Engage your members Membership Texting & C.L.E.A.R. Training	Conf. Ctr – Superior
1:00 PM–3:00 PM	Children & Youth	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
1:00 PM–3:00 PM	Media & Communications	Conf. Ctr – Huron
1:00 PM–3:00 PM	VA&R (w/subcommittees)	Conf. Ctr – Michigan
3:30 PM–4:30 PM	Town Hall Meeting With National Commander candidate Matt Shuman, Dept. of Arizona	Conf. Ctr – Superior/Michigan
6:00 PM–7:30 PM	LEGION DEC MEETING	Conf. Ctr – Superior/Michigan

LEGION FAMILY WELCOME: Town Hall with Matt Shuman on Friday; Commander’s Reception on Saturday.

**Schedule subject to change*

FALL CONFERENCE

2026 • SCHEDULE CONTINUED

SAT-SUN

7-8

NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY**NOVEMBER 7, 2026**

TIME	MEETING / ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 AM-NOON	Registration	Convention Center
8:30 AM-4:00 PM	Legion H/Q Office	Conf. Ctr – Erie
8:30 AM-5:00 PM	Auxiliary	Lodge – Oak
9:00 AM-2:00 PM	SAL Budget Meeting – DEC meeting to follow	Conf. Ctr – Birch
8:30 AM-9:30 AM	Training: The Power of Why	Superior/Huron
8:30 AM-9:30 AM	Training: Generational Leadership	Michigan
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Training: X Marks the Spot	Superior/Huron
9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Training: Reach Your Members with Text-Em-All	Michigan
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Training: Social Media	Superior/Huron
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Training: Programs	Michigan
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	PDC & First Ladies Lunch	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN		
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Training: Commanders	Superior/Huron
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Training: Adjutants	Michigan
2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Training: Finances	Superior/Huron
2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Training: Narcan	Michigan
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Wilwin Board Meeting	Lodge – Birch
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Foundation Board Meeting	Conf. Ctr – Ontario/St Clair
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	American Legion Riders Meeting	Superior/Huron
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	20 & 4 – Women Veteran Society	Michigan
4:30 PM-6:30 PM	GNUTS – A Legion Family Event	Hunters Grille
8:00 PM	Commander's Reception With leading National Commander candidate	Lodge – Commanders Suite

Please clean up and take everything with you; the Conference Center will not be used Sunday.

SUNDAY**NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

TIME	MEETING / ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:30 AM-10:30 AM	Legion H/Q Office	Lodge – Juniper Room
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	LEGION DEC MEETING	Lodge – Oak

Everyone in the Legion Family is welcome and encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting and reception.

**Schedule subject to change*



Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Michigan

MIKE GLOBKE

Detachment Commander 2026-2027

Well, another month has gone by. I must be having fun because time is flying by. I had a great time on the UP-Fall Tour. Pretty soon I will not need a map to get around up there. Huge thanks to the Posts, Units and Squadrons that hosted Legion Commander (Dad) Jim Austin, Auxiliary President (Mom) Anita Mennell and myself for the weekend. Between the sweets, desserts, and dinners, I think I put on a few needed pounds. Aside from that, I think we shared a lot of information while we were up there. Thanks also to our escorts for the great job. Next up is the Fall Conference at Gaylord. I hope to see lots of friends up there. I cannot forget to mention membership. Let us get our renewals as soon as possible.

Lastly, I want to extend my condolences to the Family of Past Detachment Commander Danny Tyack. He will be greatly missed. Lastly, get well soon to PDC Ron Wyatt as he recovers. That is it for now, see you on my adventures.



5TH ZONE

ZACK PENDELL, COMMANDER

It's been a long summer of trying to get the 11th and 12th District Sons of the American Legion up and running in the Upper Peninsula. While we've successfully gotten the District constitution and bylaws approved in the 11th District, we still need to find officers to get it going and being spread from Sault Ste. Marie to Menominee doesn't make it any less challenging.

The 12th District is still waiting for approval, but officers are in place to go once the Legion approves.

This brings me to share with you who we (The Sons of the American Legion) are. We are the male descendants of Veterans. When we join, our service to our veterans reflects not just us individually, but on our priceless heritage. Our service is to each other through our devotion to mutual helpfulness. Not to ourselves. It makes us strong and allows us to accomplish what we need to do for our veterans and their families. It strengthens our communities and our country.

We need to remember who we are to know where we are going. NEVER FORGET this priceless heritage and be proud to be of service; it is the legacy that our forefathers have given us. Thank you once again for your service. NEVER FORGET!



1ST ZONE

John Beeman, Commander

Another month has passed us by. I went down to Allen Park for the District 16 meeting. They had a good meeting, and I got to see some old friends and meet some new ones. I went to Ida for a Celebration of Life for our second district SAL Commander Dave Clouse's father and past Ida Legion Commander Donald Ray Clouse. It was a very nice ceremony.

My wife Pat and I went up to Wilwin for a long weekend, working on the cabins and helping Duane and Barb with some other projects. On October 4th, I went to Chief Pontiac Post 377 for a fundraiser for our brother Carvin Chapman, who's recovering from a stroke he had in June. Boy, do they sure know how to put on a fundraiser. Hats off to all of the volunteers! You did a great job, and a big thank you to everyone who supported it. Carvin is one of the best. Let's pray for a speedy recovery.

Veteran's Day is coming up and so are the holidays. This is the time of year when we need more buddy checks. Letting them know we're here to help. As always, go out and recruit new members and get old members to renew. See you in Gaylord.



Hear ye, hear ye

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BOYS STATE UPDATE John Beeman, Liason

On September 22nd, we had our monthly Zoom meeting, where we finalized a few things. Boys State will be held at Hillsdale College from June 20th-26th, 2027. Each Boys State participant costs \$500. Last year, around 150 young men attended. We would like over 200 this

year, and we can do that. Does your post or squadron send a young man to Boys State? If not, ask why not. We are always looking for donations and volunteers. If making a donation by check, make it out to American Legion Foundation for Boys State. The department is selling raffle tickets for a nickel-plated Springfield 1911. Proceeds will benefit Michigan Boys State. They will sell only 500 tickets at \$20 each.

I have some for sale, and so does Ron Runyan at the department.



2027 SAL Membership: October 28th Goal = 29,822
Current Total: 6,613 - 25.73%

REPORTING FROM NATIONAL Victor Fisher, NEC

As your National Executive Committee member, I recently attended nearly seven hours of Membership Training and Development (MT&D) meetings in Indianapolis, where I serve as a committee liaison. Membership is the lifeline of the Sons of the American Legion. Recruiting new members matters, but retention matters just as much. Buddy Checks, welcoming members, and encouraging participation make stronger squadrons.

The 2027 membership cards are available, and dues are now due. National membership stands at approximately 405,433, with a goal of 410,000. Every member matters!

Another concern is the Consolidated Squadron Report (CSR). Only 45% of the squadrons submitted reports. We need to strive for 100%! Keep records of your activities throughout the year. Promote your squadron's accomplishments through Facebook and the Michigan Legionnaire. Our Detachment also plans to expand to other social media platforms and provide additional training information throughout the year. Here's a freebie: Wreaths Across America is December 19; I encourage squadrons to participate in honoring our veterans.

The Child Well-Being Foundation received 383 assistance requests this year. I had the privilege of presenting our Detachment of Michigan donations at National: \$500 to the National American Legion Riders, \$1,500 to the Child Well-Being Foundation, and \$1,500 to the National Emergency Fund.

National Commander John W. "Jay" Bowen reminds us to "Be the One" and embrace BPOTS — Being Part of the Solution. Don't just identify problems; help solve them. As Commander Bowen says, "Value has a value only if value is valued." Let's value our members, strengthen our squadrons, and continue serving our veterans and communities.

SHARP SHOOTER DONATION

Sons of the American Legion Reino Squadron 21 recently donated \$500 to our Local 4-H Sharp Shooters. The Sharp Shooters are a group of Iron County Youth who participate in shooting events across the State of Michigan. Several members of the Sharp Shooters are also members of the Sons of the American or the Junior Auxiliary.



From a fundraiser to help raise money for the shooters attending the state finals competition.

SPOOKY GOOD TIME

American Legion Reino Post 21 along with Son's of the American Legion Reino Squadron 21 and American Legion Auxiliary Reino Unit 21 attended Iron River, MI annual Harvest & Haunt celebration at the Clint Stafford Memorial Park. 400 Pumpkins were handed out to trick or treaters along with Halloween Candy & Stickers.



L - R: John Kotcher, Dan Pangrazzi, Robert Gallup, post Commander, Cathy Pangrazzi, Linda Nasser Unit President, Robert Cole & Danny Fitzpatrick, SAL Commander, & Barb Tulppo sitting

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The Gladwin County Post stays very active in the community and is currently putting together Christmas packages for our members to deliver to Veterans in assisted living facilities. We've done this for the past several years, and it is a very rewarding experience. We assemble packages filled with donations from various people and items we buy that may be useful for the Veteran. When we deliver them (in full Honor Guard uniform), we give them the gift, talk for a while and let them share their experiences while in the service. Before we leave, we come to attention and salute them.

We also support Scouting America, and one of our Scouts is currently earning his Eagle badge by making Flag Disposal boxes for his project. He is making 4 for the area. We only have cardboard boxes out now, but we just had a flag retirement ceremony and retired 3 drums (55 gal.) and 4 large garbage bags full of flags. Our community is very good at honoring the flags that have served their purpose.

On the first Tuesday of the month, we have "Have a cup of Joe with a Vet" at the Post, and the County Veteran's Affairs officer is there, along with a spokesperson from many of the organizations that help Veterans. A sponsor supplies the donuts, and we have a good turnout. We have gained a few members this way.

We are currently preparing for the Veterans Day ceremony, and then we will do the Color Guard at the Beaverton School for their program. Speaking of which, we also have an exceptional Honor Guard and have honored Veterans at nearly 40 funerals already this year. God bless our troops, and have a blessed Veterans Day.



A Legacy of Assistance

Gary Tanner, Founder/Chairman, The Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior

What an amazing summer and fall for the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program! The need has risen, and calls for assistance are flooding in. This past June, the Department of Michigan's Legion Riders, spearheaded by Hillsdale Riders Chapter 53, chose to dedicate their 2026 Legacy Run to the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program. Kicking off in Monroe, stopping for the night in South Haven and finally ending up in Clare, they raised over \$35,000.00 to support our veterans, Michigan military and their families! Absolutely incredible! They have agreed to ride for the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program again next year, starting in Iron Mountain, stopping in Escanaba and finishing in Sault Saint Marie.

3 Balls Racing had their best end-of-year charity event this year, raising almost \$24,000.00 at the event, bringing their year-end total over \$35,000.00. That was followed up with the Agent Orange Breakfast held by Unit 364 and the 7th annual Patriot Bowling Bash held by the Greater Flint Bowling Association, both held on October 10th 2026.

Why is this crucial? In the past four years alone, the Wounded and Returning Warrior Program has provided over \$600,000.00 in temporary emergency financial assistance. The Wounded and Returning Warrior Program was at the Tunnels to Towers Veterans Housing Project



dedication on October 21st. We are also invited to the 2027 I-500 Snowmobile Race in Sault Saint Marie in February.

Thank you to the Michigan American Legion Family for your dedication, support and advocacy for the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program and those we serve! We can't do it without you!

Still Here, Still Got Work to Do

Submitted by Dr. Kim Shunkwiler



Dr. Kim Shunkwiler
Author/ Musician

More than half a century after serving their country in Vietnam, two Michigan veterans have discovered that the bonds of military service can bring people together in unexpected ways. Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, 75, served with the U.S. Army Security Agency in Vietnam from 1971 to 1973. Daniel Stoin, 80, served with the 1st Infantry Division, 95th Detachment, from 1965 to 1966. Both are 100% service-connected disabled veterans who understand that the effects of war don't necessarily end when a soldier returns home. Their shared experiences and mutual appreciation of music have created a friendship grounded in service and a desire to help others.

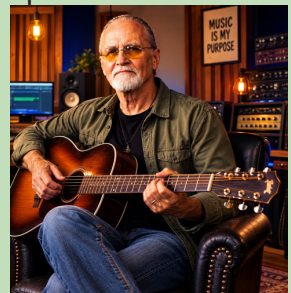
Shunkwiler, a retired chiropractor, author, guitarist, and songwriter, has focused much of his recent work on raising awareness about the long-term consequences of toxic exposure, particularly Agent Orange. His book, *The Smoke That Never Left*, examines the continuing challenges facing veterans and their families. Through his developing initiative, The Smoke Project, he hopes to encourage greater awareness and research benefiting veterans and future generations affected by toxic exposure.

Stoin is an established recording artist and songwriter who uses his music to support charitable causes, particularly St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Tunnel to Towers

Foundation. He has also been invited to perform at Tunnel to Towers concerts. Each artist maintains his own musical career, although the two veterans have discussed the possibility of appearing together at future concerts. Their shared belief is that music can be a powerful means of helping others.

Three recordings offer an introduction to their individual work. Stoin's *Bumpy Road Again* recently won RNI Radio's Hit or Miss competition, advancing to the world finals (https://youtu.be/nQ4NxtO_FRU). Shunkwiler's *Veterans Day* honors those who served and the bonds that endure long after military service (<https://youtu.be/hbSzXcOtMp4>). His song *The Smoke That Never Left*, inspired by his book of the same name, addresses the lasting effects of toxic exposure (<https://youtu.be/py0EqSSR1f8>).

Michigan Legionnaires can help support Stoin in the RNI Radio world finals, with voting scheduled to begin December 1, 2026. To vote, simply email hitormissvotes@gmail.com with *Bumpy Road Again* in the subject line. For these two veterans, the years since Vietnam have taken them down different paths, but their friendship demonstrates that the desire to serve doesn't end when the uniform comes off. As the lyrics of Shunkwiler's song *We're Still Here* remind us: "We're still here, and still got work to do."



Daniel Stoin Musician/
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Post 220 Celebrates a Year of Growth Lyle Paterala Streeter, Commander

American Legion Post 220 in Lawton has plenty to celebrate in 2026, with a year filled with community service, successful fund-raising, and continued growth throughout the Legion Family.

Spring kept members busy cleaning and mapping local cemeteries, helping preserve the final resting places of veterans and community members. The annual Memorial Day Parade was especially meaningful as members of the newly established Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion joined Legionnaires in the march.

The Post's Annual Golf Outing became its most successful fundraiser ever, raising the remaining funds needed to replace the roof and chimney. Thanks to generous sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants, the long-awaited roof replacement has been completed. Summer also brought a successful Auxiliary social gathering and participation in July's Summer Fest, introducing more residents to the Legion Family. The annual Hog Roast on September 26 continued another favorite tradition of food and fellowship.

The remainder of the year promises even more opportunities to serve. In November, our Legion Family will host a Veterans Day program at Lawton Middle School. On November 14, Post members will partner with the Greater Kalamazoo Association of Realtors for the annual Fall Yard Clean-Up for Veterans, assisting five local veterans.

Holiday activities will include Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets for veteran families in need and the annual Photos with Santa on December 5.

Post 220 extends its sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to this successful year. Through teamwork, generosity, and a shared commitment to service, the Legion Family continues to make a difference in Lawton.

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Legion Legislative Report

Tim Poxson, Legislative Chair

Well, election season is nearly over, depending on when you read this edition of the Legionnaire. The Legislators in Lansing may go into lame-duck session, or they may not. If it does, we have been told that some of our bills that do NOT have a cost associated with them on the part of the State may get some movement. I have also heard from some of elected officials that, if reelected, they will take up some of the priorities in the next session, 26-27. I am never sure what will happen in lame-duck.

I will say that we have been able to work on some of our issues and that some of our priorities have been met with legislation and signed into law. And of course, new issues will come up all the time. I cannot stress enough that we need everyone's support to get these issues into law.

Please go to the Department's web page. On the open-

ing page, you will see 25-26 Legislative Priorities. (Soon to be changed to 26-27 Legislative Priorities.) Click that to go to the Priorities page. Find a couple that you're comfortable contacting your elected State House, State Senators, or U.S. Congress members about. After clicking a priority, you will be asked for some basic information, including your zip code, which is used to determine which elected officials receive a prewritten email. You will only have to fill out this form once; after that, it will auto-fill. It will ask you for your email address. A prewritten email will appear, and all you have to do is click "Send". You will have the option to write your own letter.

Please use this system often and let other members of the American Legion family know about it and ask them to use it. Also, let your family members and friends know about it, as it is open to anyone. We need your help getting our priorities across the finish line. Our priorities are veteran issues and benefits only.

I look forward to seeing every one of you at the Fall Conference in Gaylord, November 6-8.



National is Turning up the Heat!

Jim Showers, Department Media Coordinator

Artificial intelligence is changing how we create things, and let's face it, it's handy! Whether you're putting together a flyer for a fish fry, promoting a membership drive, or creating something special for your post's Facebook page, AI can make the job easier. You don't have to be a graphic designer to create something that looks great.

But there's one important thing every Legion member needs to understand: AI can help create your artwork, but it cannot create or change our official American Legion emblem or brandmark.

National Headquarters updated its Brandmark & Emblem Branding Guidelines addresssing the growing use of AI graphics. These rules apply across the entire American Legion Family, including the Auxiliary, SAL, Riders, Boys State, and our other programs.

Here's why this matters. AI is convenient, but it isn't perfect. Ask it to reproduce the American Legion emblem, and you'll get something that looks right at a glance. Look closer, and you may find missing details, incorrect lettering, colors, or an emblem that isn't quite the right shape.

Those little differences might not seem like a big deal, but they are. Our emblem has represented veterans and our organization since 1919. Protecting its appearance protects our identity and trademark rights.

Can we still use AI? Absolutely! National Headquarters has provided a simple two-step process called the "stamp" method, and it's something just about anyone can follow.

After using your favorite AI to create the flyer, just tell it to leave an open space where you'll add your American Legion em-

blem or brandmark later. Don't ask AI to reproduce the logo, even if you upload an official copy.

Then take that finished artwork into a program such as Canva, Adobe Express, or another graphic program. Add the official, approved Legion emblem or brandmark yourself. That's it! You get the creativity and convenience of AI without compromising our organization's identity.

One other thing worth mentioning: don't use AI to enhance or edit photos containing Legion caps, branded clothing, or our official marks. Even those harmless improvements can alter the emblem.

And don't forget about permission! Using our emblem or brandmark on public-facing materials, merchandise, or projects involving outside vendors generally requires approval. Permission requests must come from a Legionnaire, not the vendor, and go through the Department Adjutant before reaching National Headquarters. Plan ahead and allow approximately three to four business days for processing. Even a previously approved design may need fresh approval if changes are made.

National Headquarters has addressed these requirements through its media training efforts and educational resources. You can review the updated American Legion Brandmark & Emblem Branding Guidelines, especially pages 22-23 covering AI. Official artwork and permission information are available at legion.org/brand.

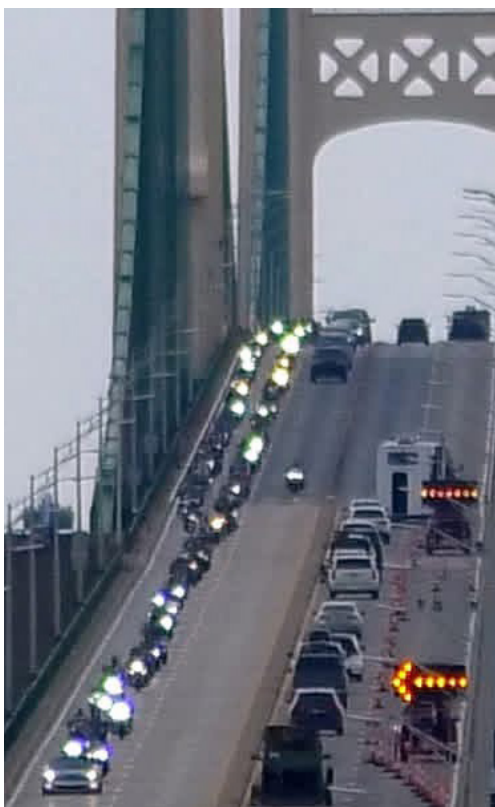
The bottom line? Don't be afraid to use new technology! AI can be a wonderful tool for helping posts communicate, recruit members, and promote activities. Just remember that our emblem represents more than an organization. It represents our history, our veterans, and the pride we share as Legionnaires.

Be creative, have fun, and let AI do some of the heavy lifting. Just leave our emblem exactly as it is!

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ALR Hell to Paradise PTSD Awareness Ride 2026

Scott Igo, Founder , Coordinator



Paradise, Michigan.

Starting at the Stockbridge American Legion was a huge success, the folks there were overwhelmingly helpful and welcoming. After riding for a bit on Friday, we stopped at the American Legion Post in Sanford. They served lunch, and many folks had laughs and a few tears. We then continued north to Gaylord. We left Gaylord Saturday morning and stopped for lunch at the American Legion Post in Newberry.



I love our stops. You see so much fellowship among strangers. We arrived in Paradise, where we held a "Say Their Name" ceremony with Taps and a 21-gun salute. This stop is always the most emotional. While leaving Paradise, we escorted a Vietnam vet's cremation to Sault Ste. Marie. Bay Mills tribal police sheriff deputies escorted us. State police and fire engines.

During the ride, we raised and gave away over \$56,000; this was our largest amount to date. With planning for next



year's ride already underway, we are setting our goal to beat this. We look forward to continuing the mission to help those battling PTSD and helping them find paradise.

A Night of Patriotism at Gratiot County Veterans Memorial Stadium

Gratiot County Veterans Memorial Stadium in Ithaca, hosted an unforgettable evening honoring veterans and first responders while commemorating 9/11 and America's 250th anniversary. The celebration featured football, military tributes, a flyover, and a spectacular fireworks display.



Ted Bosley WWII (100), Ceo Bauer WWII (103) and Phil Flegal Korea (95)

The evening began with a hog roast prepared by Doug Shankel of American Legion Post 295 in Breckenridge. Veterans, first responders, and their families enjoyed a free meal, courtesy of an anonymous local veteran who funded the entire celebration.

Following dinner, veterans and first responders toured the stadium before forming a tunnel to welcome the Ithaca Yellowjackets football team onto the field. American Legion and VFW members joined the Knights of Columbus Color Guard in a patriotic procession. Four Vietnam veterans, each recognized as an outstanding Ithaca football player between 1962 and 1965, served as honorary captains. The ceremony included Taps, the National Anthem performed by the Ithaca High School Marching Band, and a flyover by a vintage military aircraft.

A highlight of the evening was a prerecorded message from

103-year-old World War II veteran Ceo Bauer, a member of Ithaca Post 334. Bauer was wounded in France in November 1944 while serving with the 95th Infantry Division's 377th Regiment, part of the legendary "Iron Men of Metz."

The stadium itself is a remarkable tribute to military service. Its anonymous benefactor originally envisioned a memorial honoring his "Nineteen Brothers," Gratiot County friends and family members killed in Vietnam. Today, the stadium honors veterans from every generation, featuring military statues, service branch tributes, and gold stars recognizing Michigan's Gold Star Families.

The evening concluded with fireworks illuminating the sky behind the stadium's enormous American flag, creating a moving tribute to those who served and sacrificed. Special thanks to the generous anonymous donor, Ithaca Schools, the Athletic Department, and everyone who made this memorable celebration possible.



Honorary Captains John Davis, Jack Raducha, Philip Allen, and Roger Cook meet Captain Gibson Rony. Gibson is also the Grandson of Roger Cook.



Scouting Around Camp Grayling

Gary Tanner, Scouting Chairman

This year, the Michigan National Guard partnered with the Michigan Crossroads Council to host Operation Rendezvous! Camp Commander, Col. Lenzy, opened Camp Grayling to host Operation Rendezvous, Michigan's largest scouting event of the year! More than 2,000 scouts and scouters from across Michigan arrived at Camp Grayling for what would become an epic experience! As scouts formed up and passed in review on the parade field, it was clear this event would be anything but business as usual!

Scouts were treated to a National Guard Black Hawk helicopter landing on the parade field helipad. After securing the landing zone, scouts were able to explore the Black Hawk inside and out, including photos in the pilot's seat.



The National Guard opened its virtual firing range, allowing the scouts to learn about and fire the various weapons used by the National Guard, including tripod-mounted .50 caliber machine guns. They were able to try on gear and packs to experience what a day in the life of an infantry soldier was like.

In addition to the National Guard vehicles and gear, the scouts had an opportunity to enjoy several ranges and obsta-

cle courses, including a .22 caliber rifle range, a BB Gun range and an archery range. There was an air of excitement at this event that was unlike any other traditional rendezvous event, and it was difficult to tell who was having more fun. The scouts or the National Guard!

This will now be a Tri-annual event, and since Camp Grayling has a capacity of 8000, Col. Lenzy hopes the next event will be even bigger and better than this year's inaugural event.



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SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257 Hosts Retiring Sen. Gary Peters for TV interview



L to R: Sam Gray Post 257, Sen. Peters and Brian Mohlman Post 257

Post 413 At Grand Blanc Homecoming Parade



L to R post 413 commander Alyssa Pauley, & Jennifer Sexton

From the Commander down, the Members of the Grand Banc Post 413 Legion Family joined the community, making sure everyone knows about the American Legion.



Post 28 Riders Donate \$14,000

The American Legion Riders Grand Haven Post 28 held their annual Bikers for Vets fundraiser in September. The proceeds of this fundraiser went to the Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build Initiative. The ALR Post 28 presented a check for \$14,000.00.



Holding the check L to R: Fred Smith-ALR Assistant Director, Sally Kemme-ALR member, Domineca Montalvo-Humanity Exec Director, Lori Morgan-Habitat for Humanity and Nancy Boes-ALR member

Veterans Memorial Stadium Honors Veterans

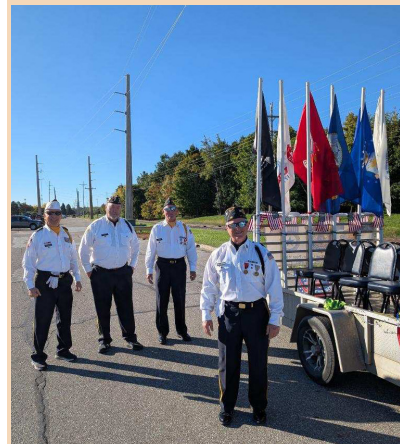
The celebration featured football, military tributes, a flyover, and a spectacular fireworks display.



Brett Holt with Doug Shankel at the Gratiot County Veterans Memorial Stadium

Post 110, Mt. Pleasant is at it again

Owen Barrett American Legion Post 110, Mt. Pleasant, is at it again. This time, supporting Central Michigan University with their Homecoming game against the Akron, Ohio, Zips.



Don Kistler, Steve Rellinger, Gary Jones.



Arnie Huertas, Gary Jones, Carl Spayd, Steve Rellinger, with Army Reserve

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