**Good of the Legion**

Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

**Hire Our Heroes Event March 7, at the John Dingell Medical Center**

Hiring Our Heroes will offer a free hiring fair for transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses and military caregivers, held at John D. Dingell VA Medical Center on March 7th for veterans, active duty service members, Guard, Reserve, military spouses and military caregivers. To register or for more information, visit hiringourheroes.org/events

**The American Legion Department of Michigan is looking to honor a few GREAT Teachers!!**

Please nominate one K-12 teacher from your district for our 2019-’20 “Teacher of the Year Awards”. Each award is a $500 grant to the winning teacher for an education project of his or her choice at their school and a Recognition Plaque presented by our State Commander. Five teachers will receive awards statewide annually. Additional forms can be obtained at www.michiganlegion.org/teacher.

Base your nomination on the teacher’s competence, community involvement, and school involvement in patriotism / Americanism / community service programs. The winners will receive their award on Friday, June 26, 2020, at the American Legion State Convention in Kalamazoo, Michigan. You and your nominee will receive an email notification if selected by our State Education & Scholarship Committee in May 2020.

**PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2020**

Applications are available at http://michiganlegion.org/teacher/

Details will follow on michiganlegion.org/riders/milegacy

Also follow the Riders on Facebook.

**6th Annual American Legion Department of Michigan Legacy Fund Ride**

June 13-14, 2020

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2020 Department Annual Convention

When:
June 24—28, 2020

Where:
Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel
100 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-3333
Make reservation on your own, mention that you are with The American Legion, AL20. Room blocks are being held until June 2, 2020

Hosted by the Grand Rapids American Legion Convention Corporation
A registration badge is required for attendance at any meeting or session.

The American Legion Department of Michigan requires that each person attending must register with the corporation.

Kalamazoo Convention Registration Information

Registration fee is $15: Make checks payable to: GRAL Convention Corp.
Mail to: Jerry Dennis, 840 Coit Ave N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Or Register online at michiganlegion.org/2020kazoo
Do not send your delegates to this address, those go to department.

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Add names on back. Number of registrations: ______ x $15 = $ __________________
Arrival date: ________________ Departure date: _____________
Hotel reservation at Radisson? Yes _____ No _____ In case of questions: Phone # ____________________
Email: _____________________________________________

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Important dates for 2019-2020 American Legion Programs

March 7th, 2020-Oratorical State Contest at Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, MI.

April 2020

April 3rd, 2020- Teacher of the Year Submission deadline
April 17th-19th, 2020-National Oratorical Contest

May 2020

May 15th, 2020- Baseball insurance purchase deadline
May 18th, 2020-Student Trooper Application Submission deadline
May 26th, 2020-Boys State Application Submission deadline

June 2020

June 1st, 2020- Final day for Baseball teams to register
June 14-20th, 2020-Boys State Program at Grand Valley University- Allendale Campus

July 2020

July 3rd, 2020-Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship Submission deadline
July 12-17th, 2020-Student Trooper Program
July 22nd – July 26th, 2020- Class AA Baseball State Tournament in Midland, MI
July 26th-August 2nd, 2020- Class A Baseball State Tournament in Marquette, MI.

Important numbers:

Don’t Face the VA Alone! Use an American Legion accredited Veteran Service Officer. Find one near you by calling 313-964-6641.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency: 800– mich-vet (642-4883)
Veteran Suicide Hotline—800– 273-8255
VA Veteran Homeless resources—877-424-3838
Department of Michigan Headquarters: 517-371-4720