



Good of the Legion

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

Detroit Veterans Day Parade November 10, 2019

Join Veterans from all over the State of Michigan in Detroit for the 14th Annual Veterans Day Parade, where Department Commander Barry Wood will be the grand marshal. They will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion, the 244th Birthday of the Marine Corps, and the lives of several Veterans.

To register your post to participate in the parade visit <https://www.detroitveteransdayparade.org/> or contact Past Department Commander Dick Chatman at 313-204-7227 or dickc1948@ameritech.net.

Help build the Michigan World War II Memorial in Royal Oak

The Michigan World War II Memorial will be built in Royal Oak at 13 Miles and Woodward area. Inspired by the Honor Flight WWII veterans taken to the National WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., visionaries were inspired to bring the memorial home. Their dream was to recognize Michigan's contributions to the war effort, giving future generations a place to be inspired and dream in the state that was home to the Arsenal of Democracy.

American Legion Posts and individuals support the funding efforts by purchasing a brick. They have three brick sizes to choose from, ranging from \$100 to \$500 each. Inscribe your post name or honor a loved one who served.

Order forms are available at michiganww2memorial.org.

First Annual Scouting Camporee at Wilwin and HAM Radio

The Department of Michigan

1st Annual Super Fall

SCOUTING CAMPOREE

October 18 - 20, 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

Located at **Wilwin Lodge**
At Cypriot Cove

Don't Miss It!
Complete details to be
released SOON!

FEATURING...
**JAMBOREE
ON THE AIR**

Patrol Activities Scouting Skill Competition
Fire Bowl Guaranteed FUN Cracker Barrel

All Scout Troops Are Invited To Attend!

ALL Scout Troops and Crews are welcome, regardless of Chartering Organization.



"Breaker-Breaker 1-9, just giving a shout to all the truckers out there, that Smoky is hiding in the grass at mile marker 119 on I-75. Motor on and have a great day. You've got the Bootlegger here, KJY-3199, Bootlegger out."

Myself like many of you became involved in the CB radio craze back in the '70s. I had one unit in my car and a base unit as well. Antennas on each were large and obnoxious looking, but it seemed that everyone had one and no one cared about looks.

I have to admit that I enjoyed the conversations and activity associated with CB radios for quite some time. I'm not sure why I quit; I guess my interests changed to something else.

Recently all of these memories came flooding back when provisions were being made to incorporate the Jambo-

ree On The Air (JOTA) into our Fall Camporee. The difference being that rather than using Citizen Band radios, the radios used for JOTA will be HAM radios, capable of transmitting and receiving around the world.

I'm sure many of you remember using the Military Auxiliary Radio System (M.A.R.S.) when assigned overseas. My first experience with it was when my oldest brother, who was stationed in France, arranged a call to our home in Michigan, back in 1962 or so.

Prior to the call we were all briefed on the correct method to speak while using the radio, primarily saying "over" when we were finished speaking. It was quite an experience, and one I've often thought of. I made one M.A.R.S. call home from Guam in '71 and it was equally as special, but that was the final call I ever made. After that, long distance telephone rates came down enough that my father would make a direct long distance call on a rare occasion.

I'm sure much of what I just said is unheard of by our younger members, but back in the old days, you didn't just pick up your cell phone and call anywhere in the world. Technology has certainly changed.

Scouts attending our Fall Camporee will have the opportunity to participate in the JOTA and possibly complete portions of their Radio Merit Badge. We are still in need of licensed radio operators and Merit Badge Counselors for the Radio Merit Badge. If you are able to assist us with either of these two positions, please contact me at milegionscouting@usa.com.

Excitement continues to build as we make the final preparations for our Fall Camporee. Camporee activities are coming together and promise great fun and excitement to all who attend. Please rest assured that we are working diligently to make this a very special event for all who attend. Don't miss this opportunity to experience our first camporee at our beautiful Wilwin at Cygnet Cove.

Register now, at www.michiganlegion.org/camporee

10-7, Bootlegger out.

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P.S. Legion members interested in HAM Radio, should check out **The American Legion Amateur Radio Club** at www.legion.org/hamradio/about.

National VA Creative Arts Festival Coming to Battle Creek/Kalamazoo

Nationwide, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help Veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. Across the country each year, Veterans enrolled at VA health care facilities compete in a local creative arts competition. The competition includes categories in the visual arts division that range from oil painting to leatherwork to paint-by-number kits. In addition, there are categories in writing as well as the performing arts of dance, drama and music. Local creative arts competition first place winning entries advance to a national judging process and first, second and third place entries in each category are determined.

For more information visit www.blogs.va.gov/nvspse/national-veterans-creative-arts-festival/

This is open to the public and free admission. Come visit the great work of these veterans.

2019 National VETERANS Creative Arts Festival

• Music • Dance • Drama
• Creative Writing • Art

Free Admission!
Ticket Options:
<https://nvcaf.ticketbud.com/2019>
Online or by phone: (269) 223-5497

Sunday, November 3, 2019
Art and Writing Exhibition • Noon - 1:45 p.m.
Stage Show Performance • 2:00 p.m.
Miller Auditorium, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Presented by VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
American Legion Auxiliary

Important dates for 2019-2020 American Legion Programs

November 2019

November 19th, 2019-Oratorical Registration deadline

January 2020

January 1st, 2020- Baseball registration opens on baseball.legion.org

January 10th, 2020-Law Officer of the Year submission deadline

January 10th, 2020-Firefighter of the Year submission deadline

January 13th, 2020-Brewer Scholarship Application submission deadline

January 13th, 2020-Wilson Scholarship Application submission deadline

February 2020

February 10th, 2020-All Zone Oratorical Contests must be completed before this date.

March 2020

March 2nd, 2020-Eagle Scout of the Year Award submission deadline (applications available from National Oct. 2019)

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.

National Commander's Pin Incentive Program

American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford will award his national commander "A Foundation for the Future" membership excellence pin to any Legionnaire who obtains three new members into The American Legion.

A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2020 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2019 membership year.

Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion. Forward names of Sons of The American Legion members or Auxiliary members to your detachment or unit for use in their respective incentive programs.

Only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, national membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it.

More information can be found at www.legion.org/commander/pin

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

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System Announces Location of New Clinic

Western Wayne County Clinic to Serve 15,000 local Veterans

Ann Arbor, MI – VA Ann Arbor Healthcare system is pleased to announce the location of a new Community Based Outpatient Clinic on the border of Canton and Westland, off N. Lotz Road, near the intersection of Ford Road and I-275, behind the Super Walmart.

Once built, the almost 40,000 square foot clinic will serve Veterans in Western Wayne County, and will allow for the full implementation of the Patient-Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care delivery, improving operational efficiencies and the Veteran experience. Not only will the new clinic provide Primary Care, but it will also include Mental Health, Laboratory and Pathology, and Imaging services to Veterans in a right-sized, state-of-the-art, energy efficient health care facility serving over 14,000 Veterans.

"We began work on this project back in 2014," said Medical Center Director, Dr. Ginny Creasman. "Getting a new clinic approved is a big deal and involves a lot of stakeholders. So, we're honored to be able to get this done and bring our services closer to home for so many of our Veterans. It's going to make it so much more convenient for them to get the care they've earned."

Johnson Development, LLC of Birmingham, AL was awarded the contract. Design of the \$9M project will begin in October with anticipated completion in late 2021. The site was chosen based on many factors including; a demonstrated need to serve more veterans in the Plymouth/Canton area and ease of access with very close proximity to the I-275 and Ford Road interchange. Finally, the biggest challenge is finding a suitable location that fits within the defined limits.

VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System has clinics in Flint, Jackson, and Toledo, Ohio and serves more than 69,000 veterans in the Southeast Michigan-Northwest Ohio region.