

GOOD OF THE LEGION

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



IMPORTANT! Student Trooper Program Canceled

Due to a lack of participation, the Michigan American Legion Student Trooper has been canceled for 2024. In order for the program to be beneficial, there needs to be at least 15-20 students each year. Unfortunately, this year, we only had four students apply by the May 1st deadline. I believe the contributing factor was the dates that were established this year, June 9-14. I was able to get our four students into the Kiwanis Club's Trooper program so that they wouldn't miss out on the opportunity to determine their future careers. I will be working with the Michigan State Police to establish dates sometime in July for the 2025 program. Once we have our 2025 program information finalized, it will be available on our website, www.michiganlegion.org/trooper, most likely sometime in September 2024.



**DEADLINE
EXTENDED!**



Boys State Applications Now Due June 3rd!

We are just 44 short days away from the start of our 2024 Boys State Program. If your Post hasn't already done so, make sure to visit your local high school to see if they can provide you with a delegate to our Boys State program this year.

Eligibility

- Be a male high school student
- Completed junior year of high school or an accredited home-school equivalent by the start of the boy's state program
- Visit www.michalaux.org/girls-state for information about the Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program

The cost to sponsor a delegate is \$400, with the student paying a \$25 registration fee. Sponsors can pay the entire \$425 if they choose. Payments need to be included with the application to be processed.

We currently have 11 unsponsored students across the state who are registered to participate in the program this year. If your Post has the funds I encourage you to make a donation to the Michigan American Legion Foundation to help cover the costs of these students. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Donations can be sent to:

Michigan American Legion Foundation
Attn: Boys State
212 N. Verlinden Ave.
Lansing, MI 48915

MAY 2024

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2023-2024

AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

2023/2024 Oratorical Department Winners

First Place \$2,000: W.L Walker (Zone 1, District 1)
Second Place \$1,500: J. Yao (Zone 2, District 3)
Third Place \$1,000: E. Wells (Zone 3, District 18)
Fourth Place \$1,000: L. Molitor (Zone 4, District 10)

2023/2024 Brewer \$500 Scholarship Recipients

Zone 1: E. O'Hara (District 4)
Zone 2: D. St. George (District 7)
Zone 3: J. Progar (District 18)
Zone 4: A. Cota (District 10)
Zone 4: A. Bielas (District 19)

2023/2024 Wilson \$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

District 1: A. Wlodarczak (Zone 1)
District 2: S. Payne (Zone 1)
District 3: O. Uren (Zone 2)
District 4: Z. Bennett (Zone 2)
District 5: C. Johnson (Zone 2)
District 6: B. Kleimola (Zone 3)
District 7: C. Gainforth (Zone 3)
District 8: A. Grandville (Zone 3)
District 9: J. Hayman (Zone 4)
District 10: B. Shay (Zone 4)
District 11: F. Carlson (Zone 5)
District 12: S. Stine (Zone 5)
District 16: M. Woodson (Zone 1)
District 18: W. Boyne IV (Zone 3)
District 19: K. Bielas (Zone 4)

2023/2024 Law and Firefight of the Year

Law Officer of the Year:
Sgt. D. Ennis- St. Clair Police Department
Firefighter of the Year:
Assistant Chief M. Defina- Ahmeek Village Fire and Rescue

2023/2024 Eagle Scout of the Year \$1,000 Scholarship Recipient

G. Nanzer- Muskegon Northside Lions
Venturing Crew 4209 (Zone 2, District 5)

2023/2024 Junior Shooting Sports Department Winners

Carolyn Lavoy
Michigan American Legion JSSP Sporter Champion

Braden Michalak
Michigan American Legion JSSP Precision Champion

Genesee Career Institute HS:
Natalie Steward, Gabriel Calcaterra, Yekaterina
Babenko, Ruth Davis
Michigan American Legion JSSP Team Sporter
Champions

Kent County Top Guns 4H:
Riley Tang, Lucas Bates, Kyler Noorman
Michigan American Legion JSSP Team Precision
Champions

2024 American Legion Skilled Trades Scholarship

\$1,000 2-Year Scholarship: M. Vanderwill (Zone 2, District 4)
\$1,000 1-Year Scholarship: A. Cook (Zone 3, District 7)
\$1,000 1-Year Scholarship: P. Wheeler (Zone 3, District 18)
\$500 1-Year Scholarship: I. Walker (Zone 1, District 1)

2024 Teacher of the Year \$500 Recipients

Zone 1: Ms. Titler; George Elementary School (District 2)
Zone 2: Mr. Anderson; Forest Hills Central HS (District 5)
Zone 3: Mrs. Becker; Holland Woods Middle School (District 7)
Zone 4: Mrs. Lisius; State Street School (District 10)
Zone 5: No nominations submitted

WE HAVE AWARDED

\$29,500

**IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AND GRANTS!**



Michigan American Legion Baseball Teams

(Registered as of 5/10/24)

Zone	District	TEAM NAME	TEAM TYPE	TEAM CLASS
1	2	Adrian Post 275 Adrian, Mi	SENIOR	AA
1	2	Blissfield Post 325	SENIOR	AA
1	2	Hudson Hellcats	SENIOR	A
1	16	Trenton Legion Post 426	SENIOR	A
2	4	Stevensville Post 568	SENIOR	AA
2	4	Three Oaks Post 204 Oakers	SENIOR	A
3	8	Post 295	SENIOR	A
3	8	Saginaw Post 150 Blue Jays	JUNIOR	N/A
4	10	Bay City Post 18 - Bay City, MI	SENIOR	AA
4	10	Big Rapids Rubberducks Post 98	SENIOR	
4	10	Gladwin Lightning	SENIOR	A
4	10	Gladwin Lightning Post 171	SENIOR	A
4	10	John K. Fowler American Legion Post 239	SENIOR	AA
4	10	Midland Berryhill Post 165	SENIOR	AA
4	19	Gaylord Baseball Club	SENIOR	A
5	11	Escanaba Cubs	SENIOR	A
5	11	Escanaba Jr. Cubs	JUNIOR	N/A
5	11	Gladstone Indians Post 71	SENIOR	A
5	11	Gladstone Post 71 Junior Indians	JUNIOR	N/A
5	11	Menominee Red Wave	SENIOR	A
5	12	Gwinn Lightning	SENIOR	A
5	12	Ironwood Post 0005 Athletics	SENIOR	A
5	12	Ishpeming Blue Storm	SENIOR	A
5	12	Kingsford Junior Greens	JUNIOR	N/A
5	12	Marquette Legion Blues	SENIOR	A
5	12	Marquette Legion JR Reds	JUNIOR	N/A
5	12	Marquette Legion Reds	JUNIOR	N/A
5	12	Marquette Legion White	JUNIOR	N/A
5	12	Norway Post 145 Vikings	SENIOR	A
5	12	Sagola-Post 168-Felch	JUNIOR	N/A

MICHIGAN LEGION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION MAPS!

In an effort to keep things as transparent as possible regarding our Youth Programs, Scholarships, and Community Awards, I have compiled various maps showing where the most participation is coming from within the great state of Michigan. It was brought to my attention that some District and Post leadership feel left out of communications from the Department when it comes to program involvement, so I hope some of these maps provide the insight you seek. I have also included a list of Posts/Squadrons that have participated in one or more of our programs this year (September 2023 through June 2024). As always, if you have questions, please email me at legion@michiganlegion.org, and I will try to assist as best I can.

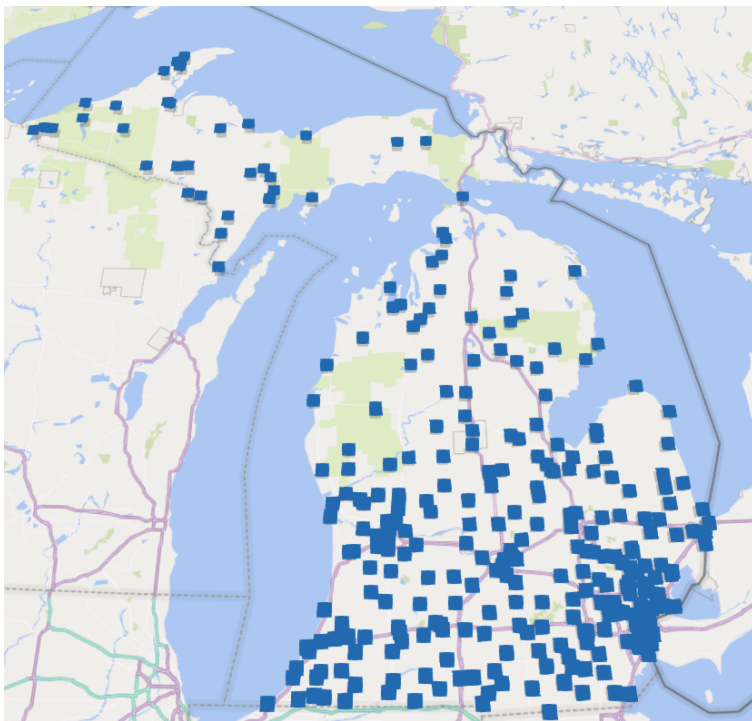
Special Note: I am not 100% error proof, so forgive me if my data is off by one or two Posts/Squadrons.

Dept. Posts/Squadrons: Map 1 and Map 2

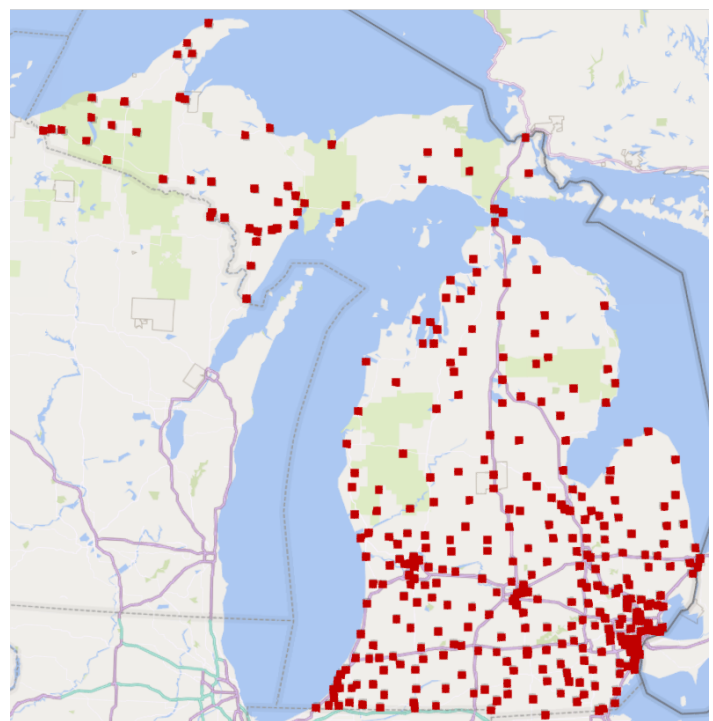
Current Number of Posts: 369

Current Number of Squadrons: 214

(lists acquired from Membership Sec.)



Map 1:
American Legion Posts
Approx. Location



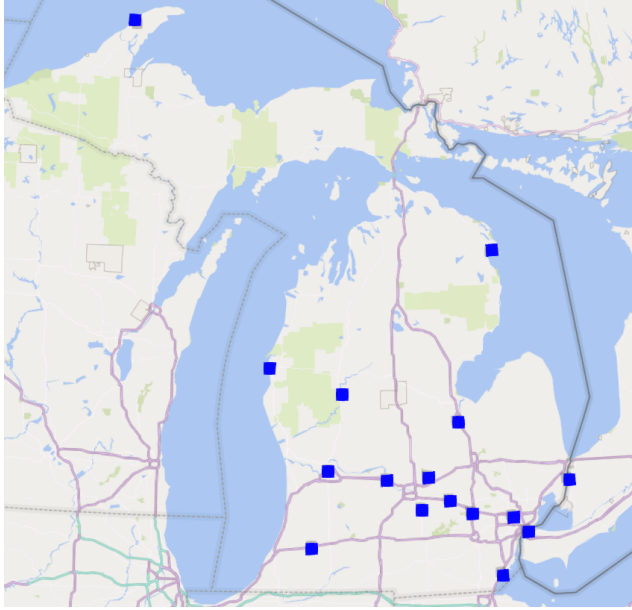
Map 2:
Sons of the American Legion Squadrons
Approx. Location

Law and Firefighter Program Stats:

Number of Law Nominations: 14 (Map 3)

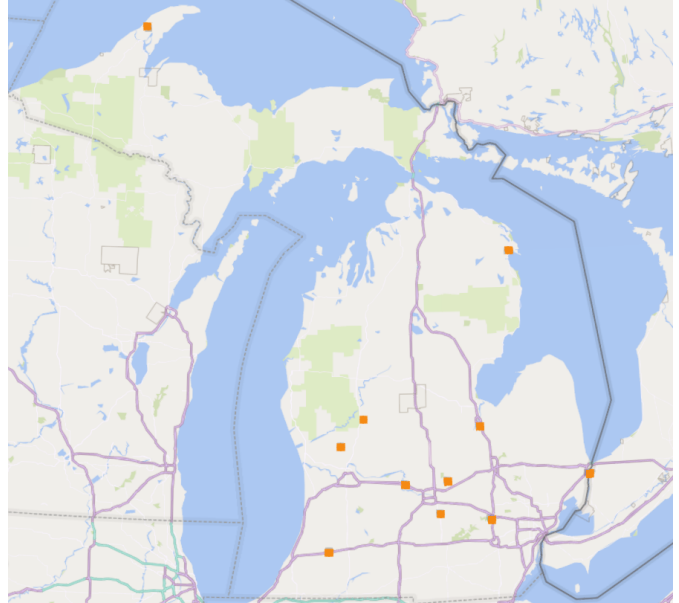
Number of Firefighter Nominations: 7 (Map 3)

Posts/Squadrons Associated with Nominations: 13 (Map 4)



Map 3:

Law and Fire Nominations Received
Approx. Location



Map 4:

Post or Squadrons Associated with a Nomination
Approx. Location

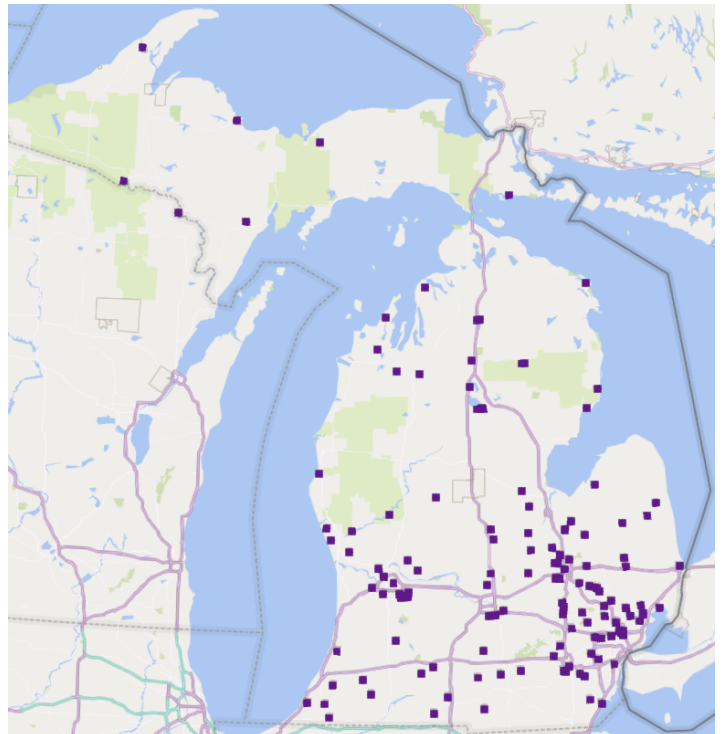
Brewer and Wilson Scholarship Stats:

Number of Applications Received: 151
(see Map 5)

5 Brewer Scholarships Awarded

15 Wilson Scholarships Awarded

We do not track if a Post/Squadron is associated with scholarship applicants. This is just to show what areas we get applications from each year. Schools are sent scholarship information, so technically, this map shows what schools are providing that information to their students.



Map 5:

Brewer/Wilson Applicant Approx. Location

Oratorical Program Stats:

Number of Applications Received: 48
(see Map 6)

4 Scholarships Awarded(see pg. 2)

Not all students who register are tied to a Post. The Posts associated with a few students are listed below. Otherwise, the Department Finalists are paired with their respective Zone Chairman's posts.

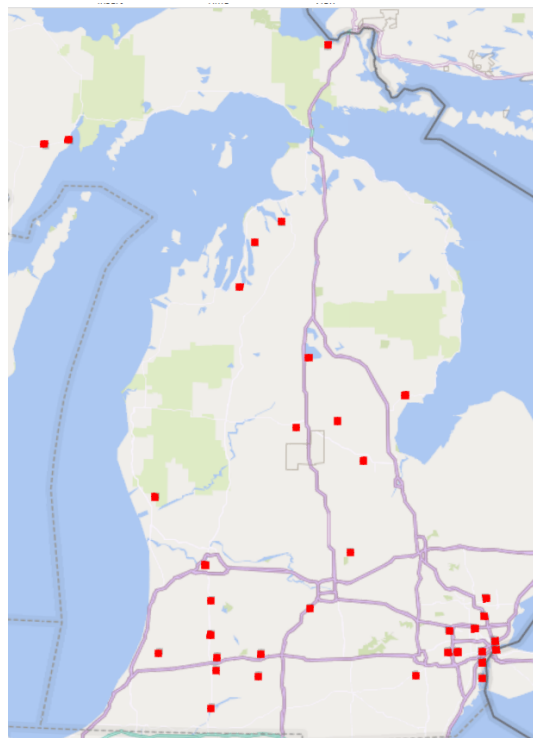
Post Associated with a Student:

American Legion Post 228

American Legion Post 303

American Legion Post 397

American Legion Post 143



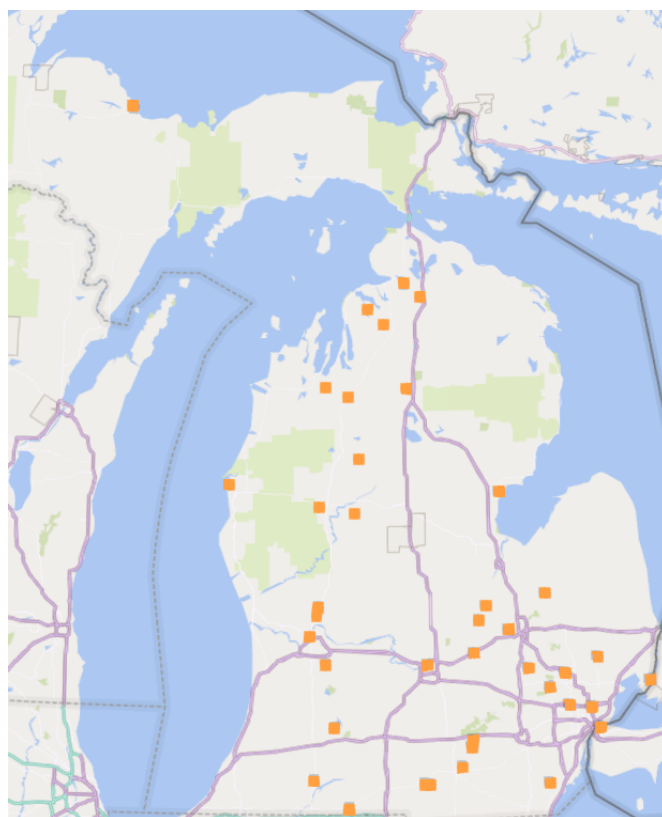
Map 6:
Oratorical Applicant Approx. Location

Skilled Trades Scholarship Stats:

Number of Applications Received: 41
(see Map 7)

4 Scholarships Awarded(see pg. 2)

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Map 7:
Skilled Trades Applicant Approx. Location

Teacher of the Year Stats:

Number of Nominations Received: 30
(see Map 8)

5 Nominations Selected(see pg. 2)

Map 9 Shows what Posts (11 total), in Blue, were associated with a nomination.

They are listed below as well:

American Legion Post 40

American Legion Post 252

American Legion Post 235

American Legion Post 377

American Legion Post 153

American Legion Post 256

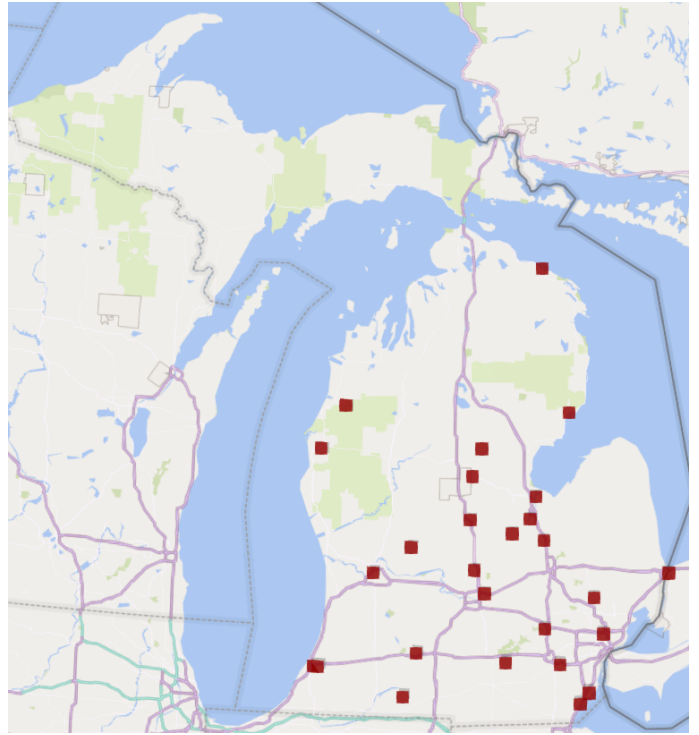
American Legion Post 101

American Legion Post 468

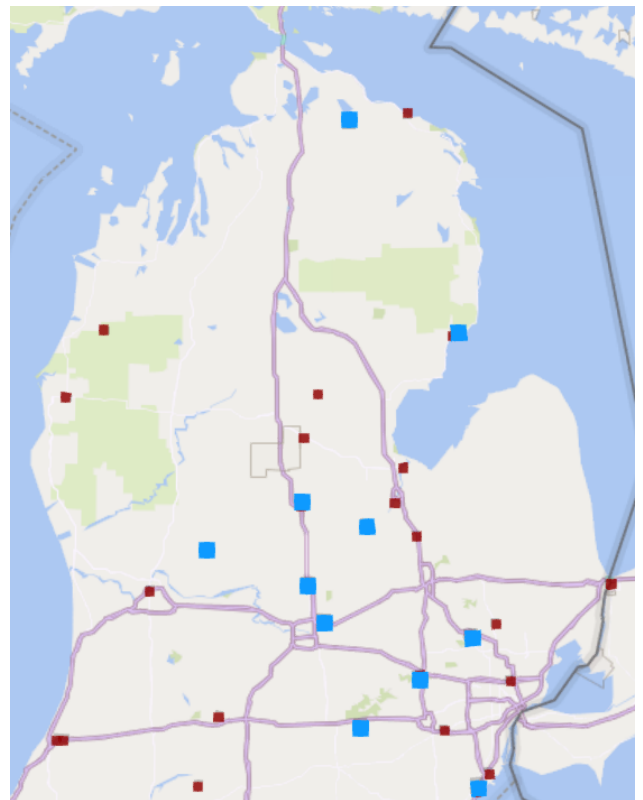
American Legion Post 412

American Legion Post 211

American Legion Post 317



Map 8:
Teacher Nomination Approx. Location

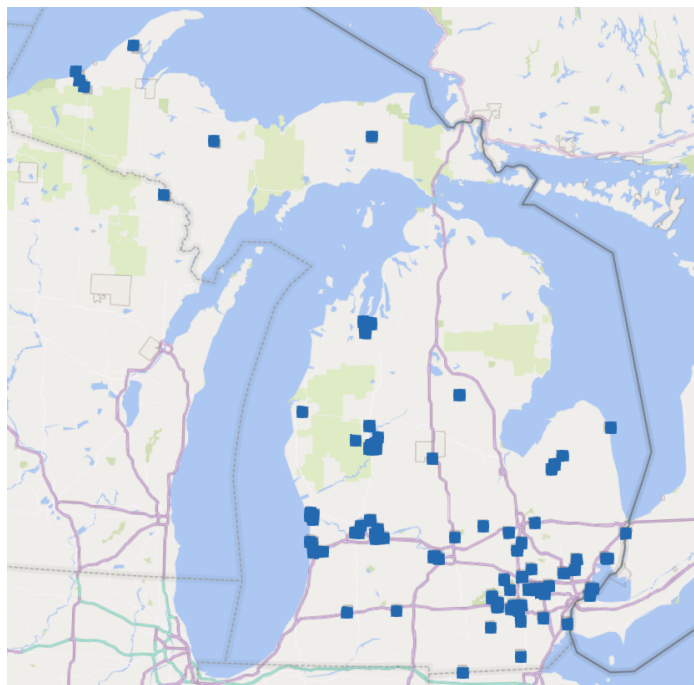


Map 9:
Teacher Nomination Approx. Location

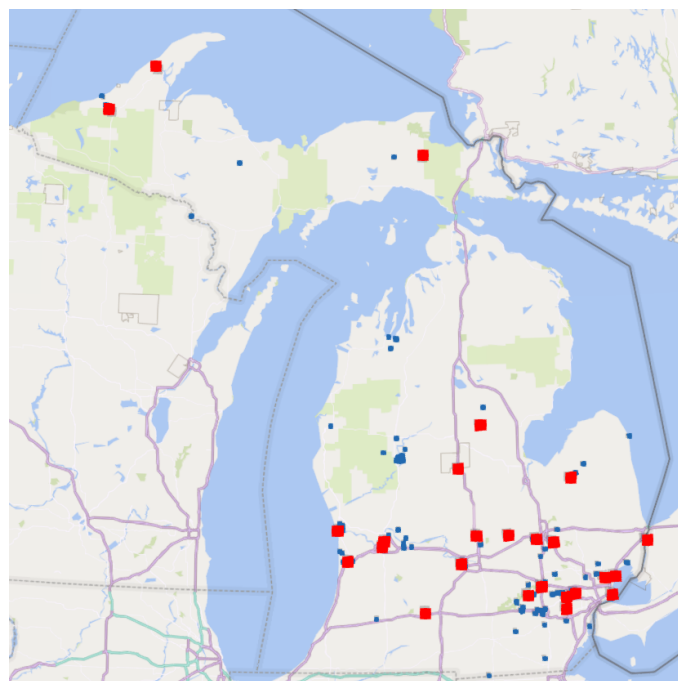
Boys State Program Stats:

Number of Registrations as of 5/10/24(see Map 10): 105

Posts/Squadrons Sponsorships(see Map 11): 50



Map 10:
Delegate's Approx. Location



Map 11:
Sponsors in Red
Delegates in Blue

Current Post/SAL Sponsors as of 5/10/24

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 326

American Legion Post 088

American Legion Post 303

American Legion Post 346

American Legion Post 449 Riders

American Legion Post 153

American Legion Post 419

American Legion Post 092

American Legion Post 256 (Ohio)

American Legion Post 050

American Legion Post 028

American Legion Post 057

American Legion Post 004

American Legion Post 186

American Legion Post 257

American Legion Post 007

American Legion Post 413

American Legion Post 235

American Legion Post 110

American Legion Post 311

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 147

American Legion Post 48

American Legion Post 171

American Legion Post 002

American Legion Post 393

American Legion Post 154

American Legion Post 294

American Legion Post 040

American Legion Post 252

American Legion Post 377

American Legion Post 256

American Legion Post 101

American Legion Post 468

American Legion Post 412

American Legion Post 211

American Legion Post 317

American Legion Post 76

American Legion Post 449

American Legion Post 554

American Legion Post 148

American Legion Post 68

American Legion Post 123

American Legion Post 61

American Legion Post 248

American Legion Post 312

American Legion Post 129

American Legion Post 65

American Legion Post 258

American Legion Post 006

American Legion Post 147



The American Legion Department of Michigan
July 11 – 14, 2024

2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Contact Ray Carlson with any questions at 906-273-0130 or
rcarlson9851@charter.net

Hotel Reservations are your responsibility and may be made
with our hotel:

Kewadin Casino
2186 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Rooms will be available until June 27, 2024

Call **1-800-539-2346** for room reservations and mention
Reservation Code **22870** for special room rates of:

- Regular Rooms (2 Queen or King) - \$90 +tax
- Jacuzzi Rooms (King Bed) - \$100 +tax
- Suites (King with Queen Sleeper sofa) - \$110 +tax

Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn 906-635-1118

4404 I-75 Business Spur, Sault Ste Marie MI 49783
Mention American Legion for \$90 +Tax room rate
Rooms will be available until May 31, 2024

The American Legion requires that each person attending must register with the host corporation and be issued an official badge to be
allowed to attend any meeting, session or event.

PRINT FULL NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

Name: _____ Group: ☐ TAL ☐ AUX ☐ SAL ☐ ALR
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Cell: _____ Email: _____

OTHERS ATTENDING THAT YOU ARE REGISTERING

Name: _____ Group: ☐ TAL ☐ AUX ☐ SAL ☐ ALR
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Enclosed Amount \$ _____ for _____ registrations

**Limited smoking rooms available. Additional \$10 per person
per room over 2 people.**

These rates will apply from Monday, July 8 to Sunday, July 14,
2024. Handicap rooms are available on first come basis.

Cancellations must be made at least 3 days prior to arrival
date to avoid a charge for one night.

Registration fee is **\$15.00 per person**, make your check
payable to:

UP Assoc. Convention Corporation
or simply to: **UPA Conv. Corp.**

Mail to: **Ray Carlson, 19 Longyear Drive, Negaunee, MI**
49866-9601

Program Dates for 2024:

May 2024

May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline

May 17th-19th- National Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI

June 2024

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register

June 3rd- Boys State Application submission deadline

June 23rd-29th - Boys State program at GVSU

July 2024

July 1st- Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship submission deadline

July 15th- Diamond Baseball Scholarship deadline

July TBD- JSSP American Legion National Championship (Individual Tournament)

July 24-28 Class AA Baseball State Tournament in Midland, MI

July 24-28- Class A Baseball State Tournament in Marquette, MI



All the information within this edition of the Good of the Legion has been provided to you by Ashley Zimmer, Programs Coordinator for the American Legion Department of Michigan. If you have questions, please email legion@michiganlegion.org.