

# History of the American Legion

## Stephen W. Frank Post 269

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the constitution of the United States of America; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

In 1937, the Chief Okemos American Legion Post 269, in Haslett, MI was chartered. The first meetings were held in private homes, usually of post members, next in the Lakeside Tavern, ending up in a hall over Robinson Grocery. They moved into the present building in 1940. Years later they fulfilled the terms of a land contract and became owners of the building.

The Post was re-chartered in 2005 as the Stephen W. Frank Post 269.

Army Capt. Stephen W. Frank died April 29, 2005 serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Irwin, California. He was conducting a traffic-control-point inspection in Divarrah, Iraq. Inspecting a truck at a checkpoint 30 miles south of Baghdad.

Frank was born in Lyndhurst, Ohio, and was raised in the Lansing area, graduating from Haslett High School.



The post has 4 active groups, the Veterans (AL), the Ladies Auxiliary (AUX), the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) and the American Legion Riders (ALR).

All groups extend assistance for veterans and their families and contribute to the funding of several charities. The post has engaged in and supports various civic and other community events as well as our obligation to veterans and families.

We are pleased of our record of good citizenship and proud to be an active unit in our community, town, township, county, state and nation.