

**HASLETT AMERICAN LEGION POST 269, PO BOX 245, HASLETT, MI 48842**

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**American Legion---AL Auxiliary---Sons of the AL---American Legion Riders**

**Newsletter, Edition March-April 2024**



**From Post # 269 – Captain Stephen W Frank**

**\*Hours of Operation: Please check on-line for revised Winter Hours**

\*Updates: [www.facebook.com/HaslettPost269](http://www.facebook.com/HaslettPost269) or Website: <https://haslettpost269.org>

### **Officers**

Commander – John Meka, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Barney Roepcke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Kent Verhougstraete, Adjutant – Randy Seida, Finance Officer – Brian Bender, Judge Advocate – Fritz Stoll, Sargent at Arms – Jim Suehr, Chaplain – Vacant, Service Officer – Dean Aronson, Historian – Kevin Shandor, Members At Large - Dave Pierce, and Bob Tucker

### **John Meka – Post Commander Comments**

#### **Important – General Meeting March 14th 7pm**

The EC will discuss the organizational structure of the Post, reporting lines for positions (responsibilities/accountabilities). This will be presented at the General Meeting for the Post's members.

The Post is off and running with its events. The Fish Fry started on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> continuing every Friday from 5pm to 7:30pm ending March 29<sup>th</sup>, Big Ten Tournament in Minneapolis starts March 13<sup>th</sup> around 5:30pm, then, March Madness starts March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at the Post where you can enjoy the games in a safe place for veterans, families, and friends.

The January-February Newsletter referenced the work of Jeff Ross, Kevin Shandor along with Cindi Campbell and Heidi Hopper. The following is a high-level summary of their efforts:

- Fiber internet enhancements significantly reduce the chances of outages; ATM, Touch Tunes, POS, Phones and opens up chance of Internet TV.
- Infrastructure now in place eliminates the need for “tech support” and its charges.
- Guests Wi-fi separate from the business. Guest Wi-fi bandwidth is adjusted based on volume of use.
- The infrastructure now in place is far more secure as well as reliable reducing the exposure from bad players.
- The infrastructure is adaptable – it can grow without the need to add or replace; examples; cameras (inside and outside), their recording as well as voice (voice is disabled). An important aspect is security to access is to the Administrator.

- Hardware (Network Access Server) that can be used for the storage of pictures, recordings, as well as private messaging for groups of the Post.
- Cellular Back up for primary internet

### **Post General Information**

#### **Queen of Hearts**

The Queen of Hearts sales begin the first of April with the first drawing on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. This is a phenomenally successful fund raiser for the Post. Over the last two years, with everyone's support, the Post was able to provide between 7-10 \$1000 scholarships to students who applied from Haslett High School. **It's success is dependent on volunteers to sale tickets, both inside and outside of the Post. You can contact Kent Vehoustraete, Brian Bender, Barney Roepcke or Bob Tucker for tickets if you are interested in selling tickets.**

#### **Interested in Volunteering - Areas to consider/Contact Person:**

Executive Committee – Executive Committee member  
 Liaison Committee – Michael Mitchell  
 Bar Committee – Kent Verhoustraete  
 Auxiliary - Valerie Weeks  
 Sons of the American Legion: Michael Mitchell  
 Riders: Bob Derek  
 Food Committee: John Meka

**Website: <http://www.haslettpost269.org> – Point of Contact Heidi Hopper**

#### **From the Chaplain**

If you know of anyone who is ill, incapacitated or in a facility of any kind, please contact a member of the Executive Committee.

#### **Donations – Tax Exempt**

Post 269 is a 501(c)(19) qualified tax-exempt veterans' organization. As such any donations made to the post are deductible for income tax purposes. Donations may be made to the Post General Fund or to other specific funds, projects, or purchases. Those include the Building Fund, Scholarship Fund, Poppy Fund, or Newsletter support.

## **Sons of the American Legion**

#### **Officers**

Commander - Michael Mitchell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Mike Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Tom Szedlak,  
 Adjutant/Membership – Michael Mitchell, Finance – Chris Guy, Sargent at Arms – Donny VanderWaals, Chaplin – Jeff Peterson, Historian – Patrick Kalil

#### **Membership**

Renewals for 2024 are available for \$25.00. There are envelopes at the bar for renewals and to sign up as a new member. Or contact me, Michael Mitchell, and I may be able to get you signed up immediately.

#### **Monthly Meetings**

The Sons General Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month. They are held at the American Legion Post #269 at 1900 hours (7:00p.m). It is an enjoyable time to meet the current and new members and renew past relationships.

### **eMails & Phone # Reminder**

We need to have every member's email address and phone numbers so that we can contact you as things come up that you need to be aware of. Please give them to any of the officers. Or send them to me, Michael Mitchell, [mdruemitchell1948@gmail.com](mailto:mdruemitchell1948@gmail.com).

## **Auxiliary**

### **Officers**

President - Val Weeks, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Linda Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Heidi Hopper, Treasurer - Kristel Weeks, Secretary - Gerre Lou Imhopp, Chaplain- Sue Savage, Historian -Sharie Day/Rhodope Martin, Sergeant at Arms - Sue Ward, Members at Large - Linda Tucker & Leigh Szedlak

Just a note to all Legion and Auxiliary members about the acknowledgment of your membership: When you pay, it is first submitted to our District. From there, it is processed through several channels before it reaches National. This can take months. So, if you have paid but receive a reminder to do so .... please disregard.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – We will be installing the new officers with a potluck to follow the meeting.

### **From the President**

We need volunteers for all the events.

Respectfully,  
Val Weeks, Auxiliary President

## **American Legion Riders**

### **Officers**

Director - Bob Derrick-Director, Ass't Director - Matt Bonner, Secretary - Michael Mitchell – Treasurer, Secretary - Heather Derrick, Chaplain – Tim Clay, Sgt-at-Arim – Kevin Shandor, Historian – Sharie Day, Road Captain – Jim Day

## HASLETT AMERICAN LEGION POST #269

### MARCH EVENTS 2024

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri. Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>                              | – Fish Fry 5-7:30p                           |
| Sun. Mar 3 <sup>rd</sup>                              | – MSU at PURDUE 7:00p FOX                                                                                                      |
| Sun. Mar 3 <sup>RD</sup>                              | – Auxiliary 12:30p                                                                                                             |
| Sun/Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>              | - CHOCALOTE CHIP WEEK                                                                                                          |
| Mon. Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>                              | – Liaison 5:30 & Bar Lounge 6:00p                                                                                              |
| Mon/Tues Mar 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>        | – SHUFFLEBOARD 6-10p (Last One)                                                                                                |
| Wed. Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | – MSU vs NORTHWESTERN 7:00p BTN                                                                                                |
| Wed. Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>                              | – TRIVIA 7:00p                                                                                                                 |
| Thurs. Mar 7 <sup>TH</sup>                            | – SAL Meeting 7:00p                                                                                                            |
| Fri. Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>                              | – Fish Fry 5-7:30                             |
| *Sat. Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-Spring Back                                                                                            |
| Sun. Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>                             | – Auxiliary 12:30p                                                                                                             |
| Sun. Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>                             | – MSU at INDIANA 4:30p (Last season game)                                                                                      |
| Wed/Sun. Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup>       | – BIG TEN TOURNEY                                                                                                              |
| Wed. Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>                             | – American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00p                                                                                         |
| Thurs. Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>                           | – Executive Meeting 6:00p                                                                                                      |
| Thurs. Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>                           | – Legion General Meeting 7:00p                                                                                                 |
| Fri. Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>                             | – Fish Fry 5-7:30p                         |
| Sun. Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>                            | – ST PATRICK’S DAY- Dinner 2p -Gone CB&C  |
| Tues. Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>                            | – SPRING BEGINS                                                                                                                |
| Tues/Sun Mar 19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup>      | - NCAA FIRST FOUR                                                                                                              |
| Wed Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>                              | – EUCHRE 6:30p                                                                                                                 |
| Thurs/Sun Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> NCAA | - 1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> ROUNDS                                                                                     |
| Thurs. Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>                           | – BINGO 7:00p                                                                                                                  |
| Fri. Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>                             | – Fish Fry 5-7:30p                          |
| Sun Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>                              | – PALM SUNDAY                                                                                                                  |
| Thurs/Sat Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>     | – NCAA REGIONALS                                                                                                               |
| Fri. Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>                             | – “LAST” FISH FRY 5-7:30p                 |
| Fri. Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>                             | – GOOD FRIDAY                                                                                                                  |
| Sat. Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>                             | – RENTAL 12-6p                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Sun. Mar 31<sup>st</sup></b>                       | <b>– EASTER SUNDAY</b>                                                                                                         |

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***APRIL EVENTS 2024***

- Mon. Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – Liaison 5:30p...Bar Lounge 6:00p
- Wed. Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> – TRIVIA 7:00p
- Thurs. Apr 4<sup>t</sup> – SAL General Meeting 7:00p
- Sat. April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – NCAA Final Four
- Mon. Apr 8<sup>th</sup> – NCAA Championship
- Wed. Apr 10<sup>th</sup> – American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00p
- Thurs. Apr 11<sup>th</sup> – Executive Meeting 6:00p
- Thurs. Apr 11<sup>th</sup> – Legion General Meeting 7:00p
- Sat. Apr 13<sup>th</sup> – Shuffleboard Banquet 12:00p
- Sun. Apr 14<sup>th</sup> - Auxiliary Meeting 12:30p
- Wed. Apr 17<sup>th</sup> – EUCHER 6:30p
- Thurs. Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – BINGO 7:00p
- Sat. Apr 20<sup>th</sup> – SAL BOWLING FUND RAISER 12:00...Food/Prizes afterwards
- Mon. Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> - EARTH DAY
- Sat. Apr 27<sup>th</sup> – LEGION AWARDS BANQUET

## Military Events

### March Events

Navy Reserve Birthday	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hug a GI Day	March 4 <sup>th</sup>
Seabee Birthday	March 5 <sup>th</sup>
K-9 Veterans Day	March 13 <sup>th</sup>
American Legion Birthday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Rosie the Riveter Day	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Medal of Honor Day	March 25 <sup>th</sup>

### April Events

Gold Star Spouses Day	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
National Former POW Recognition Day	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Air Force Reserve Birthday	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Army Reserve Birthday	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>

