

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 2023



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

**\*Hours of Operation:**

Sunday	1 PM - 8 PM
Saturday	Noon – 10 PM
Monday	3 PM – 10 PM
Tuesday	3 PM – 10 PM
Wednesday	Noon – 10 PM
Thursday	Noon – 10 PM
Friday	Noon - 10 PM

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

**Officers**

Commander – John Meka, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Vacant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Jeff Ross,  
Adjutant – Bob Tucker, Asst. Adjutant – Vacant, Finance Officer – Brian Bender,  
Judge Advocate – Fritz Stoll, Sargent At Arms – Jim Suehr, Chaplain – Theresa Ross,  
Service Officer – Dave Pierce, Historian – Kevin Shandor, Members At Large – Doug Egner,  
Dean Aronson, <Vacant>

**John Meka – Post Commander Comments**

First and foremost, to the Legion Members, thank you all for your support of the events of Post #269 that allow us to award 6 \$1500 scholarships to Haslett HS graduating seniors and 1 for \$1500 to a Haslett HS graduating senior who is joining the Marines. Your support of Queen of Hearts made this possible along with donations in support of Veterans as we move forward in 2023.

The first Fish Fry, what an evening, and **to all the volunteers Thank You, Thank You.** It could not have happened without your busy hands, fast feet, along with your smiling faces while **servi**ng 118 pieces of fish that evening. We believe it was the busiest we have ever been for the first night.

This brings us to the next thing, having to cancel the **Fish Fry on March 5**...the day the weather forecast was 8-12 inches of snow in about 12 hours. It was not an easy decision, not made without input. The primary driver for making the decision early versus waiting was risk associated with **safety of the volunteers along with food spoilage (approximately \$400 in**

**cost) ...the fish, the fries, condiments, etc. As we say, the devil is in the detail** and for us we decided on the side of caution. By making the decision early we had time to notify members, volunteers and to get notification published on Facebook and our Website. The leadership of Post #269 hopes that the membership has confidence in the Post's decision(s) made are to protect its members and the Post.

Thanks to each and everyone for being part of Post #269, Captain Stephen W Frank, Metal of Honor recipient.

### **Queen of Hearts – Started January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tickets: \$5 each

Ticket drawn but not Q of H: \$50 for any other card except:

If Ticket drawn is a Joker: \$250

If Ticket drawn is an ACE: \$100

**Follow the QofH's on Facebook**

### **Website**

**Point of contacts for the Website are Heidi Hopper and/or Cindi Campbell**

Please remember that the Legion, Son's Auxiliary, and Riders are all part of the Website. If you, as a member, wish to have content posted please contact Secretary of your associated membership requesting this. He or she in turn will contact Heidi or Cindi.

### **2023 Membership - Reminder**

Renewal of membership is now upon us. If you have not renewed, it means that your 2022 card will likely not be accepted should you visit a Post. A valid 2023 card is required.

If you do have questions send them to the Post, c/o Adjutant, Bob Tucker. Dues are \$45, the same as last year.

### **From the Chaplain**

If you know of anyone who is ill, incapacitated or in a facility of any kind, please contact me at the Post. Thank you, Theresa Ross, Chaplain.

### **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.

### **Participation - Reminder**

We need your help! We need members to submit their names for Officers of the Post, to be part of position within the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and ALR. There is no reason to wait for someone to ask you. Just let the current members of each organization know that you would like to be part of their group.

The same holds true for events where the need for help abounds for cooks, servers, people set up/take down, dishes (always glamorous yet truly needed), etc. No need to have someone ask you...please take the initiative...Sign-up! Take a minute to be part of those who are helping.

Question: Be a helper or a taker?

**Areas to consider/Contact Person:**

Executive Committee – Executive Committee member

Liaison Committee – Jeff Ross

Bar Committee – Jeff Ross

Auxiliary- Valerie Weeks

Sons of the American Legion: Jeff Peterson

Riders: Bob Derek

Food Committee: John Meka

**Monthly Post General Meetings – It is a good time to stop into the Post**

General Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 7 p.m.

SAL: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 7 p.m.

Auxiliary: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 12:30 p.m.

Riders: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7 p.m.

All members are welcome to the General Meetings. Concerns, issues or suggestions may be brought to any of the officers to be added to the Executive Committee meeting agenda or by attending the General meeting.

**Sons of the American Legion****Officers**

Commander – Jeff Peterson, First Vice – Mike Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Tom Szedlak, Adjutant Michael Mitchell Adjutant/Membership, Finance – Chris Guy, Sgt. At Arms – Donny Vander Waff, Chaplin – Patrick Kalil, Historian – Patrick Halil

**Membership - Reminder**

Renewals for 2023 are available for \$25.00. Envelops are at the bar for renewals and to sign up as a new member. The bar staff will pass along your information to Michael Mitchell, Adjutant SAL, who will contact you.

**Women's Auxiliary****Officers**

President: Val Weeks, 1st Vice: Linda Mitchell, 2nd Vice: Heidi Hopper, Treasurer: Kristel Weeks, Secretary: Gerre Lou Imhoff, Chaplin: Dixie Bender, Historian: Sue Savage, Sgt. at Arms: Sue Ward, Members at Large: Sharie Day

**Message from the President**

There have been changes made to our meeting calendar. We will meet on the following days:

March 12th @ 12:30 - a regular scheduled meeting - voting on Sweetheart & Woman of the year & nominating officers for next year

April 16th @ 12:30 - a short (30 minute) meeting so that we can participate in the Wine & Canvas event that we are hosting @ 1 pm.

May 7th @ 12:30 - a regular meeting - voting on officers

May 21st @ 12:30 - a regular meeting - installing new officers - last meeting before the summer

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that are helping with the fish fry and that helped with the Elvis night. If you haven't already volunteered to help, please do so. Every little bit helps.

I hope to see everyone at one of our meeting or at one of the events around the Post.

### **Upcoming Events - April & May**

April 16th is the Wine & Canvas painting event @ 1 pm. Please sign up on their website.

May 23rd is the Amazing Graze Charcuterie board class @ 6:30 pm. More information to follow.

### **Membership**

If you have not already paid your dues for 2023, you are currently delinquent and are not eligible to vote at meetings or to participate in lounge activities. Please see Patti Bolle to bring your membership current.

Respectfully,  
Val Weeks  
Auxiliary President

**American Legion Riders**

### **No changes in Officers**

### **Riders Events**

Our annual Chili Cook-Off is April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Chili entry is free. The charge to taste and vote is \$5. There is a Silent Auction and 50/50 as part of the event.

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 March Events 2023

Wed. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – TRIVIA 7:00p

Thur. Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sons General Meeting 7:00p

Fri. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-7:30p 

Sat. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – MSU vs Ohio State 12/2/4p ESPN/2

Sun. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Hearts 50/50  Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p

Mon. Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Liaison 5:30p & Bar Lounge 6:00p

Wed. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – ALR Meeting 7:00p

Wed. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> – Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Big Ten Tournament

Thurs. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – UofM Big Ten Tournament 11a.m.

Thurs. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – Executive Meeting 6:00p


Thurs. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – Legion General Meeting 7:00p

Fri. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – MSU Big Ten Tournament approx. 2p.m.

Fri. Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-7:30p 

Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting 12:30p

Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Hearts 50/50  Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p


Wed. Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> – EUCHRE 6:30p

Thurs. Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – First Round March Madness

Thurs. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> – BINGO 7:00p


Fri. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – ST. PATRICK'S DAY 

Fri. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-7:30p 

Sun. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Hearts 50/50  Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p

Mon. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> – SPRING BEGINS

Fri. Mar. 24<sup>h</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-7:30p 

Sun. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Hearts 50/50  Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p

Fri. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-7:30p 

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**April Events 2023**

- Sat. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fool's Day
- Sun Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Palm Sunday
- Wed. Apr 5<sup>th</sup> – TRIVIA 7:00p
- Wed. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – Passover begins this evening
- Thur. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sons General Meeting 7:00p
- Fri. Apr. 7<sup>t</sup> – Good Friday
- Fri. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> – FISH FRY 5:00-8:30p
- Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> – SAL Bowling Fund Raiser City Limits 12p
- Sun. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter
- Sun. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> - Queen of Hearts 5♥/50 Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p
- Mon. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> - Liaison 5:30p & Bar Lounge 6:00p
- Wed. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> - ALR Meeting 7:00p
- Thur. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> – Passover ends this evening
- Thurs. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> - Executive Meeting 6:00p
- Thurs. Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> – Legion General Meeting 7:00p
- Sun. Apr 16<sup>th</sup> – Auxiliary Meeting 12:30p
- Sun. Apr 16<sup>th</sup> – Wine & Canvas 1pm Sign-up on Post Website
- Sun. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> – Queen of Hearts 5♥/50 Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p
- Wed. Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – EUCHRE 6:30p
- Thurs. Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> – BINGO 7:00p
- Sat. Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Post #269 Birthday
- Sun. Apr.23<sup>rd</sup> – Chili Cook-Off 3-5 pm Silent Auction \$5 for tasting
- Sun. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Queen of Hearts 5♥/50 Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p
- Mon. Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – Passover Ends
- Sun. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> - Queen of Hearts 5♥/50 Progressive Raffle Drawing 3:00p

## Important Military Dates



### March

- 3/3 Star Spangled Banner Day
- 3/15 American Legion Birthday (104<sup>th</sup> Birthday – convened in France as American Expeditionary Force)
- 3/19 Iraqi Freedom Began (Iraq War 2003)
- 3/24 Kosovo Campaign Began (1999)
- 3/25 National Medal of Honor Day
- 3/29 Vietnam Veteran's Day/Palm Sunday
- 3/31 Somalia Campaign Ended (1995)

### April

- 4/6 Army Day/US Entered WWI (1917)
- 4/9 National Former POW Recognition Day
- 4/11 Desert Storm Cease-fire (Persian Gulf War 1991)
- 4/12 Civil War Began (1861)
- 4/25 Spanish-American War Began (1898)