

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 May- June 2023



From Post # 269 – Captain Stephen W Frank

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

*Updates: www.facebook.com/HaslettPost269 New Website: <https://www.haslettpost269.org>

Officers:

New Officers (May 2023-2025)

Commander – John Meka, 1st Vice – Jeff Ross, 2nd Vice – Kent Verhoustratete,
Adjutant – Randy Seida, Asst. Adjutant – Vacant, Finance Officer – Brian Bender,
Judge Advocate – Fritz Stoll, Sargent At Arms – Jim Suehr, Chaplain – Theresa Ross,
Service Officer – Dean Aronson, Historian – Kevin Shandor, Members At Large – Doug Egner,
Dave Pierce, and Walter Kopf

John Meka – Post Commander Comments

Burger Night is close at hand. Likewise, preparatory to Memorial Day we will be placing headstone flags for Fallen Veterans at the Glendale Cemetery, Mount Hope Road, Okemos. ***Please check out our website and Facebook for updates on Memorial Day Plans and Burger Night.***

Some members may have shared that the building adjacent to ours came up for sale. The EC did consider the possibility of making an offer. However, the EC decided it was not in the best interest of the Post to not pursue...the expense to bring it up to code, modifications, etc, did not make sense.

Installation of Officers took place on May 11th. They serve the Post for a period of two years. I would encourage members to thank the Officers along with all other members of the Post who volunteer their time to make Post 269 one of the most successful Posts in Michigan. We have not only been able to maintain membership but have added new members who have graciously stepped up to volunteer as well.

The heart of the Post is its members. The more participation in meetings, the more ideas, and the more members that take interest makes this Post what it is. Things like Camper taking care of the surrounding grounds of the Post, Peterson's supplying wood, donation to the Tip Jar for Popcorn, Barney for organizing efforts in support of Vets These are just a few examples knowing there are others that contribute daily, monthly, and yearly.

Queen of Hearts – Drawing each Sunday at 3pm

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 Q of Hs on Facebook and our website.

Website: <http://www.haslettpost269.org>

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.

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 – Kent Verhoustrate

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 is taking a summer break reconvening in September when they take place the 2nd Thursday of the month 7 p.m.

SAL: 1st Thursday of the month 7 p.m.

Auxiliary: 2nd Sunday of the month 12:30 p.m.

Riders: 2nd Wednesday of the month 7 p.m.

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, 2nd Vice – Tom Szedlak, Adjutant Michael Mitchell Adjutant/Membership, Finance – Chris Guy, Sgt. At Arms – Donny Vander Waff, Chaplin – Patrick Kalil, Historian – Patrick Halil

Officers for the SAL, for 2023-2025, will be elected on June 6th.

Membership - Reminder

Membership renewals for 2023 are still available for \$25. Envelopes are at the bar for renewals and new members. Any questions get hold of Michael Mitchell.

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

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the fish fry. Please continue to volunteer as we need people to distribute poppies. Please sign up in the hallway or contact Sharie Day or Linda Tucker.

Upcoming Event(s)

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

ALR Putt-Putt on Sunday, July 30th. 2:00 pm start at Hawk Hollow - \$15 each player on a 2-person team. Pre-register at the Post or at the course on the day of the event.

HASLETT AMERICAN LEGION POST #269 MAY EVENTS 2023

- Mon. May 1st – Liaison Meeting 5:30pm & Bar Lounge 6:00pm
- Wed. May 3rd – **TRIVIA** 7:00pm
- Thur. May 4th – SONS General Meeting 7:00pm
- Fri. May 5th – **Auxiliary Kentucky Derby Hats/Bands Making Class**.6:00p
- Fri. May 5th – **SONS Cinco de Mayo TACO Night** 5:00-7:00pm
- Sat. May 6th – **KENTUCKY DERBY**, 3:30pm
- Sun. May 7th – Auxiliary Meeting 12:30p
- Sun. May 7th – **Queen of Hearts** drawing 3:00pm
- Wed. May 10th – ALR Meeting 7:00pm
- Thurs. May 11th – Executive Meeting 6:00pm
- Thurs. May 11th – Legion General Meeting 7:00pm
- Sat. May 13th – **Relay For Life Fund Raiser, Euchre Tourney**
- Sun. May 14th – Mother's Day
- Sun May 14th - -- Queen of Hearts drawing 3:00pm
- Tues. May 16th – **CRIBBAGE** 6:00pm
- Wed. May 17th – **EUCHRE** 6:30pm
- Thurs-Fri-Sat
-18th-19th-20th – **POPPY DAYS**, Volunteers needed! Sign Up!
- Thurs. May 18th – **FREE BINGO**, 7:00pm
- Sat. May 20th – The Preakness Race 6:45 pm
- Sun. May 21ST - Auxiliary Meeting 12:30pm
- Sun. May 21ST - **Queen of Hearts** drawing 3:00p
- Tue. May 23rd – **Amazing Grace Charcuterie Class** 6:30p
- Sun. May 28th - **Queen of Hearts** drawing 3:00p
- Mon. May 29th – **Memorial Day Service** 11:00am, meet at Legion afterwards

HASLETT AMERICAN LEGION POST #269 June EVENTS 2023

- Thurs. June 1st – SONS General Meeting 7:00pm
- Fri. June 2nd – **Burger Night** 5:00pm
- Sun. June 4th – Queen of Hearts drawing 3:00pm
- Mon. June 5th – Liaison Meeting 5:30pm & Bar Lounge 6:00pm
- Wed. June 7th – **TRIVIA** 7:00p (confirm on Facebook or Website)
- Thurs. June 8th – Executive Meeting 6p
- Fri. June 9th – **Burger Night** 5:00pm
- Sat. June 10th – **Anna & Colt's Engagement Party**, 6:00 pm
- Sun. June 11th – **Queen of Hearts** drawing 3:00pm
- Wed. June 14th – ALR Meeting 7:00pm
- Thurs. June 15th – **Free BINGO** 7:00pm
- Fri. June 16th – **Burger Night** 5:00pm
- Sun June 18th – Father's Day
- Sun. June 18th – **Queen of Hearts** 3:00pm
- Fri. June 23rd – **Burger Night** 5:00pm
- Sun. June 25th – **Queen of Hearts** drawing 3:00p
- Fri. June 30th – **Burger Night** 5:00pm

Important Military Dates



May

- 5/5/1955 Occupation of Germany Ends
- 5/8/1945 Germany Surrenders (V-E Day)
- 5/10/1942 Last of US forces surrender in the Phillipines
- 5/11/1969 Battle of Hamburger Hill begins (Dong Ap Bia)
- 5/15/1942 Women's Army Auxiliary Corp established
- 5/18/1917 Medical Service Corps established
- 5/20/1969 Battle of Hamburger Hill ends
- 5/29/2023 Memorial Day

June

- 6/3/1916 Veterinary Corps established
- 6/6/1944 D-Day Allied Forces invade Normandy (Operation Overlord)
- 6/14/1775 Flag Day (Continental Army established – Birthday of U.S. Army and Infantry Branch)
- 6/15/1775 George Washington appointed commanding general of Continental Army
- 6/20/1941 Army Air Corps becomes Army Air Force
- 6/21/1860 Signal Corp Birthday
- 6/23/1865 Last Confederate forces surrender
- 6/25/1950 Korean War begins