**AMERICAN LEGION POST 269**

 April 2021

**Officers**

Commander – John Meka

1st Vice – Barney Roepcke

2nd Vice – Kent Verhoustrete

Adjutant – George Chipman

Asst. Adjutant - <Vacant>

Finance Officer – Brian Bender

Judge Advocate – Fritz Stoll

Sargent At Arms – Jim Suehr

Chaplain – Theresa Ross

Service Officer – Dave Pierce

Historian – Geyla Decker

Members At Large – Doug Egner, Chuck Rhodea, Bob Tucker

**Post Hours**

The Post is currently operating under restrictions imposed by Michigan Health and Human Services directives. As such we are restricted to 50% capacity or 76 persons. We are also operating under restricted hours, 3-9 pm, Monday thru Thursday. 3-10 pm, Friday and Saturday, Sunday 1-8 PM. Regular hours may resume if COVID conditions permit. Stay in touch with the post for the latest changes. Masks are required and all social distancing requirements apply. Hall Rentals are limited to between 11 AM – 2 PM until normal hours resume.

**Resumption of Post Events**

 Most monthly post events such as Shuffleboard, Bingo & Trivia nights have resumed. Check with post for specific dates or the monthly events schedule. Because of COVID capacity restrictions the Executive Board voted to not resume our Lenten Fish Fry’s this year. The American Legion/Post Birthday Banquet usually held in April is also cancelled. Arrangements will be made for member awards to be presented to all.

The Memorial Day service will be held at Rayla School at 11:00 AM with Burgers & Brats served at the post immediately following.

Burger Nights will resume on the first Friday following Memorial Day. Burgers, Brats, French Fries and Chips are on the menu. Please join us. Please stay in touch with the post for updates.

**Taps**

An active member of our Executive Committee passed away on April 10, 2021. Ed McDonald, was a member-at-large and held various other posts during his Legion careere. He will be missed. A Post Memorial Service is pending for a later date.

**Our Facebook Page**

 Please follow us on ‘American Legion Post 269’. Details on these events and others are updated regularly as well as photos from past events. Please stay connected!

**New Web Page**

 A new web page is being developed by the post to better communicate with our members. Stay tuned.

**2021 Membership**

 The 2021 membership drive is still active. To date we have received 196 renewals and ten new or transferred members for total of 206. (2020 membership was 203).

If you haven’t renewed yet, please do so. Membership cards are available from our Adjutant, George Chipman, and will be mailed to you upon receipt of your dues.

**Donations**

 Received since the last newsletter include –

**In Memory of Ed McDonald (To be applied to Scholarship Fund)**

 Doug & Sharon Egner Deloris K. Fellows Kathy Seddell Brian & Dixie Bender

 Dave & Kay Pierce Construction & General Laborers Union Local No. 1329

 Great Lakes Organizing Committee

**Newsletter Support**

 Doug & Sharon Egner Annie Everett

**Scholarship Fund**

 Robert & Cheryl Wyman

 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.

**Volunteers**

Like most fraternal and service organizations, Post 269 is dependent on volunteers to operate. We need volunteers to conduct fundraisers such as the Fish Fry’s, Burger Nights and Poppy Day’s, and social events like dances and tailgate parties. In addition to the vacant Historian position, we have several appointed positions vacant. Please contact any of the post officers if you are interested.

**Post General Meetings**

 Post General Meeting are at 7:00 pm, the 2nd Thursday of every month except June, July & August. The Executive Committee meets 7:00 pm, 2nd Thursday of every month. All members are welcome to the General Meeting. Concerns, issues or suggestions may be brought to any of the officers to be added to the Executive Committee meeting agenda.

**Officer Nominations**

 Nominations for all Officer positions for service years 2021-2023 were accepted during the April General Membership meeting with the vote immediately following. The slate of officers will be sworn in during the May General Meeting. The new or re-elected officers are listed at the beginning of this newsletter.

**Notes from the Club**

**Beer (On Tap)**

 Miller Light Bud Light Leinenkugel Summer Shandy

 Blue Moon Labatt Blue Michelob Amberbach

**Beer (Longnecks, Bottles, Malts & Selzers)**

Bud Bud Light Bud Light Lime

Bud Select Michelob Light Michelob Ultra

Michelob Ultra Gold Miller Genuine Draft Miller Lite

Miller 64 Labatt Blue Labatt Blue Light

Coors Light Corona Pabst

Ellison IPA (Can) Strohs N/A Labatt

N/A O’Douls White Claw Truly – Lemon Tea

**Wines (Small Bottles)**

Moscato Riesling Chardonnay

 Merlot Cabernet Pinot Grigio

 Pinot Noir White Zinfadel

**Liquor (Top Shelf)**

Maker’s Mark Woodford Preserve Patron

 Grand Marnier Drambuie Crown Royal

 Crown Royal Apple

And Many more!

**Patio**

The patio is open for beverage consumption, self-serve. The post is currently raising funds to purchase new patio furniture and install permanent barriers. Stay tuned!