

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 2024



From Post # 269 – Captain Stephen W Frank

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

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Officers for 2023-2025

Commander – John Meka, 1st Vice – Barney Roepcke, 2nd 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, Maikel Piloto, vacant.

John Meka – Post Commander Comments

The year is whizzing by, here we are in May, in a blink of an eye. This is a personal thank you to all our members.

Lenten Fish Fry

As many of you know, Lenten Fish Fry was once again a big success. Over the seven weeks of Lent the Post served over 100 meals every Friday. Many compliments were received from our patrons. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefited the Legion, the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

Post Birthday

If you were unable to attend the Post's Birthday event on April 28th, we missed you. The Post was chartered in 1937, 87 years!

Over seventy members and spouses attended this year's birthday party. Chef T.J Wallis catered the excellent dinner enjoyed by who attended. To those that may not know it is a time for us as a Post to recognize length of membership as well as recognize leaders within each organization. For members of each unit certificates are handed out for years as being a member; 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. This is the Post's way of saying "Thank You."

Then there is the opportunity at the birthday party to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond as a member of the Post. The Legion recognized John Meka as Post Member of the Year. The Auxiliary recognized Sue Ward as Sweetheart of the Year and Heidi

Hopper as Woman of the Year. The Sons of the American Legion recognized Chris Guy as Son of the Year.

Scholarships

Lastly, every year the Post awards one or more "Captain Stephen W. Frank Memorial Scholarships" to Haslett High School seniors. For the Class of 2024, the Post is awarding five \$1500 scholarships. The presentation will take place during the Senior Recognition Day and the names will be posted in the June newsletter.

Poppy Days is May 17th and 18th. Volunteers are needed. Money collected are for Veterans and their family members. Contact Auxiliary for more information.

Mark your calendars

- Mother's Day May 12th
- Memorial Day Program May 27th at 11:00 A.M.
- Burger Night starts June 7th, ending August 23rd

And don't miss out on Trivia, Bingo, and Euchre nights. A wonderful time to socialize, have fun and laughter.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Post.

If you are interested contact:

Brian Bender: 517-881-8598

From the Service Officer

If you or someone you know is need of guidance regarding benefits through the VA, please contact me by leaving a note at the Post.

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.

Areas to consider/Contact Person:

Executive Committee – Executive Committee member

Liaison Committee – Michael Mitchell

Bar Committee – Kent Verhougstraete

Auxiliary – Valerie Weeks

Sons of the American Legion – Michael Mitchell

Riders – Bob Derek

Food Committee – John Meka

Monthly Post Meetings – a great time to enjoy the Post

Check out the Calendar Events, attached, for all that is going on at the Post.

Your participation is important because ideas from the members help make the Post a safe place for its members. Attending one of your meetings is the best way to get involved.

Sons of the American Legion

Officers

Commander - Michael Mitchell, 1st Vice – Mike Peterson, 2nd 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 have changed from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month** at the American Legion Post #269 at 1900 hours (7:00p.m).

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.

Auxiliary

Officers

President - Val Weeks, 1st Vice - Linda Mitchell, 2nd 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

We are having a Kentucky Derby hat making contest. Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm. Members and guests are welcome to attend this free event. Hats and decorations will be provided, however if you have any you want to bring to use or share they are welcome. Prizes will be provided.

The Incoming Officers to be inducted at our next meeting, May 19th @ 12:30 pm are:

Val Weeks - President
Linda Mitchell - 1st Vice
Kristel Weeks - 2nd Vice
Heidi Hopper - Treasurer
Shari Day & Rhodope Martin - Historians
Patty Bolle - Chaplain
Sue Ward - Sargent at Arms.

There will be a potluck to follow the meeting. This will be our last scheduled meeting until September.

We are in need of volunteers for Poppy Days, May 17th & 18th. Each volunteer will have their name put in a drawing for a Meijer gift card. We will draw one name each day and then put all names back in for an additional gift card.

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

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MAY EVENTS 2024

Wed, May 1st - SAL GENERAL MEETING 7:00P

Thurs. May 2nd - TRIVIA 7:00P

Fri. May 3rd - MAKING KENTUCKY DERBY HATS 6:00P

Sat. May 4th - KENTUCKY DERBY DAY 2:00 - TO END OF RACE.

Sun. May 5th - Legion Rental 12-5P

Sun. May 5th - Queen of Hearts 50/50 Progressive Raffle
Drawing 3:00p



Mon. May 6th - LIAISON 5:30p...BAR LOUNGE 6:00p

Wed. May 8th - American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00P

Thurs. May 9th - EXECUTIVE MEETING 6:00P

Thurs. May 9th - AMERICAN LEGION General Meeting 7:00P

Sat. May 11th - RELAY FOR LIFE - EUCHER TOURNY 6:00P

Sun. May 12th - MOTHERS DAY

Sun. May 12th - Queen of Hearts 50/50 Progressive Raffle
Drawing 3:00p



Wed. May 15th - EUCHER 6:30P

Fri-Sat May 17th-18th - POPPY'S Need Volunteers to help,
signup sheets, hallway.

Thurs. May 16th - BINGO 7:00P

Sat. May 18th - ARMED FORCES DAY

Sun. May 19th - AUXILIARY MEETING 12:30P

Sun. May 19th - Queen of Hearts 50/50 Progressive Raffle
Drawing 3:00p



Sun. May 26th - Queen of Hearts 50/50 Progressive Raffle
Drawing 3:00p



Mon. May 27th - MEMORIAL DAY...Royal School 11:00A, Program at
Legion to follow

Important Military Dates

May

National Military Appreciation Month

A month to recognize and show appreciation to the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

May 1, 2024- Loyalty Day

A day set aside for American citizens to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.

May 1, 2024 - Silver Star Service Banner Day

A day set aside to honor our wounded, ill, and dying military personnel by participating in flying a Silver Star Banner.

May 2, 2024 - National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation.

May 8, 2024 - VE (Victory in Europe) Day (Celebrated May 7 in commonwealth countries)

A day which marks the anniversary of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II on May 8, 1945.

May 10, 2024 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day

A day set aside to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices of the spouses of the U.S. Armed Forces

May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day

May 13, 2024 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day

A day to honor the families our Fallen Heroes have left behind – especially their children. It's a reminder to the community that we have an obligation to support the families of our Fallen Patriots.

May 18, 2024 - Armed Forces Day

A day set aside to pay tribute to men and women who serve in the United States' Armed Forces.

May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day (Decoration Day)

A day set aside to commemorate all who have died in military service for the United States. Typically recognized by parades, visiting memorials and cemeteries

