

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 January – February 2024



From Post # 269 – Captain Stephen W Frank

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

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

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 – Doug Egner, Dave Pierce, and Bob Tucker

John Meka – Post Commander Comments

Happy New Year to all. We had a wonderful time at the New Year Party. A packed house enjoying the tunes from our favorite band....Roadside Attraction.

Just a quick reminder that the annual Fish Fry will be starting up soon. Check Facebook and the Website for dates and this year's menu. We would certainly appreciate volunteers for this year. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board located in the hall. I would personally encourage you to attend. It is a fun time for all.

A brief note on the Queen of Hearts, if you are wondering, the Executive Committee decided to place it hold for further evaluation. Getting volunteers to support ticket sales was a challenge. Of course, ticket sales are the heart of it, being an incredibly special event raising funds for the Post in support of furnishing scholarship as well as supporting Veteran needs within the areas. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Brian and Kent who engineered this fund raiser from an idea to a reality.

If you would be interested in volunteering with sales, please contact Brian Bender/Kent Verhougstraete.

A great thank you to Kevin Shandor for all that he has done in bringing current technology to the Post. Another thanks to Heidi Hopper along with Cindi Campbell for supporting the Website. These people have volunteered endless hours during the week and weekends to make it all happen.

Mark your calendars

- February 2nd: Ground Hog Day. Pray for sunshine regardless of shadows.
- February 10th: Valentine Dance 7p.m.
- February 14th: Valentine's Day
- February 14th: ASH Wednesday
- February 16th: Fish Fry starts every Friday. The hours are 5pm-7pm, ends on March 29th.

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

Kent Verhougstraete: 517-749-3804.

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

Point of contact for the Website is Heidi Hopper

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 the Secretary of your associated membership requesting this. He or she in turn will contact Heidi. Please keep in mind that content does need to be **sent at least two weeks** before the date you wish to have it posted.

From the Chaplain (Dean Aarson)

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.

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 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 a good 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.

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

Reminder; Sweetheart/Valentine's Dance -Dish to share

It is on February 10th starting at 7pm. Please check with Valerie for when dishes are to be brought to the Post to be shared.

Auxiliary Winter Conference in Flint, February 9-11, 2024, Registration 8am.

For more information: <https://michiganlegion.org/wp-content/meetings%26convention/winter2024/Winter%202024%20Schedule2.pdf?aa8385&aa8385>

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 January Events 2024

Jan 8 th Monday	5:30p	Liaison Meeting
Jan 8 th Monday	6:00p	Bar Lounge
Jan 10 th Wednesday	7:00p	American Legion Riders
Jan 11 th Thursday	6:00p	Executive Committee Meeting
Jan 11 th Thursday	7:00p	Legion General Meeting – Open to all members
Jan 11 th Thursday	9:00p	MSU at Illinois FS1
Jan 14 th Sunday	12:30p	Auxiliary Meeting
Jan 14 th Sunday	8:00p	Lions vs LA
Jan 14 th Sunday	TBD	MSU vs Rutgers BIG Ten
Jan 15 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 16 th Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 17 th Wednesday	6:30p	Euchre
Jan 18 th Thursday	7:00p	Bingo
Jan 18 th Thursday	6:30p	MSU at Wisconsin FS1
Jan 22 nd Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 23 rd Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 26 th Friday	8:00p	MSU at Wisconsin FS1
Jan 27 th Saturday	7:00p	Elvis
Jan 29 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 30 th Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Jan 30 th Tuesday	9:00p	MSU vs UM Peacock

Important Military Dates

Jan and Feb 2024

Feb 3 **Four Chaplains Day**

[Four Chaplains Day \(veteran.com\)](https://www.veteran.com/four-chaplains-day)

Feb 4 **USO Birthday**

[USO Birthday \(veteran.com\)](https://www.veteran.com/uso-birthday)

Feb 12 – 17 **National Salute to Veteran Patients – for the Week**

[National Salute to Veteran Patients](https://www.veteran.com/national-salute-to-veteran-patients)

Feb 19 **Coast Guard Reserve Birthday**

[U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday \(veteran.com\)](https://www.veteran.com/us-coast-guard-reserve-birthday)

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February Events 2024

Feb 1 st Thursday	7:00p	SAL Meeting
Feb 2 nd Friday	-----	Groundhog Day
Feb 2 nd Friday	5:00p	Fish Fry until 7:00p
Feb 3 rd Saturday	5:30p	MSU vs Maryland FOX
Feb 5 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 5 th Monday	5:30p	Liaison Committee
Feb 5 th Monday	6:00p	Bar Lounge Committee
Feb 6 th Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 6 th Tuesday	9:00p	MSU at Minnesota Peacock
Feb 7 th Wednesday	7:00p	Trivia
Feb 8 th Thursday	6:00p	Executive Board Meeting
Feb 8 th Thursday	7:00p	Legion General Meeting – Open meeting for members
Feb 9 th Friday	8:00a	Auxiliary Winter Conference held in Flint ending Feb 11th
Feb 9 th Friday	5:00p	Fish Fry until 7:00p
Feb 10 th Saturday	7:00p	Valentine's Dance
Feb 10 th Saturday	2:00p	MSU vs Illinois CBS
Feb 11 th Sunday	12:30p	Auxiliary Meeting
Feb 12 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 13 th Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 14 th Wednesday	-----	Valentines Day
Feb 14 th Wednesday	6:30p	MSU at Penn St BIG
Feb 14 th Wednesday	7:00p	American Legion Riders Meeting
Feb 14 th Wednesday	-----	Ash Wednesday
Feb 15 th Thursday	7:00p	Bingo
Feb 16 th Friday	5:00p	Fish Fry until 7:00p
Feb 17 th Saturday	8:00p	MSU at UM FOX
Feb 19 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 20 th Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 20 th Tuesday	7:00p	MSU vs Iowa Peacock
Feb 21 st Wednesday	6:30p	Euchre
Feb 23 rd Friday	5:00p	Fish Fry until 7:00p
Feb 25 th Sunday	4:00p	MSU vs Ohio State CBS
Feb 26 th Monday	6:00p	Shuffleboard
Feb 27 Tuesday	6:00p	Shuffleboard

