

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 2024



From Post # 269 – Captain Stephen W Frank

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

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

Officers

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, and Bob Tucker

John Meka – Post Commander Comments

Important – General Meeting March 14th 7pm

The EC will discuss the organizational structure of the Post, reporting lines for positions (responsibilities/accountabilities). This will be presented at the General Meeting for the Post's members.

The Post is off and running with its events. The Fish Fry started on Feb 17th continuing every Friday from 5pm to 7:30pm ending March 29th, Big Ten Tournament in Minneapolis starts March 13th around 5:30pm, then, March Madness starts March 19th. Please join us at the Post where you can enjoy the games in a safe place for veterans, families, and friends.

The January-February Newsletter referenced the work of Jeff Ross, Kevin Shandor along with Cindi Campbell and Heidi Hopper. The following is a high-level summary of their efforts:

- Fiber internet enhancements significantly reduce the chances of outages; ATM, Touch Tunes, POS, Phones and opens up chance of Internet TV.
- Infrastructure now in place eliminates the need for "tech support" and its charges.
- Guests Wi-fi separate from the business. Guest Wi-fi bandwidth is adjusted based on volume of use.
- The infrastructure now in place is far more secure as well as reliable reducing the exposure from bad players.
- The infrastructure is adaptable – it can grow without the need to add or replace; examples; cameras (inside and outside), their recording as well as voice (voice is disabled). An important aspect is security to access is to the Administrator.

- Hardware (Network Access Server) that can be used for the storage of pictures, recordings, as well as private messaging for groups of the Post.
- Cellular Back up for primary internet

Post General Information

Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts sales begin the first of April with the first drawing on April 7th at 3pm. This is a phenomenally successful fund raiser for the Post. Over the last two years, with everyone's support, the Post was able to provide between 7-10 \$1000 scholarships to students who applied from Haslett High School. **It's success is dependent on volunteers to sale tickets, both inside and outside of the Post. You can contact Kent Vehoustraete, Brian Bender, Barney Roepcke or Bob Tucker for tickets if you are interested in selling tickets.**

Interested in Volunteering - Areas to consider/Contact Person:

Executive Committee – Executive Committee member

Liaison Committee – Michael Mitchell

Bar Committee – Kent Verhoustraete

Auxiliary - Valerie Weeks

Sons of the American Legion: Michael Mitchell

Riders: Bob Derek

Food Committee: John Meka

Website: <http://www.haslettpost269.org> – **Point of Contact Heidi Hopper**

From the Chaplain

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.

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 an enjoyable 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

Just a note to all Legion and Auxiliary members about the acknowledgment of your membership: When you pay, it is first submitted to our District. From there, it is processed through several channels before it reaches National. This can take months. So, if you have paid but receive a reminder to do so please disregard.

May 19th – We will be installing the new officers with a potluck to follow the meeting.

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

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MARCH EVENTS 2024

Fri. Mar 1 st	– Fish Fry 5-7:30p 
Sun. Mar 3 rd	– MSU at PURDUE 7:00p FOX
Sun. Mar 3 RD	– Auxiliary 12:30p
Sun/Mon 3 rd /9 th	- CHOCALOTE CHIP WEEK
Mon. Mar 4 th	– Liaison 5:30 & Bar Lounge 6:00p
Mon/Tues Mar 4 th & 5 th	– SHUFFLEBOARD 6-10p (Last One)
Wed. Mar 6 th	– MSU vs NORTHWESTERN 7:00p BTN
Wed. Mar 6 th	– TRIVIA 7:00p
Thurs. Mar 7 TH	– SAL Meeting 7:00p
Fri. Mar 8 th	– Fish Fry 5-730 
*Sat. Mar 9 th	– DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-Spring Back
Sun. Mar 10 th	– Auxiliary 12:30p
Sun. Mar 10 th	– MSU at INDIANA 4:30p (Last season game)
Wed/Sun. Mar 13 th /17 th	– BIG TEN TOURNEY
Wed. Mar 13 th	– American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00p
Thurs. Mar 14 th	– Executive Meeting 6:00p
Thurs. Mar 14 th	– Legion General Meeting 7:00p
Fri. Mar 15 th	– Fish Fry 5-7:30p 
Sun. Mar. 17 th	– ST PATRICK’S DAY- Dinner 2p -Gone CB&C 
Tues. Mar 19 th	– SPRING BEGINS
Tues/Sun Mar 19 th / 20 th	- NCAA FIRST FOUR
Wed Mar 20 th	– EUCHRE 6:30p
Thurs/Sun Mar 21 st /24 th NCAA	- 1 ST & 2 ND ROUNDS
Thurs. Mar 21 st	– BINGO 7:00p
Fri. Mar 22 nd	– Fish Fry 5-7:30p 
Sun Mar 24 th	– PALM SUNDAY
Thurs/Sat Mar 28 th - 30 th	– NCAA REGIONALS
Fri. Mar 29 th	– “LAST” FISH FRY 5-7:30p 
Fri. Mar 29 th	– GOOD FRIDAY
Sat. Mar 30 th	– RENTAL 12-6p
Sun. Mar 31st	– EASTER SUNDAY

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APRIL EVENTS 2024

Mon. Apr 1 st	– Liaison 5:30p...Bar Lounge 6:00p
Wed. Apr 3 rd	– TRIVIA 7:00p
Thurs. Apr 4 ^t	– SAL General Meeting 7:00p
Sat. April 6 th & 7 th	– NCAA Final Four
Mon. Apr 8 th	– NCAA Championship
Wed. Apr 10 th	– American Legion Riders Meeting 7:00p
Thurs. Apr 11 th	– Executive Meeting 6:00p
Thurs. Apr 11 th	– Legion General Meeting 7:00p
Sat. Apr 13 th	– Shuffleboard Banquet 12:00p
Sun. Apr 14 th	- Auxiliary Meeting 12:30p
Wed. Apr 17 th	– EUCHER 6:30p
Thurs. Apr 18 th	– BINGO 7:00p
Sat. Apr 20 th	– SAL BOWLING FUND RAISER 12:00...Food/Prizes afterwards
Mon. Apr 22 nd	- EARTH DAY
Sat. Apr 27 th	– LEGION AWARDS BANQUET

Military Events

March Events

Navy Reserve Birthday	March 3 rd
Hug a GI Day	March 4 th
Seabee Birthday	March 5 th
K-9 Veterans Day	March 13 th
American Legion Birthday	March 15 th
Rosie the Riveter Day	March 21 st
Medal of Honor Day	March 25 th

April Events

Gold Star Spouses Day	April 5 th
National Former POW Recognition Day	April 9 th
Air Force Reserve Birthday	April 14 th
Army Reserve Birthday	April 23 rd

