



History 2015 – 2016

History of Unit 119 Linden

American Legion Auxiliary

Historian Pat Lozano

2015 – 2016

**Dedicated to our Post members,
who encouraged the formation
of this auxiliary.**

We are here to honor you.



Officers for the 2015/2016 Year

President – Pat Lozano

First Vice President – Sharon Paulin

Second Vice President – Jennifer Fisher

Treasurer – Shawn

Secretary – Sherry Maxwell

Chaplin – Sharron Rundell (2015) Jennifer Fisher (2016)

Historian – Pat Lozano

Sergeant-at-Arms – Betty Smith



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Sue Hilgrs

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Chairmen for the 2015/2016 Year

Community Service ... Americanism - Shawn Lopez

Membership ... Public Relations ... History – Pat Lozano

Poppy ... Junior Activities – Sharron Rundell

AEF – Jennifer Fisher

Music - Barb Reynolds

National Security - Denise Warden

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – Betty Smith

Past President's Parley ... Leadership ... Legislative – Sharon Pauline

Girls State... Juniors ... Education ... Child and Youth – Sherry Maxwell

Special Committee Members

Constitution/By Laws/ Standing Rules – All officers

Finance – All officers

Fundraising – All officers

The Year's History of American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden

Department of Michigan

March

Girls State Chair, Sherry Maxwell, and Co-chair, Pat Lozano met with one Girls State candidate and her mother, and met with a second candidate's mother. We provided information on how to register and asked that they keep us informed and provide a feedback.



We approved

For this coming year we will continue to send meeting reminder postcards. We will also send newsletters up to 6 per year according to events scheduled

District 6 Assist

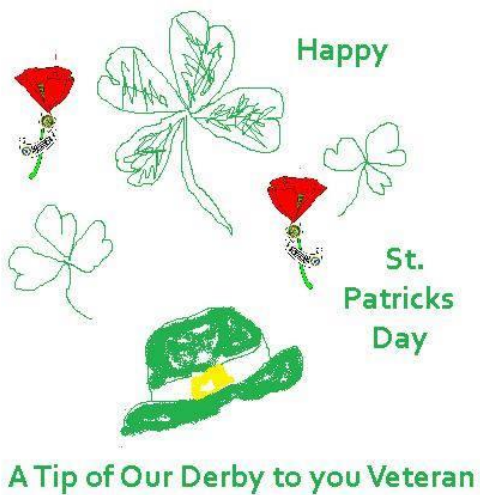
One of our members, Pat Lozano, offered District 6 President, Sue Hilgris, assistance in consolidating information and filling out reporting paperwork for the District



March

President Pat Lozano and Commander Jesus Lozano visited the Tybee Island Post in Georgia

While there Pat won a basket of cheer raffle. She is using some of the items to create new fundraiser baskets for our auxiliary.



In March

We made a donation to our local VFW.

They raised funds to replace their kitchen equipment. This enabled them to continue to put on funeral dinners and catering fundraisers.



April

Auxiliary member Pat Lozano was unable to transport a WWII veteran to eye surgery at the Ann Arbor UofM Medical Center. Another Post member was assigned but fell through. Pat has suggested that we build a list of people within and outside our unit who can be called upon in the future.



At later dates Pat was able to transport this veteran on two occasions. She also provided health services to two other veterans.

April 5, 2015



We attended services for a member's grandson who passed.

On April 18, 2015

Our Unit President, Pat Lozano, and her husband, Post Commander Jesus Lozano, attended the Legion Family Testimonial held by the Department. The dinner was held at Swartz Creek Post 294.

She reported they thoroughly enjoyed the evening of camaraderie.



On April 29, 2015

Our Unit President, Pat Lozano, and her husband, Post Commander Jesus Lozano, attended the District 6 Past Presidents and Past Commander Dinner.

They were pleased to honor the attendees.

President, Pat Lozano, assisted the 6th District Post by creating and delivering invitations. She also worked with 6th District Auxiliary by decorating the tables for the event.



April 28, 2015

Shawn Lopez was chosen our “Outstanding Member” for the work she has done throughout this past year. Shawn worked hard at last summer’s Linden Mill Days managing the Children’s Coloring Contest.

She also has been handling the ongoing effort to rectify the non-profit status co-ordination between the ALA Department, ALA National, the IRS and our unit. This has been more than challenging as conflicting guidelines, rules and laws seem to be at play.



April 28, 2015

We elected Junior Member, Alida Rose Smith, to serve as our Miss Poppy for the coming year. Alida is the granddaughter of member Betty Smith.



May

May 3, 2015

We took our Poppy display and centerpieces to the 6th District Meeting for judging.

We took 1st place in Poppy Display



Poppy Display Entry

Display included Flanders Field Poem, Linden POW's record, and wreath. This display is used each year during our POW/MIA observance at grave of POW.

This May 3rd

Our Auxiliary made a donation to the VFW National Home for children

The funds were raised through a kitty collected at each meeting.

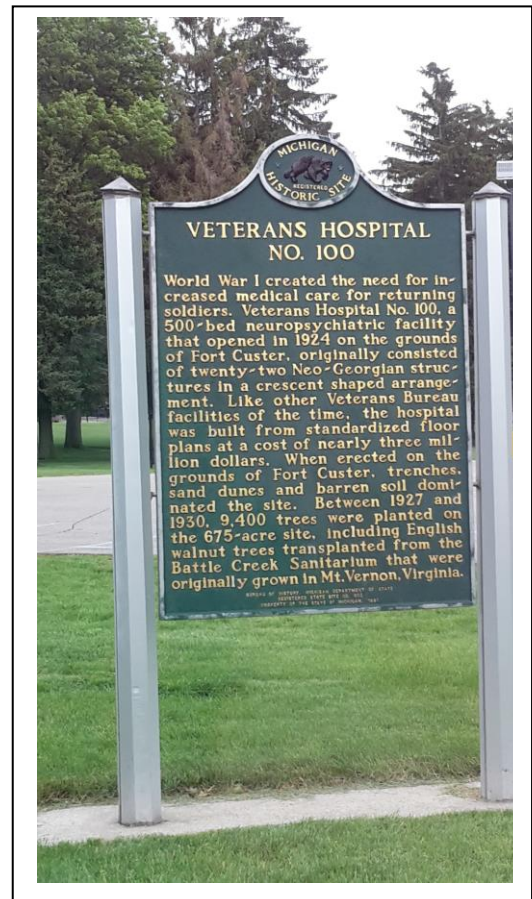
This project was our State Youth and Child Chair's special project.



May 27, 2015

Our Auxiliary joined the Clio Auxiliary for a day of service at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.

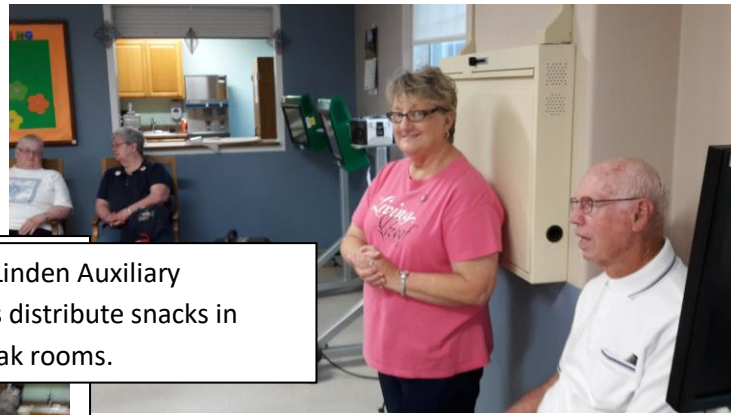
VA&R Chair, Betty Smith made all the arraignments and purchased the snacks and prizes distributed during the morning ward visits and the evening Bingo.



Ward Visits



Shawn Lopez visits with patients on ward.



Clio and Linden Auxiliary members distribute snacks in ward break rooms.

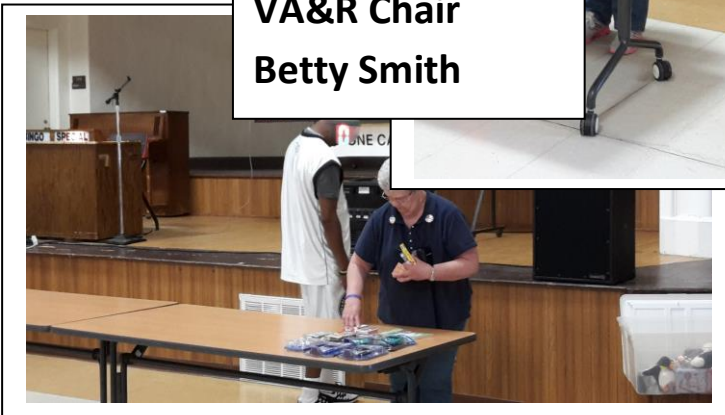


VA&R Chair Betty Smith in ward lobby

Evening Bingo at Battle Creek VA Medical Center



VA&R Chair
Betty Smith



Poppy Days

Auxiliary 119 moved their Poppy Days later in the month to be on Memorial Weekend. This may have caused the increased donations we saw this year. Six auxiliary members assisted with the distribution, Pat Lozano, Betty Smith, Shawn Lopez, Jennifer Fisher, and Sharon Paulin. Members of the Post also assisted us.



Commander
Jesus Lozano
distributing
poppies at local
Ace Hardware



**The Auxiliary and Post handed out 125 flags to children
during Poppy Days**



Commander
Lozano
At Ace Hardware





We raised over \$1500.00 .This was a successful Poppy Days

We had an interview spot on ABC TV 12's Newsmaker for our Poppy Days. It was a ten minute interview in which the story of the poppy and the causes it supports were discussed.

President Pat Lozano organized and wrote the interview agenda. She then sought additional persons so that the interview would cover not only our American Legion Poppy but also the VFW Buddy Poppy and the DAV Forget-me-nots.

**American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan**
shared **American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden's** photo.
April 30 at 2:06pm · 🌐


Unit 119 will be on TV this weekend. Great PR & Poppy promoting



American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden
We are going to be on ABC12 TV ... Newsmaker Saturday May 2 at 1am and Sunday May 3 at 11am.
Pat Lozano ALA 119 , who is also a member of VFW Auxiliary 3243, has invited DAV Post 125 members Gary Sumeracki and Charlie Brock to join her on ABC12 TV's "Newsmaker" program. It will air Saturday May 2 at 1am and repeat on Sunday May 3 at 11am.
They will be highlighting the good work the American Legion, VFW, DAV, Marine Corps League, and Am Vets do. They will also be promoting the upcoming Poppy and Forget-me-not campaigns.

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 Charlene Carter, Melissa Wright and 2 others like this.



And one of our members, Pat Lozano, painted her nails with poppies in honor of the day.



Installation of Officers

Auxiliary 119 held an Officer Installation Dinner on May 19, 2015. Sue Hilgres, 6th District President was the Installing Officer. Auxiliary 119 provided a luncheon and invited the Post to have their installation at the same time.



**6th District President Sue Hilgris
Administers Oath of Office**



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6th District President Sue Hilgris

Post Commander George Dolan

Auxiliary Past President Sharron
Rundell



Chaplain Sherry Maxwell presents the
Missing Soldier Memorial, while members
pay homage.



All enjoy our Installation Luncheon

Memorial Day

Auxiliary 119 marched with Post 119 in Linden's Parade. President Pat Lozano (on right) and Jr. President Jennifer Fisher (on left) were flag bearers.



Tri-County Times added 10 new photos to the album:
2015 Linden Memorial Day Activities.

12 mins · 🌐

This year's Linden Memorial Day celebration started at 9:30 a.m. with the Patriot Wall in the LaFontaine Union Block. Linden and Gaines residents took turns writing messages to the troops overseas. With veterans in the vanguard, the Memorial Day Parade marched through downtown Linden to the Fairview Cemetery. The Jump Street Swing Band performed at 11 a.m., starting the 2015 Music by the Mill season. Hannah Ball | Tri-County Times



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American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden, Sharon Bentley-Phelps, Mary Ann Lehman Morgan and 2 others like this.

American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden Thank you for the pictures

After the Memorial Day Parade our post and auxiliary held a used flag retirement ceremony. And President Pat Lozano and Commander Jesus Lozano signed their names on a plywood banner that will be sent to troops serving in Afghanistan.



June

Auxiliary 119 supplied personal hygiene products to the Genesee County Stand Down on June 12, 2015. We worked together with Swartz Creek Auxiliary to put these products into ditty bags they made. We then made special female handout bags and put some of the ditty bags into them.

Annual Event we plan on participating in

Genesee County Veterans' Stand Down

Doors Open at Flint Riverfront 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For Homeless and in-need Veterans & their families. Please bring DD-214 or VA Card. As proof of veteran status.

Services:

- VA Benefits
- VA Healthcare Enrollment
- VA Dental
- VA Mental Health
- Treatment/Counseling
- Support Groups
- ID Cards
- Social Security
- Housing Assistance
- Financial Management

Services:

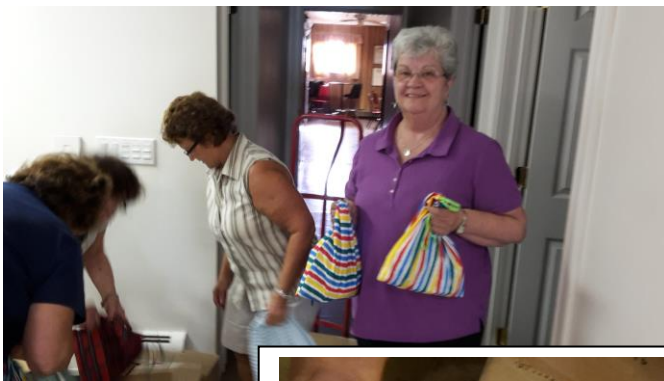
- Employment
- Education
- Legal Services
- Veteran's Court
- Family Services
- Showers
- Hygiene Supplies
- Haircuts
- Food
- Clothing

Logos and Sponsors: Goodwill, Our Home Transitional, UAW, VA Health Care, Metro Community Development, Flint Downtown Development Authority, MBK of Genesee County, and various military and community organization seals.

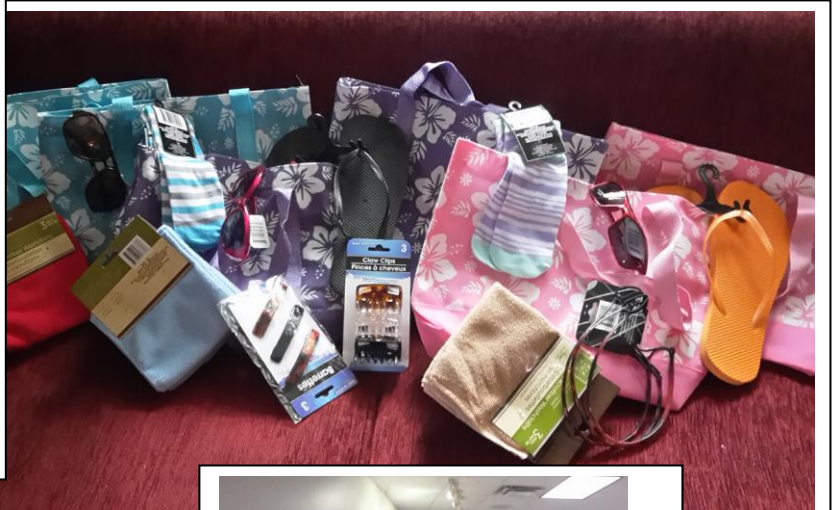
Contact Information:

For more information on how you can become involved or to donate, please contact:
Mirium Marks-McKeown
At
810-234-1163 or 810-772-4158
To register as a vendor, send request to:
Email: mirium.mbk@gmail.org

Working with Swartz Creek Auxiliary to make ditty bags



We then took the ditty bags to the stand down and handed them out



June

We attended the funeral of Post member and husband of Auxiliary member and officer.



State Convention

Was held on June 25 through 28

Our representative, Pat Lozano attended on all days. She honorably carried the District 6 flag and posted it at the start of the official general session. We learned that we took an amazing number of awards at the convention for the work we did in the 2014/2015 auxiliary year.

We took home 17 awards plus our membership ribbon. Out of over 300 auxiliaries and 100 “best of” awards we took more than any other auxiliary. The closest other took home 5 awards. The local newspaper reported on our great year.

These included:

- Shawn Lopez - Chair
 - Eva Spaulding Citation – Most Outstanding Americanism Program in the State
 - Mary Ripley Citation – Greatest Percentage of Activity in Americanism
 - Earl L. Stewart Cup – Most Outstanding Community Service Report (unit under 50 members)
 - Patricia Jewel Award – Most Outstanding Community Service Report (unit under 200 members)
- Sherry Maxwell - Chair
 - Leona Pitman Citation – Most Outstanding Chaplain Report
 - Certificate – (Child and Youth) Most Outstanding Support of Military Children
- Sharon Paulin - Chair
 - Leadership – Best Unit Legislative Award
 - Romaine Roethel Citation – Best Year-round Report
 - Trudy Anderson Memorial Citation – Most Outstanding Past-Presidents Parley Report
- Pat Lozano – Chair
 - Gladys Lee Citation – Most Inches of Publicity in a Weekly Newspaper
 - Alma Viergever Citation – Unit under 75 members with most inches of publicity in all papers
 - 1st Place State Ring Your Bell Competition
 - 100% Membership Renewal
- Betty Smith – Chair
 - Jackie Skinner Citation – Greatest Participation in Homeless Veterans Initiatives
 - Best Veteran Assistance and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Program
- Sharron Rundell - Chair
 - 1st Place Chairman's Poppy Program Narrative

Pat Lozano carrying District 6 flag



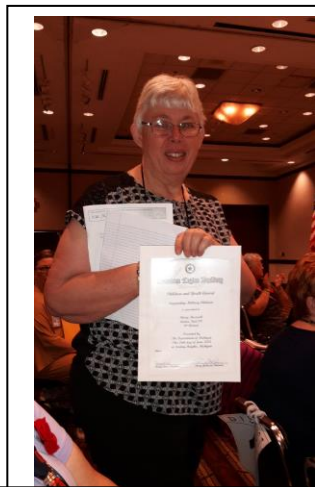
Pat Lozano posting District 6 flag



**District 6 President begins long day
of accepting awards.**

**17 for our auxiliary,
and 5 for Pinckney
and at least 3 for Clio**





More Awards

And More Awards

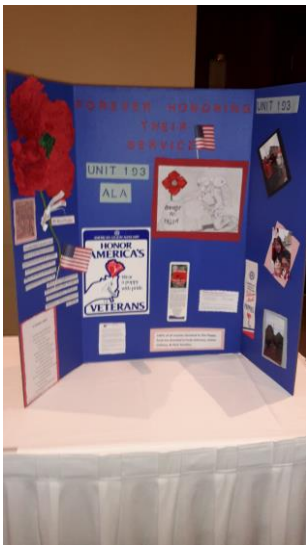


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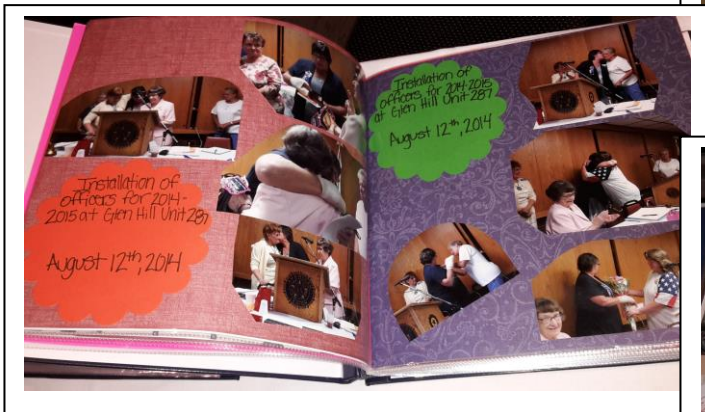
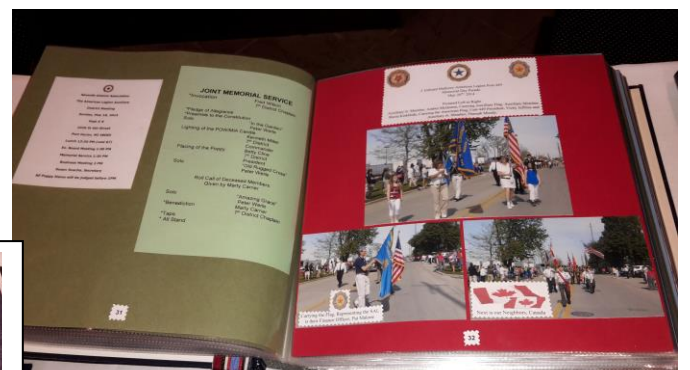
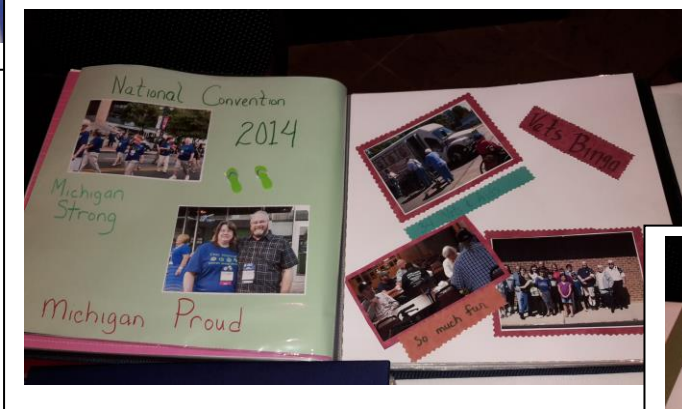


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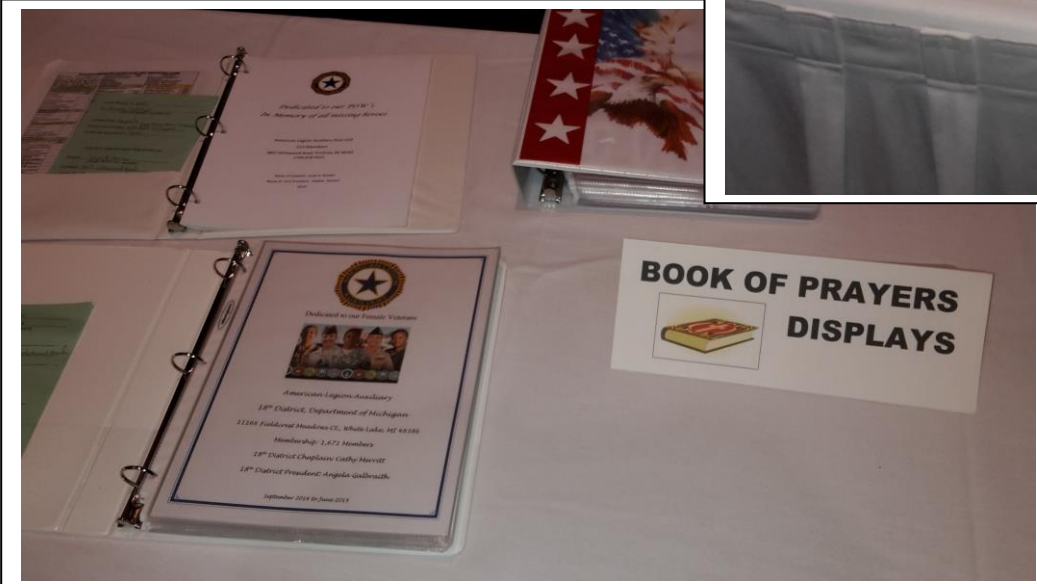
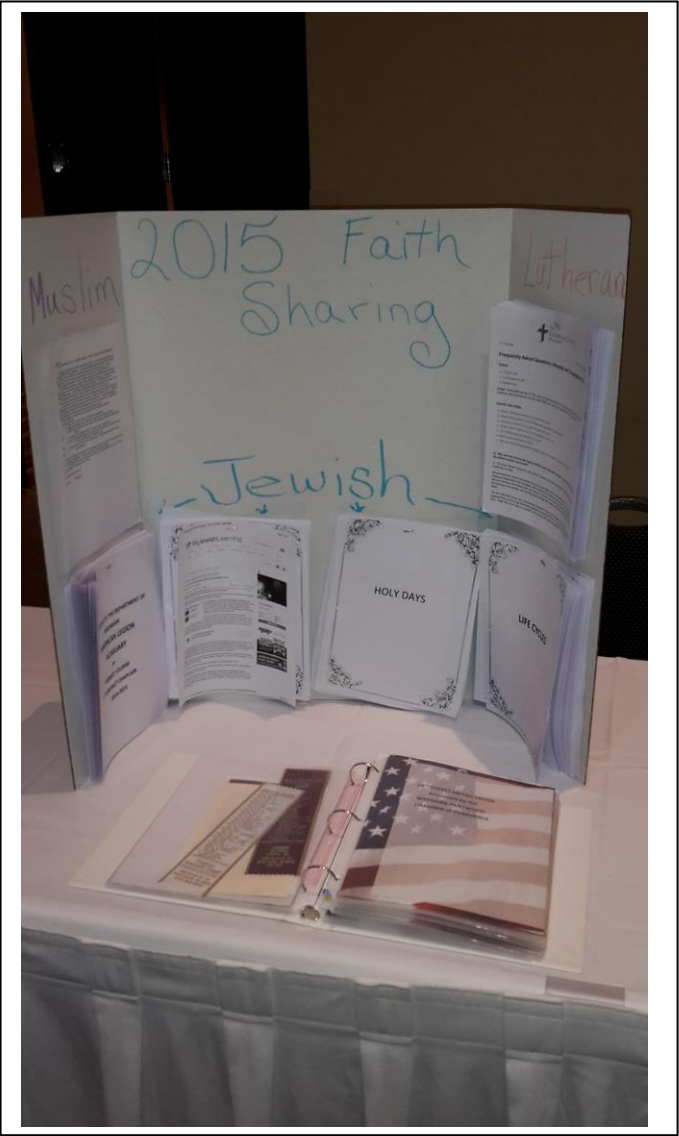
Our competition in Poppy



Our Competition in History



Our Competition in Chaplain

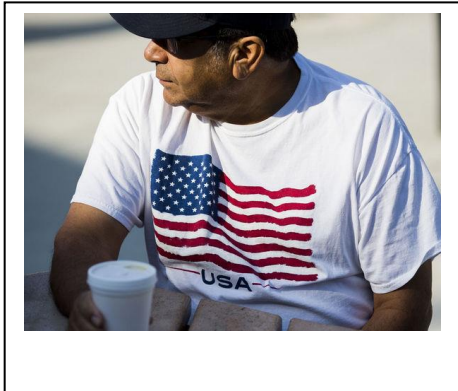


Other Moments at Convention



July

Some of our members and their family members attended a Rand Paul event



July

Our auxiliary voted to order custom address labels from the DAV by making a donation to them.



We also ordered business cards
for our members to distribute

July 16, 2015

We participated in the Detroit Female Homeless Veteran Stand Down.

We made ditty bags for female veterans. Department Service Officer Huntington, joined us in manning a booth where she gave information and we handed out the bags.

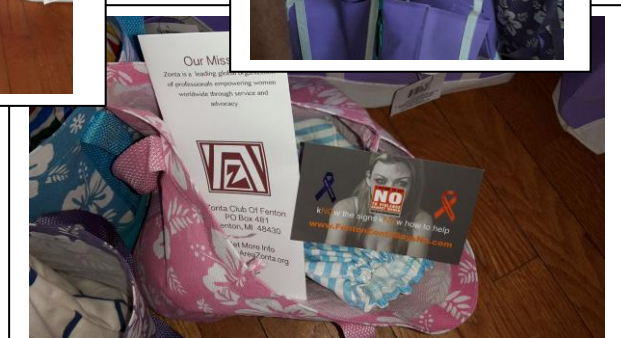
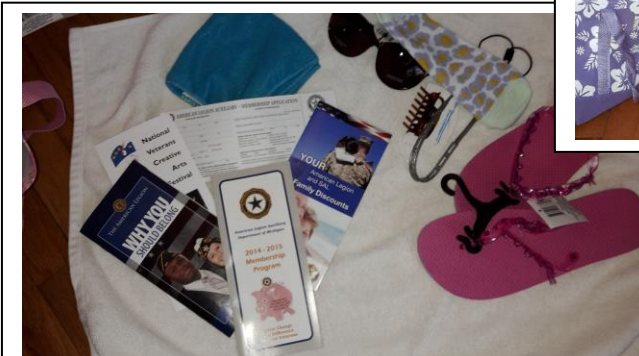
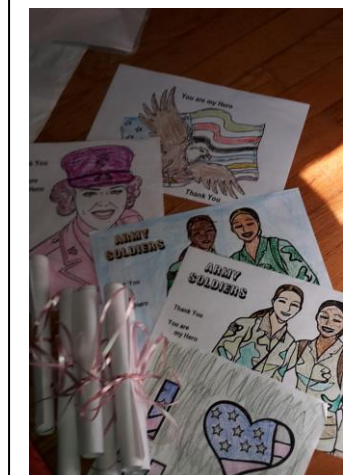


Making the ditty bags.

Zonta of Fenton gave us \$100 for items to fill bags.

We then added another \$50

And we used items left from Swartz Creek Auxiliary during the Genesee Stand Down



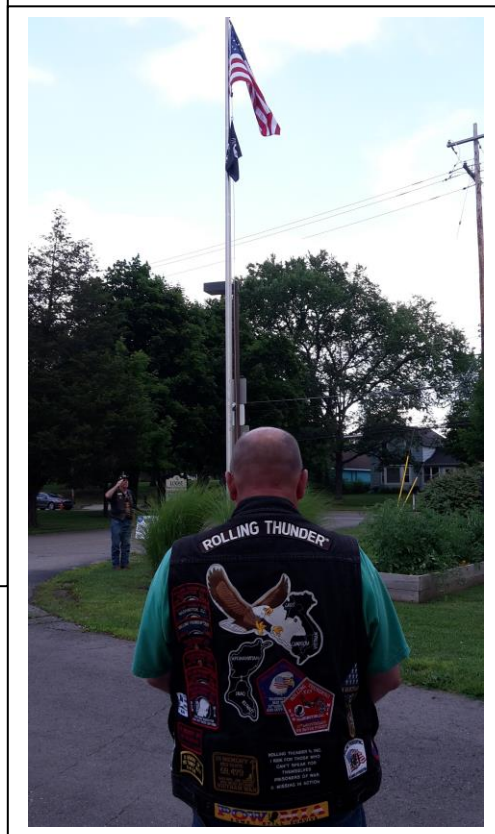
July 14, 2015

Retirement / Replacement of flags at Loose Senior Center

By

Rolling Thunder

Members Pat and Jesus Lozano attended the event and posted pictures and video to Facebook and Twitter



Mid July

We made donations to Wilwin Lodge

Two donations totaling \$100



August

A member of the Linden Community gave us a number of Marie Callender USO “Comforts from Home” codes on packages. She did not have computer access so we entered codes each day until we reached 23 inputs.

Marie Callender's Comforts From Home Project brings the comforts of home to those who protect America's homes every day: the brave men and women of the U.S. Military. Every time you enter a code from a specially marked package of Marie Callender's meals or desserts, Marie Callender's will make a donation to USO2GO, a USO program that brings electronics, sports gear, books, games, and more to troops stationed in remote locations.

What is the USO2GO program?

A: Designed to send much needed electronic gaming, sports/musical equipment, and personal care items to troops in remote locations, USO2GO was launched in 2008 to ensure that troops in the field have some of the small comforts of home.

What is in a USO2GO kit?

A: USO2GO kits transform a remote base into a place where troops can feel connected to home. Each kit, weighing nearly 1,000 lbs., consists of seven packages — comforts of home, furnishings from home, edible enjoyment, leisure kit, electronics assortment, athletic kit and design in the desert - and includes items such as: hard to find hygiene supplies, beanbag chairs, comfort foods and beverages, board games, gaming consoles such as PlayStation and Xbox, Frisbees, footballs, and art supplies.



August

A member of our Auxiliary, Shawn Lopez, came out of her workplace in downtown Flint and started driving home.

When she passed the McFarland Veterans Park she noticed war protesters picketing. She parked her car and confronted them about desecrating the veterans by choosing this place to protest. One protester said he was a veteran and would not stop. She told him he should know better than to desecrate the site and they should move their protest to the front of one of the politician's offices in town. They would not leave. We posted immediately on Facebook and Twitter this disgrace.



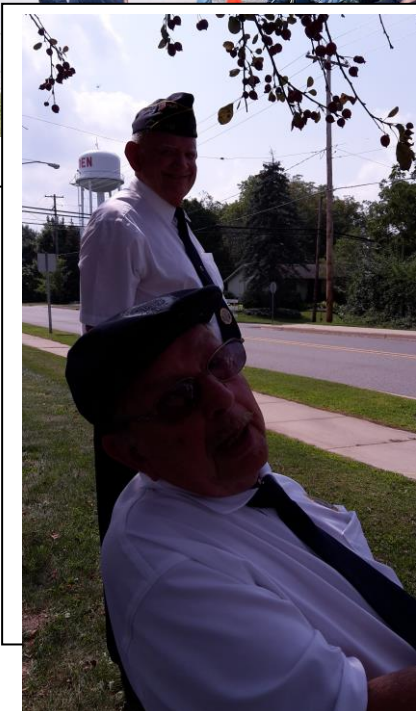
September

Trooper Wolfe Funeral

Our post and auxiliary joined the Patriot Guards

We posted honors at the cemetery gates.

Awaiting arrival



At Attention



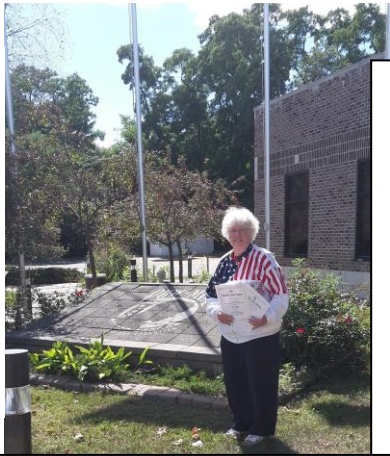
September 13, 2015

District Meeting

Several of our Auxiliary members attended

District President presented them with Department Awards

**Sherry
Maxwell**

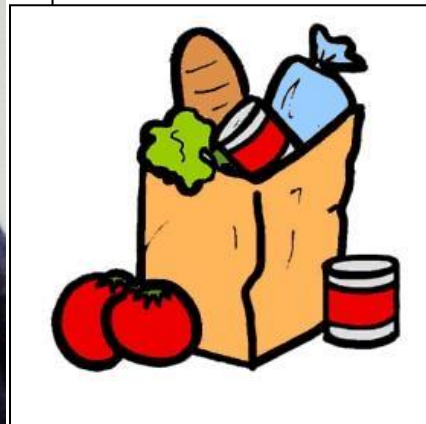
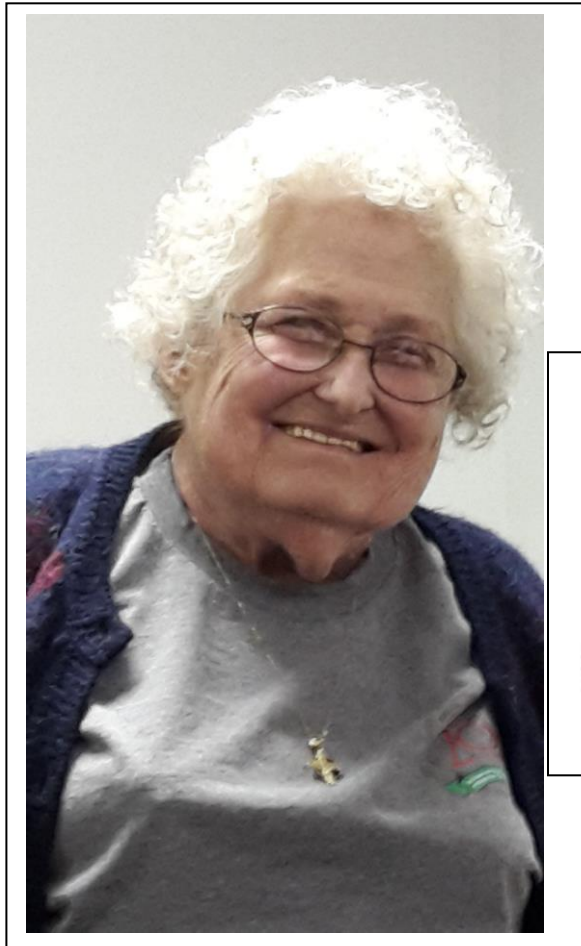


**Betty
Smith**



September

The auxiliary made a donation to support one of our members, Barb Reynolds, who is walking (or rocking) in the Crop Walk food fundraiser



September

The auxiliary held the second annual memorial service on POW/MIA Day, September 18, 2015, at the grave of WWII POW Sheldon E. Eaton, US Army, in Fairview Cemetery, Linden. Ceremony was held by Vice President Sharon Pauline. One Post member Ernie Paulin, who is a relative of the POW, also participated.

**This is the record of Sheldon E. Eaton, WWII POW
who is buried in Fairview Cemetery in Linden, Mi**

Name	Sheldon E Eaton
Ser. Number	36463188
Grade	Private
Service	Army
Arm	Infantry
First Report	01/30/1944
Last Report	06/23/1945
Race	White
Residence	Michigan
Organization	Ranger
Parent Unit	0003
Unit Type	Battalion Training Battalion Combat Special Troops
Area	North African Theatre Italy
Source	Official Sources
Status	Liberated Or Repatriated
Detaining Power	Germany
Camp	Stalag 2b Hammerstein 99 Work Camps In V



Auxiliary and Post Honor Local POW

September 18, 2015

Auxiliary and Post members hold POW/MIA Ceremony



Sheldon Eaton was a POW during WWII.
Video of Ceremony

Poppy Wreath at Sheldon E. Easton's Gravestone



September

Two members, President Pat Lozano and National Security Chair Denise Warden attend ALA Fall Conference



September 29, 2015

President Pat Lozano participated with the Fenton Zonta Club to post flags. Each flag represents one case of abuse in Genesee County during a 200 day period



October

Our auxiliary made donations of teaching supplies for a local teacher.

Chair, Sherry Maxwell, will present them.



October

We made a donation to the Great Lake National Cemetery in the name of Pauline Bickersteth and the disbanded Fisher Body Auxiliary



This was in thanks for the donation of several supply items including Flags/Staffs, Bell, Color Guard Uniforms

October

Auxiliary President participated in our town's Zombie Walk. She took 1st prize for individual zombie.



**President
Pat Lozano**



**Then we watched "The Birds"
at the Linden Fire Station**



November 8, 2015

We made a major gift to the Saginaw VA Medical Center. We spoke with Department Chair, Bonnie Holt and she said they needed a new portable PA system to use for bingos, carnivals, etc.

We contacted a specialist on sound equipment and he recommended Sweetwater retailer and a Europort PPA200 system with all the fancy do dads.

Our VA&R Chair, Betty Smith presented it to Bonnie at our District meeting.



November

The Auxiliary held a Veteran's Dinner in November. The entire four city community around us was invited for a no cost meal and entertainment. The Post provided funds for food and auxiliary member Sharron Rundell catered the event. The Auxiliary, served and cleaned up the affair. Auxiliary member Pat Lozano created a video program highlighting the Post and Auxiliary's projects and honoring all veterans. The Mayor of our town stopped by and offered to help on cleanup duty.

We served approximately 40 persons.

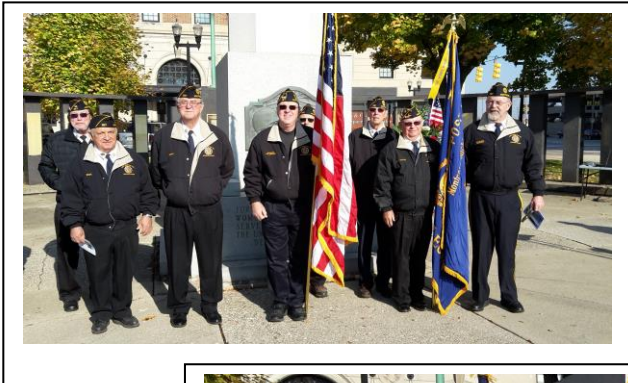




Veterans Day

Commander Jesus Lozano and President Pat Lozano

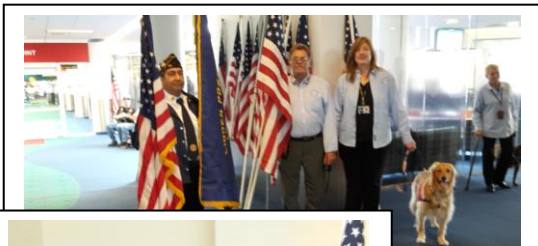
Stood as honor guards at Genesee County McFarland Veterans Park



Thanksgiving

We meet troops and veterans returning home for the holidays at our local airport.

Our Post and Auxiliary along with our Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs joined the Patriot Guards on this project.



We were featured several times on local news programs on both

ABC TV 12

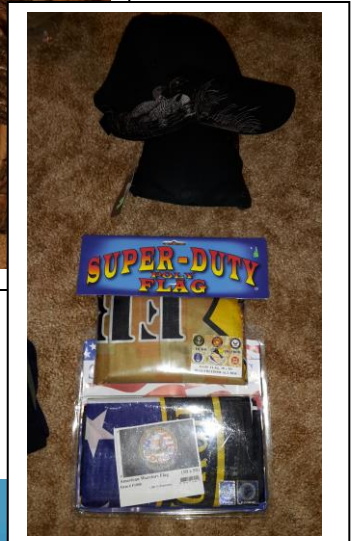
and

WNEM TV 5



December

During the Christmas season the Auxiliary purchased veteran Christmas Gifts for the Battle Creek Medical Center's Christmas Shoppe. A large selection of items were



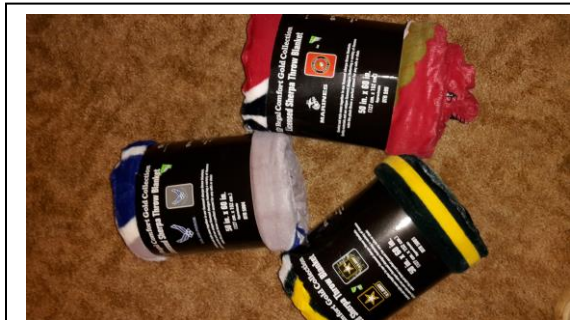
Battle Creek VA Medical Center



Welcome

Honoring America's Veterans with quality health care services, part of the largest integrated health care system in the U.S.

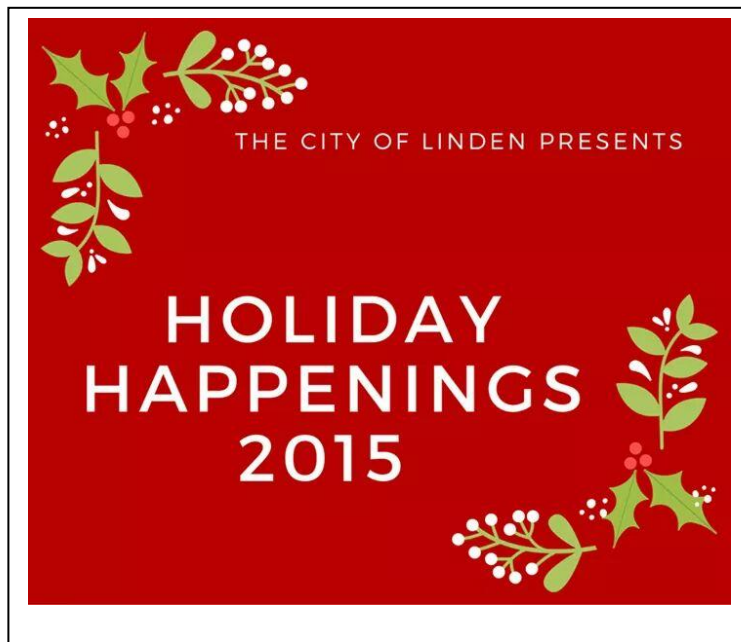
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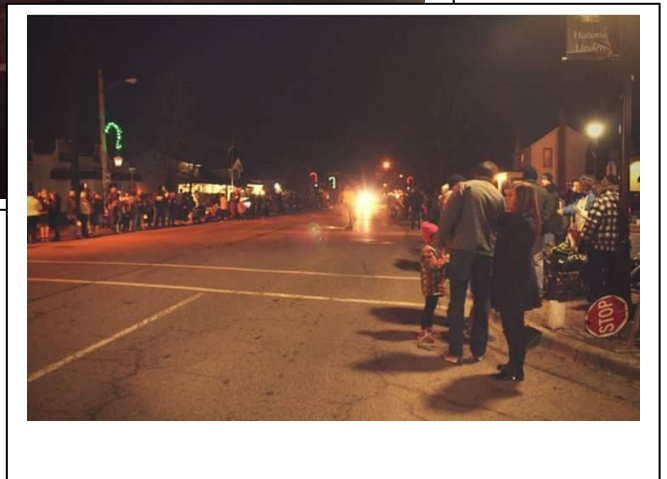
December

This year the city of Linden held its first night time Christmas Parade

Our auxiliary participated with a color guard, Betty Smith, Denise Warden and Post Commander Jesus Lozano.



Also, President, Pat Lozano, drove a Camaro Convertible decked out with white and red lights and paper poppies.



In the car rode our young junior member Zoey Canup and her mother. And junior member and our Miss Poppy, Alida Rose Smith

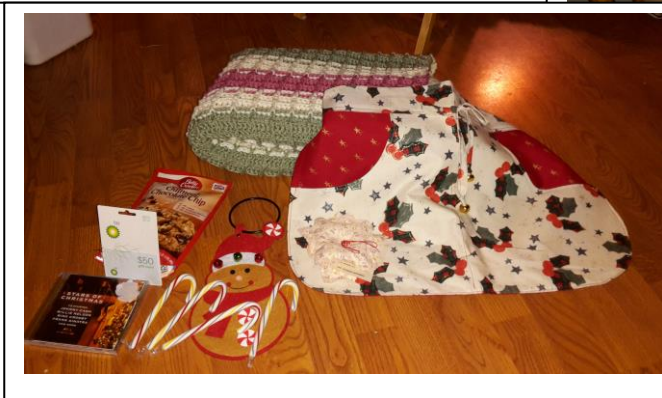
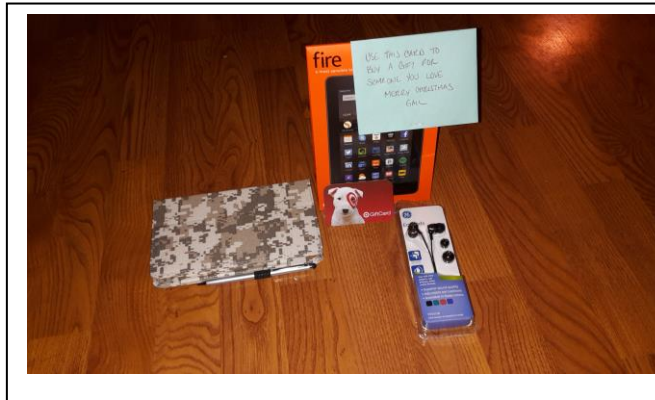
We also invited Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs (who are honor members of our Post and Auxiliary) with their handlers to join us.



December Christmas Support

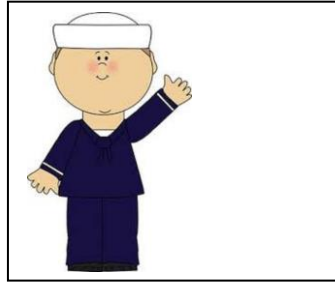
Our Auxiliary worked with the Linden Lions and also an individual donor to assist veterans in need in our community this season.

First our donor provided gifts which included a gas card, an I-pad Tablet, a gift card and a large selection of handmade gifts to a single mother veteran and her son.

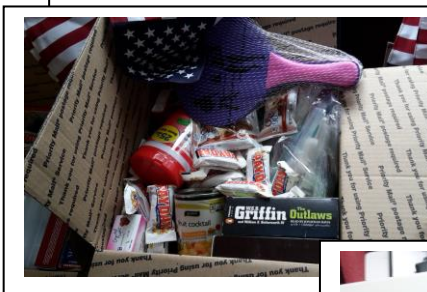
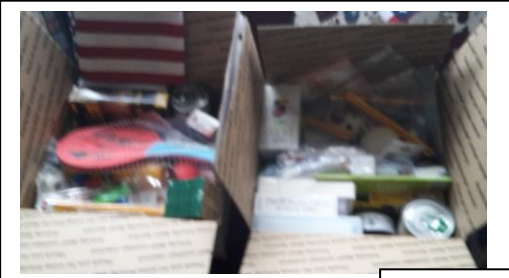


Then our local Lions Club

Donated \$500 that we used to assist one veteran in need



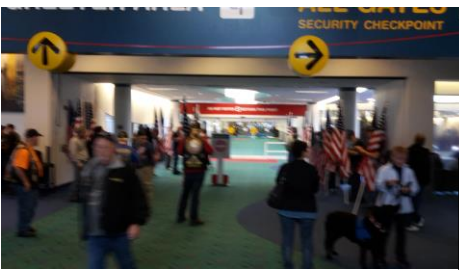
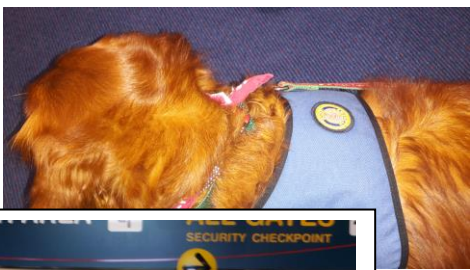
and to cover the cost of mailing 15 holiday troop packages



Christmas

We meet troops and veterans returning home for the holidays at our local airport.

Our Post and Auxiliary along with our Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs joined the Patriot Guards on this project.



When our local VFW Veterans Assistance Chair was admitted to the hospital, we took her packages to the post office for her.

Anyway to assist ... we will be there



January 10, 2016

District Meeting

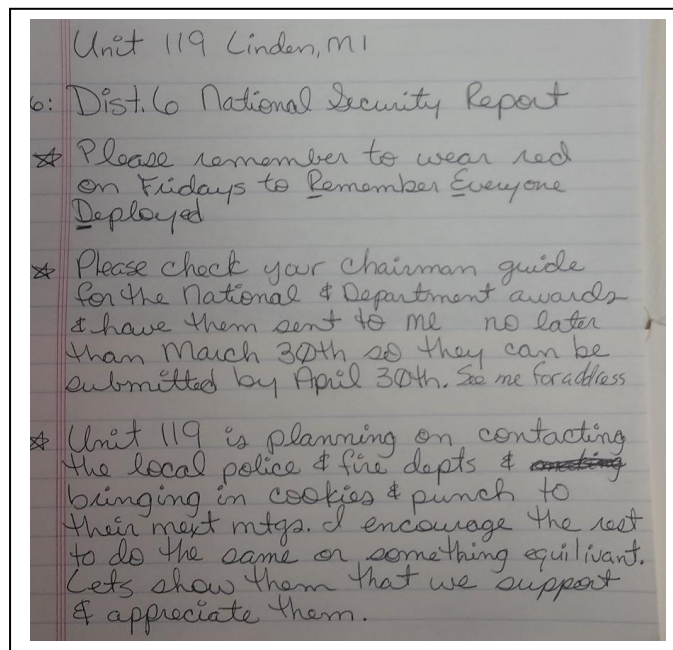
Two 119 members attended



District National Security Chair (and 119 member)

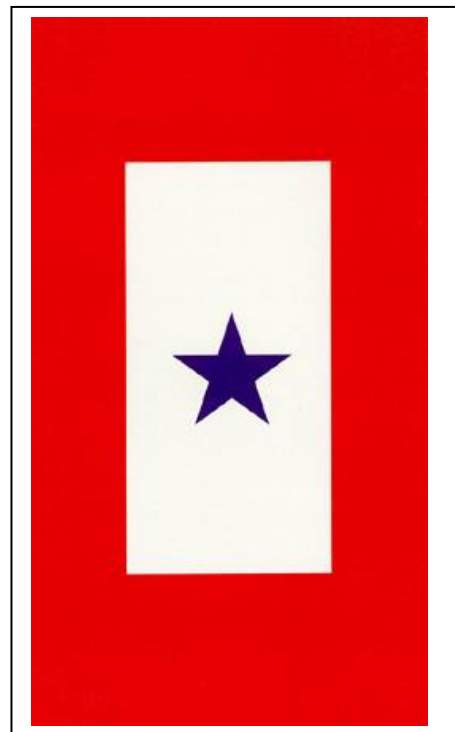
Denise Warden

Gave her report



January 19, 2016

The auxiliary voted to work the Blue Star and Gold Star programs. We purchased banners and decals.



National Security Chair, Denise Warden, presented Blue Star Banner and decal to a family she knew.

January

We made a donation to the

Veteran's Court

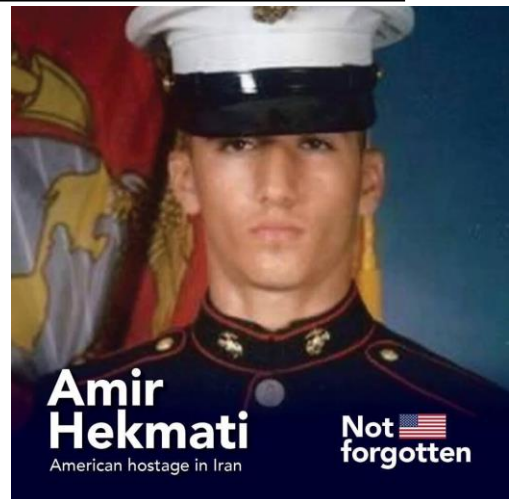
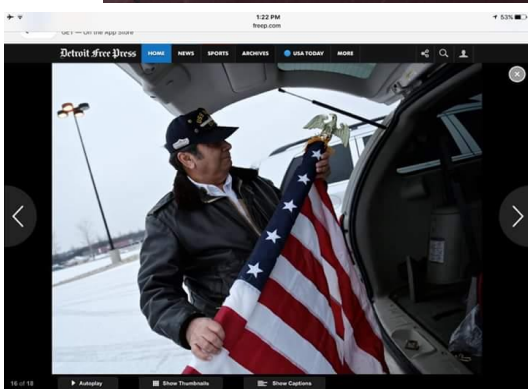
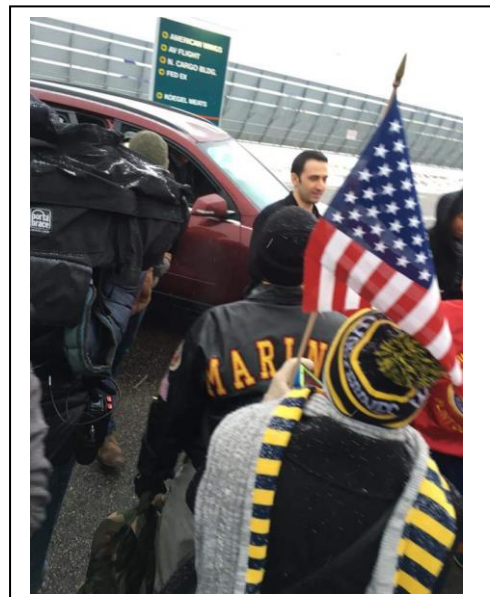
This is a project of our Department President



January 21, 2016

Our President, Pat Lozano, communicated with the family of Amir Hekmati, Iranian Hostage, Marine. At 4:00am they called her to tell her he was arriving home later that day and asked her to assemble a group of veterans to meet him at the airport.

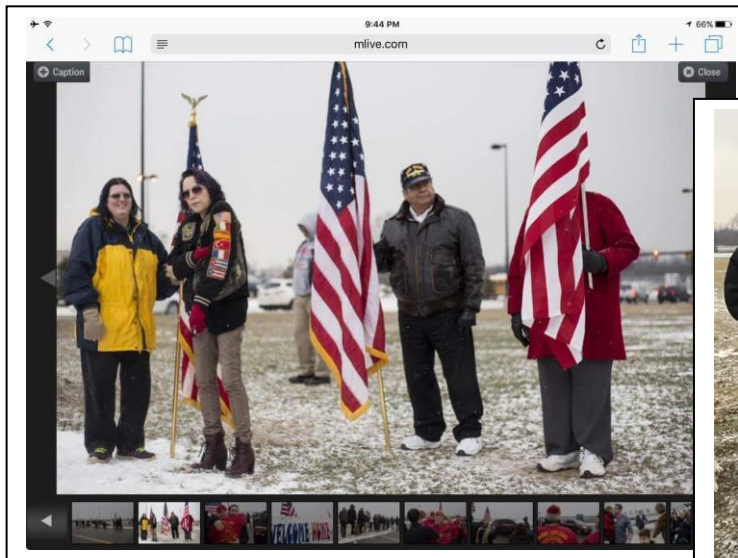
She made several calls and reached a number of people. Amir had a welcoming party. They told us he could not stop, but he did. And in 20 d hugged all of us. and he



We meet Amir at Bishop Airport, along with the Marine League and Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs



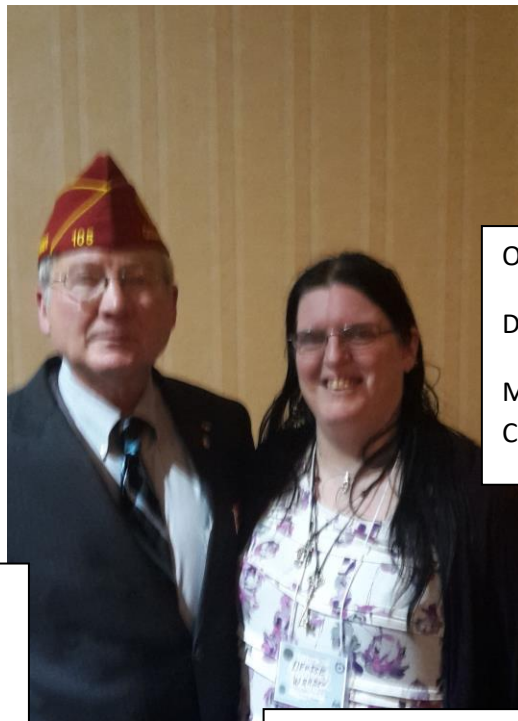
Several News Sources including ABC12 TV, WNEM 5 TV, WJRT Detroit TV and Radio, The Detroit Free Press newspaper, and the Flint Journal newspaper ran articles about our meeting Amir.



February

Mid Year Conference

The Auxiliary was represented at the Mid-Winter Conference of the American Legion held in Flint, Michigan this year. The auxiliary also paid for an ad in the conference's agenda brochure.



Our National Security Chair

Denise Warden

Meets with our National
Commander

American Legion Auxiliary 119
President Pat Lozano, learns we won the
Girls State Raffle



We won 2nd place in the Girls State Raffle



Mid-Year Conference AEF Afghan Raffle

We have little funds but much talent. When asked by District and Department AEF Chair, Linda Wallace, for a donation we came up with a better option.

A beautiful patriotic afghan was made by member Pat Lozano's Niece, Marie Fejedelem, to honor her deceased mother; wife of Dale Warden retired Navy Veteran. Funds went to the Department AEF fund, our District Sr. Vice's project..



March 5 and 6

Fenton Expo 2016

In March we significantly increased our footprint at the huge business event know as the Fenton Expo. It is put on by the Chamber of Commerce (our Post is a member). And it is open to the public and draws approximately 4000 people this year.

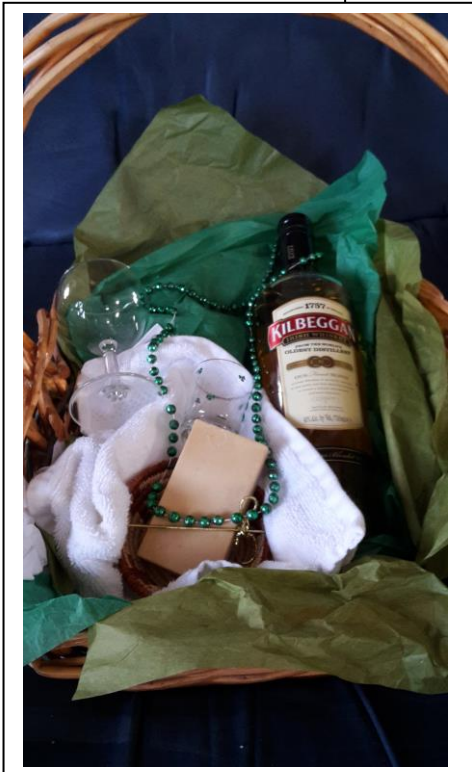


This year we set up a computer and printer. Thus we were able to give immediate advice and take information to follow up on veteran's claims and questions. We also had a drawing on each day for a patriotic umbrella. Entrants provided information about who the veteran is in their family and we will follow up with a promotion to entice them into our organization.



Later in March

We participated in a Chamber of Commerce “Networking at Noon” event. We supplied an Irish spa basket door prize in return for time to give a presentation on the American Legion and its Auxiliary.

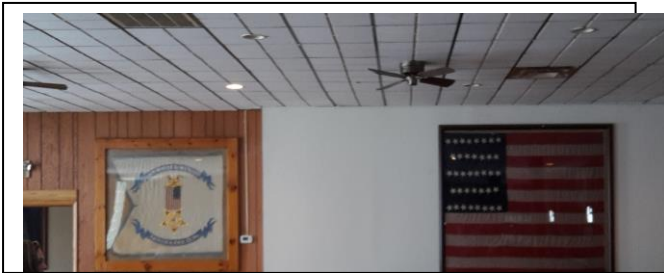


In Late March

While visiting the area

Post Commander Jesus Lozano and wife Auxiliary President Pat Lozano paid a visit to the

Erie Pennsylvania Legion Post



Ongoing

In Addition to Supporting Battle Creek VA Medical Center --- We also Support Saginaw VA Medical Center

Because so many of our members are treated at the Saginaw VA Medical Center we feel obligated to support them. Our Auxiliary is obligated by allocation to support the Battle Creek VA Center and we will always provide that support as well.

Saginaw's Alida E. Lutz VA Medical Center



Welcome

Honoring America's Veterans with quality health care services, part of the largest integrated health care system in the U.S.

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Supporting the 6th District

The Auxiliary attended five 6th District meetings this year.

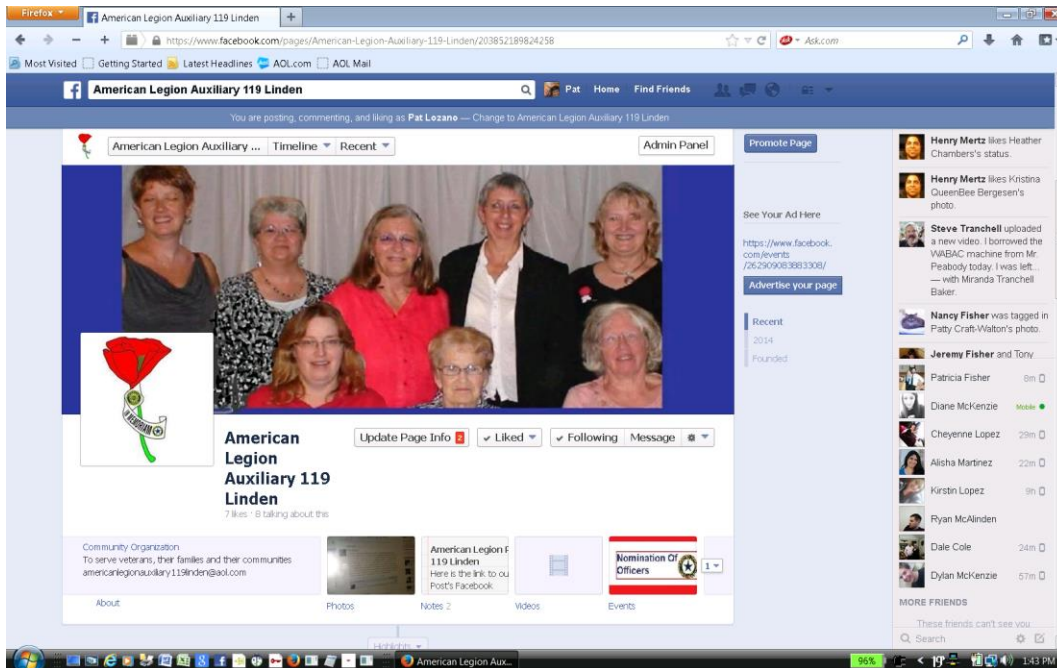
And two Auxiliary 119 members accepted a 6th District Office and Chairmanship. Pat Lozano became 6th District Jr. Vice President, Public Relations Chairman and member of the Finance Committee. And Denise Warden became 6th District National Security Chairman.



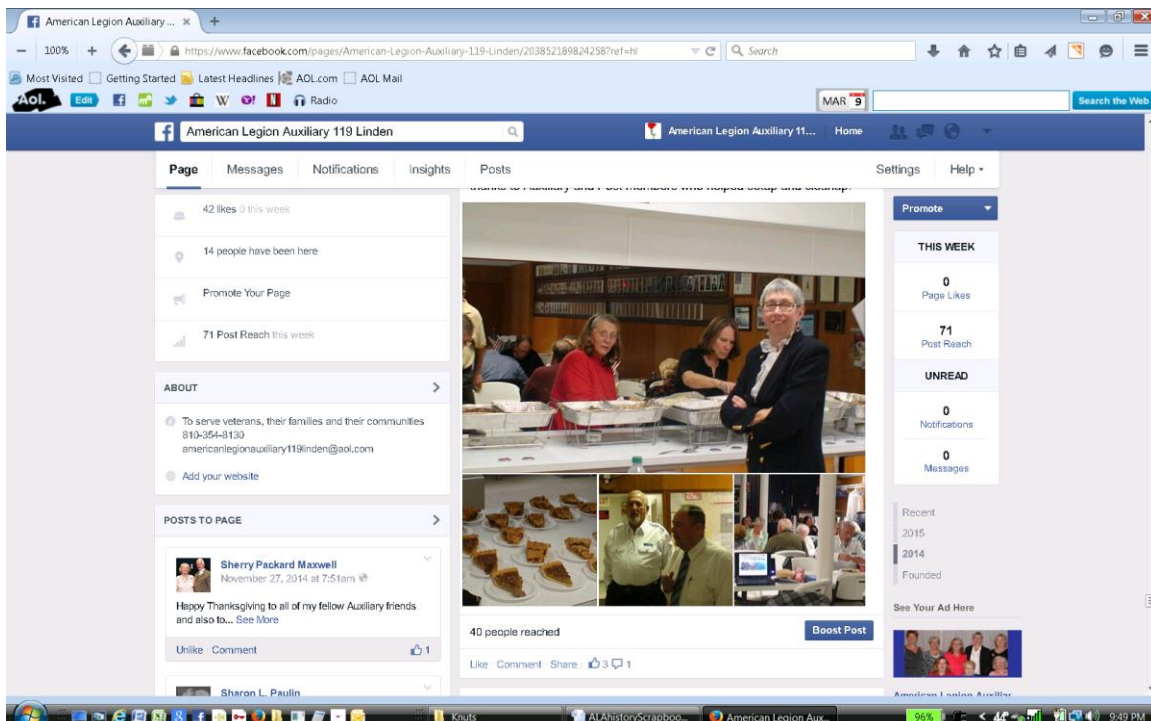
Pat Lozano, Betty Smith, and Denise Warden attended district meetings.

Communications throughout Year

This year we were very active on our Facebook page for our Auxiliary.

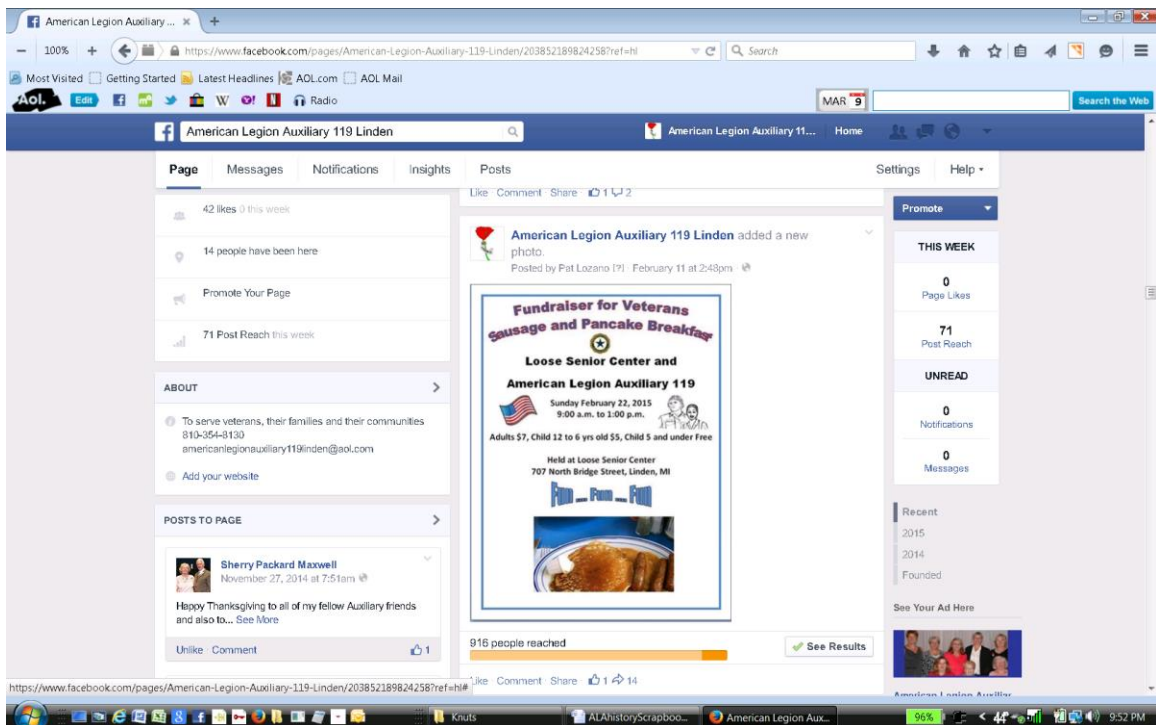


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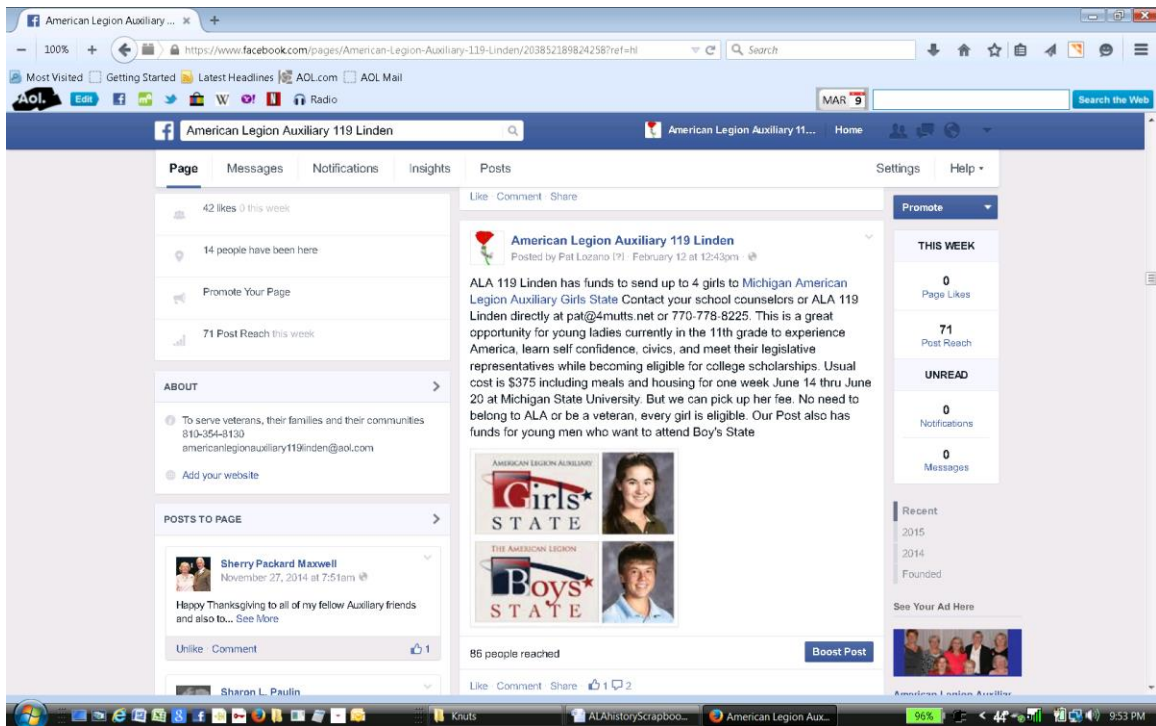




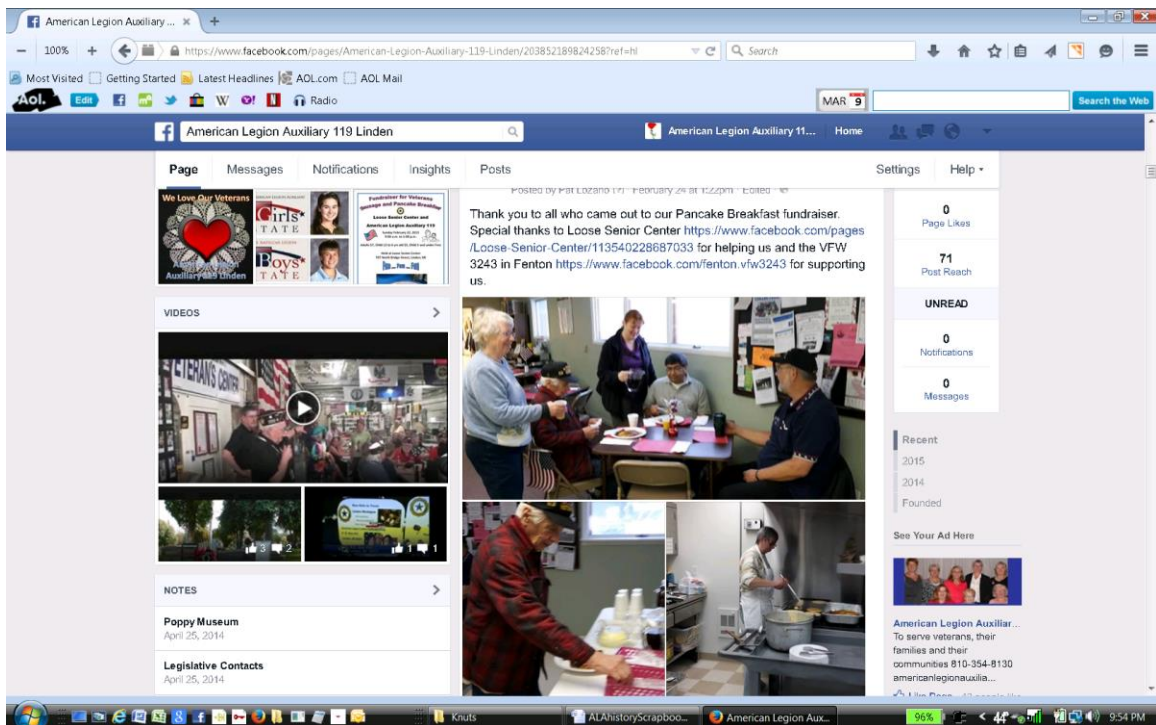
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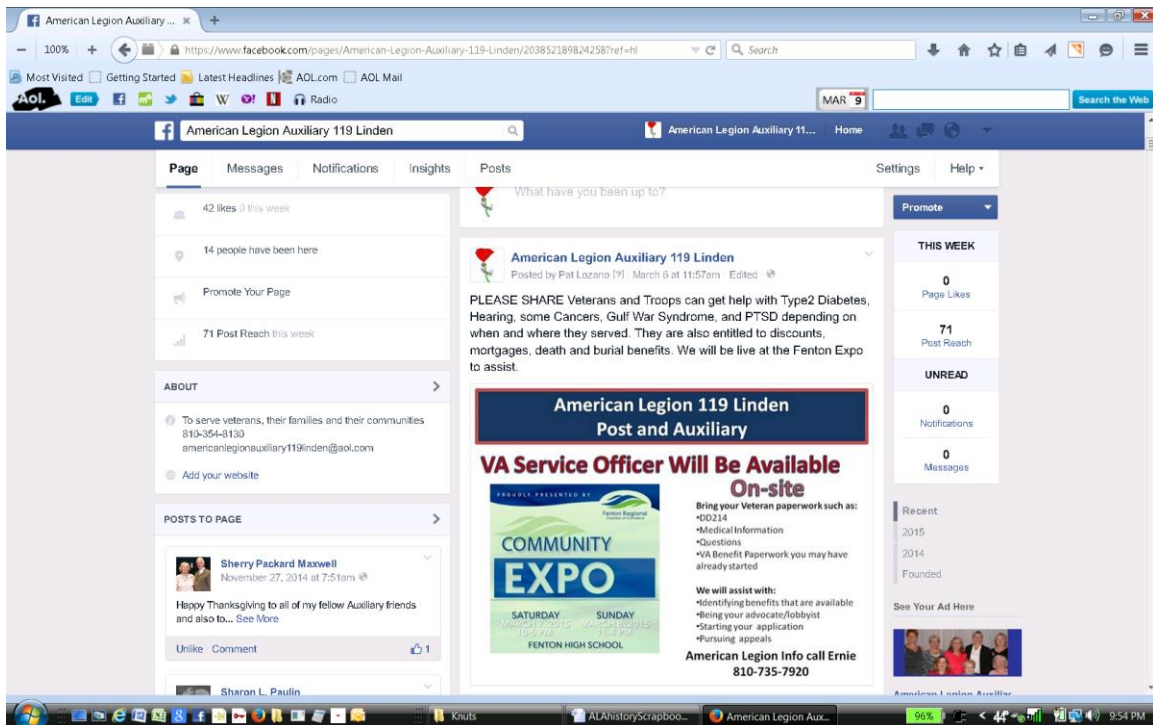
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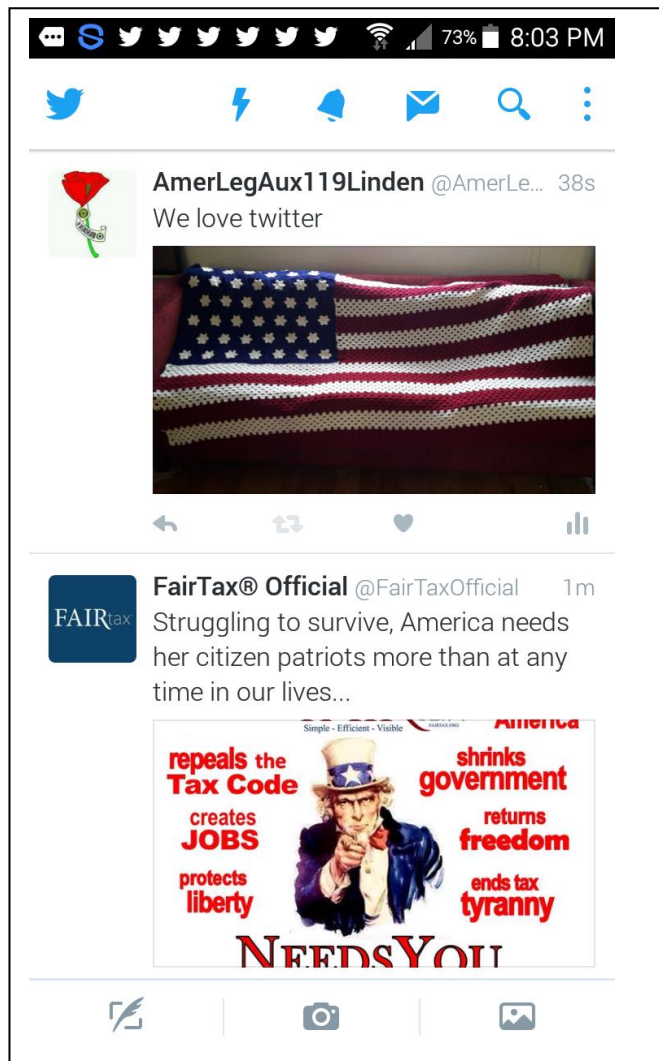
And posted ...



We also publish these pages on multiple Linden, Michigan pages to promote our unit.

And we promote our local VFW in Fenton Michigan and the Linden Lions and the Fenton Zonta on our site and they promote us.

We are now on Twitter and are starting YouTube, Vine and Instagram



Throughout the year our Auxiliary offered “I love a Vet” wristbands and patriotic pins for donation.

Ongoing Fundraisers



Auxiliary member
Betty Smith
Made these beautiful
Patriotic pins as a
fundraiser

Betty Smith continued an aluminum collection. The proceeds go into the general fund. We did well this year as another member donated bent aluminum rims from an auto.



STATE BANK		DATE	CHECKING DEPOSIT
FENTON, MI 48430		9/25/2015	
DEPOSITS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL		CASH	66.05
ACCOUNT NUMBER		CHECKS OR TOTAL FROM OTHER SIDE	
04705785		SUB TOTAL	66.05
NAME: American Legion 119 LINDEN		LESS CASH	
SIGNATURE		NET DEPOSIT	66.05
BORN HERE FOR CASH RECEIVED BY REQUIRED			
5400 1006			

FENTON AUTO SALVAGE	
1200 Torrey Rd. Fenton, MI 48430 (810) 629-2311	
Scrap: \$24.85	ID 59
Alum: \$380	GROSS 7060 lb INBOUND
brass: \$240	09/24/2015 02:06PM
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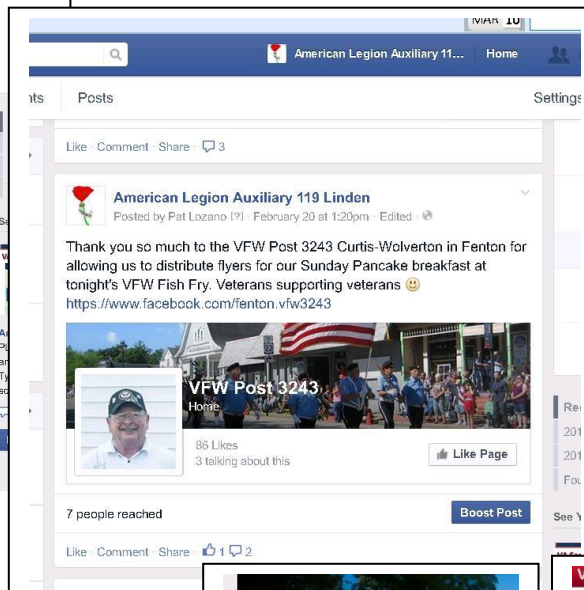
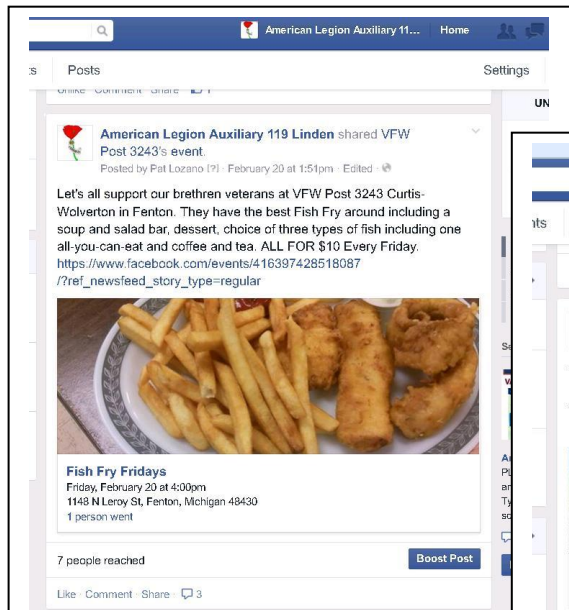
We also collected used flannel shirts, PJs, and Sheets to give to the VFW Auxiliary. They make wheelchair lap robes out of them.

Ongoing Co-operation with Other Organizations

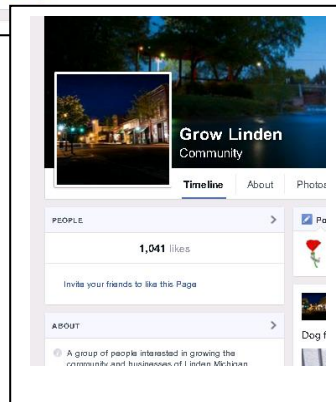
We are committed to work as a team with other organizations that serve the greater Linden area and/or Veterans

At the November 12 meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary 3243 Fenton, the past president Jan brought on the floor an official thank you to American Legion Auxiliary 119 Linden. Jan thanked ALA119 for giving recognition to the VFW in the Tri-County Times newspaper.

We also promoted them on our Facebook page. In turn they promoted us.



We also promoted Loose Senior Center, Ace Village Hardware, Alpine Marketplace, Linden Lions, Grow Linden (a group of businesses) and Chamber of Commerce on our Facebook and in our Newsletter. In return each of them provided us support.



Working with our local Lions Club

After they made supportive donations to our auxiliary, one of our members decided to join the Lions Club to return the favor with volunteer hours. She and her husband worked several Classic Car shows, and the Christmas Tree Fundraiser.



We also promoted their Paper Drives through our Facebook and Twitter and via our members

**Recycle your paper products with the
Linden Lions Club**

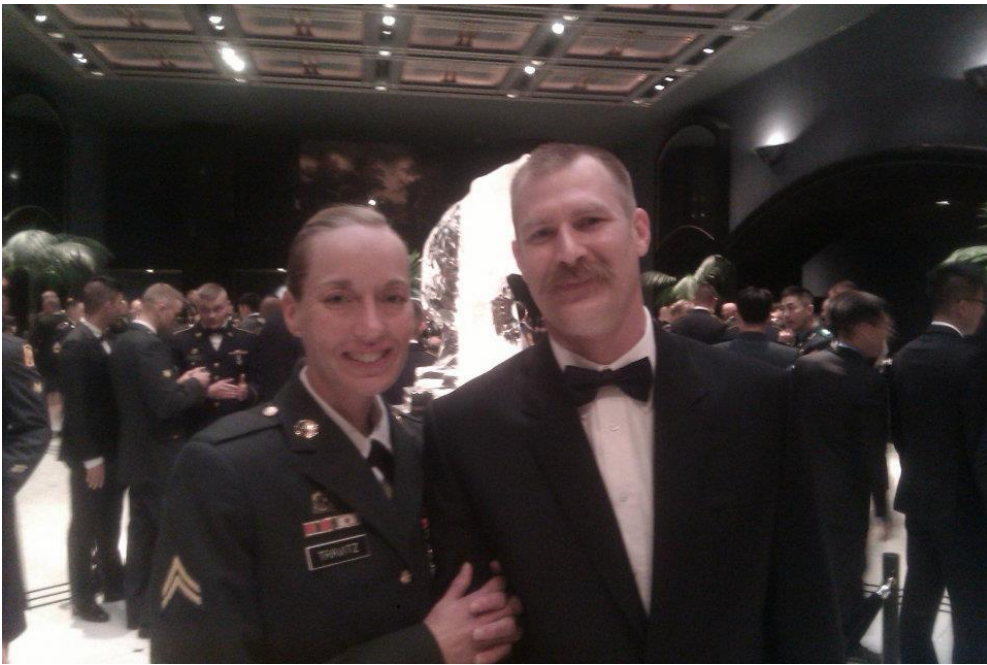
**WHY BRING THEM TO US RATHER
THAN SETTING THEM AT THE CURB
TO BE PICKED UP?**

- Your recyclable papers help families in crisis and those in need in your community.
- They support many Lions projects: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Special Needs Clinic, Diabetes assistance, Youth Exchange and many more...

Ongoing Throughout Year

Throughout the year, John Travitz, a veteran and his wife Samantha, a currently deployed soldier, were “adopted” by the Auxiliary. Also, each month the Auxiliary sponsored a “Coupon Clipping” event. Ladies clipped and sorted \$17,000.00 worth of coupons each month (\$170,000.00 in total) and sent them to the Commissary at Yongson, South Korea where John works now as a civilian contractor at the base and Samantha is deployed to Kuwait.

Samanth and John Travitz



John is a veteran and Samantha is with the Army Military Police,
Headquarters Detachment.

Nearly every month we were able to send boxes of coupons to the commissary in Yongsan Base, Seoul, South Korea. The Linden Lions organization gave us a \$100 grant to help pay the postage. We were able to send approximately \$240,000 worth of coupons.



Sometimes we included letters,
local children

pictures colored by



**Yongsan
Commissary
Seoul
South Korea**

Ongoing projects:

Several get well cards were sent to auxiliary members and post members who were hospitalized this year.



Leadership and Mentoring

Auxiliary member Pat Lozano attended multiple learning sessions held by the Linden Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce. She brought back information on how to better use the internet and social media to promote our causes and events.



Memorial

This year auxiliary members participated in honoring a member's young niece's death by attending her memorial service three members attended. We also honored a member's parent's death by making a donation in her name to an Auxiliary program.



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Pat Lozano, Historian

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Pat Lozano, President