

## ALA Unit 119 Linden National Security 2022-2023 Year Report

Pat Lozano – Chair

### NATIONAL SECURITY

**We are a small unit with only 5 active members.**

Chair Pat Lozano assisted with the National Night Out program. Community Service Chair Diane Alexander took over the workload of attending meetings and planning participation. Good time was had by all members and public who attended. We set up a large booth where we had children color you are my hero pictures to be distributed to troops and hospitalized veterans. We also set up our First Responders children photo wall so children could pose as Lego first responders for pictures.





Pat Lozano has collected information of how many firefighters and police are employed by Argentine Township, Linden and Fenton Township and the City of Fenton. So far there are 25 firefighters in Argentine township and am pursuing the number of Police in Argentine and numbers for Linden. There are 18 Fenton Township firefighters and 20 City of Fenton firefighters. It looks like buying lunch or training meal was going to cost a large amount. Pat approached the Fenton VFW about working with us on this project and they joined by donating funds and volunteer hours to buy dinners for City of Fenton and Fenton Township firefighters. They will also join us in presenting lunch/dinner gift cards to the same community's police staff. That will leave us with just Linden and Argentine to handle alone.

We spent \$170 feeding the City of Fenton firefighters during their monthly training session. We supplied hot grinder subs and cookies. It took 84 hours of work to complete Fenton and begin to set up the other communities, which will be serviced soon and reported on next year's report.

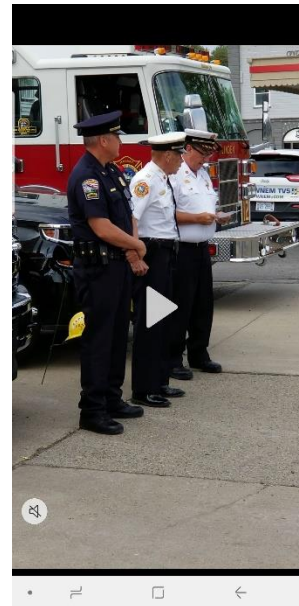




One of our members serves on the board of our local veterans Stand Down organization. We distributed of goods. We did not have volunteers available to perform our usual POW/MIA table ceremony or our Child of Veterans table ceremony, so we loaned the kits we use so another organization could perform instead of cancelling.

We built a relationship with Linden Fire Chief and donated \$75 to his children safety program.

We donated cookies to our Argentine Police Department.





Chaplain and Junior Chair  
Betty Smith



Junior Member  
Alida Rose Smith



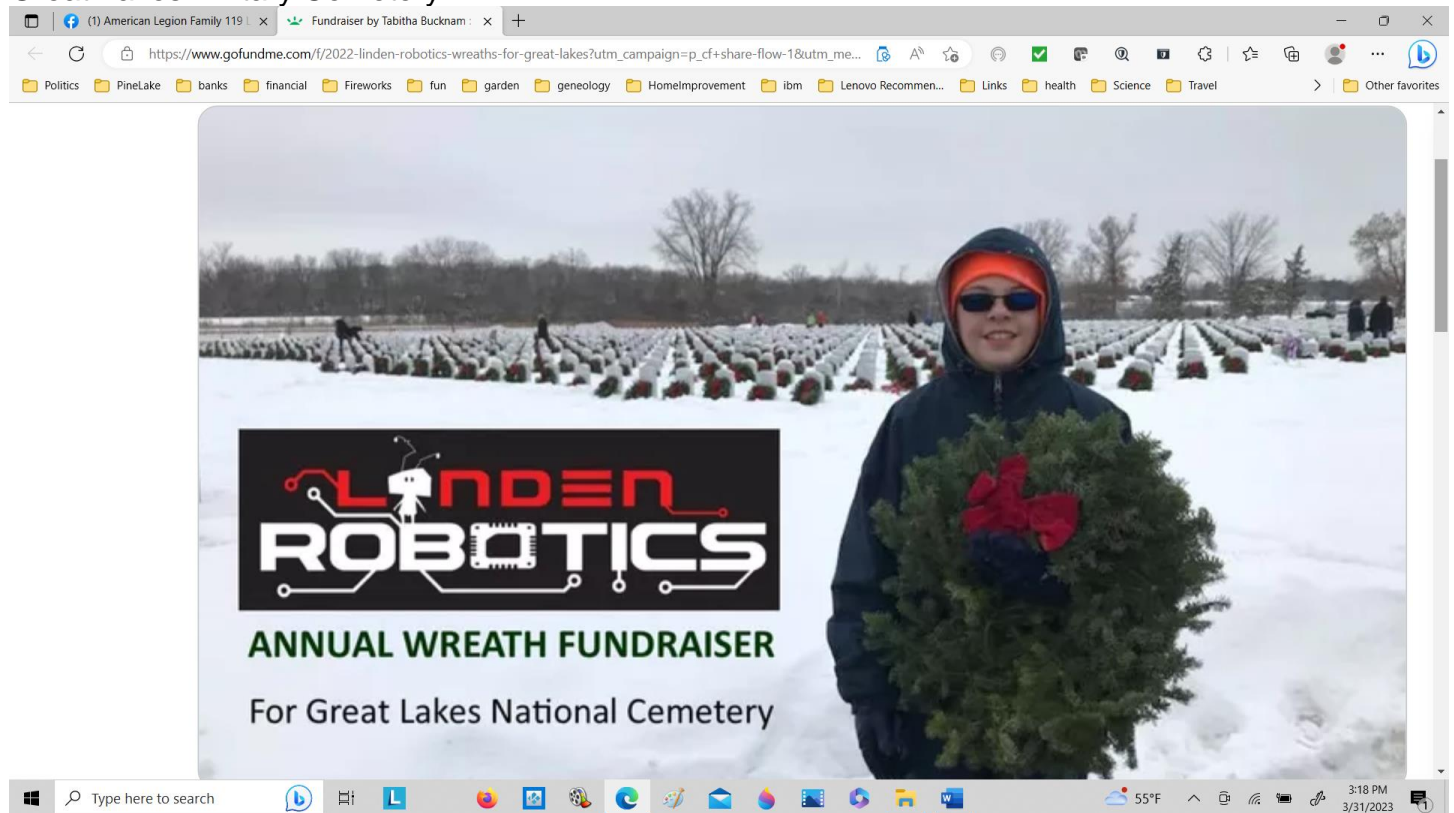
In September our National Security Chair lead the members in a formal ceremony at the grave of a local POW on POW/MIA day. A video of the ceremony is on our Facebook page "American Legion Family 119 Linden".

We spent total of 25 hours on the event.

Members at meetings reported they were wearing RED on Fridays and 5 members reported wearing 30 days.



We purchased 4 Wreaths across American through our local school robotics team, to be placed at Great Lakes Military Cemetery.



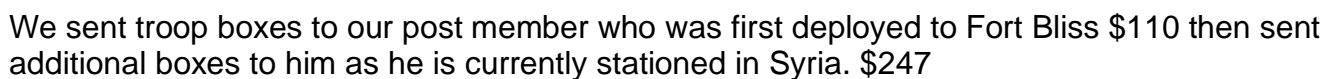
We joined the Mid-Michigan Therapy Dogs and the Patriot Guard to form a “greeting gauntlet”. Greeted returning troops and veterans at Flint’s Bishop Airport both at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



We joined other local organizations including The Desert Angel to send troop boxes overseas. We provided \$150 worth of supplies.



cherries, cherry jam and other snacks and trinkets.



Our auxiliary supported WilWin lodge in a big way. We both assisted 6<sup>th</sup> District by supporting their adoption of cabin #3, by sending a \$100 check. We traveled to Wilwin and spent two days and an evening in the cabin to assist in setting it up and furnishing it. We also provided a beautiful \$100 poppy carpet and a large poppy wall decal art for the cabin. We donated a springtime quilt for one of



the beds.

One member of our auxiliary donated blood at a drive. 5 of our members worked on the above projects.

Our city Memorial Day observances including joining the local VFW at our Memorial site in our local cemetery. We performed a short service and placed flags. This year we were asked to place a POW/MIA wreath that our auxiliary created. Our auxiliary member photographed the VFW and it was printed in our local newspaper.

We provided Blue Star banners and window clings to two members.