



# Post 219 Legion News

## December 2008 – January 2009

### Commander's Corner

As this newsletter goes to press I would like to remind members that the holiday season brings not only the occasion for celebration with our friends, families and loved ones, but also a time to share with those in need either here or where ever your choice may be for taking time to assist those less fortunate than we may find ourselves.

Also let us not forget our troops overseas. **Judy Houts** has been kind enough to organize the packages for our veterans overseas, now let us do our part and help fill them up!

First Vice Commander **Randy Gilbert** will be taking over the duties of commander as I visit our home in central Florida for the months of January through March 2009. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Randy for stepping up to these additional duties.

I also want to thank **Dawn Gilbert** for stepping up to the plate as the Fish Fry chairperson. She is and will continue to do an outstanding job for the post.

- **Fred Joles, Commander**  
**Fife Lake American Legion**  
**Post 219**

### Auxiliary Activities

We recently donated a lap-top computer to the blood dialysis center in Kalkaska (this is in addition to the one we donated to Munson). They are for the patients use while undergoing the procedure.

A donation was made to the new Kingsley Library for the children's reading room. All this is part of our ongoing community service paid for by your donations and our Bake-less Bake Sale. We thank each of you.

Our meeting of Dec 10 will be the last meeting before Christmas. Please remember to bring children's hats, mittens, scarves, and pj's, to be donated to the less fortunate kids in the community.

The Children's Christmas Party is open to all children (under age 12) will be held December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12-1 pm. Come out and have lunch with Mr. and Ms. Santa Clause and collect a surprise!

We are in need of stuffed animals new or slightly loved. If you have any call **Karen Long** at 879.4064 for pick-up or drop off at the club prior to Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

- **Marge, President**

### SAL Section

We have a chance to sell Christmas trees for the Holiday season SO if you would like to help sell, please contact me for the details.

We have the approval of the Post Commander to start accepting membership applications, with the understanding that If we have to cut back on membership, the newest members and the late renewals will be given the option to transfer to another squadron.

I would like the members to start thinking about next year's Officers. If you would like to take an Office feel free to contact anyone of our officers for assistance.

Thank you for your support and don't forget to thank those EZ meal Guys.

Have a safe holiday season.

Respectfully

- **Randy Gilbert**  
**Squadron Commander**

### Need a cleaning job?

We are looking for a cleaning crew for the fish fry. Some monetary compensation given, plenty of work to do. Contact the Post Commander if interested.

### Need more help regarding Service Officer Issues?

If you have a confidential item to discuss regarding veteran service issues, you may also contact **Mr. Ray Moore**, American Legion Michigan, at (231)878-1689

### NEW SEASON

New Shuffleboard Tournament Starts  
Jan 18-1:30 pm

Legion Riders are still meeting the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday at 5 PM in Dec and Jan.

### Adopt-A-Family

It's that time of year when our Post gets involved with helping the kids. We make sure they have a coat, boots, mittens, etc for our winter weather. Any help will be appreciated. You can leave your donations at the Post, or call **Barb Bosch** at (231)879-4308.

**From the Service Officer:** At anytime you may want to file a claim or request assistance from the Veterans Administration (VA), it is very important to file or request assistance through your American Legion Post. The American Legion, Veteran Service Officer, is here to assist you and become your advocate to handle all necessary forms and work directly with the VA. The November issue of *The American Legion Magazine*, page 66, has an article concerning ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. If this applies to you or a surviving spouse of a veteran, you should contact the Post Service Officer. -**Tom Brown, Post Service Officer**

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

#### Second Sunday Monthly

Join us and enjoy our Breakfast menu including eggs to order, three meat selections, pancakes, juice, applesauce, coffee and or milk  
**\$5.50**

**World War II Vets Eat Free!**

### Pull Tab Committee

Is seeking an audit person.  
Must be a Legion Member.  
Contact **Bob Meyer Sr.**

### New Year's Eve Party

1pm-? 09. Music by Hot Tunes.  
Door Prizes! Raffles! Euchre!  
Shuffleboard! Pot luck! Dancing!  
(Designated Drivers if needed)

**Bring a dish to pass**

Club House Phone 231-879-4475

Tuesday - 4:00 PM

Club Thursday - 4:00 PM

Room Friday - 1:00 PM

Opens Saturday - 1:00 PM

Sunday - 1:00-6:00PM

# December 08

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	5 Fish Fry 4:30-7PM	6
7	8	9	10 Legion/Aux Meetings 7:30PM	11 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	12	13 Children's XMAS party, noon-1 pm.
14 Pancake 8:00-Noon Pool Tourney 1:30pm	15 Health/ Commodities 1:45PM	16	17	18 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	19	20 Riders XMAS Party 6 pm
21 Shuffleboard 1:30 pm	22	23	24 No E-Board	25 Christmas, Club Closed	26	27 Riders 5pm
28 No music in Dec	29	30	31 New Year Party 1pm-?			

## Gift Certificates Available!!!

Want to buy a friend dinner for the Fish Fry and not able to attend with them? Need a good gift idea? You can now purchase Gift Certificates for the Fish Fry and Pancake Breakfast from the Bar. Just ask your Bartender they are happy to help.

## Tournaments

Pool: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Shuffleboard: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

## EUCHRE

Tue-Thur-Fri at 7:00 PM  
Saturday at 2:00 PM

**First Friday Fish Fry on the First Friday of every month (See Calendar)**

### NEW LEGION MEMBERS

John Meiers, John Price, Marc Thompson, Kristopher Walters

### New Auxiliary Members

Sandra J Dietz, Glynnis Price, Heather Rae Allen

### NEW S.A.L. MEMBERS

Brian P. Dreyer, Nathan A. Martens, John Smith, Tim Yauch

## Taps

**Fred Hart, Burton Kent, Harriet Turner**

Submissions for inclusion in this mailing should be sent to Brian Sweeney. All submissions are subject to Commander and staff approval, editing, and request for clarification. Therefore, include your name and contact information with your input. Mail or drop-off submissions at the address on this mailing. Submissions will not be returned.

# January 09

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