



Post 219 Legion News

February-March 2009

Commander's Corner

I would like to thank the individuals responsible for removal of the ice and snow from the Post roof, specifically **Bob Meyer, Jr.** and **Clinton Martin**. Thanks to them we still have a roof!

We need volunteers in the following areas: Bar Tenders, Bathroom Cleaning, Fish Fry workers, Pull Tab. See the following people if you are interested in helping out: **Jim Fitzgerald**-Bar Tending or Bathroom Cleaning; Fish Fry – **Dawn Gilbert**; Pull Tab-**Bob Meyer, Sr.** Remember we are a post that operates on volunteer help. If you don't care to help out then who will?

The month of February is Americanism month for legion activities. Check with the post executive board members for ideas on what you can do to help celebrate the concept of Americanism.

March will bring the District Meeting to Fife Lake. It is generally a meeting with a meal. The bar is closed during the meeting, but will open after the meeting is concluded. If you have never had the opportunity to attend a District meeting plan to attend on March 14, 2009. I ask now that **Vice Commander Gilbert** takes responsibility to organize for the District meeting and I also ask that all individuals assist him in making the event successful.

March also is the birthday month for the American Legion in general. It is celebrated from March 15-17 throughout the many legion posts. Perhaps the Auxiliary could assist in planning some sort of recognition for the birth month of the American Legion within our own Post 219.

Enjoy the winter and be aware of those that may need assistance during this cold weather!

-Fred Joles - Commander

Auxiliary Activities

Meetings are held the second (members) and fourth (executives) Wednesdays of each month. See you there! Don't forget, your dues are due now!

-Marge, President

Packages for the Troops

We are going to start sending more packages to our service people. Some of the items we are asking for are:

Hard candy, foot powder, magazines, sunscreen (non fragrance), microwavable foods, chap stick (non flavored), crackers, playing cards, trail mix, snack bars, peanuts, cocoa mix, disposable razors, wipes (non alcohol), granola bars, non fragrance lotions, etc.

Also, if you have time to send a generic note to send with the boxes, that would be great.

There is a box in the bar at the post with this list also. Please drop off what you can. The contact person is **Judy Houts** at 357-5441, or stop by the post.

Legion Riders are still meeting the 4th Saturday at 5 PM.

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

Volunteer Fact Finders Wanted

We are looking for volunteers willing to travel and visit other American Legion Posts and return with information regarding fund raising activities. These volunteers will return and report to the executive committee, and membership at large, what other posts are doing to raise money. There are plenty of good ideas out there that we may be able to use, given enough information and a chairperson to take the lead. If interested, contact the club or Post Commander.

SAL Section

We are really having a good old fashioned winter here in Fife Lake this year. With a near record snow fall and temperatures reaching minus 21 degrees, it has been a real thrill to be part of the "up north" community we have always heard about. Our membership goal is 109 members. We should easily make that goal but we do need your dues ASAP.

The major functions of the SAL have most recently been the monthly EZMEAL on the last Thursday of the month, the Legion picnic in August, the Fife Lake food pantry contribution, and the annual "needy family" Christmas contribution.

Your membership and participation is valued.

-Tom Freiwald, 1st Vice Cmdr

From the Service Officer:

Do you know about the Michigan Veterans Disability Act? If you have a service connected disability that requires a home assist device, i.e. a ramp to gain access to your home, you could be eligible. This would qualify you for a 100% exemption to your real estate property tax. Your Post Service Officer is here to assist you.

-Tom Brown, Post Service Officer

Thanks!

On behalf of the Adopt-A-Family, we thank-you all. We were able to help 5 families and 17 kids with winter coats, boots, etc. Thank-you so much!

MUSIC & SNACKS

Join **TOM & VIC** and the gang for some music, fun & food.

**Last Sunday of the Month
2-5 pm. Bring your musical instruments and join us for "Jam" sessions**

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!

Club House Phone 231-879-4475

Club Tuesday - 4:00 PM
 Thursday - 4:00 PM
 Room Friday - 1:00 PM
 Opens Saturday - 1:00 PM
 Sunday - 1:00-6:00PM

February 09						
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1	2	3	4	5 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	6 Fish Fry 4:30-7PM	7
8 Pancake 8:00-Noon Pool Tourney 1:30pm	9	10	11 Legion/Aux Meetings 7:30PM	12 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	13	14
15 Shuffleboard 1:30 pm	16 Health/ Commodities 1:45PM	17	18	19 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	20	21
22 Music/Snacks 2-5PM	23	24	25 E-Board, 7:30 pm	26 Easy Meal 5:00 - ? pm	27	28 Riders 5pm

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.

<p>Tournaments Pool: 2nd Sunday Shuffleboard: 3rd Sunday</p>

<p><u>EUCHRE</u> Tue-Thur-Fri at 7:00 PM Saturday at 2:00 PM</p>

New Legion Members
 None Reported
New Auxiliary Members
 None Reported
New S.A.L. Members
 John M. Smith,
 Nathan A. Martens,
 and Brian P. Dreyer
Taps
 Carl E. Workman
 Laurale "Dee" Gilbert

Deadline for submissions to the next Newsletter is March 20th.

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.

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