



Keeping In Touch

“Veterans serving Veterans”

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2010 Membership Information

Congratulations to all Posts; we made our 55% goal. Our next membership target date is November 16th to reach 65%. Posts that don't have their 2010 membership cards yet need to send in their 2009-'10 Post Officers List and Post Bond to Barb at Dept. H.Q. To help Posts prepare for the 2010 membership year, guidelines are printed on pages 4 and 7 of the September "Michigan Legionnaire".

Get Your Team Michigan Shirts Today

Great shirts for showing your Michigan Legion spirit whether you are working in a booth, attending an event or just running around town! All profits kept at Department to promote Legion Programs / Events. Two styles available are men's and women's: short sleeve polo or long sleeve jean. It features the Legion emblem and the phrase "Team Michigan—Working Together". Also, available in Auxiliary and SAL logo by special order. Order form available on our website www.michiganlegion.org/pdfs/LegionShirts.pdf. More information or questions, contact Roxanne 517-371-4720 x 23 or activity@michiganlegion.org.

\$1,000 No Cost Accidental Death Insurance

All Legionnaires are entitled to a \$1,000 No Cost Accidental Death Insurance benefit if they keep their membership current. Activate calling 1-866-271-2965 and your coverage will continue through August 31, 2016.

American Legion Headquarters Entering into the Digital Age

As of January 1, 2010, Legion information for Posts and Squadrons such as "Keeping In Touch", monthly membership reports, all youth and adult applications, miscellaneous applications and flyers, etc. will be available online at www.michiganlegion.org. Membership cards will continue to be sent to Posts. Also starting January 1st, there will be a supply order form to order free and cost items available online. We will only send out information via USPS under extreme circumstances. To assist you in making a smooth transition, individuals have other resources to gain access to a computer by going to another family member, friend, local library or the Dell Legion Discount Program.

Post Insurance Program

The Post Insurance Program provides real life protection while saving a Post up to 40% on its Post insurance premiums. This program is administered by Lockton Risk Services, Inc. Don't wait! Contact them today by email PostInsurance@locktonaffinity.com or 1-800-235-6943.

2010 Dept. Leadership College

2010 Dept. Leadership College will be held April 17, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansing Headquarters Office with a continental breakfast and lunch served free of charge to attendees. For more details, form and flyer available online at www.michiganlegion.org and for any questions, contact Jan Roy at 616-530-0142.

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All Service Women Luncheon & Area 4 Conference

Women Marines Association presents the All Service Women Luncheon & Area 4 Conference on Oct. 24, 2009, from 9 am - 3 pm, located at the Frankenthuth Bavarian Lodge. Brochure with registration form online at www.michiganlegion.org under Public Relation Events.

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District Meetings

1st District / Dec. 12, 7 p.m. @ John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit

2nd District / Oct. 18, 2 p.m. @ Jackson Post 29

3rd District / Nov. 1, 1:30 p.m. @ Albion Post 55

4th District / Nov. 1, 2 p.m. @ Allegan Post 89

5th District / Nov. 12, 7 p.m. @ Rockford Post 102

6th District / Nov. 8, 1 p.m. @ Davison Post 267

7th District / Oct. 18, 2 p.m. @ Caseville Post 543

8th District / Nov. 1 @ St. Johns Post 153

9th District / Dec. 12, 2 p.m. @ Manistee Post 10

10th District / Nov. 7, 1 p.m. @ Mikado Post 254

UP Districts / Oct. 10, 9 a.m. @ Stambaugh Post 21

16th District / Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. @ Flat Rock Post 337

17th District / Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. @ Plymouth Post 112

18th District / Nov. 6, 8 p.m. @ Auburn Hills Post 143

19th District / N/A

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

2010 Year

Am. Leg. Mid-Winter Banquet — Feb. 19, Lexington Hotel, Lansing, MI (6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Dinner)

Winter Meeting — Feb. 20-21, Lexington Hotel, Lansing, MI

2010 Dept. Leadership College — April 17, Dept. HQs, Lansing, MI (Attendees - free continental breakfast / lunch)

Dept. Convention — June 17-20, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI

4th Annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade

You are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Detroit Veterans Day Parade. For more information and registration forms, email MDVC at metrodetvetcoalition@yahoo.com or contact Dick Chatman at (313) 861 - 6852.

3 American Legion, Dept of MI Endowment Funds

The American Legion, Dept. of MI has legally established as of April 20, 2009, 3 Endowment funds to sustain life in these critical areas — Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Endowment Fund, Patriot Endowment Fund and Boys State Endowment Fund — see Sept. MI Legionnaire for more details. Show your support of these funds by making a tax-deductible donation to any or all of them by making a check payable to American Legion, Department of Michigan, Attn: Accountant, 212 North Verlinden Ave, Ste A, Lansing, MI 48915 (specify which fund in your check's memo line). Also, Visa or Master Card credit card donations can be accepted by phone to 517-371-4720 ext. 17 providing name, type of card, card number and expiration date.



**LEGION YOUTH &
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