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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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## \*\*\* COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE \*\*\*

Last week at our family meeting I challenged every member of this Post, and today I'm asking everyone to start thinking about how you can make a difference.

My challenge to every member of Post 179 in 2018 is to volunteer for at least one thing. I'm asking each and every one of you to find a role within the post, or a project, or a cause that you find meaningful, and be the champion of that. Take pride and ownership of this great Post we have and contribute more than money this year.

Only when we all work together for each other and our common goals can we change our Post for the better. The future will be shaped by those of us who step up, volunteer and contribute.

Email me at [commander@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost179.com)

Or [info@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:info@americanlegionpost179.com)

Let's talk about how you can serve this year!

**Scott Mullarkey, Commander, Post 179**

## MASTER OF MUNCHIES COMPETITION

Looking for those who may be interested in participating in the Master of Munchies Competition. On Fridays in April at 7 p.m. the clubroom will host a mini cooking competition. The winner of each of the three mini-competitions will go head to head at the finale on April 29th against Dave and Busters.

If you are interested in participating, or would like more details, please email Jena at [jena@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:jena@americanlegionpost179.com) or call 231-629-1274. This is open to the community so tell your friends.

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello:

Fish Frys have started and the Auxiliary Dessert Table is there for you to purchase a delicious dessert. We are asking for desserts to be donated for this Auxiliary fundraiser. If you would like to donate a dessert, please drop them off marked Fish Fry Dessert. It is much appreciated, and a big thank you to the ladies working our table each week, and also to those helping with the Fish Fry.

Our next meeting is on March 12, at 7 p.m. We will be taking nominations for officers for 2018-19, and invite you to attend.

The 5th District Auxiliary Meeting will be at our Post Tuesday, March 20, with dessert at 7:00 p.m. Meeting follows at 7:30. It is an honor that Department President Deanna Cortright will be attending this meeting. The 5th District Past Presidents will be recognized at this meeting. We will be serving desserts and would like to ask for dessert donations. If you would like to donate a dessert, please call me at 616-723-2398. I would like to invite you to attend a district meeting and learn what is happening at the district level. The cost is \$2.00. Thank you for your help.

Lastly, National has raised the dues we pay to them by \$5.00 and because of this increase, our unit is raising membership dues to \$30.00 for the 2019 year. It has been a while since our dues have been increased. The 2018 dues are still \$25.00.

Spring is coming!

**Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179**

## MARCH MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting . . . . . March 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Legion Meeting . . . . . March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Legion Riders . . . . . March 25 @ 11:30 a.m.

Boy Scouts . . . . . Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Attention all members! Your American Legion Post has opportunities for you to answer the Commander's call to serve!

Seeking volunteers for -

**Fish Fry!**

Contact: Roger Meyers

Date: Every Friday beginning February 16 until March 30th

**Job Fair**

Contact: Jena Wilmers

[Info@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:Info@americanlegionpost179.com)

We need volunteers to help book companies for the job fair and day of staffing.

Date: Varies, Job Fair is May 5th

**Surveillance and Security installation**

Contact: Scott Mullarkey or Milt Teunis

[Commander@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:Commander@americanlegionpost179.com)

We need help installing the rest of our new surveillance and security system and running cable for the cameras. This installation will save the Post a lot of money and upgrade our existing system.

Dates: Varies as to when volunteers can meet and work.

**Sub-committee to assist with Hall events**

Contact: Jena Wilmers

[Info@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:Info@americanlegionpost179.com)

We are seeking some highly motivated and outgoing individuals to help with advertising, booking events and suggesting Hall improvements.

Dates: year long (2018)

**Sub-committee for basement renovations**

Contact: Scott Mullarkey or Jesus Sanabria

[Commander@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:Commander@americanlegionpost179.com) or

[jesus.sanabria61@gmail.com](mailto:jesus.sanabria61@gmail.com)

We are seeking volunteers to help find donations to renovate the basement bar and upgrade it.

Date: Until project is complete

**CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.**



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## MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

### DAILY SPECIALS

**Monday & Tuesday specials:** 1.25 can beer for your entire visit with a purchase of any food item. (This runs all day. Excludes cashews, pretzels, popcorn, a bag of chips, and candy bags)

**Big Beer Sunday:** 16 oz. cans \$2.25 / Chicken Ranch Wrap and Fries \$4.50

**Sunday, March 11:** Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

**Sunday, March 18:** National Sloppy Joe Day

**Monday Mania:** Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

**Philly Cheese Steak Tuesday:** Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00 / Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 20:** Auxiliary Fifth District Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Well Wednesday:** \$2.00 Well Drinks / Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / Karaoke 7-11 p.m.

**Taco Thursday:** Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00 / Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50

**Thursday, March 8:** Legion Fifth District Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 22:** Wine & Canvas, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**Red Shirt Friday:** Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops / Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. / Team Trivia 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 10:** Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Open to the Public) / Max & Stone (Live Entertainment) 7-11 p.m.

**Saturday, March 17:** Topsy & The Kickstands (Live Entertainment) 7-11 p.m. (Open to the Public)

**Saturday, March 24:** Pinewood Derby / Scout Pig Roast / Gordon Thayer (Live Entertainment) 7-11 p.m.

**Saturday, March 31:** Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m. (Community invited)

### HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

*Happy Hour is real time, not bar time*

**\$5.00 Pitchers / \$2.00 Well Shot & Pop /**

**\$2.00 Glass of Wine / \$2.00 16 oz. Miller Lite, 16 oz. Coors, 16 oz. Coors Light, 16 oz. Bud & 16 oz. Bud Light**

## FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

We would like to give a huge thank you to the Auxiliary for their premium sponsorship for our ride this year. We couldn't pull it off without the support of our Legion family. There is still time to become a sponsor – forms are in the Rider's book at the bar. We are doing great things this year and look forward to another riding season with the Michigan ALR group. Meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

*The 179 Legion Riders*



## FISH FRYS

**5 - 7 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH  
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

## DETROIT TIGERS BUS TOUR

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018**

Tickets are \$85. This includes transportation to and from the game, \$15 in casino money, and a \$5 casino food voucher. Sandwiches will be served on the bus. The bus departs from the Post at 8 a.m. and parks at Greektown Casino. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Bus leaves Greektown at 5:45 p.m. and returns to the Post at 9 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go toward improvements to the HVAC units at Post 179. For more information please call 616-292-0563.

## GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary's marquee Girls State program, first presented in 1937, is one of the most respected and coveted experiential learning programs presented in the United States. Girls State is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship.

Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is held at Shaw Hall at Michigan State University campus in Lansing, Michigan on June 17-23, 2018. At American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, high school female students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected to participate in a seven-day mock government program where they learn about civics and American government in a fast-paced, interactive program of campaigning, debating, voting, and electing mock local and state leaders.

This exciting opportunity is available to daughters and granddaughters of any of the Post 179 Family. I have applications, or if you have any questions about Girls State, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Sheila Manning, Girls State Chair**

sheila5911@sbcglobal.net • 616-350-2049 cell

## FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Fish Fry is in full swing and we are seeing some good crowds again this year. We will be open for business on Fridays at 5 p.m. and we will be serving fish until 7 p.m. Stop on by for a great fish dinner. We will be having Fish Frys every Friday until Good Friday on March 30, 2018, giving you multiple opportunities to attend one or several. See you at one of the Fish Frys.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist with Fish Fry activities. We can use volunteers on Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m. for transferring fish to the fish trays for ease when battering the fish for frying on Fridays which is the other opportunity for volunteers. We can use volunteers on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. for setup, serving and cleanup.

Remember that the S.A.L. meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and our next meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2018. April's meeting will be held Monday, April 2, 2018.

**Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179**

## WILWIN QUILT PROJECT

We are taking a break from our Sunday meetings. To date, 5 quilts are ready to go to the Wilwin Lodge. If there are sewers that are interested in working on a project at home, let me know, I can fix you up. We have 2 gals working on projects now. Can't wait to see what they bring back. We are still in need of fabric, so if you need to thin out your stash, we will put it to good use.

**Julie Postma**

**PLAY BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS  
Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30**

## VOLUNTEERS

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Many will be shocked to find,  
When the day of judgement nears.  
That there's a special place in Heaven,  
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools,  
Where there are no committee chairmen,  
No yard sales or rest area coffee to serve,  
No library duty or bulletin assembly,  
There will be nothing to print or staple,  
Not one thing to fold or mail,  
Telephone lists will be outlawed.  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
and rare treats fit for a king.

You ask, "Who'll serve these privileged  
and work for all they're worth?"  
Why, all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth.

*– Author Unknown*

## SAVE THE DATE:

4/14 – Spring Craft & Vendor Show  
5/5 – Job Fair, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

5/11 – Bike Nights Start (2nd Friday)  
11/10 – Marine Corps Birthday Gala