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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

Some things are hard to comprehend. I have been your Commander for the past two years and have worked very hard to keep our Post viable.

It's too bad that we have so many members who do not get involved in the leadership of Post 179. It also seems like those are the members who are the first to complain when changes take place that they do not understand or agree with.

Things usually happen for a good reason, and the best way to help the future of our Post is by getting involved.

Please show your support for Post 179 by being an active member in our Post and by supporting your Commander and the other Officers who work diligently to keep our Post operating.

Thank you.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, *Commander, Post 179*

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Thank you to all the college bound individuals who submitted your S.A.L. College Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 Academic Year. The S.A.L. is working on reviewing the applications to select the top award winners. Winners will be contacted and announced in the Post's November newsletter as soon as the selections are made.

If you missed renewing your membership at the August 12 picnic you can now pick up your renewal envelope in the clubroom. Please write legibly and include your phone number, email (if you have one) and your birth date. National is asking us to collect the birth dates for determining the average age of members and for the potential of establishing a lifetime membership and any costs that may be associated.

S.A.L. members, we will need some volunteers to assist with the Taco lunch we will be hosting for the Veterans Day celebration at the Post on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from noon to about 3. Contact the S.A.L. Commander if you would like to assist.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and our next meeting will be Monday, October 2 at 7 p.m.; November meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2017.

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

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The American Legion Post 179 is partnering with 96.5 FM The Pledge to provide Veterans in need with a Christmas blessing. Together, with the support of the listeners, we can touch the lives of our area Veterans with gifts to make Christmas a little brighter this year for our families. Please visit our website to nominate a family. Click Christmas Blessings right on the home page.

OCTOBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting October 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting October 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting October 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders October 22 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone.

We had a great start to the year at our September meeting! So many exciting things coming up this fall. Jena spoke at our meeting and explained about the Veteran's Day activities. This event will be phenomenal! We also had a Boy Scout from our Troop 281 talk about his Eagle Scout project. His project is going to be great.

We will be selling the Rada knives and so much more available in the catalog. There is a new catalog in the Clubroom on the display case. This is a great Christmas gift. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Linda Sanabria at 616-260-0463.

Sheila Manning, Education Chairman, has contacted the Superintendent of Grandville Public Schools and we will be delivering the dictionaries/reference books to the 3rd graders in October. We are thrilled to be making this visit.

At our October meeting the two girls who attended Girl's State this summer will be sharing their wonderful experiences. One of these girls was elected Speaker of The House! Please join us to hear these two exceptional girls.

We are undertaking a huge project and cooking a spaghetti dinner for the Marine Ball on November 10. We need your help in this worthwhile project. We need helpers for preparing the food, setting up, serving the food and clean up. If you would like to volunteer for part of or all of this, please call me at 616-723-2398.

Next meeting is Monday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Debbie Weatherbee, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER . . .

It's that time of year - the start of flu season and time to get your flu shot. Last year I told you about the partnership between the VA and Walgreens providing free flu shots to veterans. The partnership was very successful. Many Veterans got flu shots, especially in rural areas far from VA facilities. The partnership was so successful the VA is again partnering with Walgreens to provide Veterans with flu shots. So if you are a Veteran who plans to get a flu shot, consider getting it at your local Walgreens Drug Store instead of the VA.

Lois Parker, *Service Officer*



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OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR DAILY SPECIALS

Big Beer Sunday: 16 oz. beer \$2.50

Sunday, October 8: Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Sunday, October 22: Boy Scout Fundraiser - Pig Roast, 3:00-6:00 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Monday Mania: Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / 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.

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

Wednesday, October 4: National Taco Day

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

Thursday, October 26 – Wine & Canvas, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall

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. / Team Trivia

Saturday, October 7: Billy Dalton

Saturday, October 14: Fred Kacos

Saturday, October 21: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Saturday, October 21: Ray Townsend, 7-11 p.m. (Open to the Public)

Saturday, October 28: Randy Johnson

Saturday, October 28 & Sunday, October 29: Stamp Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Open to the Public)

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

Post 179 will be collecting items needed for our Veteran's Day Celebration. List of items needed:

Pancake Mix, Butter, Syrup, Orange Juice Concentrate
Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit Punch Powder
Gift Cards to Gordon Foods or Costco

WILWIN QUILT PROJECT

We are planning to meet on the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. to work on the Wilwin Quilt Project. If interested in helping with this project, please join us on October 15. All are welcome – experience is not required. Donations of cotton or cotton blend fabric pieces are appreciated.

Julie Postma

~GIRL SCOUT GAZETTE~

The girls are back in full gear with school, but still always love to get together here at the Legion! We are selling Fall product in October, delicious chocolates, some in a tin, and magazine subscriptions. If you are interested, please e-mail GSTroop4161@gmail.com. The girls are just about to get started on the process of earning their Silver Awards, the second highest award you can earn in Girl Scouts! In August, they worked extra hard to learn about the Solar Eclipse, and they earned their "Great American Eclipse" patch. At this rate, they are going to need more than one vest by the time they are done!! We can't wait to share with the Legion all the helping and learning that we do, and, of course, all the fun!

Happy Halloween from the Girls of Troop #4161!!

Ms. Minda Floyd-Schoutens, Troop #4161 Leader

Looking to set up a pool league on Thursday nights at 6:30 starting on October 19th.

If you have any questions call Brian Beatty 616-532-3422

VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

Post 179 is excited to go from a 1 day event to 2 full days of events! On Friday Nov. 10th come out and see the uniform display and the Eric Zane Show Live from 6-9 a.m. Then join us for the Marine Corps Birthday Gala at 5 p.m. with The Mad Bertha Band bringing the night's entertainment. Saturday November 11th from 0700 - 1000 join us for a pancake breakfast (Free to Veterans - donation requested for family members & guests). Tentatively - at 0800 we anticipate the Blackhawk helicopter to land. At 1400 the Blackhawk is expected to depart.

The Remembrance ceremony will take place at 1100 in the hall followed by a taco bar lunch served in the hall for \$5. (Please note – the clubroom kitchen will be closed until 5 p.m.). Doors open at 6 p.m. and The Guinness Brothers Band takes the stage at 7 p.m.

It will be a great weekend filled with lots of fun for everyone!

PLAY BINGO

TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS

Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop 281 has been hard at work earning merit badges while developing life skills. Here are some ways to support these young men in their efforts: October 22 is our annual pig roast and pop can drive from 3-6 p.m.; from now to October 25th we are taking orders in the clubroom for Christmas Wreaths; and don't forget to keep filling our paper trailer – every little bit helps offset the cost of scouting.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting

Melissa Wright, Boy Scout Troop 281

CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m. • Friday & Saturday: Noon to Midnight

Children's Christmas Party Reservation Form – Saturday, December 9, 2017

Lunch served at 12:00 Noon

Santa arrives after lunch with gifts for children to age 10

Children must be present to receive gifts

(Members' children and grandchildren only, please.)

Member's Name _____

No. of Boys (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Girls (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Adults (\$1.00 each for lunch) _____

Please fill this out and leave it in the clubroom, bring it to the Auxiliary meeting, or mail it to: Attn Auxiliary, Neal E. Fonger Post 179, P.O. Box 306, Grandville, MI 49468-0306. **Deadline for reservations is December 1.** If you have any questions or desire more information, please e-mail sheila5911@sbcglobal.net or call 616-350-2049.