



## CARL A. JOHNSON POST #2

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### **APRIL 2018 BITS AND PIECES**

Post meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.at  
401 North Park St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
All members are encouraged to attend.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

APRIL 2018	Post 2 has Door Duty all month	
APR. 4	Home Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 11	Post Meeting (Nomination of Officers 2019)	7:00 p.m.
APR. 13	Past Commanders 13 Club Post 305	5:30 pm
APR. 13-15	Texas Holdem, Lincoln CC	
APR. 14	Breakfast @ Club (Open to Public)	8a.m.- 11am
APR. 15	Roast Beef Dinner @ Club	12pm
APR. 24	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00p.m.
APR. 24	United Veterans Council @ Post 154	7:00 p.m.
APR. 25	Bar Board	7:00 p.m.



#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Sorry to report no new members in March 2018.  
All of us need work on this! Need help, contact our  
Adjutant or myself 616-802-0806.

#### **Auxiliary News**

Learn about Poppies and how to make them. You  
can join our friends at the Grand Rapids Home for  
Veterans, 3000 Monroe NW Grand Rapids on  
Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the All Purpose  
Room. Veterans will demonstrate how poppies are  
made and give you an opportunity to do some  
hands-on assembly of your own. All Legion,  
Auxiliary, SAL, and their Family & Friends are  
welcome to attend & learn about the Poppy Story.  
RSVP is appreciated for planning purposes.  
Refreshments will be served. The program will last  
about an hour. Poppies are the symbol that “WE  
REMEMBER”. The above was taken from our  
Michigan Legionnaire & Auxiliary for April/May  
2018.

#### **Lincoln School Bunny Visit**

Scott Harvey did the hop again this year, providing  
a Easter cup full of candy to each 167 Students. A  
visit causing many smiles. This was a project  
started with the fire department and then carried on  
by the Auxiliary and Post for more than 60 years.  
Thanks to all the help, the visit was a success.  
Thanks to our 5<sup>th</sup> District Commander Eric Nelson,  
Aux Secretary Pam McVeigh, Post members Scott  
Harvey, Dean Decanter and his Son, Bill Brinkman,  
Paul and Fran Kazmierski, Desiree and 258  
Commander Cliff Bartrum, and myself with hope  
that no-one was missed.

#### **EASTER BASKETS for families**

Three Baskets of food was put together for families  
in need. Leading the way in this was our wonderful  
Betty DiTraqpani with delievery help from Dean  
Decanter. Wonderful work.

#### **DANCES**

21 April 7 – 11 pm. The Beatles Thing all are  
welcome.

28 April 7 – 11 pm. The Big Dogs and again, all are welcome.

Note: On 24 March, the club had a DJ do a dance for us and those that attended had a good time. We have planning another. Keep an eye on the Club Sign outside and the web site for date.

Also **May 19**, the band that performed this past New Years (**River City Jazz Ensemble**) will be playing that Saturday. Normal hours 7 – 11 pm.

### TAPS

Larry Welch	Feb 2018
Roger Uecker	14 Jan 2018

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Richard Witvoet	Apr 06
James Antrim	Apr 19
James Smith	Apr 20
Ronald Waybrant	Apr 21
Nichole Krist	Apr 30



### Adjutants Corner

The latest Post information can be found online at:

Post Web page: [www.alpost2.org](http://www.alpost2.org)

Facebook: American Legion Post 2 Grand Rapids Mi.  
Mylegion.org

[myLegion.org](http://myLegion.org) is a **FREE** website designed to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership,

### Membership

New membership and renewals have stalled. Let's get out there and recruit new members and grow our Post. If you have not renewed for 2018 PLEASE do so soon!

### **From Department:**

*We are asking each Legionnaire to get (5) five new, renewals, transfers or delinquent members or any combination of the five and we will pay you \$100 for each five. You may get as many fives as possible (that is if you get 10, we pay \$200, 15 - \$300 and so on). This program will run from March 15 to April 30, 2018. The form is on [www.michiganlegion.org/membership](http://www.michiganlegion.org/membership)*

*Ronald Runyan, Adjutant*

*Department of Michigan*

*212 N. Verlinden Ave. Lansing, MI 48915*

**In addition to the above, if you need applications or assistance you can contact our Adjutant or myself 616-802-0806.**

### Texas Holdem

**Our Texas Holdem Date's for 2018 are:**

**April 13-15 @ Lincoln CC**

**May 4-6 @ Lincoln CC**

**June 22-24 @ Lincoln CC**

**July 2-4 @ Eastbrook**

**Workers are needed for all events, contact Bill Brinkman 616-866-0093.**

### More to think about and plan

### Bus Trip:

5<sup>th</sup> District bus trip up to see Wilwin at Cygnet Cove is on April 15. Park way in the back of Post 258. Bus leaves at 10:00 sharp. \$20.00 per person. Lunch in Custer for under \$10.00. We have not sold a lot of tickets yet but do not want to cancel the event. Time is getting short so please send me a check to the 5<sup>th</sup> District at Eric Nelson, 12920 Vergennes St., Lowell, MI 49331. I will put your name on the tickets and give them to you at the bus door. We need to sell the tickets very soon. Wilwin is a very worthwhile cause.

### Memorial Banquet

The 5<sup>th</sup> District Memorial Banquet is on May 12 at Post 257 in Cedar Springs. I would like to see a rep from every Post there honoring their members who have passed away this past year. A list of them needs to be sent to Chaplain Paul Schrier at the Post or to his home at 300 Prairie Run Dr., Cedar Springs, MI 49319. I am selling tickets to this event. Call me to buy some or just send me \$16.00 per person and I'll get them to you. Again, 5<sup>th</sup> District at Eric Nelson, 12920 Vergennes St., Lowell, MI 49331. My number is 616 826 0623. More specific info to come.

Tigers Bus Trip on June 3 vs Toronto Bluejays, sign up sheet will be posted soon.

Same with upcoming Golf Outing on June 27 at North Kent Golf Club.

Annual Car Show is June 8

### **At the Boat:**

#### **APRIL**

6 Apr. **Burger Night**, a SAL fund raiser, 530 – 7 pm

\$6.00 Burgers, Brats \$5.00, for Jumbo Dog \$3.00. plus Coleslaw and Beans you must know “Lots of Fun too!”

17 Apr. TACO Tuesday, feast between 4 – 7 pm for only \$5.00

20 Apr. Fire Fighter Banquet sponsored by 258 between the hours of 530 – 930 pm. Get your tickets soon.

27 Apr. Steak Fry, hosted by 258 SAL, Steak and much more for \$10.00, tickets at the bar by the 25<sup>th</sup>. Don't be left out. The hours are 530 – 7 pm.

#### **May**

9 May Post meeting w/elections

10 May 5<sup>th</sup> District meeting @ Post 6

12 May Memorial Banquet

17-19 May Poppy fund raiser

26 May 9 am set flags at Restlawn Cemetery

30 May Veterans Parade 7 pm.

8 June Annual Car Show

#### **GRAPEVINE**

Student Veterans of America 2d Annual Gala April 14 5 pm. Check out the website Allendale Campus of GVSU for complete info. Will be at the Lincoln Country Club, 3485 Lake Michigan Dr., tickets check Evenbrite site.

Post 154 2327 Byron Center is having a **Homeless Benefit** for our Michigan Veterans on APRIL 21 5pm – Midnight. Karaoke, Live Band (6 PACK 7-11pm) Auctions, 50/50, Door Prizes and Food. Cost is \$10.00 per person includes the dinner. Questions 616-558-1713

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## **MICHIGAN LEGION PROGRAMS**

Help us with signing up our young adults, working hard in their 11<sup>th</sup> Grade of schooling, for this years **Boys State** for the period 17-23 June. Applications are due May 25. Every year we hear from those that attend and they report great things they have learn and are thankful for the opportunity to have attend. ALSO, If there are students that wish to experience what a Law Enforcement Officer is and what they must go through to become one, The **Youth Career Law Enforcement Program** is open to them. The date of this exciting program is 15-20 July with applications due May 25. These are two wonderful programs. If you wish more information or assistance, give me a call 616-802-0806.

### **Did you know?**

**April is designated as Children & Youth Month** and the American Legion is committed to the health and welfare of our Nation's Veterans and their families. We are the driving force on behalf of children on the federal, state, and local levels.

**Loyalty Day** is observed on May 1 in the U.S. It is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

Loyalty Day is defined as follows in [36 U.S.C. § 115](#):

- (a) Designation.— May 1 is Loyalty Day.
- (b) Purpose.— Loyalty Day is a special day for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.
- (c) Proclamation.— The President is requested to issue a proclamation—
  - (1) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day; and
  - (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

March was Women's History month. If you're a male, have you ever really considered what our wonderful ladies have and are doing in this world? There is an old saying: A woman can make or break a man. I, for one, am a firm believer in that.

Google the subject. To continue on just a bit, did you know that 12 May is Military Spouse Appreciation Day? Yep! I was in the service for over 22 years and when I state "I was in the service" let me say the whole family was in for the 22 years plus endured all the after effects. Our families do not get enough credit. God Bless them and Our United States of America.

To the Legion and all of our members and families, may this ninety ninth Legion Birthday be one of well-being and one to remember. God Bless All.

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Don Fletcher, Editor.  
Requests must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> to be in the current