



CARL A. JOHNSON POST #2

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BITS AND PIECES

Post meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.at
401 North Park St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2,3,4	Texas Holdem, Eastbrook Lanes	5p.m.- Midnight
JULY 08	Post Picnic	2 – 4 p.m
JULY 12	5 th District Post 154	7:30p.m.
JULY 13	Past Commanders 13 Club Post 179	5:30 pm
JULY 15	Roast Beef Dinner @ Club	12pm
JULY 25	Bar Board	7:30p.m.
JULY 28	Veterans Carnival @ GRHV	10:00a.m.
JULY 31	Post E-Board Meeting	7:00p.m.
JULY 31	United Veterans Council @ Post 154	7:00 p.m.



NOTE: NO Post meetings for the month of July and August

July 2018

Our Texas Holdem Date's for 2018 are:

July 2-4 @ Eastbrook

Workers are needed for all events, contact Dave Thrasher (616) 361-7079

8 July Post Picnic The picnic will be at the Boat and Canoe, 2 – 4 p.m. bring a dish if you can, the family is a must and all with a desire to have fun. FYI, Post 258, their Aux and the SAL have been invited to Our Outing. They have been assisting us with Pillar accomplishments, fund raising, and much more the past couple of years. It only seems fitting that they join us. As members of Post 2, join us at the Picnic and make welcome all others that attend. God Bless America and the American Legion and what we do.

28 July Veterans Carnival 10 am to about 4 p.m. we have enough volunteers but what makes the carnival a good one is the socializing. Come and help at the booth and or visit and visit with our Veterans that reside at the home. Come and check out the number of organizations that support these Veterans, see how many wonderful

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our **Texas Holdem** fund raiser in June was a success as well the annual **Auto show** held at the club. We didn't do so well with our **Boy's and Girl's State** program but we did provide the funds for two Boys to attend from the Detroit area. As you're aware, we have our new officers in place for the Post and the two Club Boards. Our **annual planning** meeting will be coming up soon and we have plenty of room for your recommendations and or suggestions. Most Legion Post in Michigan own their home to work and enjoy. We have a joint home "The Boat and Canoe". Our home is used by many activities and for multiple purposes. That is something we all can be proud of. The fact there are three Post, a SAL, and our Auxiliaries in one home, that leads us to many more possibilities and or ways to accomplish the **four pillars** we work from. In this New Year, I for one will be working to do more legion work by **joining the strength of the Canoe units**. That being said, more combined social functions is another pleasant possibility.

volunteers, young and old that surrender time and their hearts to be with these People.

On line fun list for our young (Grand Rapids plus)



<https://grkids.com/july-fun-grand-rapids/>

Boat and Canoe

The Canoe Boards are working to get our Sidewalks and Handicap walkway repaired/replaced this summer. This is a long needed improvement. Thanks goes out to all those that have pushed such an improvement. Discussion on having another Membership Picnic, maybe in Sept is also happening. 3 July Fireworks, light up your life with fun. 15 July noon – 2p.m. Roast Beef Fund raiser (\$10 all you can eat and still walk). 21 July, Just Fred Music to move your hips too 7-11 p.m.,

Auxiliary News

The Department of Michigan annual convention was recently held in Kalamazoo and Theresa Wheeler and Pamela McVeigh were happy to represent our Unit as delegates. We are proud that Deborah Williams of Furniture City Unit 258 was installed as Department President for 2018-2019. We know that she will do the Fifth District proud as she leads our organization for the state. A report of the convention activities will be given at the September meeting.

We do not have business meetings in July and August. However, we hope to see many of you at the joint Posts 2 and 258 picnic on July 8. Our next business meeting will be September 12, at which time we hope to have our Girl State delegates tell us about their experiences at the week-long session they attended in June.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ronald Bloom	July 2
Dan Pfenning	July 9
Alfred Palmer	July 12
Richard Groggel	July 22
Robert Saenz	July 23
Donald Fletcher	July 23
Donald Leys	July 25
Jerry Gray	July 26
Steven Johnson	July 27
William Barnett	July 28



Adjutants Corner

The latest Post information can be found online at:
Post Web page: www.alpost2.org
Facebook: American Legion Post 2 Grand Rapids Mi.
And Mylegion.org

myLegion.org is a **FREE** website designed to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership,

Membership

2018 Membership renewals have closed; 2019 memberships is open July 2, 2018. Renew your membership early and bring a friend into the Post. Dues are only \$43 a year.

Volunteers

The Post is always up and doing something that is in need of volunteers. Add your name and likes to our Volunteer list. Give Don a jingle at 616-802-0806. 90-95% of what we do is for Our Veterans and their families.

Toot your horn let me know what your doing during the month so we can recognize those that help support Veterans in need. Past month: David T, Terry C. Cliff B. Desiree B. Bill P. Jim T. Bob S. Pam M. Theresa W. ; I wish my memory would identify more but We Thank You all for what you do. Be Well, Be Safe.



History is made and is everywhere.

Our Home Town



Lovett's Block, Corner of Canal and Pearl - 1876
a part of the 19th Century Architecture
Collection

Nothing can be more hurtful to the service, than the neglect of discipline; for that discipline, more than numbers, gives one army the superiority over another.
President George Washington.



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On the Canal Street gravel road, two miles north of the city limits, stands the massive Michigan Soldiers' Home. Built by the state to house a growing population of aging and infirm Civil War veterans, it was occupied on the first day on 1887. Landscaping hasn't yet been completed, and already an increase in applications beyond the building's capacity of 450 is pressing the legislature to erect an addition dormitory and a hospital on the grounds. At a dock on the Grand River nearby, we can catch a ride back into town on a small kerosene-powered steamboat, the *Grand Island*, which makes regular trips between the home and the Sixth Street bridge.

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Post Commander 1920-1921 William E. Winegar



Post Commander 1921-1922 Stephen G. Sears

Please submit any announcements or items for the newsletter to Don Fletcher, Editor.
Requests must be received by the 15th to be in the next bulletin. 616-802-0806