



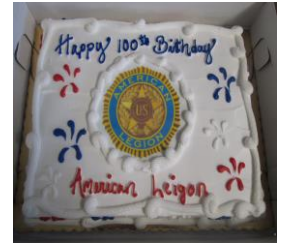
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BITS AND PIECES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5th District Meeting: 4 Apr. 7 pm.

Carl A. Johnson Post meetings: Post & Aux. 10 Apr. 7 pm. and E Board 30 Apr. 7 pm.

Club Board Meetings: Home 3 Apr. 7 pm. Bar 24 Apr. 7 pm.

Come Hungry to the Club: Breakfast 13th Apr. 10 - Noon

Roast Beef Dinner **SORRY no dinner this month** EASTER **but Steak Fry dinner** 26 Apr. Get tickets at the bar, deadline on ticket sales is the 24th.

Veterans Home: Cart Service: 3rd and 24th of Apr. Bingo: 4th and 18th of Apr. 6:30 pm.

Tentative: Las Vegas Day is Wed. Apr. 17 1:00 pm. - 4:00 pm.

Bunny Visit at Lincoln School: 17 Apr. 9:30 am.

Fund Raiser: Texas Hold'em @ Eastbrook 26th - 28th of Apr.

Club Door Duty this month: 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th 6:15 pm. to about 9 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The hot events this month:

Our Visit to the **Lincoln School** with cups of candy and most important is Our Post Bunny, the Great Scott Harvey with a bushy tail. This event is done each year by the Post and Auxiliary. In support is Walgreens on the Beltline. The students at Lincoln are always excited and they warm the heart with smiles and at times of laughter. About three years ago, our bunny got chased and chased a couple of the students in the gym. The hoping and laughter rewarded all our event efforts.

Our Fundraiser, Texas Hold'em (see the article Volunteer for more information).

And then we have a **duty at Home**, the Boat & Canoe Club Saturday night dance events. We need to support our Club. It is our home, a place to belong and do what we must in support of Our Veterans. Again, see article Volunteers for more information.

Post Officers Nominations for the year 2019-2020 will take place at the Post meeting 10 April and Nominations, followed by elections to take place during the 8 May Post meeting at the club.

Our **Veterans Home**, construction prep has begun at the home. The fence is up, trees are coming down, and inside work has begun on one building to come down.

Boy and Girls State, we still have openings for Junior high students to attend and be sponsored by the Post and Auxiliary. This program is very special. All that has returned from the program has praised it to be educational and fun. If you know of a Junior that would like to attend, have them contact Terry Cook 616-263-0608 or Don 616-802-0806 for details. Girls State, see article under Auxiliary News in this newsletter.

May 2019

11th, Fifth District Memorial Banquet and Service will be held at the Cedar Springs Glen Hill Post 287. Tickets \$15.00 none sold after May 5th. Tickets available at Fifth District meetings or from Keith Wakefield/Eric Nelson, Mary Tyler, and Scott Kelly.

16-18 May Poppy Days, a fundraiser for funds to be used only for Veterans and family in need.

Saturday 25 May we place flags on those at rest at Rest Haven.

30 May we step off in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

Post Elections.

Boat and Canoe

Dances at the Boat: 6 Apr is an OPEN dance, meaning the Dance is open to the Community as well Legion members. The band play is "The Beatles Thing" They are always a great hit. Hope to see you there. 13th is Saturday Night Ballroom dance, 7 pm. 20th the Livin the Dream plays the evening away.

27th we have Pete Kehoe, Acoustic & Island Rock.

Cover charges for April are \$5.00 except the 27th, it is \$3.00. Other than an Open dance night, any Saturday dance night, Members in the club at 6:15 pm. Will not be required to pay a cover charge, they will be provided a wristband Free. Open nights, everyone pays a cover charge unless otherwise noted.

From the ALB&CCC minutes:

- We've applied for and received a yearly raffle license (cost-\$50) to cover the "drawings." We are now able to give away up to \$500 on all public license nights with 50% going to the house and 25% each split between winners.

Special event sponsored by Post 258 is the **Firefighter of the Year** Banquet at 6 pm. 12 Apr. 2019. Set up will be 7 pm. on the 11th if you wish to assist in this community event.

Steak Fry dinner is \$10.00, tickets at the bar, last day to purchase is the 24th. Time of the dinner is 5:30 to 7:00 pm. 26 April 2019.

Auxiliary News

We were honored to have special guests at the March 13 dinner celebrating the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion. They included Department President Deb Williamson (who is also a member of Furniture City Unit 258), Fifth District President Rosemary Maciejewski, and two other District officers. We enjoyed having the members there who aren't always able to attend our meetings, and hope they will join us in future months.

Our Unit will be sponsoring three delegates to attend Girls State in June which is held at Michigan State University. We have one delegate signed up and are looking for two more. If you know of a student currently in the 11th grade, please contact Chairman Theresa Wheeler at (616) 531-3533 and submit a name. She can also give you more details. This is a very valuable learning experience about our governmental process – and it's a fun time in the process.

Membership currently stands at 61, versus a goal of 68. We have a few members who have not renewed, and we hope to hear from them soon.

Pamela McVeigh, Secretary/Treasurer

Aux. APRIL 2019 BIRTHDAYS

9 Marjorie Palczewski
13 Jean Tingley
13 Janice Palczewski
16 Mary Granstra
24 Kristen Loux



Adjutants Corner

See our membership report. Also not reported in the membership area is so far this Legion year we have had 4 members go to the Post Everlasting, maybe

5 as there is 1 we have been unable to confirm. We will be remembering these members at the 5th District Memorial Banquet on May 11, 2019, in Cedar Springs.

Please members if you change address, email address etc. please let us know so we can keep you the Post member informed of Post happenings, and also

Let your family know you are a member of Post 2 and have the contact us if you go in the hospital, nursing home or pass to the Post Everlasting. Post happenings

Are Posted on our Web page

(www.alpost2.org) Facebook (American Legion Post 2 Grand Rapids Mi) Post newsletter (Bits and Pieces). Our email is (info@alpost2.org).

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

Membership

Our goal for 2019 is 97 members, we currently have (as of 3-14-19) 78 paid members which put us at 80.41% of our goal. We just processed

1 transfer in this week, **Welcome Arthur Wyatt** and family coming in from the State holding Post 225. The membership target for 4-3-19 is 95%. There are

Awards for our recruiter's for bringing in new members to the Legion, these awards start at 3 new members. Currently, there is a bill working its way

Through Congress that will open Legion membership up to our Cold War area Brothers

and Sisters who did not serve during other war era's. I will

Keep the membership informed. In other news the 2nd Zone is in 5th place of 5 zones and the 5th District is 13 of 16 District's. Of note, the Zone and District

Both have the largest membership of all. The Zone goal is 18,424 members and the District is 6359 members. The 5th District is leading the new member

Race with 235, none by out Post... Help get our Post growing and members more active in the Post.

April 2019 BIRTHDAYS

Richard Witvoet 4-06
(50 Year member)
James Antrim 4-19
James Smith 4-20
Ronald Waybrant 4-21
Steven Michael 4-26
Nichole Krist 4-30



Volunteers

Needed this month are volunteers for collecting the cover charge at the club door for the **Saturday night dances**. There are dances scheduled every Saturday night this month, hours 6 pm to about 9 pm. One additional volunteer will be needed to assist with parking on Sat. the 6th and hours 6 pm to about 745 pm.

Texas Holdem fundraiser volunteers, six are needed to assist our chairperson at the games. Easy but needed tasks to support the games are done by our volunteers and in return, we receive a portion of the profit. These events are our primary source of funds to support our efforts with Veterans, their families, and the community.

Bingo, at the Veterans Home, normally need volunteers to roll the Veteran from their room to the dining room and return after the game. Hours are 615 pm to about 8 pm.

At the Club, Joe Rogers got the rowing club schedule and we will need a parking crew of 6-

8 people on three Saturdays: April 20, June 22, and October 12.

For more information and sign up give Don a jingle at 616-802-0806. 90-95% of what we do is for Our Veterans and their families, it is Veteran family helping Veteran families.

Toot your horn



The **Escape Reality Illusions Fundraiser** was a great event in March. Among those in attendance was Our very own residence from the Michigan Veterans Home. The show was great, Garry and Jeanine Carson have an ongoing history of doing shows stateside and overseas for our military, of course, same for supporting organizations like the West Michigan Veterans Ranch. At halftime, there was hotdogs, pizza, and drinks. On the side were Vendors with goods, information, and goodies on Our Illusion Friends. During the half time music was provided by a great Veteran supporter, Dave McGhee. The second half of the show was even better than the first. All had fun to include the children who were asked several times to take part in the show. A Big Thank You goes out to all that assisted, supported with the event. Bless one and all.

Did you Know

Usually, our criticism of others is not because they have faults, but because their faults are different from ours. Most of the time spent in finding fault could be spent on getting results. ☺



History is made and is everywhere.



1941-1943 Post Commander Charles A French



1943-1944 Post Commander Roy R LeValley

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 newsletter. (616)802-0806