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BITS AND PIECES

Our Veterans and Auxiliary

Serving Veterans

Since 1919

Riders Since 1993



We are One
Serving All

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2023

[Your Post is a member of the Boat and Canoe Club](#)

03/27/2023 Post 2 Executive Board meeting 7pm at the club.

03/08/2023 Post 2 meeting, 7pm at the club.

03/11/2023 Breakfast at the Club, 8 am. AYCE for \$10.00.

Building fundraiser.

03/16/2023 Chapter 2 Riders meeting 6:30 at the club.

03/18/2023 Post 2 will serve dinner at 5:30, prior to the Brothers Dance at 7 pm.

03/25/2023 Prep./wrap the candy for the Easter Lincoln School visit.

03/27/2023 Post Board Executive Meeting 7 pm. at the club.

03/28/2023 UVCKC meeting 7 pm Post 154.

03/31/2023 Fry Friday 4-630 pm. a post fund raiser at the club.

04/22/2023 Celebration of life will be held at the club for Past Commander Richard McKinnon



We Serve While we recognize our Veterans, let us not forget families and our communities.

Calendar continuation from page 1:

Future planning continues that will affect our Post. We are still considering a change in the day of our monthly meetings. Presently, the first of three votes has taken place in a Post meeting to change our By-Laws. One of the changes is to delete the recorded monthly day of our meeting from our By-Laws and record it in our new Post Standing Operating Procedures. Secondly, change the day from the second Wednesday of the month, for our Post meetings, to the third Tuesday of the month. The change in the day is being made in response to a short study that reflected more of us may have time to attend the post meeting on the 3rd Tuesday verse the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Many things are going on with your Post and if you want to have input, please attend the meetings. We will attempt to keep you informed by using our newsletter that is available at the club, mailed, and or emailed.

3/18/2023 The Saint Patrick's Day dinner starting at 5:30 pm. followed by the Club dance, will consist of Homemade corned beef (Weeklong brine) Colcannon (Irish mashed potatoes with cabbage) Fresh bread and dessert all for \$15.00.

Commanders' Message:

I would like to thank all the members who were able to attend the presentation of the findings of the Building Committee on February 21st. It is clear that we have a challenge ahead to determine the future of the Boat and Canoe Club. As a member of the American Legion Memorial Home Association of Grand Rapids, AKA Boat and Canoe Club, Post 2 is being asked to choose which of the recommendations presented to adopt. I strongly encourage all members of Post 2 to attend the regular meetings to stay informed concerning the future of the Boat and Canoe Club. By attending you will be better prepared to cast your vote on which direction our Post will support.

Commander Scott Harvey
American Legion Post 2

HERO'S CORNER



A PLACE VETERANS FEEL AT HOME

https://www.facebook.com/heros.corner_gr

[2120 44th St SE Ste 202, Kentwood, MI 49508](#)

[\(616\) 635-2768](#) Meet every Thursday 11-4 pm.



WMVR West Michigan Veterans Ranch monthly community outreach event (3rd Wednesday) Free Coffee & Donuts from 11:00am to 3:00 pm at Flo's Wood Fired Pizzeria in Cedar Rock on M57 (14 Mile Rd). We have to thank the amazing family at [#dunnebackgirls](#) and [#floswoodfiredpizzeria](#) for supporting our veterans community! Come out for some brunch and comrade. Hope to see you soon. The Pizzeria opens at 3 but the door is unlocked for us at 11 am

The above two serve all Veterans, all are equal and invited to come, relax, share a story if you wish, and or request help with some need one may have. This is a time we can be ourselves.

YOUR BITS AND PIECES TODAY

Incase you have not noticed, we are attempting to insure you know what is happening with the Post and at the club. Last month, a short presentation of upcoming events was published and this month a copy of the annual calendar (The calendar is a working document and changes may take place but if you read your newsletter, we will do our best to publish changes.).

In the last meeting we read changes wanted in the By-Laws and two more readings in Post meetings are required for final approval to the changes can be made. Please attend the meetings so you can take part. Sad news about the newsletter follows on the next page:

During the last couple of meetings, the Post cost of doing business has been reviewed. Our newsletter will take a hit but not deleted. I am sure you understand the rise in cost, stamps, paper and ink. We could go on but let us stay with what we will be doing with the newsletter.

The newsletter will continue to be published and distributed on paper within the Boat and Canoe Club. It also will be mailed to those living with the need of assistance "assistance living". Those copies will be provided free. The Bits and Pieces will continue to be sent out to those that have an email address. Those members that still wish to have a hard copy mailed, we ask that you send a check of \$10.00 to Post 2; it will help to cover the cost of publishing and distributing.

Please make the check out to C.A. Johnson Post 2, in remarks put newsletter and mail it to C.A. Johnson Post 2 Post Office Box 151518 Grand Rapids Michigan 49515. That ten will cover twelve issues of the newsletter. Please keep in mind; our mission is to assist Veterans, their family, and in some cases our communities. We are doing the mission but must keep our cost down to continue. Thank you for your understanding.

Department Winter Conference



Giving input, spreading our good word, and getting some book learning. Attended were Post 2: Mark Chamberlain, Don Fletcher, Post 2 and Riders are Isaac Mangione and Colleen Christie, Post 356 and Director of the Riders is Scott Christie. Others joined the day after, but your editor went home, shame on him. Department Commander put Isaac on the spot: Why did you join?

Did you Know?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXE6m8vgw50>

I'm normally not a YouTube watcher but this is something everyone can appreciate. The 25th of March is National Medal of Honor Day. Gary Littrell is a recipient of the medal and spoke to 600 students about Medal of Honor Values. He did so in a Medal of Honor forum 15 February 2023. It is a must watch video. The

above is a link and if you have problems with it, google “Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Medal of Honor Gary Littrell 2023 Forum”.

Friday, May 19, 2023 the Annual Armed Forces Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place at JW Marriott Hotel – 235 Louis Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Created in 2014 by G.R. businessmen to raise awareness and dialogue on military service and sacrifice. It is a vehicle for our community to understand, honor, and express thanks for the service of those who have served or are serving in our Armed Forces. Veterans are free of charge and are seated with business leaders and high school students, offering attendees an opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of veterans’ experiences while in the military. In turn, students are encouraged to plan and conduct a veteran-related project or activity at their school in the following year. RSVP; Bradi McBride (USAF, OEF/OIF vet) at brandi.mcbride@poweredbyiris.io
More info: <https://www.armedforcesthx.org/>

Auxiliary News

Planning going forward continues. Discussion on change of annual dues, events in March to include the assembling of Easter baskets for the Lincoln School visit, and much more is in our future. Our next meeting is set for 7 pm on 8 March at the club. As Post 2 and Chapter 2 Riders move forward, they will need our assistance. We can only help support if you attend our meetings and or volunteer. Keep in mind, what we do is for our Veterans, their families in need, and at times our community. See you at the meeting.

..... Adjutant’s Corner.....

RENEW TODAY online at www.legion.org or by mail to the Post mailbox 151518 Grand Rapids MI 49515. Membership: As of 2/21/2023 Total Paid: 115% of Goal of 134 = 86%



Post March Birthdays

02 Jose Felan	08 Rodney Cronin	18 Donald Dunbar	31 Dean Decanter
03 Robert Gallina	09 Leonard Deyman	19 Claude Chrysler	
03 Carlos Castillo	14 Colleen Christie	23 Gregor Bennett	
04 Kenneth Gatchel	17 Thomas Fitzgerald	25 David Snoap	

Our Home and Work Place, the Boat and Canoe Club

Show Me The Money continues every Sunday, 2pm. TACO Tue every Tuesday noon – 2 and 4 – 6, every Wed 4 pm. Guitars for Vets; Trivia at 6:30 pm every Thursday. Euchre on the second Wed. 6:30 pm; 3/11/2023 Breakfast at the Club, 2nd Sat. 8 – 11 am. AYCE for \$10.00. On the 3rd Sunday from Noon to two o’clock Roast Beef Dinner. Mondays, 6 pm. free pool and jukebox, \$2.00 Wells & Domestic can beer. A copy of the club schedule activities with dates and times are located by the Club office door. Dances, none scheduled for Feb. that I noted but 3 are on the calendar for March.

That is all for March. Be a Friend and show kindness always.

