



# CARL A. JOHNSON POST #2

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William Palczewski, Adjutant      David Thrasher , Commander

## **BITS AND PIECES**

Post meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Boat & Canoe Club at 7:00 p.m.

All members are invited to attend.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

JAN. 2	Home Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
JAN 19	Post Meeting	7:00 p.m.
JAN 10	5 <sup>th</sup> District Meeting @ Post 179 Grandville	7:00 p.m.
JAN 18	Post 258 Host Club Members dinner	6:00 p.m.
JAN 20	Roast Beef Dinner	12:00 p.m.- 2 p.m.
JAN 29	Post EBoard	7:00 p.m.
JAN 29	United Vets Council Post 154, Wyoming	7:00 p.m.
JAN 30	ALBCCC Meeting	7:00 p.m.



### **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Fred** (Fred Chambers), Our Post 356 Commander has past away early December 2018. In honor of his service to our nation, our veterans, support of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, there will be a service held at the Boat and Canoe **5 January noon to 3 pm**. He will be missed. Spend a few minutes at the event in his honor; he spent many volunteer hours of his time for us. May he rest in peace.

Post 258 has invited members of the Boat and Canoe to their 18 January 2018 **Members Dinner** that will be catered in. **All are welcome to attend** ( All Post, Aux., and the SAL) and encouraged to. Social hour 6, dinner at 7 pm. There will be a raffle and prizes raffled off. It's a time for recognition and unity. Tickets are \$15.00, sold at the bar. Come and take part in a club member's community dinner.

Jan. 26... American Legion Post 459 will be hosting their annual **Four Chaplains Service**. Gerald R. Ford Museum at noon.

This service commemorates the heroic passing of the four chaplains when then Dorchester was sunk. It is really a good event to see and has been put on for over 18 years. Free event. Free parking. Come early.

### **January Post BIRTHDAYS**

Sarah Snider	Jan 4
Richard Heft	Jan 29
Steven Albert	Jan 29

**Membership drive**, Jerry Andrews, Post 258 and Post 2 will be working together in February to gain and retain membership. Dates to come but if you have a little or a lot of time to spare in February, please join us. Call Don with questions or to add yourself to the volunteer list. 616-802-0806.

Also in February 15-17 is the **Department Conference**. For more information or to pass on

question/ideas/subjects that should be brought up at the conference, contact our adjutant or Don.

District is putting together a **Color Guard team**. If interested, contact Eric Nelson or myself at 616-802-0806. The Honor Guard is stretched to it's limits and requests continue to come in for color guard that the honor guard has been reacting to. Give them a break, join the new Color Guard and help us provide the service in our community.

**DISTRICT meeting**, Jan 10, 2019. The review of the bi-laws is on their agenda. We need to insure all changes we may feel are needed is addressed. Contact our adjutant or myself, Don, with your input or join us at the meeting.

### **Boat and Canoe**

Dances 5<sup>th</sup> Dance with Dave Burrel music  
12<sup>th</sup> Gails Ballroom Dancing  
19<sup>th</sup> That Beatles Thing **Open to Public**  
26<sup>th</sup> Six Pack **Open to the Public**  
20<sup>th</sup> Roast Beef Dinner (fund raiser)  
25<sup>th</sup> Steak Fry (fund raiser)

5 January, Service for Fred, noon to 3 pm.

9 January, 6:30 pm. Euchre

3 February is the Stupid Bowl, a flier should be coming out shortly. This is an event that will put joy in your day.

### **Auxiliary**

There will be no Auxiliary meeting in January. However, we have decided to hold the February 13 meeting as a luncheon meeting. It will be held at Arnie's Restaurant on East Beltline at 12:00 p.m. We hope that this new timeframe for February will encourage members to join us. Please call Secretary Pam McVeigh at 452-6311 if you can come so we reserve enough spots. Future meetings will be held on the regular meeting dates (the second Wednesday of the month) at the Boat and Canoe Club, unless noted otherwise.

Membership currently stands at 57 versus a goal of 68. Please send in your dues so we can reach our goal. Remember, a portion of your dues goes to help our veterans and children.

### January Birthdays:

4	Marie Rose Hopkins
14	Katlyn McVeigh
16	Darva Boot
18	Juanita Dunning
30	Elizabeth Granstra



Pam McVeigh, Secretary/Treasurer

### **Did You Know**

Bob Chapin, Adjutant of Post 258, wrote in the Scuttlebutt, a very good article that he has shared with us.

“I would like to also keep you informed on ways to check on your Veterans Benefits. There are several benefits for you in the form of discounts on all kinds of things. Medical benefits are available at the VA hospital as well as counseling services, but most people overlook the part of your benefits that are for your family. It's important they know how to find them. The Kent County Veterans Services will help with things like grave markers, funeral services, and Honor Guard services. Be sure, someone you leave to look after your affairs, knows where to find your DD-214. As with all government services, there is paperwork involved. They will need to fill out forms like Form 21-2008 to get a service flag or Form 40-1330 to get a headstone or memorial marker. If you do not have a DD-214, a form SF-180 needs to be completed to request one. At the very least, make sure the phone number for the Kent County Veterans Services (616-288-4187) is in an easy-to-find place for the free assistance you can receive...it's free and everyone likes free!” **Thank You Bob.**

### **Toot Your Horn**



Need I say anything?  
Well! You know me, here is a little toot:



**History is everywhere.**

**1965 thru 1967**



1965-66 Post Commander, Spencer S. McNea



1966-67 Post Commander  
James W. Best



Art McDonald  
The Boat and Canoe Bar Manager (1966 picture). And did you know that his Son, Don also a member of Post two; he worked the bar around that same period. Art was the manager for some time and did much to keep things on the up and up. Talk with Don, he can relate to some good and wild times at the club.

*Celebrating Our Legacy, Celebrating Their Legacy*

AMERICAN LEGION POST 459 FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
PRESENT THE FOUR CHAPLAINS STORY

JANUARY 26, 2019, 12PM TO 2PM  
THE GERALD R. FORD MUSEUM  
303 PEARL STREET, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN



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