



CARL A. JOHNSON POST #2

1971 E. Beltline NE 106 #213, Grand Rapids, Mi. 49525

William Palczewski, Adjutant

Dave Thrasher, Commander

JUNE 2018 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

All members are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JUNE 6	Home Board	7:00 p.m.
JUNE 8	Car Show at the Club	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
JUNE 13	Post Meeting, Install Officers	7:00 p.m.
JUNE 17	Roast Beef Dinner	12:00 p.m. till gone
JUNE 17-23	Boys State	
JUNE 21-24	Michigan State Convention (Kalamazoo)	
JUNE 26	Post E-Board	7:00 p.m.
JUNE 27	Bar Board	7:00 p.m.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all for the support I received during my first stint as the Commander of Post #2. I also want to thank everyone ahead of time along with your support, as I continue in this position and continue to learn. For all who have volunteered throughout the past year at the different events, you have my appreciation and heartfelt thanks. Please enjoy your summer and be safe.

Respectfully,
David R Thrasher
Commander Post 2

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Thank you to all the Legion and Auxiliary members of Post 2 for their generous donations to the Poppy Program. Your funds will be used to help our veterans.

Welcome to Amy Nyenhuis who transferred to our Unit from Valley City 356. We are pleased to have her part of our Unit and know she will contribute much to our programs and activities. Our membership currently stands at 63 versus a goal of 68, or 92.65%.

As norm, no meetings are scheduled for the months of July and August. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer and hope to see you at the Post Picnic on July 8.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Well friends, our summer break is about to begin for most of us. **No Post meetings** are scheduled for July and August. Meetings will resume in September.

Before getting a tan at the beach, Our District Commander, Eric Nelson will be **installing the Post Elected Officers** at the **June Meeting** and thanking the outgoing. Results of the election: Officers for the 2018-19 Legion Year:
Commander: David Thrasher
Vice Commander: Terry Cook
Finance Officer: Desiree Bartrum
Chaplain: Robert Seanz
Judge Advocate: Paul Kazmierski
Service Officer: vacant
Sgt-At-Arms: Donald Fletcher
Historian: Don Fletcher
Outgoing is Vice Officer Dean DeCanter, Service Officer Ian Harris, and Finance Officer Bill Brinkman.

July 3-5 Texas Holdem fund raiser, those that wish to volunteer, contact our Cdr Dave or Bill P. our Adj to get your name on the list. If you don't have their contact number, give me a call (Don 616-802-0806).

July 28 Veterans Carnival at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. We will have a booth setup and to volunteer, contact Don at 616-802-0806. It's fun and the residents enjoy it. Hope to hear from you.

Our Post Picnic is scheduled for **July 08, 2018, 2 – 4 pm** at the Boat and Canoe. No meeting, just a lot of fun. Our friends, Post 258, will be joining us for this social activity. For the past few years, 258 has been active with our Post in many of our Pillar activities. The 258 SAL has been very successful in doing many things for Legion and Our Club. Many of us could not do much without the help, the understanding of family and the three Post Aux Membership. It's a blessing to work together.

Boy & Girl's State Program must be frozen in time. To date, the Post has no-one to sponsor this year. We need to change this. We set aside the dollars and the programs are so beneficial to those that attend, to our City, State, Our Government. This experience is a lifelong one. Good grades, 11th grader, desire to attend, and a recommendation is needed to attend. Call me, we can talk over the phone or meet but let's not waste more time. Let us do this for our young. Start today so we have more students than what the program can handle. We

need to fill the house. Thanks in advance. Don 616-802-8062.

The KENT COUNTY VETERAN OF THE YEAR BANQUET will be held on Saturday, November 3. That means we need your Post to nominate a worthy individual (or individuals) for the next Kent County Veteran of the Year (KCVOY). The KCVOY Selection Committee is now accepting nominations; attached is the nomination form.

At the May 29 United Veterans Council meeting it was suggested that KCVOY nominees from last year who were not selected could be resubmitted this year. That is a great suggestion and the Council encourages all Posts whose prior nominees were not selected to consider that option. Theresa Robinson offered to return last year's nomination forms to any Post upon request.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to the Council Adjutant, Harriet Sturim (cc'd on this email). Deadline for submission is September 25 (which is the Council's monthly meeting date). Please let me know if you have any questions.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO.

Paul, United Veterans Council of Kent County.

Boat and Canoe

On the June Calendar on the second a free dance (Charlie Rocket Band) for members and their guest. It starts at 7 pm. and another dance is scheduled for 16 June (Just Fred) 7 pm – 11 pm.

The 6th is ALMHA meeting, 13th Euchre at 630 pm, 22nd at 530 pm is the SAL Steak Fry (get your tickets early), and the 27th is the ALBCCC meeting.



Poppy Fund Raiser 2018 This year's collection was \$866.06 A heart full of thanks goes out to those that contributed and those that worked to make this happen.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



- Charles Swanson, Jun. 2
- John Hornach, Jun. 4
- Gordon Woodard, Jun. 11
- Fred Vandenboogert Jun. 20
- Mary Postma Jun. 20
- Edward Morrin Jun. 21
- Pam McVeigh Jun. 26
- John Nolan Jun. 26

Adjutant's Corner

Please if you move let me or Don Fletcher know your new contact information. Also if we you're your birthday it's because it's not in our records, again please let me know.

MEMBERSHIP

Well it's that time of the year; we closed the books on the 2018 Legion year the end of May. New 2019 membership cards will be available this month. We ended 2018 with 90 paid members, our goal was 115. We are short 25 members. We also had 7 of our paid members join the Post Everlasting.

Chaplain's Report

We placed over 1200 flags on graves at Restlawn Cemetery on May 26th. A Big thank you goes out to our Post and Aux members including the DAR (Sophie de Marsac Chapter), GMCH Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Police Department, Kent County Sherriff Department, the many families and friends that help out completing this assignment each year. After flags were placed Cliff Bartum (Commander 258) Desiree Bartum (Post 2 Finance Officer elect) and Bill Palczewski (Post 2 Adjutant) rendered a 3 shot volley salute to the deceased veterans.





History is made and is everywhere.

KidsDay at the Zoo

Don't miss WGVU Kids Day at the Zoo! There will be booths, give a ways, games, characters, and admission to John Ball Zoo is only \$4.00 per person! August 2, 2018



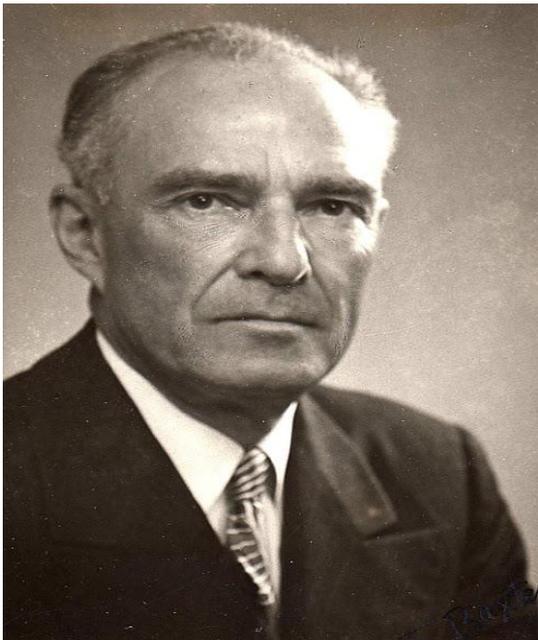
Copied from a Grand Rapids Press issue dated Nov 2002, Artwork dating back to 1926 reflecting the dedication of the World War I Memorial Park in Grand Rapids. The charcoal drawing was found in an attic by Don and Barbara Hondorp and identified by Walter McVeigh of Post 2. This year the Memorial Park was redone.



A 1913 or 1918 Post card picturing none other than our very own Boat and Canoe.



Post Commander 1919 Edward B. Strom



Post Commander 1919-1920 Howard F. Baxter



"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney.

Just to list a few that have volunteered this past month (I'm sure there are more but we can put some sunshine to these that I remember): Carlos C., Desiree B., Cliff B., Bill P., Terry C., Dean D., Rebecca D., Jim A., Dave T., Pam M., Barbara W., Fran K., Theresa W., Dale G. and his Grand Daughter, Paul K., Brian S., Bob S., and our District Cdr. Eric N.

If we don't see you at the June meeting, it is a must to see you at the Summer Picnic, July 8 (2pm – 4 pm or later at the Boat and Canoe.) ☺

Contact Don by the 15th of the month if you have an article to be published or any comments. (616-802-0806) or (fgrampadon@gmail.com).