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Gone are the Tigers, struggling Packers, Lions, Bears and Vikings still going. It is hockey season now with the Red Wings bringing new hope with a new venue and a new year. Locally the Cats have a new coach and are looking to improve on the past.

The coming two months will be busy at the post. There will be fish fry, Trivia, Tom and Jerry and a Children's Christmas Party. Fish Fry will be on 11/10/17 and 12/15/17. For all other dates please refer to the calendar.

The pool table has left the building, new tables and chairs are ordered and should be in place soon.

All parts of the legion family are looking for volunteers for their functions and also for functions of the legion. We are looking for help with the kids Christmas party. Thanks to those who have stepped up but more are welcome. Volunteering can be an hour, a day, any amount of time would be appreciated.

A BIG THANK YOU to the ladies of the Auxiliary and their bake sale. These awesome cooks and bakers raises hundreds of dollars for special projects. The next sale will be on 11/10/17 with bars, cheese cakes, lemon meringue pies, cookies and who knows what else. Special Projects monies are used to buy items like chairs, tables anything that benefits our club.

Tom and Jerry will be here on 12/16/17, no not the cat or the mouse. Tickets will be available at the bar and from Auxiliary members. The proceeds from these tickets benefit the Children and Youth.

Prizes include Baraga and Island Casino packages, Gift Certificates to local businesses and many prizes that are donated. Support the businesses that support the legion family.

Membership into the legion family will be a continuing goal for this coming year. If you have friends that enjoy bingo, getting a great meal at a good price or just want to belong to something that supports our community encourage them to join.

Thanks go out to all who have improved the legion and its grounds. From cutting the grass, cleaning the inside, installing gates at top of stairs to the great job that was done in decorating for the Halloween season. Thank You.

God bless the soldiers, fire fighters and police who protect our rights and freedom daily.

*Jim Wallis, Post Commander*

**LEGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We currently have 357 paid members which is 64.9 % of our membership goal of 550 members. We have not had 100% in a few years. We want this year to be the year to meet and exceed that goal. We thank those that have already paid for this year and hope those that haven't will do so as soon as possible. This committee would also like to thank those that have signed up new members. We have a lot of young and older veterans in our community that we need to talk to and let them

know why they should belong to the American Legion. It is up to all of us to sign up new members.

*Membership Committee*

**LEGION GOLF OUTING**

We thank all who participated in the 2017 Legion Family Golf Outing. This event was held on the first Saturday following Labor Day, as it traditionally was for many years, until Marquette Golf club discontinued our date. Gentz's Homestead Golf Course was a very gracious host. A good time was had by all. We noted many compliments as well as constructive criticism. We intend to work hard to improve this event each year. We did have 14 teams of 4 that participated. We thank our hole sponsors- The Mayotte family, Pamela M. Lajewski-pearson, and Voya Financial Advisors for their support also. The Frazier team won first place, Ed Giesens's team finished second, and Jack DeMarse's team climbed in at third. Each team picked up a cash prize. We took in \$2617 and paid out \$2416 in prizes and expenses. \$281 was provided to the post as surplus. Thank Rhonda and Andy VanLinden for their hard work.

*Golf Committee*

**AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT**

As we prepare for deer hunting, Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends. He is what the Auxiliary is getting ready for!

Bingo Crockpot meals for November 9th 2017 are soups and December 14th 2017 are casseroles. A big thank you to Ward Glass, Rhonda Winter, Jean Suckow and Erica McCone for helping with Bingo Crockpot meals.

Remember all donations for crockpot meals go to Girls State. Please come to the post and enjoy a wonderful meal before Bingo!

November 10, 2017 is FLAGS OVER SCHOOLS! Volunteers needed! Be to Post 44 if you want to be a part of this event.

December is a very busy month for the Auxiliary! December 16, 2017 is THE TOM & JERRY PARTY 4-9PM. Tickets are on sale now through an Auxiliary member! Just a \$1.00 a ticket or a pack for just \$5.00! This is Post #44 Legion Family Event, if you plan to attend please bring a dish to pass and there is also a Christmas Raffle! Donations are needed! DO NOT wrap donations! Please attach a note marked CHRISTMAS RAFFLE and the name of the person who is donating the gift and original retail price for the item. Any questions concerning THE TOM & JERRY PARTY please see Laura Morhman or Anne Wood.

THE Tom & JERRY PARTY also supports our Children & Youth Programs. ADOPT-A-FAMILY donations are being accepted now! The list of items needed are at the Legion Post or ask Heidi LaBlonde.

Volunteers are also needed for The Jacabetti Christmas Gift Shop from 8:15 AM to 4PM on Thursday December

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7th and Friday December 8th. Donations are also needed for the shop for our veterans. Christmas tags, wrapping paper, bows and boxes are also needed. Please connect Mary Downey for further information.

DECEMBER 12, 2017 is our AUXILIARY POTLUCK MEETING beginning at 6:00. Your Auxiliary President will be providing ham. Please bring a dish to pass and a wrapped gift not exceed \$10 for the member's gift exchange and Bingo Prizes. This is a short meeting so we can draw for the EARLY BIRD winner!

Good luck hunters, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

*Lynndee Hanson – Auxiliary President*

**AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Membership is now at 56% right on track with last year. Remember to be an early bird you need to pay by Nov. 11, 2017. This gets you in a drawing for free membership for next year. Also we have the incentive to bring in new members, sign up three new senior members and your dues will be paid for the next calendar year. So lets sign up some new members. You can pay your dues at the post or send me your dues statements.

We would like to recognize our two members who have attained 50 years of membership in our Auxiliary. They are Pam Brown and Penny Stack. Thank you so much for your continued support.

*Kathi Brassard , Membership Chairman*

**JUNIOR AUXILIARY REPORT**

Happy Holidays! The Juniors made 200 Halloween and 200 Veteran's Day tray favors for residents at Jacobetti's in October. If you have a chance, please visit the ALA Department of Michigan Facebook page and "like" the Juniors' #ServiceSelfie post! Great PR for the Unit 44 Juniors!

The Juniors are looking forward to participating in Flags Over Schools, at their respective schools, with the Legion Family on Nov 10.

The Juniors will meet on Sunday, November 12 and make 200 Christmas tray favors for the residents at Jacobetti's. The tray favors will be delivered on Giving Tuesday, Nov 28.

Thank you to the Legion Family for your ongoing donations of empty pill bottles with lids. Also, thank you for the donation of popsicle sticks! We are excited to use them for an upcoming tray favor.

Thank you, Veterans, for your service.

From my home to yours, Happy Veteran's Day, Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas!

*V/R, For Service Not Self,  
Erica Roose McCone  
Junior Advisor*

**FROM THE CANTEEN**

Greeting Canteen followers,

Well, fall is in full swing with Thanksgiving, and Christmas not that far off, here at the canteen we are continuing to try and keep things interesting for all of you. Over the summer the meat raffle proved to be a hit, it was well attended and made some funds to purchase additional tables and chairs for the canteen. The new tables have been ordered and should be arriving any day. For the winter months we have decided to hold the meat raffle on Wednesday evenings, which is wing night here in the canteen. So you can come have wings and try your chance at winning some great meat prizes, if you haven't attended yet be sure to check it out starting November 1st at 6:00pm and every Wednesday to follow. Fish fries are back and we have added live entertainment on fish fry nights, we had the duo- Just The Two of Us, for as our first performers and everyone had a blast. They will be returning on November 10th and again December 1st I'm still booking some of the other dates so stay tuned. Trivia will be returning in November on the 17th and December 8th, other dates to follow. Cribbage is back again as well, so sign up in the canteen for the first Saturday of each month. December brings the kids Christmas party to be held on Saturday the 9th this year we would like to ask that children that plan on attending be under 10 years old and please bring a gift to donate to Toys for Tots, I think it is important to teach our children to give to children that are less fortunate then our legionnaire family. Thanks in advance. The adult Tom and Jerry Party will be held December 16th tickets for the raffle are on sale at this time. Holiday hours are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve day from 12-5 and closed Christmas day. I hope you all have a great Holiday season and Thanks so much for your continued support.

*Your Canteen Manager*

**SAL SQUADRON NEWS**

Our membership dues are coming in at a slow pace. Please remit your 2018 dues right away. Thank-you.

Our SAL Squadron assisted the Legion Post with the Marquette County Veterans Alliance "Veteran of the Year" event held on 10/21/17. Charles Hawes was the 2017 honoree. Well deserved Charlie! Please refer to the calendar and join us for our Tom & Jerry Party. On Friday November 10th, we will help the legion with the annual "Flags over Schools:" program. Come in and help If you ca. You will thoroughly enjoy the experience. Our SAL Squadron meets monthly on the first Monday at 6pm. Please come in and join us. We work closely with the Legion Family to help support the "Four Pillars" of the American Legion.

*William Forslund, Squadron 44 Commander*

**AUXILIARY ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

With the season of giving upon us, we have identified our "Adopt-A-Family" recipient for the holidays. Our Family is a single Mom with a nine year old girl and a four year old boy. Details are posted on the Auxiliary bulletin board. Warm regards,

*Heidi LaBlonde*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> BMW UNION MTG RM 3 3:30 <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>2</b> 9-16-30 BAR BINGO! 7PM <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>3</b> NEW FREE STORE BARB CONTOIS <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>4</b> NEW FREE STORE BARB CONTOIS
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> SAL MTG 6PM \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>7</b> TACO TUESDAY 5-7:30PM <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>8</b> WHITE TAILS MTG RM 3 6PM <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>9</b> IBEW MTG 7PM/ VSO 10AM TO 3PM/ SOUPS BY AUXILIARY <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>10</b> USMC LEAGUE 6:30- 9:30PM IN CANTEEN/ FISH FRY 5-7PM W/ A BAKE SALE LIVE MUSIC "JUST THE TWO OF US" <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> JR AUXILIARY MTG 1-2:30PM	<b>13</b> EXEC COMM 7PM \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>14</b> AUXILIARY MTG 7PM <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>15</b> <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>16</b> USPO MTG 7PM <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>17</b> TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> POST MTG 7PM \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>21</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>22</b> LIVE MUSIC BY "MIKE HOZZ" <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>23</b> CLOSED "HAPPY THANKSGIVING!"	<b>24</b> <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>28</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>29</b> <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>30</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>		

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<b>3</b> SAL MTG 7PM	<b>4</b> \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>5</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>6</b> WHITE TAILS MTG 6PM <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>7</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>8</b> TRIVIA NIGHT 7PM <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>9</b> KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
<b>10</b> JR AUXILIARY 1-2:30PM	<b>11</b> EXEC COMM 7PM \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>12</b> AUXILIARY POT LUCK 6PM <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>13</b> <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>14</b> IBEW 1-7PM ROOM #10/ BASEBALL MTG 6PM <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>15</b> LIVE MUSIC BY "JIM & RAY" FISH FRY 5-7PM <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>16</b> TOM & JERRY PARTY
<b>17</b> PARTY ROOM #3 JOSH	<b>18</b> POST MTG 7PM \$2 MARGARITAS \$6 BUCKETS OF BEER	<b>19</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>20</b> <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>21</b> USPO MTG 7PM <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>22</b> <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> CANTEEN OPEN NOON -4PM  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> CANTEEN CLOSED "MERRY CHRISTMAS"	<b>26</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER BEERS</i>	<b>27</b> <i>MEAT RAFFLE 6PM WEDNESDAY WINGS/\$1.50 WINE &amp; \$3.75 PITCHERS</i>	<b>28</b> <i>FIVE QUARTER LIQUORS/ BAR BINGO! 7-9 PM</i>	<b>29</b> <i>FRUIT BEERS</i>	<b>30</b>



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