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THE Legion Times

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I would first like to thank all who served as officers and committee members this last year in the legion family. I also thank those who are taking roles for this coming year. It is my intention to bring the legion family together working towards a common goal.

This past year hosted monthly meals for our local veterans. Thanks to all who donated time in cooking, cleaning, serving, and monetary donations. This meal will be posted in this week at the legion, feel free to stop by, bring a veteran, lend a hand and meet our heroes. It is a pleasure having these veterans at our post. These are some of those who fought for the freedom that we enjoy and take for granted.

The club is a busy place and looks to continue to be in the next two months. I would like to thank Rhonda for all she has done in the past year. Many new ideas and bar specials have been introduced and new goals are seen for the future. Since stepping down, the bar has seen changes and new ideas will be introduced. I wish Rhonda well in her new endeavor. The Legion, SAL and Auxiliary all have major events in the next two months. All parts of the legion family are looking for volunteers for their functions and also for functions of the legion. Volunteering can be an hour, a day, any amount of time would be appreciated.

If you haven't tried one of Debs Pizza you are missing out. New pizzas coming soon with white sauce as base, bacon, chicken and who knows what else. Thanks go out to Deb and Rich for all the pizzas they make, they are putting smiles on the faces of those who eat them.

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. I would encourage all who are willing to get out and see a Blues baseball game.

Mark your calendar September 9 is our Member Appreciation Picnic.

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

Jim Wallis, Post Commander

POPPY DAYS 2018 REPORT

Our Poppy Days again were a success this year thanks to our dedicated Volunteers and generous community. 7 Legionnaires, 17 Auxiliary, and 2 S.A.L. Volunteered many hours on the streets and in the Headquarters to help raise Funds to replenish our Welfare Fund. Marcia Wentala's. Post Bar Bingo donated Half the month of April's earnings to the Poppy Fund. We would not be able To continue supporting the Veterans in our community without them. Please consider Volunteering next year and giving an hour or two of your time to assist with this Important program.

Thank You, Unit 44 Poppy Committee

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**
Friday August 17th 8:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday August 18th 8:00am - 1:00pm

The Rummage Sale takes place at the Post, 700 W. Bluff St., Marquette

You can drop off items on

Wed., August 15th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Thurs. August 16th from 9:00am - 6:00pm

All sales goes to our Children and Youth Programs. Please contact Laura (Dupras) Morhman or Anne Wood If you have questions.

FROM THE CANTEEN

Sweet summertime! Come in and cool off with an ice cold blender drink or one of your favorite beverages. It's perfect weather to throw that meat on the grill. Look for some new pizza toppings coming soon. SAL will be hosting the Fourth of July pancake breakfast. We have a couple new bartenders, Rick and Brock, stop in and meet them. We are planning a picnic again this year, September 9th. More information to follow as plans progress. Reminder: The canteen will close at 7:00 pm on Sundays.

Ann December & The Canteen Crew

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT

As you are celebrating the Fourth of July with your families, here is what the Auxiliary is celebrating!

June 12, 2018 was our Ice Cream Social meeting and installation of the 2018 Auxiliary officers. The Auxiliary Officers are: President Lynndee Hanson, 1st VP Joanne Morrison, 2nd VP Erica McComme, Secretary Roseanne Emard, Treasurer Anne Wood, Sargent at Arms VACANT, Chaplain Elizabeth Beyne, Historian Nancy Feliciano. Executive Board at Large: Diane Dufay, Barb Carberry, Kay Bianchi.

July 4th 7 AM to 11 AM Breakfast 7AM to 10AM at Post 44, 11 AM Rededication of Veterans Memorial (Harlow Park) followed by the Parade at 2 PM.

Thank you to RIVERSIDE MARQUETTE Tim Dawson General Manager for sponsoring a 4th of July parade vehicle for Auxiliary President Lynndee Hanson.

NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN JULY!!!
NO Thursday Crockpots dinners until September!

In August, looking forward to our TAILGATE Meeting held in the lower Post parking lot beginning at 6 PM. Please bring \$3.00, beverage and a chair. All plates, napkins and silverware are provided along with brats, hotdogs, burgers, salads and desserts. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Thank you in advance to Treasurer Anne Wood for providing the food and Master Chef Grillers Commander Jim Wallis and Jim Morhman!

“Let service to the community, state and nation be our main objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and membership.”

Please have a safe and happy 4th of July.

Lynndee Hanson – Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is now 100% 424 members paid. Last meeting we initiated seven new members. The beginning of the 2019 dues years begins in July. Any installed officers have to have their dues paid before the August meeting. I will receive my new 2019 cards in July. I will post it at the post when we can pay next years dues. Next year the dues will be \$30.00 for seniors and \$6.00 for juniors. Remember three new members recruited and you get free dues. I want to welcome Marcia Defant to my membership team, her help will be appreciated. The auxiliary needs help with our many projects we do in the community and for our veterans. Keeping the legion family strong. Have a great summer.

Kathi Brassard, Membership Chairman

VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join us in Harlow Park at 11:00am on our nation's birthday- July Fourth. This service is relatively brief and includes proper protocol to honor our country. Mayor David Campana shall deliver our public address. The American Legion Family and our Past Commanders of American Legion Post 44 shall lead us in this event. So, go get a nice breakfast at the post, brought to you by our SAL Squadron, then walk on down to the Veterans Memorial Mall. Thank-you.

Veterans Memorial Standing Committee

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Come on down to Haley field and root for the Blues! A schedule is on the bulletin board at the post. We thank all who have participated in our monthly raffles. The funds raised have helped us buy new uniforms, baseballs and hats for the teams, which cost the program \$4,000.

Our team made a very good showing this past weekend at the Johnson Memorial against tough competition going 2and 2. This tourney included Soo AA, Midland Berryhill, and DePere, WI AAA team. The two losses were close games. The Blues have some good veteran players intertwined with youth. We know that under Manager Derek Swajanen's leadership, combined with coaches Koski, Finkbeiner, and Gadzinski, the Blues will steadily improve as they train and compete their way to the Zone championships in late July. We are sad that there was not enough participation to form a full Reds team this year. Kane Beauchamp and Mike Fawcett are good mentors for our youth and we look forward to next year. Upcoming games: 6/26 -6:00pm @Negaunee; 6/29 to 07/01 away in Green Bay Firecracker tournament; HOME 7/2 vs Bark River DH 4:30 and 7:30; 7/4 10:00am vs Negaunee; 7/5 8:00am Lower harbor clean-up for Exchange club; 7/6 to 7/8 away at Soo tournament; HOME 7/11 vs Niagara/Norway DH 4:00pm and 6:00pm; HOME 7/13 2:35 Marquette host- tournament; 7/16 6:00pm at Niagara; 7/20-21 Mid-Pen playoffs @Marquette; 7/23 @Ishpeming All star game; 7/26-7/29 at Escanaba ZONE 5 Championships

Blues and Reds Baseball Ad Hoc Committee

BAR BINGO! AND MEAT RAFFLE

Join us every Thursday from 7-9pm to enjoy Bar Bingo! Profits from this activity help support our Legion Family programs.

Join us each Wednesday evening beginning at 7pm for our weekly meat Raffle. This is a lot of fun and good time are had by all. Note: no raffle July 4th!

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JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 8-11AM SAL BREAKFAST; 10AM BLUES VS NEG BASEBALL AT HALEY FIELD; 11AM VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE	5 8AM TO NOON: BLUES BASEBALL WORK BEE LOWER HARBOR BAR BINGO 7-9PM	6	7
8 SAL MTG 6PM	9	10	11	12 CHICKEN WINGS & TENDERS 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	13	14 LABRECHE GRADUATION PARTY
15 CANTEEN COMM 5:30PM/ EXEC COMM 7PM	16	17 COPPER COUNTRY FUN-RAISER NOON TO 9PM SHRIMP, CHICKEN WINGS & TENDERS 5-7PM	18	19 CHICKEN WINGS & TENDERS 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	20	21 DRINK SPECIALS
22 LEGION MEMBERSHIP MTG 7PM	23	24	25	26 PIZZA YOUR WAY 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	27	28 MONTY WEDDING RECEPTION
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 CHICKEN WINGS & TENDERS 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	3	4
5	6 SAL MTG 6PM	7	8	9 MYSTERY MEAL 5-7 PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	10	11
12	13 CANTEEN COMM 5:30PM/EXEC COMM 7PM	14 AUXILIARY 7PM	15	16 CHICKEN WINGS & TENDERS 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	17	18
19	20	21 LEGION 7PM	22	23 PIZZA YOUR WAY 5-7PM BAR BINGO 7-9PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 BAR BINGO 7-9PM		

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