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"GREETINGS ALL" It has been a very busy few months at Post #44. We had our Queen of Hearts raffle going on for the past 20 weeks with ticket sale monies being split between our hockey and baseball teams. As most of you are aware, we raised over \$20,000.00. A huge THANK YOU to Tom, Jim P., Jim W., Mike T., Marcia, Ray and Mike for selling and counting tickets, and for working the Tuesday night drawings. A lot of their time went to help make this the success it was. KUDOS!! Looking forward to starting another raffle in January 2024.

Veterans Day 2023 was a busy one. Starting with Flags over Schools and other public buildings on Friday, Flags up (and down) at Harlow Park on Saturday. Also on Saturday, the Honor Guard was asked to present Colors for the Legion hockey game at the Lakeview Arena. Thank you to all who took part.

In October, we honored our own Post #44 member Daniel Jackovich as Marquette County 2023 Veteran of the Year with a ceremony at the American Legion Post #349 in Little Lake. Well deserved Dan, and it was an honor to be a part of the recognition presentation. Thank you Marquette County Veteran Alliance. Special thanks to Post #349 and their Auxiliary for hosting and providing a wonderful meal.

With the holiday season in full swing, December will also be busy around the Post. Auxiliary cookie/craft sale, Kids Christmas Party with Santa making an appearance. Please check your weekly emails for updates. And, to all our snowbirds, have a safe and healthy winter.

I would like to sincerely thank our Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion for all they do for the Post and around our community. What an awesome crew.

I am learning as I go and I have a lot to learn.

Keep your boots on the ground and keep moving forward!

God bless our Soldiers, Firefighters and Police who protect our rights and freedom.

Leo Smith, Post Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT

The holiday season reminds us to count our blessings and give thanks. Here is a sampling for what the Auxiliary gives thanks:

- The Veteran Basket program wherein we gave clothes, razors, snacks, and more to 65-70 veterans in need who reside in Mqt County nursing homes and other facilities. Kellie Hillier-Genschaw and her team made Veteran's Day 2023 special for these vets.

- Our Scholarship Program was totally revamped and three scholarships will be given this year. Pam Basal and team researched and prepared our policies.

- Our first ever Ladies Night & Fundraiser (Nov 17th) brings fun, shopping, music, food and more, for attendees, and much needed monies for a local charity (Women's Center). Tracy Henriksen and team created this event that we hope will happen annually.

- The Legion members for supporting us when setting the days for the next Queen of Hearts and Alyssa Palmer's next performance, and for helping us deliver all of those Veteran Baskets (Paul, John K., Marcia and Charlie you saved us so much time)! Now, we can continue hold meetings on Tuesdays and the Dec 16th Christmas Cookie/ Craft Shop can occur as planned.

- For the newly involved members who bring energy, creativity, a positive attitude and a willingness to work events.

- For the SAL, Deb, Fish Fry crew, and the Mayottes for keeping us fed!!!

- For our full slate of officers. Welcome Jackie Johnson who was just installed as Secretary.

- For all of our 'seasoned' members who bring wisdom, knowledge, and continue to work just as much as before, and continue to guide me.

We hope to see you at our December events: Jacobetti Gift Shop (6th-8th); Crockpot meal (Wed the 13th); Christmas Cookie/Craft Shop (16th-9 – noon). Also, perhaps you will want to help give gifts to our 2-3 Adopt a Veteran Family for Christmas. Finally, January is our month of rest; no Ex Comm or Membership meetings.

Happy Holidays

In Service, not Self, Linda S. Kaare Pres.

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FROM THE CANTEEN

The weather is getting cold and snow is in the forecast but the Canteen is warm and cozy. We don't need to wait for Santa or ring in the New Year to have a good time around here! Stop by and check out our drink specials throughout the week and enjoy a holiday cocktail or two. Drop us a note in the "Comment Box" and let us know how we're doing, give us your suggestions for the Club and the Canteen. When you're here, be sure to check out the apparel we are selling for Legion Hockey- funds raised through these sales go directly to support Legion Hockey. We continue to have various food options throughout the week. Stop by or call to inquire about what's on the menu. Oftentimes we are serving dinner on Wednesday and Thursday before our weekly event's .Our Meat Raffle goes on Wednesday and has been very well supported. Thursday evenings we hold Bar Bingo. On that note, we have been working recently to upgrade our sound equipment so patrons can hear the Bingo number's being called from wherever they're seated in the Canteen area. Legion Fish Fry goes once or twice a month and you don't want to miss out on one of the best fish dinners in town. We have some notable events in December and January. Also, keep your eye open for the return of the " Queen of Hearts" fundraiser early next year. (date and time TBD).

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you. Cheers!

Respectfully, *Jesse Sherman*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS- CANTEEN

Dec. 8 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30pm

Dec. 9 Cribbage 1pm

Dec. 14 Music: Alyssa Palmer 7-10pm

Dec. 16 Auxiliary Craft/Cookie Sale 9-noon

Dec. 16 Kids Christmas Party 1pm

Dec. 17 Canteen Employee

Party Post Closes at 5pm

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Post Closes at 5pm

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! Post is Closed

Dec. 31 NYE Music:

Darryl Syria Project 7-10pm

Jan. 12 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30pm

Jan. 21 Legion Hockey Spaghetti

Fundraiser 2-7pm

Jan. 26 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30pm

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you. Cheers!

QUEEN OF HEARTS FINAL DRAW!

Congratulations to Erin Mohrman for her choice of card #25! She found the Queen! Her prize was \$22,649. We thank all who played the game and had much fun and fellowship at our Legion Post each Tuesday for the 20 weeks. The Post did net \$20,161.60 which is going to our Legion hockey and Legion baseball programs. Much needed and appreciated. Look for another Queen of Hearts to begin in 2024. We owe a debt of gratitude for those who gave of their time to sell raffle tickets, inventory, handle the sales, keep good records, and cook delicious food and run the 50/50's. Thanks to all! Post 44

AUXILIARY UNIT 44 ANNOUNCES A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44 is pleased to announce 3 new scholarships this year. They are for the following categories: Barbara G. Carberry Scholarship -Medical Field \$1500; Memorial Scholarship- \$1,000; and Non-Traditional Scholarship- \$1,000. The applications can be picked up at the Legion or contact Pam Basal at 906-360-3890 and she can email them. Scholarship Applications must be submitted no later than April 15th.

Pam Basal, Ed. & Scholarship Chair

ATTENTION AUXILIARY MEMBERS

What is this you ask? It is an opportunity to have your fellow members help to complete your Christmas Baking and Shopping in one place. And you know it will be great because it will have been made by your friends .We are asking our members to bake a batch or two of their favorite holiday treat. Please bring them to the Post on Friday, December 15th from 6 - 9 pm. Please label your container with name, phone number and any ingredients that may have known allergens (nuts, etc). If you would like to have a craft table for your own creations, please text 906-236-1289 with your request. Fee for a 5 foot table is \$10. Tables are limited and are on a first-come basis. You will be able to set up your display during the cookie drop-off time on Friday evening. Cookies will be available on Saturday in both pre-packaged containers or you may select your own for a suggested donation of \$8/pound. You will be given a container and plastic gloves to make your selection. Voila! Your baking is done! Thank you for making this project a success. I am looking forward to seeing you and your delicious treats.

*JoAnne Morrison, Chair
Cookie/Craft Shop*

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4pm	2 Private Party 12 -10p.m
3 Legion Hockey private party	4 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. SAL Meeting 6 p.m.	5 Marine Corp Legue meets 7 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Meeting 12 p.m.	6 food Meat Raffle 7 p.m. UP Whitetails	7 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	8 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. FISH FRY 4:30-6:39	9 Cribbage 1 pm Cribbage 1 pm
10	11 Canteen meet 5:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 pm Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4 p.m.	12 Marquette Co Alliance 7 p.m. Auxiliary Pot Luck and Meeting 5:30-8:00 p.m.	13 DAV/ Aux 7-9 p.m. National Guard Bday Food Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	14 Alyssa Palmer 7-10 p.m.	15 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Room 7 Auxiliary set up	16 Auxiliary Craft/Cookie Sale 8am-1 pm Kids Christmas Party 2-4 p.m.
17 Post closing at 6 p.m. for Staff Christmas Party	18 General Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m.	19 VFW Post 6 @ 6 p.m.	20 food Meat Raffle 7 p.m. UP Whitetails	21 Chicken Strip or shrimp baskets 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	22 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4 p.m.	23
24 Post closing at 5p.m	25 Christmas – Post Closed	26	27 food Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	28 Pizza Your ay 5-7 Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	29 Friday Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4 p.m.	30
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JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Open	2 Auxiliary League 7 p.m.	3 Food Meat Raffle 7 p.m. Whitetails	4 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	5	6
7	8 SAL 6 p.m. Canteen co meeting 5:30 Executive Board 7 p.m.	9 Auxiliary Meeting 5:30 – 7 p.m. Mqt Co Alliance 7 p.m.	10 Food Meat Raffle 7 p.m. DAV and DAV Aux 7-9 p.m.	11 Auxiliary Crockpot Meal 5-7p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	12 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30	13
14	15 General Membership meeting 7 p.m.	16 VFW Post 6 and 6 p.m.	17 Food Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	18 Shrimp and Chicken Tender Baskets 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	19	20 Saturday Room 7 Hockey Set Up
21	22	23	24 Food Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	25	26 Fish Fry 4:30-6:30	27
28	29	30	31 Wednesday New Year's Eve Party 4-10 p.m. No Meat Raffle			

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