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Where did the summer go? It is still a little warm yet. The leaves will begin to turn that gold and brown color sooner than later. Congratulations to the Blues and White baseball teams on their state titles! Great year! Also, the American Legion Hockey Team won a state title! The coming two months will be busy at the post. There will be a fish fries starting up on October 25th.

See the calendar for all our upcoming events.

Veterans Day November 11th: there will be a breakfast at the post free to all veterans and \$5 per guest. Menu for this day will be updated in our weekly e-mail: "This week at the American Legion", and will also reveal our celebrity Chefs. All parts of the Legion family are looking for volunteers for their functions as well as for functions of the Legion. We are looking for help with the 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 all who make the legion what it is. From newsletter, daily chores, banking, maintenance, Bingo, Singo, meals, pizza, tacos, meat raffle, Queen of Hearts, trivia and all those too numerous to mention. To all of you that volunteer on a daily basis, Thank -You so much! 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, then encourage them to join. Invite all to follow the Legion and Legion hockey team on Facebook, great way to keep up on daily events games and Legion news. Also, if you do not get weekly update of current events by email, drop your e-mail address off at our post and you will be added to the list. God bless the soldiers, fire fighters and police who protect our rights and freedom daily.

Jim Wallis, Post Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT

Inspired. When was the last time you were truly inspired by something? The American Legion Nat'l Convention in August was truly inspirational. Every presenter was totally dedicated to, and enthusiastic about, our mission of service. We heard about programs like mini houses for homeless vets, a Be The One event with VA SAVE training, food banks, and events at which Juniors helped. Striking was the fact that most events occurred in the community or in conjunction with a community organization. The repeated message at the Convention was to remember your "why." Why did you join the Auxiliary, the SAL, the Legion? Are you honoring and serving your "why?" At our Aug meeting, innovative ideas were proposed regarding how to serve our "why."

Examples: We're hosting a VA SAVE event and attending community youth events where we host a table with patriotic materials to distribute. In Nov and Dec two of our existing veteran service programs will be held. For Veterans Day, we provide gift baskets for veterans in nursing homes, assisted living, low-income housing and, hopefully, this year, some home-bound veterans (Vet Basket Program). On Oct 4th, please attend the fundraiser for this program. In Dec, we work with the County Veterans Affairs Office to provide gifts to veterans and their families. We need a lot of help with this program as we support up to three families. As a final update, Jackie Johnson resigned as our secretary due to her numerous travel plans so if you are willing to attend meetings and take notes, please contact an Ex Comm member. Remember to thank Jackie for her service. So, in sum, we need your help, and we hope that you will find our existing and future innovative programs worthy. We hope you will be inspired to serve and honor your "why."

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

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QUEEN OF HEARTS REPORT

Congratulations to the lucky lady who did select the Queen of Hearts!

It was hidden in plain sight in envelope #16. Name withheld, as we do not have permission to publish her name. The prize was \$28, 812.00! Please do not forget that the weekly drawings continue until the end of our 40 week license, which is in mid -October. The new jackpot will eclipse \$1000 this week. The American Legion Post sponsors this fun fund-raiser for our youth sports, specifically American Legion Bantaam AA Hockey, who are the reigning state of Michigan Champions. Our Legion Hockey team defeated the best Bantaam teams from across the bridge and then they did advance to the National tournament in New York, where our team made us proud. Our American Legion Baseball program, which consists of the Blues, Reds, Jr Reds, and White Diamonds teams. The Blues defended our home field this past summer against all participating zones in the state and captured the Class A State Championship. See you Wednesday!

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FROM THE SAL DESK

The long, hot Summer is winding down, and things are back to normal at the Legion. Bingo is back on Thursdays and BLT wraps are back on the first Thursday of each month thanks to Trevor and Scott. Meat raffle is back on Tuesdays. Bob Brumm and I will assist you. We will also help Commander Wallis with his meals as needed. Fish Frys will be starting in late October. These events are hosted jointly by Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members, and are quite popular. I was remiss last month in not giving a big thank you to John Jilbert for donating milk and juice to help make our breakfast a success. John is a generous man, and a true friend of the American Legion. S.A.L. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, please show up. Also, if you have any talents or skills you would like to share, feel free. Have a good Fall. Winter is coming

.S.A.L. Commander, Bruce Wentela

our daily schedules in the sports column. We support back by recruiting, from among our players families, new members into our Post. One of our teams came up to the post and raked leaves and swept up to help clean things up for our members. Thank-you American Legion Family!

*Michael Nemetz, Vice President Marquette
American Legion Baseball*



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OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 Department Service Officer 8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sloppy Joes 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	2 Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.	3 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	4 Music: Linda & Shay 7-10 Auxiliary Veteran Basket Fundraiser 3p.m. – 8 p.m.	5 Marquette Co Veteran of the Year Rm 7 5-9 p.m.
6	7 SAL 6 p.m.	8 Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board 4 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting and Pot Luck 5p.m.	9 Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. DAV Chapter 22 7 p.m.	10 Auxiliary Crockpot Meals 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m. IBEW Rm 3 5-7 p.m.	11	12 UPAA Fall meeting Pearson rm 8 a.m.-4p.m. UPAA breakfast starts at 11am Cribbage 1p.m.
13 Navy Birthday 4p.m.	14 Canteen Meeting 5:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m.	15 Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7-9 p.m. VFW Post 6 @ 6p.m.	16 Queen of Hearts 7 p.m.	17 Chicken strip or Shrimp Baskets 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m. Post Office rm 3 @ 6:30 p.m.	18	19
20 Lions vs Vikings Tailgate Party 1 p.m.	21 General Membership meeting 7 p.m.	22 Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7-9 p.m.	23	24 Pizza Your Way 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	25 Fish Fry and Auxiliary Bake Sale 4:30-6:30.	26
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