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First, I would like to thank all officers who served the last year, look Forward to working with the new officers and those who have continued on. Would like to thank the ones who care for the ticket machine, the ones that do the newsletter, the ones that do membership, the ones that cook, the ones that take care of the building, the ones that do queen of hearts, the ones that do bingo, the ones that do meat raffle, the ones that do monthly meals for veterans, the one who volunteer at Jacobetti. Bartenders, janitors, the list goes on sorry for those who got missed. This short list shows all the things I can think of that the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons are involved in and they could all use help. Summer is in full swing, Our Legion Hockey Team had a great year, Our Base Ball Team will be hosting the state tournament later this month, The Florida Panthers won the Stanley Cup, The Tigers and Brewers are trying, there is hope for the Packers, Lions, Bears, and Vikings and Golf is with us for a few months. Please come see a game at the tournament its good baseball, good food and cheer on our legion team. There will be a legion family picnic September 8th with a great menu of pork, brats, along with a few salads. There will also be music and some cold beer. The picnic meal is free to Members and \$5 for guest who are more than welcome. September Bar bingo will return along with the great meals that are served on Thursdays. The Legion Act: was signed into law, if you are a veteran and honorably discharged you can now join the American legion as a legion member. This closes the Cold War gap and many other times when servicemembers were on active duty. If you know a veteran let them know of the changes to the law and invite them to come see what the legion is doing. The Pact Act, allows veterans to get benefits they deserve, even if you have been denied before this opens the door again with more options. If you are a veteran, come see our service officer to see what he can do for you. Do not leave it for something your family has to do in the event you need help and then they find out you could have been in the health system or getting benefits all along .God bless the Soldiers, Fire Fighters, EMT and Police who protect our rights and freedom daily. The ones we take for granted every day. Keep them in our prayers as they are often away from their families protecting the freedoms we have.

Jim Wallis, Post Commander

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT REPORT

Thank you, Legion Family, for another fun 4th of July! The ceremony in Veterans' Park, and participating in the parade, visibly supports our country, which is just one part of our mission. God bless the USA! August through December are busy months for the Auxiliary. Rummage Sale – this is a great opportunity to clear out your unwanted and gently used items. Drop off at the Post is Thursday Aug 15th during the day. The sale (donation based) is on Fri and Sat mornings (16th & 17th) at the Post. At noon on Sat, we need 4-5 volunteer drivers with their PU trucks to transport the unsold items to the Salvation Army. Jacobetti - Mon the 12th, our Unit sponsors Bingo at Jacobetti. Great fun: you do not need proof of any vaccinations so consider volunteering. On the 21st, Jacobetti hosts the annual Carnival; again, consider volunteering. At our September meeting we hosted a potluck for all non-auxiliary members who helped with our fundraisers. Other upcoming events: Vet Basket fundraiser, Adopt Veteran Families for Christmas, Ladies Night, 9/11 snack boxes, crockpot meals and bake sales. Please volunteer to support our mission!

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

FROM THE SAL DESK

July 1st we installed our new officers. The ceremony was officiated by Zone Commander Ray Carlson. At this meeting we also pledged \$1,500 to Legion Baseball. On July 4th we held our Holiday Breakfast. Over 200 meals were served. All that cooking was done by our amazing kitchen crew made up of Matt Keto, Rich Delene, Trevor O'Connor, Skippy LaValley, Richie Smith, Greg Maki, and Jason Dupras. A special thanks to Debbie Smith for helping with beverages. Ward Glass represented the S.A.L. in the ceremony at Harlow Park. Big thanks to Bob Hansen, his daughter and son-in-law for decorating the jeep, which was our float in the parade. I was towing it and could see what a warm and respectful reception it received. Lots of waving, cheering and saluting from people of all ages. The SAL will begin doing BLT dinners 5-7p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, starting in September. We have an S.A.L. meeting on the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, all members are welcome to attend.

S.A.L. Commander, Bruce Wentela

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FROM THE CANTEEN

Hello, hello! Summertime is here and we're having a great time at Post 44. As a friendly reminder: your guests are always welcome, but their money is no good when it comes to purchasing alcohol from the Canteen. Let your guests know up-front so they aren't confused when they get to the bar. Take a minute to explain how our club works and break it down for your guests. The American Legion is a patriotic organization with a registered club status and a liquor license issued by the state. The Canteen can sell alcohol to members of the American Legion Family only. In short, don't send your guest up to the bar to purchase alcohol, period. It is incumbent upon everyone here to help maintain the integrity of our club. In fact, the future of our post depends on it. This will help us to be in compliance with State law. Thank you ever so kindly, from myself and on behalf of the entire Canteen Bartender crew. It's important, and we appreciate it. We've got plenty of events happening here each week. We're gathering regularly for "Singo," Cribbage Singles Tournaments, Trivia, Queen of Hearts raffles, hot chow, and various musicians that will have you singing, clapping and enjoying yourself in good company. We look forward to seeing you, please do make it in to say, "hi" soon. Cheers.

With Respect, Jesse Sherman

We are very, very grateful for the financial support we received from the Legion Family! The Legion provided \$2500, the SAL gave \$1500, the Auxiliary kicked in \$500 and Thursday bar Bingo donated \$533 from their surplus! This year we fielded 4 full baseball teams and we are hosting the State of MI Class A Tournament as of this writing. Baseballs are now \$10 apiece, aluminum bats run \$300-400, uniforms, and ancillary equipment for training costs a small fortune. The Mining Journal publishes our teams regularly and even includes 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*



50 YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNITION

*Back left to right: George Deverney, Terry Ranta, Robert Wellman Sr., Edward Hillier
Seated: Richard Kortum*

Thank you gentlemen for your service to our Country and community.

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Singo 7 p.m.	2	3 Private party 12 – 4 p.m.
4 Coast Guard Birthday 4 p.m.	5 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. SAL Meeting 6 p.m.	6 Department Service Officer @ Post 0830-4:00 p.m.	7 Cribbage 1 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m.	8 Marquette Co Fair 12p.m. – 9 p.	9 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Marquette Co Fair 12p.m. -9 p.m. Trivia 7 p.m.	10 Marquette Co Fair 12p.m. – 9p.m.
11 Private Party 1-4 p.m.	12 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Canteen Meeting 5:30p.m. Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m.	13 Dept Service Officer @ Post 0830-4:00 p.m. Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 4 p.m. Auxiliary Membership Meeting 5:30	14 Cribbage 1 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m. DAV 7 p.m.	15 Rummage Sale Setup 8a.m. -6p.m. Singo 7 p.m.	16 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Post Rummage Sale 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Music: Chris Valenti 7-10 p.m.	17 Post Rummage Sale 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
18	19 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.	20 Department Service Officer @ Post 0830-4:00 p.m. VFW Post 6 @ 6 p.m.	21 Cribbage 1 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m. Music: Luke Ogea 6-9 p.m.	22 Singo 7 p.m.	23 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Trivia 7 p.m.	24
25 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. 30	26 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. 31	27 Department Service Officer @ Post 830-4 p.m.	28 Cribbage 1 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m.	29 Jacobetti Veterans lunch 11-2 Singo 7 p.m.	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Private party 1-4 p.m.	2 Memorial Day Music: Seth Brown Duo 3-6 p.m.	3 Department Service Officer @ Post 0830-4:00 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7 p.m.	4 Cribbage 1 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m. Music: Luke Ogea 6-9 p.m.	5 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	6 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. TRIVIA 7 p.m.	7
8 Post Picnic 1-5 p.m. Music by Toni Sarri	9 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Canteen comm 5:30 Exec Board 7 p.m.	10 Dept Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7p.m. Aux Exec Board 4 p.m. Aux Memb 5:30	11 Food Queen of Hearts 7p.m. DAV 7 p.m.	12 Auxiliary Crockpot Meal 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	13 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Music: Danny Collins with Luke Ogea 7-10	14 Cribbage 1 p.m.
15 Lions vs Tampa Bay Tailgate Party 1 p.m.	16 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting 7p.m.	17 Dept Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Meat Raffle 7p.m. VFW 6p.m.	18 Air Force Birthday 4p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7p.m.	19 Shrimp or Chicken Strip Baskets 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	20 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. Trivia 7 p.m.	21
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29 Packers vs Vikings 1 p.m. tailgate party	30 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m.					

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