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COMMANDERS CORNER

"GREETINGS ALL" I hope everyone has had a good winter. What a mild one it was! Let's hope the weather moves on into a beautiful spring and summer. So make sure you get out and enjoy it.

In moving on, it is with great pride I announce our Post #44 Legion hockey team won the 14-Under AA tier II State Championship right here in Marquette in early March. The team went 4-1 with the loss being to the team they eventually beat in the championship game -- the Kalamazoo K-Wing, with a 3-2 victory! What a great game. The team just got stronger as the tournament went on. It just goes to show hard work has its rewards. Best hockey I've seen in some time. Awesome! They have now earned the honor of representing Marquette and surrounding areas in the National tournament in Amherst, NY in early April. Please consider donating to help offset the expenses for the team. The Legion team finished the season with an outstanding record of 49-11-6. WOW! They have greatly contributed to the success of the youth hockey program that continues to grow in Marquette.

LET'S GO TEAM!! Keep your head up and your stick on the ice!

On March 29th, Post #44 is planning a get together for Vietnam Veterans Day. It's a day to gather with all our Vets and thank them for their service to our country and all the sacrifices they have made!

This could be a great recruiting opportunity as well. Please remember - A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of and up to their life.

I would also like to thank John and Dan Mayotte for all the building maintenance they have done and continue to do. It's a lot of extra work and very much appreciated.

And just to let you all know, we do read the notes from the suggestion box. They are reviewed at our Canteen, E-board and General membership meetings.

Please stop by a meeting and voice your concerns.

We are always looking for new members to help out with positions within the post. Lots going on!

I'm 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

As you know, the Auxiliary's mission is to support our veterans, military, their families, our youth and our community. We fundraise to accomplish our mission. Because of your support, and the hard work of the Auxiliary members, we have been able to do the following since January of this year:

1. Purchase a 'low-bed' for Jacobetti - \$3,358 - from Poppy Fund

2. Sponsor one girl and one boy for Girls/Boys State through the Rockland Post - \$1,150

3. Donate money to the DAV Chap 22 Transportation Fund- \$5,000. Because the vehicles are used solely for veterans' travel to medical appointments, we were able to use Poppy money as well as our general funds

4. Donate money to our Post's bingo fund for use at Jacobetti - \$321.27

5. Donate to Fisher House - MI from the crockpot meal - \$370

6. Donate our March 22nd bake sale proceeds plus additional funds, to the Am Leg Hockey team for their trip to the Nationals in NY - \$5,000

In December we donated \$2,500 to Guardian Medical Dogs and \$2,500 to the K9 Jaeger Foundation for therapy dogs for veterans.

THANK YOU for your support! PLEASE continue to give generously, especially as Poppy Distribution month approaches, so we can continue to serve and make a difference.

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

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FROM THE CANTEEN

The calendar says we are into Spring now, and it's just in time for a couple of late snowstorms to show up. The Canteen has been keeping busy throughout the last several weeks. We have been enjoying our regularly scheduled program of meetings and activities, with a few special events as well. Over the next couple of months we can guarantee to have more of the same!

I'd like to mention that Post #44 has had some new sound equipment from Jim's Music installed. It is our hope and expectations that we will be able to enjoy a much better music quality throughout the Canteen for special music events, surely the PA will sound better than ever. You should notice the upgrades soon, so come visit us for our next Music Event and see for yourself!

Post 44 has a comment box which you can use to offer suggestions for the Canteen, and also for the benefit of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, or SAL. If you leave a comment, rest assured it will be read before the Canteen Committee. If you'd like someone to follow up afterwards, please leave your contact information and we will gladly do so.

Let's take a quick look at some of the upcoming dates to keep your eye on:

April 1 Easter Sunday: Post is Closed

April 3 Music: Luke Ogea w/ Pierre

and Ian 6-9pm

April 5 Trivia

April 13 Cribbage

April 19 Fish Fry & Music

"Seth Brown Duo" 7-10pm

May 1 Labor Day: Take the day off,

you deserve it!

May 10 Trivia

May 18 Armed Forces Day

May 22 Flags on Graves:

Music: Pierre Ogea 6-9pm

May 23 Flags on Graves

May 24 Trivia

May 27 Memorial Day

Don't forget to stop in and join the fun for

Meat Raffle, Queen of Hearts, Bar Bingo and

Trivia *Bar Bingo and the weekly Meat

Raffle will go on hiatus for the summer at

the end of May.*

See you soon. Cheers!

Jesse Sherman, *Canteen Operations Person*

THE QUEEN LIVES!

Each Wednesday at 6:30pm sales end for our weekly drawing for our Progressive Raffle, then at 7:00pm

we draw an entry from our revolving drum, and that lucky person gets to draw the numbered envelope from among those remaining. If the entrant has not preselected a draw number, or if the number designated has already been revealed, then the committee official will draw a random number from a container of poker chips.

If the Queen of Hearts is revealed, then this entry wins the Jackpot! Jackpot is currently climbing over \$4,000 for the drawing of 3/27/24. If the card revealed is the reset card, which is the one Joker in the deck, then that person gets a \$100.00 consolation prize!

If the card drawn is a Heart, then the consolation prize is \$50.00! All other cards get a \$25 prize. Need not be present to win. Need not be a member of the American Legion Post 44 Family, but check out our club and inquire about becoming a member.

Queen of hearts committee members may not purchase raffle tickets. Let us get the word out and build a Jackpot that sets a record! Last year, the winner received \$22,648.00! Profits from this raffle are designated for Legion Baseball and Legion Hockey.

Queen of Hearts Committee

AMERICAN LEGION POST 44 BANTAAM AA HOCKEY

Our team defended their home ice with a thrilling performance and did win the title of State Champion in the Tier II category. They overcame a slow start by losing game 1, but they came back and showed the hustle, determination and drive to beat all comers and take home the honors! They now move on to Buffalo, NY to vie for a national title. This takes money-a lot of money! \$35,000.00 to be exact. The team has a go fund me account, a raffle, and do accept gifts. It is not too late to help. Call 906-225-0781 or visit the team's Facebook page to learn more.

Go Legion!

APRIL 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. SAL Meeting 8 p.m.	2 Auxiliary Executive Board Board of men Warrior Cap League 7 p.m. Whitlakes 8:30 Food 5-7 p.m. Meal Raffle 7 p.m.	3 Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7 p.m. Music: Pierre, Luke and Ian 6-9 p.m.	4 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	5 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Trivia 7 p.m.	6 Pension Gulf War Casse Fire 1981
7	8 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Canteen meeting 5:30 Executive Board Meeting 7 p.m.	9 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:00-10 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Meal Raffle 7 p.m. Naptime C's observe meals at 7 p.m. Auxiliary Meeting 8:30	10 Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts DAY and QH Aux 7-9 p.m.	11 Auxiliary Credit Rate 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m. BEW from 5	12 No Service Officer today Trivia 7 p.m.	13 Cribbage 1 p.m.
14	15 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4 p.m. General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.	16 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:30-2:30 p.m. Meal Raffle 7 p.m. Whitlakes 8:30	17 Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts 7 p.m. DAY 7-8:30	18 Chicken strip or shrimp Bastards 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	19 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m. Fish Fry 4:30-6:30 Music: Seth Brown Duo 7-10PM	20 UP Devil Dog Growl Starts ~ 7 p.m.
21	22 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m.	23 Department Service Officer @ Post 8:00-10 p.m. Food 5-7 p.m. Meal Raffle Auxiliary New Member Event 8 p.m. Postcard Run	24 Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts	25	26 Department Service Officer @ Post 8-4p.m.	27
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MAY 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Food 5-7 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m.	2 BLT Wraps 5-7 p.m. Bar Bingo 7-9 p.m.	3	4
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