



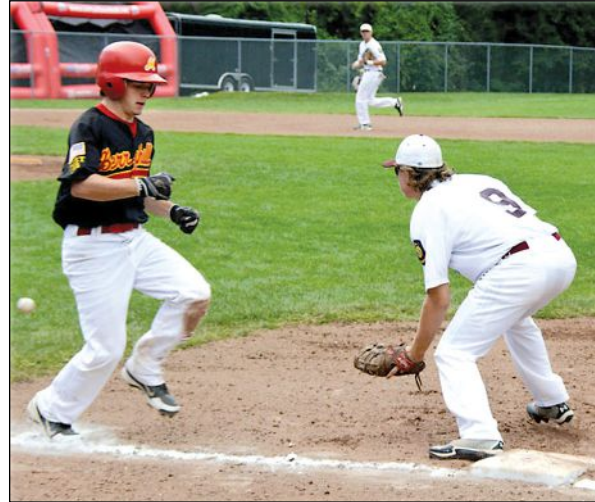
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Student Trooper Applications Due May 30th, 2014



Legion Baseball Team Registration and Baseball Insurance due by May 15th, 2014

Annual Post Data Reports Due By April 15th, 2014

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June 26th - 29th, 2014

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Chaplain

Jennifer L. Smith, State Chaplain

SEASON OF RENEWAL

Spring is here and goodness knows it is certainly welcomed. As the last Legionnaire stated, I am back on the road and slowly returning to Posts for visits. The snow lifting and the signs of growth have helped me gladly traverse more easily. I hope they have had a similar motivating effect upon you at your Posts, Districts, and Zones – Urging a time for positive and proactive action for God and Country.

Part of the season, and constructive action, is new growth as well as continuity. Renewal is a sign of stability and we all know that this is the time for new officers at each level of our organization and throughout the Legion Family. Those that have not considered taking an office, please do so. We have many Legionnaires (and Sisters and Sons as well) that have taken up the reigns of officer positions when others have not stepped up and have maintained our traditions.

Therefore, now is a terrific time to try, to be mentored by capable leaders, and to help ensure our organization perseveres and remains strong. We have many able and experienced members that are waiting to guide new leaders and it is my hope they assist those that have decided to undertake officer positions. Ethical mentorship and followership ensures we keep our respective Posts, Districts, and Zones robust. As Proverbs 9:9 ESV declares, “Give instruction[a]

to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.”

Additionally, I mentioned that I have been traveling. All visits have been positive, but one was unlike the others. One Mid-Michigan Post did not have its own meeting home, but was still very active and involved in the Four Pillars. It was another great experience with our state’s Posts that also served as an important lesson about why we exist. While I think most Posts would much rather have their own home, the Post I visited served as a reminder that striving toward the worthy objectives and answering the call to service of the American Legion is not hindered by a lack of real estate. Those that have their own homes are greatly blessed and I pray that advantage is used well to further Legion goals and retaining their Posts for generations to come.

Last, I am hoping that each of you is doing well and that you are considering ways to keep your Posts energized, relevant, and long lasting. May the springtime bring you new ideas, great participation, and a renewal of spirit and purpose. Keep up the good work and please keep pushing forward. For as it is written in Galations 6:9 ESV, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

May God richly bless you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GIVING THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Dominic R. Merlington, SAL Commander Squadron 287

On March 12, 2014, The Legion Family at Glen Hill Post 287 in Cedar Springs purchased enough dictionaries, over 260, for the entire 3rd grade class at Beach Elementary in Cedar Springs. Each third grader will now have their own personal dictionary. The Legion Family at Post 287 feels this is a great way to support the children and youth of our community. Children and Youth is one of the Four Pillars of The American Legion.



Pictured are Keith Tyler, Squadron 287 member and organizer for this project, LoraLee Nauta, Unit 287 President, Bill Gregones, Post 287 Commander, Mary Anne Yuncker, Unit 287 member and Past Department President, and Mr. See, Beach Elementary Principal

STATE OFFICERS

State Commander Raymond Moore, Lake City
State Adjutant Patrick W. Lafferty, Farwell
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2nd Zone Jerry Andrus
3rd Zone August Miele
4th Zone Gary Hlavka
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. John Skinner, Schoolcraft

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. Roger Webster, Croton
Immediate Past Commander
. Thomas Brown, Oscoda
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Director
. James Topps, Adrian
Membership Director Larry Money, Buchanan
Public Relations Director Mark Sutton, Eaton Rapids

Headquarters

Raymond Moore, State Commander

TIME FOR REFLECTION AND CONSIDERATION



Raymond Moore
State Commander

As our current year starts to wind down it is time to reflect on our accomplishments thus far and where we wanted to be when it comes to Convention. Have we completed those goals we set out with at the 30 day meet-

ing. Is our respective District growing in membership, have we been participatory in the programs of our American Legion?

Membership has, thus far, met all goals but we are not done with the year yet and it is, as always, our goal to be 100% plus. If we are to meet the challenge now is the time to look at our membership roster and call or visit those members who have yet to pay for 2014. Have they been wintering out of State, have they had some medical issue, is there some financial issue? If any of these conditions exist then we must consider how to assist them in maintaining their membership. WE cannot know

there is an issue if we don't speak with them, either telephonically or personally. The extra effort of a personal visit will convey our concern and likely provide more information about a problem if one exists. Go the extra mile for our membership and the Veterans and Active Duty military we serve. If we can't care for our own, how can we help others?

Our programs also need special treatment now as we must find those students who may have an interest in Boys State, Student Trooper, Girls State and American Legion Baseball which are now approaching sign up dates. Also consider Teacher of the Year, Police and Firefighter awards and other local recognition awards the Post or District may wish to present.

If you are unable to provide a student to participate in Boys State or Student Trooper, even Girls State, please consider just having a fund raiser to assist Department in assuring funds are available for accepting applications from another Post or District. We may and probably will have applicants who may not have the financial support to allow them to attend and your contribution

could make a dream come true. Your Post will get the recognition for the sponsorship and the student will get the opportunity of a lifetime.

I challenge all District and Post members to encourage your members to consider accepting a nomination for an office within the District or Post. We need to get new ideas and younger members involved. Now is the time to become a mentor and begin the training process so that others among us are prepared to accept the Leadership of our organization as we move forward.

District Commanders, you need to pull your manual off the shelf and review the duties of office for all incoming officers and be sure they are prepared to complete their term of office as identified in the manual. Assist them in knowing what will be expected of them and why. Look for prospective Committee Chairmen who will understand the activities of the committee and the necessary work to make the committee successful. Explain to them what worked for you and how you had to adapt to make it happen.

Post Commanders and Past Commanders need to do the same with

their members. Review the Post Officers Guide and explain to prospective officers the duties of each position. Tell them the good and bad, what worked and what has been less than exceptional and then, together, try to adapt and conquer.

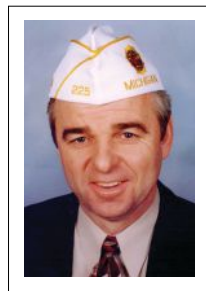
We often hear, "we tried that before"; but we seldom hear "can we make it work if we attempt to do it in a different way?". Maybe the way it was attempted was a great plan but it didn't work because we didn't really buy into it and went about the implementation in a haphazard manner. All plans work better with group participation, no one should have to go it alone. WE are an organization predicated on working together for the common good, not individual recognition, let's pull together to continue making The American Legion the greatest organization of Veterans in the World.

Remember, Membership 100% plus and involvement in all programs we can contribute to.

Thank you for your continued membership and assistance for our Veterans, our Active Duty Military and all of their families.

Patrick W. Lafferty, State Adjutant

It's Been A Privilege



Patrick W. Lafferty
State Adjutant

To my Michigan Legion Family, after much contemplation and discussion with my family and the leadership of this great organization I have decided to retire. The announcement was made at the 2014 Winter Meetings DEC meeting.

I am grateful and blessed for all of the opportunities The American Legion has given me over the years to help the greatest group of individuals on the planet, our veterans and their families. For over 30 years I have had the honor to serve our veterans, as a service officer and as the state adjutant. I have been privileged to meet many of you, serve with you, cry with you, and be a servant to you. More importantly call all of you my friend.

At the winter meeting the personnel committee and I discussed the transition; my official retirement will come March 2015. We are currently advertising and posting the state adjutants position to accept resumes. We will accept resumes until July 11th, 2014 and schedule interviews shortly after that date. Our current plan is to bring the new adjutant on board in September before fall conference and introduce them there.

I am inspired and forever grateful to you and The American Legion. See you at Summer Convention.

THE MICHIGAN LEGION SEEKS NEW STATE ADJUTANT

The American Legion Department of Michigan is accepting applications for the position of department adjutant. The candidate must be a graduate of an accredited high school, and preferably possess a degree or work related experience in Business Administration or related discipline.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:

- High level of knowledge regarding The American Legion programs and procedures, and department by-laws.
- Knowledge of veteran's affairs and rehabilitation, veterans laws, claims service, and veterans and dependents benefits.
- Excellent interpersonal and public speaking skills.
- Ability to effectively work with state and federal government officials and with members of Congress and the Michigan legislature.
- Must have been honorably discharged from a branch of the U.S. military service and be a member of The American Legion in good standing.
- Must have thorough knowledge of modern office management, computers, equipment, and methods and principals of supervision.
- Must agree to submit to criminal and FBI background check and financial credit check.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. The American Legion department benefits package is included.

Please send resume by Friday, July 11, 2014 to Department Adjutant Search Committee, 212 N. Verlinden Ave, Lansing, MI 48915, and short essay explaining interest in the position. Position to begin in September 2014.

Membership

HARD FACTS



Larry Money, Membership Director

Sadly enough at this writing we are still in the grips of Michigan winter. I'm thinking that Mother Nature may have forgotten about us.

As the end of May approaches and Memorial Day sales hit the airwaves, let us, The American Legion members remember those who have fallen and sacrificed all for us to continue on with our comrades, our families, and our communities.

That is not the case with our membership goals. We as a Department have been doing an outstanding job once again this year. Currently our Department is in (18th) place in National standings, we have achieved 92.486 % of our membership goal for the year. Success like this can only be obtained thru the hard work of all members of the Department of Michigan. But we still need to do a little more.

Start looking at your Post's delinquent list, start calling and visiting those delinquent members, remind them that their 2014 dues are expired, we do not want to lose these folks. Five thousand three hundred and forty seven is the number we must reach to be at 100%, we can do it.

If you have access to www.mylegion.org I would also like to recommend that you look members in your area, (Left Column about ?'s the way down "Find members in area"). There are 2 opportunities with this list: 1. To transfer Members at large in to your Post who then become a part of next year's goal and 2. If they have not paid for 2014 you have the opportunity to transfer them in to your post and help reach 100% goal.

Once again thanks to all for your hard work and dedication to The American Legion.

End of the Year Reports Due
by May 1st, 2014 for District
Commanders and
Committee Chairman.

Send to:

info@michiganlegion.org

or

212 N Verlinden Ave,
Lansing, MI 48915
Attn Mark Sutton

District Meetings 2013-2014

1st District

Meetings begin @ 7PM
May 5th, 2014 Memorial Observance Joint
Legion/Auxiliary
Mon. 5-26-2014 Annual Memorial Day
Program Roseland Park 10:30 am
** 2901 N. Woodward Ave, Berkley, MI. 48072
June 2, 2014 @ Joe Louis Post #375
Address: 19486 Sherwood, Detroit, MI. 48234

2nd District

MAY 18th, 2014 JACKSON POST # 29
SAL meets @ 11:00am
Service Officer Training @ 12:00pm
Memorial Service is @ 12:30pm, American
Legion meeting to follow.

3rd District

Executive Board meetings at 11:30AM
Regular District Meeting at 1:00PM
Sunday, May 4, 2013- (3rd District Election)-
Kalamazoo Post No. 36, 1920 E. Kilgore
Service Road, Portage, Michigan-
(269.735.2544)

4th District

May 4, 2013 Bridgman Post#331
We have a luncheon at these meeting at 12:30.
Then our meetings start at 2:00.

5th District

Meetings start at 7 PM
May 8th, 2014 @ Charles A. Conklin Post 28
July 10th To be Announced

6th District

Service officer school @11AM
Lunch @ 12:00 Noon
Meetings @ 1:00 PM
May 4, 2014 @ Grand Blanc Post 413

7th District

Lunch served @ 12:30PM
May 18, 2014 @ Port Huron Post 8 -
Memorial Service-Meeting @1:30PM
June @ State Convention - Livonia

8th District

Lunch at 1:30 PM
Meetings begin at 3 PM
May 4th, 2014 @ Bath Post 412

9th District

Exec Board @ Noon

Service Officer and Past Commanders @ 12:30
p.m.
Lunch @ 1:00 p.m.
General Membership @ 2:00 p.m.
May 10, 2014 @ Traverse City Post 35

10th District

Lunch @ 12:00PM
Meeting @ 1:00PM
May 4, 2014 @ Hale Post 422
(MemorialService)
Jun. 7, 2014 @ TBA

11th & 12th District

June 13 & 14
Location: Quality Suites & Inn, 2603 N.
Lincoln Rd, Escanaba (US 2/41/35 before
you get to Escanaba on the west side of the
road)
Rooms: \$91.40/ night. Reservations under
American Legion must be in by May 15th,
906-789-1200: Alternative motel is the Super
8 Motel next door; 906-786--7819.
Times: Registration (\$10) starting at noon
Friday 6/13/14.
Joint session for Memorial Service begins at
6:30 P.M.
Banquet Saturday evening \$20. Congressman
Dan Bencchek is expected to speak on the VA
in Washington.

16th District

Meetings Begin at 7:30 PM
April 8th, 2014 @ Trenton Post 426 *
May 13th, 2014 @ Lincoln Park Post 67 **
Dual
June 10th, 2014 @ Garden City Post 396 *
* Service Officer School 6:30 PM
** Memorial Service at 6:30 PM

17th District

Meetings start @ 7PM
16-Apr @ TBD
21-May @ Livonia #32
4-Jun @ Livonia #32 @ 6:30PM

18th District

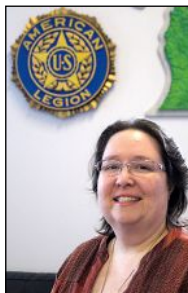
Meetings start @ 2:00PM
May 18th, 2013 @ Farmington Post #346
Memorial Service / Election of Officers
June 8, 2014 @ Royal Oak Post #253

District 19

May 17, 2014 @ Onaway Post

NEW MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

SAY HELLO TO DEANNA



Deanna Clark has taken over for Barb Money who retired in December as the new membership administrator. Deanna has been with The American Legion Department of Michigan staff for a couple of decades, now. Her role before was in program and tabs for tots. Now for any of your membership questions like numbers, payments, and the like, please contact Deanna Clark at extension 24.

Deanna has been on Department Legion staff for 22.5 years, born and raised in Lansing, Michigan and is a self-described Sci-Fi Geek.

If you have questions about your membership at the individual, Post, or District level please contact Deanna via phone 517-371-4720 ext 24 or member@michiganlegion.org. She will be happy to help you.



AUXILIAIRE



From the Desk of the President

2013 - 2014 Department President, Sandra Snyder



April is finally here and so is spring. Reports are done and convention is approaching fast. I look forward to each of you in Livonia Holiday Inn June 26th-29th.

You still have time to gather those last few girls to attend the 2014 Girls State session. Be mindful to continue to work on the

Many Thanks to Many Sisters

Auxiliary program as we have begun the new reporting year. I am hopeful to be up and on the road soon.

A special thank you I send to all my Auxiliary sisters who have stepped in to help me out during this trying time in the past 3 months. Please keep filling the train with members new, and renew. Together one by one we will meet our membership goals.

To all of you were able supported my special project "Freedom Center" thank you for your service to our veteran and their families. Don't forget to continue to use your Michigan Legion Family Business cards. If you need more or would like to order some please contact Mark Sutton Public Relations Director for the Legion at Department.

2014 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION CALL

The 94th Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan is hereby called to be held in Livonia, Michigan June 26-June 29, 2014.

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, considering amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules, receiving reports of the National Executive Committeewoman, Department Officers and Chairmen, electing Delegates and Alternates to the 94th National Convention and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

REPRESENTATION

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2: The Annual Convention shall be composed of Delegates and Alternates qualified as follows:

- a. Delegates and Alternates shall have paid their National and Department dues for the current year to Department Headquarters not less than thirty (30) days prior to the convention.
- b. Delegates and Alternates must be over eighteen (18) years of age, except as provided in the Constitution, Article III, Section 2 (a).
- c. Delegates and Alternates must be elected at a Unit meeting duly called for that purpose: notice of said meeting having been given no later than two (2) weeks prior to election.
- d. Alternates shall have priority in order of their election.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3: Each Unit of ten (10) or more members shall be entitled to one (1) Delegate and one (1) additional Delegate for every one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof.

- a. Units may send Delegates or Alternates only if they have paid their Mandatory Funds for the current year to Department Headquarters not less than (30) days prior to Convention.
- b. Units will be permitted to vote from the floor only if they have complied with all mandates and are represented by at least one (1) Delegate or Alternate.
- c. Units organized during the year (after July 1) will be given the privileges of the Convention floor.

THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES ALLOWED WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE UNIT'S MEMBERSHIP INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON MAY 27, 2014.

UNIT CREDENTIAL FEES

Standing Rules (Department of Administration) credential fee is \$10.00 for each delegate, \$1.00 fee will be charged for lost credentials for Department Convention, must be paid by the Unit for each Delegate to which it is entitled by virtue of its membership.

DELEGATE AT LARGE

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4: All elected and appointed Department Officers, all members of Department Standing Committees, the

Hospital Representatives and their First Deputies of the VA Hospitals, Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans and all non-VA Hospital Chairmen and their First Deputies shall be Delegates-at-Large to the annual Convention and entitled to vote.

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5: All Past Department Presidents, as long as they remain members in good standing in a Unit in this Department, shall be Delegates-at-Large to the annual Convention and entitled to vote.

STANDING RULES (DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION)

A credential fee shall be paid for each Delegate-at-Large for the Department Convention. All credential fees collected for Department Convention shall be allocated to the printing account to help defray the cost of the Annual Report Book. Credential fee is \$10.00.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE

The fee of \$15.00 charged by The American Legion Convention Corporation must be paid by ALL DELEGATES, ALTERNATES, DELEGATES-AT-LARGE AND GUESTS. Convention program book, badge, etc. will be given only on presentation of the Corporation's receipt at the registration desk. The registration fee of \$15.00 must be paid even if housing is not required. The convention registration fee of \$15.00 is to be mailed to the American Legion 2014 Convention with a registration form.



Ellen Jackson, Department Chaplain

Prayer is a Gift To Give

Whether it's a time of happiness or one of sadness, just saying a prayer is the perfect way

of letting someone know that you care. Prayer is one of the most important gifts that we can give, when doing so we give back to our Lord and all of those in need. Please take time to pray in your daily life. Pray daily for our servicemen and women all over the world serving to protect our country, our freedom and our peace.

We can pray anytime, anywhere.

Our instructions are to "pray at all times, on every occasion, in every season" and to "be unceasing in prayer", but we know we cannot spend all day in prayer and listening to our Lord. If we did, we could not live our lives. Prayer needs to be like breathing-regular, easy. We can pray while we just are standing in a line, waiting at the bank in your car, or doing household chores, as mention before we can pray anytime, anywhere.

Williamson Endorsed as Department Historian

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Fifth District Association, held Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Grand Haven MI, Deborah R. Williamson was endorsed for the office of Historian, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan for the year 2014-2015.

Deborah is eligible through the service of her father, Harvey R. Volkens, who served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. She is also eligible through her brother who served in the United States Marine Corps, during the Vietnam Era.

Deborah has been an active American Legion Auxiliary member for sixty years. On the Unit level she served her Unit as President for four years, and is currently serving as Unit President. She served in every office except secretary and served as treasurer for twenty four years. She has held every Chairmanship at the Unit level with the exception of Americanism and VA & R.

On the District level, Deborah served as First and Second Vice President and was President in 2006-2007. She served as Publication Chairman and Poppy Chairman for several years.

On the Department level Deborah has been on the Girls State Committee for thirteen years and is currently serving as Girls State Chairman.

Deborah is a ten-year member of Kent Salon 322 of the 8 et 40, currently serving as Le Petit Chapeau.

Deborah has been employed as a bookkeeper by Michaels Stores Inc. for twenty years. She is married and has four children and sixteen grandchildren.

We ask your consideration and support of our candidate for the office of Historian for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan for the year 2014-2015.

Deborah Chambers
Fifth District President

Pamela McVeigh
Fifth District Secretary

Juniors Are Serving a Very Busy and Successful Year

Christine Merlington, Junior Activities Chairman

There has been so much going on with the Juniors this year.

They have attended multiple parades and events. President Alyssa has been really busy visiting many Posts and enjoying herself.

The Juniors were really busy at Fall Conference, helping out and being mentored. The sleepover in Cedar Springs at Unit #287 was very successful and lasted into the night as always. Lots was learned and friendships blossomed. We sent Christmas cards to the USS Michigan, a submarine stationed out of the West Coast.

There have been many stories coming from the Units with information on the Juniors at the Unit levels, among these are fundraisers to enable the units to donate to special projects and to

encourage Community Service.

Some Units are working diligently to make sure that the Juniors are able to attend multiple functions. During midwinter, we were pleased to have raised over \$500 to help the Junior Activities. We will have a fundraising raffle, beginning in April, that will be given out at the State Convention to assist in raising funds for Alyssa's special project --Child Help USA. Most Junior officers and their parents or Post will have tickets available then. Please get with them and help us make this year very successful for Honorary Junior President Alyssa.

As of this reading, the new Officers will have been elected at the Junior Convention. Please congratulate them as you see them. We are very proud of all our Juniors and everything they do.

MEMBERSHIP HAS A NUMBER OF AWARDS

Anne Michell, Upper Northern Membership Chairman

The dates for entering Department Awards are drawing near; Below you will find the listing of Department Awards.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Chloe O'Neil Cup – The unit having the greatest numerical increase in members 30 days prior to Department Convention.
- Doyle Cup – The unit having the highest percentage goal on April 1, 2014.
- Elizabeth Lyons Citation – District Membership Chairman who's District shows the highest percentage increase 30 days prior to Department Convention.
- Esther V. McCoy Cup – Unit having the highest percentage increase over the previous year's membership 30 days prior to Department Convention.
- Orlene Penning Citation – Junior group having the most new members for the year.
- Patricia Donaldson Citation – Unit with 200+ memberships having the greatest numerical increase in membership 30 days prior to Department Convention.

However, National is encouraging all members to participate in the "Recruit 1" new SENIOR MEMBER, "Rejoin 1" rejoin 1 former SENIOR MEMBER (must not have paid dues after 2011)

In addition to the "Recruit 1" award, there is also the following:

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Awards for Individuals

- Silver Brigade" – Recruit 25 or more "NEW" senior members and receive a special gift from our National President. Entry forms must be received in National Headquarters by May 1, 2014 in order to qualify.

UNIT AWARD

Unit Renewal Award: Units that retain/renew 100% of the previous year's membership (2013) as of 12/31/13 (less any deceased after paying 2013 dues) by April 8, 2014 will be eligible for a \$100 cash drawing. Checks will be made payable to the Unit to be used for mission outreach and/or membership efforts. Note: Eligible units will be tracked and submitted to National Headquarters by their Department verification forms due in the National Headquarter by May 16, 2014.

Also, ladies, please keep sending the dues in to Department as you receive them. Members who have not renewed by December 31, 2013 are now delinquent, and have lost their membership privileges until their dues are paid. We, your Area Membership Chairmen are ready to assist you with any concerns. If it is beyond our permitted scope, you will be directed to the proper venue.

**The Only Written
Official Call
to the 96th Annual State Convention
American Legion,
Department of Michigan
June 26th – June 29th, 2014
Holiday Inn
Livonia, Michigan**



Raymond Moore
State Commander

Purpose: To receive Department Officers' annual reports, consider Department Constitution and By-Laws amendments, elect Department Officers and conduct any other business brought to the convention. Only the Committees and Chairpersons listed below are called to officially participate in the Convention.

Registrations • Registration fee of \$15 will be charged to all delegates, alternates and guests.

Contest Supervisory • Completed registration forms filed at Department Headquarters June 1st, 2014

Department Exec. Cmte Meeting: Thursday June 26th, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Opening Session: Friday June 27th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Subsequent Convention Sessions: Saturday, June 28th, 2014, 9:00 a.m. & Sunday, June 29th, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Called Department Committee Meetings: Thursday, June 26th, 2014 (TBA – see schedule at www.michiganlegion.org)

- Finance/Personnel
- Children & Youth, Legislative, Membership, Permanent Time and Place
- Americanism, Economic, Public Relations, Reconnect, and VAVS/VHVS
- Contest Supervisory, Internal Affairs, Post Development, and VA&R

Called Department Committee Chairmen: Representing Department Committees not called to convention: Baseball, Boys State, Education & Scholarship, Leadership College, and National Security & Foreign Relations

Convention Cmte Meetings: Friday June 27th, 2014, 8:30 a.m.– 9:30 a.m.

Convention Committees are comprised of one person per district. Each Delegation Chairman will name the members to serve on the Convention Committees and certify that list to the Department Adjutant ten (10) (**June 17th, 2014**) days prior to the Department Convention.

Americanism & Community Service (includes Education & Scholarship, Boys State, Law and Order, Scouting) – **Children & Youth, Constitution & Bylaws, Credentials, Economic, Finance, Legislative, Membership, National Security & Foreign Relations, Post Development, Public Relations, Reconnect, Rules, Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation and VAVS/VHVS**

District Caucuses: Friday, June 27th, 2014, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Zone Caucuses: Friday, June 27th, 2014, 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Joint Memorial Service: Sunday, June 29th, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Elections & Adjournment: Sunday June 29th, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

The 2015 Department Executive Committee and the 2015 National Convention Delegates and Alternates will meet upon convention adjournment.

Post Voting Requirements

Non-compliance with the 10-day delegate/alternate information requirement below will negate a post's vote at Department Convention

VOTING STRENGTH IS DETERMINED BY MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AS OF MAY 27th, 2013 (last year's membership number)

10 Day's Prior to the Opening of Department Convention

Each Post Adjutant must send the completed Post Delegate Form, which will be mailed to each Post Adjutant's home address in May, into Department Headquarters by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday June 17th, 2014. Once department receives the signed post delegate form, department will mail the appropriate number of post delegate cards to each Post Adjutant's home address. The form must include each person's membership card number, full name, mailing address, and be signed by either the Post Commander or Adjutant. Forms can be mailed, faxed to 517-371-2401, attn: Deanna Clark, or emailed to her attention only at this email address: deanna@michiganlegion.org. A form will not be accepted at any other department email address nor accepted if it lacks the Post Commander or Adjutant Signature.

Representation – Article V, Section 1 (c) • Delegates

Representation in the annual Convention shall be by Delegates and Alternates, duly elected by Posts of the Department and, in addition thereto, the Past Department Commanders and the members of the Department Executive Committee, with the exception of the Department Adjutant. Each of the above Delegates shall be entitled to one vote. Each Post having 15 or more paid up members at the Department Headquarters **30 days prior to the opening date of the PRECEDING year's Convention** shall have representation at the annual Convention on the basis of one Delegate for such Post, who shall be the newly elected Commander and one additional Delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof. Each Post represented at the Department Convention is entitled to cast the voting strength of its Post, provided all annual dues and debts to the District of which it is a part and the Department are paid.

Delegates – Article IV, Section 4 (j) j. In addition to the newly elected Post Commander, each Post shall select one Delegate for each 50 paid-up members, or major fraction thereof, to represent such Post at the annual Convention. Each Post shall select an alternate for each Delegate chosen. The Delegates and Alternates shall be chosen by each Post from among its own members in good standing. The names of all Delegates and Alternates shall be certified to the Department Adjutant at least 10 days before the opening date of the annual Convention.

Delegate Determination Formula:

15-25 members	1 delegate
26-75 members	2 delegates
76-125 members	3 delegates
126-175 members...	4 delegates
176-225 members ..	5 delegates
226-275 members ..	6 delegates
276-325 members ..	7 delegates
326-375 members ..	8 delegates
376-425 members ..	9 delegates

Credentials • Delegates will receive an identification badge upon registering with the Convention Corporation on-site.

Election of Vice Commanders – Article VI, Section 3 (a) • Elective Department Officers shall be chosen annually at the Department Convention by a roll call vote of the Districts of the Department, with the exception of Five Vice-Commanders, who shall be chosen at the "Zone" Caucuses by the Districts making up the "Zone" which that individual Vice Commander is to represent. Each Vice Commander so chosen must be and shall remain a member of a Post within his respective Zone.

Election of District Commanders - Article V, Section 3 (c) • Each District shall elect its District Commander by vote of the Delegates representing Posts in the said District in attendance at the Annual Department Convention and prior to the adjournment thereof or else at a regular District Meeting to be held not less than fifteen (15) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Department Convention. Alternates shall be chosen at the same time and place as the District Commanders.

See
Housing Form
on Page 15

PROPOSED '14 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

These proposed Constitutional Amendments are published in accordance with Article XIII, Section 1 of the Constitution & By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Michigan: "These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any Annual Department Convention, provided notice be published electronically on the Department website at least 60 days prior to said convention and be published in paper form in a spring edition of the Michigan Legionnaire. Said proposed amendment shall be referred to the Convention Constitution and By-Laws Committee, which shall submit the same to the Department Convention with its recommendations with regard thereto".

Explanation of intended change:

Amendment 1 – Reasons for change: In many past years, the Department has not had any or very few Posts participate in the various rituals and Color Guard competitions. The Department parades have consisted of forming up and marching around a hotel parking lot and the parade has low participation. Due to such low participation and financial concerns, the following is submitted:

AMENDMENT 1 – Submitted by Department Internal Affairs Committee

A proposed change to the State Constitution and By-Laws, **Page 3-4, Article IV, Section 1, subsection f, which now reads:**

The following permanent Department Committees and Subcommittees are hereby authorized:

- Americanism and Community Service
 - Subcommittee: Law & Order
 - Subcommittee: Scouting
 - American Legion Baseball
 - American Legion Boys' State
- Children and Youth
- Economic
- Education and Scholarship
- Finance/Personnel
- Internal Affairs
 - Subcommittee: Constitution and By-Laws
 - Subcommittee: Contest Supervisory
- Legislative
- Membership
- Michigan Leadership College
- National Security and Foreign Relations
 - Subcommittee: Blood, Eye and Vital Organ
- Bank
 - Subcommittee: POW/MIA
- Permanent Time and Place and Resolutions
- Assignment

- Post Development
- Public Relations
- Reconnect
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
 - Subcommittee: V.A.V.S./V.H.V.S.

To be amended by:

eliminating the Contest Supervisory subcommittee of the Internal Affairs Committee

so that when amended, Article IV, Section 1, subsection f, shall read:

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Talons Out Honor Flight provides all expense paid trips for WWII veterans Washington D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor

You are invited to attend their Mission 2 homecoming which includes the below.

Cost: FREE
 What: Honor Flight :The Movie Screening
 When: May 31st
 Time: 6:00 pm
 Where: Kalamazoo Wings Stadium
 3620 Vanrick Dr
 Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Come for the movie and stay to welcome our heroes home.

But we also need your help - We are a new hub and word is just getting out about us. We could use your assistance in the following areas:

- 1) **WWII heroes** - They don't know we are here and may also need your assistance with getting and completing applications. They fly on a first apply, first fly basis and there is NO COST to the veteran
- 2) **Guardians** – Each veteran is assigned a Guardian for the duration of their trip. Note: Guardians do pay their own expenses for the honor of escorting one of our veterans n their One Last Mission
- 3) **Spread the Word** - Talk about us in your posts and communities to let them know about our program.
- 4) **Fundraising** – It costs \$500 for each veteran we take to Washington D.C. If you or someone in your community would like to donate or hold a fundraiser. Please let us know.

Visit our website at www.talonsouthonorflight.org for more information or applications

ALR TIME TO REFLECT

Tom Howard, SAL Rider Liason

With the winter passing we can use this opportunity to look at last year and make this a better year for the American Legion Riders and your chapter. We can all anticipate road conditions with state road repair money being used up in salt and plowing. I personally cannot stress safety enough. A great practice many chapters do is to have spring brush up skills secessions. There are also rider training sources available. In the Lansing area at Lansing Community college they have experienced rider courses that do not cost much and are well worth your time. Many chapters are already getting ride schedules around for the upcoming year. A good practice that is getting more common is to get with nearby chapters and share schedules and maybe ride together. Our State Legion Riders web site is still being worked on and should go live from the State Legion web site by the time you read this. We are looking for 2 things for the web site, major rides & events. You can email these to me and please include extensive information. We will have this ride locator set up by zone so you can filter through the information more quickly. The second item is advertising on the Legion Riders web site. Funds will go the Department of Michigan. If you know of potential advertisers we can have merchandise area, also a motorcycle friendly bar/restaurant area. Web advertising prices will be listed on the web site soon. As a courtesy to your fellow American Legion Riders please have your motorcycle serviced and in safe working condition. When a tire blows or your brakes fail it is not only you in danger. Safe riding and if I can be of help to anyone in the Legion Family please contact me at speedbump48813@hotmail.com - For God & Country

*To the American Legion Family, I would like to tell you why I belong to the Sons of the American Legion. To HONOR my Father and Grandfather, Father in law ,and all Veterans, who have served this great nation. Also to help the American Legion with there fight for the rights of the Veterans any why I can. To help them get the benefits that is rightfully coming to them. It is a since of pride to help any way I can. One thing that is near my heart is homeless Veteran, or the homeless of a Veterans wife and child this must Stop now . Please jump in your post and help any way you can,you will feel a since of belonging to the American Legion Family and it feels great. try it you may like the feeling of helping people who served this nation. Thank you American Legion for having the Sons of the American Legion, so we can honor those who help make this nation free. I am also a Veteran. I was in at peace time Vet. Because of the Sons I can Help my Brother, Sister in arms. Proud possessors of a priceless heritage means everything to me For God and Country
 Detachment Historian , PDC 1 Rodney Tolbert*

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

Help Celebrate the 100th Birthday of The American Legion

1919 is fast approaching and before you know it we will be celebrating 100 years of veterans serving veterans. 100 years of supporting the 4 pillars of The American Legion. 100 years since the "Paris Caucuses". 100 years since Teddy Roosevelt Jr. and 3 other officers sat down to discuss organizing a veteran's organizations to represent the World War I service members returning to the United States.

SHARE THE HISTORY OF YOUR POST

With over 13,000 posts in 53 Departments world wide the staff in Indianapolis cannot tell everyone's story. So they have created a great website tool for you post to share their history and story with others. They want to hear from your post, they want you to share the history of your post, and they want you to tell others your history for generations to come. This online tool is easy to use and allows for a tremendous amount of creativity for

posts to share their story. **HOW DO I GET STARTED?**

The 100th American Legion National Convention in 2018 will kick off a 15-month commemoration to honor the organization's first century of service and propel it into it's second.

Minneapolis, home of the 1st American Legion National Convention in 1919, will host the 100th National Convention Aug. 24-30, 2018. Other centennial events and activities will be conducted at the national, department and post levels through the 101st National Convention in Indianapolis Aug. 23-29, 2019. The celebration finale will be on Veterans Day 2019.

On the local level, this 15-month celebration offers posts the opportunity to celebrate their legacy, enhance The American Legion brand, and foster a new era of growth and resonance within their communities.

Visit <http://centennial.legion.org> and download and read the 2 manuals available to everyone. When

you visit the site click on the 2 links on the left side under "Tools"; download and save the "Legacy & Vision"

manual and the "Post History Workbook". Working through these two manuals will present a step by step path to posting your Posts story online.

GREETINGS 8TH DISTRICT

Terry Hessler 8th District Commander

Greetings 8th District members. I want to take a moment to update you on events that have happened in the district over the past several months.

Greta job goes out to the Ladies of Auxiliary Unit 203 of Belding, during the holidays they prepared 14 turkey dinners and all the trimmings that were delivered to WWII veterans in their area. Next they prepared 40 dozen Christmas cookies for the veterans at the Grand Rapids Home. They were not done, as they collected new and gently used men's pants for the residents in need at the Grand Rapids home. Keep up the great selfless giving.

This year the 8th District received 17 Wilson and 15 Brewer Scholarship applications from graduating students. I would like to thank Rob Kohn and Bud Hansberger for helping me make some difficult choices. The committee was amazed at the quality of the young people who applied. The district forwarded 3 Wilson and 3 Brewer scholarships to Department consideration.

The Post Revitalization chairman Al Ford and committeeman Ken Dittenber and 8th District post members from 125, 37, 502, and 203 came together on January 25th to help revitalize the Ionia Post. The group went into the community to reclaim lost members and find new members. Thank you to everyone who assisted on that cold and snowy day.

We will see you at the May 4th, 2014 District meeting where we will vote on new officers, finish this year's business and look forward to the 2015 membership year. How time flies.

Kenneth Burtch Jr. 10th District Commander

10th District members, thank you for your dedication to The American Legion. As of March 19th, 2014 the 10th District is at 91.60% membership with 100% in sight and close at hand we can achieve this. One of the ways we can achieve 100% is by being "Walking Billboards" for the Legion. I want to encourage all members to wear your Legion Caps, and jackets as the weather is still a little chilled. They can be conversation starters and membership follows.

As of this date I have been able to visit 16 Posts and during those visits I have impressed upon the members present the importance of membership. As Legion members we exist for a reason and that is to keep the work of our former members who have gone on to the "everlasting Post" with God as their Commander from stopping. They build our brand, they built our Post buildings, they created the programs, and the scholarships. They have served the communities we live in, they have kept the American Flag flying high for all to see. They have work to make sure the elderly veterans, widows of veterans, and the children of veterans are not forgotten, but are given the necessities of life, let us not forget our former comrades and continue on with their legacy.

I had the privilege to visit Post 422 in Hale,

BE A WALKING BILLBOARD

Michigan. John Brindley is the Post Commander and he also serves as the District's 2nd Vice Commander. That night Post 422 held their Oratorical Contest, the room was full of Legionnaires and Auxiliary members to watch 2 young ladies Ariel Everitt and Catrina Nichols, 10th graders from Hale school district. Ms. Everitt went on to win and compete in Grand Rapids for the State title. I was honored to assist District Chaplain Robert Bauder in the contest. The chaplain gave a invocation and I was able to present the awards to the contestants. Outstanding Job to Post 422 Commander and members on a great program.

For the Posts I have not visited yet in the 10th, please let me know if you have a special time you would like me to visit. You may reach me at 989-941-8412.



Veterans' Service

A System Worth Saving" is Coming to Ann Arbor VA

The American Legion System worth saving task force will be making a site visit on April 29th and April 30th, 2014 at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center.

SWS Town Hall to be held April 28th, 2014

On April 28th, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. there will be a town hall meeting at The American Legion Post 322 in Saline Michigan, 320 W. Michigan Ave, Saline, MI 48176, phone number 734-429-7310. Post Commander Tim Driskel and Post Adjutant Lewis Worley.

Veterans are encouraged to participate

Do you go to the Ann Arbor VA Medical center for treatment? How is the service? How are the facilities? Have you encountered any unacceptable service there? Do you have a complaint about the VA Medical center in Ann Arbor? We are asking for you to participate, by being at the town hall meeting or sending a letter to The American Legion Department of Michigan Veteran Services Director Gary Easterling, at 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226, by April 24th, 2014. We want to present your concerns or praises to the task force.

The task force will then visit the medical center on April 29th and 30th, 2014.

What is the "System worth Saving" Task Force?

In fiscal 2003, American Legion Past National Commander Ronald F. Conley initiated a series of visits to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) Medical Centers throughout the VA health-care system. One of the results of these visits was the acknowledgement that this is indeed "A System Worth Saving (SWS)".

At The American Legion National Convention in 2006, Resolution 206, "Annual State of VA Medical Facilities Report", authorized a continuation of these visits. To fulfill the intent of this resolution, current National Commander Dan Dellinger has appointed an American Legion Task Force to continue the review of VA facilities.

Each year, the System Worth Saving Task Force members conduct a series of site visits to VA medical facilities, as mandated by Resolution 206, "Annual State of VA Medical Facilities Report". Reports generated from these visits are compiled into a document illustrating the manner in which each respective facility utilizes specific resources and notes the facility's challenges and limitations.

Resolution passed at Winter Meeting 2014

The Legislative Committee

Support Joint Services Transcript (JST) Evaluation of Military Training and Experience of Veterans, Active-Duty, Reserve and National Guard Personnel

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Winter Meeting assembled in Flint, Michigan, February 15-16, 2014, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, support the efforts of academic credit evaluation by universities, colleges and vocational technical schools via the Joint Services Transcript system for military experience as evaluated university, college and vocational technical school credit; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the DOD and the VA change the current required degree plan used by universities, colleges, and vocational technical institutions of higher learning to be in receipt of DOD TA or VA GI Bill funds be required evaluate and report the Joint Services Transcript of Veterans, Active-Duty Military, Reserve and National Guard just as they would for any other transcript from an institution of prior learning; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, support these efforts not only in the State of Michigan but at the national level by introducing this resolution to the Legislative Committee of The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion support efforts to increase the understanding that without this required evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts that the Department of Veterans Affairs education funding through the GI Bill oftentimes duplicates funding for military training already received by the DOD.

American Legion Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Our staff is dedicated to providing the very best veterans' advocacy to Michigan Veterans and Their families. They can assist with Claims Preparation, Presentation and appeal counsel in Veterans' benefits services. Assist you and your Dependents in getting the Benefits that you have earned by your service to your Country



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Field Service Officer schedule.**

Veterans Crisis Line



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Serving the Fourth

Binnie Price, 4th District President

The 4th has been busy working to support the goals set by the Units therein.

Even with the weather reducing our District meeting schedule, we still have been able to reach out to each Unit and keep them aware of our support. This is mainly because the District is not just a conduit for updates and information from Department and National, but a working body to support each and every Unit.

The 4th District has a team to visit any Unit/Post for counseling on forming a new Unit, initiation team for new members, and question & answer team for the new POD format of annual reports. We are open to any suggestions to make District Four more meaningful and supportive of the Units as well as Department.

We also are very proud to be able to be a hostess for our Department Leaders. Weather permitting our Department President Sandy and the Western Area Membership Chairman will be our Guests.

Being able to enjoy the Auxiliary experience as a servant to the District is really remarkable and makes you more cognizant of the role. The benefits far outweigh the chores.

We planted our Poppy seeds & fertilized them. Now it's time to harvest!

Margo Forrester, Poppy Chairman

Did your Unit order and distribute poppies? How did you bring awareness? Our District Poppy Chairs are looking forward to judging your Poppy Centerpieces, Unique Displays, Corsages, Poppy Posters, Junior & Senior Miss Poppy entries and your Unit Poppy Program narratives, describing your Unit's efforts. Each District's 1st Place entries will be forwarded with the "green slip" onto the Department Chair. (Exceptions: Each District's Poppy Poster winners are to be forwarded with the "green slip" to Poppy Committee Chair, Olive Hartman. Poppy Window Displays entries will be judged at Department Convention!) All contest specifics are in your Program Guides.

Your Unit's Annual Poppy Report will be combined in the "new" Veteran-Military Support & Advocacy Pod. We want to hear from every Unit and about any special or unique awareness or fundraising activity.

ALA National says promoting the Poppy Program should be an ongoing effort and not just over traditional Poppy Days! But traditional Poppy Days, May 15-17, is a perfect time to bring awareness and distribute poppies. (Plus **May 17 is Armed Forces Day!**)

Make a plan for your can! 1. Find a location and get permission from the store manager to distribute our *Veteran-Made in Michigan* poppies.

2. Consider doing a Press/Media Release, it's free! Entice the media announcing who, what, when, where and how. And don't forget to invite your friends and family to stop by via email or Facebook? 3. Be visible! Wear your Legion logos. Bring a table, banner or other sign, your American & Auxiliary flags, poppies, a large container for donations, the Poppy Story & the Flanders Field poem. 4. Share the financial benefits of poppy distribution and let the public know what your Unit accomplished this year! 5. Have your "elevator speech" of why you joined or what you admire about our organization and Memberships applications ready.

GRHV is hosting its annual **Poppy Bonanza** on May 3 @ 10:00 a.m. Veterans will demonstrate how they assemble the crepe paper poppies and let you do some hands on too! The traveling Poppy Museum will be there and a Poppy flower arrangement display. Every is welcome! RSVP Sarah Brooks (616 243-3520) for planning purposes.

Thank you all for your efforts and Poppy On! Margo Forrester (616 363-6688 or msscottforrester@gmail.com) On Facebook visit and "like" American Legion Auxiliary Northeastern Post-Unit 459 Poppy Museum for all things poppy!

*Always save your leftover poppies for future Poppy contests and clubroom decorations.

National Security Has Many Ways to Help Our Veterans

Sue Verville, National Security Chairman

Our National Security Program has so many ways to help our Veterans, their families, our community and our members. We need to excite our members about our programs and find out which part of our National Security projects best suits them. Use your local newspaper, radio, do posters, use facebook, twitter, make phone calls, use places of worship and community bulletin boards to help get the word out about who we are and what our programs are about. Provide contact information with a name and phone number of who they can contact for more information. Use your computer to check out websites to find out more information about our National Security and Auxiliary programs. Remember our Department Service Officers they have information on the assistance available for them and their families.

Our goal is to improve the quality of Life

for our Veterans, their families, our members and our community. Some of the projects that we can do to identify and fill the needs of our current military, our wounded warriors and their families are Operation Comfort Warriors, Operation Homefront, Welcome Home and Send Off Events, Adopt a Military Family, Blue Star/ Gold Star Banners, Fisher House, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Projects, Toasty Toes, provide a foster home for pets, give a gift of groceries, write letters of encouragement, send cards and supporting the American Legion. We help with Crime Prevention and Emergency Disaster Preparedness for our youth and elderly by working with our local fire and police department and emergency shelters. We can show family support by recognition programs like ROTC and JR/ROTC by presenting awards for students and invite them to a Legion Family event. Hold a POW/MIA and Awareness

Assemblies. Work with other organization like the Red Cross. Help sponsor blood drives and pass out information on family disaster supplies kits. Practice and maintain your disaster plans. Help the USO with kits and packages. Help the United Way, with transportation program for our Veterans. Find out what the other organization have to offer our Veterans and their families and Pass it On. Always remember that our service men and women come first, it is not how many members we think we can have join the Legion Family. So do not plan events for recruitment purposes only. We are here to let them know how much we appreciate what they are doing for us, what they have already done for us and to say THANK YOU and to let them know that we will always be there when they need us.

If you have any questions, you can contact committee members Linda Wallace, Kay Bauer or Sue Verville chairman.



Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine. -Anthony D'Angelo

Updates on Department

- Girls State—June 15-21, Michigan State University. Reservation Fee: \$325.00. Application Fee: \$10.00. WE NEED GIRLS...if you know of a current Junior in high school who would like to meet new people, get an educational experience, and have a great time, have them go on line www.michalaux.org and look into Girls State.
- Department Convention—June 26-29—Detroit-Livonia Conference Center, Livonia, MI. Registration Fee: \$15.00—ALL attendees must register. Check the April Unit Mailing for a form—or on line.
- Poppy Days—May 15-16-17. Forms are available from department or on-line. Orders received AFTER May 1 to department will be accepted based on poppy availability.
- National Auxiliary Commemorative Buttons are available from the website. Have your favorite veteran's picture put on a button to wear proudly to events.
- As of March 14, 2014, the department membership national percentage is 89.00%. Department has already exceeded the third national milestone of 85% due on May 17th. GET IN YOUR DUES so we can get our 100% department goal!
- Mandatory Dues MUST BE PAID by May 27, 2014 for units to be eligible to vote at Department Convention.
- 2014-15 Unit Data Forms are now due—send in as soon as possible to have your correct unit dues rate for the 2015 Membership Cards.
- 2014-15 Unit Officers Lists are now due—2015 Membership Cards WILL NOT be disbursed to units who DO NOT have their current Officers List on file by Convention.

2013 - 14 Individual and Unit Awards

PROGRAM	CONTEST NAME	Award/Prize	Amount
Americanism	Donna Baley Citation-District Chairman-Most outstanding Americanism program		
Americanism	Eva Spaulding Citation-Unit with the most outstanding program in Department		
Americanism	Mary Ripley Citation-Unit having the greatest percentage of activity in Americanism		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 1 2nd Place	To National	
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 1 3rd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 2 1st Place	To National	
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 2 2nd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 2 3rd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 3 1st Place	To National	
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 3 2nd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 3 3rd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 4 1st Place	To National	
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 4 2nd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 4 3rd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 5 1st Place	To National	
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 5 2nd Place		
Americanism	National Americanism Essay Contest- Class 5 3rd Place		
Americanism	Department Americanism Essay- Junior Class (Grades 6,7,8)		
Americanism	Junior Class 1st Place	\$75.00	
Americanism	Junior Class 2nd Place	\$50.00	
Americanism	Junior Class 3rd Place	\$25.00	
Americanism	Department Americanism Essay- Senior Class (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)		
Americanism	Senior Class 1st Place	\$75.00	
Americanism	Senior Class 2nd Place	\$50.00	
Americanism	Senior Class 3rd Place	\$25.00	
Americanism	National entry Clara B. Smith Plaque contest-Most outstanding 3-point program		
Americanism	National entry Dorothy Pearl Plaque-Most outstanding Americanism Youth Program		
Americanism	National entry for the National Junior Trophy Award		
Auxiliary Emergency	Margaret Rohrer Citation for Most Money Donation in 6 Membership Classes	Per Capita	
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Auxiliary Emergency	Additional Certificates of Appreciation or Participation may be given at the Chairman's Discretion		
Chaplain	Leona Pitman Citation for the Unit with the most outstanding report		
Chaplain	Edna Schuitema Citation to the Unit submitting the Best Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts		
Chaplain	Edna Clarahan Citation to the District with the best Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts		
Chaplain	Service to God and Country Award for the Unit Chaplain with the Best Service to God and Country Program		
Chaplain	Alys Hunt Citation to the Junior Submitting the best "Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts"		
Children & Youth	Louise Ferguson Award for best Children and Youth Program in the Month of April		
Children & Youth	Lynn D. Allen Citation-Best all-around program		
Children & Youth	Helen Hodges Citation-Largest contribution to the Children & Youth Department Special Project		
Children & Youth	National Entry Unit Chairman Award-Best all-around program		
Community Service	Junior Volunteer of the Year-Outstanding Service in Youth Community Service Activity		
Community Service	Senior Volunteer Award-Outstanding Community Service in at least one of our focus projects		
Community Service	Operation Impact Award		
Community Service	Earl L. Stewart Cup to a Unit with less than 50 members for the most Outstanding Report		
Community Service	Lida Murphy Award-Greatest number of hours reported by a Unit		
Community Service	Wilbur M. Brucker Award-Unit with the best all around written report		
Community Service	Betty Cline Award-To the Unit, with 200 members or more, for the most outstanding single program that has benefited the Community		
Community Service	Patricia Jewell Award-To the Unit with less than 200 members, for the most outstanding single program that benefitted the Community		
Community Service	Entry for the National President's Award for Excellence		
Education	National Outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program		
Education	Michigan Entry for National Non-Traditional Scholarship		
Education	Michigan Entry for National Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship		
Education	National Most Outstanding American Education Week Program		
Education	National Most Outstanding Literacy Program		
Education	National Most Outstanding Scholarship Program		
Education	National Honoring the Service of our Military (Promotion of Education for Military Children)		
Education	Honorable Mention-Most Outstanding Literacy Program		
Education	Honorable Mention Most outstanding promotion of American Education Week		
Education	Michigan Non-Traditional Student Scholarship Winner		
Education	Virginia VanCoverden Citation-Best all round report by a Unit		
Education	Give 10 for Education (See Attached List)		
Girls State	Donation Awards See Attached List		
Historian	Dorothy Goetz Citation - District with the best District History		
Historian	Paul V. Gadola Citation to the Unit with the best Unit History		
Historian	Baynes-Campbell for the Unit with the Most Outstanding Coverage of ALA Calendar of Events		
Historian	Marie Schrumpt Citation for the Best Unit Junior History		
Historian	Loretta Fisher Citation to the District with the best History Scrapbook		
Historian	Dorothy Stacy Citation to the Unit submitting the best History Scrapbook		
Historian	Kay Mishler Citation for the best Junior History Scrapbook		
Historian	Nora T Wilson-Abyss Citation to the Unit with the Best History Summary		
Homeless Veterans	Certificate- Most Outstanding Unit Report	At Chairman's Discretion	
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Homeless Veterans	Certificate- Most Outstanding District Report	At Chairman's Discretion	
Homeless Veterans	Certificate- most Outstanding District report	At Chairman's Discretion	
Junior Activities	Tina Sutherland Award-Most outstanding work in Auxiliary Programs		
Junior Activities	Victoria Betz Award-Outstanding work as an officer		
Junior Activities	Ada Sangster-Patricia Kwiatkowski Citation for Junior Unit Reporting the Most participation in National Security		
Junior Activities	Amelia Muth Award- Junior group with the most outstanding overall activity report		
Junior Activities	Handicraft Citation		
Junior Activities	National entry for the National Junior Trophy Award		
Junior Activities	Junior Member of the Year		
Junior Activities	Tina Sutherland Award-Runner Up to Junior Member of the Year		
Junior Activities	National Entry-Unit Program of the Year		
Legislative	Mentoring Award		
Legislative	Alice Thomas Citation for the District with the Most Legislative Bulletin Subscriptions		
Legislative	Romaine Roethel Citation-Best year-round report submitted		
Membership	Orlene Penning Citation-Unit having the most new Juniors	\$25.00	
Membership	Chloe O'Neal Citation-Unit having the greatest numerical increase	\$25.00	
Membership	Elizabeth Lyons Citation-District with highest percentage of increase	\$25.00	
Membership	Doyle Citation-Unit having the highest percentage of goal by April 1st	\$25.00	
Membership	Ethel Stitt Citation-District with greatest numerical increase	\$25.00	
Membership	Esther Taylor Citation-Unit having the highest percentage	\$25.00	
Membership	Gladys V. McCoy Citation-Unit with highest percentage of increase over 1	\$25.00	
Membership	Patricia Donaldson Citation-Unit of 200+ members-greatest numerical inc	\$25.00	
Music	Goldie Brooks Citation-To the Unit Chairman submitting the best monthly reports of the year regarding Music activity		
Music	Hildegard Korff Citation-District Chairman with the best monthly reports of the year regarding Music activity		
National Security	Agnes Dunn Citation to Unit with Best all-around report		
National Security	Imogene Cowgill Citation to the Unit with the Best Crime Prevention Program		
National Security	Phyllis VanHill Citation to the Unit with the Best Fire Prevention Program		
National Security	Michigan Entry for the National Military Support Citation (Best Unit)		
National Security	Michigan Entry for the National Yellow Ribbon Program (Best Unit)		
Past President's	ParUnit Member of the Year		
Past President's	ParWoman Veteran of the Year		
Past President's	ParTrudy Anderson memorial Citation for the Most Outstanding Parley Report		
Poppy	Poppy Poster Contest:		
Poppy	Class I - 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class I - 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class I - 3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class II- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class II - 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class II - 3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class III- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class III - 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class III-3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class IV- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class IV- 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class IV- 3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class V- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class V- 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class V- 3rd place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class VI- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class VI- 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class VI- 3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Class VII- 1st Place	\$50.00	
Poppy	Class VII- 2nd Place	\$25.00	
Poppy	Class VII- 3rd Place	\$15.00	
Poppy	Junior Miss Poppy Ages 6-12		
Poppy	Senior Miss Poppy Ages 13-18		
Poppy	Poppy Window Display Senior Member	\$15.00	
Poppy	Poppy Window Display Junior Member	\$15.00	
Poppy	Poppy Centerpiece Senior Member	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Centerpiece Junior Member Class 1	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Centerpiece Junior Member Class 2	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Centerpiece Class VI	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Corsage Senior Member	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Corsage Junior Class 1	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Corsage Junior Class 2	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Unique Display Senior Member	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Unique Display Junior Member	\$10.00	
Poppy	Poppy Unique Display Class VI	\$10.00	
Public Relations	Most Outstanding Poppy Program		
Public Relations	Most Outstanding Poppy Program Honorable Mention		
Public Relations	Most Outstanding Poppy Program Honorable Mention		
Public Relations	Ivy Lee Reinhardt Award-Unit with the best all-around press book		
Public Relations	Ada Bogart Citation for the best Junior Publicity Press Book		
Public Relations	Gladys Lee Citation-Unit with the most inches of publicity in a weekly newspaper		
Public Relations	Leslie R. Kefgan Citation-Unit with the most inches in a daily newspaper		
Public Relations	Alma Viergever Citation- To Unit under 75 members with most inches of publicity in all papers		
Public Relations	Kanaby Broadcast Citation- For best script for radio and TV		
Public Relations	Viola Starkey Citation- To the Unit with the best "Unit of the Month" article		
Public Relations	Marion "Pic" Webster Citation- to the Unit with the Best Website		
Public Relations	Best Unit "Letter Style" Newsletter		
Public Relations	Best District "Letter Style" Newsletter		
Public Relations	Best Unit/Post Publication		
Public Relations	Best Unit Publication		
Public Relations	Best District Publication		
Public Relations	Most Innovative Public Relations Activities		
Veterans Affairs &	RNan Shepard Citation for most referrals to Legion; contributions and most outstanding activities		
Veterans Affairs &	Dorothy Pearl Citation for greatest participation in the Department Program		

VETERANS FAQ'S

1. What is the veteran designation?

The veteran designation gives veterans an easy way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts from businesses.

It also allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency, and veteran service organizations to provide referral information so veterans better know what resources and services are available to them.

The word "Veteran" will be printed in red on the front of the card.

2. Who is eligible to have a veteran designation on their license or ID card?

Military veterans who served in any branch of the U.S. armed forces and have an honorable or under honorable conditions (general) discharge may have a veteran designation printed on their Michigan driver's license or state identification card.

Qualifying services include the U.S. Air Force, Air Force National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy, as well as their Reserve components.

Individuals who actively serve in the National Guard or Reserves at the time of application may qualify for the designation if they have a DD214 with an honorable or under honorable conditions discharge.

3. What documentation is required to obtain the veteran designation?

Veterans must provide acceptable documentation to receive the designation. Any submitted form must indicate the character of discharge. Acceptable forms include:

- DD214 (or correction DD215), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, any copy except Copy 1
- Form NGB FM 22 or 23, Report of Separation and Record of Service, which must indicate honorable or general discharge
- Forms WD AGO, such as WD AGO 53-55, Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge
- GSA 6954, Certificate of Military Service
- NAVPERS 553, Extract of Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service

Secretary of State offices will accept other documents issued prior to 1950 if they indicate an honorable or general discharge. Photocopies of official documents are acceptable. Veteran documentation will not be retained by the Secretary of State and will be destroyed if provided by mail.

Documentation needs to be presented only upon the initial request for a driver's license or ID card with the designation. Subsequent licenses and ID cards will have the designation unless you request that it be removed.

4. How can I obtain a copy of my DD214?

For copies of your military discharge papers, write to:

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Or you can request a copy from the National Archives online, or from Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency online or by phone at 1-800-MICHVET.

5. Is there a cost for obtaining the veteran designation?

If you are renewing your license or ID card, or applying for one for your first Michigan driver's license or ID, you will pay only the normal driver's license or ID card fee.

Otherwise, the standard fee for a duplicate or corrected license or ID card will apply.

6. How do I add the veteran designation to my driver's license or ID card?

The designation may be added by visiting any Secretary of State office and providing the required documentation.

If the designation is added when you apply for your first Michigan driver's license or ID card, or at the time you're renewing, you will only pay the normal renewal fee. Otherwise, the standard fee for a corrected license or ID card will apply.

If you are renewing your license or ID card by mail, you must include the required documentation and the completed [LINK]veteran designation application[/LINK] along with your renewal form so the designation is included on your new card. Please note the documentation submitted will not be returned to you. Copies are accepted.

If you want to add the veteran designation outside of your renewal period and do not want to visit a Secretary of State office, send in the completed [LINK]Veteran Designation Application form[/LINK], the required documentation and the applicable fee.

Current renewal and correction fees for standard licenses and state IDs are listed at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_14648-75447--,00.html, and for enhanced licenses and state IDs at http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1627_8669_9040-213056--,00.html.

Mail your completed application, veteran documentation and applicable fee to:

Michigan Department of State
Renewal By Mail Unit
Lansing, MI 48918.

The veteran designation cannot be requested when a driver's license or ID card is renewed online.

7. Am I required to obtain the designation?

No. The designation is optional.

8. Will my veteran status be shared with other organizations?

Besides providing veterans with an easy way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts at retailers, the designation also allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Veteran Affairs

Agency and veteran service organizations across the state to provide referral information so veterans better know what resources and services are available to them.

9. Can my spouse and dependents have the veteran designation?

No.

10. Do I qualify for veteran designation if I am on active duty?

No, unless you are Active Reserve and possess a DD214.

11. How can I have the designation removed?

The designation can be removed at no charge at any time by visiting an office or requesting the removal by mailing to

Michigan Department of State, Renewal By Mail Unit, Lansing MI, 48918, or faxing your request to (517) 322-6822.

12. What if I already have a veteran designation from another state?

You will be required to provide your service documentation, such as a DD214, to have the designation put on your Michigan driver's license or ID card.

13. Does the veteran designation qualify me to receive veteran benefits?

No, the veteran designation is not legal proof of veteran status and does not qualify you for receiving benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency, or other state and federal agencies.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson Announces May 1 Debut of New Driver's Licenses for Veterans

New licenses will carry special "Veteran" designation for honorably discharged vets



For 40 years, Dick Rossell didn't really talk about his military service during Vietnam. "When I came home, I got thrown out of a frat party and spit on. A lot of us had mixed feelings ... I never did talk about it much, but it was always important to me."

Years passed. Attitudes changed. And when the new driver's licenses for veterans is offered in May, U.S. Army veteran Rossell, 66, of Holly, will get one for the very same reason his battered old Jeep outside proudly carries a veteran's license plate.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson says her department's new driver's licenses for veterans, marked with the word VETERAN in bold red on the front, will help those who served their country get the benefits and discounts they have earned and deserve.

"We are indebted to these courageous men and women," said Johnson. "I hope every store clerk, every bank teller who sees these licenses will take a moment to thank that veteran for their service and sacrifice."

Michigan Veterans Affairs Director Jeff Barnes also supports the new veteran's designation.

"This is one more way Michigan can honor our state's veterans and make their day-to-day lives a little easier,"

Barnes said. "I look forward to being able to display the veterans' designation on my license after May 1."

Veterans can sign up for the new driver's licenses and state ID cards at their local Secretary of State branch. If they are renewing their license, they'll only have to pay the normal renewal fee. If it isn't time for them to renew, they can order a duplicate driver's license or state ID for \$9.

Bob VanFleet, commander of American Legion Post 24 in Waterford and a Vietnam-era veteran, says he's getting one of the new licenses. Plenty of his fellow Legion members, from World War II vets to Gulf War vets, are interested too.

VanFleet, who served in the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard, says the reason is simple: "I think all veterans should stand up and be proud."

When asked if he's going to get the new driver's license, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Steve Striggow of Holly, a member of American Legion Post 149, said "You bet I will! I'm a veteran and I'm damn proud of it."



Renewable Fuel Standard: Separating Myth from Facts

Myth: EPA's proposed 2014 RFS mandates will increase oil imports.

Fact: EPA's 2014 RFS proposal is one of many policies which promotes an all-of-the-above strategy to protect America's energy and national security.

From the beginning of 2008 through the end of 2012 net U.S. oil imports have declined by more than 1.3 million barrels per day (bpd) while domestic production has increased by almost 1.5 million bpd.¹ Other policies such as approving the Keystone XL Pipeline, supporting hydraulic fracturing and opening offshore energy access will further decrease oil imports and increase our energy and national security.

What are others saying?

*"We produce more oil at home than we have in 15 years. We have doubled the distance our cars will go on a gallon of gas, and the amount of renewable energy we generate from sources like wind and solar – with tens of thousands of good American jobs to show for it. We produce more natural gas than ever before... And over the last four years, our emissions of the dangerous carbon pollution that threatens our planet have actually fallen."*²

President Barack Obama, President of the United States

The Bakken boom is a perfect example of how new and improved technology is allowing industry to tap previously inaccessible or unknown energy resources to create jobs, decrease our dependence on foreign oil, and grow our economy..."

*Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior*³

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- National Security.** Securing our energy and economic interests.

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You are eligible for LegionCare; \$5,000.00 in Accidental Death Insurance at NO COST TO YOU if a covered accident occurs while traveling on official Legion business*, or \$1,000.00 at NO COST TO YOU for all other covered accidents. This has been arranged on your

behalf by Your Department of The American Legion. As soon as your enrollment is received, LegionCare will take effect, and will continue through August 31, 2016. Your acceptance is guaranteed, so mail your coupon today.

Cut out this section and mail it in today to enroll in LegionCare.

NAME _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD NO. _____ DEPARTMENT _____

MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR DATE OF BIRTH

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Have you filled out all the above information?
Please mail to: **Legionnaire Insurance Trust • P.O. Box 26720 • Phoenix, AZ 85068-6720**
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Complete details of the coverage are contained in accident only Master Policy LIT102002 underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America. This plan is not available in all states.

*For Purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of The American Legion, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the \$5,000 Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from an official function at which the Legionnaire represents his/her Post, District, Department, or National Organization in an official capacity.

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN 2014 GOLF OUTING in LIVONIA, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th, 2014

Anyone interested in a round of golf? A golf outing has been set up at a Livonia area golf course.

Greens Fees are \$28.00 per person for 18 holes including a cart. Tees times will be at 12 noon on Wednesday, June 25th, 2014. **Fees must be received by May 25th, 2014 in order to secure a spot.** All information regarding your secured tee time and course will be sent or email to you upon receipt of payment.

Please type or print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Please make checks payable to and send with registration form to:

The American Legion 2014 Convention
22625 Arcadia, St Clair Shores MI 48082



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
2014 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION REGISTRATION
JUNE 26-29, 2014

DEADLINE DATE FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS: WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2014

Meeting Registration: Registration badges are required for attendance at all meetings. The fee is \$15.00 per person.

All Housing requests will be **handled through the hotel**. All standard sleeping rooms are \$84.00 plus 14% tax. **No hotel room will be accepted for less than two nights.** Check-in time is 3PM and check-out time is 12 noon. Registration fee is \$15 per person. All Posts, Units and Squadrons should ascertain the number of delegates it expects to have and register them now in the name of the Post, Unit or Squadron, providing the name of the post adjutant or unit secretary.

All Hospitality Room requests must be in writing and requires a two night minimum. When requesting a hospitality room, type out your request and submit with this form. All suite assignments will be made by Gary W. Sammons.

Please type or print clearly:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

(Verification of registration will be emailed.)

Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Holiday Inn Detroit Livonia Conference Center
17123 Laurel Park Drive North
Livonia, Michigan 48152

Mention code: ALA
734.464.1300 or online at:
www.holidayinn.com

Please make checks payable to and send with registration form to:

The American Legion 2014 Convention
22625 Arcadia
St Clair Shores MI 48082

Number of registrations _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LEGI/AUX/SAL	POST/UNIT/SQU #	DISTRICT #

WILWIN CORRECTION:

Anyone wishing to spend time at Wilwin this year, please forward all applications to Earl Ruttkofsky, 9771 Wilson Rd., Lake City, MI 49651 or call him direct at 231-229-5030. The telephone number given last month was incorrect.

PHOTO CORRECTION:



Legion State Commander Ray Moore, Auxilary President Sandra Snyder, Honorary Junior President - Alyssa Champion and SAL Detachment Commander Mike Boughner celebrate Red Flannel Days in Cedar Springs.

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Classifieds

Buying Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, 40/8, VFW, DAV, Masonic, and FOE medals, badges, pins, caps, bars, membership cards and Stamp Collections. Contact **Craig R. Wotring**, PO Box 1743 Owosso, MI 48867, **989-725-9728** Legion Member

PRIVATE COLLECTOR BUYING

German, Japanese, U.S. military items from all wars. Top cash paid for Airborne, Aviation, Pilot, Seal, Special Forces, OSS, Ranger, Marine items. Also German medals, daggers, swords, guns, personality items and billion flags. Also Japanese swords, helmets and guns.

Call for top cash offer

Combat wounded vet James Leslie (member), 3540 Timberline Drive Clyde, MI 48049 (810) 989-9866

Around the State...



Gus Farr, American Legion Louis Teistler Post 47, Comstock Park, MI received his 60 year pin. Also John Kurth, photo not available.



Rep. MacMaster (L) speaks to State Adjutant Patrick Lafferty, Lino Pretto of the Purple Heart, and Jack Devine from the VVA.



2014 State Oratorical Winner Kaylee Tegethoff of Bloomingdale, MI with State Commander Ray Moore



American Legion Post 24 in Waterford, MI received their 100% membership plaque for 2013. L-R Ned Hoff, Bill Stewart, Ken Jacobson (Legionnaire of the Year Post 24), Commander Bob Van Fleet, Harold Balmer, and Theron Franklin. Ken is also a 60 year member of The American Legion



Polar Bear Memorial Resolution Passes
RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Winter Meeting assembled in Flint, Michigan, February 15-16, 2014, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan, That The American Legion supports placing The Polar Bear Monument on the National Register of Historic Sites, without financial obligation on behalf of the National organization, as a lasting tribute to the bravery, courage, commitment, service, and sacrifice exhibited by the members of the American North Russian Expeditionary Force.



Craig Tillman, Commander of Ford Motor Post 173 and the Homeless Veterans Task Force Coordinator, presented \$3750.00 to Chryl Allen, Veterans Resource Facilitator at Piquette Square. Also present was Lisa Todd, Resident Services Coordinator, PDC Richard Chatman, and Resident Mike Rashidi and Joe Roth (seated)