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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

I remember 20 years ago when I became Commander the first time. I was part of the next generation and had ideas and changes to make, the senior generation had a hard time letting go and fought back. As it turned out, it was a good thing that I and others in my generation were doing. Now it's time for the next generation to step up and make changes that will bring in that generation, and several of them have stepped up and volunteered to do that. Now, everyone keep your minds open and don't be critical, but be helpful. They know what that generation wants and we want that generation before we die out.

On another thought, our old building is costing us a lot of money to maintain. A thought is maybe selling and finding a smaller, newer location? I'm just putting it out there to get you thinking. Ideas?

Also, I do not want to see customers telling the bartenders what to do or give them a hard time. You're there to have a beverage and a good time, let's keep it at that. If you see something that you do not like, let Jena or myself know and we will take care of it. I hope all have a great summer and I will see you at the picnic.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, *Commander, Post 179*

CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: Noon to Midnight

JULY 4TH
CAR & BIKE SHOW
and Sound Competition
• 1 - 4 p.m. • Judging begins at 3 p.m.
All Entries Welcome • Dash Plaques to First 50 Participants
\$10 Entry Fee per Vehicle • Free Spectator Admission

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

We will be holding a picnic planning meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic, please come to the meeting.

JULY MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting July 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion E-Board Meeting . . . July 11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders July 23 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting August 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion E-Board Meeting . . August 8 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders August 27 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

Hoping you are enjoying the summer and fun activities.

The Auxiliary is putting the Red Bucket back in the clubroom. We have an Auxiliary member (Rosalyn Hausman) who has a grandson in the Army. Azteyn Mudry is being deployed to Afghanistan the end of June. We are collecting food items and toiletries. We will be mailing a care package the end of this summer. We would like to ask you to please drop a few items off and put them in the red bucket. There is a list of items on the bucket to purchase. Microwaveable mac & cheese, pastas etc. are good. Hard candy, gum, beef jerky, razors, toothbrush, Chapstick, etc. are great. PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE OR ALCOHOL IN THE INGREDIENTS IN THE TOILETRIES. Thank you for your kindness in helping us collect items to send to Azteyn.

The picnic is just around the corner. Save the date – August 12, and hope to see you there. We need a few more volunteers to help in the kitchen. It will be an hour or two in the kitchen helping to serve the food. If you can help us, please call me at (616) 723-2398.

Our next meeting is September 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and see the exciting things coming up this year.

Debbie Weatherbee, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*

BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS

Sales start at 9:30, play starts at 10:30 a.m.

Visit our website and Facebook for more news and information:
www.americanlegionpost179.com
facebook.com/AmericanLegionNealEFongerPost179



JULY/AUGUST 2017 CALENDAR

DAILY SPECIALS

Big Beer Sunday: 16 oz. beer \$2.50

Sunday, July 9 : Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Sunday, July 23: Commander Takeover

Sunday, August 6: National Root Beer Float Day - \$2.00 All Day

Sunday, August 13: Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Monday Mania: Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

Philly Cheese Steak Tuesday: Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00 / Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 4: Car & Bike Show, 1-4 p.m.

Well Wednesday: \$2.00 Well Drinks / Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / **Karaoke with George Gregory 7-11 p.m.**

Wednesday, August 23: Veteran's Day Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Taco Thursday: Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00 / Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50

Thursday, July 20 – Wine & Canvas, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall

Thursday, July 27 – Picnic planning meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Red Shirt Friday: Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 15: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, August 12: Post 179 Picnic, 1-6 p.m.

Saturday, August 19: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday Night Bike Nights and Entertainment will continue through September, when Team Trivia will return.

HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

Happy Hour is real time, not bar time

\$5.00 Pitchers / **\$2.00** Well Shot & Pop /

\$2.00 Glass of Wine / **\$2.00** 16 oz. Miller Lite, 16 oz. Coors, 16 oz. Coors Light, 16 oz. Bud & 16 oz. Bud Light

FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

July 7 – Denny Middleton, 7-11 p.m.

July 14 – Ray Townsend, 7-11 p.m.

July 21 – Bike & Open Mic Night

July 28 – Carl Webb, 7-11 p.m.

August 4 – Denny Middleton, 7-11 p.m.

August 11 – Lew Russ, 7-11 p.m.

August 18 – Bike & Open Mic Night

August 25 – Greg Poltrock, 7-11 p.m.

Team Trivia Returns in September

FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

It's the middle of summer and riding season is in full swing, and so are bike nights! Come join us on Friday nights and have a great time! And remember, open mic nights will be the third Friday of each month, with our very own Nate Broene heading it up! If you would like to sing or play, please let him know or just come on in! It will be a great time.

The 4th of July Car and Bike show is here! This event is part of the City of Grandville's 4th of July Celebration. If you have or know someone who has a car, truck, or bike you want to show, entry is only \$10. And if you just want to come see some great cars, trucks, and bikes, stop by – it's free for spectators! And if you park at the middle school and don't want to lose your spot, don't worry...there will be a trolley bringing people up to the car show! So come on out from 1-4 p.m. on July 4!

Our annual ride was last month, on June 3. After all of the hard work and planning, we are extremely excited to say we had a very successful run. We had some clouds in the forecast, but it ended up being a beautiful day. Not only was the ride really great, but everyone had a great time once we returned to the post. We had some incredible food and prizes, and a great band outside to wrap up the day. We are already looking at next year and hoping to make it even better! We want to thank everyone for their help and support in making this such a special event. One Team, One Fight!

The 179 Legion Riders

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

The S.A.L. College Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 Academic Year will be available August 1, 2017. They must be returned to the Commander of the S.A.L. by August 31, 2017 for consideration.

Don't forget the Post picnic coming up in August. You can renew your membership for 2018 at the picnic and avoid the year end rush for renewal. See you all at the picnic on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Remember that the S.A.L. meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and our next meeting will be Monday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Please note that this is a move to the second Monday for the July meeting due to the Fourth of July Holiday long weekend. The August meeting will be held on August 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179

POPPY POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Leland Berman-Wright, who won first place in his age group in the 5th District Poppy Poster Contest. His entry went to the Department contest, where he won second place! Great job, Leland! We're very proud of you and the good work you did on your poster.



JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME AT THE POST 179 PICNIC SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 1:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

(Grilled Chicken & Hot Dogs available 1:00 'til 4:00)

Please bring your favorite dish to pass.

GAMES FOR ALL AGES, ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES MUSIC 2-6 P.M.

MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY WELCOME AND BRING A NON-MEMBER FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER TO INTRODUCE THEM TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AND POST 179

Please contact Melissa at 616-438-5645 if you would like to donate any items for the raffles.