



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 179



## **Commander's Exclusive**

Another month has come to an end. The first round of nominations for post officers was held in April. Round two, will be held at the legion meeting on May 14, 2019, at 7 p.m., followed by elections. As a reminder, all legionnaires from the Neal E Fonger Post 179 Dept. of Michigan in attendance, wishing to cast a vote will be asked to show a current membership card for 2019. At which time they will receive a ballot to be filled out.

On a different note. We had two replace three septic tanks and add a sewer lift pump as instructed by the city of Walker inspector to keep the post alive. The post is also, in the process of repairing a couple of sinkholes in the parking lot as a safety measure for our members and guests. I'm asking all the members of the post to support Post 179 by donating whatever you can to help pay for these repairs. I will start by donating \$50 towards the cost of these repairs.

**Jesús Sanabria, Commander, Post 179**  
[commander@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost179.com)

## **MAY MEETING DATES**

- S.A.L. Meeting ..... May 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary Meeting ..... May 13 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Legion Meeting ..... May 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Clubroom Committee Mtg. . . May 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Legion Riders ..... May 26 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts ..... Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## **5th District Meeting**

**May 9 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Post 28 (Grand Haven)**

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## Clubroom Hours

Sunday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday - 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday - 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

### From The Auxiliary President...

Hello, fellow Auxiliary members! April showers bring May flowers! Let's hope for no more snow!

It is with a sad heart to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 179 last day of bingo at Post 179 was Friday April 19. As of this publication, the Auxiliary is in the final stages of relocating bingo!

Same days and times, just a different location not far from Post 179. I am pleased to hear feedback that many of our players are excited for the relocation! I was hoping to have more solid concrete arrangements before this article was due. The paperwork has to go through the State of Michigan Bureau of State Lottery Charitable Gaming. We will keep our players up to date through bingo publications, social media, valuable word of mouth, and good old fashion phone calls on the new start-up date!

May 19<sup>th</sup> at Grand Haven Post 28, 700 S Harbor Dr. Grand Haven is the location for the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Orientation! I am proud to say that Unit 179 has received 5 nominations for Delegates for Girls State. Unit 179 sends three delegates, the other two delegates outstanding applications were forwarded to District for placement. American Legion Auxiliary will send ALL girls interested in attending Girls State at Michigan State University.

May brings the installation of officers to our Unit at our regular membership meeting on Monday, May 13 at 6:30 pm.. District Officers: May 21 is the District Meeting at Marne Post 376, 1434 Arthur St., Marne 49435. Let's be supportive of our leadership at all levels.

May also brings out Joint Memorial Banquet. Honoring our Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members in a respectful ceremony for those who have passed during this past year. Saturday May 11, 2019, at Glen Hill Post 287, 91 First St, Cedar Springs, MI 49319. Social hour at 5:00 pm, Dinner 5:30 pm. Cost is \$15, contact Mary Tyler 616-443-4101 (cell) for more information.

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### FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

The American Legion Riders Post 179 and the Veterans in our community cordially invite each of you and all of last year's riders to attend this year's new and improved [5th Annual Veterans Run](#). We thank you for last year's participation and hope you will once again participate in our celebration of the life of our great friend and fellow rider, Doug DeRidder.

We are asking all Legion Family Members to volunteer and help the day of the ride and into the evening. Frank and Kathy Kaleta will oversee the kitchen. Please see them if you would like to help! We are asking for two(2) hour commitments. We are not asking anyone to work all day unless they want to.

Volunteers are also needed for cleanup on the following Sunday, June 2, 2019, from 10:00 am until noon. Many hands make for light work.

**We are especially in need of two volunteers to provide evening security from 5 until close.** Security volunteers are expected to be sober and no drinking is allowed before or during this detail. If we have more volunteers, then the service hours can be broken up. Sue and John Potter have agreed to oversee security in the afternoon during the ride. Way to go!

This year's rider will leave the American Legion Post 179, proceed northerly to Morley American Legion Post 554, then proceed westerly to the Croton American Legion Post 381, then southerly to the Kent City Post 123, and then return to the American Legion Post 179 for a traditional pulled pork supper, drinks, 50/50's, Poker hand winner announcements, big ticket raffle drawings, silent auctions, and musical entertainment provided by Sweet Jonny Knox of Sturgis, Michigan fame.

We are very pleased to announce that the City of Walker will provide blocking north along M-11, Wilson Ave for a non-stop ride through Walker. The Kent City Fire Department, City of Newaygo and the Village of Howard City will also be assisting with blocking and traffic control.

It is very exciting to announce 2 big-ticket item raffles. We have a custom engraved Weatherby Shotgun with two barrels. Veteran, Fellow 179 Rider, and Fishing Charter Captain, Travis Kort of XStream Charters has donated a 5-hour charter for 4 fishermen out of Grand Haven, Michigan. Tickets are on sale now and will continue throughout the day of the ride. Both raffles will be drawn after 7:00 pm on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

We hope all of you join us again this year. Please help us make this year's ride a huge and safe success! Thanks!

*Continued From The Auxiliary President...*

Poppy Day is May 24th to remind us to honor and support our Veterans. Display your Poppies. Support the Poppy Program.

As always, I will be in my patriotic hat at the legion and let's continue to support our post events and activities because together we can accomplish great things. I can still be contacted by Facebook, Messenger, e-mail, or smoke signal!

**Sheila Manning**, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*  
[auxpres@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:auxpres@americanlegionpost179.com)



# Dear Neal,

**Fonger Q & A**

**Q: Dear Neal, why have the hours in the clubroom changed AGAIN?**

A: The hours have changed to reflect SUMMER HOURS. We hope you stop by sometime and see what's going on.

**Q: Dear Neal, if my spouse is not a member do I need to sign them in as a guest in the clubroom?**

A: Yes. All guests need to be signed in. A member may sign in up to 5 guests. Anyone who is not a member CAN NOT pay for drinks in our establishment. This is per our liquor license. The post currently has a club liquor license which allows us to only serve alcohol to our members. Non-members are allowed to eat food and play keno as we can not keep them from doing so.

**Submit your Dear Neal questions on our webpage at  
[www.americanlegionpost179.com/dearNeal](http://www.americanlegionpost179.com/dearNeal)**

**[WWW.AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM](http://WWW.AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM)**

## **Sons of the American Legion Commander's Exclusive**

First...a public service announcement. Please drive safely. Watch out for the happy motorcycle riders, share the road. Spring is election time. Now is the time to serve your post. The fish fry was another successful year. Thank you to our volunteers and patrons who supported us once again. We couldn't do it without you. Next meeting will be May 6. We will be electing officers your attendance is important.

**Bruce "Bones" Postma**  
*S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179*

## **LEGIONNAIRE MEMBERS WANT TO SAVE \$5 ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

American Legion Post 179 is starting a new program effective April 1st, 2019. All members who attend 75% of the monthly meetings (that is 9 out of 12 in a full calendar year) will receive a \$5 discount on their membership for the next year. Due to this program starting in April of this year members will be required to attend 7 out of the remaining 9 meetings to qualify. Tracking will be done according to the sign-in sheets for each meeting so make sure to sign your name clearly in order to receive credit for your attendance. If you have further questions please call the post adjutant Jena Wilmers at 231-629-1274.



American Red Cross



# Blood Drive!

## 2pm-7:45pm

### THURSDAY, JULY 25TH, 2019

To make your appointment  
Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) keyword: post179gr  
or Call Jena at 231-629-1274

In the Hall

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# WINE & CANVAS

## April 28th

### 5P.M. - 7P.M.

### 11X14 CANVAS - \$20.00



In the Clubroom

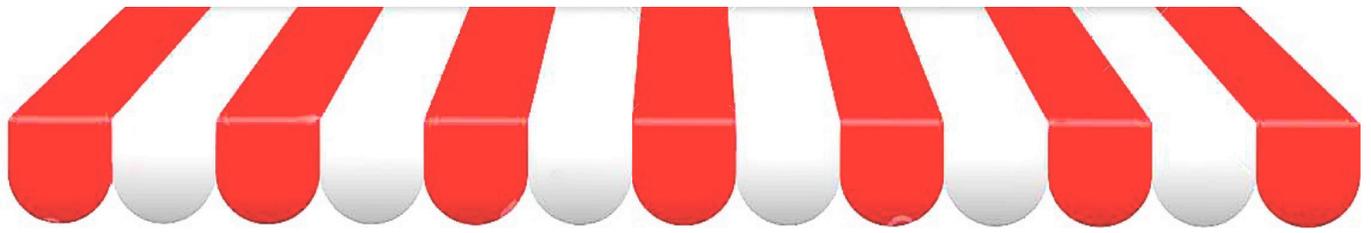
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## Seeking Volunteers



Post 179 is participating in the Fireworks Tent fundraiser for 2019. We will be selling Fireworks at the tent in the [Meijer parking lot \(in Standale/Walker\)](#). We are in need of daytime volunteers and volunteers for security overnight. A sign-up sheet is in the clubroom \***Delivery Date: 6/25 (need volunteers to unload/inventory/and set up the display)**(Delivery time is TBA)

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SAT. MAY 11TH, 2019 10 AM - 4 PM

# 179 MARKETPLACE

~ Antiques ~ Flea Market ~ Garage Sale Items ~ Collectibles ~ Sports Memorabilia ~ Arts and Crafts

### MORE INFORMATION:

[AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM/179MARKETPLACE](http://AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM/179MARKETPLACE)

2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Grand Rapids, MI 49534 ~ 616-453-9861 ~ [info@americanlegionpost179.com](mailto:info@americanlegionpost179.com)

SEEKING EXHIBITORS

In the Hall



Exclusive to businesses and nonprofits, the Gordon GO! rewards program is our way of saying 'thank you for your patronage'. We value your contributions and want you to earn rewards for doing what you're already doing: shopping with us regularly.

**Did you know you letting the cashier know at checkout you want your points to be added to the American Legion Post 179 points total? Doing this helps us reach our point goal of 96,000 points which the post can cash in for a \$1,000 donation from Gordon Foods!**



Shopping at Family Fare can help you give back to Post 179. All you have to do is turn in your receipt after your shopping trip and VIOLA!  
Once the post has collected \$150,000 in receipt totals we can turn them into Family Fare for a \$1,000 donation!

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 179  
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**May 11th, 2019**

**EUCHRE  
DUET**

**50/50's**

**REGISTRATION 5 P.M.**

**\$15 Entry | 6 P.M. Start**

**Pizza & Beer Included**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
[AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM/EUCHRE](http://AMERICANLEGIONPOST179.COM/EUCHRE)**

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 179  
2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Walker 49534  
616-453-9861



Date: **Saturday May 11th, 2019**, register 5-5:30pm. 1st round starts about 6pm.

Where: American Legion Post 179, 2327 Wilson Ave. SW, Grand Rapids 49534

Cost: **\$15/ea.** Includes PIZZA, KEG BEER and play EUCHRE for a chance to win prizes!

All other beverages must be purchased from American Legion.

Prizes: **TBA**

Questions: Call/text Larry 616.813.6860 or email [wmiflyball500@gmail.com](mailto:wmiflyball500@gmail.com)

You can come by yourself; you do not need a partner.

Please pass this on to others. **We have room for 150+ players.**

You will switch partners every round, 8 hands per round. 8 Rounds.

Poker chips to determine next partner.

Proceeds from this event will go to American Legion Post 179 to support local Veterans.

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# Memorial Day 2019

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Grandville Cemetery at 9:30 a.m.**

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest speaker (TBA)

Scouts from Troop 281 & 292

Commander of American Legion Post 179

Prayer by the Chaplain

Poem: A soldier died today

Playing of Taps



Join us at  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 179**

For a cookout starting at  
**12 p.m.**

**\$5 Burger/\$2 Hot Dogs**  
Bring a dish to pass!



**VETERANS, MOM'S, DAD'S, & KIDS. . . JOIN US!**

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# PICNIC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If interested please contact Kathy Slawson at 616-446-7239

12:00 PM - 5:00PM

**American Legion Post 179**

*Picnic*

**SATURDAY**

*AUG 24*

**BRING A DISH  
TO PASS**

**RAFFLES ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ GAMES**

*Let's have fun together!*

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# Monday

\$1.50 HOT DOGS | \$2 POLISH DOGS



\$2.25 16oz BEERS

BUD LIGHT, MILLER LITE, COORS LIGHT, COORS, BUDWEISER, BUSCH LIGHT

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**\$2.00**  
Hard or Soft Shell Tacos

**TACO**  
**TUESDAY**

**\$5.50** Small Burrito

**\$6.50** Large Burrito

**\$11.00** MEGA MARGARITAS

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WEDNESDAY

# Ladies NIGHT Out

### Cosmopolitan

Absolut Citron, Triple sec, Lime juice, Cranberry Juice

### Pink Punk Cosmo

Vodka, Pineapple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Lime, poured over cotton candy

### Chocolate Martini

Frangelico, Baileys, Vodka, Chocolate syrup drizzle, and cherry

### Orange Creamsicle

Smirnoff Vanilla and Orange Soda topped with whipped cream

### Morning Dew

Malibu, Midori, Blue Curacao, Pineapple juice, Sour mix, and a splash of Sprite

### Fruit Punch

Captain, Malibu, Peachtree, Pineapple Juice, poured over strawberry puree



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# \$5 PITCHERS OF BEER ON THURSDAYS

(Excludes Craft Beers)

# THIRSTY THURSDAY

### LONG BEACH

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Triple Sec, OJ, Splash of cranberry

### LONG ISLAND

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Triple Sec, Sour mix, splash of coke

### ISLAND JUICE

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Triple sec, Blue Curacao, Sour, Sprite

### PURPLE RAIN

Vodka, Rum, Blackberry Brandy, Blue Curacao, Sprite

### GREEN BEAVER

Smirnoff Cherry, Malibu, Christian Brothers, Triple Sec, Blue Curacao, Lemonade, Red Bull

### MORNING DEW

Malibu, Blue Curacao, Midori, Pineapple Juice, Sour Mix, Sprite

### NAVY SEAL

Gin, Blue Curacao, Lemon Slices, Margarita Mix

### MEGA BLOODY MARY

Vodka, Bloody Mary Mix, Worcestershire, Pepper, Celery, Olives

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# FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light, Busch Light

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**\$5 Chicken Strips & Fries**

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# WING MANIA

**50 CENT**  
*wings*



## EVERY SATURDAY

**American Legion Post 179**  
2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Walker, MI 49534

**New Happy Hour Every Hour**

# **HAPPY** *Hour*

**EVERY SUNDAY 12p - 9p**

**DICE ROLLED  
SPECIALS**

- 1 - \$1 Draft Beer
- 2 - \$2 Wine/Canned Beer
- 3 - \$3 You call it's
- 4 - Bartender's Choice
- 5 - Regular Price
- 6 - Roll Again

**American Legion Post 179**

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**The Bartender will roll the dice on the hour**



# XStream Charters



**“You could join me on a 5-hour charter with 3 of your friends.”**

— Travis Kort, Captain

**All for the cost of a raffle ticket!**

**See the bartender at Post 179 for tickets**

## XStream CHARTERS

**CHARTER FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN  
5 HOURS/4 PEOPLE  
DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019  
AT NEAL E. FONGER LEGION  
POST 179**

**DRAWING AFTER 7:00 PM**

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 5TH ANNUAL  
RIDERS VETERANS RUN  
IN MEMORY OF DOUG DERIDDER**

**DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**



AMERICAN LEGION POST 179 2327 WILSON WALKER, MI 49534  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING LOCAL VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY

# Post 179 American Legion Riders Raffle Tickets ON SALE NOW!



See the 179 bartenders for tickets or  
send the Rider Director an email to [Jerry.179riders@gmail.com](mailto:Jerry.179riders@gmail.com) for information  
on where you can buy them.



**WEATHERBY  
SHOTGUN  
CUSTOM ENGRAVED  
WITH 2 INTERCHANGEABLE BARRELS**

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TRAVIS KORT, CHARTER CAPTAIN**

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