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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

Legion Team:

Our clubroom is struggling and we need to make some hard decisions. The expenses are exceeding the income and some changes need to be made soon in order for our Post to survive. We will be discussing options for cutting expenses at our meeting on November 14. Some of those options include volunteer bartenders, closing on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, or opening at 3:00 or 4:00 Monday-Thursday.

I do not know what is best, so I'm asking that we all work together for what's best. This decision needs to be made quickly. Please come to our meeting to help with this, and if you have any other ideas, please let us know.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, Commander, Post 179

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VETERAN'S DAY ACTIVITIES

On Friday, November 10th, come out and see the uniform display and the Eric Zane Show Live from 6-9 a.m. Then join us for the Marine Corps 242nd Birthday Gala with cocktail hour at 5 p.m., and a cake cutting ceremony at 6:00. Ticket price includes a spaghetti dinner, with entertainment by The Mad Bertha Band. This event is open to the public. Tickets are available at the Post or on our website at www.americanlegionpost179.com.

Saturday, November 11th, from 0700 - 1000 we will be serving a pancake breakfast (Free to Veterans - donation requested for family members & guests). Tentatively - at 0800 we anticipate the Blackhawk helicopter to land. At 1400 the Blackhawk is expected to depart. The Remembrance ceremony will take place at 1100 in the hall followed by a Taco Bar lunch served in the hall for \$5. (Please note - the clubroom kitchen will be closed until 5 p.m). Doors open at 6 p.m. and The Guinness Brothers Band takes the stage at 7 p.m.

It will be a great weekend filled with fun for everyone!

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

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting November 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting . . . November 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting November 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders November 26 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello, Members:

It seems Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. With that being said, the Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 9. Food will be served at noon. Please turn your slips in ASAP to let us know you are coming. We are asking again for volunteers to bring cupcakes for the cake walk. This always is a fun activity for the kids. Santa will be stopping in for a visit out of his busy schedule.

We have a busy November, starting with delivering the dictionary/reference books to the Grandville Elementary schools November 6 and 7. This is such a rewarding few days and the kids love the dictionary/reference books.

We will be cooking and serving the spaghetti dinner at the Marine Gala on November 10. This will be a big project of serving dinner for a lot of Marines!

We will be hosting the bingo at the GR Home for Veterans on Thursday, November 16. We also will be volunteering at the Gift Shop on November 28 and 29. It is always a joy helping our Veterans!

Our next meeting will be on November 13 at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us and learn about all the things we do.

Our December meeting is December 11. This is our Christmas Potluck with a very short meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and if you would like, bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange. Happy hour begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a short meeting. Dinner will be after the meeting. This is a fun and relaxing night. We hope you will join us!

As always, it is a honor to serve our Veterans.

Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179



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NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR DAILY SPECIALS

Big Beer Sunday: 16 oz. beer \$2.25 / Chicken Ranch Wrap and Fries \$4.50

Sunday, November 12: 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.

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

Wednesday, November 22: Carl Webb

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

Thursday, November 23– Thanksgiving (CLOSED)

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. / **Team Trivia**

Friday, November 10: Eric Zane Show Live (6-9 a.m.) / Marine Corp Birthday Gala starting at 5:00 - Mad Bertha Band (Open to the Public)

Saturday, November 11: Veteran's Day Celebration & Guinness Brothers Band (Open to the Public)

Saturday, November 18: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Open to the Public)

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

THANK YOU!

*Thank you to the Potters for helping
with the landscaping out front.*

*It looks really nice and
we appreciate your hard work.*

PLAY BINGO

Please come to the Post to play Bingo

TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS

Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30

Proceeds are used to help Veterans

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

The S.A.L. Scholarship committee would like to thank all the participants who entered their information into the selection process and would like to congratulate all who are pursuing a college education. The committee met on September 21 and the following individuals were voted on at the October meeting to receive s Scholarship from the S.A.L. The top award of \$500 went to Jessica Meyers, the second award of \$300 went to Samantha Martel and the third award of \$200 went to Jaycee Westerling. Thank you to all who participated.

It is time to renew your membership for 2018. Please write legibly and include your phone number, email (if you have one) and your birth date. National is asking us to collect the birth dates for determining the average age of members and for the potential of establishing a lifetime membership and any costs that may be associated.

Don't forget the Taco Lunch on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017 in the Big Hall. Stop on by and have a great lunch for only \$5.00.

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, November 6, at 7 p.m.; December meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2017.

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

FROM THE SERVICE OFFICER . . .

Effective Veteran's day, November 11, honorably discharged veterans will be able to shop the Exchange online. Go to shopmyexchange.com to enroll and begin shopping.

Lois Parker, Service Officer

WILWIN QUILT PROJECT

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m. If the sewers in the group can bring their machines and irons to the next meeting, we can split into teams and get the remaining blocks sewed. We will also be deciding on our next project. All are welcome – you don't have to be a sewer and experience is not required. Donations of cotton or cotton blend fabric pieces are appreciated.

Julie Postma

Children's Christmas Party Reservation Form – Saturday, December 9, 2017

Lunch served at 12:00 Noon

Santa arrives after lunch with gifts for children to age 10

Children must be present to receive gifts

(Members' children and grandchildren only, please.)

Member's Name _____

No. of Boys (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Girls (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Adults (\$1.00 each for lunch) _____

Please fill this out and leave it in the clubroom, bring it to the Auxiliary meeting, or mail it to: Attn Auxiliary, Neal E. Fonger Post 179, P.O. Box 306, Grandville, MI 49468-0306. **Deadline for reservations is December 1.** If you have any questions or desire more information, please e-mail sheila5911@sbcglobal.net or call 616-350-2049.