



## Commander's Exclusive

Another month has gone by and it seems like the older I get, the quicker the days go by. I had the pleasure of meeting two wonderful people, Mr. & Mrs. Tobiason, on the 21st of July. They are members of an American Legion Post in Oregon. Some of you may recognize the name as Mrs. Tobiason is the granddaughter of Past Commander Arthur Moody. Mr. Moody was a founding charter member of our post. Her grandmother Mrs. Adna Moody was a founding charter member of the Auxiliary Unit 179. Mrs. Tobiason had fond memories when the post was in the basement. She shared stores of her playing outside with other children and her grandmother (Mrs. Moody) bringing coffee and doughnuts to the group of men who were digging the well so the post could have running water to drink and for the bathrooms. The stories they shared had me so captivated I could have listened to them for hours. I also learned a little bit more of our post history. Post 179 had their ups and downs back in the day, the only thing that has changed is our member's. However, our goals

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## AUGUST MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting ..... Aug. 5 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Auxiliary Meeting ..... No meeting  
 Legion Meeting ..... Aug. 13 @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Clubroom Committee Mtg. . . Aug. 28 @ 6:30 p.m.  
 Legion Riders ..... Aug. 25 @ 12:30 p.m.  
 Boy Scouts ..... Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## 5th District Meetings

July 11 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Post 6 (Holland)

## AUGUST

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remain the same; to help our veteran brothers and sisters in need. After this wonderful discussion, we took some pictures and said: "See ya real soon". Thank you for coming to visit and we hope to see you next time you are in town.

By now you may have heard a couple of rumors. The first is: American Legion Double-A Baseball IS coming to Grand Rapids! This is not a rumor it is actually happening and its time for us as a post to step up to the plate and work together. Many members have complained that there is nothing to do for our youth; well now there will be. Mr. Jerry Fennel of American Legion Post 459 is leading the way for the 5th District to start teams in Kent and Ottawa counties. I have invited him to the next Legion meeting to share more information with us about this program. Less than 24 hours after putting out a call to start this program and to put on some fundraisers to raise the \$1,000 needed, I received word from a gentleman who is willing to donate the \$1,000 to sponsor the start of our team.

However, our fundraising will not end there, as teams will need assistance with equipment, travel, uniforms, food, and water. We are also looking for a coach and an assistant coach so if you know anyone please let me know and pass along my contact information to them.

The second rumor you may have heard is that at the District meeting on July 11th, 2019 at Post 6 in Holland, I was elected as the 2nd Junior Vice Commander, and that too is a reality.

I hosted another Commander's Coffee Hour and it was another success. We talked about many topics at length over plenty of coffee and donuts. While the coffee and donuts were great; the discussion was even better. Let's meet again on August 10th, 2019 at 10 a.m. in the clubroom. Don't be left in the dark; bring suggestions to the table.

Remember when you're in the clubroom, the bartender on-duty is in charge. Remember to thank them because they do an outstanding job.

On a different note, if you have noticed one of our members has not been around for a while, reach out to him/her and let them know we miss their company.

I'd like to remind everyone to stay safe. If you do not have to be outside in the heat stay inside where it's cool and drink plenty of fluids.

**Jesús Sanabria**, *Commander, Post 179*  
Commander@AmericanLegionPost179.com





## Sons of the American Legion Commander's Exclusive

The SAL College Scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 Academic Year will be available August 1, 2019. They must be returned to the Commander of the SAL by August 31, 2019 for consideration.

Summer is here so enjoy the warm weather and don't forget to wear your Sunscreen, we didn't have much of a spring to get a good base for the summer.

Don't forget the post picnic coming up in August. You can renew your membership for 2020 at the picnic and avoid the Year End rush for renewal. See you all at the picnic on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and our next meeting will be Monday, July 1 at 7PM. The August meeting will be Monday, August 5, at 7PM.

**Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179**  
*SalComm@AmericanLegionPost179.com*

## **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 179 RIDERS...

I am pleased to report that our riders did participate in this year's Michigan Legacy Ride. The MI Legacy ride raised more than \$23,000 for the Legacy Foundation. Thanks to all that participated in the ride and gave to this great cause.

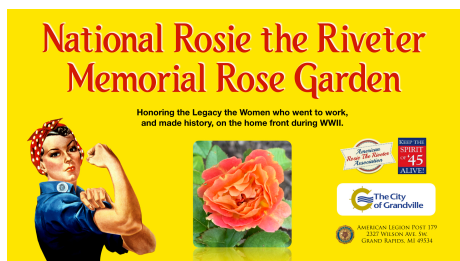
Our American Legion Riders participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> Grandville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and it was a huge success by all accounts. Thank You all that participated.

I am also very pleased to report on the fact that CA-6 passed which allows the establishment of a standing committee to represent the ALR at the state level under the Internal Affairs Committee. This process can now start to be developed. The Department Liaison, Skip Kamin and/or the Internal Affairs Chair Ron McCall can be contacted if you are interested in participating. Again, we have permission to develop the ALR Standing Committee. No details on how this committee will function or its specific role has been decided to date. We do know the committee will have representation from SAL and Auxiliary. The Department by-laws (and funding requirements) require that only legionnaires have voting privileges which I personally find disappointing given ALR is a legion family function at the Post level.

As everyone knows Trevor & Nichole Iler and Joe & Gail Parks were in a terrible accident this past month. Please join us in continuing to send positive thoughts and prayers to them and their families. Their families thank us for observing their privacy and are now posting progress reports, which Jena Wilmers has been sharing on our Legion Facebook page.

As always, Please Ride Safe.

**Jerry Wasson, Riders Director, Post 179**  
*Director@AmericanLegionPost179.com*



The **City of Grandville, MI** invited American Legion Post 179 to partner together to plant the first "Rosie the Riveter Memorial Rose Garden" located in West Michigan at **Wedgewood Park**. This garden is to honor the legacy of the women who made history during World War II by joining the workforce to fill the jobs men left behind when they enlisted in the war effort. City Councilman **Josh Meringa** came across this project when Rosie the Riveter (Angie) reached out and shared the story behind the garden and asked if the City of Grandville would be interested in participating.

**Commander Sanabria will work with the City of Grandville to plan a dedication of this garden in late September/Early October so please stay tuned.**

Thank you to Sue Potter, our resident Rosie, and Jena Wilmers for helping with the planting of these majestic rose bushes.

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### From The Auxiliary President...

Hello fellow Auxiliary members! The dog days of summer have arrived! The Fireworks Fundraiser Tent happened for July 4 holiday. Boy was it hot! Thanks to everyone who volunteered for shifts at the tent.

The rescheduled Maranda Park Party happened on Thursday July 25th with extended hours 11am – 2pm! The Auxiliary partnered with the Applebee's tent to have a Book Giveaway to promote literacy and education to our community's children and youth. Each book has a stamp of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 179 to publicize the unit is gifting these books to each child! Even in the summer Unit 179 is busy working our programs!

Sue Wagner, Americanism Chairman, will be refurbishing the depository for the retirement of worn flags. Stay tuned for pictures of before and after on our Legion and Auxiliary Facebook page! Our hope is to make it a clear and recognizable fixture for those who want to retire their worn flags.

Instillation of 5<sup>th</sup> District Officers will be happening 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting at Post 179 on Tuesday August 13 at 6:30 pm. Unit 179 Past Unit President, Deb Wetherbee will be installed as 5<sup>th</sup> District President! Please join us at this auspicious occasion.

Unit 179 has been continued working its programs throughout the summer and is ready to hit the ground running with our first meeting in September!

I want to invite new members, those who have been members but not involved to reconnect with your auxiliary to find out what lights a fire under YOU to find your PASSION! There are so many areas where everyone can contribute.

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

**Sheila Manning, President, Auxiliary Unit 179**  
*AuxPres@AmericanLegionPost179.co*



### **5th District President Instillation**



Congratulations to **Deb Weatherbee** as she will be installed as Department of Michigan, 5<sup>th</sup> District President! Join us for her instillation at Post 179 on Tuesday, August 13. The last time Unit 179 had a District President was over 60 years ago. Let Post 179 show our pride and support to our incoming 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan, 5<sup>th</sup> District President.

## **Dear Neal,**

**Fonger Q & A**

**Q: I have paid my Legion dues and I got a Direct Mail Solicitation stating that I didn't pay my dues... Why does this keep happening and how can I stop it?**

**A:** The American Legion (National) sends out initial dues renewal notices with a return envelope to your home post. Once the adjutant has renewed your dues then you are removed from the renewal notice list. Sometimes if you renew close to the date they send out another wave of renewal notices you can get a renewal notice even though you may have recently paid your dues. If you have questions about your renewal or your membership card please feel free to call Adjutant, Jena Wilmers, at 231-629-1274.



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!



★ LEARN HOW TO PLAY ★  
**EUCHRE**  
 AUGUST 15, 2019  
**6:30 PM IN THE CLUBROOM**  
 2327 WILSON AVE. SW., WALKER, MI 49534  
 616-453-9861




**AMERICAN LEGION POST 179  
 FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**September 14th, 2019**

**EUCHRE  
 DUEL**

**50/50's**

**REGISTRATION 5 P.M.**

**\$20 Entry | 6 P.M. Start**


**Pizza & Beer Included**



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**THURSDAY  
 24  
 OCTOBER**  
**2 P.M. - 8 P.M.**  
**BLOOD  
 DRIVE**  
**1 PINT OF BLOOD SAVES  
 3 LIVES!**  
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**American  
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**GIVE  
 THE GIFT  
 OF** *life*

To make your appointment by pre-registering visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org>  
 Click [GIVE BLOOD], then Click [FIND A BLOOD DRIVE]. Enter post179gr in the search press [ENTER]. Click [SEE  
 TIMES] and schedule a time for you to donate blood IT'S THAT EASY!



**AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**



**3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**



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# COMMANDER'S COFFEE HOUR



August 10th, 2019  
10 am to 11am

EVERY CUP COUNTS



American Legion Post 179  
Walker, MI

## JOIN THE COMMANDER

FOR A CUP OF  
COFFEE AT THE POST

NO AGENDA, JUST A CONVERSATION  
WITH MEMBERS ABOUT WHAT  
MATTERS TO THE POST



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FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS



# PRIZES

*Fridays*

**BEGINNING**  
**AUGUST 16th**  
**6:30 to 9:00pm**  
**IN THE CLUBROOM**

# TRIVIA OF THE MINDS

Hosted by Northern Lights Entertainment



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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# FREE Intro to Coding Workshop

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019



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CLASS IS LIMITED TO 35 - Registration Link is available online.

THE AMERICAN LEGION IS PARTNERING WITH GRAND CIRCUS GRAND RAPIDS to offer an introductory computer coding workshop.

The American Legion Post 179 would be proud to offer this workshop to anyone in the community that may be considering a career in the tech industry. This FREE Intro to Coding Workshop is designed for those who are curious about coding but have very to little no coding experience.

For more information see our Facebook Page Event at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/350791952250160/>

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## THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 179'S 2nd ANNUAL HUNTERS' WIDOWS' PARTY

AND  
*Pre-Holiday*  
**Craft / Vendor  
Extravaganza**

**11 • 15 • 19**

PARTY STARTS at 3 PM with the CRAFT/VENDOR EXTRAVAGANZA  
INCLUDING THE MUSIC OF  
Sweet Jonny  
KNOX

PLUS  
Drink Specials 50/50s Door Prizes  
Public Welcome

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# BUILD-A-BURGER

Sunday



12p - 3p  
While  
Supplies  
Last

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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

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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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# 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

**\$5 Chicken Strips & Fries**

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## \$5 PITCHERS OF BEER ON THURSDAYS

(Excludes Craft Beers)

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