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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

March 20th was the first official day of spring, but you wouldn't know it if you were to look outside here in West Michigan. Outside so far we have suffered with cold wind and fluctuating temperatures, but if you stop in and look inside your American Legion Post, you will see how spring has brought new changes, rejuvenation and a renewed effort by your fellow members to give back to our Post.

We have amazing contributions from Jesus Sanabria and Melissa Wright on the sub-committee to renovate the basement bar. Jesus, Melissa and their many dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly to renovate the basement bar. By bringing back such a historic space that what was once our first clubroom of the Post, it is now on its way to being a premier club space that is coveted for rentals. We cannot thank these volunteers enough for their contributions.

Come and check out the Cornhole league and tournament brought to the Post by Kathy and Bear Slawson and Scott Pennell. This new and exciting event has brought lots of people to our Post that have never been to our Post before. This exciting atmosphere has brought a lot of renewed enthusiasm to our clubroom and I hope that our members will come and check it out.

We have many events, new initiatives and changes that are coming as we reawaken our Post and connect with the community and Veterans and families in West Michigan. But we cannot do this alone!

I urge every member of our Post – Legionnaires, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders – to come out and volunteer. Come be a part of this resurgence and breathe new life into your Post. Find a role within the Post, or a project, or a cause that you find meaningful and be the champion of that. Take pride and ownership of this great Post we have and contribute more than money this year. I'm asking each and every member to volunteer at least once this year, whether it is for an hour, a day, or a commitment to a committee or an officer role.

I hope to see everyone come out and enjoy our Post!

Don't forget that meetings in April and May are important nomination and election meetings. Please come out to our meetings and let your voice be heard!

As always, I want to hear from you. My email address is Commander@americanlegionpost179.com. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Scott Mullarkey, *Commander, Post 179*

APRIL MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting April 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting April 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders April 29 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

We delivered the donations to Community Rebuilders a few weeks ago. Thank you to everyone who donated the much needed food and paper products. The Auxiliary donated can openers that are given out with each bag of food to homeless Veterans. They had given their last can opener that day. The kindness of all of you is so much appreciated.

Another thank you to all of you who purchase desserts at the fish fry and thank you to the members who donated the desserts every week. Without you this could not be a success.

The 5th District Memorial Banquet is May 12 at the Cedar Springs Post. This is a humbling service, honoring the Legion family who have passed. We lost three Auxiliary Unit 179 members during the past year – Mrs. Harry Donnelly, Dorothy Westrate and Nancy Wimpee. Tickets for dinner are \$16.00. If you would like to attend, please give me a call at 616-723-2398.

Our next meeting will be April 9 at 7:00. I would like to invite each and every Auxiliary member to join us.

Debbie Weatherbee, *President, Auxiliary Unit 179*

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 22 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADULTS – \$7.00 • 10 & UNDER –\$3.00

Everyone is welcome to join us at Post 179 for a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links and potato cubes! We will also be serving apple juice, water and coffee.



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APRIL 2018 CALENDAR

DAILY SPECIALS

Monday & Tuesday specials: 1.25 can beer for your entire visit with a purchase of any food item. (This runs all day. Excludes cashews, pretzels, popcorn, a bag of chips, and candy bags)

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

Sunday, April 1: Easter – Clubroom closed

Sunday, April 15: Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Sunday, April 22: Pancake Breakfast, 9a.m.-12 p.m. / Job Fair Resume Building Class, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29: Master of Munchies Competition Finalè

Monday Mania: 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 6-10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25: Corn Hole Tournament, 6-10 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 12: National Grilled Cheese Day

Thursday, April 26: Job Fair Resume Building Class, 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. / Team Trivia, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6, 13, 20 & 27: Master of Munchies First Round Food Competition, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 14: Spring Craft and Vendor Show, 12-2 p.m. / Benefit Dinner in the hall, Carl Webb (Live Entertainment) 7-11 p.m.

Saturday, April 28: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. / Brad Lee (Live Entertainment) 7-11 p.m.

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

MASTER OF MUNCHIES COMPETITION

On Fridays in April at 7 p.m. the clubroom will host a mini cooking competition. The winner of each of the three mini-competitions will go head to head at the finale on April 29th against Dave and Busters.

If you are interested in participating, or would like more details, please email Jena at Jena@americanlegionpost179.com or call 231-629-1274. This is open to the community, so tell your friends.

WILWIN QUILT PROJECT

We have 5 quilts completed for the Wilwin Lodge. Two ladies are sewing 6" squares at home and when finished, will make a total of 7. The Sunday group has been cancelled. If anyone would like to do some sewing at home, I have more squares ready to go. They will have size, instructions, and my phone number if there are any questions. Thank you to those who have contributed money, fabric, and most of all, time.

Julie Postma – 669-5289

PLAY BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS
Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30

FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

We're three months away from our ride! If you're coming out, plan on a good time. We're still looking for sponsors for the ride, so if you know of a business that might want some cool advertising for themselves, then have them get in touch with a Rider.

Riding season is on the horizon, which means there will be a heavier presence of other Posts coming to steal our plaques, so if you see someone you don't recognize and there are no Riders around, please reach out and make them feel welcome at our Post! Hooah!

The 179 Legion Riders

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facebook.com/AmericanLegionNealEFongerPost179**

DETROIT TIGERS BUS TOUR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

Tickets are \$85. This includes transportation to and from the game, \$15 in casino money, and a \$5 casino food voucher. Sandwiches will be served on the bus. The bus departs from the Post at 8 a.m. and parks at Greektown Casino. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Bus leaves Greektown at 5:45 p.m. and returns to the Post at 9 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go toward improvements to the HVAC units at Post 179. For more information please call 616-292-0563.

CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Hey, did you make it to the 2018 Post 179 Fish Fry? Well if you didn't, then you missed some really good fish, and if you didn't get a chance to volunteer, then you will have to wait until next year. A great time was had by a bunch of Legion volunteers and the Venture Crew and their leaders, the past 7 Friday evenings during the Fish Fry.

S.A.L. members, remember that elections are coming up soon. The first round of nominations will begin at the April meeting. Final nominations and voting will occur at the May meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2018.

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, April 2, 2018. May's meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2018.

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

SAVE THE DATE:

5/5 – Job Fair, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

5/11 – Bike Nights Start (2nd Friday)

11/10 – Marine Corps Birthday Gala