



Commander's Exclusive

As the summer comes to a close we reflect on the Post Picnic which was a huge success. There was lots of great food, plenty of laughter, and fellowship. A special THANK YOU to the Picnic Committee member and every one of you who helped make this fun event such a huge success. Thank you to Kathy Kaleta, the Picnic Committee Chair, for her guidance and her leadership. The picnic takes the effort of many caring people, and donations of food & resources. I was amazed at the generosity of all the members who attended. I have received a few suggestions for next year's picnic. I love suggestions and will bring them up at the after picnic meeting.

As we transition into fall, the post is gearing up for the fall/winter activities. Commander's coffee hour will continue on the 3rd Sunday (September 15th) at 10am. This is the place where I will answer, or try to answer, all questions. The only rules are that you attend with an open mind and agree to disagree because we will not always agree to everything. With that said, we will not part until we meet halfway.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting Sept. 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Auxiliary Meeting Sept. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Legion Meeting Sept. 10 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Clubroom Committee Mtg. . . Sept. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Legion Riders Sept. 29 @ 12:30 p.m.
 Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

5th District Meetings

September 12 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Post 376 (Marne)

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Legion baseball: as some of you already know Post 179 is looking for two baseball coaches. A head coach and an assistant coach. Our head coach must be a legionnaire, and an assistant coach he/she does not have to be a legionnaire. Also, we are looking for sponsors. There will be fundraisers to help sponsor this program. If you're interested please email me at commander@AmericanLegionPost179.com

Jena Wilmers and the Veteran's Day Committee are working hard on our Veterans Day Student Education Program and our Veterans Day Salute event. A remembrance ceremony will be held on November 11th, 2019 at 11am at the post. State Commander Barry Wood is our keynote speaker. We will be hosting two displays on November 12th, 2019 in honor of Veterans Day. (Yes, that is the correct date - I know Veterans Day is November 11th). The West Michigan Military Round Table Association will have a uniform, weapons, equipment, and vehicle display. The Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall will also be at our post on Monday and Tuesday. The Post would like to invite all veterans to a pizza party on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. We will be serving Vincenzo's pizza, pasta salad, and

Lastly, Jena is working very hard on shoeboxes for troops. We will be collecting items to go in the boxes and we will be hosting a luncheon to stuff the boxes. Please check out the article in the newsletter for more details.

As a friendly reminder: if you see a member who has not been at the post in some time, or someone you do not recognize, please go up and greet them, and make them feel welcome. Do not walk over and demand to see their membership card. It's the job of the on-duty bartender to do that. The bartenders are doing a wonderful job so let's keep up the good work.

Jesús Sanabria, *Commander, Post 179*
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Ceremony: 11:00 A.M.

Keynote Speaker: Department Commander Barry Wood

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

Displays 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

West Michigan Military Round Table

A uniform, weapons, and equipment display that is a spectacular exhibit you won't want to miss. Take the journey and learn how the military evolved over the years though these amazing time pieces and artifacts.



Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall

This memorial is dedicated to the 2,661 men & women of the State of Michigan who lost their lives during the Vietnam war.



DINNER 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Pizza, pasta salad, and dessert. **Free** to Veterans and their families



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Sons of the American Legion Commander's Exclusive

The SAL College Scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 Academic Year will be reviewed soon and the winners will be announced once they have been selected. Thank you to all who applied.

The Annual Legion Picnic was held on Saturday, August 24th and fun was had by all.

School is beginning so remember to watch out for the excited children on their way to and from school. With school beginning what else comes with the Fall season? Why Football of course. So, plan on stopping by the clubroom to enjoy the college football season as well as some professional football.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and our next meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 7PM (due Labor Day on the first Monday). The October meeting will be Monday, October 7, at 7PM.

Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179
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FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

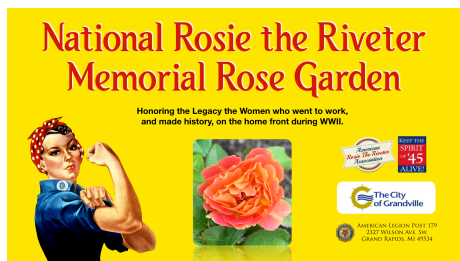
Good News! The weather is changing! It's time for plaque raids! We've been told that Battle Creek has several and has invited us to come on down and steal a few. So, let's do it. Keep a look out for details.

In other news, I want to thank a fellow Rider, Kathy Kaleta, and her committee for a very successful post picnic. It was absolutely fabulous. Kudos to Randy for his great job on the chicken and to everyone else for their contributions. The food was delicious and abundant. Most of all, I want to thank everyone who attended. We had a great time. You're the ones that made it a true success.

Trevor, Nichole, Joe, and Gail are out of the hospital. This is super news and we thank God and their determination for their amazing progress. Stay tuned for news of joint efforts with their respective posts for any fundraisers and/or assistance we can give them while they continue to heal. They have respectfully asked us to wait until they say it's time. Thanks.

Keep riding and, please, be safe out there.

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



Are you a Rosie the Riveter or a descendant of one? Don't know who Rosie was?

Rosie the Riveter was a collective name given to the women on the home front who went to work in industry jobs typically held by men. When the men were called to World War II, they left behind positions that needed to be filled in order to make supplies for the war.

Please join the City of Grandville and The American Legion Post 179 for the dedication of the "Rosie the Riveter" Memorial Garden in Wedgwood Park. **The dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden will take place on Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 9:30am at Wedgwood Park in Grandville.** The public is invited to join us as we honor all the "Rosie's" out there in our area for their contribution to the war effort during the war.

We want to hear your stories. We are looking for anyone who worked as a Rosie or is a descendant of a Rosie. If this is you, or someone you know, please contact Josh Meringa at Meringaj@cityofgrandville.com.

From The Auxiliary President...

Wow! School kids are already back into classes! How fast the time flies.

The Auxiliary had its Book Giveaway at Maranda's Park Party at Garfield Park on August! What an AWESOME experience to promote Literacy and Education to our community!

On the point of Education, we have submitted paperwork for a Dine to Donate at Applebee's to fundraise for our Dictionary Project to provide a dictionary/reference book to every third graders in Hudsonville Public School district. Keep an eye on the Auxiliary Facebook page for dates of distribution! Keep track of the date to help support the Auxiliary Unit 179 programs to support our veterans, their families & member of our community!

The Auxiliary Americanism Chairman has taken on the rededication of the Flag Retirement Mailbox at Post 179. At this publication, the receptacle had been taken to be sand blasted first, then repainted making the 'mailbox' the designation of being clearly designated as flag retirement.

Our first fall meeting is September, let's get our dates, photos, and details ready for our mid-year reports in December! Unit 179 has been active! Let's let the world know!!

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
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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.

Dear Neal,

Fonger Q & A

Q: Why does the post not do anything special, or open up early, on holidays like Memorial Day or Labor Day?

A: This is a great question. The reason for this is because for an example the post held a BBQ for Memorial Day and the only people in attendance were the twelve people who were involved in the Memorial Day ceremony & parade. The post incurs costs to be open and with few to no customers the post ends up losing money. This is also part of the reason the clubroom does not open until 4pm. The clubroom was open at 2 p.m. for a while and sales reports showed little to no sales for the first two hours. Anyone is more than welcome to bring suggestions to their membership meetings or to the clubroom Committee Meeting. Clubroom Committee Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m..



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!





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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SEPT 18TH

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



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THURSDAY

24

OCTOBER

2 P.M. - 8 P.M.



BLOOD DRIVE

1 PINT OF BLOOD SAVES
3 LIVES!



American
Red Cross

GIVE
THE GIFT
OF *life*



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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!

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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COMMANDER'S COFFEE HOUR

September
13th, 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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Prayer At the Pole



Wednesday
September 25th, 2019
7 a.m.



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LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

BASIC COURSE

LEARN WHAT THE
AMERICAN LEGION IS ALL ABOUT



SOCIAL & DIGITAL MEDIA WORKSHOP

LEARN ABOUT USEFUL TOOLS
AVAILABLE TO MAKE REACHING
YOUR MEMBERSHIP BASE EASIER

OCTOBER 5TH 2019

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FREE Intro to Coding Workshop

September 14th, 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.

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Operation
SHOEBOX

NOVEMBER 13th, 2019

Noon - 12:30p Lunch
12:30p - 1:30p Stuff Shoe Boxes for Troops

Presented By:

10 Year Anniversary! GRANDVILLE JENISON CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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American Legion Post 179 will be collecting items to stuff **Shoebboxes for Troops** for the holiday season. We will send out a special e-mail with details outlining items we will be collecting, drop off locations, and the deadline we will need items by in order to be included.

Lunch is from Noon - 12:30 p.m. and stuffing will commence at 12:30 p.m. We would love to share this with you and your family! Please visit our FB page for lunch registration and more details!

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American Legion Post 179 will be hosting a Halloween Party.
There will be a **Costume Contest** and a **Scariest Snack Contest**.
Party starts at 6:30 P.M.



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