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FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

Legion Family,

We have installed the officers for the upcoming year and I am happy to say that we have some new, fresh members to take us into the future. So, in planning for the new year, our Legion Picnic is August 12, and the first planning meeting is June 15th at 6:30. All who are interested in helping make this year's picnic as successful as last year, please be at the planning meeting.

I am looking forward to my last year as Commander and seeing the Post grow better and better.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, Commander, Post 179

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

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Congratulations to the S.A.L. Officers for the 2017-2018 year. **1st Vice** is Bill Willey, **2nd Vice** is Terry McDonald, **3rd Vice** is Jake Brunner, **Adjutant** is Evan Icaboni, **Finance** is Mike Lemson, **Chaplain** is Leland Berman-Wright, **Judge Advocate** is Jerry Elya, **Sgt-at-Arms** is Chad Wright, **Executive Officers** are Dennis Brunner and Jeremy Daniel. The Historian position remains open at this time.

The S.A.L. College Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 Academic Year will be available August 1, 2017. They must be returned to the Commander of the S.A.L. by August 31, 2017 for consideration.

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, June 5 at 7 P.M. The July Meeting will be held Monday, July 10, due to the Fourth of July weekend.

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

PICNIC NOTE

We are looking for someone to head up the organization of gift baskets for the silent auction at the picnic. Please contact the commander if you would be willing to help.

JUNE MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting June 5 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting June 12 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting June 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Riders June 25 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

The June 12 meeting is our Potluck meeting. Happy hour is at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short meeting and dinner after the meeting. I would like to invite all of you to attend this fun evening and meet your officers and members.

Congratulations to Leland Berman-Wright, who won 1st place in the 5th District Poppy Poster contest for his age group. His poster will be sent on for competition at the Convention in June. We are so proud of you Leland, and wish you good luck in the Convention competition.

Our Officers for next year are: **President:** Deb Weatherbee; **First Vice:** Judy Holzgen; **Secretary:** Debbie Rodgers; **Treasurer:** Ruth Buist; **Chaplain:** Sally Cole; **Historian:** Sheila Manning; **Sergeant At Arms:** Diane Hamilton; **Membership:** Penny Costen.

I'd like to thank Debbie Rodgers for accepting the position of Secretary.

Hope to see you at the meeting

Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179

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www.americanlegionpost179.com

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FROM THE 1ST VICE COMMANDER . . .

Hi, Post 179 members. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Scott Mullarkey, the 1st Vice Commander here at Post 179. As part of a post revitalization initiative I am working with the Commander, the Clubroom and Building committees, and the Legion family to refresh the atmosphere of the Clubroom and the foyer. I will relocate the items currently being stored to a better location downstairs. My vision is to transform the foyer into a display area for our post history with the memorabilia in the Clubroom. This will create a special place for all post visitors to enter through and learn about our post.

Scott Mullarkey, 1st Vice Commander, Post 179



JUNE 2017 CALENDAR DAILY SPECIALS

Sundays: 16 oz. beer \$2.50

Sunday, June 11: Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Mondays: Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

Tuesdays: Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00/ Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool

Wednesdays: Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / Well Drinks \$2.00 Noon 'til 6 p.m. / **Karaoke with George Gregory 7-11 p.m.**

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

Thursday, June 1 – Wine & Canvas, 6:30 p.m.

Fridays: Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops

Friday, June 2 – Kevin Murphy, 7-11 p.m.

Friday, June 9 – Fred Kacos, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 16 – Open Mic Night

Friday, June 23 – Rooster & Jack Daily

Saturday, June 3 – Riders Veterans Memorial Ride Fundraiser (Open to the Public) - Band starts at 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 17: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 24: Stamp Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday Night Bike Nights and Entertainment will continue through September, when Team Trivia will return.

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

SAVE THE DATE . . .

August 12 – Post Picnic

WINE & CANVAS . . .

On Thursday, June 1st, Post 179 will be hosting a Wine & Canvas guided painting class at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35. You may register at the Post or online. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more details. We hope to see you there!

RED, WHITE & BLUE BOOK CLUB

Team Red, White and Blue's (group enriching veterans lives through social activities) Book Club is open to all Legion, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Rider members! We will meet the 2nd Thursday of the month in the downstairs meeting room at 1800-1930. June book is *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. July book is *42 Faith: The Rest of the Jackie Robinson Story* by Ed Henry. I hope to see you at the next meeting!

Sheila Manning, sheila.manning@teamrwb.org

CUB CORNER . . .

The cub scouts are wrapping up their current Cub Scout year. They had so much fun. Coming up we will be having a picnic on June 3rd at Johnson Park from 11 to 1. If you know of any boys who are interested in joining Cub Scouts, feel free to have them join us on this day. Also in July we will be having a pack garage sale. We cannot wait to start our new Scout year!

Laura Ferguson, *Cub Scout Pack 281 Cub Master*

POST 179 LEGION OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018:

Commander: Mike Hawes

First Vice Commander: Scott Mullarkey

Finance Officer: David Buist

Adjutant: LaDonna Siebelink

Judge Advocate: Bill Schrader

Chaplain: Ray Groendyk

Sergeant at Arms: Randy Wierenga

Service Officer: Lois Parker

Historian & Assistant Chaplain: Jesus Sanabria

Executive Board: Jerry Costen, Bill Greiner,
Tom Mullaney

LEGION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clubroom Committee: LaDonna Siebelink Chairperson,
John Stout, Bruce Fahling

Building Committee: Milt Teunis Chairperson, Randy
Wierenga, Bill Greiner

FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

The weather is getting nice and everyone seems to be enjoying bike nights! We are excited for them all summer long! There will be one this Friday, so come and hang out and have a great time! And remember, open mic nights will be the third Friday of each month, with our very own Nate Broene heading it up! If you would like to sing or play, please let him know. It should be a great time.

Our annual ride is this Saturday, June 3. After all of the planning, we are extremely excited to have it here upon us! We hope to have a wonderful day. We are truly blessed to have had so many people and sponsors step up this year to help. Thank you all for your continued support.

In conjunction with our ride, we will be having a band during the evening. If you would like to come listen to the band, it's only \$5. The band will start early, at 6:00 p.m. If you get there during their first set, you'll be able to get some raffle tickets to have a chance to win some great prizes, or you can bid on some of our auction items. Bring your friends, as it's open to the public! There will also be some world-class barbecue! Come out and enjoy!

We are getting close to the 4th of July Car and Bike show. This will be part of the City of Grandville's 4th of July Celebration. If you park at the middle school and don't want to lose your spot, don't worry...there will be a trolley bringing people up to the car show! So come on out from 1-4 p.m. on July 4 and see some great cars, trucks, and bikes! It's free for spectators. And if you would like to volunteer to help out, please let us know. Let's all work together – One Team, One Fight!

The 179 Legion Riders



JULY 4TH FREEDOM EVENT

JQ99 Celebration Freedom Event on July 4th at Kollen Park in Holland would like to invite any riders to join the celebration at 8 p.m. to be recognized and to receive front row parking to the fireworks. For more details please call Jena Wilmers 231-629-1274.