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AMERICAN LEGION WINTER MEETING UPDATE

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The American Legion Department Winter Meeting was interesting because the American Legion Department Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee invited the Auxiliary to attend their committee meeting and Saturday training.

It was very informative. I learned a great deal concerning the hospital, employer programs and all the work that goes into the program Statewide. Sadly, like many of our programs, there is a desperate need for volunteers and information about resources.

So, I would challenge all of you to go onto the Department website michiganlegion.org and/or michalaux.org, find your niche. I know the ALA has 23 programs that should fit you in some way.

PACT and U.S. Veterans: I know to some of you this is old news but there is a twist. Yes, in August of 2022 the VA released 24 new approved service-connected conditions.



If you are a veteran and were previously denied, you are encouraged to reapply. Contact the Michigan Veterans Coalition at 800-MICH-VET (800-642-4838) for more information.

The Michigan Veterans Coalition is comprised of representatives from the following veteran service organizations: American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America

and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Veteran service officers assist and advocate for veterans and their family members by providing expert assistance, free of charge.

They ensure veterans and families gather the information necessary to support claims, file claims and track their progress, and can also assist with filing appeals when the Veterans

Administration makes a decision a veteran or family member doesn't agree with. Additionally, they can provide information, referrals and resources on education, employment, death benefits and other important resources.

A veteran need not be a member of any of these organizations to receive their help.

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OUR VISION:
The American Legion:
Veterans Strengthening
America

OUR MISSION:
To enhance the wellbeing of
America's veterans, their
families, our military, and
our communities by our
devotion to mutual
helpfulness

LEGIONNAIRES

Meetings: Last Wednesday
of the month at 7 pm

Commander
Ted Terhune

Chaplain
Donald "Doc" Jones

AUXILIARY
Meetings: First Monday of
the month at 6:30 pm

President
Lynn Terhune

Chaplain
Tracey Ferguson

SAL
Meetings: 1st Wednesday of
the month at 7 pm

Commander
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125 BOOSTER CLUB

Ted, Nicole & Mike

February winners:

\$100:	#7	Dawn Pietrusza	\$25:	#62	Lynn Mikulski
\$75:	#87	Sue Jankowski	\$25:	#87	Sue Jankowski
\$50:	#75	Marie Herda	\$25:	#99	Jack Kelly

Next 125 Club drawing is March 11 pm.

**PROCEEDS FROM THE 125 BOOSTER CLUB
FUND OUR 2023 EARLY BIRD DINNER**

**DONATE YOUR
RETURNABLE CANS AND
BOTTLES TO POST 459**

**FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO THE POST
459 BUILDING FUND**



**EVERY SATURDAY FROM
6 - 11 PM**

Karaoke

POST 459



Interested in Law Enforcement?

Cadets participate in a wide variety of instructional sessions with Local, State Police, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies. You will learn how to work as a team and be taught self-esteem, as you will be the future leaders of our state and nation. There will be classes in forensic sciences, active shooter response, water rescue, tactical drug operation through the use of specially trained dogs, weapon firing, and other police-related skills. This is a six-day camp used to introduce students to all procedures of law enforcement. Students should be physically fit and have a good academic record to be able to participate. This is not a recreational camp.

Qualifications:

- Be in 10th-12th grade in the Fall of 2022.
- Be capable of strenuous exercise.
- Handle strict discipline
- Have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Must not have a juvenile or criminal record
- Be interested in criminal justice
- A level 2 driver's license preferred
- The program fee for 2022/23 is \$475 per student-paid by sponsoring American Legion Post or other civic organizations.

Application submission does NOT guarantee admission to the program. The MSP has limited space at its facility. For the 2022/23 program, the class limit has been set to 30 students. The determination of admission will be announced shortly after the application deadline. Admission is determined by the MSP trooper in charge, and their decision is final.

Program Dates: June 11-16, 2023

Location: MSP Training Headquarters- Lansing

Are you up for the challenge?



Premier Leadership Programs for High School Juniors

Michigan American Legion Boys State is a unique week-long summertime educational program that does not emphasize classroom lectures and textbook learning. Instead, it focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government.

The American Legion believes there is no better way to ensure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of the American Government. Boys State is designed to supplement the information taught in high school civics classes. It is an activity born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship and leadership and to instill a working knowledge of the structure and operation of government.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining are to be considered.
- Any boy who has previously attended a Boys State is not eligible to attend a second session.
- Only boys with outstanding qualities of leadership and character are to be considered.
- The registration fee is \$25-paid by the student.
- The program fee is \$400- paid by an American Legion Post or other civic organization, or parent.

Program Dates: June 18-24, 2023

Location: Grand Valley State University- Allendale Campus

Join us for a week of leadership, civic participation, and learning-by-doing!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MICHIGAN



The Michigan American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is one of a kind! Girls from across Michigan come together, empower one another and learn how government works in their state. Each delegate of Girls State will be placed in a city consisting of 20-30 girls who have also been selected to attend. They will have the opportunity to uplift, support, and empower one another as they all learn how state and local governments work together.

ALA Girls State is an excellent opportunity to create friendships across the state that will be great networking connections later on in life. Girls State is focused on helping young women become tomorrow's leaders.

Eligibility Criteria:

- High school girls who have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one semester of high school remaining,
- Be a United States citizen
- The cost is \$400-paid by the American Legion Auxiliary unit or other civic organization, or parent.
- \$25 registration fee- paid by the student.

Program Dates: June 18-24, 2023

Location: Michigan State University- East Lansing

Come and see what Girls State can offer you!



www.michalaux.org/girls-state

Need More Information?

For more information on all of our scholarships and programs, visit www.michiganlegion.org/programs. From there, you can download applications, brochures, and flyers. You can also scan the QR code below to take you directly to our program's website. If you have questions, please email legion@michiganlegion.org.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 459
THE INAUGURAL MARK PIETRUSZA TOURNAMENT TIME!
IT ALL STARTS SATURDAY, MARCH 11 @ 1 PM WITH BIG TEN SEMI FINALS



AT LEAST ONE TELEVISION WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT EVERY DAY DURING THE WEEKS OF MARCH MADNESS.
 BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE AND CONVERSE WITH YOUR FELLOW MAD HATTERS

MARCH MADNESS AT POST 459

FOOD PROVIDED FOR A DONATION (STARTING AT NOON)
 50/50'S AND RAFFLE PRIZES



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

American Legion Post 459 will hold a celebration of life for Nan Teunis on April 8 from 2 pm to 5 pm.

This will be a celebration of life and a luncheon. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Thank You



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
SCHOLARSHIP
DIXIE VINCENT SCHOLARSHIP 2023

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ 1. Any high school senior enrolled in a Kent County high school and is a descendant of a U.S. veteran is eligible to apply.
- ✓ 2. Any Kent County High School Senior who is in a high school military-related training program is also eligible to apply. To clarify, we mean programs such as JROTC, Sea Cadets, Young Marines, and other similar programs.

MORE INFO & APPLICATION

 www.post459.org or email us at: ourpost@post459.org

Deadline for Applications: Midnight on May 6, 2023

POST 459 CLUB ROOM HOURS

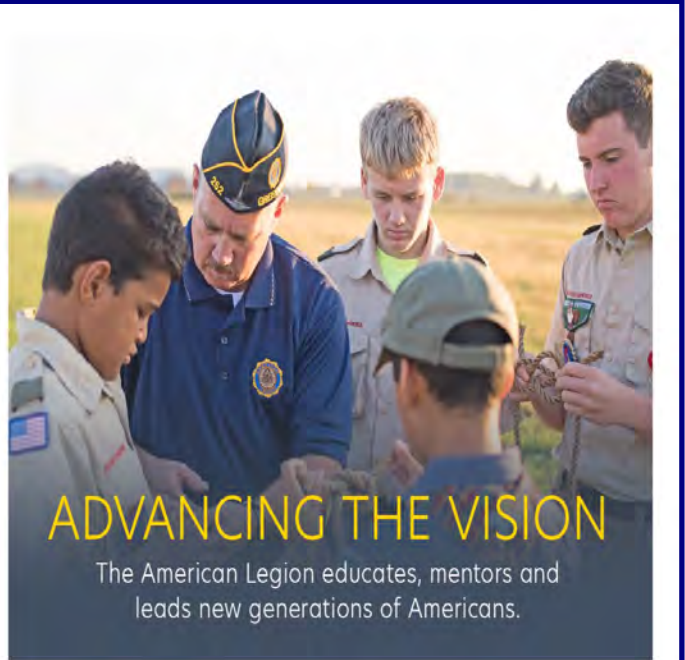
SUNDAY	NOON - 9 PM
MONDAY	2 PM - 9 PM
TUESDAY	2 PM - 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	2 PM - 9 PM
THURSDAY	NOON - 12 AM
FRIDAY	NOON - 12 AM
SATURDAY	NOON - 12 AM

NO ONE UNDER 21 AFTER 9 PM



**ATTENTION SAL MEMBERS!
YOU CAN NOW RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP ONLINE AT:**

[https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/
Membership/SAL-Renew](https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/SAL-Renew)



ADVANCING THE VISION

The American Legion educates, mentors and leads new generations of Americans.



THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

WWW.LEGION.ORG



CONGRATULATIONS!

2023 POST 459
CHILI COOK OFF
CHAMPION: DAN PARSACA

AND
PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER:
STEVE KOSTEN



**THURSDAY, MARCH 30
3:10 PM**

**DETROIT TIGERS
OPENING DAY
AT POST 459**

**HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE, PEANUTS,
POPCORN & CRACKER JACK**



THINK BIG!

*Wine on
Wednesday*

**BAREFOOT
WINES**

750 ml bottles
Every Wednesday



\$8.00 750 ml bottles

CABERNET, CHARDONNAY, &
PINOT GRIGIO
WHILE QTYS LAST

POST 459 FRIED FOOD MENU

FRIED PICKLES	\$4
FRENCH FRIES	\$4
OKRA	\$5
ONION RINGS	\$5
CAULIFLOWER BITES	\$5
CHEESE CURDS	\$5
MOZZ STICKS	\$5
CHICKEN TENDERS	\$6
CHICKEN WINGS	\$7



**BUY YOUR MICHIGAN
SPORTS SQUARES
PULL TABS**

**FOR DETROIT TIGERS
OPENING DAY**

**\$5 PER CARD
ASK THE BARTENDER
ON DUTY**

**LIMITED QUANTITY
AVAILABLE**



Share the new
Veterans Crisis Line number
with your Veteran loved ones.

Dial 988 then Press 1



DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

SUNDAY:	
LARGE DOMESTIC DRAFT PITCHERS	\$5.50
BLOODY MARYS	\$3.50
MIMOSAS	\$3.50
MONDAY:	
SHOTS OF THE BOYS (JACK, JOSE, JIM AND JAMO)	\$3.00
TUESDAY:	
TALL BOY TUESDAY	\$3.00
MODELO BOTTLE	\$2.50
MARGARITAS	\$4.00
WEDNESDAY:	
12 OZ DOMESTIC DRAFTS	\$1.00
BAREFOOT 750 ML WINES *NEW*	\$8.00
THURSDAY: THROW BACK THURSDAY	
STROH'S, MILLER HIGH LIFE & PBR	\$1.75
FRIDAYS:	
DOMESTIC MINI PITCHERS	\$3.00
CRAFT MINI PITCHERS	\$4.00
SATURDAY:	
WELL DRINKS	\$2.50
CIDERBOYS	\$3.00



The West Michigan Whitecaps invite you to attend American Legion Night at LMCU Ballpark on July 2! A portion of all tickets purchased through this portal goes directly back to The American Legion Department of Michigan and Wilwin Lodge! Make sure you arrive early to see State Commander Marilyn Britten throw out a ceremonial first pitch and the Rockford Post 102 Honor Guard present the colors. Family and friends of American Legion members are welcome to use this portal to purchase tickets, too!

For more info: bit.ly/3KbGpKY or go to <https://www.milb.com/west-michigan> and search for ticket promotions.



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AMERICAN LEGION NORTHEASTERN POST 459 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
 ALL EVENTS ARE AT POST 459 UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

**EUCHRE:
 EVERY THURSDAY
 6:30 PM**

MARCH

Date	Time	Event
03/01	7 pm	SAL Monthly Meeting
03/06	6:30 pm	Auxiliary Meeting
03/07	5 pm	Burrito Night w/Music by Denny Gramza
03/11	1 pm	Big Ten Men's BB Semi-Finals
03/11	2 pm	125 Booster Club
03/13	6:30 pm	Board of Control Meeting
03/22	7 pm	Legionnaire Monthly Meeting
03/30	3 pm	Detroit Tigers Opening Day at Post 459

MARCH 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	