

Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305

Serving Our Veterans, Their Families and the Community

APRIL 2024



FROM THE LEGION COMMANDER

Hi there Legion family!

I hope all is well. Just a few quick notes for April. We still have a few open slots for Texas Hold'em, which is going on April 4th thru April 7th. Sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

We will also be holding nominations for officers.

Elections will be held in May. We are also raffling off a Blackstone griddle with accessories. The drawing will be held on June 7th. I hope everyone has a great Easter.

The next legion meeting will be held on April 3rd. Meal is provided by 4 chefs catering. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

..... Larry Waldron II



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings to all our members of Unit 305!

80's night on April 26th featuring Signal Trip is going to be a great night of fun. Doors will open at 7pm, tickets are only \$10. We will have an open license; so, invite your friends.

The first Saturday of the month is EUCHRE.

Registration starts at noon. Play to begin promptly at 12:30pm. Buy-in is \$10 cash with prizes awarded to the top three teams. Thank you to Terri, Annie and Maria for putting together such a great time for all. March's Tournament was a blast. Thank you to Maria and Terri for your commitment to the auxiliary is making a difference at the Legion.

Thank you to everyone who donated stuffed animals. These will be donated to local organizations supporting at risk children.

Join us on April 10th for our next Auxiliary meeting. Happy hour begins at 5:30pm at the legion, meeting promptly at 6:30pm. We will be electing the board for

2024/2025. We would love to have you join us and share your ideas for supporting our Legion, local veterans and the community.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR

FUNDRAISER: **Rada Cutlery** – It is best to order online www.radafundraising.com. The organization you want to support is Caledonia American Legion Auxiliary #305. We get 40% from the orders to help our Vets! If you have any questions, please contact Lori Trutsch at 616-581-6918.

Thank you all for your support to our American Legion Auxiliary Unit #305!

God Bless you, our Veterans and Military!
Kate Landis, ALA President

..... Kate Landis



FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Hello all SAL Members,

Spring is coming soon so hopefully the weather will cooperate because we have a few events coming up.

April 19 is "Spuds" Steak Fry. Serving from 4:30 – 7:00 or until gone. Price is \$20.00 and includes steak, baked potato, garlic bread & dessert.

- Saturday, April 27 is road cleanup day for 100th St. Meet at the Legion at 9:00 AM
- Thursday, May 2, we will be serving chicken dinners. More details will be in May's newsletter.
- Saturday, May 18 is the day when we will place flags in the Lakeside Cemetery.
- Saturday, June 29 is our annual Golf outing at Broadmoor Golf course. 9:00 shotgun start and cost is \$75.00 per person. Flyers with more information will be coming out in a few weeks.

Thank You!

..... Rick Lameyer



FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR

April showers bring May flowers; we have seen a lot of sunshine in the month of March which has led to some great rides. April begins our riding schedule with many routes selected throughout the summer, so come and join us on Thursday nights and every second Saturday of the month for a ride. We had our second annual Spring Fling cornhole tournament and chili cook off with great turnout and participation, with the chili competition winners being Karen, Paul and John. We would like to thank everyone who put in an entry and for those who played cornhole. We also signed four new riders this weekend. Our first event this year will be on April 27th when we will ride down to the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival. Come and ride along whether you are a member or not. Our meeting will be on Saturday April 13th, and we are moving the start time back to 10:00 to get in great Saturday rides. We are a Riders family who look out for each other and help in times of need.

Over the years and time, I am sure my response and answers to "What is the meaning of life?" have changed many times. I feel that you need to do things correctly, for a lifetime is fleeting. If you are going to do something, do it right. Aim big, be big. Aim small, be small. Enjoy what you can, be trustworthy and true, and try to be yourself. As I said, life is fleeting. There will be regrets; there will be rewards. Believe and hold family and friends in high regard. You are here for a reason. Make the most of it. I hope that by caring in some way, my life had meaning.

.....**Mark K. Winterburn**

FROM THE POST MANAGER

Hi everyone. Our Fish Fry's are over so that means spring has arrived. We had a very busy month of March and I want to take a minute to thank all of the volunteers that in some cases were here 4 or more times each week preparing for the fish fry's.

The ALR hosted a fantastic event that packed the place on a Saturday. The Chili was very good and the Corn hole competition was fierce! Thanks ALR for helping keep the post busy and making \$\$\$. The other positive thing about hosting events here is how many new members we are signing up. The applications are flying out of the place. What can you do to help more people come through the doors? As easy as bringing a friend to Queen of Hearts, or Wet Burrito night. Introduce them to the Burrito Babes and they will be back every month.

The Community Breakfast is a big draw to get people in the doors. Another great group of volunteers run the entire event and it costs nothing in labor. Thank you all!

If you haven't seen our new Flag Retirement box at the entrance to the hall, be sure and stop and see the transformation. Todd O'Connor picked the box up and

brought it to Travis at VanDerKolk Painting and they hit it out of the park. It looks better than new. Thank you Travis and the VanDerKolk team. We appreciate you.



Our monthly community breakfast is on the 6th this month. I hear it's world famous! Euchre tournament is also on the 6th. Wet burrito night is the 18th. Come get your Burrito on! The SAL Steak Fry is on the 19th. You all know how good that is. Maybe a great time to invite someone to join you.

The Versiti Community Blood drive is Monday the 22nd. Share a pint with a friend. Military service officer Patty Breas will not be stationed at 305 this month. She will be back in May. She is still available for Veterans, just not here. Please call 616-719-9408 for an appointment.

Our Queen of Hearts drawings are April 13th and 27th. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun and win some money.

And last but certainly not least is our Auxiliary hosted 80's party. It sounds like a blast...cool beans...you know! Someone asked me what I was going to wear and I told them that I still have some classic 80's in the closet. I just wish I could quickly grow back my mullet! Everyone is going to be there so don't miss out.

Peace and happiness to all.

.....**Tom Hyde**

VETERANS PLAQUE

Caledonia High School is going to install a Veterans Plaque in the High School. One part of the memorial that they would like to start working on is the gathering of the information of all the CHS graduates who have gone on to serve in the armed forces as well as community members who have served. A big part of the memorial will be to input this information on the interactive TV so others can access this information.

Please email the names that you know of that served at calmilegion@yahoo.com. Provide information relating to the person as to whether they graduated from Caledonia Schools or is a Veteran.

Thanks!

Bill White

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On April 6th Dan Terrell will be heading up the placements of US Flags on the graves of Veterans in the Caledonia area. He is looking for volunteers to assist him. If you wish to be a part of this noble work, Please contact Dan at 616-490-9352 to volunteer to help.

BRICK WALL OF SUPPORT

Bricks may be purchased by anyone wishing to show support of our Post, you do not need to be a member of the Legion, SAL or Auxiliary. Bricks may also be purchased in memory of friends or family who have or are serving in the military. Call the Post at 616-891-1882 for details.

Remember and Honor
Save the Date

Saturday, March 23, 2024

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS, LIVE MUSIC & MORE!

All Proceeds from this event will go toward a permanent Veterans Memorial at Caledonia High School

5pm - 11pm

Butcher Block Social BBQ & Taphouse
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3900 Cherry Valley Rd Caledonia, MI 49316

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Any funds raised above the cost of the permanent Veterans Memorial project materials and installation will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

**CALEDONIA AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY**

**Back to
80s
PARTY
NIGHT**

A RETRO PARTY EXPERIENCE

**FRIDAY
APRIL 26**

DOORS OPEN AT 07:00PM

FEATURING: SIGNAL TRIP

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