

# *Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305*

## **Serving Our Veterans, Their Families and the Community**

### **DECEMBER 2018**

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#### **FROM THE LEGION COMMANDER**

Hello Legion Family,

November came with another celebration of Veterans Day and as always we had a packed house. We had multiple generations of Veterans at the service including a World War II veteran. A big thanks goes out to the Auxiliary for providing a wonderful meal to all the Veterans in attendance and their families. The Sons of the American Legion provided a spectacular salute to our Veterans past, present, and still serving. These events mean a lot to our Veterans and I could not be more proud than the way our Legion honors them. Thanks for all the support to make this service possible. We also provided an Honor Guard for the Emmons Lake Elementary School's Veterans Day program. They provide a wonderful service for our Veterans in the community and this marked their 11<sup>th</sup> annual service.

We also supported the Caledonia Christmas parade on 1 December. A big thanks to all members of the Honor Guard for taking part on a cold evening to represent our Legion. Our annual Christmas party is on December 8<sup>th</sup> and again it will be a great success as always. Thanks to all for making this event so wonderful for all.

I also Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! On behalf of Kelly and myself we wish the entire Legion Family a Very "Merry Christmas"!

We will have our next executive board meeting on the 3rd of December and our Legion General Membership meeting on the 5th of December. Look forward to see you all there.

"Veterans Still Serving"

..... *Daniel Yablonski*

#### **FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

News from Your Auxiliary President, Penny Kirk!

Hard to believe it is almost Christmas! Hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Children's Christmas Party (for members and their guests) is on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 11am to 3pm. Please make sure you bring a wrapped present for your little one, put your child's name on it, and put under the tree for Santa to give to them. Santa will arrive between 12-12:30pm. We will have cookies to decorate, crafts, lunch, and Santa. It will be a fun time as usual! Hope to see you all there!

A big thank you to all Auxiliary members that brought appetizers and desserts to the Veterans Day Celebration! It was a great success!

Thanks to Dan and Kelly Yablonski, we now have a TV monitor in the bar that shows pictures of events and upcoming events. Please stop in and check it out!

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, at 7pm (don't forget about happy hour at 6pm). We would love to see some new faces and get your ideas for helping our Veterans and Military! **SAVE THE DATE:** Our Auxiliary Christmas Party is on Wednesday, 1/9/2019. We always meet at the American Legion at 6pm for happy hour and then off to our dinner which starts at 7pm. More to follow.

Euchre Tournaments continue every first Saturday of the month. Please sign up by noon and Euchre starts promptly at 12:30pm. Come join in on the fun!

The ALA has 89 renewals (includes 3 juniors) processed for 2019 and 6 new members. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so before 12/31/2018. Just a reminder that if you have been a member for over 40 years, the ALA pays for your membership.

Save the Date: The **10<sup>th</sup>** Annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event is scheduled for Friday, 2/8/2019. More details to follow in the coming newsletters.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with any questions, concerns or ideas. Contact Information is:

Penny Kirk (President):  
[penny.kirk@hubinternational.com](mailto:penny.kirk@hubinternational.com) / Cell #616-914-2652.

Thank you all for your support to our American Legion  
Post 305!

God Bless you, our Military and Veterans!

..... **Penny Kirk**



### FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Just like that it is December! Snow, cold and wind had the Sons team of BBQ chefs missing the challenge of a steak fry in a blizzard. Fortunately we scheduled the next Spuds Steak Fry for April 26<sup>th</sup>, so all of the Legion snowbirds make sure to mark down the date.

The Sons will have an upcoming Meat Bundle Raffle, so make sure to ask the staff for tickets. Be sure to buy early and often as studies show it betters your chances.

I would like to thank all of volunteers that made Veterans Day Celebration a very special day. Also the Sons would like to thank everyone involved with the Holiday Basket packing and delivery for those that need a little help during the Holiday season, on behalf of chairpersons, Tom and Lisa Hyde we wish to thank all of those who donated money and time. I feel this project best describes Post 305 and all the special people that make our Post the best.

Please keep an eye on the calendar as there are many happenings coming up in the lounge to help cure the winter blues.

Next Sons meeting is December 10<sup>th</sup>. Social period begins at 6:30pm with the meeting starting at 7:00pm sharp. Stop and check it out if you have never been. I will have you out of the meeting by 8:00pm.

See you at the Legion,

..... **Tony Huver**



### FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR

Hi Riders,

The 100th anniversary of the American Legion will be in 2019. The National Convention will be held at the National Headquarters in Indianapolis on August 23-29. As far as the 2019 Legacy Ride goes, look at dates between August 17th through the 25th. More details to follow. Our first meeting for 2019 will be February 9th at 10 AM at the Post

Merry Christmas to All.

..... **Wally Brodock**

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

If you are not carrying your 2019 membership card, please help your respective Membership Chairperson by sending in your membership fee. All 2018 members who have not renewed their membership for 2019 by January 1, 2019 will receive their last newsletter with the January issue and lose Post Membership benefits. Please help your respective membership team reach 100% by year end. Legion, SAL and Auxiliary Membership Chairpersons still looking for those that have not renewed for 2019. (Auxiliary Membership is \$35). Legion members can renew on-line at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew). So far we have a total Post Membership of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL at 775.

### FROM THE WEBMASTER

Here is hoping that your Holidays will be filled with Joy & Peace.

Are you receiving more than one paper version of the newsletter or a paper version and an email version? If so, please contact us by email; [calmilegion@yahoo.com](mailto:calmilegion@yahoo.com) or call the Post at 616-891-1882 with your information. The hope is that you will consider helping the Post with its expenses and labor, get the newsletter faster and cheaper. If you have an email address, please consider receiving the newsletter by email. Email your request to [calmilegion@yahoo.com](mailto:calmilegion@yahoo.com)  
Thank you.

Work is still being done on the new Post website at;  
<https://caledoniaamericanlegionpost305.weebly.com/>

### FROM THE POST MANAGER

*"I would like to say Merry Christmas to all and If I could wish a wish for you, it would be for peace and happiness not only now, but for the whole year through!" Enjoy the continued support of our kitchen serving an open menu and specials are greatly appreciated! If anyone has not come in and tried, I encourage you to do so. (Look at calendar for specials) Open to members and Nonmembers. Encourage new comers at all times, more the merrier! Potluck or delivered foods may be brought into the lounge area when kitchen is not in service. If able bring enough to share : )*

Sundays December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> will be open 12-6pm for Detroit Lions home game. Draft specials during Detroit Lion's Games all year long. Many other drink specials listed on white board in lounge.

Karaoke will be held Dec 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 9pm to midnight. Bring in some friends and let the fun begin!

December 17th 12-7pm Our Legion is proud to be one of the prime spots here in Caledonia for donations for the Michigan Blood Drive. This Holiday season is the reason to start giving if you have not yet. Come on in and give your donation, Save a Life. Open to Public

Look at your Legion calendar, web site, Face book and whiteboard in lounge for all up and coming specials, activities and events. Interested in renting legion hall and kitchen? Big events and small, call and ask for post manager.

**Cami Sterken**

### 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. Contact the Post for questions. 616-891-1882.