

# *Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305*

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

### **FEBRUARY 2024**

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

Welcome to February, hopefully everyone survived the snow. I am proud to announce that we have a new post manager Tom Hyde. He has a lot of positive changes coming in. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our long time family member and post manager Cami. She has been the rock that has kept our Legion going for so many years. She will definitely be missed. I personally wish her good luck and all the love as she moves on with her new adventure in life.

Sincerely,

..... *Larry Waldron II*



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

Greetings to all our members of Unit 305!

The Auxiliary is planning our annual fundraising event. Mark your calendars for an 80's night on April 26<sup>th</sup> featuring Signal Trip. Doors will open at 7pm. 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.

We had such a great meal together at Uccello's. Thank you to all those who attended and made this a special evening. Barb (Our longest running member) said a beautiful toast.

Due to snow and the extreme cold the 5<sup>th</sup> District January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled. It has been moved to January 30<sup>th</sup> at Unit #179 at 6:30pm. We hope to see a good group of you there.

Join us on February 14<sup>th</sup> for our next Auxiliary meeting. Happy hour begins at 5:30pm at the Legion. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30pm. If you know anyone interested in Girls State, now is the time to start thinking of them.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER:  
**Rada Cutlery** – It is best to order online [www.radafundraising.com](http://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*



#### **FROM THE SAL COMMANDER**

Hello all SAL Members,

Hope everyone is staying warm and safe this winter! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Chicken Dinner on January 4. The next chicken dinner will be served February 1 from 4:00pm until gone.

Thanks to Cami Milks for all her hard work and efforts over the past years! She will definitely be missed and we wish her safe travels and good luck in her next chapter of life. Congratulations to Tom Hyde who has taken over the duties of managing Post 305. Tom has been a long-time member who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role. Please help welcome Tom to his new position.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 12 at 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You!

..... *Rick Lameyer*



### **FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR**

Brrrrrrrr!!!!!! Winter has reared its ugly face and come upon us strongly. Our bikes are sitting and shivering wondering when we will ride again. February will bring us our monthly meeting scheduled for Saturday February 17th. Other upcoming events include our Cornhole/Chili cookoff tournament on Saturday March, 9th from noon until completion. Invite everyone that you know, this is open to the public. We will not have an open license.

We would like to thank Karen for her superb bartending abilities, and everyone who brought in food and treats for our Sunday Lions days. The riders really took the lead and made this a successful event. We will be sponsoring a Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 11th; everyone attending should bring a dish or snack to pass. We will be raffling off bar seats of choice for the event.

Be as happy as I possibly can. To learn from life experiences and lessons so that others and I can be happy and make the world a better place to live by supporting and helping humanity and the environment because we are here.

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

### **FROM THE POST MANAGER**

Nothing is nobler, nothing more venerable, than loyalty. Thanks for supporting the Caledonia Legion.

Come on in and bring the family & friends to our Legion "Breakfast Buffet" Fundraiser serving 8am to 10am Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> (Breakfast every first Saturday of the month). Feb 15<sup>th</sup> special being served 12-7pm Homemade "Wet Burrito's, Chips n Cheese & Chips n Cheese Deluxe" (Wet Burrito's every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) Food menu available also, Dine in or Takeout.

Military service officer "Patty Breas" is here to discuss any needs for individuals or their families Feb 9<sup>th</sup> & Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> (every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month in our hall) 9am to 3pm. Please call #616-719-9408 for an appointment.

"Versiti" Blood Center of Michigan is here Feb 26<sup>th</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup>, in Hall Event 12-7pm. Appointments are encouraged for space and times, call #866-642-5663 or sign up at <https://bit.ly/Caledonia425> "Your little effort can give others second chance to live life." Please donate when able.

The Legion has raised prices on drinks and food. We are sorry for any inconveniences. It was inevitable with all the price increases that came our way. New food menu and specials are being incorporated. Please be patient, we are trying to figure out products with pricing that work and what doesn't. We appreciate your business.

Legion offers fundraising games such as Pull Tabs & Keno. Progressive jackpot game "Queen of Hearts." Dates and Jackpot amounts will be advertised. Ask our bartenders how to play and they can assist you in purchasing tickets. Many activities and functions going on here at Post #305! Make sure you look for advertising flyers throughout building. Please check All Social Media Sites: Chalkboard in lounge, FaceBook: Caledonia Legion, Legion website & calendar are located on

[www.caledoniaamericanlegionpost305.weebly.com](http://www.caledoniaamericanlegionpost305.weebly.com) .

Hall rentals available (Big to Small event pricing) please contact [callegion305@yahoo.com](mailto:callegion305@yahoo.com) or call 616-891-1882.

With admiration & appreciation to all of the veterans & members that I have met throughout my many years here at Post #305, I am truly thankful for the support given! Many friendships were made which extended into feelings of new family. I'm going to miss seeing a lot of you greatly! "Cheers" to new endeavors!

.....**Cami Milks**

**Polish Meal- Fat Tuesday February 13 -Serving noon till 7:00PM or gone. Dine In or Take Out. Fresh kielbasa, Golumpki/cabbage roll, Pierogies/potato & cheese dumplings, Rye bread, Kapusta/sauerkraut, \$15.00. Regular kitchen menu not available this day.**

**Fish Fry Fundraiser Dinner every Friday night during Lent February 16<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm  
No other food menu, sorry. Outside food may be brought in for those that do not want fish dinner.**

### **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.