

Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305

Serving Our Veterans, Their Families and the Community

MARCH 2024



FROM THE LEGION COMMANDER

Hello Legion family. I hope all is well with everyone. This has been a crazy winter this year. We are hoping for a better month this month. It didn't help with Consumers shutting us down two Fridays in a row. We are looking for new volunteers to help out with functions as our older volunteers are ready to retire. Tom Hyde has been a huge asset to our staff. Next Texas Hold'em is April 4th thru the 7th. Fish Frys for Lent have started and go thru March 29th.

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 26th 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. February's Tournament was a blast. We had 15 tables, the community feeling was refreshing. Thank you to Maria and Terri, your commitment to the Auxiliary is making a difference at the Legion.

We have a great opportunity to support local troops that will be heading overseas to serve our country. We are asking for donations and volunteers to help us put together up to 300 Care Packages to send while these men and women are deployed. If you have access to funds and/or time to donate please reach out to Kate

Landis 616-913-8853. Thank you to Cindy Teater for making us aware of this need.

If you have any new or gently used stuffed animals that are in need of a new home please reach out to Kate Landis. We would like to present our stuffed animal donation at the next 5th District Meeting. These stuffed animals will be donated to a local non-profit that supports young children and their families.

Join us on March 13th for our next Auxiliary meeting. Happy hour begins at 530pm at the Legion. The meeting promptly at 6:30pm. If you know anyone interested in Girls State, now is the time to start thinking of them.

If you would like to see things happen in new and different ways please consider serving on the board for the 2024-2025 term. Come to our March meeting to nominate someone you know or yourself. BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD.

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**



FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Hello all SAL Members,

Hope everyone is staying warm and have recovered from the Lion's loss!

Thanks to all the volunteers and patrons who helped make the Chicken Dinner on February 1 a success. Save the date of April 19 for "Spuds" Steak Fry. We will

have more details in next month's newsletter. Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 11 at 7:00. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You!

..... **Rick Lameyer**



FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR

Okay, where has winter gone? The weather is just teasing all of us riders! The big upcoming event for the riders is the Chili cook-off – Cornhole tournament on March 9th, at Post 305. The event will kick off at noon with prizes for the best chili in different categories as well as cash prizes for the cornhole tournament. Invite your friends and those who actually think that they can beat your best chili recipe.

We will have our meeting before the event starting at 10:00am. This year we have numerous rides in the planning stage and are always looking for new members. Even if you are not a member you can ride with us on our Thursday night rides and on our other events. Special thanks goes out to Karen, Terri, Beth and the legion riders who helped make our Lions football Sundays a success throughout the season by bringing in food and snacks for the games and for helping with setup and cleanup. We are a riders family!

The meaning of life is the opportunity to take as many risks as you can, and hopefully find happiness in doing so. Without taking risks and chasing dreams, we fall into the same doldrums of everyday routines, which in my opinion is just existing. It means getting through this life with integrity and a purpose and living every day with happiness in your heart and soul.

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

FROM THE POST MANAGER

I can't believe it is March. Spring is right around the corner. Our Fish Fry Fridays continue through the month. Five Fridays in March. We always need more help, so come on down and lend a hand. Clean up is always a challenge after working all day on the fish. The fish fry's are a big fund raiser for the post.

Our monthly community breakfast is on the 2nd as well as the Euchre tournament. If you have not been to one of our Breakfast's you are missing out on great food!

The ALR has been busy with many events. We thank them for everything they are doing to keep the post full of customers. They have a cornhole tournament and Chili cook off on the 9th. Come down and join the fun.

Military service officer Patty Breas is here to discuss any needs for Veterans and their families March 8th and 22nd in the hall, 9 - 3pm. Please call 616-719-9408 for an appointment.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan is in the hall for a blood drive on March 25th, call #866-642-5663.

Please check All Social Media Sites: Chalkboard in lounge, FaceBook: Caledonia Legion, Legion website & calendar are located on www.caledoniaamericanlegionpost305.weebly.com. Hall rentals available (Big to Small event pricing) please contact callegion305@yahoo.com or call 616-891-1882.

Our Queen of Hearts drawings are March 2nd, 16th and 30th. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun and win some money.

As most of you know, I have been given the opportunity to be the Post Manager after our Cami had to make a move. She will be missed around here and thank her for many years of service to 305.

I am thankful for the chance to serve the members of Post 305. I am especially happy to be a part of serving Veterans in our community. I welcome your thoughts as we change a few things here. Feel free to let me know what you are thinking. We can't make everyone happy but together we can do big things and help more Veterans!

..... **Tom Hyde**

Fish Fry Fundraiser Dinner every Friday night during Lent February 16th – March 29th 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.