

# *Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305*

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

### **NOVEMBER 2018**

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

Hello Legion Family,

October was an eventful month for the Legion having some of our yearly events return. This past month we started off with our Polish meal which was great success. Our Legion raised over \$2500 dollars that day and had a match from a local insurance company and was able to provide Community Home Rebuilders with over \$5000 in proceeds from the event.

Thanks to Tom and Donna for coordinating the event along with all the volunteers to make this a yearly success. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we held a Fish Fry and Bingo for the Veterans Home and as always everyone involved had a wonderful time. The 27<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Trunk or Treat for the children in the Hall. It was well attended as usual. Thank You Amy Dunnuck for being the chairperson this year, as well as, all the volunteers. That same night we also had an Adult Halloween Party which was filled with a night full of fun.

#### The Legions Upcoming Events:

November 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Veterans Day program at 5PM. Please come out and show support to our Veterans and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I.

December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Children's Christmas Party. We will have our next executive board meeting on the 5th of November and our Legion General Membership meeting on the 7th of November. Look forward to seeing you all there.

"Veterans Still Serving"

..... **Daniel Yablonski**



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

News from Your Auxiliary President, Penny Kirk!

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the year on Wednesday, 10/10/18. We had 20 in attendance and hope to have

more in the future! We are excited about all the new ideas members are bringing to the meetings! Thank you to all that attended and your participation! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 11/14/18, with Happy Hour at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. We have a drawing for a free membership for those attending the ALA meetings! We look forward to seeing more ALA members next month!

The ALA has 57 renewals processed for 2019 and 4 new members. If you haven't already renewed your membership, you still have time to get your "early bird" sticker if you renew before 11/11/18. Just a reminder that if you have been a member for over 40 years, the ALA pays for your membership.

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

The American Legion Children's Christmas Party (Members Only) is scheduled for Saturday, 12/8/2018, from 11am-3pm. Remember to bring a wrapped gift for your child and put under the tree for Santa to pass out!

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**

November's newsletter is being written from my tree stand while I enjoy nature's beautiful colors, sounds and creatures. I wish to thank all of the legion members and friends who attended and helped make October's, "Spuds Steak Fry" our best one yet. Many volunteers from the Auxiliary and a huge amount of friends and family made it possible. A special shout out to Yvonne Arrigo for her help Thursday night, Amy Dunnuck and

Leo Vespi for their calmness under fire and the star of the show, Will Knipping, the ringer busboy we showcased. Also thanks to Mark Winterburn for letting the chefs use his canopy to stay out of the elements. Many upcoming activities are planned for November, so please go to the new website and follow along on the calendar. Special thanks to Bill White for maintaining the old website and a big "good luck" to Scott and Denise Baldwin for taking over the new website.

If you wish to donate for this seasons Christmas basket program you may drop a check off in the Sons box or contact Sons Chaplain and Christmas basket chairman, Tom Hyde for more information.

If you have not already renewed your 2019 membership, please do this soon. See the girls at the bar or Daryl Penfold is often available for renewals. For \$1.00 donation, you can get your new license laminated at the next sons meeting which is November 12<sup>th</sup>. Social time starts at 6:30pm and meeting starts at 7:00 sharp. I will make sure you are in and out of meeting in under an hour!

We wish all of our veterans a heartfelt Veterans Day. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do.

See you at the Legion,

..... **Tony Huver**



**FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR**

Hi Riders,

Our last meeting for the year will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Post. We will be discussing our Itch'n to Ride Party for 2019. Our first meeting for 2019 will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Post.

..... **Wally Brodock**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

Still looking for some of your membership renewals for 2019. Dues are, Legion \$45, Auxiliary \$30 and SAL \$30. If your dues are not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> the January newsletter will be the last one you receive till your dues have been paid.

Present Membership status;

Legion 2019 Membership at 55%.

Auxiliary " " 7%.

SAL " " 40%.

Help us get our 2019 membership drive completed by years end. Thank You.

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**FROM THE WEBMASTER**

You are now able to go to the New Post Web Site at the following link;

<https://caledoniaamericanlegionpost305.weebly.com/>

which is still in development. The old site will stay online until further notice.

For you Snowbirds, please let us know what your address will be by calling the Post at 616-891-1882, by either email at [calmlegion@yahoo.com](mailto:calmlegion@yahoo.com) or US mail at 9548 Cherry Valley, Caledonia, MI 49316. Also, it would be helpful to know when to Start and Stop your newsletter to the winter address. Thank you.

**FROM THE POST MANAGER**

Let us give Thanks to our Volunteers! "In the day and age where greed is making everyone focus on getting and receiving, few angels like yourselves are still committed to giving and helping."

This fall, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</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.

We will be open 12-7pm for Veterans Day, Happy Hour Prices ALL day! Ceremony in the hall at 5pm. Dessert Donations are accepted and welcomed to provide to our vets. Bring in anytime before Sunday 3pm. Leave with Bartender on duty. Thank you in advance!

The continued support of our kitchen serving an open menu and specials are greatly appreciated! We have gone through some ups and downs, such is life. Keep moving forward! If anyone has not come in and tried, I encourage you to do so. (Look at calendar for specials) Open to members and non-members. 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 : )

Karaoke will be held Nov 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 9pm to midnight. Bring your voice and props in for a fun time!!

I am trying to get dates for "Bada Bingo" again, that was a lot of fun! Maybe another craft night in hall. Watch for advertisement. Thanks for your support!

Our Legion is proud to host monthly the Michigan Blood Drive November 26<sup>th</sup> 12-7pm. It is a great thing to be able to give the gift of life. Come on in and give your donation, 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.

Support local business shopping during the Holiday season. If anyone is interested in selling new items or crafts in the lounge during November or December," For support your local business shopping." Just call Cami Sterken at post. 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.