Caledonia American Legion Memorial Post 305

Serving Our Veterans, Their Families and the Community

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FROM THE LEGION COMMANDER

American Legion Family,

Thank you to everyone who made October such a success for our Post. Both Operation Help-A-Vet and our annual Pulaski Days Polish Dinner were well attended, and I am proud to share that the proceeds from both events will benefit Community Rebuilders, whose mission to help veterans rebuild their lives our Post is honored to support. Operation Help-A-Vet also helped fund our Josh Hoffman Scholarship and benefits our Post directly, so its impact reaches both our own facility and our wider community.

These events are entirely volunteer-led, and they only happen because of the dedication of our members. To everyone who cooked, served, set up, cleaned up, donated, and showed up to support these efforts: thank you. This is what the American Legion family does best.

Looking ahead, please join us for our Veterans Day Service at the Post on Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 PM. A dinner will be provided by the American Legion Auxiliary following the service. This event is open to the public, so please bring your family, friends, and neighbors as we come together to honor those who have served. I also encourage everyone to join us for our Post Thanksgiving Eve Party on November 25th. It is always a fun time, and a great way to kick off the holiday with your Legion family.

Our next general membership meeting is Wednesday, November 4th. Social time/dinner begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by the general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our Post and to our veterans.

.....***Scott Baldwin***

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Good day, fellow Auxiliary Members!!

Here we are in November already, the beautiful fall colors and those wonderfully warm, sunny days have made this season especially enjoyable and it's hard to believe how quickly the year is passing. October was a wonderful month. OPHAV was once again a hit (and very profitable!) and the Forever Young Prom was a real showstopper. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who chaired, organized, and volunteered. Your efforts truly do not go unnoticed!

Looking ahead, the Auxiliary will provide the meal and desserts for the Veterans Day Dinner and Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11. If you can help, please contact Jessica McCleve or Tammy Gehl. The Euchre Tournament is Saturday, November 21: sign-in starts at 11:45 a.m., cards start at 12:30 p.m., and entry is $10 per person.

The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 12, and Penny Overholt has the details.

Membership cards are in and ready for pickup in the lounge. Dues are $40, so please renew before the end of the year. Please note that our November meeting is Tuesday, November 10, not Wednesday. Happy hour starts at 5:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Thank you for all you do for our Auxiliary and Post 305.

God bless each of you, our veterans, and all who serve!

.....***Tammy Gehl***

FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

SAL Members,

Fall is winding down, but November still offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors before colder weather arrives. We had an excellent turnout at our October membership meeting and hope to see even more members at future meetings.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Polish Dinner and Help-a-Vet event; both were very successful. We also would like to thank Alaska Excavation for grading the asphalt millings in the back parking lot, creating additional parking for Legion events.

Veterans Day is November 11, honoring all living and deceased veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please take a moment to thank the veterans you know. SAL will provide lunch for any veteran dining at Post 305, so please stop by and enjoy lunch on us.

The SAL Christmas Basket Campaign Committee is finalizing plans for basket delivery on December 12, 2026. More information and sign-up options will be available soon.

Our next membership meeting is Monday, November 9, 2026. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. If you have not renewed

your 2027 membership, cards are available at the Legion. Please ask a bartender for help with payment.

.....***Ron VanNoord***

FROM THE ALR DIRECTOR

We all know that after the first of October we're on borrowed time before the cold really kicks in and it's overcast until sometime in April. This year we've been blessed with many beautiful days along with vibrant fall colors! So, don't "winterize" your bikes just yet…get out there and take in the beauty of a warmer mid-fall Michigan while it lasts!

Beth and Jerry are leading the charge on Thanksgiving dinner at the legion for anyone who may not have a place to go or family nearby. Everyone is invited, just bring a dish to pass and an appetite. We will also continue to be open for the Lions games throughout the season…November's games are the 1st, 8th, 22nd and 26th …all at 1pm. Doors open at noon.

Here's the key dates to mark on your calendar for the '27 riding season: Mar 20-Spring Fling, Apr 24-Vermontville, Late May-305 Ride (TBD), Jun 5-179 Vet's Ride, Jun 12-B&C TP Ride, Jun 17-19-Legacy, Jul 22-27-H2P, Aug 14-"22 a Day", Sep 10-Honor Cruise and Sep 11-Wally. At this point they're all tentative so check out the calendar at alr305mi.com for more details as the events get closer.

Our 5pm Thursday evening "roll call" at the post continues throughout the year, stop in and hang out for a bit! The November Chapter Meeting is on Saturday, Nov 14...and don't forget that the start time moves to 11am from November to March.

Lastly, please look at opportunities to support our Legion by volunteering for an event or two in the coming months. It makes a huge difference in the lives of members, veterans and the local community. Ask around or pop up on messenger if you need help finding opportunities! It's a lot of fun and there is no higher call than to serve and sacrifice for others.
Here's a quote on the stoic side: "The disciplined seem lucky because the weak only arrive in time to witness the reward…never the sacrifice." -Epictetus

Sincerely,

.....***Alex F.DeVoe***

FROM THE POST MANAGER

Hello Members,

October was another busy month at 305. Our Polish meal was a great success, the monthly Community Breakfast is always a hit, Operation Help A Vet, our annual Halloween parties and more. Lots of people enjoying our post.

November will also be a bit crazy, but fun. Lots of hall rentals coming in. Veterans day is the 11th. We are hosting the 5th district SAL dinner on the 12th. Our monthly community Blood drive is on the 23rd this month.

We have made some changes on our menu. We are now offering two sizes of fries, tots and onion rings. A smaller size as a side with meals, and a larger size for full orders of fries.
A couple other menu changes. Check them out.

Our Trivia and Bar BINGO seem to pack the house. If you have not attended one you might want to try it out. The night before Thanksgiving we will have a live band. Check out the calendar and get involved. As always, talk to me if you have concerns or accolades for our team. Thank you all for supporting 305.

Peace and happiness to all.

.....***Tom Hyde***

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.

Use the QR code below to donate to the post and help pay for post projects!