

Edward C. Headman American Legion Post 217

“News & Views”

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Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

Edward C. Headman Post 217 will honor all of those soldiers that have made the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day at the Veteran’s Memorial in Bishop Park at 2pm.



FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Post 217!!!

The last few weeks have been a roller coaster of up's & down's... (mostly all up!) with the election over I'm so humbled to be the new Commander of Post 217, what a great honor to bring in a new team with their talent and dedication... it will be exciting to work with each family...SAL...Auxiliary and Riders in the upcoming year! The team and myself are taking stewardship of a Great Post that has been made possible by the Leadership and Determination of Bob Salamon for the last 3 years, Thank You Bob!!

I have a lot of great ideas for the Post and will be working closely with the Team & Executive Board to bring them forward, one I have been working on is still a work in progress but it is a new website

www.americanlegion217.com

My goal is to let the local community know how much Post 217 does...from Little league programs, Boys States, Adopting local Veteran families in need at Christmas time, Boy scouts, Cub scouts, Michigan State Police programs and Blessing in a Backpack which is not to provide a hand out... but a hand up to the future of America, and much much more. Each of these Programs show we are engaged and a big part of the local community, we are much more than a Lounge... We are the "American Legion"!!! Thank You everyone for your Support!!

Mike Huber, Commander

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Thank you to all who showed confidence and voted for me as Senior Vice Commander. I look forward to working with new Commander Mike Huber and the Executive Committee to continue to make this Post one of the best. I am assuming the duties of membership chairman for the Post and am asking all members that have not paid this year's dues, please do so. We can still attain 100% membership.

Pete Kalil

From the newsletter Editors:

The last Casino trip was a great success. Everyone had a great time, some more so on the bus rather than on the Casino floor. The new Commander has asked Cari Ann and Bob Salamon to stay on as newsletter editors and continue to publish this well received and state award winning publication. It is our pleasure to do so. The next Casino trip will be in September, look for details in July/August edition or on Post bulletin board.

From the Adjutant/Bar Committee Chairman:

This will be my last newsletter article as your Bar Committee Chairman. The previous three years have at times been challenging and at times very irritating, but mostly challenging. The first thing I will say is that our bar staff is second to none. They have made Bev Brickey and myself look good. A hardy thanks to you girls are in order. I have nothing but praise for them.

I have endeavored to do my best as Post Adjutant to serve the membership. I will continue to serve you, our respected Veterans, as well as I can. Thank you to those that have been encouraging and helpful in making my job easier. I look forward to working with the new Commander and Executive Committee.

Jeff McGinnis, Post Adjutant

Chaplain's Corner

Fellow Veterans:

We pray for those serving our country presently for peace of mind and safety; knowing our country is forever grateful for the service they provide to each of us for the freedom we enjoy. Thank you! Thank you!

We as a nation thank our Veterans for the sacrifice they made in the past. Some made the supreme sacrifice by losing their life, others by wounds received in action. Lord, heal those according to Your will. M.I.A.s, we ask the Lord for a full accountability of their remains to be returned home to their families.

With our elections now over for our Post #217, Heavenly Father, we ask for Your grace for our new officers. Thank you past officers for a job well done.

Lord bless our Post#217 each day that we may come together as a band of brothers and sisters to enjoy our Post. God Bless you all.

For God and Country
Chaplain Shoup



Auxiliary and family,

My year as president is coming to an end for 2017-2018 . It has been a pleasure working with all of my officers. The new officers for 2018-2019 are as follows:

President: Cari Ann Salamon	Sgt.-at- Arms: Krystal Miller
Senior Vice: Claudia Sendo	Historian: Liz Rice
Second Vice: Linda Ciemnicki	Secretary: Linda Stanko
Chaplain: Alicia Smith	Treasurer: Eileen Houser
Executive Board: Beverly Lapinski, Beverly Brickey and Caroline Sutherby	

Congratulations to all of you. Looking forward to new ideas for our programs. Installation of officers is May 4th at the VFW Post 1136 at 633 Ford Ave. Wyandotte, MI.

There are no dinners at this time but will keep you posted on Facebook or on flyers in the post lounge. Judy Mae won the Easter basket raffle. Congratulations!

Still collecting food items for the food pantry all year. Poppy Days are coming watch your mailbox for letter. Please give generously as you can. Our veterans programs depend on it. Thank you in advance. Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th and the service will be at 2:00 pm at the post.

Membership: WE are almost 100% so if you haven't paid your dues help us get that 100%

Inclosing, Thank a veteran for our freedom and God Bless America!

Darlene Walker, President



The Ladies Auxiliary have a coupon program where we cut coupons that could be up to two or three months expired and send to a base in Japan. My great nephew, Josh's dad, is in the Marines and he and his family are living there for three years. We were talking and his wife Deija said she uses them. I asked her to send us a picture of the coupons so she did one better she sent me one of my nephew. So one is of some of our ladies cutting them in the Post upstairs and the other is Josh Walker-Delgado. We will be cutting coupons two times a month.



TAPS

The Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard performed 80 funerals thus far in 2018. Anyone wanting information on becoming a member of the Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard - please call 734-341-3307.



TABS FOR TOTS

We are again going to list all donors to the Tabs for Tots program bi-monthly. If you donate tabs, please sign list located by the Tab Drop Box on the landing going upstairs. Please print legibly. Proceeds for Tabs for Tots goes toward pediatric items at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

Joe Wright	Katrina Herrick	Alicia Smith
Kathy Blair	Don Buhl	Steven & Valerie Blair
Elaine Houser	Marcy Kastrzyk	Rob Gury - Our Lady of Scapular
Al Starzek	JT Brickey	

From the Legion Riders –

We have conducted our elections in April and the new officers being inducted at same time as rest of the Legion Family. In the past, our elections were held in December. This past year with our reviews of our bylaws and standing rules, it was voted to move the elections to be in line with everyone else. Many felt, feeling left out of the ceremonies, even though we were always extended an invitation.

Riding season is off to a slow start given the weather we have had this winter. Fortunately, our “snow-birds” have kept on pace to last year. We have some big rides planned for this coming season. Many are looking forward of acquiring their “F-Troop” and/or “Plaque Snatcher” patches. We are trying to avoid the “DUCK” patch if at all, but let me explain each of these.

F-Troop – Any ride that consists of 5 or more members (Vets, Squadron, Auxiliary or Supporter) of the Downriver Chapter with minimum of 5 motorcycles and ride is 500 or more miles. This is due to the confusion in riding in a group. It originated when 4 years ago, leading approximately 14 motorcycles and a chase vehicle to Washington DC to attend Rolling Thunder. “Cuz” mentioned that at times we were like a well-oiled military drill team; however, MAJORITY of the time resembled the old TV show of F Troop characters. Thus the birth of F-TROOP. Those that wear that patch wear it with distinction. (Laughing).

Plaque Snatcher – This patch is a copycat from, I believe it was Garden City Legion Riders where the patch was first noticed. We took that idea and built out some requirements and a ceremony to acquire it. A member has to attend to two Plaque runs independent of each other, meaning separate days, and separate rides. We have made some exceptions. Once a member has gone on two plaque runs they receive a certificate presented during our “Ceremony” during one of our business meetings, which acknowledges their entry into the “Ancient order of Snatching of Plaques”, a business card and of course the patch. It has been a lot of fun. There are approximately 35 members in this “Ancient Order”.

Finally, the “DUCK” a patch no one really wants. This patch similar to F-Troop is 5 people, 5 bikes, 500 miles AND minimum 5 hours of rain. YES, RAIN. Last year was one of our wettest for our trips. Washington DC over Memorial Weekend, we were gone 5 days and for 5 days at some point we were in rain for several hours or entire day. When we went down over Labor Day weekend to TN and KY, of the 5 days it rained on 3 of them. Lastly our Fall Trip, early Oct, thru the “Tunnel of Trees” it rained for the better part of the 3 days traveled.


The rain didn’t “dampen” the fun we still had. Until next time. . .



Marty “McFly” Gore - Director – Downriver Riders Post 217.

Booster Club Form	Post 217 Change Information Form
<p>Our Booster Club members are very special people. They help us continue to publish this newsletter. If you would like to join the Booster Club, please complete the form and provide your donation. We will add your name to the list that will be published in the current issue.</p> <p>PLEASE fill out this form, make your check or money order payable to the American Legion Post 217 and send it to: American Legion Post 217 ATTN: News Editor 2817 Van Alstyne Blvd. Wyandotte, MI 48192</p> <p>DATE: _____</p> <p>Name(s): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>I have enclosed : \$ _____</p>	<p>Member of: Legion ____ Aux ____ SAL ____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>New Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Email Address: _____</p> <p>Name is spelled incorrectly please change the spelling to: _____</p> <p>I am reporting the death of a member</p> <p>Date of Death: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Please fill out any pertinent information and return to the appropriate Membership Committee: (ie.. Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">American Legion Post 217 2817 Van Alstyne Wyandotte, MI 48192</p>

MAY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Honor Guard Rifle Club 10 am</i>	2	3	4 Installation Dinner 5pm at VFW 1136 Hall	5 ALR Cinco De Mayo Dinner from 3 - 6 pm \$10
6	7	8 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	10 S.A.L. Mtg 7pm	11	12 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out No Carry Outs 
13	14	15	16 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day - Service 2pm	29	30	31		

JUNE						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Honor Guard Rifle Club 10 am	6 Legion Exec Comm Mtg 6 pm	7 S.A.L. Election 7pm	8	9 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out No Carry Outs 
10	11	12 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm Election	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	14 S.A.L. Mtg 7pm Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	21 State Legion Convention	22 State Legion Convention	23 State Legion Convention
24 State Legion Convention	25	26	27	28	29	30

Attention Veterans:

If you need to file a claim with the Veterans Administration, the American Legion has a Veterans Service Officer to assist you, located at the Downriver Community Conference – John D. Dingell Building, 15100 Northline Road, Southgate, Michigan 48195. Effective March 1, 2017, hours are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm in Room 100 (park in the west parking lot / enter through the Michigan Works Entrance). Bring a copy of your DD 214 paperwork, or for WWII Vets, bring a copy of your discharge paperwork. - 313-964-6640 - Ask for the Southgate Office.

Due to unfortunate circumstances and irregularities in our election of the Sons of American Legion officers, a new election must take place as ordered by the Commander of the American Legion. This election will take place at Post 217 on June 7, 2018 at 7 pm. Please bring current membership card and your photo identification.

Free Printable Word Search Puzzles

Summer

Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

J U N E S T S S S S Y K S E U L B M
U S M E A U Y E O U H I K I N G S A
S M W E E A N L U B N W A S E Y R E
U T W I R R S G I C A B L N A R E R
N S H V M T C C L T E A U D T V L C
T Y U G I M Y S E A D B I R S S K E
A G L C I C I R N N S L R R N D N C
N R E U L F M N A U O S E A R G I I
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C N A O F L O G T L T B T E E T S E
H G N I H S I F F A E O A E E A H C
O R C A M P I N G T W T H B Z O C C
O A C I N C I P A W A S P S E B A O
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T S U G U A S I L L A B E S A B B O
G N I N E D R A G S U N S H I N E N

ANTS
AUGUST
BARBECUE
BASEBALL
BEACH
BEES
BICYCLE
BLUE SKY
BOATING
BREEZE
CAMPING

FISHING
FLIES
FLOWERS
GARDENING
GOLF
GREEN GRASS
HAT
HIKING
HOLIDAYS
HOT
ICE CREAM

JULY
JUNE
MOSQUITOES
NO SCHOOL
PICNIC
ROLLER BLADES
SANDALS
SKATEBOARD
SOCCER
SOLSTICE
SPRINKLERS

SUNBURN
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SUNTAN
SWEAT
SWIMMING
U V RAYS
WASPS
WATER FIGHTS
WATERMELON

Booster Club Members - Thank you all for your donations for this issue of the newsletter. Those that have donated in previous issues, your names are displayed on the computer screen in the Post Lounge.

Joe & Lois McDermott
 Joe & Marianne Wright
 Daniel Orta
 Patricia Moffett

Robert Harry
 Theresa & Robert Martin
 Colleen Billings

In Memoriam of Bob Reichelderfer
 In Memoriam of Fred Gabriel
 In Memoriam of Vern Moffett

There isn't a dollar price per line. Whatever you wish to donate to help defray the cost of the newsletter is appreciated.



4th Annual American Legion Department of Michigan Legacy Fund Ride June 22-23, 2018

Cost

Rider	Passenger	Car
\$40	\$40	\$40

Net proceeds will be donated to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund helping dependents of military personnel who died or became 50% disabled while on active duty after 9/11/2001 with college expenses

June 22, 2018:

Start Location: Battle Creek Post 298
 Registration and Breakfast: 7:00—8:30 am
 Kickstands Up: 9:00 am
 Final Stop for the Day: Manistee Post 10

June 23, 2018:

Start Location: Manistee Post 10
 Registration and Breakfast: 7:00—8:30 am
 Kickstands Up: 9:00 am
 End Location: Department Convention at the Kalamazoo Radisson

*Evening activities
 planned for Battle
 Creek, Manistee and
 Kalamazoo*



Forms, Itinerary and Lodging Information Available Online
www.michiganlegion.org/legion-riders.html



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PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

SERVICE OFFICER HOURS	FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	5:00 PM TO 8:00 P.M.
	THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	1:00 PM TO 4:00 P.M.
POST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING	1 ST WEDNESDAY	@ 6:00 P.M.
AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBERSHIP MEETING	2 ND WEDNESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	3 RD WEDNESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
SAL MEETING	2 ND THURSDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
RIFLE CLUB MEETING	1 ST TUESDAY	@ 10:00 A.M.
LEGION RIDERS MEETING	2 ND TUESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.

Steve Mango, our Service Officer, will be out of town enjoying the sunny weather. If by chance you need any help with Service Officer business, please do not hesitate to call him. He will do all he can to provide you the help and direction. He can be reached at 734-626-3552.



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