

# Edward C. Headman American Legion Post 217

## “News & Views”

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Independence Day is a patriotic holiday for celebrating the positive aspects of the United States. Many politicians appear at public events, there are parades, picnics, games, parties, celebrations across the nation. The people in the United States express and give thanks for their freedoms and liberties that were fought for by the first generations of soldiers and continually protected by the following and upcoming generations of soldiers. Some of these celebrations include firework displays and loud booms. Please keep in mind that there are many of our soldiers, thankfully that have returned home, that still suffer from the sound effects of the fireworks. Please keep safety in mind when celebrating and please keep the courtesy of the booms and loud noises to a minimum if at all possible. These are the men and women who have served for us and for our country. The pretty lights are a great celebration, the loud booms could be very impactful to the returning Veterans and their service dogs.



## FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Brothers & Sisters;

It's been a exciting first 30 days in office, meeting new members, becoming better acquainted with the staff.. Who by the way do a terrific job and it is much appreciated!!! Sometimes it is so easy to find negative and I promise you... if you look for the negative you most definitely find it!!! So again to the entire lounge staff, great Job!

As I get more acquainted with Members I keep asking myself ... "How can I get to know more about them and to listen to some of their great stories"? So I have decided to put together a "Coffee Thursday with the Commander " , with some of the executive Committee members, it will take place at the Post Lounge the third Thursday of each month from 9am to 11am, coffee, donuts and orange juice will be provided Starting July 19th.. Come as you are, enjoy the view with coffee and some friends and let's talk.. Get to know one another!

Also I'm working on a Euchre Tournament starting in the fall at the Post with Madame President Cari Salamon so we will have more information to follow!

Post 217 newsletter."News & Views" won 1st place in the MALPA (Michigan American Legion Press Association) competition.. Congratulations to Bob & Cari Salamon for all their hard work!! Ernie Berry of our Post became the Dept Historian, Congratulations Ernie!

July 4th will be a exciting day for all of us at the Post so make sure you stop in.. Starting first thing in the morning 8am to be exact we will have coffee, donuts on us before the Parade and a Bloody Mary bar set up (\$5.00)

Our newly elected Department Commander Steve Striggow with First Lady May will be visiting our Post after the Parade, Food & Beverages will be provided!!

Hope to see you there and until next time... Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Commander,  
Mike Huber

SR. VICE COMMANDER

### A Random Act of Kindness

Clara Daly. Does the name sound familiar? She was in the news recently. Clara is the 15-year-old young woman who gave aid to a blind and deaf passenger on an Alaskan Airlines flight. A Random Act of Kindness. There have been a number of incidents at our post recently that violate the rules of civility. As a veteran, I feel a connection with every member of this post. I don't care about race, color, religion or political affiliation. Our service ties us together. Every member and guest(s) should feel welcomed. I hope the example Clara put forth to a stranger can filter over to all of us. A Random Act of Kindness.

Please remember that dues can be renewed online. Our website [americanlegion217.com](http://americanlegion217.com) has a renewal app on the cover page.

Pete Kalil  
Senior Vice Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Fellow Veterans:

Soon we will be celebrating our Nation's birthday again on July 4th with many parades and festivities, along with fireworks lighting the evening skies. As we do so, let us to never forget those who went into battle and never returned home to loved ones. They paid the supreme sacrifice for the freedom we enjoy this day. Yes, we also remember the M.I.A.s, may they also not be forgotten and be accounted for so families can have closure as to their whereabouts. We also have our heroes that were wounded both physically and mentally from action in defense of our great Nation. May our Lord Jesus grant them healing as only He can provide, for He knows all their needs.

May all of our Veterans take pride in their efforts, when they were called upon to serve their country they did it gladly. Thank You! Thank You for the freedom we can enjoy this holiday.

May the Lord Jesus grant you a safe and joyous summer. Our Post is a good place to come to cool off on those very warm and sometimes hot days.

For God and Country! God Bless You!  
Chaplain Wayne "Bud" Shoup



Legion Family,

Thank you for all your support for the Auxiliary and our programs. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer. Happy 4th of July. Congratulations to all incoming officers. May you have a great year.

There are scholarship applications in post lounge. We will be drawing names at September's meeting. Good luck to all applicants.

Next meeting is in August. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country,

Darlene Walker, Outgoing President



Hello Family,

I am so excited, frightened and overwhelmed of being elected the new Ladies Auxiliary President.... mostly excited. I have been an Auxiliary member since 1997 and have been involved around the Post for numerous events, functions, meetings, parades, celebrations and every other occurrence(s). I have attended many installation dinners, some of which I was installed for other Auxiliary officers in their absence. I have attended many Department Conferences, Conventions and District meetings in the past. I most recently attended the Michigan American Legion Convention in Kalamazoo and participated on the Convention floor with all of the other attendees. Previously, going into the Convention as a spectator has allowed me to "slip out" and visit the pool at some conferences and conventions. This time I had the title of Auxiliary President attached to me so I attended the entire Convention wide-eyed and ready to learn. I believe I came out of the room a little crossed-eyed and overwhelmed.... but still excited!!

I want to thank the outgoing officers for their leadership, guidance and support in the past year(s). Your efforts and examples have been much appreciated. To the new incoming officers.... I can only ask that you are patient and understanding with me; I may have been around for a long time but never in this capacity. I do have some strong, wonderful mentors to lean on and I will. Let's have a great year. We'll be patient, kind and have fun... while remaining focused on our goals.

We won't be having a meeting in July, we will resume on August 8th at 7pm. I am hoping to see you there.

July 4th will be the Independence Day Parade. We will have the Department President, Deborah Williamson in attendance. Please stop in at the Post to greet her or wave as she parades by down Biddle Ave. Our Senior Miss Poppy, Alyssa Szuper will also be there and in the Parade along with our Unit.

I will do my best to keep our Ladies Auxiliary Facebook Group updated and communicate as much as possible. For those members that are not on Facebook or don't have a computer, you can reach me at the Post or call me at 734-576-2946. I will do my best to update, communicate, continue learning and serving our Veterans and Community.

Thank you,

Cari Ann Salamon

Auxiliary President



### 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.

Al Starzek	Alicia Smith	Bill Payne	In memory of Jerry Porter
Don Buhl	Joe Wright	Steven & Valerie Blair	Ted - The Florist
Eileen Houser	Marcy Kastrzyk	Rob Gury - Our Lady of Scapular	Crooked Frog West
Dave Sedliar	Walt Szostek	Jerry Thomas & H. Michael	Jerry Thomas & M. Gyola
Kathy Blair	Katrina Herrick	North Shore Club	

The Riders are hosting the annual Grab and Run Banquet that is put on by the winning Post in their annual Grab and Run contest. This contest essentially pits the various Posts who participate, of which; there are currently 45 statewide Posts. Each Post has created their own plaque. Then these 45 Posts essentially “grabs” and “run” with their plaque then they collect points for mileage travelled and how many riders participated. Our Post won two years ago and this year is our year to host the banquet.

The weekend of July 7th will be our party. On Friday July 6th we will be hosting a meet and greet at the Post starting at about 6pm. We have received permission by the Post to close parking with exception of Handicapped to host this event. The Post will be open and the Riders will be providing entertainment, along with some limited appetizers. The banquet and other activities associated with the banquet will be conducted at the VFW Post. The Director’s meeting will be held at the Post upstairs area from 3-4pm on 7th July.

Riders 100,000 mile challenge is significantly behind the curve from last year, but we do have many more rides scheduled this year and we are still very optimistic of reaching this challenging goal. Thank you to the Post and to the Ladies Auxiliary of making your pledges. All of the money we collect goes right back to support the various Veteran outreach programs we support. If you are interested in making a donation and/or individual pledge, please contact Martin “McFly” Gore – Director of Riders 313-269-3342 or email at gorem04@yahoo.com.

As the Rider’s Director, I do appreciate the patience of the Post especially on Tuesday nights as we host our Bike Night when a number of other Posts Riders who also come to share in the camaraderie. Lots of bikes and sometimes they take up some parking spots. I want to thank you. We will be having our 3rd Annual “Remembrance Bike Night” July 17, 2018 at 6pm, to honor our fallen Riders, a special night that we ask that you wear a Hawaiian style shirt. Hope to see you there.

Martin “McFly” Gore – Director Downriver Post 217 Riders.



## TAPS

The Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard performed almost 100 funerals thus far in 2018. Anyone wanting information on becoming a member of the Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard - please call 734-341-3307.



### Booster Club Form

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.

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

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Post 217 Change Information Form

Member of: Legion \_\_\_\_ Aux \_\_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name is spelled incorrectly please change the spelling to:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am reporting the death of a member

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out any pertinent information and return to the appropriate Membership Committee: (ie.. Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion)

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Wyandotte, MI 48192

JULY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <i>Honor Guard Rifle Club 10 am</i>	4 <i>Independence Day Parade</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm</b>	11 <b>Legion Exec Comm Mtg 5 pm</b>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <b>Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm</b>	19 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Korean War Cease Fire (1953)	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Legion Exec Comm Mtg 6 pm</b>	2	3	4 Coast Guard Happy Birthday Karaoke w/ Linda 8 - 11pm
5	6	7 WVHG Rifle Club 10 am "Operation Desert Shield" Begins (1990) Purple Heart Day	8 <b>Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm</b>	9 <b>S.A.L. Mtg 7pm</b>	10	11 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out - No Carry Outs 
12	13	14 <b>Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm Election</b>	15 <b>Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm</b>	16 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

**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.

# Farm Animals

T	M	O	W	G	S	R	I	C	H	H	P	D	G	COW
E	U	O	U	O	H	O	E	H	T	O	E	B	C	GOAT
M	B	R	L	O	E	O	L	I	H	S	R	N	U	PIG
F	K	L	K	S	E	S	E	C	U	A	H	S	A	BUFFALO
K	U	H	R	E	P	T	E	K	G	O	E	D	E	CHICKEN
B	E	A	W	A	Y	E	M	E	O	U	U	E	I	SHEEP
P	T	N	O	C	O	R	S	N	D	C	O	S	B	LAMB
I	A	N	L	O	M	K	C	Y	K	C	S	L	U	GOOSE
G	O	B	L	W	O	L	A	F	F	U	B	A	T	TURKEY
E	G	H	T	G	C	L	T	F	L	A	C	M	A	DUCK
N	O	T	L	P	O	A	T	E	G	P	O	B	E	HORSE
F	A	S	F	O	A	L	L	K	B	I	S	O	N	CATTLE
L	L	A	M	A	P	N	E	W	L	R	H	O	G	LLAMA
C	I	E	S	A	O	T	O	O	O	U	S	S	T	BISON
														HEN
														CALF
														ROOSTER
														BULL
														FOAL
														DOG

**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.

*From the Editors*

It was such an honor to be awarded first place in the Michigan American Legion Press Association contest. There is a lot of hours and work that go into this newsletter and it is a privilege to be able to serve you and our American Legion Family in print. We can't do this without all of the input from the officers that submit the articles and provide the information. The dedicated team that volunteers their time to fold, tape and label the completed newsletter to deliver to the USPS to arrive in your mailboxes. The members that opted to have "News & Views" electronically delivered to your email address has helped save on postage. A huge THANK YOU to all that have participated in one fashion or another. It truly is appreciated. If any member has suggestions or an article that they would like to have published, do not hesitate to email the editors at newsandviews217@gmail.com or you can contact Bob Salamon at 734-658-0408. The Booster Club continues to grow and provide monetary donations to offset costs.... THANK YOU.

2018 Michigan American Legion Convention

Many officers from the Legion and Auxiliary were able to attend Convention in Kalamazoo in June. What an outstanding weekend for us from Post 217. Commander, Mike Huber was awarded Recruiter of the Year, Our newsletter won 1st Place in the Press Association Contest, Our 16th District won various awards as well. The caliber of participants at a Convention is just first class. This is the time of the year that Department elections are held and the newly elected Department Commander and Auxiliary President are elected. Our new State Commander, Steve Striggow and President, Deborah Williamson will be in attendance at our Post of July 4th for the Parade. Please take the opportunity to welcome them and make them a part of the Family. Below are some pictures that were taken either on the Convention Floor or by the Selfie camera man in the lobby. A great time was had by all.



Coffee with  
Commander  
Starting  
July 19th

Every 3rd  
Thursday of  
Each month  
9am- 11 am

Coffee..  
dounuts..  
OJ..& friends  
Enjoy the beautiful  
Views in  
The mornings  
At Your Post 217!



Rivergate Terrace had a Veterans Tribute for some of their residents. Our Wyandotte Veteran's Honor Guard and our Post's Americanism Team were present to provide support with a Flag folding ceremony, rifle salute and the playing of Taps. What a Great Day!!!



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 <sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY	@ 6:00 P.M.
AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBERSHIP MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
POST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	3 <sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
SAL MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.
RIFLE CLUB MEETING	1 <sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY	@ 10:00 A.M.
LEGION RIDERS MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY	@ 7:00 P.M.



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