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Happy Birthday
U. S. Air Force
September 18

Happy Birthday
U. S. Navy
October 13



180731-N-KC128-0002 PACIFIC OCEAN (July 31, 2018) Sailors assigned to Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Olympia (SSN 717) participate in a swim call at sea. (U.S. Navy photo by Fire Control Technician Senior Chief Vien Nguyen/Released)



180731-N-GZ228-019 SAN DIEGO (Jul. 31, 2018) The amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) transits the San Diego Bay. Boxer is underway conducting routine operations off the coast of Southern California. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jesse Monford)



FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Brothers & Sisters;

It's been a nice summer and I hope you all are enjoying!

We are in full swing at the post with Legion Membership Renewals, Our new Adjutant Frank Simon has been very busy and doing a great job! Currently we are approximately 45% with renewals, one of our goals has been to improve the process of renewing your membership... visit our web site: americanlegion217.com hit renewal.. then follow the prompts...Easy Peasy, done..painless..safe...& secure!!

Any questions about renewing online ask any Officer and they can walk you through it.

Steve Mango our Post Service Officer just returned from a Refresher training course with the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitations Division, Steve is available at our Post 217 for questions and help the 1st Tuesday of every month from 1pm-5pm and the 3rd Monday of every month from 4pm-8pm, also visit our web for filing a claim or eligibility americanlegion217.com hit Programs +.....hit Veterans Assistance..... easy peasy!!

Pete Kalil our Bar Chairman & Doug Williams our Entertainment Director are working hard on bringing new Entertainment into our Post, August 25th is Karaoke with Linda Stanko, Linda is a member of our Ladies Auxiliary... also on September 15th the Flip Side Classics will be there, so come enjoy a nice evening out!

The fence is up and really looks good, it has drastically cut down on pedestrians walking through our lot with their heads down which in turn reduces any incidents that may happen. The dead tree has been removed which I am grateful for, no more dead branches falling!! Stop by the post and visit the new Soldier statue standing tall as you enter into the Post.. Donated by our SAL... Thank you!! a Big Thanks to our Auxiliary ladies that maintain the beautiful flowers around our Post, it is much appreciated and does not go unrecognized!!

Next project is to resurface and re-stripe the parking lot!!

Remember "Coffee with the Commander" (and my wife Patty) is the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9am-11am at the post, come enjoy a donut (or 2) coffee or some OJ.. come sit...relax... enjoy the views with us!!

God Bless and always a Pleasure

Mike Huber - Commander

SR. VICE COMMANDER

By the time you read this, summer will be almost behind us. The stores are holding summer clearance and back to school sales. I hope everyone is still enjoying this great weather and what's left of our Michigan summer. There is still plenty of time to enjoy our patio and the beautiful view from our post. Please be considerate to our patio. Feel free to move tables together to accommodate your party. Please put them back in place when you leave. Utilize the ashtrays and pick up your trash. The benches outside the patio need to remain in place. The patio holds 35 people and we are only allowed 35 seats on the deck. Anything above 35 seats incurs a fine (you can probably guess where this is going). We look forward to serving all our members and guests, and hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,

Pete Kalil

Senior Vice Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Fellow Veterans:

Where has our summer gone so soon? It seems as quickly as it comes it is soon a thing of the past. Leaves us standing there wondering how time is so fleeting. The leaves on the trees are so beautiful at this time of the year, so we just Praise our Lord for His divine guidance as He knows what is best for His creation.

Schools are back in session and vacations will be a thing we can sit back and think about and the good times we had enjoyed. God is so good!

We pray for our troops who are serving our country this day for safe keeping. May they serve diligently and honorably as they represent our great country across the world. May we as brothers in arms help them and support them in any way we can especially through prayer. We pray for those who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country, also for comfort for their families' loss of loved ones.

We pray for those recovering from wounds both mental as well as physical, may they soon be HEALED. Lord we pray for the Missing in Action, for accountability, may they soon be returned home to their beloved homeland and families. Lord Jesus be with our Post#217 and its leaders and all of its membership to be a place where we can come together for fellowship and fun to enjoy one another's company.

For God and Country,
Wayne "Bud" Shoup





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Hello Legion Family,

It's been a crazy and fast summer but I'm not ready for the sweatshirts and scarves just yet. I am ready to bring some good news and some updates to you though. We have new officers, as you are aware, and with new officers come new ideas, plans and the inevitable... changes. Change is sometimes good, sometimes great and sometimes not accepted. However, I invite you to accept our incoming changes and support our new officers. These ladies work hard, volunteer their many hours and take on some challenging criticism. We will still continue our No-Bake Sale, which letters will be delivered to your mailboxes in October. This is an ongoing fundraiser that the proceeds are for our two Scholarship donations that provide \$800 for a paid full time student and \$400 for a paid part time student. This drawing of possible candidates will be held at our September 12th meeting.

We will have a raffle in October as well. First Vice President, Claudia Sendu, will be raffling off a hand-made patriotic quilt that will be available to all members. The winning raffle ticket does not have to be local... we will ship it to you. Pictures will be forthcoming and available on Facebook, in the Post or contact an Auxiliary member and we would be happy to provide a picture of the finished product. (we have a Facebook Group - Wyandotte American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217)

We do not have any dinners scheduled as of yet, we are working out some details and will discuss further at our meetings. If you have any input or would like to volunteer, please attend our meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We would enjoy your participation and appreciate your ideas and suggestions.

Linda Stanko and I will be attending the Fall Conference in Muskegon in late September. I am extremely anxious to attend; Fall Conference is a teaching/learning weekend that should provide an abundant amount of information.

We all look forward to the coming year and events that will continue and follow. Please do not hesitate to contact me either email - cariann2277@gmail.com or cell phone/text 734-576-2946. I hope to see you at a meeting, function, on Facebook or at the Post.

I would like to thank Connie Ryan and Carol Galloway for volunteering their time and efforts into the gardens around our Post. The plants look wonderful and such a beautiful display of plants.

For God and Country - Service Not Self
Cari Ann Salamon - President



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The newly elected officers are working diligently to become effective in their new roles. The Sons have purchased the newly erected statue of the soldier in the north garden.

The Sons of the American Legion also charter the Cub Scouts Pack 1770. We provide support to the Legion Americanism team, help with flags and the parade. We will be making a huge effort to provide more support to the Legion Family; we are not there just to partake in the Post refreshments, but to make an impact on events and functions. We provide more support than is noticed or communicated, which is ok, we do it because we care, not for the recognition. Please help us in our efforts and attend meetings to provide input.

The S.A.L. meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm. Please make an effort to attend to support our Post, our Legionnaires and Legion Family.





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Chaplain
Bill Speed Rice

Membership
Liz Rice

Sgt-at-Arms
John O Easley

Road Captain
Pati Starkman

Riders had a very successful hosting of the Grab & Run Banquet. This event, held on 7/7/18, was for all of the Rider Chapters in the state. The winning Chapter last year was Battle Creek, so congratulations go out to them. Had a great turnout during the meet and greet held at the Post on Friday 7/6/18, and want to thank all of the membership for the patience shown as Riders from across the State had some hospitality at the Post.

As I've indicated before, we are having our 100,000 mile challenge and we have pledged \$0.01 per mile completed by end of November. We've also received pledges from the Auxiliary as well as the Post for all of our miles completed by end of November. Anyone interested in sponsoring or pledging please let me know (Martin Gore – gorem04@yahoo.com) or drop me a note in the Rider's box. This year due to the very wet spring, we are behind where we were last year, but we do have some big rides planned and the weather has finally turned in our favor, so we are making up some of that lost mileage.

We have our annual comedy night coming up 3rd Sat in Oct. More details will be made available as they are known. This is our largest fundraiser. We raised nearly \$4,000 last year that was in turn 100% changed into cash donations, coats, hats, gloves, boots for Michigan Veterans Foundation (MVF) and Downriver for Vets (DFV). This is our local "Boots on the Ground" campaign. Please plan on attending and/or donating to our comedy night. Between our 100,000 mile challenge, the various individual pledges and sponsorships from our Post and Post members; in addition to, our comedy night (Boots on the Ground), we gave approximately \$6,500 between MVF and DFV, to help our fellow Vets.

Our Road Captain, Pati Starkman had a very serious accident in early July. Please continue the prayers for her healing.

Thank you,
Martin "McFly" Gore
Director – Downriver Chapter ALR Post 217

TAPS

The Wyandotte Veterans Honor Guard performed 107 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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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Japan Signs Surrender (1945)	3 Labor Day	4 <i>Honor Guard Rifle Club 10 am</i>	5 Legion Exec Comm Mtg 5 pm	6	7	8 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out - No Carry Outs 
9	10	11 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	13	14	15 Flipside (Classic Rock) 8pm until Mid-night
16	17 Constitution Day	18 Happy Birthday Air Force!!	19 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	20 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am -----	21 POW/MIA Recognition Day -----Fall---	22 ---Conference---
23 ----- 30 Gold Star Mothers	24	25	26 - Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM	27	28	29

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 WVHG Rifle Club 10 am	3 Legion Exec Comm Mtg 6 pm	4	5	6
7	8 Columbus Day	9 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	11 S.A.L. Mtg 7pm	12	13 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out - No Carry Outs HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY
14	15	16	17 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	18 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am	19	20 Kentucky Chrome (rockabilly, country) 8pm - Midnight
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 - Halloween - No Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting			

TABS FOR TOTS

If you donate tabs, please sign the 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. Your donations are appreciated and many are multiple monthly donors; Thank you!

Joe Wright	Katrina Herrick	Alicia Smith	Kathy Blair	Steve and Valerie Blair
Eileen Houser	Marcey Kasprzyk	Walt Szostek	Al Starzec	Don Buhl
Dave Sedliar	Jerry Thomas & M Gyola	Lenny Milewski	Scott Lesko	North Shore Club
Richard Eddy	Jerry Thomas & H. Michaelis	In memory of Jack Kell		
Bill Payne	In memory of Jerry Porter	Rob Gury w/Our Lady of the Scapular Church		

The landscaping outside the post is now complete with the stamped concrete under the two Howitzers. Thanks to Doug Williams for chairing this project. Thanks to Ron Miller of Riverview Towing for moving them off the peastone pad. Also a big thanks to Kevin Lyons of Lyons Towing for donating time and truck to put Howitzers back in place.



Thank you to Mayor Peterson and the City Council for allowing our post to fence in our parking lot. The lot is now much safer without all the pedestrian traffic that was cutting through the lot.



Commander Post 217

I would like to thank you for sponsoring me and giving me the chance to experience the 2018 American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy at the Michigan State Police Academy. This Program taught me a lot about what it takes to be a State Trooper. All of the long and hard work, it certainly isn't easy. The Physical Training is a very tough workout, but teaches you to never give up. From some of the big things like learning in the classroom to even the little details of how you eat your food. I plan to pursue a career in Law Enforcement and this program really gave me a taste of what it takes. Again, thank you for sponsoring me and giving me this great opportunity.

Ryan Szuper
2018 Post 217 American Legion
Law Enforcement Career Academy Rep.

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.

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. You are very much appreciated.

In Memoriam Jerry Porter	Heidi and Steve Brown	Linda Tysowski	Nancy Jelinski
In Memoriam John Mongelluzzo	Melanie Charles	Joe and Lois McDermott	
In Memoriam Louis F. Ciagala	Daniel Orta	In Memoriam David W. Wright	

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

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

SERVICE OFFICER HOURS	FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH	1:00 PM TO 5:00 P.M.
	THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH	4:00 PM TO 8:00 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.

Starting in September 2018, The Post Service Officer Steve Mango will have the following hours:

1st Tuesday of every month - 1pm - 5pm

3rd Monday of every month - 4pm - 8pm

If you cannot meet him at the Post during the above hours, do not hesitate to call him at 734-626-3552. He will do all he can to provide you with help and direction needed.



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