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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May the spirit of this holiday season fill your heart with love, peace and serenity.*

*Wishing you many blessings for the New Year!*



Sergeant Rachel Forehand, from Brooklyn, New York, rests her head on a stuffed bear as the U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait passed in Saudi Arabia on January 16, 1991. Forehand is a nurse with 28th Combat Support Hospital, stationed at Fort Bragg. N.C. She and other members of her unit were waiting for a plane to carry them to a forward base. Bob Daugherty / AP

<https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2016/01/operation-desert-storm-25-years-since-the-first-gulf-war/424191/>



FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Brothers & Sisters!!

Welcome to 2019!!! I hope the holidays were good to everyone but most of all hopefully you enjoyed family and friends. Christmas is my favorite time of year for visiting family & friends... I also make sure I visit neighbors whose family are not close by, Reach out to everyone this time of year because a Hello and Kindness can go a long way!

We have had a good year at the Post and will continue to do so... we have a New Year's Eve party planned to ring in the New Year.. Music and food.. the post will provide the ham & turkey and members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

Membership is due, Please get yours in as soon as possible to stay current and keep your door card active, you can pay at the post or on line at [www.americanlegion217.com](http://www.americanlegion217.com) "easy peasy"

Coffee with the Commander has been going Great so far, come join us the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9am-11am for coffee, orange juice, (and for the morning only..hehe) fat free donuts!! Last month a few of the women from the Auxiliary were able to come and enjoy!!

We are looking into putting together a Euchre Tournament so if interested in either playing or helping out Please let me know.

We had the pleasure of Mike Rowe from Returning the favor (dirtiest jobs) come into the Post and sit down with us and talk, he was in town to honor our Rose Ann Rudisill – Jr Vice for our Post, for her work with DFV (Downriver for Veterans). You can view the video under events on our web page at [www.americanlegion217.com](http://www.americanlegion217.com) it was a great day for him to recognize the Veterans...our Post and Wyandotte Michigan!!

Happy New Year  
Commander Huber

SR. VICE COMMANDER

Fisher House - Co-Chairmen Pete Kalil and Bob Salamon

Just a reminder that the Fisher House fundraiser is still going on. We will be collecting funds from members until February 1, 2019. Fisher House is a "Home Away From Home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA Medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility. We are proud that our members have donated over \$1300.00 so far and are convinced that we can do so much more. There is a donation form inside the newsletter. Please clip it out, and send it along with your check made out to American Legion Post 217, with Fisher House on memo line, to:

Edward C. Headman Post 217 - Fisher House Program  
2817 VanAlstyne  
Wyandotte, Mi 48192

For God and Country,  
Pete Kalil - Senior Vice Commander

Chaplain's Corner

Fellow comrades and friends:

As we embark on a New Year, I pray your past year was a productive one. We can count our blessings to God most high for those things we have accomplished. May the good Lord above continue to bless us with good health and accomplish our goals in 2019.

The Lord is so good to us as we move into the New Year, we have our Freedom to live as we wish, and to exercise our rights under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Our Post #217 and its Officers hope you will use our Post for your enjoyment and bring along your guests for this is your Post.

May the blessings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you!



For God and Country!  
Chaplain, Wayne "Bud" Shoup

**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 Memorium Matthew John Wright	Tom & Fred Milewski	Mark & Lorri Milewski	John & Linda Easley
In Memorium Bob Reichelderfer	Caitlin & Zachary Wotta	Bob & Sherry Wotta	Patricia Moffet
Richard & Joanne Fronczak	In Memorium 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.



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Hello Legion Family,

I hope all had a very blessed Christmas and are settling into the New Year. We've had some strong support in 2018 and looking forward to great success in 2019. There have been new faces and ideas at our meetings which is a sign of growth. Thank you to all that are participating and all that are ready to.

We do not have anything scheduled just yet for January but may surprise you with an outing or dinner. In February we will be having our Valentine Day raffle. Tickets should be coming in the mail shortly after the newsletter. This is a cash raffle; \$1,000 first place, \$400 second place and \$100 for third place. Please return your purchased tickets soon after receiving them or you can buy tickets at the Post.

I want to send a huge THANK YOU to Lois McDermott. Lois has been collecting, clipping, sorting, calculating and shipping coupons to troops overseas for 7 years. She has tallied paper cuts, body aches, an unbelievable amount of hours and an enormous amount of savings for our Soldiers and their families. Unfortunately this program is being phased out by National. We will no longer be collecting coupons to ship to the troops. This is due to electronic coupons and phone applications that are widely used. So now, this is our time to regain a focus and dedication to another program that will benefit our Troops, our Veterans and their families. We can collectively discuss and plan our next steps and tap into the strengths of our members. Thanks again, Lois. Looking forward to new adventures and learning experiences.

Collectively as a Unit, we have donated over \$1,400 worth of clothing, gifts, hats, gloves and food throughout the Christmas Holiday to Veterans and our local community. Please continue your generous spirit into the New Year by providing any help and sharing your time and talents with our Veterans and members. A smile, hug, car ride or meal can change one day that can last a lifetime. May you all be blessed with happiness and health in the New Year. Service not Self.

Please make sure that your dues are paid for 2019, if not, submit them as soon as possible. Any questions you can contact me at 734-576-2946 or Linda Ciemnicki at 734-941-5891.

For God and Country,

Cari Ann Salamon - Unit President



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Sons of the American Legion Members,

Welcome to 2019! We are looking forward to a great year! Our Squadron will be moving forward with some great ideas and events this year. We are especially excited about our sponsorship of the Brian Ross Smith Memorial Golf Outing coming up Saturday July 13th, 2019. Registration starts at 12:30 pm with tee times starting at 1:30 pm. Funds from this event will allow us to continue supporting Veteran Programs and our community. Make sure you register early to reserve a spot. There is also a steak dinner immediately following the outing. Not a golfer? You can still join us for good company and good food. Please contact Bill Shaw at 734-284-6600 or any of our officers for more information. Also, If you know of any person or business interested in sponsoring a hole please let us know.

Currently our Membership renewal is behind our goal. We are currently at 65% as of January 1. Despite our late start last year, we are making good progress. Please don't let your membership lapse. Our next membership target date is January 17, 2019 Let's get to 100% early this year!

Our regular meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Every current member is welcome and encouraged to participate. Please come out and support us with fresh ideas and participation.

Thank You,

Ken Craft, Squadron Commander  
Post 217 Sons of the American Legion

DOWNRIVER FOR VETERANS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 217 FOR SPONSORING 3 FAMILIES AND ALSO THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS FOR SPONSORING 3 FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS. SIX FAMILIES ENJOYED THEIR TIME THIS YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH - ANN RUDISILL



Hello Legion Riders,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. The ALR Christmas Dinner was very successful and all who attended had a good time. Thanks to all who supported our Saddlebags of Cheer Raffle. The monies received will go toward our Veteran support programs. Stay safe and healthy and look forward to another season of riding this year. Those of you snowbirds, please continue to ride and stay safe.

Marty Gore  
Director



<u>Director</u>	<u>Asst. Director</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Sgt-at-Arms</u>	<u>Road Captain</u>
Marty Gore	John Crossno	Ron Vilag	Bill Rice	Liz Rice	John O. Easley	Pati Starkman

Hello SAL Members,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. I just wanted to bring you up to speed on our current membership dues situation. As you all know we as members are responsible for paying our yearly dues but not everyone knows when they are really due which has caused issues in the past. We can start taking dues for the following year as early as September but we need to do our best to have them paid by the end of the year. This not only keeps you in good standing but it also can win us awards as a Squadron. Once January 1 rolls around and if you haven't paid your dues yet, you are considered delinquent. If this happens and if your dues are paid by February 1 you will be automatically reinstated, after February 1 you will be suspended, lose post privileges and would require a vote by the membership to stay active. If they are not paid for by June 30th your membership is considered forfeited. All is not lost though, after June 30th you can be reinstated but that would require a vote by the membership at the next meeting. Our goal is to not let it get that far. If you ever have questions I am available to answer them, just email me at robknight13607@gmail.com and I will get you an answer as soon as I can.

As of right now we are doing fairly descent. Normally this time of year we have only collected about 45% of our dues for the squadron, right now we are sitting at 65%. So, that means only 35% of the membership still has not paid their 2018 and/or 2019 dues. That is great but we know we can do better. I know last year there were issues with getting your dues paid but this year we hope to have solved those issues. In closing let me just say that in the past year we have gained nearly 20 new members, great job to those of you that have spread the word about our wonderful family, thank you.. Let's keep our chins high and carry on.

Rob Bunton - Adjutant Squadron 0217

### 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)

American Legion Post 217  
2817 Van Alstyne  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

<b>JANUARY</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		1	2 Legion Exec Comm Mtg 6 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm  Post Lounge - Soup of the Day Taco Soup	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	10 S.A.L. Mtg 7pm	11	12 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out - No Carry Outs  "Bad Habit" Rocking Blues 8 pm - Midnight
13	14	15 Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Chicken	16 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	17 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am	18	19
20	21	22 Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Pea	23	24	25	26
27 Vietnam Cease-Fire (1973)	28	29 Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Broccoli	30	31		

<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
					1	2
3	4	5 WVHG Rifle Club 10 am Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Tomato	6 Legion Exec Comm Mtg 6 pm	7	8	9 Watkins Day 11:30 until Sold out - No Carry Outs "Thom" Classic Rock 8 pm until Midnight
10	11	12 Legion Riders Mtg. 7pm Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Taco	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	14 S.A.L. Mtg 7pm  Auxiliary Raffle	15	16
17	18	19 Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Pea	20 Legion General Membership Mtg. 7pm	21 Coffee w/ Commander 9 - 11 am	22	23
24	25	26 Post Lounge - Soup of the Day - Chicken	27	28		

# FireKeepers Casino

BATTLE CREEK, MI

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

PickUp: 10:00 a.m. A.L. Post 217, 2817 VanAlstyne, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Depart Casino: 5:00 p.m.      Arrive Back: Appr. 7:00 p.m.

**COST \$55.00 PER PERSON**

**Trip Includes:**

Casino Slot Play.....	\$25.00
Meal Coupon or Gift Shop.....	5.00
Entry in four raffles on bus.....	\$20.00
Total.....	\$50.00

**This is a fundraiser and the largest part is the Raffles on the bus. We are adding the cost of four raffle tickets to fee. Everyone on bus will then be in all four raffles. If desired, additional tickets can be purchased. Also for this trip, slot play has been increased by Casino \$5.00.**

Beer on the Bus and Pizza at the post upon return. There will be ONE BUS. First Come First Served until filled.

**\*\*\*\*\*NO REFUNDS UNLESS YOU HAVE A REPLACEMENT\*\*\*\*\***

For more information: Bob Salamon @ (734) 658-0408

Make checks Payable to: American Legion Post 217

Put "Casino Trip-Feb 2019" on the memo line on check.

Return Reservation Form with payment by **Feb 13, 2019** to:

American Legion Post 217, 2817 VanAlstyne, Wyandotte, MI 48192

## Casino Trip 2-21-2019

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## 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!

Eileen Houser	Judy Wilmot	In memorium Jack Kell	Faith McCliment	Katrina Herrick
Bill Payne x3	Laurie Gury - Josephine Ford Cancer Center	Rob Gury - Our Lady of the Scapular Church	Joe & Marianne Wright	

## FISHER HOUSE DONATION

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Legion \_\_\_ Aux \_\_\_ SAL \_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the American Legion Post 217 and write Fisher House on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your donation.



X	L	A	C	O	L	C	H	A	N	G	E	U	M	RESOLUTION
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M	N	J	F	E	E	P	O	L	F	T	L	L	O	CONSTANT
U	E	X	U	S	G	N	T	E	T	N	U	I	P	UPDATE
E	L	M	N	S	T	S	T	G	X	A	O	M	E	AUXILIARY
R	U	O	B	R	T	A	F	I	E	T	I	A	R	SONS
O	S	L	A	E	D	I	O	O	L	S	S	F	A	LEGION
H	T	C	A	P	R	L	C	N	A	N	T	I	T	MEMBER
O	T	E	U	V	N	O	M	E	F	O	T	C	I	CONTRACT
R	E	S	O	L	U	T	I	O	N	C	I	U	O	ORGANIZATION
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P	T	A	A	U	X	I	L	I	A	R	Y	J	T	FREEDOM
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														FAMILY
														FAITH
														VALUE

Americanism Committee  
Chairman Bob Salamon

I am pleased to accept the chairmanship of the Americanism Committee. Past chairman Ed Gorecki decided to step down due to personal reasons. Thank you Ed for all the work you did. The fruits of your labor are shown on our walls with all the American Legion Americanism awards you have brought to this Post.

I would like to thank all of you who showed up for our Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 15 th . We were asked to start a program at the last minute, and managed to provide 23 wreaths on the graves of Veterans from the Civil War to WWII at Oakwood Cemetary in Wyandotte. The ceremony was small but for those who attended, you will agree with me it was very heartwarming. Our post will be expanding our participation in this National Program next year and are hoping to include another cemetery and at least 200 wreaths on veterans graves next year. Watch for more news about this throughout 2019 in our newsletter.

The Americanism Team also was asked to participate at Sophia's Banquet Center's Veterans Appreciation dinner on December 16 th . The team performed a flag folding ceremony for the veterans and their guests. We will begin our Flag Program for Schools in early January. Our goal this year is to teach the fourth grade classes at all the elementary schools in Wyandotte. We will be teaching them the history of the Flag and how to properly fold a flag and what each fold means. At the same time we will be ensuring all classrooms have an American Flag in them.

**PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

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

**\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\***

**The Post Service Officer Steve Mango will be in Florida for the winter.  
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call him at 734-626-3552.  
He will do all he can to provide you with help and direction needed.**

**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.



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