



"NEWS AND VIEWS"

T.A.L.M.A. and M.A.L.P.A. Members 1st Place Award Winner Newsletter Editors - Bob & Cari Ann Salamon
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From the Commander

With the help of many volunteers, we were able to successfully distribute 500 boxes of food to individuals and families in our community.

Post officers attended the Fall Conference at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, MI in mid September where we donated to Department Commander's Special Project for Homeless Veterans in "Memory of Ed Gorecki". Ed will be greatly missed by all.

We would like to Congratulate Jeff McGinnis on his appointment to the National Americanism Committee.

The Post hosted a luncheon for the PRCC Group from the Detroit, VA Hospital. .

Thank you to Connie Ryan and Sue Dorr for time spent on planting flowers at the post. The patio looks beautiful.

On Thursday, November 11th, we will be having a Veteran's Day ceremony at 7:00pm at the post.

Lastly, we will be hosting a Children's Christmas Party. Date and time to be determined and will be posted on your website and facebook once details are finalized.

*Mark Holthus
Commander
Post 217*

Booster Club Members

Connie Billings	Anne Jaciuk
Don & Mimi Kerr	Vic & Mary Nevin
Janet Fletcher Smith	Dan Orta
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John G. Martin	Mary Ann Robb
Larry & Judy. Martin	

Dear Honorable Veterans,

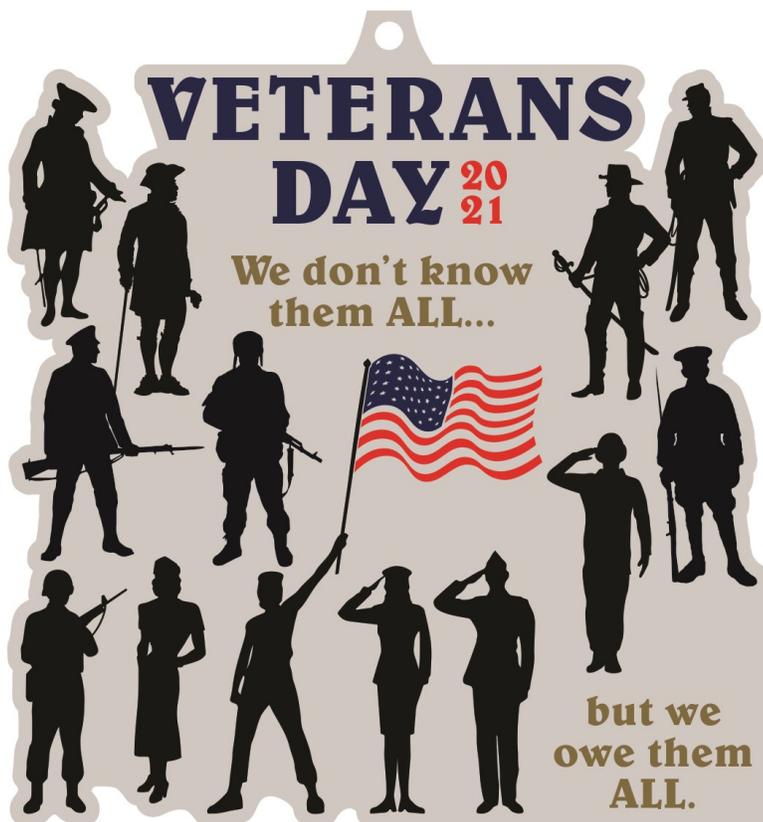
Due to the constriction of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have not been able to have Veteran guests come into our school for the past year and a half. However, it is still an essential part of our students' education to learn about the sacrifices made by the members of the United States Armed Forces, and even more essentially, to show our gratitude to you.

We are hosting a drive--through Veteran's Day parade at Bates Elementary School at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021. (This time was selected to allow for travel time back to your posts, if you are holding a Veteran's Day even as well.) To take part, you would drive your car into the entrance marked for Veterans at Bates and proceed to drive slowly past the assembled children.

The students and staff of Bates Elementary would be honored by your attendance. Our class motto is "Never Forget: Thank a Vet" so the opportunity to show our gratitude in person, even if we have to stay socially distant is very important.

Your RSVP would help with our planning: my email is mayesb@bsdweb.com. Telephone 734.692.2217 ext 2715.

With our sincerest appreciation,
Brenda Mayes, 5th Grade Teacher
Bates Elementary School
22811 Gudith Road
Woodhaven, MI 48183



Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 5, 2021, 1 - 3 pm
Must be 12 years or under



Member's Name: _____

Member's Number _____

Circle: Legion Auxiliary S.A.L.

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Boy/Girl</u>
_____	_____	_____
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Please return to the Post Lounge by November 27th with \$5.00 deposit per child.

Chaplain's Corner

BY ROGER CARR

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen of the American Legion. Let's not ignore the obvious, a lot of crazy things going on since I wrote to you all last. I am hoping that everyone has been able to keep their heads on their shoulders and their feet on the ground the last few months. I pray for our country and legion members always, and I have Faith that you my brothers and sisters are also in prayer. We need to keep each other in our prayers. we need to pray for God's Healing, Mercy, and Compassion.

Let us brothers and sisters pray for Carol McKinnon wife of Honor Guard member Rick McKinnon and Honor Guard member Lou Mahalak, that God will keep his Loving hands on them and their families. Ladies and Gentlemen, there is a great need for prayer in our current time. For we are not to fight a battle between flesh and blood. but a battle against spiritual wickedness in high places. Prayer and the Word of God is our best offensive assault against evil, and our faith will be our defense. Let us be like minded, with a joyful heart and a cheerful Spirit and Wisdom will be gained. Ladies and Gentlemen, I cannot close without a mention of our beloved Honor Guard. For me it has been one of the most rewarding and gratifying things I have done. It's the Love for our Country, and for our fellow man that drives the Spirit of the men and woman of the Honor Guard. The men and woman of this unit are the essence of Comradery, Integrity and commitment. I want to thank each and every one of them for the opportunity to be part of such a noble group of Veterans.

Till next time may my prayers and God be with you all.
 Thanks for taking the time to read the CHAPLAINS CORNER.

For prayer or helping hands call

Roger Carr 313-685-4067 or rogercarrjr64@gmail.com

I would like to extend my appreciation to Ron Vilag for taking the lead on the Trunk or Treat. Ron did an awesome job, and the event was very successful. I would also like to extend my appreciation to all the Riders, Auxiliary, Sons and Legionnaires who participated by donating candy, decorations, money and most importantly your time. Your combined efforts were instrumental in making this program a success as it was enjoyed by both the youth and adults.

We will be having the Veterans Day Raffle coming up on November 11th. By now all the legionnaires should have received their tickets in the mail. Please try to buy or sell your tickets and if you need more there are tickets available in the lounge.

If you did not receive your Veterans Day Raffle tickets or received a mailing that was missing the tickets please accept our apologies, this is all done by volunteers and sometimes mistakes are made. In any case as stated above there are tickets available in the lounge.

For members waiting on door cards the lounge does have door cards now, please see the bartender and show proof of current membership.

Dale Miller
 Jr. Vice Commander



American Legion Auxiliary

Poinsettia & Wreath Fundraiser American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217

Get in the Holiday Spirit! The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217 will be selling Holiday Poinsettias & Wreaths, starting November 1-15. There will be flyers posted at the Post with sizes and prices. The deadline line to place your order is November 15 and orders will be delivered December 2nd.

Payments will need to be made when order is placed by cash or check. Checks can be made payable to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 217.

To place your order or if you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Lawn (734-752-7802) or Ashley Holthus (313-610-1672.)

Thank You and Happy Holidays!

Flowers:

- Mini- \$7.00
- Single- \$11.00
- Double- \$20.00

Plain Wreaths:

- 12" Wreath- \$22.00
- 14" Wreath- \$27.00

Decorated Wreaths:

- 12" Wreath- \$32.00
- 14" Wreath- \$37.00

**POINSETTIA & WREATH FUNDRAISER
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 217**

Schwartz's Greenhouse is once again offering their traditional holiday poinsettia and wreath fundraiser. We have all of the favorite colors: Red and White!

The Deadline for all orders this year will be November 15th. Orders will be delivered December 2nd.

Flowers	Price
Mini (1 Plant, 3-5 Blooms)	\$7.00
Single (1 Plant, 5-7 Blooms)	\$11.00
Double (2 Plants, 8-14 Blooms)	\$20.00

Note: All prices include Gold Pot Cover.
*Remember plants are temperature sensitive keep them warm.

Fresh Door Wreaths add the finishing touch to your holiday decor.

Plain Wreaths	Finished Size	Price
12" Wreath	18" x 20"	\$22.00
14" Wreath	25" x 27"	\$27.00

Decorated Wreaths	Finished Size	Price
12" Wreath	18" x 20"	\$32.00
14" Wreath	25" x 27"	\$37.00

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Jackie Lawn or Ashley Holthus. We are looking forward to working with you to make this a joyous holiday season for all.

**SINCERELY,
THE SCHWARTZ FAMILY & ALA UNIT 217**

Hello Legion Family,

The Holiday Season is upon us and we are excited for two of our fundraisers that are approaching fast. We have been discussing many ideas at our meetings to raise funds for our Unit so that we may be successful in donating to great causes for our Veterans and community.

Please attend meetings and follow us on Facebook for information and events. Any participation is helpful and greatly appreciated.

For those of you that have sent in your renewals for dues. Thank you. We do have a new membership chairman that is diligently working on all of the renewals and new member applications that are coming in. If you have any questions or concerns please direct to Carolyn Ciungan at 734-934-3836 or ccciungan@yahoo.com.

We will need volunteers to help with shopping and wrapping of the gifts for the children's Christmas party. Please watch Facebook for available dates or contact me @ 734-576-2946.

If you have any other concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to attend a meeting or contact an officer. Please do not let them go unrecognized.

There is a lot of work behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed and is sometimes criticized; please direct thanks and praise to the hardworking individuals within our ranks that devote their time to help others and volunteer tirelessly. We are all here to celebrate our veterans, our community and families.

Please have a very safe and healthy Holiday Season and Merry Christmas to All!!

For God and Country in Service and not Self,

Cari Ann Salamon
Unit President



UNIT 217 AUXILIARY: CHILI COOK-OFF Fundraiser

(Detroit Lions vs. Cleveland Browns @ 1:00pm)

WHEN: Sunday, November 21st

WHERE: POST 217

TIME: 12:00pm-2:00pm

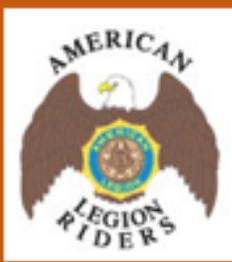
COST/ENTER: \$5 to enter your best chili.

COST/TASTE: \$5 to sample the all chili

VOTE: Taste them all and cast your vote.

Judging will take place at 2:00pm. The winner of the post 217 chili cook off, will receive a prize and will be entered to compete in the city-wide chili cook off.





American Legion Riders



It has been a busy and sad time since my last report. The riders lost a true friend and leader with the passing of Dan Fell Sr. on October 20th. Dan made such an impact on so many people's lives. He was always there to greet you with a hearty hello and make you feel welcome. Dan was one of the first members that introduced himself to me when I was a new member. I will always remember his sense of humor and his true dedication to the riders. Dan spent many hours devoting himself to his role of Ride Captain. This role included planning our trips and monthly dinners. I will truly miss Dan, bike night is going to be a little emptier without him being there. I know we will never forget him. Ride hard, ride free, until we meet again.

Grab and Run Plaque Run Update:

At last count we have 11 plaques at our Post and we are currently in 4th place, great job riders!!! If you haven't experienced a grab and run ride yet I highly encourage it. It is a great opportunity to check out other Posts, get ride miles in, and build comradery with our fellow riders across the State.

Mileage Update

At the time of this writing the rider's mileage total is 41,312 miles.

Jeff MacTavish is leading with 2938 miles.

Tied for 2nd place is Tom Heincy and Cinda "Cindra" Amore with 2722 miles. In 3rd place is Phil "Funnyman" Smalley with 2467 miles.

There is still time to organize a ride and rack up some miles...hurry before Father Winter shows his face!!!!

It's that time of year! You will be receiving your Saddle Bag of Cheer raffle tickets soon. Remember this is our biggest fundraiser so please do your part in selling the tickets. Also, we are still in need of donations to fill the saddle bags. If you feel led too, please donate a 5th of mid shelf or higher bottle of cheer. Contact Doug Williams for further information on donating.

Christmas Pub Crawl Update:

The Christmas Pub Crawl will be held on Saturday December 4th. Tickets will be available behind the bar at the Post for \$20 each.

Christmas Party Update:

This year's Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 10th at the Biddle Hall in Wyandotte. Dinner will begin at 7 P.M. doors will open around 6 for social hour. The cost will be \$35.00 per person for dinner and open bar. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Manny. Hope to see you there!

Until next time....be safe and keep the wind on your chin!!



4th Annual

VETERANS' CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Live Christmas music performance by:

The Downriver Community Band

This event is **FREE** for Veterans & a guest.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED & LIMITED.
All reservation requests must be made at
CHRIS@DOWNRIVERLAWCENTER or at
(734) 796-2727

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 4:00 P.M.

- ★ Fully Catered Dinner & Dessert Table
- ★ Colors presented by Downriver Veterans Honor Guard
- ★ Invocation by: Chaplain Bob Longlois - USAF Retired
- ★ Military Education Ceremony Presented by American Legion Post 217 Edward C Headman

DAVID P. GOHN LIFE CENTER AT 23984 GIBRALTAR ROAD, FLAT ROCK, MI



