

March 2019

THE AMERICAN LEGION

POST 179 FAMILY

Newsletter



Commander's Exclusive

Greetings members of the American Legion Neal E. Fonger Post 179. The month of February has been a very challenging. Many issues have come up and along with that there have been many rumors. I would like to start by defining what rumors/hearsay: the spreading of lies or untruths, or ("a statement or report current without known authority for its truth" Merriam-Webster). So, with that being said allow me to squash one rumor before it gets out of hand. The post and the clubroom are not the same. The American Legion does not recognize the "clubroom" as part of the legion. The Legion only recognizes the American Legion Neal E. Fonger Post 179. American Legion Post 179, Neal E. Fonger **is not being closed.**

The clubroom hours have been modified, temporarily, for restructuring and is **not closing.**

Furthermore, in the post by-laws, Article 2, Section 1 it says *"the government and management of the posts are entrusted to the "post executive committee," except that the management of the clubroom itself shall be entrusted to the clubroom committee, and the management of the real estate shall be entrusted to the building committee. Both committees shall read a written report to the membership at all post meetings. A written report shall also be submitted to the executive committee monthly, whether or not the meeting is being held"*

No where in this article does it state the commander of the post or bar manager will govern or make decisions concerning the clubroom.

Article 5 Post Management Committee in section 2: *Clubroom Committee: shall be charged to direct the operation of the posts clubroom, in accordance with the clubroom rules, and regulations which shall be adopted or reviewed, and readopted annually at the first committee meeting following the election and installation of post officers. The failure of the committee to review, and or readopt its rules as required here and shall not invalidate any rules or regulation previously adopted by the committee.*

The clubroom committee shall be composed, in part, of three (3) elected legionnaires. Also serving on this committee shall

MARCH MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting March 4 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Auxiliary Meeting March 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Legion Meeting March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Clubroom Committee Mtg. . . March 13 @ 6:30 p.m.
 Legion Riders March 24 @ 11:30 a.m.
 Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

5th District Meeting

March 14 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Post 6 (Holland)

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be one member of the S.A.L. squadron, added is one member of the Legion Riders, One member of the auxiliary unit 179, the members of this committee will each have one voice and one vote. Once again, no where does it say the commander or bar manager have one voice and one vote. Therefore, before any further rumors are spread I ask you to please take the time to read the American Legion Post 179 by-laws. If you would like a copy please email me at commander@americanlegionpost179.com and I will send it to you.

A quick reminder! Nominations of officers, committee members, and executive members are held in April. Once again I ask you to please consider your nominees carefully. They will be responsible for the operations of the post for the next fiscal year. Elections will be held in May. It is also time for the picnic committee to reconvene as the picnic will be here before we know it. The tentative date for 2019 is August 24th. The post is also in need of some volunteers (a committee) to assemble and take on the task of planning the memorial day parade and memorial for the city of Grandville.

Jesús Sanabria, Commander, Post 179
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Sons of the American Legion Commander's Exclusive

Volunteer opportunities, fish fry has a need for Wednesday morning help. Time is 8 am and takes about 1 hour. Friday night come early or later to help with clean up. Between 4 & 5 is when the fun begins. Profits are split according to hours worked. If your entity needs funds, this is a good way to boost your bank. 1st Wednesday is March 6 & 1st fish fry is March 8. Next S.A.L. meeting is March 4. Stay Safe

Bruce "Bones" Postma
 S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179

PLAY BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS
Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30

New Clubroom Hours

Starting March 18th, 2019

Sunday 12 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday - 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday & Saturday - 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.

FRIDAY'S MARCH 8TH - APRIL 19TH



All you can eat Alaskan Pollock or Smelt for -- \$10.00, children under 12 \$5.00
Single trip Chicken Tenders -- \$10.00, children under 12 \$5.00
Children under 5 free

All dinners include coleslaw, French fries and a dinner roll. Coke products for beverages

2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Walker, MI 49534

5 P.M. - 7 P.M.

In the Hall

From The Auxiliary President...

Hello fellow Auxiliary members! Winter continues but every day we march one day closer to Spring. The Auxiliary continues to march forward committed to promoting the Auxiliary Programs that support the Four Pillars.

National Security Chairman collected items for a care package that was sent to a deployed female soldier. If any of Post 179 family have a relative deployed please don't hesitate to pass their name on to us. The Auxiliary is active in supporting our veterans and currently serving soldiers. Names can be submitted to auxpres@americanlegionpost179.com.

WWII USN Veteran Doug Geib's 92nd birthday party is happening on March 9 at the post. What an outstanding milestone for a celebration! Auxiliary Unit 179 has put together a unique birthday present, pictures to come!

Our Education program is once again working with Applebee's restaurant in Grandville to fundraise for our participation with Maranda's 2019 Summer Park Party. Unit 179 is committed to promoting education and literacy to children in our community.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, high school female students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected to participate in a seven-day mock government program where they learn about civics and American government in a fast-paced, interactive program of campaigning, debating, voting, and electing mock local and state leaders. Unit 179 already has one delegate slot filled, we have a line on 3 or 4 other delegates to send to Girls State at Michigan State University. If you know of any girls currently in junior year that is interested in improving their communities, student government, or community service, please check out this <https://michalaux.org/girls-state/>.

We have Auxiliary programs: Poppy, Historian, Education submitting entries for awards at Convention in June in Kalamazoo. Good luck ladies!

As always, I will be in my patriotic hat at the legion and let's continue to support our posts events and activities because together we can accomplish great things. I can still be contacted by Facebook, Messenger, email, or smoke signal!

Sheila Manning, President, Auxiliary Unit 179

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FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

A great big shout out to the 179 Riders and our American Legion Post 179 Legion Family. The American Legion Post 179 Riders are pleased to see the commitment and support for our unified efforts to save our post!

We (the 179 Riders) are excited and pleased to report that our 5th Annual Veterans Run planning and advertising campaign has gotten off to a great start and continues in full swing. The American Legion Riders Post 179 and the Veterans in our community thank you all for your continued support. We invite all Post 179 Legion Family members to please take one of our Sponsorship Invitation Packets from the clubroom to share with anyone that may want to sponsor of this years ride. Donations can also be made on-line at www.americanlegionpost179.com/riders. Please take one of our Run Fliers from the clubroom and share with other American Legion posts that you may visit over the next few months.

We are also pleased to report that thanks to the 179 American Legion Family support for our Build-A-Burger project has resulted in additional clubroom hours for Sundays. Your continued support for this fundraising project is needed to justify this experiment. FYI all profits from this project go to the support of the post. Thank You in advance to everyone for their continued support! Please join in our good will towards veterans in our community!

Jerry Wasson, Riders Director, Post 179
jerry.179riders@gmail.com

Cornhole League #2 starts March 27th 6:30 p.m.

This 6 week league, Every Wednesday is open to the community. Registration fee is \$20/team per week. You can register online through the FB event or contact Scott Pennell at 616-460-7042.

THE 6 PAK



SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30

SHOW STARTS AT
6:00 P.M.

COVER \$5.00

