

FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

IMPORTANT DATES

Reptile Show - May 2 @ 9 AM – 3 PM
S.A.L. Meeting - May 3 @ 7:00 PM
Cinco De Mayo Party - May 5 @ Clubroom
AUX Meeting - May 10 @ 6:30 PM
Legion Meeting - May 11 @ 7:00 PM
Coin Show - May 15 @ 9 AM – 3 PM
Blessing of the Bikes - May 15 in Baldwin
Post 179 Birthday - May 18 @ ALL DAY
Metal and Beer - May 18 @ 6 – 9:00 PM
Post 179 Birthday Bash - May 22
Riders Meeting - May 30 @ 12:30 PM
Karaoke - Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Trivia of the Minds - Fridays @ 7:00 PM

FROM THE COMMANDER...

They Say April Showers Bring May Flowers and this month has certainly had its share of both ends of the spectrum of sunshine and cold. Per the By Laws of the Neal E. Fonger Post 179, April nominations for post positions took place on April 13th at the regular Legion meeting we had a good turnout. May 11th we will be holding elections. Nominations were as follows:

Commander - Patrick Burns

1st Vice Commander - Hank Longoria

2nd Vice Commander - David Vandenberg

Finance Officer - Ricardo Millet

Chaplain - Ron Wind

Historian - Jon Morren

Sergeant at Arms - Randy Wierenga

Adjutant - Katie Potter

Judge Advocate - Jerry Costen

Service Officer - Lois Parker

I encourage you to come to meetings held by your respective groups to find out more about what is going on at the post and submit your name for consideration to fill the many positions each entity requires.

May 18th will mark the 90th birthday of the first meeting that was held to discuss the founding of our post. We are planning a get together that Wednesday with a trip to the Grandville cemetery and a large party on May 22nd. The post can only get better with your involvement. Have a safe and peaceful spring!

Patrick J Burns, Commander, Post 179
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Don't Forget – Karaoke on Wednesdays and Trivia on Fridays!

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER

Fish Fry 2021 was successful this year despite the Governors lockdown. Thank you to all the Post 179 members who participated in making this a success. Looking forward to Fish Fry 2022 when we will hopefully be able to open at FULL capacity. See you for Fish Fry 2022 starting on Friday March 4, 2022.

SAL members, we need more of you to volunteer to help at Fish Fry. You don't have to commit to the full 7 weeks but if we could get more members to attend 3 or 4 of the Fridays and spread these out over the 7 weeks it would make the workload better for those who have been coming. Come to a monthly SAL meeting on the first Monday of the month to find out more about the volunteer opportunities available during the Annual Fish Fry at the Post.

Don't forget to join in all the Fun during the Cinco de Mayo celebration that is being sponsored by the clubroom on May 5. Final nominations and elections for SAL officers will be held at the May meeting which will be held on Monday, May 3. Attend this meeting to find out more about being involved with your group. Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM - our next meeting will be Monday, June 7.

Roger Meyers, SAL Commander, Post 179
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Come to our first ever Metal and Beer Event to commemorate Post 179's Birthday on May 18th from 6-9 PM! \$40 includes Flag, appetizer, and a drink. See the bartender to sign up.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello fellow Auxiliary members! Hoping April showers will bring May flowers. May also brings installation of Unit 179 officers, so come to the monthly meeting to congratulate your 2021-2022 officers.

The Chaplain's Workshop is coming up and will be on Saturday May 15th, from 9:00 - 1:30 **online**. Please contact me to get instructions on how to join. May 18th is the 5th District meeting held in person at the Caledonia Post. May 18th is also Post 179's birthday! There will be a metal flag painting at the post. \$40 includes sign and the paint, one drink, an appetizer, and happy hour pricing. Sign up in the clubroom. Post 179's 90th Birthday Bash Celebration will happen on Saturday May 22. Keep an eye out for more information.

As of this writing I do not know about flag placing on graves for Memorial Day or Memorial Day Parade for Grandville. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page or contact me closer to Memorial Day. June meeting on June 14th will be our last monthly meeting until September. Come and join the Auxiliary year end celebration. I can still be contacted by Facebook, Messenger, email, or smoke signal!

Sheila Manning, Auxiliary President, Unit 179
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Auxiliary Members during the first Kid's Day

FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

It's finally riding season! We will be having our Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 19th at noon. Everyone is invited to participate in the different events we are having. Two new members joined this month so look out for some more Riders to add to our team. The Blessing of the Bikes on April 25th was cancelled; however it has been rescheduled to May 15th in Baldwin, Michigan.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 30th at 12:30 PM. We encourage all Riders to come out and join us for the meeting and ride afterwards. Be safe and be courteous!

Bones Postma, Director of the Riders, Post 179
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In Loving Remembrance:

**Glenn Dys
Fred O'Rear
James Monroe**

Memorial for James Monroe

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