



Commander's Exclusive

Hello, American Legion Post 179 members! Some of us have just returned from convention where we all learned a lot and we are excited to bring what we learned back to the post. If you have never been to convention I strongly encourage it. The 2019-2020 Department Commander is Mr. Barry Wood and he is going to lead the state of Michigan into the next 100 years of our great organization. Congratulations to Mr. Dan Cooper and Mrs. Jena Wilmers for being elected as the 5th District Commander and Sr. Vice Commander.

At the 10 day meeting I presented a strategic plan to the officers who were in attendance and I wanted to share some updates. (I have asked the Adjutant to post the plan on our website so everyone can view it. If you have questions please feel free to reach out.)

♦ **Membership:** The Adjutant has been working with the officers of the post to call every Legion member we have phone numbers on file for a buddy check. This effort has already commenced and each member will receive a call soon. The post will also be looking to do a post revitalization in October, to reach out to the 225 members in our area. The fireworks tent has also been used as a recruiting tool. Several applications for the legion have been

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JULY MEETING DATES

- S.A.L. Meeting July 1 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary Meeting No meeting
- Legion Meeting July 9 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Clubroom Committee Mtg. . . . July 24 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Legion Riders July 28 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

5th District Meetings

July 11 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Post 6 (Holland)

EVENTS

Fireworks Sale Fundraiser thru July 6th in the Meijer parking lot Lake MI Dr./Wilsonpg. 7

JULY

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SEPTEMBER

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NOVEMBER

- 11 - Veterans Day.....TBA
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handed out to our customers.

- ◆ **Training:** A new member orientation class has been created and will be provided quarterly to all entities/ members of the post. The post is working with the district to hold leadership classes at the post for our officers. The Commander, Finance Officer, and Adjutant have created binders with in-depth information about the positions to be passed along to their successors.
- ◆ **Rebranding:** The post is currently rebranding itself. As you may have noticed you have seen Walker, MI a lot more of our advertising. The post is located in Walker and our goal is to connect with the community and get more involved. Thank you to the efforts of the Adjutant and The Legion Riders, the post was able to participate in the Walker Memorial Day Parade to start this effort.
- ◆ **Partnership:** Harry S. Truman said “It’s amazing what you can accomplish if you don’t care who gets the credit.” I would to ask the Post 179 family to start working with one another on The American Legion programs such as the Boys & Girls State, the Oratorical Contest, and Student Trooper.
- ◆ **Programs:** The Adjutant is currently waiting on the deadlines and updated information on the legion programs. The Legion is going to be focusing on Boys State this year to get at least one candidate. If we are able to send more that would be wonderful but we have to start somewhere. We are continuing our efforts with quarterly blood drives and the planning for the Veterans Day Student Education Program is in full swing by the committee.
- ◆ **Communication:** One of the goals for communication is to establish a Public Relations Committee. I would like to ask for volunteers at this time to serve on this committee.
- ◆ **Finances:** Due to the resignation of the elected Finance Officer a new Finance Officer has been elected and will be able to give a report at the meeting.
- ◆ **Oversight Committee:** I will be naming the individuals for this committee by August 31st, 2019. This committee will meet two times annually; in the Fall and Spring to review, investigate, and make recommendations pertaining to the strategic plan.

I hope by providing this update everyone is aware that we are working to reach our goals for the upcoming year. Every member is invited to the Commander Coffee Hour on July 13th, 2019 from 8 a.m to 9 a.m. There is no agenda just a good conversation with members about what matters to the post.

Lastly, Congratulations to Deb Weatherbee who will be installed as the next 5th District Auxiliary President. If you see her in the clubroom be sure to tell her congratulations.



Jesús Sanabria, Commander, Post 179
Commander@AmericanLegionPost179.com



Sons of the American Legion Commander's Exclusive

The SAL College Scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 Academic Year will be available August 1, 2019. They must be returned to the Commander of the SAL by August 31, 2019 for consideration.

Summer is here so enjoy the warm weather and don't forget to wear your Sunscreen, we didn't have much of a spring to get a good base for the summer.

Don't forget the post picnic coming up in August. You can renew your membership for 2020 at the picnic and avoid the Year End rush for renewal. See you all at the picnic on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM and our next meeting will be Monday, July 1 at 7PM. The August meeting will be Monday, August 5, at 7PM.

Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179
SalComm@AmericanLegionPost179.com

Clubroom Hours

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

Monday & Tuesday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday - 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday - 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

Greetings! I want to start off by thanking each and every one of our riders, supporters, and volunteers for a most excellent ride...even though the weather didn't cooperate very well. Clothes were wetter than they should have been, but spirits remained high. It'll be a ride to remember!

As I promised in last month's newsletter, I want to personally thank the following for your volunteering for this year's ride: Ken Walsworth, Chris Finch, Robert Kaminski, Tom Dean, Xavier Hoekstra,, Mike Bearss, Adam Hamilton, John and Sue Potter, Roger Meyers, Payten Brower, Laurie Nykamp, TJ, Judy Fish, Cindy Geers, Dan Petty, Mike Abercrombie, Chris Littlechild, Eloise Siekirk, Dave Dekkinga, and Eileen Rios. Without you, it wouldn't have been as successful. (I apologize for any misspellings.)

I also want to personally thank Sweet Jonny Knox, Jena Wilmers, and Mindy for your assistance and support as well.

The Riders will be riding and collecting plaques throughout the summer and fall. We encourage all to join us--even if you don't have a bike. We always have a great time.

Jerry Wasson, Riders Director, Post 179
Director@AmericanLegionPost179.com

Dear Neal,

Fonger Q & A

Q: What is the status of the "Open to the Public" License?

A: The post can not obtain the license because the city of Walker requires a seating capacity of 125 and our clubroom currently has a capacity of 70. Extensive renovations of the current facility would have to take place before the city would vote to approve this effort. There was an option for a waiver but the city would only allow the capacity to be dropped to 100.



ATTENTION!! MUST ATTEND FOR ALL GUN OWNERS!!

We at **Michigan Firearms ETS** are proud to be partnering with **U.S. Law Shield** and excited to announce that we will be sponsoring a



Firearms / Self Defense Law Seminar!

Come join us on **July 24th from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Grandville American Legion Post #179 – 2327 Wilson Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534** for this incredible event that is a **must attend for all gun owners!**

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From The Auxiliary President...

Hello fellow Auxiliary members! The Department Convention has just passed. The Fifth District was number one in membership for the state of Michigan at 97.92%. The district also did well with awards. For Unit 179 we won awards in Education, National Security and Historian. Every unit's longest years of membership was also recognized.

Maranda's Park Party for June 13 was cancelled due to rain and high winds. We are going to participate in the last Park Party at Garfield Park on July 25 at Noon – 2:00pm. On

Don't forget that our own Deb Weatherbee is being installed as Fifth District President at Post 179 on Tuesday August 13! It's a dessert meeting so we will have dessert at 6:30 and meeting will start at 7:00

I hope everyone has a safe and fantastic summer we will have our meeting September 9 starting at 6:30. If you haven't been to a meeting, come and reconnect and see what the unit will be tackling in the new year!

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*
AuxPres@AmericanLegionPost179.com



District President Instillation



Congratulations to **Deb Weatherbee** as she will be installed as Department of Michigan, 5th District President! Join us for her instillation at Post 179 on Tuesday, August 13 . The last time Unit 179 had a District President was over 60 years ago. Let Post 179 show our pride and support to our incoming 2019-2020 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Michigan, 5th District President.



Exclusive to businesses and nonprofits, the Gordon GO! rewards program is our way of saying 'thank you for your patronage'. We value your contributions and want you to earn rewards for doing what you're already doing: shopping with us regularly.

Did you know you letting the cashier know at checkout you want your points to be added to the American Legion Post 179 points total? Doing this helps us reach our point goal of 96,000 points which the post can cash in for a \$1,000 donation from Gordon Foods!

**FAMILY
FARE
SUPERMARKETS**

Shopping at Family Fare can help you give back to Post 179. All you have to do is turn in your receipt after your shopping trip and VIOLA!
Once the post has collected \$150,000 in receipt totals we can turn them into Family Fare for a \$1,000 donation!



★ LEARN HOW TO PLAY ★
EUCHRE
 JULY 18, 2019
6:30 PM IN THE CLUBROOM
 2327 WILSON AVE. SW., WALKER, MI 49534
 616-453-9861



AMERICAN LEGION POST 179
 FUNDRAISING EVENT

September 14th, 2019

EUCHRE DUEL

50/50's

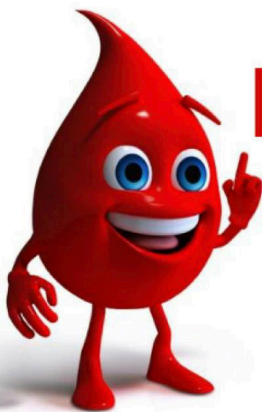
REGISTRATION 5 P.M.

\$20 Entry | 6 P.M. Start

Pizza & Beer Included



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 179
 2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Walker 49534
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Blood Drive!

2pm-7:45pm

THURSDAY, JULY 25TH, 2019

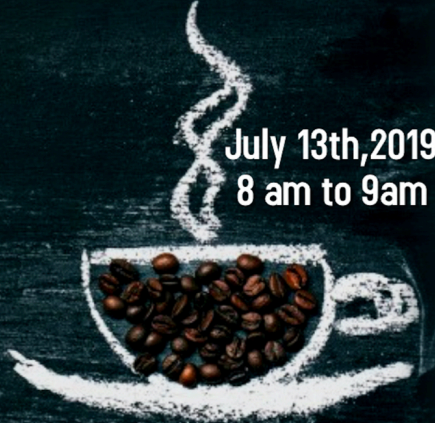
To make your appointment
 Register online at redcrossblood.org keyword: post179gr
 or Call Jena at 231-629-1274

In the Hall

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COMMANDER'S COFFEE HOUR

July 13th, 2019
8 am to 9am



EVERY CUP COUNTS

 American Legion Post 179
Walker, MI

JOIN THE COMMANDER
FOR A CUP OF
COFFEE AT THE POST

NO AGENDA, JUST A CONVERSATION
WITH MEMBERS ABOUT WHAT
MATTERS TO THE POST



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2327 WILSON AVE. SW.
WALKER, MI 49534



*All Alone
And
Somewhere
To Go*

2019 Deer Hunters' Widows' Party

*A
Good Time
Is in Sight*

Friday, November 15

Details to Come!

Featuring the music of Sweet Jonny Knox

THE AMERICAN LEGION NEAL E. FONGER POST 179 2327 WILSON AVENUE WALKER, MI 49534

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12:00 PM - 5:00PM
American Legion Post 179

Picnic

SATURDAY **BRING A DISH TO PASS**
AUG 24

RAFFLES ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ GAMES
Let's have fun together!



Support your local Veteran's
FIREWORKS SALE

JUNE 26 - JULY 6TH, 2019

9 AM - 10 PM
 American Legion Post 179
 Annual Fundraiser

Meijer Parking Lot
 315 Wilson Ave SW,
 Walker, MI 49534

10% Veteran Discount



July 9th, 2019 @ 6:00PM

ORIENTATION

You're a member, so what now?? This orientation will help explain what your membership is all about and answer all the questions that you might have.

We like to call it "The 179", we will explain the benefits of membership and you'll learn how you can get involved in the many programs, events, and opportunities available at American Legion Post 179.



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In the Lower Hall



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BUILD-A-BURGER

Sunday



12p - 3p
While
Supplies
Last

American Legion Post 179

616-453-9861
2327 Wilson Ave. Sw., Walker, MI 49534

New Happy Hour Every Hour

HAPPY Hour

EVERY SUNDAY 12p - 9p

DICE ROLLED
SPECIALS

- 1 - \$1 Draft Beer
- 2 - \$2 Wine/Canned Beer
- 3 - \$3 You call it's
- 4 - Bartender's Choice
- 5 - Regular Price
- 6 - Roll Again

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Monday

\$1.50 HOT DOGS | \$2 POLISH DOGS



\$2.25 16oz BEERS

BUD LIGHT, MILLER LITE, COORS LIGHT, COORS, BUDWEISER, BUSCH LIGHT

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\$2.00
Hard or Soft Shell Tacos

TACO

TUESDAY

\$5.50 Small Burrito
\$6.50 Large Burrito
\$11.00 MEGA MARGARITAS

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Walker, MI 49534

WEDNESDAY

Ladies NIGHT Out

Cosmopolitan

Absolut Citron, Triple sec, Lime juice, Cranberry Juice

Pink Punk Cosmo

Vodka, Pineapple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Lime, poured over cotton candy

Chocolate Martini

Frangelico, Baileys, Vodka, Chocolate syrup drizzle, and cherry

Orange Creamsicle

Smirnoff Vanilla and Orange Soda topped with whipped cream

Morning Dew

Malibu, Midori, Blue Curacao, Pineapple juice, Sour mix, and a splash of Sprite

Fruit Punch

Captain, Malibu, Peachtree, Pineapple Juice, poured over strawberry puree



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THIRSTY THURSDAY

LONG BEACH

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Triple Sec, OJ, Splash of cranberry

LONG ISLAND

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Triple Sec, Sour mix, splash of coke

ISLAND JUICE

Vodka, Gin, Rum, Triple sec, Blue Curacao, Sour, Sprite

PURPLE RAIN

Vodka, Rum, Blackberry Brandy, Blue Curacao, Sprite

GREEN BEAVER

Smirnoff Cherry, Malibu, Christian Brothers, Triple Sec, Blue Curacao, Lemonade, Red Bull

MORNING DEW

Malibu, Blue Curacao, Midori, Pineapple Juice, Sour Mix, Sprite

NAVY SEAL

Gin, Blue Curacao, Lemon Slices, Margarita Mix

MEGA BLOODY MARY

Vodka, Bloody Mary Mix, Worcestershire, Pepper, Celery, Olives

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



Bud Light, Miller Lite, Coors Light, Busch Light

\$5 Chicken Strips & Fries

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\$5 PITCHERS OF BEER ON THURSDAYS

(Excludes Craft Beers)

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