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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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## MAY MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting ..... May 7 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Meeting ..... May 8 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Auxiliary Meeting ..... May 14 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Legion Riders ..... May 20 @ 11:30 a.m.  
Boy Scouts ..... Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## FROM THE ADJUTANT . . .

Election of Legion Officers for 2018-2019 and installation will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 1900 hours.

The following Legionnaires have been nominated:

Commander: Scott Mullarkey

1st Vice Commander: Jesus Sanabria

2nd Vice Commander: OPEN

Finance Officer: Scott Mullarkey

Judge Advocate: Jerry Costen

Chaplain: Ray Groendyk, Jesus Sanabria

Historian: OPEN

Sergeant at Arms: Randy Wierenga

Service Officer: Lois Parker, Jim Hause

Executive Committee: Tom Mullaney, Jerry Costen, Bill Greiner, Jesus Sanabria

(Three positions for At Large Members)

Clubroom Committee: Jerry Costen, Glenn Dys, Brian Beatty, Trevor Iler, Marene VanFarowe

(Three openings) (1 yr, 2yr, & 3 yr term)

Building Committee: OPEN (One opening: 3 yr term)

Nominations will be open once again just prior to the Election on May 8. Please exercise your privilege as a member of Post 179 by attending this important meeting & voting for the candidates of your choice.

## E-MAILING YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

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Editor

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

It has been an honor and privilege to be the president of this great unit. Unit 179 has accomplished a lot of really wonderful things the past two years. Thank you to all of the officers, chairmen and members for all your hard work and support. With a lot of thought and prayers, I have decided to move up and have been endorsed by this unit to run for Second Vice President for the American Legion Auxiliary 5th District.

It is a pleasure to announce our new officers for 2018-19.

President: Sheila Manning

First Vice President: Susan Wagner

Second Vice President: Julie Postma

Secretary: Susan Potter

Treasurer: Ruth Buist

Chaplain: Sally Cole

Historian: Linda Sanabria

Sgt-at-Arms: Diane Hamilton

Parliamentarian: Phyllis Timm

Executive Board: Debbie Weatherbee, Phyllis Timm, Judy Holzgen, Sally Cole

Please congratulate the officers for 2018-19!

We have some members who have not paid their 2018 dues and we would like to ask if you have not paid your 2018 dues to please pay them. 2018 dues are \$25.00.

Just a reminder – the 2019 dues are being increased to \$30.00.

The Auxiliary is asking for your help of donating **travel size** items to make 50 hygiene bags for the Veteran Stand Down Event on June 15, 2018. Please place items in the Red Bucket in the clubroom or bring them to the May meeting. Items needed are: shampoo, rinse, deodorant, hand cream, body lotion, mouthwash, Q-Tips, floss, small Kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes and small bars of soap. Thank you for your kindness and donations.

**Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179**



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## MAY 2018 CALENDAR DAILY SPECIALS

**Sunday: \$5 Meal Deal:** Meal of the day with 1 Well Drink or 12 oz. Can of Beer

**Sunday, May 6:** Coral Swap Meet, 12 - 4 p.m.

**Sunday, May 13:** Grand Rapids Reptile Show 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

**Sunday, May 20:** Pancake Breakfast, 9a.m.-12 p.m.

**Monday Madness:** 16 oz. Beer \$2.25 / Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

**Monday, May 21:** Poker Room opens

**Taco Tuesday:** Free Pool / \$1.50 Margaritas / Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00 / Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50 / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

**Well Wednesday:** \$2.00 Well Drinks / Chicken Teriyaki Sandwich \$4.00 / **Karaoke 6-10 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 25:** Corn Hole Tournament, 6-10 p.m.

**Thirsty Thursday:** \$1.00 Drafts (Excludes Tap A & B)

**Thursday, May 24:** Wine & Canvas, 6:30 p.m.

**Red Shirt Friday:** Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops / Bingo, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 11:** Bike Night

**Saturday, May 5:** Job Fair 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. / Cinco De Mayo party (Open to the Public)

**Saturday, May 12:** Veterans' Benefit Fair / Max & Stone 7-11 p.m.

**Saturday, May 19:** Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Saturday, May 26:** Larry Turbeek Karaoke 6 - 10 p.m.

### HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M. MONDAY-FRIDAY!

*Happy Hour is real time, not bar time*

**\$5.00** Pitchers / **\$2.00** Well Shot & Pop /

**\$2.00** Glass of Wine / **\$2.00** 16 oz. Miller Lite, 16 oz. Coors, 16 oz. Coors Light, 16 oz. Bud & 16 oz. Bud Light

## FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

I'd like to say we're going to get the bikes out and get some plaques, but as I write this, there's a steady December-like snowfall outside my window. Soon, my friends, soon. With that being said, another month has come and gone and we're that much closer to the ride. Now is the time to follow up with the sponsorship packets you distributed to see if they want to join our cause (but it's not too late to distribute more!). If you are, or know of someone who used to be, a rider then please reach out to them to come back. We're doing a lot of good things this year for a lot of good people. As always, keep the shiny side up and your knees in the breeze.

*Trevor, Stator, Director ALR 179*

**CLUBROOM HOURS:** Sunday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.

## PLAY BINGO

*Please come to the Post to play Bingo*

**TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS**

**Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30**

**Proceeds are used to help Veterans**

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## FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

S.A.L. members, the first round of nominations were held at the April meeting. Final nominations and voting will occur at the May meeting held on Monday, May 7, 2018. Come out and be a more active member of your organization.

The thank you party for the Fish Fry volunteers was a very quiet evening of relaxing for those volunteers who had spent a number of hours successfully working the 2018 Fish Fry. We did have one little mistake with the delivery of the Pizza and Wings, but once we found out that the food was on the way we had dessert first (after all, life is short) and then enjoyed some great Pizza and Wings when they arrived. We do want to thank the owner of DJ's Pizza of Hudsonville for his delivery of the food for the evening and the fact that, due to it being late, he did not charge for the food that evening. Wonderful customer service was received.

Don't forget that the S.A.L. will be working the Sunday breakfast on May 20 from 9 to Noon. We will be in need of about 6 volunteers, so contact me if you are able to help out.

Remember that the S.A.L. meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and our next meeting will be Monday, May 7, 2018. The June meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018.

*Roger Meyers, S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179*

## SAVE THE DATE:

11/10 – Marine Corps Birthday Gala

## VETERANS BENEFIT FAIR

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 • 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

*This event is a gathering of service providers and service officers from the local area who provide services to Veterans and their families.*

*All Veterans, of all eras, are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the benefits they have earned by serving our country.*

**Call 477-4651 if you have questions**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, May 20 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**ADULTS – \$7.00 • 10 & UNDER – \$3.00**

Everyone is welcome to join us at Post 179 for a breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links and potato cubes! We will also be serving apple juice, water and coffee.