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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

The month of November was a great success. Therefore, I would like to thank all the members of the Post who worked very hard to make it a success.

- We celebrated the Founder's day birthday party.
- We also brought back the U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter, and students from the surrounding schools.
- Involved in operation facelift. Operation facelift was put in place by the Auxiliary; they were instrumental in starting Sunday breakfast to raise money for the Post.
- We celebrated the Marine Corps birthday party.
- For the first time, we celebrated the hunter's widow party.

These were a few of many events that have taken place in November. I'm proud of the few members who took the time out to help organize and plan these events. To all the members who have worked hard, thank you very much.

I know that there are more members out there who want to serve and be a part of this great Post, but are not sure of where they might fit in. Come to the family meeting on December 6 at 7 p.m. and ask where you can help out.

Reminder – the post-development team will be here on December 15 at 9 a.m.

In December we will have a raffle, starting with a boy's bike for \$10 tickets. And then we will have a girl's bike raffle for \$10 a ticket. The Post will have a different item every week until Christmas.

We will also sell tickets for the New Year's Eve party. See the bartender for details or go on Facebook – facebook.com/AmericanLegionNealEFongerPost179.

A calendar of events for the Post will be coming soon.

Jesús Sanabria, Commander, Post 179



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

New Year's Eve Tickets are for sale now in the clubroom and online. Tickets are \$30/person. Ticket Includes Dinner, Entertainment, Draft Beer, Champagne, Party Favors, and a Cash bar! Dinner catered by Distinctive Catering, & Entertainment by Two to Tango. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Open to the Public.

**CLUBROOM
HOURS:**

Sunday & Monday: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Thursday: CLOSED
Friday & Saturday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.
The Post will be closed December 24 & 25

DECEMBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting	December 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
Family Meeting	December 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting	December 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting	December 11 @ 7:00 p.m.
Clubroom Committee Mtg.	December 12 @ 6:30 p.m.
Legion Riders	December 16 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts	Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Greetings, fellow Auxiliary members! As our unit is getting our mid-year reports ready for submission, I am reminded of just how active our unit is! I want to acknowledge everyone who has dedicated energy and time to our many projects. THANK YOU LADIES, YOU ROCK!!

Monthly meetings will meet at 6:30 p.m. on a trial period. December's meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, and is our potluck, gift exchange (under \$10), I hear we may even have games.

Our Dictionary Project to the entire third grade class at Jenison Public Schools was a success! Special thanks to all who helped pass out the books. Join us at January's meeting, on January 14 at 6:30, to see pictures and details that happened at the distribution.

Please keep up on events and volunteer opportunities in our newsletter, Post website, and the Unit's Facebook page. The new year is shaping up to bring new opportunities to develop and grow our programs. It's amazing to see the new directions we can go and what we can accomplish together!

I will continue to wear the patriotic hat at the Post events. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns, I will do my best to resolve issues or I will find out the answers. You can always contact me via email, Facebook Messenger or even smoke signal!

I want to wish all members and families of Unit 179 a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Sheila Manning, President, Auxiliary Unit 179
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INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

**When Grandville Schools close due to weather,
Neal Fonger will cancel meetings and Bingo will be closed.**



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DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR & DAILY SPECIALS

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

Sunday, December 2: Craft and Vendor Show, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. / Clubroom closes at 6 p.m.

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

Monday, December 24: Post is closed

Monday, December 31: New Year's Eve Party, Starts at 5:30 p.m. – Open to the Public

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. (No Bingo December 25 or January 1)

Tuesday, December 25: Post is closed – Merry Christmas!

Well Wednesday: \$2.00 Well Drinks / Chicken Teriyaki Sandwich \$4.00 / **Karaoke 6-10 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: Comfort Food Lunch at the Post, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. / Team Trivia, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8: Children's Christmas Party, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. / GVSU Student Veterans of America Fundraiser, starting at 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 15: Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR 3-6 P.M.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & 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

THANK YOU FROM THE AUXILIARY . . .

A big thanks to Ed Corner for providing the bags for our Kids Christmas Party Candy Bag project this year. We really appreciate your donation! Thanks to those who buy the candy bags, also!

DUES NOTICE

**If your 2019 dues are not paid by January 1,
you will no longer be a member.
Don't let yourself down – Renew your dues now!**

NEWSLETTER NOTICE . . .

Your Legion Post #179 is trying to cut expenses in order to be financially solvent. Your monthly newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed effective January 01, 2019. This cut will save your Legion Post approximately \$4200.00 annually. If you receive your newsletter by email, please be sure to update your email addresses, as the newsletter will still be emailed to you. Please send us your email address if we do not have one for you. You can update and/or sign up for your newsletter to be emailed to you by going to our website: americanlegionpost179.com

The newsletter can also be viewed on our website. If you still prefer having your newsletters mailed to your home address you will be required to pay a \$25.00 subscription fee annually to offset the cost with a check payable to American Legion Post #179. Minimum copies of the newsletter will still be available in the Clubroom. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Marene M. Van Farowe, Interim Finance Officer

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

Hopefully all of you hunters had a successful season.

The Fish Fry is in the planning stages. There will be multiple volunteer opportunities during this fundraiser. It begins March 8 and runs through April 19. The profits are distributed among all entities according to hours worked.

Operation Facelift is beginning phase 1 soon. This is funded by the monthly Sunday Brunch. Please support this project so phase 2 can become a reality.

Don't forget to get your dues paid by January 1st. If you don't, you will not be a member.

December meeting is December 3 and January's is January 7th at 7 p.m. Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all.

Bruce "Bones" Postma

S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179

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www.americanlegionpost179.com

facebook.com/AmericanLegionNealEFongerPost179

CLUBROOM NOTES . . .

The clubroom is closing at 6 p.m. December 2, and the Post will be closed December 24 & 25.

Team Trivia is back on Fridays! Come and share all your knowledge from 7:30 - 9:30!

Comfort Food Fridays 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. – a delicious taste of home cooking for lunch, offered by many of our very own fabulous cooks. Selections will be sloppy joes to goulash to beef stew to chicken fajitas to tasty desserts. Donations for these meals will be greatly appreciated.

December 8, 3 p.m. GVSU Student Veterans of America Fundraiser at the Post. Come out and watch the Army/Navy Game.

The clubroom is looking for donations for an LED TV for the clubroom. The plan is for this TV to replace the Announcement TV. If you have any questions please reach out to Jena at jena@americanlegionpost179.com.

PLAY BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS
Sales start at 9:30 · Play starts at 10:30
No Bingo December 25 & January 1

FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

Greetings from your Rider Director, Jerry Wasson. It has certainly been a busy and productive fourth quarter 2018 here at the Post! There are so many new projects started and completed. It has been great to see our Post alive with optimism and new activity. We need to focus our attention on what we can do as individuals and as an entity to ensure this positive feeling of support and volunteering will continue. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 16th, at 11:30. We are holding elections and would appreciate everyone's attendance so his/her voice can be heard as to who they want as officers. After elections, there will be a Potluck Holiday Celebration. Please bring a dish to pass. There are no other Rider-sponsored events in December. However, please join your fellow Riders in enthusiastic support of our Post by attending the 179's New Year's Eve Party and fundraiser. Let us all join together in fellowship to make this event a huge success and start the 2019 year-long American Legion Centennial Celebration with enthusiastic optimism. Happy Holidays to you all and God bless.

Jerry Lee Wasson, Riders Director

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