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FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

June, 2021

FROM THE COMMANDER...

June has finally arrived bringing sunshine, blue skies, and a bright future at Post 179. I would like to take time to thank all the volunteers that came out to the Grandville cemetery on May 22nd to help with the Flag-in ceremonies. We had approximately 10 from our post and 35-40 Cub / Boy Scouts. It was a very somber and respectful day. Please take time to remember those members we have lost and those that are sick.

Each day I visit the post I am more and more impressed with our members and their willingness to help and support Post 179. The Cinco De Mayo party on May 5th was a great success. Special thanks to Dave Overholt for supplying us with the band Twister, and Jenn Razzoog, Roger Meyers, Ron Wind, and all that helped serve the food. Thanks also Jerry Costen for manning the Bar.

Our 90th Birthday bash Painting the Metal flags on the 18th was a big hit, special thanks to Scott Pennell for making that event happen. Thanks to Sue and John Potter for the 90th Birthday display of Neal E. Fonger. The shotgun raffle was also a big success; special thanks to Jerry DeGood for his gracious donation and to Julie Postma for her donation of the amazing quilt. More raffles and fun are in our future.

As we move into a new month, we will be ordering new flags for the post and adding flags from all the branches of the military. We are planning a post cleanup day on the 19th of June starting at Noon and are looking for volunteers to help around the post both inside and out. We will be providing Free hot dogs, chips, and pop for all the volunteers.

The post picnic will be held sometime in August and your input on events and ideas for food would help make this picnic more successful than last year. We will be holding fundraising events to make some improvements to the post including new barstools, new chairs, and lighting for the big hall.

I encourage you to come to meetings held by your respective groups to find out more about what is going



First ever Metal and Beer- Happy Birthday Post 179!

on at the post and submit your name for consideration to fill the many positions each entity requires. The post can only get better with your involvement. Have a safe and peaceful summer!

Patrick J Burns, Commander, Post 179
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FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER

Elections were held at the May meeting. Stop in at the next meeting to congratulate and find out how you can support your SAL officers, the SAL, and your Post. If you missed the Cinco-de Mayo activities at the Post, you missed a lot of fun! We also celebrated a milestone birthday this past month and more fun was had by all who were in attendance.

Summer is here so with all your summer activities stop by the clubroom and support the Post. Remember that SAL meetings are held on the First Monday of the month at 7:00 PM except for next month in July when we will hold the meeting on Monday July 12, due to the Fourth of July being on Sunday and a lot of companies will have the day off on Monday July 5. The August meeting will be held on Monday August 2, 2021.

Roger Meyers, SAL Commander, Post 179
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FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

AUX President Sheila Manning is in the ICU at Spectrum Butterworth battling Covid 19. Please pray for her and her family as she recovers.

AUX is launching a Rada Cutlery fundraiser in June. Catalogs and order forms are available in the Clubroom or from Sue Potter (616-350-5456). Orders can also be placed online at:

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=5756094.538a04>. Monthly orders will be placed, and orders will be delivered ASAP in the Clubroom or from Sue Potter. Funds raised will be used to support our Legion and our veteran programs as we promote Americanism in our community.

We will be having a Potluck dinner at our June 14 meeting at 6:30. Julie Postma our AUX Quilting Queen will be displaying twelve beautiful quilts we will be donating to Wilwin Lodge this summer. Sally Cole and other members worked on quilt tops during the year for this AUXIE project. Thankyou Julie!

Since we will not be meeting until September, at our June meeting we will be planning our support for Rada Cutlery sales, Bingo, Post Picnic in August, Fall Craft Show, Veterans Day Program in November, the Christmas Party for our Legion children, and supporting veteran activities. Many prayers for Sheila.

Sue Potter, Auxiliary Secretary, Unit 179

FROM THE 179 RIDERS...

Summer riding season is finally upon us! We have a lot planned for the Riders this year so mark your calendars. August 21st we are hosting a Riders Rodeo, with events like: Whisky barrel roll with your bike, Slowest rider race, Winnie Bite, and many more. We have invited many other Legion Riders groups and hope you will all turn out to support the home Team of 179.

We have added new members to the riders and brought back some old timers with the experience we need to be successful. We have a lot of rides planned to start and end at the post with other posts involved. Riders are committed to the prosperity of the Post and its members.

A few of the Riders are going to Ride to Sault St Marie for the Legion Summer meeting July 8, 9, 10. We will represent the post with dignity and honor. The Riders are here to support the Post and its mission. If you have any questions, please send emails to:

Riders@americanlegionpost179.com

IMPORTANT DATES

S.A.L. Meeting.....June 7 @ 7:00 PM
Legion Meeting..... June 8 @ 7:00 PM
Coin Show.....June 12 @ 9 AM – 3 PM
AUX Meeting/Potluck.....June 14 @ 6:30 PM
Coin Show.....June 12 @ 9 AM – 3 PM
Bottle Club Meeting.....June 13@ Post 179
Army's 246th Birthday.....June 14
Post Cleanup.....June 19 @ 12 PM
Stamp Show.....June 19 @ Post 179
Riders Meeting.....June 27 @ 12:30 PM
Karaoke.....Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Trivia of the Minds.....Fridays @ 7:00 PM

FROM THE CLUBROOM...

Greetings from the clubroom! May was a great month for the post! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cinco De Mayo party. We had a great turn out and I can't wait to do it again next year! We celebrated the post's 90th birthday, thank you to the Auxiliary for the delicious cakes!! Metal and Beer was so much fun, thank you to Scott for putting it together!!

June 14th brings the Army's 246th, we will have drink specials for members who served in the Army. The clubroom will be rolling out a new menu this month and I am so excited for the new items.

The pool table is going to be re-done the second week of June with Blue Slate, White sides, and Red corners. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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In Loving Remembrance:



**Calvin Dyk
Doug Geib**



Post 179 Birthday - Thanks Deb DeRidder!