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# FONGER'S HIGHLIGHTER

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## MARCH MEETING DATES

- S.A.L. Meeting . . . . . March 6 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary Meeting . . . . . March 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Legion Meeting . . . . . March 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Legion Riders . . . . . March 26 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts . . . . . Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

## FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

179 Family,

Time is going by fast, We just had our February meeting and two members stepped up to the plate to fill vacant positions – Scott Mullarkey is the Sgt. at Arms and Bruce Fahling joined the Clubroom Committee.

Things are doing real good in the clubroom. We still have a lot to do. I'm still also looking for ways to generate funds for the Post.

We have received some donations and I'm happy for that.

ONE TEAM - ONE FIGHT

Mike Hawes, Commander, Post 179



**CLUBROOM HOURS: Sunday: Noon to 8:00 p.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: Noon to 10:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday: Noon to 11:00 p.m.**

**Friday & Saturday: Noon to Midnight**

## FROM THE CLUBROOM COMMITTEE . . .

Welcome to March! The weather has been very fair to us so far. Spring is right around the corner.

We continue to improve our service to you. We bought a 32 inch TV to display our food and drink specials and beverage costs. On the other side of the cooler door, we installed a 52 inch TV to show special events, activities, schedules, etc. Come and check them out. The 52 inch TV with a flip of a switch becomes a regular TV for sports, races etc.

Please check the Post calendar for all the up-coming events.

Don't forget the Fish Fry starting March 3. Bring your friends!

Thank you for your great support.

Glenn Dys, Clubroom Committee Chairman

## BINGO WORKERS NEEDED

The Auxiliary is looking for workers for our Tuesday and Friday Bingos. Hours are approximately 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Mary Showers (560-7781).

## FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Hello Everyone:

With the Fish Frys beginning on March 3, the Auxiliary will be having the dessert table again this year. We are asking if you would like to donate a dessert at any of the Fish Frys, to please drop them off Thursday or Friday and put a note on your dessert "Fish Fry Dessert". We really appreciate your dessert and thank you so much.

I am happy to announce that Penny Costen is our new membership chairman. If you have any questions regarding membership please call Penny at 616-669-1549.

A very big thank you to everyone who buys our candy bags in the clubroom, and to those who sell them. We were able to pay for the gifts and food for the Children's Christmas Party this year with this money. We really appreciate you!

Debbie Weatherbee, President, Auxiliary Unit 179



## FISH FRYS

5 - 7 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY

MARCH 3 THROUGH

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

Yes, the Annual Post 179 Fish Fry is in full swing for 2017. Stop on by for some All-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollock or Smelt or single trip Chicken tenders, with French Fries, Coleslaw, and a dinner roll, all at the same price as last year – \$9.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. Fish Fry runs every Friday, beginning on March 3 and runs through April 14.

The March meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 3 at 7:00 P.M. Remember that the SAL meetings are held the First Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M.

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

## CUB CORNER

What an exciting February we had. We played in the snow during Winterfest, were Reverent for Scout Sunday and applauded the Arrow of Light Den as they crossed over into boy scouts during our Blue and Gold banquet. Looking ahead you will see all new cub faces at Fish Fry. Once again we will be helping the Ladies' Auxiliary with their Poppy Fund. So stop by, enjoy a wonderful dinner, consider donating your change to help the veterans, and receive a hand made poppy.

Melissa Wright, Cub Master, Cub Scout Pack 3281



# MARCH 2017 CALENDAR

## DAILY SPECIALS

**Sundays:** 16 oz. beer \$2.50

**Sunday, March 5:** Nascar: Folds of Honor

**Sunday, March 12:** Great Lakes Reptile Show

10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children / Daylight Savings starts

**Mondays:** Regular Hot Dogs \$1.00, / Jumbo Hot Dogs or Polish Dogs \$1.50 / Free Shuffleboard

**Tuesdays:** Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Philly Cheese Steak \$4.00/ Canned Beer \$1.75 / Free Pool

**Wednesdays:** Turkey Reuben \$4.00 / Well Drinks \$2.00 Noon 'til 6 p.m. / **Karaoke with George Gregory 7-11 p.m.**

**Thursdays:** Small Burrito \$5.50 / Large Burrito \$6.50 / Hard or Soft Tacos \$2.00

**Fridays:** Bingo, 10:30 a.m. / Chicken Strips with Fries \$5.00 / Red Shirt Day - 25¢ off all drinks when wearing a red shirt to support our troops / **Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.** / **Team Trivia 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 11:** Coin Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Saturday, March 18:** Stamp Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### FEATURED BEER OF THE MONTH

Killians

Arcadia Cheap Date Ale

Dog Tag (100% of proceeds goes to Blue Star Mothers)

### 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

## SAVE THE DATE . . .

### April

7 & 14 - Fish Fry

9 - Great Lakes Reptile Show 10-3p, \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

15 - Spring Craft & Vendor Show

16 - Closed for Easter

### May

13 - Coin Show 9a - 3p

6 pak 7p - 11p (Open to the Public)

### June

3 - Riders Fundraiser (Open to the Public)

11 - Great Lakes Reptile show

17 - Coin Show

24 - Stamp Show

### August

12 - Post Picnic

~ CLUBROOM ENTERTAINMENT ~

**Karaoke Every Wednesday -**

**George Gregory 7-11 p.m.**

FRIDAY NIGHTS

**Team Trivia 7:30-9:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY NIGHTS

**March 4 - Kevin McDaniel 7-11 p.m.**

*Acoustic Guitar & Vocals -*

*All the Hits . . . All the time*

**March 18 - Bob & Shaney Show 7-11 p.m.**

*Oldies, Country, Classic Rock*

## VIETNAM ERA VETERAN LAPEL PINNING CEREMONY MARCH 4

Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall, Senator Dave Hildenbrand and Senator Pete MacGregor are sponsoring a formal Vietnam War era lapel pinning ceremony in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the war. A Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin will be provided to U.S. veterans who served on active duty at any time from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location. The Commemoration honors all Vietnam veterans.

The ceremony will be held at Noon, Saturday, March 4 at the American Legion Boat & Canoe Club, 401 North Park St. NE, Grand Rapids. Anyone interested in attending should RSVP to American Legion Post 356 Commander Fred Chambers at 616-443-7630 or skysoldger@aol.com.

Information regarding the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration can be found at [www.vietnam50th.com](http://www.vietnam50th.com).



### FROM THE 179 RIDERS . . .

Greetings from ALR 179! We have several events on the horizon with which we could use your help and participation. We are currently looking for sponsors for our 3rd Annual *Veterans Memorial Ride*, on June 3rd. If you would like to be a sponsor, know of someone who would, or would just like more information, you can contact our Director, Joe Moschetti, at [jmoschetti@gmail.com](mailto:jmoschetti@gmail.com). We have had great success these past two years and want it to be even bigger and better than before! And remember, all money raised from sponsorship and the event will go directly to veterans in our community.

Another event coming up soon is the *Soldier for Life Fundraiser*. This will be held at VFW 830 Post on March 4th, 2017. This fundraiser will benefit Xzayvier Buchard-Mease, an 8-year-old boy who is about to undergo a leg amputation due to a leg deformity called "Flexion Contracture." Due to his love for the armed services Xzayvier was sworn into the Army as a "Soldier for Life" on 10/14/16. We had the privilege to support Xzayvier and his family during the holiday season and hope as many 179-ers as possible can help support them through this difficult surgery and time in their lives.

Lastly, we are excited to announce the return of Bike Nights this summer! Our first bike night will be on May 5, so mark your calendars! We can't wait to see you there!

We are excited about being a part of the 179 Family! One Team, One Fight!

- The 179 Legion Riders

*Come play Bingo and support our Auxiliary*

**TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS**

**Sales start at 9:30 a.m., play starts at 10:30**

**~ Proceeds go towards helping our Veterans ~**

### GIRL SCOUT GAZETTE . . .

Our girls have been busy selling cookies to earn money for more merit badges, and all the fun summer activities they have planned. We camped for the first time together last summer, and they are excited to do it again this summer!

If you would like to support the girls, you can order cookies by contacting me at [GSTroop4161@gmail.com](mailto:GSTroop4161@gmail.com) or 616.755.8818. Otherwise, visit them at their upcoming booths! They will be selling cookies at the Family Fare in Hudsonville on March 18th from 2-6 pm! Come visit their smiling faces :) Here is the address: Family Fare, 6480 28th St SE, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426.

We can't wait to meet you. Stay tuned for all the fun we had learned about The Netherlands and Nigeria for World Thinking Day in March!

Thanks so much for your support!

**Minda Floyd-Schoutens, Leader, Troop #4161**