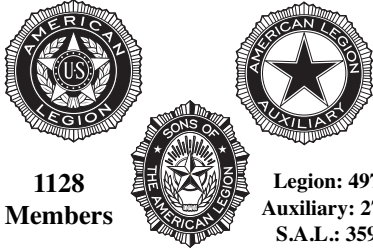


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FROM THE COMMANDER . . .

The month of September has been eventful with growth and change. As we remember, Commander Scott Mullarkey resigned on September 10th, 2018. On September 11th, I was elected to take his place. This took place on the day of the horrific events of 9-11-2001. We must never forget! This is one of the reasons why we stand together as American Legionnaires.

We selected our new Finance officer, Marene VanFarowe (Mardi), along with our Historian Ron Wind. We are excited to have them as part of the TEAM.

The ten-day officer's meeting occurred with all of the officers of The American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders – we are a TEAM, a Family with common goals and missions.

We also had our first all family meeting, with all the members of our Post. Many things were discussed and are being put into place by our American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion, along with the Legion Riders.

Our next All Officers meeting is Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. Our next All Member (Family) meeting is Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. So, mark your calendars.

My question to the Legionnaires is, where are you? You are the backbone of this Post; you are critical to us and the reason why the American Legion is here – “to help our brothers and sisters, Veterans.” With this said, Legionnaires, your opinions count. We need you, so please come to the meetings, see your friends, let your voice be heard and help us to help you.

It has been brought to my attention that many of you work afternoons and cannot make the meetings and would like a monthly meeting during the day. I have heard you!

I am seriously considering having Legionnaire meetings on a Sunday afternoon at 1:30, so if you would send me an email to commander@americanlegionpost179.com so that I can get a headcount, we can present the idea at the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 13th, 7:00 p.m.

We are planning many events for the Post; we hope you are going to be a part of it.

Come out and enjoy life, see old friends, and make new ones. But most of all, remember that we have one thing in common – we are all Veterans with a common goal, that is to help our brothers and sisters who served this great nation.

Jesús Sanabria, *Commander, Post 179*

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

S.A.L. Meeting November 5 @ 7:00 p.m.
Auxiliary Meeting November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.
Legion Meeting November 13 @ 7:00 p.m.
Clubroom Committee Mtg. November 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
Building Committee Mtg. November 15 @ 6:30 p.m.
Legion Riders November 18 @ 11:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts Every Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER . . .

The holidays will be here before we know it, and with them come many opportunities to help your neighbors and your community. So lend a hand if you can. This includes Post 179. If you have some free time and would like to help out you can check with our building committee for small maintenance projects. Contact Randy Wierenga or Milt Teunis for more information.

We'd like to congratulate our scholarship winner for 2018, Brooke Teunis. We wish you luck in your future studies. As always, please attend your meetings and be part of the new beginning of our Post.

Bruce “Bones” Postma, *S.A.L. Commander, Squadron 179*

NEW 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.

Attention Legion Members: The Legion is going to be rewriting the by-laws. Changes and decisions are going to be made over the next few months and it is crucial we hear from YOU! Input from the membership is very important. Please make time to come to the monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE:

December 2 – Craft & Vendor Show, Noon - 4 p.m.
December 6 – All Family Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
December 8 – Children's Christmas Party, starts at Noon
December 31 – New Year's Eve Party and Centennial Kick-off

RED BUCKET PROJECT

We are collecting donations for Thanksgiving Dinner, and hope to feed 10 families this year. Items needed are turkeys, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole ingredients, rolls and dessert. Thanks in advance for your help!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 18 – 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.



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NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR & DAILY SPECIALS

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

Sunday, November 11: Grand Rapids Reptile Show
10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Adults, \$1 Children

Sunday, November 18: Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday, November 25: Wine & Canvas, 5-8 p.m., \$35

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

Monday, November 12: Gun Law Seminar, 6-8 p.m.

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.

Tuesday, November 13: New member Informational night. Join us to meet other new members of the Post and mingle with long time members. We will discuss the history of the Post (WHO IS NEAL FONGER) and the programs the American Legion does at the Post level. 6-7 p.m.

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, November 2: Celebrate Neal E. Fonger's FOUNDER'S DAY. We will be celebrating by taking a trip down memory lane and reliving the music of 1932 and beyond. Bring a soup or chili to share, 6-10 p.m.

Friday, November 9: Marine Corp Pre-Birthday Bash, 6 - 10 p.m. - Entertainment by Sweet Johnny Knox

Friday, November 16: Hunter's Widow party in the clubroom. Join us for shopping, eating, and giggles galore! Bring a treat to share. 6 p.m.-Closing

Saturday, November 3: Kornhole Tournament (fundraiser for Bartender Kris), Benefit Noon - Close, Tournament Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Double Elimination - Tickets \$30 per team, available at the Post or on-line at <https://www.facebook.com/events/556917661387878>,

Saturday, November 10: Marine Corp 243rd Birthday Gala, Tickets available on-line at americanlegionpost179.com/mcbbdaygala. Tickets are \$15 - Admit One or \$25 - Admit Two. Cocktail Hour is at 5 p.m., Cake cutting Ceremony at 6 p.m., followed by dinner.

Saturday, November 17: 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

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK
FOR MORE NEWS AND INFORMATION:**

**www.americanlegionpost179.com
facebook.com/AmericanLegionNealEFongerPost179**

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT . . .

Greetings, fellow Auxiliary members! Wow – the holidays are right around the corner, and it also means it's time for your clocks to fall back on November 4.

There are great events happening at the Post in November – come in and support the revitalization of our Post by members of the Post family! We need all of our Post family members to be volunteering at an event, participate and support activities! If you don't know me, I'll be wearing a fun patriotic hat at events. Let's introduce ourselves and get acquainted.

Can you be a leader? Can you be a more effective leader? Attend our leadership workshop on Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m.-noon at Post 154, 2327 Byron Center Ave. Learn more about protocol, flag etiquette, the unwritten rules of the Auxiliary, and much more. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. RSVP to Judy Jones at (616) 901-4657.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 15, for Bingo at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans! Everyone from the Post family is invited to join in the fun time supporting one of the pillars of the American Legion. Arrive at 6:15 thru the main entrance to sign in. Hope to see you at this volunteer opportunity!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for ways to make our Post better, please don't keep it to yourself! Let your voice be heard by contacting Post Commander, Unit President, Detachment Commander or Director. The best way to find out what programs are being pursued, events being created, volunteer opportunities is by attending your meetings. We all need to be proactive and constructive to find solutions.

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. Let's see what we can accomplish together!

If you have any questions or concerns about events, or suggestions, I'm always available. If I don't know that answer I will find out. Contact me via Facebook, messenger, email or even smoke signal!

Sheila Manning, President, Auxiliary Unit 179
auxpres@americanlegionpost179.com

Do you have a skill or trade you want to share with the membership of American Legion Post 179? The Post receives many calls requesting assistance with simple problems, such as a leaky faucet. With this list Post 179 will be able to pass along contact information of members who are plumbers, and can assist them with their problem. Fill out this form or go online to americanlegionpost179.com/skilltrade and tell us what your skill or trade is so we can help serve the community.

Name _____

Skill/Trade _____

Phone _____

PLAY BINGO TUESDAY & FRIDAY MORNINGS Sales start at 9:30 • Play starts at 10:30

Children's Christmas Party Reservation Form - Saturday, December 8, 2018

Lunch served at 12:00 Noon • Santa arrives after lunch with gifts for children to age 10

Children must be present to receive gifts

(Members' children and grandchildren only, please.)

Member's Name _____

No. of Boys (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Girls (to age 10) _____ Ages _____

No. of Adults (\$1.00 each for lunch) _____

Please fill this out and leave it in the clubroom, bring it to the Auxiliary meeting, or mail it to: Attn Auxiliary, Neal E. Fonger Post 179, P.O. Box 306, Grandville, MI 49468-0306. **Deadline for reservations is November 30.** If you have any questions or desire more information, please e-mail sheila5911@sbcglobal.net or call 616-350-2049.