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**NEWSLETTER**



**AMERICAN LEGION**

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**SAL**

**Commander**,  
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**COMMANDER'S COMMENTS**

Greetings 484 family. Hang in there, we are getting close to saying goodbye to winter. As the seasons begin to change its a good time to look at areas in your life you can make a change. Something as simple as adding more water intake into your daily life has lasting benefits.

Post elections are coming soon. Reach out to any post officer if you have questions and would like to get involved as an officer. It has been rewarding serving as your commander and I look forward to what the next group of officers have to offer our post.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST**

Greetings Post 484 Legionees. Thank you to all our volunteers. We could not make the impact we do in our community and to our fellow veterans without all of you.

We have many events planned and can always use an extra hand. Our Park is holding an Easter Egg Hunt again this year. The donation box is out for candy. Prior to this event there is a park clean up date set and we hope to see you there to assist. Soon you will see a new digital sign installed. With this we will be able to advertise our events with increased visibility. This was able to happen because of our great volunteers that show up on Thursdays to facilitate our weekly bingo games.

Reminder Monthly Post Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. We are still in need of a service officer and someone who is computer savvy to assist.

## AUXILIARY

It's been a brutal winter, but here's hoping for an early Spring!

I would like to start by reaching out to those Auxiliary members who have still not paid their 2025-2026 dues. Out of 206 members, only 142 have paid – that leaves 64 who have not. Please try to get your dues in as soon as possible. They can be dropped off at the Post (\$36/year) Tuesday through Saturday. The bar opens at 4:00. If you are not able to drop them off, they can be mailed directly to Sherry VanBruggen. Her address is 4933 W. Hickory Road, Hickory Corners 49060. There are many benefits as an Auxiliary member and you don't want to miss out on them!

We have just one Steak Fry left for the season and that is on March 21. Turnout has been great this year and the support has been very much appreciated. We hope you can join us in supporting not only the Auxiliary and our help to Veterans, but also our Post. It's a good opportunity for both a great meal and for keeping our Legion active in the community.

We're getting closer to starting our Queen of Hearts game at the Post. Our start date is March 24. Stop in and see what it's all about – buy a ticket and you could be a big winner!

The next ladies Auxiliary will be Monday, March 2 at 5:30 . We welcome you to join us and see what activities we have planned for the upcoming calendar year.

Chris Reed  
President - American Legion Auxiliary

## SAL

Our February breakfast had a great turnout. Lots of repeat customers and new comers. Thank you everyone for the support.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 8th from 8:00-11:00am.

Elections for the Executive Committee are upcoming. Open nominations are in May. All positions are open.

All SAL members are welcome to our monthly meetings. Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm, except June and July. The more members involved, the more we can accomplish.

On Memorial Day, immediately following the parade, is our Memorial Day Luncheon. Everyone is welcome. We will be serving pulled pork and chicken sandwiches with coleslaw and baked beans or hot dogs with chips. All available while supplies last.

Our food pantry is well stocked. Donations are always appreciated. Anyone who is in need is welcome to use the pantry. Help us spread the word about the pantry please.

I regretfully announce that Steve Kelly has resigned as Commander. Thank you Steve for your leadership and all you accomplished. Hopefully someday soon you can rejoin us.

Jeff Shumaker  
1st Vice Commander

## EVENTS

March is definitely coming in like a lion as far as events at the American Legion!

Saturday, March 7th, the Hickory Corners Fire Department will be having their annual Chili Cook-off. If you're interested in entering your chili, please bring it to the post by 4:45pm. If your talents are geared more towards eating chili, rather than cooking it, come in at 5pm. For \$5 you can taste all of the chilis and vote on your favorites. Remember to bring your muffin tins to carry all of your samples in.

Saturday, March 14th, we will be having our monthly Euchre Tournament. We host a round-robin style, so you don't need to have a partner. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$25/person or \$40 per pair. The games start at 5:30pm.

Tuesday, March 17th, we are having a St Patrick's Day celebration at the Post. Come enjoy the dinner specials that are available and special drinks to celebrate. Starts at 5:00pm.

Saturday, March 21st, there will be a park clean up at Cadwallader Park. We need to prepare the area for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will be meeting at 9am at the Park.

Saturday, March 28th, is the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny!! We will have a fire engine and an ambulance for the kids to see. We will also have hot dogs and chips. There will be areas for the different age groups. All ages are welcome! The fun kicks off at 11:30am.

Saturday, March 28th, Barnyard Buddies 4H group will be hosting a Quarter Auction at the post. The doors open at 5pm and the fun starts at 6pm. Bring your quarters! This is a fun time.

We have Bingo every Thursday night. Doors open at 5pm and games start at 6:30. This is a HUGE benefit to the post. Come down and support us.

We will also be having Friday Night Fish Frys through April 2. The fish is fabulous! Our volunteers have really outdone themselves to put out a quality meal.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Looking ahead, we have a Wine and Canvas night planned, another visit from the Crafty Michigander, a community garage sale, our own quarter auction and a craft show. Keep your eyes on the Facebook page, website and the newsletter for more details!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with all of these events. If you have a minute, stop by and see Todd or Lori Anhalt. They would love to find a spot for you. This is YOUR club, help us make it the best it can be!

**Veterans Club 484 Hours: Tuesday - Saturday opening at 4:00 PM**