



## May, 2017 Newsletter

### Commanders Comments

Our burrito night, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April due to a wedding on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday was a great success. We sold out!! One hundred twenty-seven sold. A big THANK YOU to all that helped. We had a couple of returning snow birds, the Vanderhydies along with the regulars to make for a very organized production and delivery system.

As noted by Joanne, almost all of our organizations have incoming officers in place for the 2017-2018 terms. The only exception being the AMVETS, where at the April meeting it was decided to hold the elections in the May meeting. If you are eligible and not a member AMVETS Post 4250 is welcoming new members.

Joanne mentions our post Appreciation Day on June 17. We have asked one of our newly transferred in members, Wendell Reinink to entertain for the afternoon. We have yet to decide what the meal will be. We are leaning strongly towards hiring a BBQ cook to handle that. The ability to get volunteers being what it is makes it very difficult to plan events like such as this.

On Wednesday April 26 we had a super turnout for burger night. Adding Ken North's retirement from Cronk's Hardware made it better than it already was. We need one more person who can commit to working every other Wednesday to give us two full crews. One more person, PLEASE!

Our planning meetings, which have been held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10:00 a.m. will be moving to 7 p.m, also on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, to accommodate incoming Auxiliary president Jim O'Neil. The change in time is effective for the May meeting.

AMVET Riders, Dept. of Michigan is asking everyone to join them along with the Vietnam Veterans of America in a motorcycle escort of the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Traveling Memorial Wall AND The Michigan Middle Eastern Conflict

Memorial Wall. The Escort will travel North along M37 from VFW Post 4249/AMVETS Post 4250 in Newaygo to AMVETS Post 1988 in Baldwin. Staging begins at 11A.M. at our post. Departure to AMVETS Post 1988 in Baldwin is at 12:30 P.M.

Although this is a motorcycle escort, all vehicles are invited to join. We will be opening the bar at 10:30 and several donations of donuts have already been offered. Please help us show our appreciation and gratitude to the fallen heroes of both Vietnam War and the Middle Eastern Conflict.

Memorial Day is May 29. This year we have added one more Cemetery to the list of ceremony's that the Honor Guard will conduct. With that in mind, instead of starting at 8:30 at Newaygo Cemetery, will start at 8:15, the 8:30 at Newaygo Catholic Cemetery. Then the newly added Ceremony at Garfield Cemetery at 8:45. All other remaining ceremony's and the wreath drop at Bridgeton Bridge will be at the same time as former years.

The final Ceremony at the Post is at 12 p.m. with a light lunch following.

Have a great month.

Dan Boutell  
Commander, Post 4249

### Presidents Corner

Congratulations to all of the newly elected and appointed officers for 2017-2018 The new president is Jim O,Neil, Sr. Vice Jane Clear, Jr. Vice Joanne Atkinson, Treasurer Gayle Porter, Conductress Glenda Abbott, Chaplain Cynde Meyers, Guard Genny Dufort. The installation will take place after the May 8th meeting. The new officers will take over after the Department Convention the first weekend in June.

I want to give a big thank you to everyone that

helped with the 12<sup>th</sup> district meeting and dinner on April 9. Including Marsh Ryman for all the help. There were a lot of compliments on how good the meal was.

There will be a planning meeting on May 25th at 10:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings. That way you will find out what is planned for the next month. Also watch the new board above the kitchen door. It will tell you of other happenings.

On June 17th Saturday there will be an appreciation dinner in place of the Past Commander & Past President's dinner. Cocktail 12:00 dinner will be at 1:00 PM.

If any other organization would like to take over on the burrito dinner please let Dan Boutell know.

May 3rd will be the next bake sale by the auxiliaries from 4:00 to 7,00 PM There will be a lot of home baked goodies for you to make a choice.

Don't forget to attend the auxiliary meeting on Monday May 8th at 7:00 PM

May 12th on Friday night is the Auxiliary turn to have shrimp and wings with cole slaw and french fries. All for \$6,00 Your choice of shrimp or wings, or even split the order. Come and support your auxiliary and VFW post.

JOANNE ATKINSON PRESIDENT

### **MOCA News**

As of May 9th 2017 the MOC AUXILIARY WILL BE AN AUXILIARY TO THE STINKY PUP TENT 14 from Grand Rapids. We will still hold our meetings at our own post the usual time the 3rd Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Don't forget the bake sale on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 – 7:00. There will be all kinds of cookies, breads etc.

Comgratulations to all the newly elected and

appointed officers for 2017-2018. The will take over after the Cootie Convention on May 19-20. May 19th is MOCA Friday night for shrimp and wings along with cole slaw and french fries. all for \$6.00

To those that have lost loved ones you have our deepest symphy. To those that are sick we wish you a speedy recovery.

"KEEP THEM SMILING IN BEDS OF WHITE"

JOANNE ATKINSON PRESIDENT, HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN