

BERRYHILL POST 165 JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER



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RECOGNITIONS & CHANGES

I'd like to take this time to thank Ross Ahlich (Service Officer) for all of his dedicated work on the Memorial Day Parade & celebrations this past weekend.

As Ross would tell you, many more were involved, too many to list. Even though the list is long, Past Commanders Gail Klingensmith & Harvey Ropp need special thanks for representing The American Legion as Parade Marshalls, as well as 2nd Vice Commander Nels Cronkright & Mc Ardle Pontiac Cadillac GMC for the automobiles that they have made available for this parade and many parades in the past.

Thank you to Dick Blasy for a 2nd consecutive year organizing Poppy Days on an already busy Memorial Day weekend.

Thank you to Tom Nemeth (Legion Finance Officer), Steve Hammond (2nd Vice Commander) & Lee Mapes (Legion Chaplain) for their many years of volunteering in their offices at Berryhill. As you are aware Legion elections took place at the May 6 regular meeting. Tom, Steve & Lee will be leaving their positions when new officers are installed at the June 3 meeting.

On a more serious note, I have asked an ad hoc committee of Legion officers (past & present) to prepare an official 2009-2010 budget for Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion. Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. In order to keep Berryhill open, planning & shared support will be required.

This ad hoc committee lead by Current Finance Officer Tom Nemeth & incoming Finance Officer Brian Reichow has prepared a **preliminary budget** to present to the current Executive Committee for review & enhancement this Sunday evening at 7:00 pm.

I hope to have a **final budget** by the end of the third week in June, having the Executive Committee approval, after a follow-up meeting, so that our Finance Officer can present a **final budget** to you at the July 1 meeting.

Since we have not had a fiscal year budget for multiple years, I anticipate that this process will require changes at the Post.

Chuck Kaminski - Commander
Berryhill Post 165, The American Legion

CALENDAR EVENTS

Bingo (every Monday evening 5:00 to 9:00)
Burger night (every Thursday 5:00 to 7:30)
Open Euchre (in bar) (every Wednesday 1:00 pm)
Trivia Night (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in Patio Room at 7:30)

---- June Events ----

June 3 **Legion meeting 7:30**
 Auxiliary meeting 7:30
 SAL meeting
June 14 **FLAG Day – Flag Burning Ceremony 7 pm**
June 18 **VA Hospital bingo 6 to 9 pm**
June 15-21 **Michigan BOYS STATE**
June 18-21 **American Legion State Convention,**
 Lansing, MI

---- July-Aug Events ----

July 1 **Legion meeting 7:30**
 Auxiliary meeting NO MEETING
 SAL meeting
July 29-Aug 1 **State Baseball Tournament, Adrian, MI**
Aug 5 **Legion meeting 7:30**
 Auxiliary meeting NO MEETING
 SAL meeting
Aug 6-10 **Regional Baseball Tournament, Appleton, WI**
Aug 14-18 **National Baseball Tournament, Fargo, ND**

Thanks to Deb Cashin for collecting and communicating the above information to the table tops, website & newsletter.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

We had our mother-daughter dinner on May 6, 2009. Service pins were given out and we gave Ann Roberson a 50 year pin. It is great to have members for that many years.

We were lucky enough to have 25 people attend the dinner this year. We hope next year to have more.

We will have our next meeting on June 3, 2009, and then will take July and August off. We hope to see everyone in September.

We really need members to please try and attend meetings. We really need your support.

Thank you and have a great summer

Pat Palmer
President Auxiliary Legion Post 165

Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Hi Legionnaires and Auxiliary Members,

I would like to thank all the members who came out and supported the Past Presidents Auction that was held at the post on Friday April 24th. It was a success thanks to you. I especially would like to thank Dick Blasy who did a great job as auctioneer and also to Laura Welch for all the help. I couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks to the members who donated items for the auction and to the people who baked.

Thanks again to all.

Rosie Howden, Past President

VA HOSPITAL BINGO

Have you had an opportunity to go to the Veterans Hospital to help work a bingo yet? It's one small way to lighten the day of a hospitalized veteran. Upcoming dates –THURSDAY, June 18. Call Pat Hanley at 1-989-488-2025 to volunteer.

Experience not necessary – “you can help – but the first step is to call 1-989-488-2025”.

WANT TO HELP, BECOME MORE INVOLVED? CALL

Legion Commander Chuck Kaminski 989-708-8897.
Auxiliary President Pat Palmer 989-835-9757.
SAL Commander Mike Brandt 989-832-2572.

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