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Unit President



SAL UPDATE:
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Squadron Commander

Happy belated Veterans Day to you all. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for your service to your Country. It's because of your sacrifices that we are able to assemble together in one place for a common purpose, to continue to do The American Legion's work for God and Country.

★ Christmas is a few short weeks away. Please visit our **Christmas Giving Tree** and take one, two or MORE tickets with a suggested gift for a certain boy or girl in need. Let's make it a Merry Christmas for as many children as we can!



★ A great big **THANK YOU** to **Deb Caryl** and the *Heritage Arbor of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society* for the very generous donation they gave our organization. We certainly appreciate this kindness and we will put these funds to good use. We have earmarked these funds to go to the Rehab Fund to assist needy area veterans and their families.

★ Everyone is cordially invited to attend our Post's annual **Christmas Potluck Dinner and Party**. All will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Social hour begins at 6:00 PM with dinner ready at 7:00 PM. As is their custom, our Sons of The American Legion Squadron has generously offered to provide ham for the entrée. Don't forget to bring your own table service and a dish to pass as well as a good appetite because the food is always delicious! After dessert we will have a short meeting followed by a holiday gift exchange. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift(s) of \$10.00 value, men bring a gift for a man and ladies bring a gift for a woman. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at the dinner/meeting and getting this holiday season off to a good start.

★ I trust that by the time you're reading this newsletter our new marquee signs will be in place. I hope you are all as excited as

Please join us at the next meeting (Dec 4th) for our Christmas Party Potluck! Happy Hour begins at 6pm and we'll dine at 7. The gentlemen from the SAL have generously offered to prepare ham for the entrée. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service and prepare to enjoy yourselves.

Following dinner, we'll have a brief business meeting. Check to see if you've paid your dues. **Carol McWilliams** reports 61% of our members have paid. Are you one of them? If not please join the paid list as soon as possible. Help us make 100% this year. You may mail your dues to:



Carol McWilliams
9635 Hamill Rd
Otisville MI 48463-9612

Christmas Giving Tree: There is still time to select gift tags from the Giving Tree. These tags represent children who may not have a happy holiday due to life's circumstances. Follow the directions on the tags and bring the gifts to the meeting. Of note: the Legion Hall is open between 10am and noon every day so there's someone to help you select a tag or two. Also remember we are collecting hats, mittens and scarves which can be placed in the boxes near the tree. These items and the gifts for children will be given to the **Salvation Army** on December 7th. Please show your generous support!



There will be a gift exchange after the meeting. If you would like to take part, please bring a \$10.00 gift with "lady" written on the package.

See you on the 4th for food, fun and festivities!



On December 4th our meeting night will begin with Post 267's Christmas potluck dinner. The festivities begin with social hour at 6:00PM followed at 7:00 by some delicious ham and all those wonderful dishes brought in by everyone. After dinner we will proceed to our meeting rooms for a short, meeting around 7:45. You will need to bring your table service, a dish to pass, and a big appetite, I promise you won't go home hungry! We hope to see everyone there to join in the Holiday spirit!



Good Start! – As of November 6th our Squadron membership is already over a third paid for 2013. If you are one of this group, THANK YOU. If you are one of the 2/3, please try to get your dues in as soon as possible, your Squadron needs you! Our 2013 dues are \$25.00 for 18 and older and \$10.00 for 17 and under.

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VG's Receipts –Over the next few weeks, there will be lots of holiday gatherings requiring the purchase of food and party supplies. If you are one of the many people who shop at **VG's Food Center**, the SAL would appreciate it if you would send us your register receipt when you get home! It is a good fundraiser for us, and requires very little work for you!! Just drop them off at the hall, or drop them in an envelope with a stamp and our address on it. Thank you in advance!

Please help! – This time of year is always a financially trying time for many! Please help in any way you can! The American Legion Auxiliary is a great place to start! They have many programs that support the needy in our community at this time of the year! These donations from your heart will be appreciated by that little girl or boy on Christmas morning, or the mommy or daddy who has to choose between a toy



I am as I'm sure this will help a great deal in giving our Post a needed facelift.

★ Congratulations to our November 2012 \$100.00 monthly raffle winner, **Ron Smith**. Yes, we still have some **2013 Post 267 Monthly Raffle** tickets available. Please come by and pick up several soon. They are still only \$20 each and only 200 will be sold putting the odds in your favor. There will be 12 monthly drawings for a \$100.00 cash prize and an extra drawing in December 2013 for a Grand Prize of \$800.00. Each ticket is eligible for all 13 drawings! Hurry and get one today and don't forget, they make excellent Christmas gifts!



★ Your 2012 membership card expires on December 31. If you do not have a **2013 American Legion membership card** in your wallet we would appreciate it if you would take a moment to write a check for **\$35.00** and make it payable to the **American Legion Post 267** and mail it to **PO Box 111, Davison MI 48423-0111**. If you are not able to pay your membership dues because of these tough economic times, please let our Commander or Adjutant know. Perhaps we can work out something for you this year. We do not want to lose you as a member due to hardship. We value everyone's membership.

★ This is our annual reminder that Higgins Lake cabin reservations for the 2013 season may begin to be made by members in good standing on January 1, 2013 at 12:01 PM for those eligible who have

acrued 15 or more service points and who did not have the cabin this past summer. From January 15-31, any points qualified member may place a cabin reservation. Call our new cabin rental officer, **Tim Hastings**, at 955-3164 for further details or to place your reservation at the appropriate time.

Sick Call

Please remember in your prayers these and all of our members who are in need of our intercession for healing, comfort and the return of their good health: **Jack Buysse, Darrell Frick, Marv Nowland, Joe Mason and Ted Misiak**.

Noteworthy Dates

- Dec 3** - Genesee County Council meets here at Davison Post 267 at 7:30 PM.
- Dec 4** - Christmas Potluck Dinner and meetings. Happy hour at 6PM, dinner at 7PM, meetings at 8PM.
- Dec 6** - Post Honor Guard duty at GLNC.
- Dec 7** - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
- Dec 9** - Hanukkah.
- Dec 15** - Bill of Rights Day.
- Dec 16** - Battle of the Bulge Day.
- Dec 21** - Winter begins.
- Dec 21** - The End of the World. (per the Mayan calendar)
- Dec 24** - Christmas Eve.
- Dec 25** - Christmas Day.
- Dec 31** - Official End of WWII (1946)
- Dec 31** - New Year's Eve.

★ *We would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year* ★

for their child or food for the table. Please, more than ever before, HELP!

Don't Forget! – Add that appointment to you calendar **“SAL Country Breakfast”**, Sunday, January 13th 8:00 - 11:30 am. Clip out the reminder below. See you there!

The Sons of the American Legion would like to wish you all a -

**“Merry Christmas”
and a
“Happy New Year”
“See you in 2013”**



“Come and get it” at our next
Sons of The American Legion Squadron 267
Country Breakfast
Sunday, January 13, 2013
8:00 AM til 11:30 AM
ALL YOU CAN EAT!
Our Menu
Eggs (to order)
French Toast
Bacon, Link Sausage
Biscuits & Gravy
Potatoes, Toast
Coffee, Milk, Juice
The Public is welcome!!
Adults ~ \$7.00
Kids 11-4 ~ \$3.00
Kids 3 & under ~ FREE
Bring all of your friends and neighbors too!

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