

# The Northeastern Post 459 AMERICAN LEGION

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### POST

#### COMMANDER

Rex Lambert / 690-2439

Greetings all,

June is bustin' out all over, and summer is comin on fast. Lots goin' on this month so I'm sure this month will go by quick as well. I want to congratulate all the new officers and I hope that we can arrange a time this summer that all of the executive boards can get together. I am open to suggestions for that because it usually gets difficult to get

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### SAL

#### COMMANDER

I would like to give a big Thank You to our membership for trusting me to lead this year. I am grateful to serve our Post and SAL squadron with a fine team of well experienced officers: Joe Hollomon, 1st Vice is also co-chair of the Building committee and serves on 459's PR team; Dan Parsaca, 2nd Vice brings a strong background of community service, youth activities, and also serves the PR team; Rick Knapp, Jr., Adjutant is joining us from Squadron 287

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### JUNE MEMBER PROFILE



Sarah Palin is not the only fresh face from Wasilla, Alaska. Our own Renee Brady called Wasilla home until joining the Army in 2002.

Born just miles from the Mexican border in California, Renee knows extreme temperatures. While in the Army, she experienced more extremes in the deserts of Iraq and the mountains of Afghanistan. Renee is one of a small but growing number of women who have experienced both war fronts.

Upon graduation from Military Police training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Renee received orders to Germany. She is among the last group of Soldiers to arrive and process through the 64th Replacement at Rhein Mein Air Base. History buffs know Rhein Mein as one of the primary bases used for

the Berlin Airlift and former home to the Hindenburg blimp. Until closing in 2005, Rhein Mein was the place that all US service members stationed in Germany processed through.

In Germany, Renee was assigned to the 92nd Military Police Company in Baumholder. Baumholder is located approximately 30 minutes from the French border, near the cities of Saarbrucken, Idar-Oberstein and Kaiserslauten. It is also about 30 minutes away from Ramstein Air Force Base. As home to parts of the 1st Armored Division, Baumholder has the largest concentration of US combat forces stationed overseas. Seasoned Soldiers know it as "the Rock" and tell stories about running "triple threat".

While with the 92nd MP Company, the commander selected Renee to deploy with a sister unit in the battalion in the summer of 2003. Renee joined the 527th MP Company in Baghdad, Iraq. Permanently stationed in Giessen, Germany, the 527th was the first MP company to reach Baghdad and at the forefront

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## POST 459

### OUR MISSION

Since our charter in 1947, the Northeastern American Legion Post 459 has been welcoming VETERANS from all branches of our Armed Forces. Today, we continue to welcome all military personnel serving our country. Joining our Post enables you to continue serving your God, Country and Community. Our mission is to implement the goals, aspirations, dreams, peace and blessings for our country, friends and families embodied in our preamble.

### LEGIONNAIRES

#### Commander

Rex Lambert

#### Chaplain

Ken Blake

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#### President

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Margo Forrester / 363-6688

Greetings Auxiliary,

This will be my last monthly column as your Auxiliary President. I am honored to have represented our 215 members and humbled to have helped serve our veterans, children and community. I want to thank everyone for their support, donations, volunteering, questions, complaints and ideas. Collectively, we raised a lot of money, helped a lot of people and made lots of differences. Our 459 Post Family is thriving! "We be doing fine at the 459!"

My low point was literally in the "dunk tank" at the 2008 club picnic! (Thanks, Commander, great idea!) My high point was at 2009 State Convention, hearing our Northeastern 459 Auxiliary name called 8 times, winning well deserved awards. That's pretty good when you consider all the other Posts in the state! Plus we earned a Community Service Activity Award in the U.S. Central Region!

Some other favorite events were becoming the curator of our Poppy Museum located on our new post website, the Care Package Send Off, our awesome bartenders-Tips For Troops Fundraiser, Putting For Poppies Miniature Golf Fundraiser, reading Americanism Essays, judging Poppy Posters and serving at our GRHV Vets luncheons. We have a lot of talented and committed members that made it all possible!

At a recent 5th District meeting, we learned we have this year's 1st place Americanism Essay and Poppy Poster winners. Let's see how we do at this year's convention in June.

I would like to introduce you to the newly elected 2010-2011 Unit Auxiliary Officers. They are:

President-Elizabeth DeSota, 1st Vice-Vickie Medendorp, 2nd Vice-Jessica Banfill, Secretary-Margo Forrester, Treasurer-Rose Scharphorn, Chaplain-Harriet Sturim, Historian-Vicki Medendorp (& Margo F), Sergeant-At-Arms-Deb Marshall. Executive Board- Tracey Ferguson, Nan Jansma & Margo Forrester. These ladies have a lot of energy and will be great ambassadors for our Auxiliary and The American Legion. They understand "for God and country" and "service not self!"

How to support your new officers: come to meetings, offer to help, participate in events/fundraisers, thank them for their service and tell them they are doing a great job, often! Please continue to track and turn in your volunteer activities and hours.

We do it better working together! The more you participate, the more you appreciate (our Legion Family).

Thank you all! Especially my husband Scott!

Love,

## AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Harriet Sturim / 534-7141

Our Post has had so many wonderful things taking place that it has been incredible, and to everyone that worked even a small part we give you the biggest "Thank-You". Please think about getting involved in our Post. There are so many rewards that it is amazing. As I write this it is supposed to be spring, but I am thankful for the rain and all the green and flowers that will follow. Spring is a time of renewal just as our Post has been in a renewal, and all good things are blooming. For this month we are going to wish our Baha'i, Buddhist and Jewish friends happy holiday. For all our sick and shut-ins we send a special renewal message of hope. For all that our Post has done and will continue to do, we will all say "Thank You" in our own ways.

## 125 CLUB

Rex/Irene/Craig

May winners: \$100 – Karline Wood, \$75 – Don Pease, \$50 – Irene Knoth, \$25 – Tracey Ferguson, Sharon Stack and Deb Vogel.

Bob Mieras won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to Suzy Lily for providing the luncheon. Our next 125 Club drawing will be June 19, and Karline Wood will be doing the cooking.

See you there!

## CARE PACKAGE THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Members and Supporters of American Legion Post 459;

Greetings from COS Hammer Iraq! My name is CPT Michael Hoffman and I am currently serving as the Brigade Dental Surgeon for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry).

I received your care packages yesterday. I can't begin to tell you how much the soldiers at the Aid Station and the patients who come through appreciate your generous donations. My dental clinic is co-located with the Aid Station and I placed the care packages in our waiting room. They didn't last very long as many of the patients found items they needed.

I am currently stationed at Contingency Operation Station Hammer which is located approximately 50 miles east of Baghdad. We support a large area of operations that extends all the way to Baghdad.

As the sole dental provider of the 2nd BCT, I am responsible for taking care of over 3500 soldiers in addition to the Army Civilians, Airmen and soldiers from supporting units. Currently, I get to spend about one week on Hammer and then I travel to outlying posts for a week at a time providing care and exams to soldiers on the front line.

I attended college at Grand Valley State so even though I grew up on the eastside, I've always considered West Michigan my second home. It really means a lot to me to be supported by people from an area I hold very near to my heart. I just want to thank you again for your generous support for myself and the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division.

"CLIMB TO GLORY"  
Michael Hoffman  
CPT, DC  
BDE Dental Surgeon

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all 3 groups together. I also want to congratulate Wanda Torres for her election as 5th District Junior Vice-Commander. Looks like we will have a full contingent at the State Convention this month in Detroit.

We will have a few new changes for the summer this

year. The biggest change will be Sunday hours. In July and August the club will be open from 4 pm to 10 pm, and we will go back to noon when football starts.

Lots of other activities this month and remember in addition to the newsletter you can always check the website at "www.post459.com" and get any updates.

## POPPY DAYS- WE HELP STUDENTS LEARN TO REMEMBER!



Lauren Myers of St. Mary Visitation School of Byron Center took 1st place at our Post and in the 5th District Poppy Poster Contest. We wish her well at convention. Auxiliary member, Vickie Medendorp's poppy floral centerpiece won at 5th District and will be competing at the Department Convention.

At the 5th District meeting we learned Matthew Wila, also of St. Mary Visitation, took 1st place for his Americanism Essay also!

## THE WIN, WIN, WIN 2ND BEST SALE

Got stuff? We are holding an Auxiliary 2nd Best Sale Saturday, June 12 from 10 am-2pm. We still have a few spaces open. They are available for \$10 each which includes advertising. Sale is rain or shine; inside the clubroom if it rains. Leftover proceeds go to the Auxiliary.

You win by getting rid of items you no longer use. After the sale, you may donate household items for homeless vets starting over. St. Vincent DePaul wins when they pick up anything you don't sell. To grab one of the last remaining spots call Margo or Nan.

I am also looking for volunteers for the picnic this year on August 29. I hope to see a lot of our new members and their families there. It is at Dwight Lydell park in Comstock Park.

As you can see we are still busy for the summer and can use lots of help. As always, See ya at the club

## 459 MEMBER ELECTED JR. VICE COMMANDER AT 5TH DISTRICT

Wanda Torres, Adjutant for Post 459, was elected Jr. Vice-Commander at the 5th District meeting held Thursday May 13 at Post 28 in Grand Haven, Michigan. Congratulations!

**(Profile continued)**  
of the initial invasion along side the 3rd Infantry Division. The 527th was the premier MP company under the 18th MP Brigade. The Germany-based brigade, the most decorated MP brigade in the Army, had command and control of all military police forces in Iraq at the time.

Renee helped establish and secure all of the Iraqi Police stations and patrolled some of the worst neighborhoods in western Baghdad, including the notorious Abu Ghraib and Gazaliah. She helped establish the 709th MP Battalion's base in one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces across the street from the famous "Crossed Sabers". This area is now part of the heavily secured Green Zone but at the time was completely open.

Life was a little rough there at first. Soldiers had to compete with the hordes of flies for the "Hot A's" served outside for breakfast and dinner. After a few days, few Soldiers even bothered to try keeping the flies away. The only other food option was MRE's; and the Army was kind enough to supply all the MRE's one cared to eat.

One of the most memorable events that Renee recalls from that time is Saddam's capture. Celebratory gunfire erupted through Baghdad as word spread among the population. Soon, all military radio frequencies carried

the message that "the Ace of Spades has been captured". Renee also remembers getting an up-close look at Air Force One as the 527th provided the inner cordon for the plane during President Bush's 2003 Thanksgiving Day visit to Baghdad.

Upon redeployment to Germany in 2004, Renee returned to the 92nd MP Company. By this time, the unit had just received a warning order to prepare for a pending deployment to "Southwest Asia". The new commander limited the amount of time the unit spent performing law enforcement duties in favor of combat training. Renee became a young leader during this time due to being one of the few Soldiers in the unit with actual combat experience.

Since the unit didn't officially know whether it was going to Iraq or Afghanistan, it prepared for both. Renee spent most of her remaining time in Germany in the field. She did, however, make time to explore most of Europe. Name a country in Europe and Renee has probably been there.

In 2005, the 92nd deployed to Afghanistan. The unit's platoons were sent to different locations throughout the country augmenting elements of the 101st Airborne and the Italy-based 173rd Airborne. Renee ended up first in Shindand, a very remote former Soviet base near

the Iran border. Here, Renee made trips to Herat and remote Provincial Reconstruction Team sites. She was among the last US personnel on that base before it was turned over to the Afghan army and – somewhat humorously now – not before the US stopped resupplying that base with food.

Renee spent time at both Bagram and Kandahar Air Fields before settling in Helmond Province embedded with the British army and US Special Forces. Helmond Province is a key area to poppy production – not the kind of poppy the Auxiliary sells. Often times, Renee was the only female on those remote sites. In a country where women must completely cover themselves, even their faces, the local men were shocked to see a female Soldier doing the same work as men.

While in Helmond Province, the scariest incident of Renee's military career occurred. Renee's platoon was conducting a convoy operation when an insurgent rammed his bomb-laden car into the lead vehicle. Fortunately, no US casualties resulted but the image of the explosion is something that Renee will always remember.

The 92nd returned to Germany in 2006 with no casualties. Three months later, Renee reported to her last duty station: Fort Bliss, Texas.

At Fort Bliss, Renee led the finance section of the battalion's S-1 shop. She became a sergeant prior to leaving the Army in 2007. Renee joined the Army to be in law enforcement; unfortunately, she only "worked the road" a few months out of five years as an MP.

Renee drove by herself with a carload of stuff from Fort Bliss, Texas to Fort Knox, Kentucky to meet up with future roommate Brent Geers, who also served in the 92nd. Together, they drove from Kentucky to Michigan.

Renee has lived in Grand Rapids since 2007. Last month, she graduated from Grand Rapids Community College with an Associates of Science degree. She is currently a junior at Grand Valley State University majoring in Exercise Science. Renee hopes to become a physical therapist. When not studying, Renee serves on our Post's Executive Board. She is a shining example of the bright, young veterans joining our American Legion family.

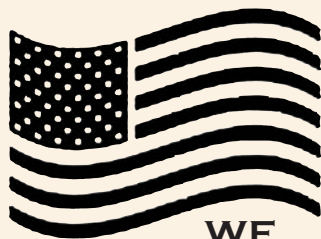


## POST CHAPLAIN SPEAKS AT MEMORIAL BANQUET

Our Post Chaplain Ken Blake was asked to be the speaker for the Fifth District Memorial Banquet and Service Saturday May 15. This event was held at Glen Hill Post 287 in Cedar Springs. Chaplain Blake spoke about the positive changes taking place at our Post with the practice of having members of all three organizations on committees together and using social media as one of our Post's PR tools for improving membership and reaching out to the community of veterans.

## 459 JOINS BOY SCOUTS AT 100TH ANNIVERSARY

For 100 years the Boy Scouts of America have worked to develop leadership within the community, state and the nation. Sound familiar? It should because the BSA's goals are similar to the American Legion's. Members of our American Legion Family set up a display and shared information and literature telling who The American Legion is and what we are doing, Saturday May 8 at DeVos Place. The Scouts expected more than 10,000 guests to attend this event.



## WE REMEMBER THOSE FROM MICHIGAN. . .

**Army Sergeant  
Michael K Ingram Jr**  
from Monroe, MI.  
Died April 17, 2010  
in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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(Cedar Springs), is widely regarded as a powerhouse of knowledge with all things SAL, and has served in nearly all squadron and many district and state offices; Bradley Koch, Finance Officer is a rock of our squadron having served as Commander and Adjutant, district Commander and is currently chair of the state Community Service committee; Robert Harrison, Chaplain for several years also chairs our donations and charitable giving; Fletcher Klap, Historian, joins us from Squadron 305 (Caledonia) and is our Post's technical wizard and also serves with the PR team; Craig Sattler, Judge Advocate is also Past Commander, Vice Commander and Chaplain and has a wealth of history to support our squadron; Zach Terhune, Sergeant-at-Arms is one of our junior members and son of Post Historian Ted Terhune; and Dennis Jansma, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms is Past Commander and Vice

## FOOD TRUCK DATES

Economic conditions are desperate for many members of our Grand Rapids community. As Legion Family we realize our responsibility to reach out to help veterans, children and youth and non-veteran community members in need. Friday June 25 at 6:00 pm and Friday July 23 at 6:00 pm our Post will host a food truck in our parking lot to serve all who need. If you are coming please remember to bring your own bags and/or boxes for transporting your food. Should you know of someone in need of a food box please contact our Chaplain 443-8966 or any officer of this Post with their name and contact number and we will see that they are served. We need volunteers to assist in the set-up and serving persons in line. Volunteers please be present at 5:00 pm. Last year Best Buy had several of their employees to volunteer and assist us with one of our food trucks. See our picture.

Commander of our squadron and is recognized as a volunteer to count on always being there. Don Pease (DM) continues to serve as our Legion SAL representative.

I would like to recognize and thank Mark Pietrusza, Sr. for his service as Commander during the past year. He did a great job co-chairing Pulaski Days 2009 and I know that he will continue to support us well as Past Commander and all around volunteer.

We are off to a strong start, having had a successful charitable Poker game and our annual Spring Kick-Off event in May. Our statewide convention is June 3-5 in Dundee, MI and we will represent our squadron with a full delegation of eight members.

I'm pleased to say that squadron 459 is gaining notice in the 5th District, 2nd Zone and statewide as a squadron unafraid to put good ideas into practice. We're working toward a goal of "paperless"

monthly meetings by wirelessly connecting our laptop computer to the big screen for the membership to read and follow along. This includes recitations (preamble, pledge, blue star and MIA ceremonies), as well as agendas, membership and finance reports, video presentations, etc. We're streamlining our structure and will work even harder to repeat our 100%+ membership a second year in a row. In 2010-11 we will place special emphasis on recruiting dual members so, if you're a Legionnaire who also qualifies for SAL membership, we'll be talking to you soon...if you don't sign up first!

There's a lot more to come and it is my pleasure to report it to you as it happens. Wishing you and your family all the best for a great summer!

Mark Fairgrieve  
Commander  
SAL Squadron 459



**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 459 GOLF OUTING  
June 19, 2010**

**9:30 AM SHOTGUN  
BRAESIDE COUNTRY CLUB  
ROCKFORD, MI**

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE  
COST \$55 PER PERSON - \$220 PER TEAM  
Payment Due with Entry  
INCLUDES 18 HOLES, DINNER AND PRIZES  
DINNER PRIZES AND TROPHY  
WILL BE PRESENTED AT POST 459 – 4PM  
QUESTIONS: CALL DAN/CAROL PARSACA  
616-249-1308 or dan.carol.parsaca@att.net

## POST CHAPLAIN

**Ken Blake /443-8966**

Shake it off and take a step up.

One day a farmer's donkey fell into an abandoned well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway; so it just wasn't worth it to him to try to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They each grabbed a shovel and began to shovel the dirt into the well. Realizing what was happening, the donkey at first cried and waited horribly. Then, a few shovelfuls later, he quieted down completely.

The farmer peered down into the well, and was astounded by what he saw. With every shovelful of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up on the new layer of dirt. As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off, to the shock and astonishment of all the neighbors. Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is not to let it bury you, but to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

The moral to the story is very simple. Life is going to shovel dirt at you. You have two choices: You can be buried alive by the dirt life throws at you or you can shake it off and step up. What seemed like it would bury him, actually blessed him... All because of the manner in which he handled his adversity. If we face our problems and respond to them positively and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, or self-pity...the adversities that come along in life usually have within them the potential to benefit and bless us!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**Brent Geers**

Post 459 has a growing presence on the Internet. Our Facebook group ([www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-459](http://www.facebook.com/American-Legion-Post-459)) now has well over 200 members, making it one of the largest veterans group pages on Facebook.

Both the national and state Legion departments have Facebook pages. Most of the prominent American Legion leaders have Facebook profiles as well. All recognize the use of social media as essential to Post growth and survival. Never before have members had such access to leaders and information. Please "like" our Facebook page and keep an eye out for more ways to connect in the near future as we continue work toward making this a tighter, more efficient Legion family.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to submit an email address to our database. You will retain full control over our use of it as we will not sell or give them to anyone outside of our Post. We hope to establish a more streamlined communications system that will allow members to receive timely and updated information concerning Post events.

Members will also have the option of being among the first to receive the monthly newsletter by email, saving the Post money.

Several dedicated and bright members are working feverishly to bring you more technology and ways to communicate. We understand that some members may not be comfortable with new trends and technology. We want to assure everyone that the emphasis will always be on communication among all members. Social media simply offers an additional way to communicate with members; it will not be the only way we communicate.

The value of the Internet and social media extends beyond the four walls of our Post. One of our mandates is to educate and make our members' lives easier when possible. We have members available who would love to teach other members about the Internet and how it can be used in daily life. We want to start offering free classes at the Post on how to get an email address, how to navigate banking websites, how to type a letter, and other valuable skills. This is an example of the value we seek to add to membership with our Post.

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## HORSESHOES

**Ron Teunis**

It's time for a horseshoe party at Ron Teunis' house. It will be held on June 26 at 1 pm. We will have food - pigsickles will be on the grill. If you would like to join us, please bring a dish to pass.

Bring chairs if you have them and BYOB. If you need directions, see me at the club!

## BOOSTER CLUB 2009 - 2010

We thank our sponsors for the generous contribution. Financial support of the newsletter ensures the success of our Post, its members, and the events and activities we all enjoy. Please thank the following people when you see them around:

Lynda Lou Bent	Dyke and Vicki Krzeminski
Ken and Lois Blake	Stan Milanowski
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Thomas J. Budnick	Ardie Nagel
Janene M. Budnick	Eric Ring
Bob Felghner	Deb Sees
Brent Geers	Joe Stalec
James Cannon Grand Band	Harriet & Rick Sturim
Doc and Judy Jones	Taylor
Rasma Joustra	Ted Terhune
Norma Kidder	Bob Teunis
Fletcher Klap	Barb Teunis*
Mike Kloet	Robert and Phyllis VanHill
Ron Krystiniak	Shelly Vondale
Joe Krzeminski	

\*In Memory Of

### Newsletter Boosters Needed

We welcome new Booster Club members. Your \$50 annual donation is used to offset the newsletter production and mailing cost. Membership can be in memory of a loved one.

### Post 459 Booster Club Enrollment Form

Yes, enroll me in the Post 459 Booster Club.

Annual Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 or more = \_\_\_\_\_

One month membership @ \$5-50 \_\_\_\_\_

Booster members will have their name published in the newsletter during their months of membership.

After completing this form, please mail or bring to the Post

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## BAR MANAGER

**Chris Moore / 458-3929 (club) / 453-9454 (home) / cmoore1966@peoplepc.com**

I want to thank my Post family for all the love and support you have given me and my family this last month. The compassion and understanding I have received, has been a Godsend during this difficult time.

June seems to be shaping up to be busy, at the Post. Make sure you stop in and celebrate your birthday on June 3, with cake and \$.50 off regular priced drinks along with Wii games (Wii every Thursday night). Ladies Night will follow our Auxiliary meeting and potluck on June 7 with \$2 wine and a showing of "It's Complicated". The next Monday we will be presenting "The Green Zone" at 7:00 pm.

Get your table for the rummage sale or come in and find a new treasure on Saturday, June 12 beginning at 9:00 am. Card Shark Euchre will be hosted on the 9th and 23rd at 6:30 pm. Our first craft day is taking place on June 24 at 4:00 pm.

The American Legion Department Convention is being held in Dearborn, June 17 -20. If you are interested in attending, registration forms are available at michiganlegion.org or speak to Margo, Elizabeth, Rex or Jerry. Also that Saturday, the 19th is the SAL golf outing. Sign-up at the Post or contact Dan and Carol Parsaca.

Our second food truck of the season will be available in the Post parking lot on Friday, June 25 at 6:00 pm. Please invite any who could benefit from this service and as always, volunteers are needed and appreciated. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ken Blake.

We will wrap up the month with "The Graduate" party on Saturday, June 26 beginning at 8:00 pm. Make sure to dress for success (caps, gowns and Mrs. Robinson) as the Igmoo Brothers entertain us. Bring an appetizer to share and there will be games, prizes, 50/50's, \$1 drafts and \$2 shots of Jack, Jim and Jose. I am looking for baby and graduation pictures for our members. You can email, snail mail or drop them off. Please make sure your name is listed. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please let me know as we will honor our graduates at the party.

Lastly, our summer Sunday hours change on July 11. The clubroom will open from 4:00 until 10:00 pm throughout July and August. We will close on the Fourth of July. As always, if you have an event, meeting or party you would like to schedule, please give me a call.

See ya at the club!

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 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

## AMERICAN LEGION NORTHEASTERN POST 459 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Free Pool Monday nights \*Except during meetings**  
**Karaoke Tuesdays (7-11 p.m.), Fridays & Saturdays (8-12 p.m.)**

### JUNE CALENDAR

- June 2 PR Team @ 4:30 pm  
SAL @ 7:00 pm
- June 3 June Birthday Party (6-10 pm)  
Wii game night @ 7:00 pm
- June 6 Public Worship @ 10:00 am
- June 7 Ladies Aux @ 7:00 pm -  
POTLUCK  
Chick Flick to begin  
after meeting
- June 9 Card Shark Euchre @ 6:30 pm
- June 10 Wii game night @ 7:00 pm
- June 12 Ladies Aux Rummage sale  
@ 9:00 am
- June 14 FLAG DAY  
Military Movie Night @ 7:00 pm
- June 16 PR Team Mtg @ 4:30 pm

- June 17 American Legion Department  
Convention thru Sunday  
(Dearborn)  
Wii game night @ 7:00 pm
- June 19 SAL Golf outing (9:00 am tee  
off)  
125 Club @ 2:00 pm
- June 21 BOC @ 7:00 pm
- June 23 Card Shark Euchre @ 6:30 pm
- June 24 Craft Day @ 4:00 pm  
Wii game night @ 7:00 pm
- June 25 Food Truck @ 6:00 pm
- June 26 "THE GRADUATE" party  
@ 8:00 pm (Igmo Brothers @  
8:30 pm ~ 50/50's & games ~ \$1  
Drafts & \$2  
Jim, Jack & Jose)
- June 30 E-Board @ 6:30 pm  
Legionnaire's @ 7:30 pm

### JULY CALENDAR

- July 1 July Birthday Party 6-10 pm  
(\$.50 off drinks)  
Wii games @ 7:00 pm
- July 3 LZ Michigan - 1 pm @ Delta  
Plex, 3pm @ 5/3 Ball Park
- July 4 CLOSED
- July 5 Chick Flick @ 7:00 pm
- July 8 Wii games @ 7:00 pm
- July 12 Guy's movie @ 7:00 pm
- July 14 Card Shark Euchre @ 6:30 pm
- July 15 Wii games @ 7:00 pm
- July 19 BOC @ 7:00 pm
- July 21 Post Softball game @ 6:00 pm  
(field to be announced)
- July 22 Wii games @ 7:00 pm
- July 23 Food Truck @ 6:00 pm
- July 25 Tigers Bus Trip - Leaving post  
at 9:00 am
- July 29 Wii games @ 7:00 pm
- July 31 Vet's Carnival @ GRHV  
@ 11:00 am

### \*\*REMEMBER\*\*

Summer Sunday hours begin July 11th.  
 The clubroom will be open on Sundays from 4:00-10:00 pm through August.

### CLUB ROOM WINTER HOURS:

Sunday: 12-7 pm  
 Monday-Thursday: 12-11 pm  
 Friday & Saturday: 12-2 am

### JUNE FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS

Mondays: ..... \$1 Drafts  
 Taco Tuesdays: ..... \$1 Tacos, \$2 PBR mini-pitchers/\$2 Well drinks  
 Weenie Wednesdays: ..... \$1 Weenies, \$1.75 Miller Lite Jumbo Drafts  
 Burger Thursdays: ..... Burger and draft beer \$4 (12-7 p.m.) or \$.50 off just a burger; \$1 Drafts (8-11 p.m.)  
 Fridays: ..... 3/\$1 Jell-o shots  
 Saturdays: ..... Mimosa's & Screwdrivers \$2.25 (12-4 p.m.), \$2 Mini-pitchers (8-11 p.m.)  
 Sundays: ..... \$4 Pitchers, \$2 Wells