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Monthly Newsletter

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Rex Lambert

POST COMMANDER

Greetings all

Welcome back from another great summer. Time to get started on the many things that we have to do.

First on the agenda is a moment of silence for one of the true American heroes of Post 459, Carl Gill. For those of you unaware of Carl's many accomplishments, he was a WWII veteran a past commander of our Post, a honor guard, and a former Veteran of the Year honoree, not to mention our current and long time service officer. The list of people Carl assisted with help in getting the benefits they deserved would not even fit in this newsletter. He will be sorely missed by the American Legion he loved.

Carl Gill, this is for you. "Hand Salute". "Two"

As many of you know, I have had a few health issues of my own lately and at this time I am doing fine. I will be going through a series of treatments in lieu of chemotherapy and have been advised that my cancer tumor was completely removed. I also want to thank you all for the cards and letters of well wishes and prayers that I have received. There have been many and I want you to know that they are appreciated.

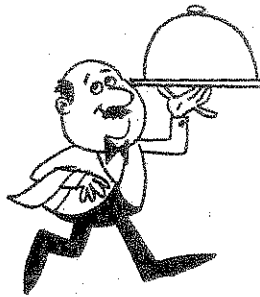
I want to thank Ron and Nan for chairing the picnic committee as well as the many people who pitched in to help. You folks are what makes us a great Post.

Start looking for the sign-up lists for Pulaske weekend, and all of the other activities we have coming up. Nice to see you all back and as always, see you at the club.

In Memory of

CARL GILL

May he rest in peace



Auxiliary - you're cordially invited to the ...

Auxiliary Kick Off Dinner

Monday, Sept. 14 @ 6:30 pm

Choice of Chicken Marsala w/Fettucini

OR

Swiss Steak w/White Truffle Potatoes

Accompanied by Soup, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Green Beans in Garlic Butter and Roasted Vegetable Medley

Choice of Chocolate Mousse or Apple Cobbler

\$5.00 non-refundable in advance

Sign up in clubroom - **Deadline to reserve is Sept. 5th**

- Please consider donating any school item that will be given to teachers to distribute where needed
- For your convenience we will accept Early Bird dues
- Dinner followed by brief informational meeting

Questions?
Call Margo:
363-6688

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

- Sept. 02 - SAL meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 06 - Public Worship 10 am
- Sept. 07 - Labor Day (Club closed)
- Sept. 11 - Patriots Day
- Sept. 14 - Ladies Auxiliary Dinner 6:30 pm
- Sept. 19 - 125 Club 2 pm
- Sept. 20 - Beer cooler cleaning 9 am - Volunteers needed
- Sept. 21 - BOC meeting 7 pm
- Sept. 23 - Newsletter due
- Sept. 23 - Card Shark Night - Euchre 6 pm
- Sept. 26 - Big Ray's Birthday Party (Karaoke) 4 pm
- Sept. 30 - Legionnaire meeting 7:30 pm



Karaoke with Chris or Evie
Thursday nights (7-11)

Karaoke with Gonzo
Friday nights (8-12)

September 23rd Card Shark Night at 6 pm

Prize package, 50/50 - Sign up at Post - 6:30 pm start time



Join us on Saturdays for NCZZ Football,
Monday Night Football, the Lions and NASCAR!

Legion shirts for sale - Pre-order by September 15th.
Sign up at the Club (Money due September 15, 2009)

Check out our new website! www.north-eastern459.org

Three Days, 60 Miles and Susan B. Komen

by Legionnaire Steve Hindenach

My journey began February, 2009 when I googled "3-Day Breast Cancer Walk" and the rest is history. I registered to walk 60 miles in 3 days and raised \$2,300. What was I getting myself into?

I started training and realized I couldn't even walk a mile without my feet hurting. I continued walking and thought about raising \$2,300 in a fun way. I held a euchre tournament and sold 50/50 tickets for five weeks.

By then I could walk 3 miles and raised \$900. The next few weeks I trained harder and even walked 10 miles in one day and raised another \$600. I sent out letters to friends and can't thank them enough because with the support of the Legion, I actually raised \$2,481.00. I walked as far as 25 miles in one day. After months of hard training and fund raising efforts, I said to myself...I can do this!

August 14, 2009, my wife and I arrived at the Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. I saw many carrying banners that said Hope, Courage, For My Daughter, For my Wife and many more. They all had a deep meaning for someone, including myself. After a talk about how this all got started and what this event has accomplished over the years we said our good-byes to our loved ones and hit the 20 mile trail. It was an awesome sight watching approximately 1,900 women and men leave to walk the same journey. I couldn't believe all the spectators that got up to cheer us on with encouraging words and high fives. Some had their yards decorated; some honked their horns as they drove by. It all helped us walk on. 8 hours later I found myself at the end of **Day One**. As we entered camp some of the crew members cheered us on as we walked through the falling water being sprayed on us the Fire Department. Refreshing after the days heat. Now it was time to cool down, get something good to eat, shower and enjoy the entertainment.

Day Two started at 6:30 a.m. After camp, I noticed a family with a handicapped child in a wheel chair was cheering us on. This was special for them to do that, I just had to give a high five to the handicapped child and thank her for getting up early to cheer us on. We were also inspired by a woman with a "5 Month Cancer Free" sign who was passing out water. The town of Plymouth, even colored their fountain in Kellogg Park pink. Friends and family were everywhere. Trees were decorated with pink ribbons. I saw a lawn that had a manicured pink ribbon shape. Lunch 10:30. Once back on the trail the cheering people, the dedication, motivation and smiling faces of the crew support kept me going. My day ended with a high five to the same handicapped child who was now cheering us back into camp. I thanked her for being so special.

Day Three started with a bus trip to the first pit stop. We were greeted by Ford Warrior Drummers. We walked through the beautiful U of M campus and by the Big House. As we continued our walk, the energy seemed to build as we knew we were getting closer to the end. One more cheering station and pit stop before the last leg of our journey.

As we walked up the hill some fellow 459 members, family and friends surprised me with a big "That's What I'm Talking About!" I'm not sure how I can thank them enough for their outburst and cheering me on for the last leg of my journey. A personal thanks to 459 members, Tom and Sue Harris, Big Bopper and Char Harris, along with Jimmy and Tammy Bell, brother Tim and Denise, a school friend, Deb and my beautiful wife Jean. They all made my last four miles a breeze. As I walked to the closing ceremony knowing my 60 mile journey was over I realized I had done something very, very special. That's What I'm Talking About!

September Birthdays



01 Susan Hatfield	
01 Brian Barker	15 Randy West
02 James Hellem	16 Dick Vandermolen
02 Scott VanLente	18 Bill Duthier
03 Stephanie Vandermolen	20 Tom Cerven
03 Darren Matton	21 Tony Cerven
03 Phil Larson (City Phil)	21 Mary Jo Jezowski
04 Linda Guth	22 Greg Bent
05 Bill Young	22 Toni Dorsett
06 Kathy Driscoll	22 John Nowakowski
06 Sally Vandermeer	22 Christina Meloy
07 Chris Lasko	24 Margaret Aiolo
09 Ralph Housenstein	25 Derek Aten
09 Amy Levan	27 Edward Lis
09 Richard Graham	28 Betty Cooper
14 Harry Weronko	29 Mickey Zagummy
14 Jan Spicer	29 Anna Scott
14 Russ Dalziel	30 Big Ray
15 Tracey Ferguson	30 Mark Swenor

Mark Pietrusza

S.A.L. COMMANDER

Hey now!

Our summer is over. It's time to get back to business. Our next meeting is Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the club. Your new 2010 membership cards are in and you can renew at the bar. Also thank you in advance to all the picnic volunteers. I'm sure it was a success as usual.

Please keep track of your volunteer hours, and put them in the appropriate box, next to restrooms.

We are selling the shields at the Club again for the Pulaski Parade. Please help support this event. There will be shields left behind the bar as well.

Ken Blake

CHAPLAIN



Thank you for caring, sharing and giving to our community. Because of your love and resources we helped hundreds of families and several thousand individuals with food and clothing this year. My prayer is that God continue to bless you and open your eyes to see all of His many blessings. As we prepare for the fall and winter season let us continue to share love with those serving our country around the world. Let us continue to ask God's mercy on those who defend our freedoms and their families that are making tremendous sacrifices daily.

Let us be diligent in looking for ways to better serve our community, state and nation. Let us be mindful that freedom has a price and those who enjoy it have a responsibility. Please search your mind and heart for what you can do personally to help our soldiers and their families as well as the members of our community that are hurting due to our present economic conditions. Collectively we can as Legion Family Members make a difference.

God bless and keep you all.

Booster Club Roster 2008-2010 Newsletter Sponsors

Oct. 2008-09 Shelly Vondale *Clint Jager	June 2009-2010 Mike Kloet
Jan. 2009-2010 Lynda Lou Bent James Cannon Stan Milanowski Tess Milanowski	July 2009-2010 Eric Ring
February 2009-2010 Robert & Phyllis Van Hill	August 2009-2010 Thomas J. Budnick Janene M. Budnick Ron Krystiniak
March 2009-2010 Doc & Judy Jones Norma Kidder	Sept. 2009-10 Dyke & Vicki Krzeminski Eric Ring *Bob Teunis Barb Teunis
April 2009-2010 Bob Feighner	<i>*In memory of</i>

Members, please don't overlook your Booster Club Membership. We are missing many names of members who have not renewed their membership. If you have never been a Booster Club member, now is the time to join.

Booster Members Needed

Please consider becoming a Booster Club member. Your \$10 is used to help offset costs of producing and mailing the newsletter. It can be in your name or in memory of a loved one.

Post #459 Booster Club Enrollment

Yes, please enroll me in the Northeastern News Booster Club. Enclosed is \$10 for each name to be published for 12 months.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Marga Forrester

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Summer is certainly flying by!

The August Food Truck was put to great use. We had tons of people show up and there was even free clothing to those who needed them.

I hope you enjoyed the Post picnic. We have many volunteers to help make sure you had a good time. It takes a Legion to run a picnic!

Membership cards are in and we appreciate your Early Bird dues. Membership is still a bargain at \$20. Your dues along with our fund-raisers help with numerous projects. Help us continue to help veterans, children and community.

Please join us for the yummy Auxiliary Kick Off Dinner. It's kind of gourmet and kind of meat and potatoes, hopefully to please every pallet. Also there will be prizes and surprises. For specifics see related article. Please reserve ASAP. And please bring any school items that will be given to be distributed where needed.

We could use your help staffing Pulaski Days which raises funds for our great causes. Save the dates: October 2 & 3. Plan on coming in, eat here or take food to go. Bring your friends and relatives. Contact Liz DeSoto and Tracey Ferguson if you can serve food a few hours. The classic rock band Xposure will play on Friday and Saturday night. They are excellent.

Please inform us of your volunteer hours. We want to know if you fly your flag or help kids read or volunteered at Pulaski Days, etc. You can call Dawn Meloy, our 1st vice president at 616-550-0975 and leave a message. Or leave a note in the Aux mailbox in the clubroom. Fly your flag on Sept. 11, Patriots Day.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. I have a 2nd cousin who just came home on leave. He was traveling in uniform. I was pleased to hear that Northwest Air bumped him up to 1st class and that Kent County Airport didn't charge them for parking.

Keep saving Pop Tops for Tots, soup label and box tops for education.

As always if you have any questions, feel free to contact me - 616-363-6688.

LADIES

Please keep track of your volunteer hours and submit to me at the club, in mailbox or in person. You can also email them to me at dlwm1963@att.net

Chris Moore

BAR MANAGER



As I write this, I find it hard to believe summer is almost over, where has the time gone? August has been a fun-filled month and I am working hard on a fall schedule. Pulaski weekend will be here before we know it and soon we will be Christmas shopping.

The opening Lions' game was preempted by golf (go figure), so our "Greatest Lions' Fan Ever" contest is being postponed, I will reschedule in October.

Our first "Card Shark" night was a huge success, and the Euchre teams are dying for a rematch. Our winning card sharks were Steve Hindenach and Tom Harris. Dawn Meloy was our Kraut Queen. Thanks to all who participated.

I realize it doesn't seem possible, but I am already starting to plan for the Annual Post Thanksgiving Dinner. We will soon be looking for volunteers, in order to provide the turkeys and fixins'. So if you are interested, please let me know.

As always, if you would like to have a gathering at the Post, let me know and I will be happy to make sure we accommodate your wishes.

I would like to give a huge thank you to City Phil and Jerry Karp, for all their extra work on the facilities here at the Legion. Much appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and stay safe.

Frank Mowrey II

SAL member and award winning artist Frank Mowrey II has been accepted for ArtPrize 09 - the world's largest art prize competition - being held in downtown Grand Rapids. For two weeks, beginning Sept. 23rd, 1,262 artists from all over the world will compete for the First Place \$250,000 cash prize. He has been selected as one of only six artists to exhibit his work at Spectrum Health's new Lemmen-Holton Cancer Pavilion on Michigan Street Hill (just 1/2 mile west of Post 459). The winner is determined solely by public vote - and Frank would like yours! To learn more about how you can help him, visit www.ArtPrize.org/vote



NASCAR

I hope everybody is having a great summer so far. We don't have too many races left before the last 10. Don't forget to come down every Sunday race for good company and cold beer. Our next party will be in Nov. for the last race of the year. 50-50s every Sunday race.

Nan and Woody

Harriet Sturim

AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN



The first thing I would like to do is give a big round of applause to all the volunteers for the food truck on August 8 because our day of rain turned into a day of sunshine and helping. We were able to connect with neighbors, friends and fellow Post members. It turned into a totally awesome day.

We also have to send our congratulations to Jaclyn Hickmott on her upcoming wedding, she will soon be by Jaclyn Oudbier. We wish them both all the joys of their upcoming wedding. At the same time we give Matt thoughts and prayers as he leaves for Iraq.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post picnic Aug. 23.

To all our sick and shut-ins we send thoughts and prayers and all good messages.

"Thank you God, for the gift of faith that brings us hope and drives fear away."

125 CLUB

A nice crowd for the 1st drawing on the new ticket. Excellent lunch prepared by our co-chefs Kim and Tracey. As usual, a great job. Thank you. In-house chef for Sept. 19th will be Carolyn Sattler.

Drawing winners were \$100 S. Molanowski, \$75 M. Beye, \$50 C. Sattler, \$25 K. Hickman, T. Ferguson and D. Ratliff. 50-50 winner S. Wymer. Great job Debbie.

By the time you receive this newsletter the picnic will be over and done. Trust all had a good time. This is what we work for with the 125 Club.

Next drawing 9-19-09. See you there. Thank you for your support. Anyone who would like to get on the waiting list can contact one of us and it will be taken care of. Door prizes needed.

Until September...

Bob, Craig, Irene

COOKIN' CORNER



Easy Fruit Dip

- 1-1/2 cups cold milk
- 1 pkg (3.4oz) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup (8oz) cherry vanilla yogurt
- 1 (8oz) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- In bowl, combine milk and pudding mix, mix well. Let stand 2-3 minutes.
- Add yogurt, mix well. Fold in whipped topping, refrigerate. Serve with fruit.



SEPTEMBER 2009



**Clubroom
Summer Hrs:**
Sun: 12-7
Mon-Thurs: 12-11
Fri & Sat: 12-12

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 \$1.00 Tacos \$2 Sangria (glass) \$1 shots of Sangria \$3.50 Domestic Pitchers (7-9) Karaoke with Evie or Chris (7-11)	2 SAL mtg 7 pm \$1.00 Wienies \$1.00 Schlitz \$1.75 24 oz draft Miller Lites	3 \$1 Off Burgers \$2.25 Jack, Jim & Jose	4 3/\$1 Jello shots Karaoke with Gonzo 8:00 - midnite	5 \$2.25 Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers (12-4) \$3.50 Domestic pitchers (6-9)
6 Sunday Worship 10 am 50¢ off well drinks \$3.50 pitchers Bud & Bud Light during Lions games (all night if they win)	7 Labor Day POST CLOSED	8 \$1.00 Tacos \$2 Sangria (glass) \$1 shots of Sangria \$3.50 Domestic Pitchers (7-9) Karaoke with Evie or Chris (7-11)	9 \$1.00 Wienies \$1.00 Schlitz \$1.75 24 oz draft Miller Lites	10 \$1 Off Burgers \$2.25 Jack, Jim & Jose	11 3/\$1 Jello shots Karaoke with Gonzo 8:00 - midnite	12 \$2.25 Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers (12-4) \$3.50 Domestic pitchers (6-9)
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