

SSG MICHAEL A.  
DICKINSON, II  
POST 257  
FAMILY



# Newsletter



JAN 2020

HAPPENING THIS  
MONTH:

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EMMETT TWP MEETING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 5:30 PM	8
MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE @ PASCHE'S 6:00 PM	9
SONS OF THE AMERICAN LE- GION MEETING @ PASCHE'S 3:00 PM	11
POST & AUXILIA- RY MEETINGS @ PASCHE'S 6:30 PM	13
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY	20
VA BINGO BLDG 6 5:30 PM	22
MILITARY APPRE- CIATION NIGHT HARPER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL 5:30 PM	24

## A New Year...A Renewed Commitment!

As we move into the New Year, this is a fitting time to take a look back at all that has defined us as a Post Family.

With a strong commitment to our Community, its' Veterans, and our Children & Youth, Membership led the way to support the Four Pillars of The American Legion.

Participating in a number of Military Appreciation Events, our Post's Honor Guard helped celebrate the sacrifices of our Service Members, both past and present. At the same time, a focus on Patriotic Education helps to ensure this Love for Country remains in the forefront of our Children & Youth.

Post Membership also provided a visual reminder for all Harper Creek High School students, with its' donation and dedication of the new Flag Pole at the entrance to the school's Indoor Athletic Facility.

With a focus on our Community, Post Family Members participated in several Adopt-A-Highway pick-ups throughout the year, returning value to the Community that supports us.

Let us not forget our commitment to

Veterans whom we served through multiple events, such as VA Bingo, the Auxiliary's Buddy Baskets, Snack Carts, and the Last Roll Call.

Post Membership also stepped up in a big way to support the DoD's STARBASE Program, with its' donation to the after school program. The STARBASE Funding Support Resolution that started at our Post, went on to become an official part of The American Legion's National Legislative Agenda.

We've got much to look forward to as we move into the New Year, with the acquisition of our Post Home & Community Center leading the way. This forward-looking vision of our Membership will ensure the continued success of our Post for decades to come, as we provide our Community & its' Veterans with:

**A Center of Veteran/Community Outreach Programs**

**A Center of Patriotic Education & Activities**

**A Center of American Legion Student Programs & Scholarship Opportunities**

**A Center of Veteran, Service Member, & Family Services**



## Making a Holiday Difference!

Through the generous efforts of our entire Post Family throughout the year, we were able to make the Holidays a little bit better for some of our local Military Members.

Working with the 431st Quartermasters Family Support Coordinator, Laura Bentley, two families in need received a much-needed boost for the Holidays.



Making the presentations to the families following their December Drill, Adjutant Bob Dirmeyer and "Lucky Larry" Englert expressed the warmest wishes and appreciation to these Soldiers and their Families.

We hope to double or triple the support we are able to provide during next year's Holiday Season.

Keep that Winning Streak going, Larry!

## A Day at the Big Game!

Thanks to the generosity of a Michigan Legionnaire, Post Member Ed Bartha and his son, Kenneth, were treated to an afternoon of exciting Michigan State Football as they took on Maryland!



A 2nd Generation Air Force Veteran, Ed served with the 110th Security Forces Squadron in Battle Creek, and is a Life Member of SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257.









## Christmas Fun & Festivities

Our December Post & Auxiliary Meetings were cut short, allowing our Post Family time to enjoy an evening of fun and socializing.

It was nice to take a well-deserved break from the normal business of the Post.



## Post Membership Report

Happy New Year from the Membership Committee!

The new year has us at 122 members strong, with 96 of us that have renewed for 2020.

With the new year comes new members, and this month we have the honor again to vote in 7 transfers from Post 225. Once these member are voted in, it will bring us to a total of 129 members, and 103 members renewed for 2020.

Remember, we need all of you to re-new, and now that it is the new year, it's time to get that 2020 membership card.

It's easy to renew! Simply renew at our monthly post meeting, return the slip from the national mailings, or on-line at [Legion.org](http://Legion.org)

If you have any questions at all, just ask! We are happy to help.

Dave Whynot, 1st Vice-Commander / Chairman - Membership Committee

## Post Family Meeting Schedule

Our entire Post Family now meets at Pasche's Seafood Kitchen, inside the Gator Lounge, 11081 E. Michigan Ave, Battle Creek.

The Post & Auxiliary meet the Second Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM, and Sons of The American Legion

Squadron 257 meets the 2nd Saturday of each month @ 3:00 PM

We welcome your attendance and participation, and extend an invitation to all who are interested in membership in the SSG Michael A. Dickinson, 11 Post 257 Family!



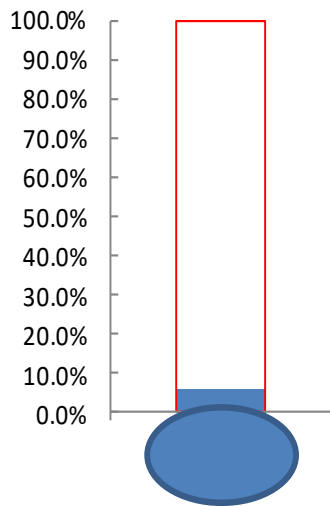
## Capital Campaign Gets Under Way!

It's Full Speed Ahead for our Post Home & Community Center Capital Campaign! With the Holidays behind us, it's up to all of us to spread the good news around the community, as we begin the transition into our new home.

Several brick donations have been re-

ceived already, and we're steadily climbing the ladder towards our goal of at least \$150,000.

We encourage everyone to share this Veteran-oriented Community Center with friends, acquaintances, philanthropists, and businesses in the area.



## Christmas With the 110th Wing

Post & Auxiliary Members pitched in to provide a Merry Time for children of the 110th Wing at their Annual Children's Holiday Party!

Children enjoyed crafts, cookie decorating, a walk through the "Magical Portal" into an enchanted land, and a visit with that Jolly Old Elf himself!



Thanks for making it such a fun time for all these great kids!





## Post/Auxiliary/SAL

### Volunteer Opportunities!

The Post, Auxiliary, & SAL have several opportunities to volunteer in the Community and to support our Military in the near future! Now is the time to pitch in and help make a difference for our Veterans and our Community!

**Jan 9** - Memorial Day Planning Meeting - 6:00 PM @ Pasche's

**Jan 22** - VA Bingo Bldg 6 - 5:30 PM

**Jan 24** - Military Appreciation Night - Harper Creek High School Basketball - 5:30 PM

## Officer Directory

### Post

Commander - Brian Mohlman  
 1st Vice-Commander - Dave Whynot  
 2nd Vice- Commander - Orval King  
 Adjutant - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Finance Officer - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Judge Advocate - Samuel Gray  
 Service Officer - Kathy Dillon  
 Sergeant At Arms - Brad Langley  
 Chaplain - Bill Hohman  
 Historian - Dave Whynot  
 Members-At-Large:  
 Dean Newsome, John Howe, Chris Jenney

### Auxiliary

President - Penny Wright  
 1st Vice-President - Jessica Earl  
 2nd Vice-President - Open  
 Treasurer - Penny Wright  
 Secretary - Carol Langley  
 Sergeant At Arms - Renee Dickinson  
 Chaplain - Lee Dirmeyer  
 Historian - Diana Cloud  
 Executive Committee Members:  
 Vicki Dickinson, Kim Siedelburg, Lisa Simon

### SAL

Commander - Orval King  
 1st Vice-Commander - Andrew Mohlman  
 Adjutant - Ken Nierman  
 Finance Officer - Ken Nierman  
 Chaplain - Robert Dirmeyer  
 Historian - Brian Mohlman  
 Sergeant At Arms - Open

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