

SSG MICHAEL A.
DICKINSON, II
POST 257
FAMILY

Newsletter



JUN 2020

HAPPENING THIS
MONTH: JUN

POST & AUXILIARY MEETINGS 8
6:30 PM

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING 13
3:00 PM

FLAG DAY CEREMONY 14
6:00 PM
@ POST HOME

BLUE STAR MOTHERS MEETING 18
6:00 PM

COMMUNITY YARD SALE 26 & 27
9:00 - 3:00

Honoring our Fallen

In a year that has seen unprecedented interruptions to our daily lives, our Post Family adapted to come up with an honorable way to pay tribute to our Fallen Heroes this Memorial Day.



Teaming up with Floral Lawn Memorial Gardens and several Harper Creek High School Students, we placed approximately 2,800 flags on the graves of our Fallen.



For several of our Student Volunteers, this was the first time they've seen their friends in over 2-1/2 Months! This was an opportunity to get a breath of fresh air, while providing a valuable Community Service for our Veterans.

The Post 257 Family is grateful for the generous efforts of all who helped mark this solemn occasion.





Starting Our Own Tradition

Our first Memorial Day in our new Post Home marked the beginning of a new tradition in Emmett Township. Several



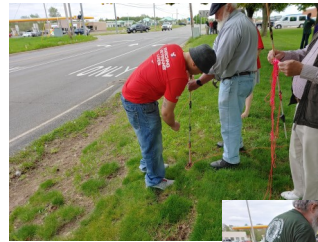
Auxiliary Members, along with Post Family Members, placed flags

along both Beadle Lake Rd and B Drive N in observance of Memorial Day.

Following placement of around 144 flags, our entire Post Family enjoyed a little free time together...talking, coming up with ideas, and just plain getting

to know each other a little better.

A special thank you to Jessica Earl, her mother Marilyn, and Melody Carlsen for removing and cleaning the flags so they can be used again in the future.



2nd Blood Drive a Success!

After a successful first Blood Drive in April, Post Family Members stepped up the game to provide a second drive on May 8th. The Red Cross added an additional 14 appointments to the schedule, and again, we exceeded our goal.

These two Blood Drives during the Covid-19 crisis proved to be just what donors were looking for. Thanks to



everyone who stepped up to the plate to help our Community!





Post Membership Report

June brings the last month of the 2020 recruiting year, and what a year it has been! All thanks goes to each and everyone of you that spread the good news of our post. We are doing great stuff! People are noticing, and that makes us grow for a larger veteran voice for our community, state and nation.

July starts the new 2021 recruiting drive. When we started in July of 2019 for the 2020 drive, we had 101 members, and a goal of 122 (plus 21) members for 2020 recruiting drive. We did not only meet that goal by November, but met that challenge and exceeded it! When we voted 8 additional members at our last post meeting, we now have 140 members for 2020.

But wait! Our members continue to impress me! At the July meeting we have 5 new members to vote in that include 3 transfers, and 2 new members. I am also sure that there may be more be-

tween the time I write this and our July meeting.

However, at we face June, there are 15 members that did not renew for 2020. These members are at risk of losing their continuing years of serve, and enjoy the benefits and camaraderie that comes with being a member of our post. But they still have the month of June to go on line at Legion.org or reach out to me to renew.

I hope to see all of you at our June meeting to celebrate a great recruiting year! I am uncertain of what goals will be placed on us for the 2021 year, but I know all of you will rise to the challenge!

David Whynot - 1st Vice Commander /
Chairman - Membership Committee

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Buddy Checks...An Important Call!

Several of our Post's volunteers have been busy calling Members during this uncertain time. The purpose of these all-important Buddy Checks is to stay in communication with you, to let you know we're here for you, and to make sure everyone is safe & sound.

As a result of some of these recent calls, Members were able to express

their needs, and appropriate referrals were made to request assistance.

Just as we learned during our years of Military Service, we never leave a Buddy behind...not then...not now...and not in the future!





Auxiliary News

2020-2021 Officer Elections

Due to the current state of affairs (The Governor's Stay-At-Home Order) the Auxiliary decided to have virtual meetings the past couple of months. Some of the urgent business that was attended to at our May meeting was our annual officer nominations and elections. Our Unit agreed to adopt the resolution set forth and recommended by Department: *Pass a resolution among the District/Unit Executive Committee members stated in your Constitution,*

Bylaws and Standing Rules, keeping the current slate of officers in place until the 2021 elections..... If you have any questions on this please reach out to any board member.

We have a lot of activities coming up, please try to attend our monthly membership meetings, it's the very best place to get the information first hand – we welcome and need your input.

OUR MISSION

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Eligibility Requirements for

American

Legion Auxiliary Membership

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the: Grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, daughters, granddaughters, and adopted daughters of members of The American Legion; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

What is Flag Day All About?

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

American Legion Post across the nation commemorate Flag Day with a ceremony, providing for the Honorable disposition of unserviceable flags.

This year, SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257 will provide our Community with such a ceremony.

Please join us on Sunday June 14th @ 6:00 PM for this memorable event.



American Legion Auxiliary Declaration

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

We are the American Legion Auxiliary.
We are called to serve.
We respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms.
We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it.
We are humbled by the courage of our veterans and their families.
We are alone, yet we stand together.
We are daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. We are family.
We are of every color. We are of every faith.
We are of every age.
We are anyone and everyone.

We are common and extraordinary.
We are citizens.
We live in small towns.
We live in suburbs.
We live in cities.
We work in fields, in factories, warehouses, offices, at home.
We are a community. We help one another.
We love our flag and all that it stands for.
We are many. We are one.
We are the American Legion Auxiliary. A Community of Volunteers
Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families.
We commit ourselves to the ideal: *Service Not Self.*

Can & Bottle Campaign a HUGE Success!

Hearing of a need in our Community to help families out with mounting Returnable Cans & Bottles in their homes, our Post started a Bottle & Can Donation Drive last month.

To say that this program has been a resounding success, would be an understatement!

Members of our Community have expressed words of praise and thanks for our efforts to help them out, while



offering an easy way for them to Donate to our Post's efforts!

Our best estimate so far, and that would be a guess, is that we've collected well over 75,000 cans & bottles.



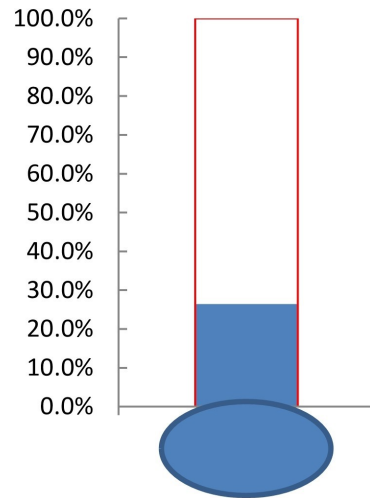
Thanks to everyone who continues to help out with this highly successful Community Service Fundraiser!



Capital Campaign Progresses!

Our Post's Building Capital Campaign continues to grow with each passing day! As we move further down the road to our purchase, we need to ensure we're all sharing our Post Home & Community Center with everyone we know.

Trifold flyers and Donation Forms are available to all at our Post Home. Be sure to keep a generous supply on hand...you never know who you're going to run into!



SAL Hosts Cruise-In!

Our Sons of The American Legion Squadron teamed up with Misfits Car Club to put on a very successful Cruise-In at our Post Home!

With over 75 vehicles involved, Members and our Community were treated to a beautiful afternoon of fresh air and

sunshine.

A HUGE Thank

You goes out to Del Kilbourne and the Misfits Car Club on a spectacular event!



Post Family Meeting Schedule

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, II Post 257 Family!



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!

June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony - 6:00 PM @ Post Home

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 - Vacant
 Executive Committee Members:
 Vicki Dickinson, Kim Siedelburg, Lisa Simon

SAL

Commander - Andrew Mohlman
 1st Vice-Commander - Orval King
 2nd Vice-Commander - Del Kilbourne
 Adjutant - Ken Nierman
 Finance Officer - Ken Nierman
 Chaplain - Robert Dirmeyer
 Historian - Brian Mohlman
 Sergeant At Arms - Terry Favorite

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