

SSG MICHAEL A.
DICKINSON, II
POST 257

Newsletter



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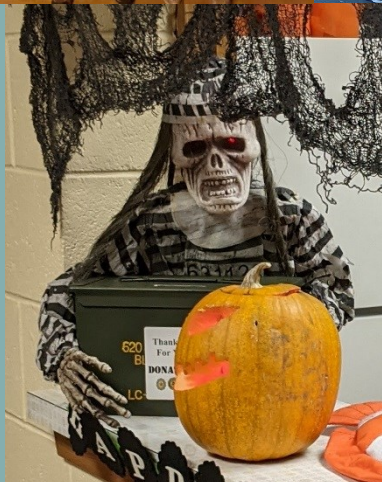
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A Hauntingly Good Time!

Our Post Family's first Halloween in our new home brought out some very scary visitors!

An evening of Trunk or Treat, followed by the Post Family Halloween Party, brought our Community and Post Family out for some great activities.

Thanks to all who pitched in to make this a fun-filled evening for the kids, as well as the adults!





Veterans Day Open House

Our Post will open its' doors to Veterans and the Community from **11:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Wednesday, Nov 11!**

Free Coffee, snacks, etc. will be available for all who stop by to learn about our Post and its' mission.

Please pass this information on to all Veterans and Community Members you run across. Questions...269-579-6458

Email: commanderpost257@gmail.com



Army Recruiters Update Their Skills

Area Army Recruiters recently held their Project Inclusion Meeting at our Post. Active & Reserve Soldiers spent the day refining their skills, enjoying a great educational experience.

Partnering with local Military Organizations is just one way SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257 engages with the Community and its' Military Members.





Membership

Thank you to Lee Dirmeyer for stepping up to be our Membership Chairperson.

She is doing a great job keeping us on track. Our Unit goal is 25 members, we currently have 21 members that have renewed or recently joined, we still have 12 active members to get your 2021 dues paid.

Biggest of welcomes to our new member, Cleo Keyes. It was great to have

you attend your very first meeting! We are very happy to have you in our Unit!

As a reminder our goal is to have our 2021 dues paid by Veterans Day (November 11), it's coming up fast. If we can get 100% of our dues paid by that date, we will be in a drawing for a \$100. Free & easy money could be ours!! Renew today by mail, in person, or online. Our Unit is currently 84% paid – which is GREAT!!

Veterans Day

To honor all Veterans, our Post Family will be placing small flags around the perimeter of our property on Sunday, November 8 @ 3pm. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to come join the

volunteer event. It doesn't take long to put the flags out but it's a very rewarding experience, I hope you can find time to join us.

November Membership Meeting

The Auxiliary will continue to have in-person membership meetings each month. For those that are more comfortable we will also be doing ZOOM at the

same time. Membership meetings are a time we share important information and ideas and we want to be sure everyone has an option to attend that you are comfortable with. The meeting table in the Auxiliary room has been removed and the room has been sani-



tized. Moving forward we will be using chairs only for our meetings so everyone can "social distance" a bit easier. Please remember if you are sick or not feeling well, take care of yourself & those around you by staying home.



Volunteer Opportunities

Our calendar is filling up for weekend events and meetings during the week. We are in need of volunteers to be in the building during all events. Check out our event calendar in the hallway, if there is something that will fit your schedule please reach out. Our heartfelt thanks to all that have recently

helped out whether it was managing the building during an event, participating in Operation Pumpkin Patch, or the wonderful Trunk 'R Treat event – all is appreciated!! We are all volunteers in our Post Family, we do what we can, when we can – that's how it works when you are a volunteer.

Happy Thanksgiving

While things may be a little different this year, we hope everyone is able to

connect with family & friends during this holiday.





Post Hosts Blood Drive!



Many thanks to the Red Cross, our Post Volunteers, and the Community, for their efforts to keep the Nation's supply of Blood ahead of demand during this pandemic.

Along with Volunteers from our Post, the American Red Cross held another successful Blood Drive at our Post.

With a goal of 19 Units of Blood, we exceeded expectations with donations of 26 Units!



American Legion Riders Chapter News

Our Post is in the process of charting an American Legion Riders chapter for motorcycle enthusiasts within our Post Family!

American Legion Riders chapters have become an integral part of The American Legion Family. Chapters participate in numerous charitable events, raising hundreds of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded servicemembers and scholarships. At the forefront of their efforts, Riders from across the nation have participated in The American Legion Legacy Run to raise funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is available to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001, or those who have a



combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

A second organizational meeting will be held at our Post Home on **Saturday, Nov 7 @ 10:00 AM** for all who are interested in joining this energetic group of Legion Family Members!



Post Membership Report

Goal Watch!

Each year The American Legion Department of Michigan places membership goals for the department, districts, and individual posts. This year is no different, and no different that we have aggressive goals to meet. But have no fear! With our active membership that renews early, and active recruiting members we are well on our way to not only meet the goal, but exceed it!

Here is where we currently stand according to the department report on 26 Oct 2020, and where we stand for each established target date:

2021 Membership Goal = 150
Current = 123 (82%)

Target Dates Results

-31 Aug 2020 = 75 (50%) - 90 (60%) +15
-28 Sept 2020 = 83 (55%) - 100 (66%) +17
-26 Oct 2020 = 98 (65%) - 123 (82%) +25
-30 Nov 2020 = 113 (75%) - 123 (82%) +10
-11 Jan 2021 = 120 (80%) - 123 (82%) +3
-1 Feb 2021 = 128 (85%) - -5
-1 Mar 2021 = 135 (90%) - -12
-5 Apr 2021 = 143 (95%) - -20
-3 May 2021 = 150 (100%) - -27

As you can see we are way ahead of the department challenge! Let's keep it rolling

buy renewing your membership now, or inviting a friend to join us.

Renewal is easy, and the easiest is online at The American Legion My Legion website at the renewal tab. Here is the direct link : https://www.members.legion.org/CGI-BIN/lansaweb?webapp=MYLRENEW+webtrn=wr_membrdata+ml=LANSA:XHTML+part=TAL+lang=ENG#legion-org

You can also stop by our post that is usually open every day from 10 am till 4 pm. The post location is 7475 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

David Whynot, 1st Vice Commander and Chair, Membership Committee

Membership257@gmail.com



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!

Nov 8 - 3:00 PM Flag Placement for Veterans Day

Nov 11 - 11:00 AM-7:00 PM Veterans Day Open House

Officer Directory

Post

Commander - Brian Mohlman

1st Vice-Commander - Dave Whynot

2nd Vice-Commander - Samuel Gray

Adjutant - Robert Dirmeyer

Finance Officer - Robert Dirmeyer

Judge Advocate - Jack Carlsen

Service Officer - Open

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 - Open

Executive Committee Members:

Vicki Dickinson, Kim Siedelburg, Lisa Simon

SAL

Commander - Andrew Mohlman

1st Vice-Commander - Del Kilbourne

2nd Vice-Commander - Open

Adjutant - Ken Nierman

Finance Officer - Ken Nierman

Chaplain - Robert Dirmeyer

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Sergeant At Arms - Terry Favorite

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November 2020



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Fri

Sat

1	2	3 ELECTION DAY GET OUT & VOTE!	4	5	6	7 RIDERS MEETING 10:00 AM ----- ARMY V AIR FORCE 11:30 AM
8 FLAG PLACEMENT AT POST 4:00 PM	9 POST & AUXILIARY MEETINGS 6:30 PM	10	11 VETERANS DAY OPEN HOUSE 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	12	13	14 COFFEE @ THE POST 7:00 - 10:00 AM ----- SAL MEETING 3:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19 BLUE STAR MOTHERS 6:00 PM	20	21 COFFEE @ THE POST 7:00 - 10:00 AM
22	23	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	27	28 COFFEE @ THE POST 7:00 - 10:00 AM
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