

SSG MICHAEL A.
DICKINSON, II
POST 257
FAMILY

Newsletter



OCT 2020

HAPPENING THIS
MONTH: OCT

ADOPT-A-HWY 3
FIREKEEPERS GAS
STATION
9:00

SONS OF THE 10
AMERICAN LE-
GION MEETING
3:00 PM

POST & AUXILIA- 12
RY MEETINGS
6:30 PM

BLUE STAR 15
MOTHERS
MEETING
6:00 PM

RED CROSS 29
BLOOD DRIVE &
9:00 AM 30

TRUNK OR TREAT 31
5:00—7:00 PM

POST FAMILY 31
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
7:00 - ???

Welcome to YOUR Post Home!



Rev. Eugene James extends his hand to Post 257 Commander, Brian Mohlman, following the closing on the purchase transaction.

After 9 months of some of the most dedicated and sincere efforts of our Post Family Members and our Community, the Deed to our new Post Home & Community Center was formally presented to us on 1 October.

During a closing ceremony that was witnessed by a nearly full house, Rev. Eugene James put his signature on the documents that transferred ownership from Disciples of Christ to the Membership of SSG Michael A. Dickinson, II Post 257.

With this new Post Home comes an awesome long-term commitment to Veterans, our Community, and our



Nation, as well as a dedication to the sacrifice of SSG Mi-

chael A. Dickinson, II.

This new Post Home belongs to ALL the Members of our Post Family...to enjoy...to work...and to care for. The responsibility of assuring the success of this investment rests upon us all.



www.legionpost257.org

New Post Website & Phone

As our Post's Membership and commitment to Veterans in our Community continue to grow, so does our technology!

Our Post's new website is up and running, with several useful tools and information for everyone! Check it out today!...www.legionpost257.org

In addition to Officer Listings, there are direct links to make a donation, join our

Newsletter distribution, and send us an email inquiry.

We've also added a new permanent telephone number that will stay with the Post from this point on.

www.legionpost257.org

New Post Phone Number

269-224-6270

Closing Sights...





Membership

Welcome to our newest member Caroling Gifford. We are excited to have you in our Unit!

Thank you to everyone that has renewed your membership for 2021. Na-

tional has set us a goal of 25 members. We currently have 13 members paid for 2021 – that is 52% of our goal! Nice job Ladies!!! Keep the membership coming so we can get this goal achieved by Veterans Day!

Help Wanted!

Our Unit is looking for an Auxiliary member to step up to be our Membership Chairperson. Responsibilities include collecting the dues, signing & issuing the Membership ID Cards, preparing documents to be sent to Department, reporting the membership goal at our Unit Meetings. If you are a detailed oriented person this might be a good spot for you to help our Unit. If you are interested or would like to know more contact Penny Wright.

Our Unit is also looking for an Auxiliary Member to be our Treasurer. We cur-

rently use Quicken as our database for all of our financials. You would be fully trained & mentored on this board position. Keeping our financials up-to-date and a little bit of banking are the two biggest tasks. You would be required to present a financial report at Unit Meetings each month.

The Holidays will be here before we know it. We are looking for a couple of interested Auxiliary members that want to work on our holiday baskets. While our funds are low this year we can still make an impact in the life of a Veteran or two. Please contact Penny Wright if you have an interest in heading up this project.

October Membership Meeting

We will be meeting in person for our membership meeting on October 12. For those that are still

uncomfortable in small crowds, we will also have Zoom available.

Don't forget our two Auxiliary sponsored events coming up:





The Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation, under God
Indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all.

Draw a line to match the word to its meaning.

pledge ●

justice ●

allegiance ●

Republic ●

indivisible ●

liberty ●

● fairness

● promise

● freedom

● government

● fairness

● together





Trunk or Treat & Post Family Halloween Party

Our Post will host its' first Trunk or Treat event, followed by a Post Family Halloween Party on October 31!

The Trunk or Treat event will begin at 5:00 PM, and will finish up at 7:00 PM in the Post parking lot.

Doors will open at 6:00 PM, with the Halloween Party starting at 7:00 PM until we decide to go home.

Party activities will include a cooler decorating contest, silent raffles, and Pie-in-the-Face of Post Family Officers.

Join us for an evening filled with a lot of fun!



Post to Host Multiple Blood Drives

Thanks to the hard work of our Post Family volunteers, the American Red Cross has reached out to us to host two more Blood Drives.

Back to back Blood Drives will be held on Thursday & Friday, Oct 29 & 30 from 9:30 - 4:30.

We're looking for groups of about 4 volunteers to work two 4 hour shifts each of those two days. Please let us know if you're available to help out.

It has been suggested that we dress as Vampires, in keeping with the Halloween spirit.



Blood Drive!

Additionally, Harper Creek High School has requested the use of our facility to host four Blood

Drives of their own, over the next 9 months or so. The school will provide the volunteer force necessary, and is extremely grateful for our willingness to help out with a location.



Army RES & NG Host Recruiting Event

Local Army Reserve & Army National Guard Recruiters hosted a Recruiting Event at Post 257. They brought the heavy equipment in from Ft. Custer, even setting up a Mobile Kitchen to serve food to visitors.

Thanks to Post Member Josiah Elzy for arranging this event in support of our currently serving Military Members in our Community!



Misfits Benefit Car Show a HUGE Success!



Local Car Club, the Misfits, held a successful Benefit Car Show, raising funds to support Wounded Warrior Project. Following a week-long weather delay, there wasn't a cloud in the sky on the day of the event. Over \$1,000 was raised in support of the Wounded Warrior Project...Congratulations Misfits!!





Post Membership Report

Value of Membership!

Did you know that you are eligible for many discounts as a member of The American Legion? For example Office Depot and Office Max are offering up to 75% off regular prices of their Best Value List of preferred products. Here is a direct link to the savings <https://officediscounts.org/tal/>

Also a The American Legion website you can see many more benefits and resources available to your. From discounts, state benefits, and news articles on the newest benefits. All this can be found at <https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits>

However, you need to renew to get many of them. 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_memberdata+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.

National Headquarters also mails you renewal slips. You can mail them to the post at the same address above.

Remember, your membership is a value for all veterans. Giving all a larger voice in our community, state and nation!

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!

Oct 3 - Adopt-A-Highway - 9:00

Oct 29 & 30 - Red Cross Blood Drive - 9:15 - 4:45

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

Historian - Brian Mohlman

Sergeant At Arms - Terry Favorite

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American Legion Post 257

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Saturday Oct 31, 2020

5:00 – 7:00 PM



Bring a Dish to Pass
 • Chili-Cheese
 Dogs & Smores
 Provided

- Bring a Lawn Chair for the Bonfire
- Cooler Decorating Contest
- Gift Basket Raffles

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Post 257 Family (Not open to Public)

7475 B Drive N

Battle Creek, MI 49014

Saturday Oct 31, 2020

7:00 PM - ???

Doors Open @ 6:00 PM

Bring Your Beverage of
 Choice

- Theme: 1950's Horror Movies
- Costumes Encouraged