

SSG Michael A Dickinson II

American Legion Post 257

Newsletter October 2023

www.legionpost257.org

269-224-6270

YOUR LEADERSHIP TEAM 2023-2024



From left to right, Members at Large, Jim Hoglen, Mike Mooney, Jack Carlsen, Sgt-at-Arms, Pat Kinney, Service Officer, Ed Jinks, Finance Officer, Sherilyn Williams, 2nd Vice Commander Bill Pfost, 1st Vice Commander, Steve Garrow, Commander, Dan Holdridge Swearing in by Department 1st Vice Commander Brian Mohlman



Join American Legion Post 257 Today!

Scan the QR Code



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE POST



Adopt a Highway

Ed Jinks and Bill Hohman

Pumpkin Gathering



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



At Halloween, boo unto others as
you would have them boo unto
you.

POST FAMILY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Post & Auxiliary meet the second Monday of each month @ 6:30 pm
Sons of The American Legion Squadron meets the first Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 pm
The A.L.E.R.T. 257 meets the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Down to Business



Department Commander Brian Mohlman riding a Vietnam era River Patrol Boat during the Fall Conference in Muskegon

Commander Dan Holdridge-
swearing in new members
Mikal Pechota and
Wayne Rantz



Cheryl Luts, Adjutant, acknowledging Steve Peine from Musashi for their generous donation of a new projector for our building.

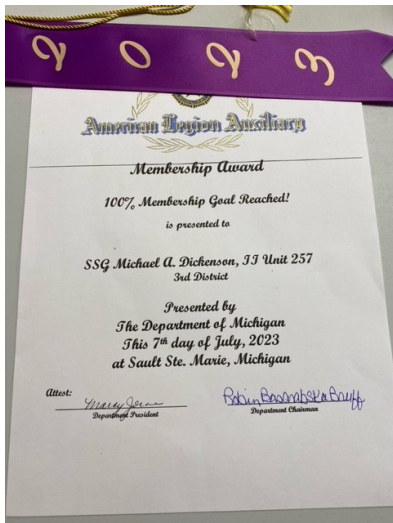
Harper Creek Homecoming, YES we were there!



We posted the Colors, rode in the parade and threw candy to the crowd.



Your Auxiliary at Work!



100% Membership Award for the 5th year in a row!



Received Community Service Award for their Pumpkin Patch fundraiser



Received Participation certificate for writing a Prayer and Devotional Book (how do you get a copy of that?!)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

News from your American Legion Magazine

October 2023

For God and Country Since 1919

“Our uniforms...and then our suits”

Dan Kunze, vice chairman of Task Force Movement (TFM) is working to connect service-members and veterans to careers in understaffed fields—one important one being Cybersecurity. Veterans, often trained in high-level information technology and carrying security clearances, are uniquely suited to fill a critical gap that has some 700,000 openings. The median annual salary for a cybersecurity professional is \$112,000. Here is how to find out more about this opportunity: taskforcemovement.org/cybersecurity



Daniel J. Seehafer, National Commander of The American Legion

Daniel J. Seehafer was elected national commander of The American Legion on Aug. 31, 2023, in Charlotte, N.C., during the 104th national convention. Seehafer likes to say, “It’s The American Legion’s mission of lies. He is continuing the vent veteran suicide. You can of the American Legion maga-



ing the 104th national convention. Seehafer likes to say, “It’s The American Legion’s mission of lies. He is continuing the vent veteran suicide. You can of the American Legion maga-

GRASSROOTS ACTION CENTER

LEGION.ORG/ACTION

WHAT NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION RIGHT NOW

1. **Pass the Afghan Adjustment Act**—two years ago our soldiers and Marines heroically evacuated tens of thousands of Afghan allies who fought with us against the Taliban. Since then, more than 70,000 at-risk Afghans have been relocated to the United States, where they have been in legal limbo. Congress has failed to pass a streamlined permanent residency process. The American Legion wants to urge Congress to pass S 2327 and HR 4627 to improve their path to residency.
2. **Stand with our Veteran's Caregivers**—the Senate did not get enough votes to pass the Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2023 which will expand community-based services for aging veterans and improve VA support for veterans and caregivers of all ages. We need to write our Senators to demand they co-sponsor S 141, the Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act.
3. **Major Richard Star Act**—Right now, the VA deducts the retirement pay of veterans with a disability rating of less than 50%. Disability compensation and retirement pay are two different payments and should be treated as such. The American Legion stands with disabled veterans and urges Congress not to continue this denial of retirement benefits. The Major Richard Star Act would repeal this offset for those veterans who are medically retired due to injuries sustained in combat and allow them to receive both their retirement pay without forfeiting their disability compensation.

LEGION.ORG/ACTION makes it very easy to send emails to our senators about these and many more issues that the American Legion is supporting. Check them out on the website and add your voice to these causes, they impact all of us.



Post/Auxiliary/SAL Volunteer Opportunities!

Sloppy Joe serving every Wednesday, 4:00

Oct 31—Trunk or Treat at the Post

Nov 3—Hockey K Wings Game, auctioning of a Jersey

Nov 11—Veterans Day Meal at the Post

Watch for Post Emails for more information for each event

Officer Directory

Post

Commander - Dan Holdridge
1st Vice-Commander - Steve Garrow
2nd Vice- Commander - Bill Pfost
Adjutant - Cheryl Luts
Finance Officer - Sherilyn Williams
Judge Advocate - vacant
Service Officer - Ed Jinks
Sergeant At Arms - Pat Kinney
Chaplain - Bill Hohman
Historian - Cindy Dawson

Members-At-Large:

Jack Carlson, Jim Hoglen, Mike Mooney

Auxiliary

President - Penny Wright
1st Vice-President - Renee Dickinson
2nd Vice-President - Melody Carlsen
Treasurer - Katherine Philo
Secretary - Carol Langley
Sergeant At Arms - Cleo Keyes
Chaplain - Marilyn Blount
Historian - Open
Executive Committee Members:
Vicki Dickinson, Kim Siedelburg, Glea Anthonissen

SAL

Commander - Andrew Mohlman
1st Vice-Commander - Jack Carlson
Adjutant - Dan Holdridge
Finance Officer - Terry Lindauer
Chaplain - Brian Mohlman
Historian - Brian Mohlman
Sergeant At Arms - Reece Adkins