

SSG MICHAEL A.  
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POST 257  
FAMILY

# Newsletter



SEP 2020

HAPPENING THIS  
MONTH:

SEP

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING  
3:00 PM

12

MISFITS BENEFIT CAR SHOW  
5 PM - ???

12

3rd DISTRICT MEETING - ZOOM  
1:00 PM

13

POST & AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
6:30 PM  
ZOOM MEETING

14

BLUE STAR MOTHERS MEETING  
6:00 PM

17

HALLOWEEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:30

21

## Time to Make A Difference!

As we quickly approach the closing date for the purchase of our Post Home & Community Center, there's still time to make a BIG difference during these final 30 days. With roughly 66% of the \$150,000 goal reached so far, there's still time to ensure we reach our goal of assuming ownership debt free.

Several successful fund-raising events have brought us closer to our goal, such as Yard Sales, the now infamous Can & Bottle Mega-fundraiser, the Donation Brick Program, several substantial local donations, a matching donation by The American Legion Department of Michigan, and all the donations from Post Members and our Community. We are extremely grateful for all of these contributions, and couldn't have come this far without your support.

There's still time to make a difference! If you share the same desire to make this dream of a Veteran Oriented Community Center a reality, I urge you to please consider a Gift to our Capital Campaign in the next couple

**Make Your Difference...  
Donate Now!  
[www.legionpost257.org](http://www.legionpost257.org)**



weeks. We're looking at a closing date around 1 Oct, and are confident we will show up at the table with cash in hand.

Donations are accepted via our Post's website at [www.legionpost257.org](http://www.legionpost257.org) by clicking on the "Donate to Post 257" button, or by clicking on the **Brick**. Your Gift may also be mailed or dropped off at our Post Home at 7475 B Drive N, Battle Creek, MI 49014.



[www.legionpost257.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.legionpost257.org)**

**New Post Phone Number  
269-224-6270**

## Operation Pumpkin Patch Grows!



Operation Pumpkin Patch is coming along nicely. We have a good crop of pumpkins in the garden to be sold as a fundraiser in October. Watch for the call to go pick the pumpkins and transport them back to the Post. We are going to need trailers/trucks/volunteers.







# Post Membership Report

We need you to renew!

Every year National Headquarters sets membership renewal goals. While we are well on our way to meeting it, I want to help every one of you renew, so we not only make our goal, but exceed it and have all of you renew for 2021.

Renewal is easy, and the easiest is online at The American Legion MyL-region 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](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.

Help us make our goal and give a large voice to every veteran in our community, state and nation!

It is always an honor to serve those that have served.

David Whynot, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and Chair, Membership Committee

[Membership257@gmail.com](mailto:Membership257@gmail.com)



**IN HONOR  
AND REMEMBRANCE**



## Auxiliary Needs Your Candy Donations

The Auxiliary is hosting a Trunk 'R Treat event for the Community. We have a decorated box (thanks to Melody Carlsen) at the Post to drop your candy donations. The more we



collect the more we can hand out on Halloween. We also welcome all members to join us for the fun event. Small individually packaged sizes are preferred.

## Good Deed Award

Auxiliary Membership submitted and received a National Good Deed Award for our community member, Trey Myers. Due to COVID restrictions we have not been able to present the award in person. We will be mailing him his certificate with our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for his never-ending patriotism.

### Youth Hero-Good Deed Awards

Created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee, these awards



are presented annually throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18.

In the past three years alone, more than 250 Youth Hero and Good Deed awards have been presented to deserving youth.



## Save The Date!

### POST FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Details coming soon for a Halloween Party for our Post Family Members. Mark your calendar for October 31 - you don't want to miss the fun! Stay tuned .....



### 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 5 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.

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

## Blood Drive!



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.

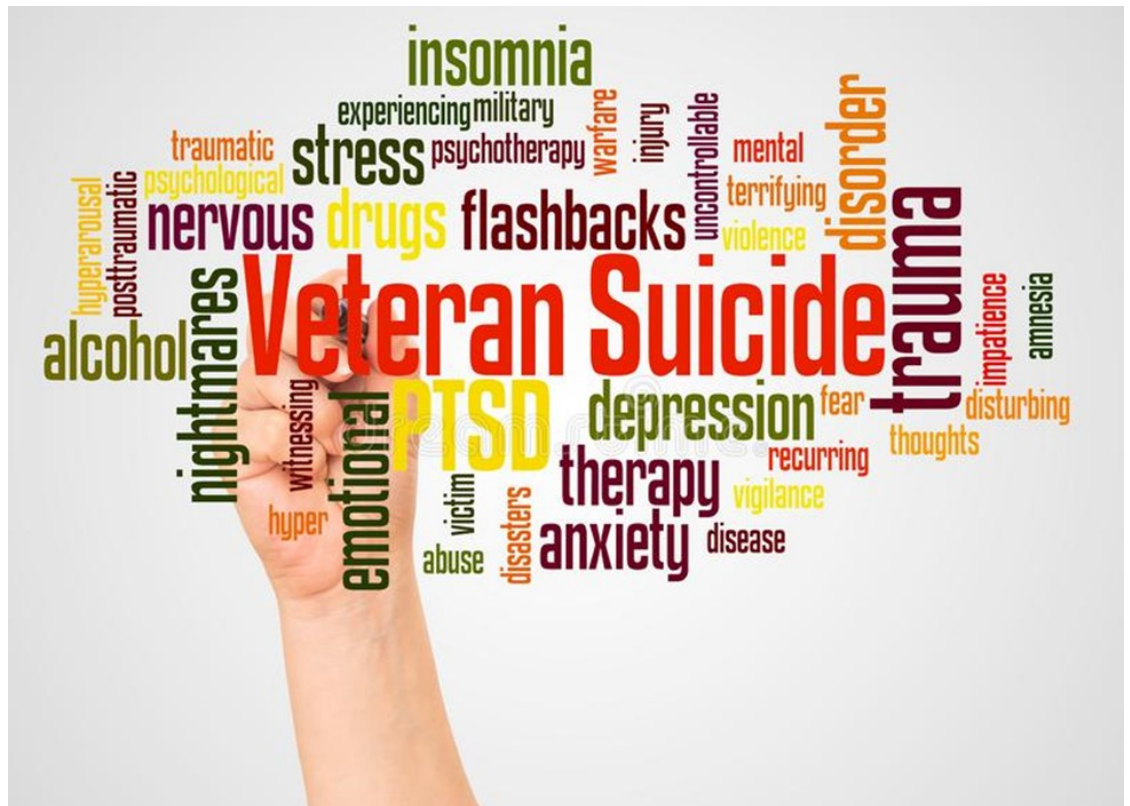




## September is Suicide Prevention Month

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide, please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1

or text 838255. You can also chat online at <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat>



## 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 - Open

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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TROPHIES

September 12 , 2020 beginning at 5:00 PM  
Dash Plaque to the first 100 registered vehicles



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