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COMMANDERS MESSAGE



Greetings my friends,

Memorial Weekend to me is the greatest remembrance service that the American Legion provides to our Veterans. After speaking with Scoutmaster David Storey on his Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts participating with the American Legion this year at Fairview Cemetery, we're going to say each Veterans' name as we place the American Flag next to their final resting place.

If you can join us at Fairview Cemetery, please arrive at 9 am on Saturday the 29th and we will have the annual cookout after our mission is completed.

On the next page, you will see the schedule for Sunday the May 30th with the Honor Guard Detail providing Memorial Services in our community. On Memorial Day, the 31st we will meet at Memorial Park, 1st & Lincoln, for a service at 9 am with Rotarian Michael Coghlan as our guest speaker. Then onto the Ellwood House for our community service with Historian Officer Michael Embrey, USAF being our Honorary Speaker. We will also present the DeKalb High School Seniors and Eighth Graders from St Mary's, Clinton Rosette, and Huntly Middle School with the American Legion Award for outstanding Patriotism amongst their peers.

An Open House will follow at the American Legion afterward, bring a fellow Veteran to meet us.

Installation of new Post Officers will also be held at the Post this day.

Please volunteer to sell Poppys with the Ladies Auxiliary the last week of May, just one to two hours makes a difference. A sign up sheet is at the Post and really everyone reading this should participate.

Any questions can be answered by Ladies Auxiliary President Karen Woods. We are actually limited to where we may sell Poppys in DeKalb.

In case you were wondering why there will be no Memorial Day Parade, the Band students have not practiced playing their instruments together since last March.

As always please support your Post 66 and make the monthly meetings of your organization. We get so much done when more minds are involved.

I am happily retiring from a great career and will be stepping down as Commander, having served in this position was very rewarding to me. I am very proud to be associated with a Veterans Organization that is involved in our community by assisting fellow Veterans with the VA, Youth groups in schools/sports. Most importantly is serving on the American Legion Post 66 Honor Guard Detail that provides closure for the families of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us with a great sense of pride that many never felt until they hear the Rifle Volleys and Taps, then with the folding of the American Flag presented to them.

I thank all of you for letting me be in your lives.

Semper Fi,

Daniel Gallagher

Commander

Memorial Day - Honor Guard Schedule

- On Sunday the 30th Honor Guard Detail will be traveling via TransVac to:
- 8:30 Fairview Cemetery
- 9:00 Malta Cemetery
- 9:30 St Mary's Cemetery
- 9:45 First Street Bridge over Kishwaukee River south of Hillcrest in remembrance of all Veterans who passed at sea
- 10:00 Oakwood Cemetery behind First Congregational United Church of Christ
- 10:25 County Cemetery
- 10:45 Ohio Grove Cemetery
- 11:15 Mound Rest Cemetery in Cortland
- 11:40 Afton Cemetery on Perry Rd.

AUXILIARY NEWS



Greetings Ladies

Wow, we are in May all ready I am so ready for some nice warm weather.

May is a busy month for our Ladies Auxiliary our monthly meeting will be on May 6 at 5:30 at the post. We will be holding a meat raffle on Friday, May 7 after Lighting tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or 12 tickets for \$10.00 meat will be from Inbodens hope you can make it.

May 21 and May 22 we need volunteers to help with Poppy's. We have locations at Hy-Vee, Walmart, Jewel, and Inbodens. I am also working on getting some corners in Dekalb if anyone is interested.

More information will be available at the meeting and you can always contact me with any questions or concerns.

Please try to attend our monthly meeting and come join us on Friday nights for lighting and Queen of Hearts.

We welcome **Steffanie Barringer** as our newest member of the Auxiliary.

Karen Woods

Auxiliary President

POST MEMBERSHIP NEWS

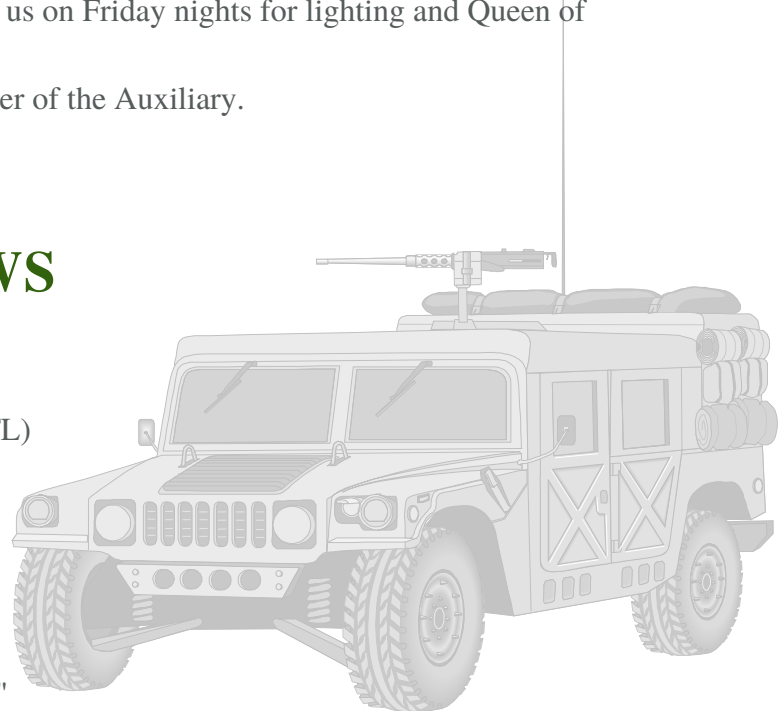
by Adjutant, Patrick Nichols

Member Updates:

- Bill Stanley - New Paid Up For Life Member (PUFL)

2021 - 2022 Installation of Officers Update

- May 31st at the Post Legion.
- Commander Nomination: Manny Olalde
- Chaplin Nomination: Michael Giuliano
- Sergeant of Arms Nomination: "need a nomination"



TRUSTEE REPORT

by Trustee, Karen Giuliano

Can it really be May? We are jumping right into the new month with a Kentucky Derby Party on May 1st, featuring \$2 Sangrias. An open house is planned for the party . . . AND for the first time in over a year, we will have a band! Come on out and enjoy the fun!

On May 1st, new alcohol prices will go into effect. It has been several years since we evaluated our prices. The trustees have been working on this for a couple of months. Also, our Monday special will be changing to \$1.00 drafts! Woo Hoo!!!

We are still accepting bids for the work to dispose of the lasagna garden and replace that area with a cement pad. Our dumpster will be moved to the pad and be enclosed by a fence.

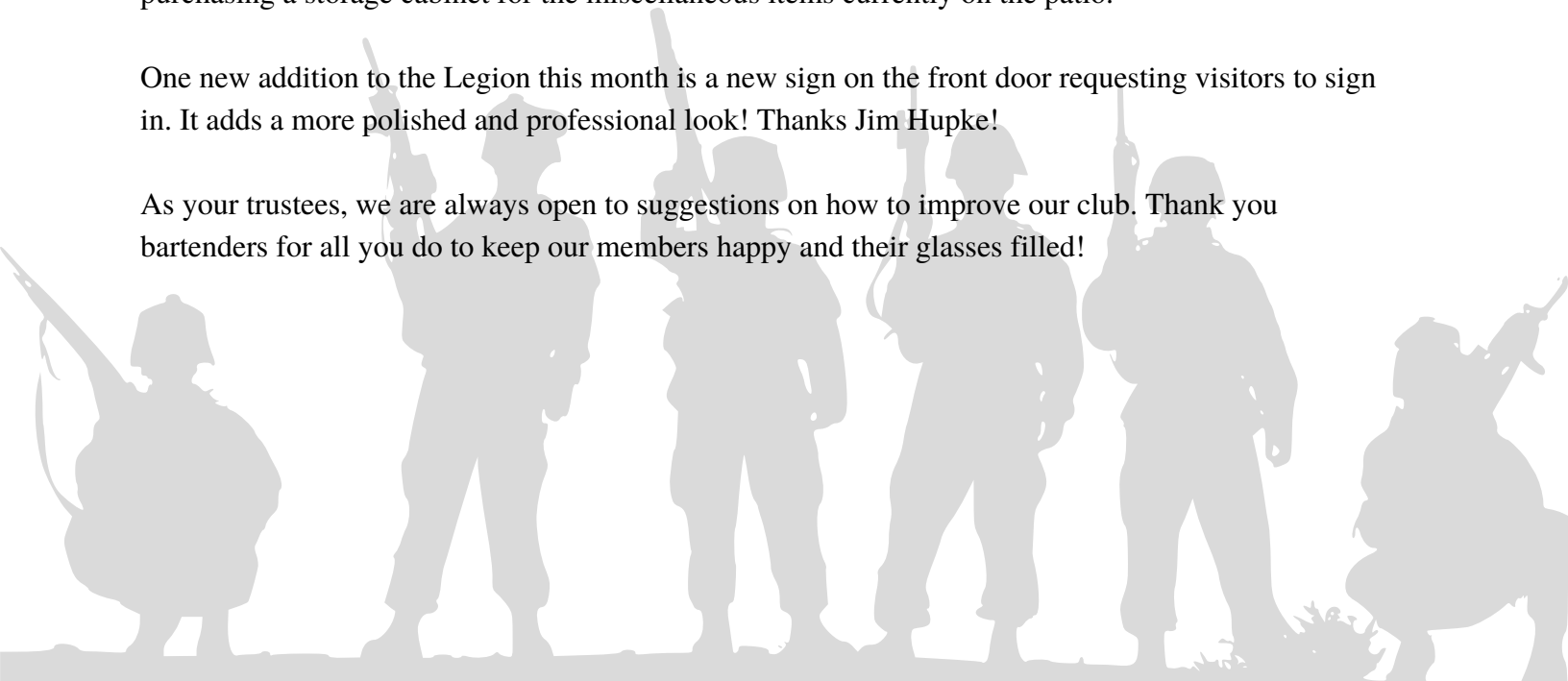
Last month, we began noticing issues with our new floor. B.J.'s Decorating came in last week and spend about 5 hours working on the problem areas. The floor appears to be in tip-top shape now.

We have experienced some problems with our heating and air conditioning unit. Just as the weather warms up, the a/c goes on the blink. Not a good thing! We have several bids coming in for the work that needs to be completed.

With the warmer weather upon us, we are beginning to use the patio more. Let's all work together to keep it clean. Please clean up after yourself, using trash cans and ashtrays. We are considering purchasing a storage cabinet for the miscellaneous items currently on the patio.

One new addition to the Legion this month is a new sign on the front door requesting visitors to sign in. It adds a more polished and professional look! Thanks Jim Hupke!

As your trustees, we are always open to suggestions on how to improve our club. Thank you bartenders for all you do to keep our members happy and their glasses filled!



HISTORIAN REPORT

by Michael Embrey

Military Appreciation Month - May

May is 'Military Appreciation Month' and the DeKalb American Legion will be busy with various events and activities. May is marked officially as Military Appreciation Month. This a special month for both those in and out of the military. Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945.

At the end of May, the American Legion will be celebrating 'Memorial Day' by honoring deceased Veterans by placing American Flags in graves at select cemeteries in the DeKalb area. On May 31 the Honor Guard will have a ceremony at the Memorial Clock in Downtown DeKalb (First & Lincoln), followed by a special event at the Ellwood Mansion (509 North First Street - DeKalb, IL). The presentation at Ellwood will feature guest speakers including Legion Commander Daniel Gallagher (USMC), DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes, Park District President, and keynote guest speaker Michael Embrey (USAF). This ceremony will conclude with the Legion Honor Guard and the playing of TAPS.

May is also membership month for the American Legion. The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation, and volunteerism. The DeKalb Legion organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. Membership provides camaraderie and networking with other veterans and community members and organizations.



New Veteran's Memorial Proposed by DeKalb ELKS Lodge 765

The DeKalb ELKS Lodge 765 has approved a new proposed Military Veterans Memorial to be located in DeKalb. The new memorial will be developed on the northern lot next to the Elks Lodge (209 S Annie Glidden Road-DeKalb, IL).

The concept for this memorial came from Elk and American Legion member, Michael Embrey (USAF). "Honoring our Veterans is the least we can do, especially those that have passed and deserve recognition. This project will help acknowledge Veterans who have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country. It will also be the first Memorial in the nation to include all six branches of military service."

The project was developed to honor both military veterans and Elk members in the northern Illinois area. The image includes nine flags, the American Flag, Army Flag, Navy Flag, Marine Flag, Coast Guard Flag, Air Force Flag, Space Force Flag, POW-MIA Flag, and ELKS Flag. Each of the flags and poles will be available to be sponsored by an individual, family, company, or organization. There will be a bronze plaque to acknowledge the sponsor in front of each flag.

"The row of flags will span 52 feet, giving those coming into DeKalb and Northern Illinois University on Annie Glidden a positive welcome", commented Robin Franklin, Elk Board Member and Chair of the project. "Our Elks Lodge has a strong commitment to our Veteran Community and feel this Memorial will make the bond with our military family stronger."

In front of the flags will be a large brick area featuring inscribed bricks to honor both Military Veterans and Elk members. It is located in the front 'Plaza of Flags' and is a place that residents and non-residents can remember loved ones who have served our country in the nation's different service branches (deceased, living, or active duty). To purchase a memorial brick for a Veteran you wish to honor, please contact Robin Franklin for an application (ddrtfrank@gmail.com). Bricks are \$100.00 regular and \$150.00 large. Companies and organizations can purchase a larger brick to honor all Veterans, for example, "Chase Bank Honors All DeKalb County Veterans".



"We are extremely pleased to honor our local Veterans", commented Steffanie Barringer, former Exalted Ruler Of DeKalb Elks. "We continue to give back to Veteran groups and individuals, including our recent donation to the Dekalb American Legion to help purchase additional Honor Guard uniforms."

For more information, please contact:
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May HAPPY Birthday

- Arlen Rautio
- Arthur Chatellier
- Brian Berchtold
- Clifford Seldal
- Daniel Johnson
- David lamansky
- James Hupke
- Kenneth Gordon
- Patrick Garcia
- Robert Gibbs
- Ronald Campbell
- Hope Baker
- Erin Frye
- Darla Meador

Members in Distress

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers

DONNY JENKINS

TOM RILEY

JOHN BARTH



Service Recognition

Commander Daniel Gallagher recognizes the years of service, officer roles, and the many activities that **Jesus Arteaga** as supported Post #66

Thank you for all you have done!!

DEKALB COUNTY CRAFT BREWERS



RED

WHITE

& BREW



BLOCK PARTY



SATURDAY MAY 29, 2021
AT THE FORGE BREWHOUSE

3-9PM \$5 WRISTBAND*

**LIVE MUSIC ★ FOOD TRUCK
LOCAL BEER & CIDER**

**Byers Brewing
Company**



**Jonamac Orchard
CIDER HOUSE**

PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR LOCAL DEKALB & SYCAMORE LEGIONS

SUN 1-7 PM	MON 3-9 PM	TUE 3-9 PM	WED 3-9 PM	THU 3-9 PM	FRI 3-11 PM	SAT 1-11 PM
\$2.50 Bloody Mary's & Screwdrivers 1-5pm	\$1.00 Mugs 3-7pm 		\$2.00 Well Drinks 3-6pm		 Lightning 6pm Queen of Hearts 7pm	\$5.00 Pitchers 1-5pm 
						1  SAL Meeting 12:00 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Auxiliary Mtg 5:30pm	Meat Raffel after Lighting	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Post 66 Meeting 6:00PM		  May Newsletter Deadline	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					 May Newsletter Printed	
30	31					
						