



Frank Wendland Post 253
The American Legion
1505 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI. 48067

NON PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ROYAL OAK MI
Permit No 473



www.frankwendland253.com

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMANDER

Beautiful weather here in glorious Michigan after a very wet spring.

Enclosed you will find some raffle tickets for the Post picnic. We ask that you consider buying or selling them and return the stubs and money to the Post. These tickets help pay for our annual picnic. This picnic is always a lot of fun for adults, and lots of games and prizes for the kids. September 7th is the date. Mark your calendar.

Steve Parrow and his committee have been putting a lot of effort, research, time and just plain hard work into planning the festivities for the upcoming 100-year anniversary of Frank Wendland Post. At this time, they are working on a catered banquet scheduled for Saturday February 22, 2020. There will be music provided. The time and place will be posted as soon as we can. Again, mark your calendar for this once in a lifetime event. Probably not many of us will be here for the following 100-year celebration.

John Wendland and Bob Bigham have submitted the paperwork to the Department in Lansing, which will be forwarded to the National in Indianapolis to get the Wendland name on our Post corrected to be WENDLAND. No T. Seems simple but it isn't we hope to have this correction made in time for the centennial. Only took 100 years to fix this misspelling on our charter.

Jack Dawson is still hard at work providing Friday night entertainment. He does a great job bringing different bands etc. into the Post, and he somehow does all this without any cost to

the Post. We also want to thank him for chairing the committee that puts on our annual picnic. Thanks Jack.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will probably have brand new carpeting in the Post. Stop by and check it out.

We are planning on having one of our furnaces replaced by this fall. There are two of them on the roof, one has a cracked heat exchanger, which as I understand, cannot be repaired. To date we have raised about 75% of the money needed for this new furnace.

Our Post was well represented at two parades this year. Memorial Day in Royal Oak and 4th of July parade in Clawson. You really should come out and march in the parade, or just observe. We do a great job making our name known in the community.

Once more I really must ask all of you to PLEASE, don't try to help by buzzing people in. That is solely the duty of the bar tender. I know you are trying to help, but recently this helping has resulted in false alarms at the Royal Oak Police department. They charge us for each of these false alarms. Please just don't do it.

Again, let me thank so many great members for helping with all the things that always need to be done. It's the members that make this the finest Post in Southeast Michigan.

See you at the Post,

Don Wert
Commander

Service Officer

Urgent Care is one of the new benefits offered as part of the new

VA Mission Act that gives veterans greater choice in their health care.

The benefit is offered in addition to the opportunity to receive care from a VA provider, as VA also offers same day services.

VA launched the urgent care benefit on June 6, 2019. VA is working hard to expand the network of urgent care providers. Urgent care providers are vetted and must meet strict standards of care and other requirements before they are added to the VA network. To find a location, use the VA facility locator.

We continue with our support of the John Dingell, Detroit VA hospital.

Bingo games with the patients is always on the third Wednesday of the month.

Start time is 7:00 PM. We carpool from the post at 6:30 PM.

We have recently signed up to help the hospital chaplains. We will provide coffee and donuts after Sunday Services in the chapel. Protestant services are at 9:00 AM. Catholic Mass is at 10:30 AM. Our first attempt was well staffed. We did not know what to expect, but everyone helped out and all help was appreciated. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their dedication and their participation. When we take on a new event, we sometimes have to work with the growing pains, do a trial run, and see how things shake out.

This helps with our planning for the future.

Thanks for everyone's patience.

Thanks to Apple Fritter Donut Shop in Ferndale, MI for becoming our sponsor.

I did attend our state convention in Kalamazoo, MI last month. This was my first time. It was a nice event. Several times I tried to introduce myself to

Legion members in attendance. On several occasions I was told that I did not have to introduce myself. They already knew who I was and had heard about the accomplishments of our post during the past year. It was a nice touch, hearing that our post stood out from all the others. I am thankful for the help I receive from my two deputy VAVS Reps at the VA hospital. Thanks Mike Sherman and Ed Burkhardt.

If during the year, I asked for help, and you set aside the time, know that your efforts were appreciated.

We continue to do Honor Visits and conduct End of Watch ceremonies for veterans in hospice care. To date we have visited one Navy family, one Air Force family, and two Army families. If you would like to accompany us on these visits, please tell me.

On August 7, 2019 we will have a special tribute to all veterans on the Detroit VA Hospital lawn. Start time is 1:00 PM. Looking forward the post has already made the commitment to adopt two veterans' families who are down on their luck for Christmas.

Congratulations to Ed Burkhardt for the awards he received at the convention.

The hard work paid off. This is just another example of how involved and active our Post is in the community.

FRANK ROCHE

Service Officer

Auxiliary News

Saturday night entertainment begins October 5th.

We kick it off with The Aspersions!
8pm.

Barb Dempsey

Auxiliary President

SAL News

Legion Rider News

Good day to all members,

What a terrible spring for lawn
Maintenance and riding motorcycles.

We are now into summer and the majority
Of rain has finally left our skies. As bad as
The weather was the riders took
advantage of every opportunity to ride and
we claimed several plaques from around
the area.

Six of our members also made the
Michigan Legacy Ride, we toured the
southern border making stops at several
Posts along the way.

We are still working toward the National
Legacy Ride, this year it starts in Lady
Lake Florida and end in Indianapolis.

Our next event at our Post will be our
annual Memorial Ride. This year some
changes are being made to hopefully
include more riders from other Posts. If
you can't ride but would like to support we
include cars. Come join us you may have
fun and support the riders. Keep an eye out
for the date of this event. It will be posted
in the lounge and on our website.

Garry Shelly
Legion Rider Director

Well we're half way through the third quarter of
2019 and what a year it's been! I would like to
say how proud I am of our membership and
outstanding group of Officers. We have enjoyed
a very successful fundraising year and have
recorded one of our largest donation and
contribution years ever.

This accomplishment is the result of having
very active and supportive Legion, SAL,
Auxiliary, and Legion Rider members here at
Post 253.

Special thanks to the SAL members that have
volunteered their time to support our very busy
Honor Guard. You have truly made a difference.
We have begun working on our activity
schedule and so far we have our Post Picnic on
Sept. 7th. , we hope to sneak in another steak
fry in the near future and keep an eye on the
event calendar for our famous Turkey Fry in
early October. Please visit our website for more
information on these and other future
activities. The 2020 membership cards are in
and we are looking to growing the ranks again
this coming year.

Steve Peters
SAL Commander

www.frankwendland253.com

Honor Guard

I hope that you are enjoying your summer months and had a great 4th of July. The honor Guard has been fairly busy during the spring and summer months. I want to welcome the new members to the team. They are all learning and have been very supportive in attending Honor Guard events.

We have attended 5 Military Honors during May and June, as well as attending the Memorial Day Parade and Service. I want to thank Ron Mexicotte and Ed Burkhardt for standing in for me when I was not available. Attendance of Honor Guard members averages 8-9 per event now. 5 members attended class on Sunday, July 7 and we learned how to field strip rifles and clean them (and did they need it!). Thank you Roger (9.5) and Terry for your time and patience.

We are still recruiting members for the Honor Guard, so if you have the desire to go above and beyond, this may be for you. I consider this a great honor for our deceased veterans. You can contact me either by phone, text (248-321-6346) or at the post. If I'm not there ask any member of the HG and leave your name and number.

Steve Parrow
Event Coordinator

Taps:



Legion Officers

Commander	Don Wert
Adjutant	John Williams
Senior Vice Commander	Ed Burkhardt
Junior Vice Commander	Jack Dawson
Finance Officer	Roger Churchill
Service Officer	Frank Roche
Judge Advocate	Bob Bigham
Chaplain	Tom Stremпка
Historian	John Wendland
Sergeant at Arms	Mike Larkins

Legion Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00pm

Auxiliary Officers

President	Barb Dempsey
1 st Vice	June Bentley
2 nd Vice	Patty Anderson
Treasurer	Molly Reiser
Sergeant at Arms	Barb Leasia
Secretary	Kathy Berquist
Chaplain	Claire McNair
Historian	Jenifer Kirkorian

Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:00pm

SAL Officers

Commander	Steve Peters
Adjutant	Dave Leasia
Senior Vice Commander	Ed Stogdill
Junior Vice Commander	Jeff Ludeman
Finance Officer	George Elson
Service Officer	Rick Paulson
Chaplain	Kevin Cavanaugh
Historian	Darrel Ruttan
Sergeant at Arms	Kevin McHugh

SAL Meetings: 2nd Tuesday 7:30pm

Legion Riders Officers

Chapter Director	Garry Shelly
Assistant Director	Mike Nunley
Treasurer	Steve Peters
Secretary	Ron Durbin
Chaplain	John Krieger
Sergeant at Arms	Terry Smith
Road Captain	Roger Churchill
Historian	Nancy Smith

***Riders Meetings: 3rd Thursday 7:00pm ***

AUG 2019

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

02

03

FRIDAY DINNER
Pot Roast
5pm.
Karaoke
8pm

04

05

06

07

08

09

10

MEETING:
E-Board
6pm

MEETING:
Legion
7pm.

FRIDAY DINNER
BBQ Ribs
5pm.

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

KARAOKE:
1 – 4 pm.
Meeting:
SAL
8:30pm.

MEETING:
Auxiliary
7pm.

MEETING:
Legion Riders
7pm.

FRIDAY DINNER
Fried Chicken
5pm.
Karaoke
8pm.

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

MEETING:
E-Board
6pm.

FRIDAY DINNER
SAL Steakout
5pm.

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

SEP 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 MEETING: E-Board 6pm.	02	03	04	05 FRIDAY DINNER Roast Beef 5pm. Karaoke 8pm.	06 LEGION PICNIC Scout Park
	08	09 KARAOKE: 1 – 4pm. Meeting: SAL 8:30pm.	10 MEETING: Auxiliary 7pm.	11 MEETING: Legion 7pm.	12 FRIDAY DINNER Lasagna 5pm.	13
	15 MEETING: E-Board 6pm.	16	17	18 MEETING: Legion Riders 7pm.	19 FRIDAY DINNER Roast Pork 5pm. Karaoke: 8pm.	20
	22	23 KARAOKE: 1 – 4pm.	24	25	26 FRIDAY DINNER Grilled Salmon	27
	29	30				