



## CARL A. JOHNSON POST #2

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William Palczewski, Adjutant

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### **BITS AND PIECES**

Post meetings held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.at  
401 North Park St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

#### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

<b>Home Board Meeting</b>	<b>Sep 5 - 7:00pm</b>
<b>Breakfast @ Club</b>	<b>Sep 8 - 8-11am</b>
<b>Post Meeting &amp; Potluck</b>	<b>Sep 12 - 6pm, meeting following</b>
<b>Roast Beef Dinner</b>	<b>Sep 16 - Noon- 2pm</b>
<b>Post E-Board</b>	<b>Sep 25 - 7pm</b>
<b>Bar Board Meeting</b>	<b>Sep 26 - 7pm</b>
<b>Boat &amp; Canoe Member Appreciation, 22 Sept. see page 4</b>	
<b>Club Dances, see Boat &amp; Canoe below (A Great Day) ☺</b>	



#### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our Club is really showing signs of improvement in many areas, Thanks to some hard working individuals and the support of Club Members. The walkway is much safer, more and wider variety Saturday Night bands are scheduled. All this and more that has been done are stepping stones to more income for the club that will support building improvements and who knows, maybe a better replacement building that would be a real big plus. Enjoy the improvements and don't be shy, step forward and help your Post as well our home to meet the needs in doing our mission of Veterans helping Veterans.

Our Post and Post 258 have been exploring the idea of joint efforts in support of the four Pillars and fund raisers. Post 258 Members joined us at our July Picnic and may we have many more joint ventures. In the making is doing joint Post Meetings. Having joint meetings would mean less duplication of efforts, sharing knowledge and experience, also more help in doing what need be done. Together we are stronger in a time when there are more Veterans and families in need.

Our Post Finance Audit is completed; the switch to calendar year record keeping has been approved and records are being established.

Post Staff are working on the Boat and Canoe Annual Trunk A Treat, 31 Oct. 2018, 230 – 530 pm. This year the theme is Zoo Keeper. The community young can dress as a Zoo Keeper or an animal. Selecting best custom should be fun. We project having some farm animals for the young to interact with. Time is passing fast, put this on the calendar and bring the young, grand kids, great grand kids, let us make this community event fun for all.

#### **New Years**

It looks like we will be honored to have the band that performed at the Veterans' Carnival this year (AZZ-IZZ band). Each year we will do our best to have good music to dance by and fun activities to pass the night into a Bright New Year. Again – Put it on your calendar to attend. Keep in mind, it is an Open Dance, meaning you do not need be a Legion member to enjoy the night with us.

## September

**A POT LUCK Dinner** will be before the Post meeting. As noted in the Auxiliary portion of this newsletter, we are having a Potluck on the 12<sup>th</sup>, social at six and eat at six thirty. Please, let us know that your coming and how many in your group. **Call or text** me at 616-802-0806, leave a message if I don't pick up. Now days, we don't answer if we don't recognize who is calling. Sad isn't it? ☹

## Boat and Canoe

**A GREAT DAY** This is a great message I received. It reflects a great move ahead for us all. A Big Thanks goes out to all that made this schedule happen **UPCOMING DANCES**  
Greetings all,  
This Saturday, August 25, marks the return of the popular "Just Fred" and his inimitable one-man act...

On **September 15**, The Six-Pak plays again - the house usually fills up, so plan on arriving early to get a seat; call Fred's or Vitale's and have a pizza delivered for your group and make a night of it!

**October** will introduce several new bands to the entertainment lineup: 10/6, it's "Jersey Pete and Java Joe" and their acoustic classic and folk rock; the 20th, it's "Charlie Rockits" extensive rock collection.

In **November**, the River City Jazz Ensemble will be here with it's swinging dance numbers on 11/3; and on November 17, local legend Dennie Middleton will be in the house with his classic rock riffs and light-hearted humor. Pin the entire fall schedule to your refrigerator now - all acts, with the exception of the free show on 9/22, have a \$5 cover...

9/15 - SIX-PAK OPEN NIGHT

9/22 - Denny's Extravaganzza - Free Show - Member Appreciation Day

10/6 - Jersey Pete and Java Joe

10/13 - That Beatles Thing - OPEN NIGHT

10/20 - Charlie Rockits

10/27 - Just Fred

11/3 - River City Jazz

11/10 - Gayle's Ballroom Dance Night

11/17 - Dennie Middleton

11/24 - Just Fred

12/1 - Pete Kehoe

12/8 - SIX-PAK OPEN NIGHT

12/15 - Charlie Rockits

12/22 - Just Fred

Don't forget to put on your calendar the Clubs' Membership Appreciation Day 22 Sept 4 – 7 pm Burgers, Brats, and Dogs; after beginning at 7 – 11 pm. Live Music.

## Auxiliary News

After a long and hot summer, we look forward to seeing everyone at the September 12 meeting. As usual, we will have our Girls State delegates tell us about their experiences while attending that learning session in June. There will be a potluck dinner that evening with social at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass. The main course will be furnished by the Legion.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:** Please note that the dues notices being sent out by the National office show my old address. Please send your **dues** to me at **3029 Kay Dr. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508-1598**. Otherwise they may be delayed or returned.

**Happy Birthday** to those with September birthdays:

Katherine Bodemann  
Louise Palczewski  
Elaine Jingles  
Arlene Wallis  
Courtney Sampson  
Allyson Cave  
Nan Schuelke



Pam McVeigh, Secretary/Treasurer

## Adjutants Corner

When renewing you membership by mail please make your checks payable to: Carl A. Johnson Post 2 and remember to sign your checks, the credit union is cracking down on this.

The latest Post information can be found online at:

**Post Web page:** [www.alpost2.org](http://www.alpost2.org)

Facebook: American Legion Post 2 Grand Rapids Mi.

And Mylegion.org

myLegion.org is a **FREE** website designed to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership,

## Membership

2019 Membership renewals are now open, renew your membership early and bring a friend into the Post. Dues are only \$43 a year. Our goal is 97 members for 2019 for a 100% membership, as of Aug 29, 2018 we have 53 already putting us at 54.64%. In the rankings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone is in 4<sup>th</sup> place of 5 and the 5<sup>th</sup> District is in 9<sup>th</sup> place of 16.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

K. Scott Harvey	Sep 4
Gordon Nelson	Sep 13
Thomas Norton	Sep 15
Craig Snider	Sep 24
Cameron Holly	Sep 29



## Volunteers

The Post is always up and doing something that is in need of volunteers. Add your name and likes to our Volunteer list. Give Don a jingle at 616-802-0806. 90-95% of what we do is for Our Veterans and their families.

**Toot your horn** Let me know what your doing during the month so we can recognize those that help support Veterans in need. By doing so, we can also assist our Adjutant in completing the Post Annual Report which reflects what we have done and hours spent assisting our Veterans, the Community, and Our Country.

## Did you Know

*Sept. 11 is Patriot Day*

*Sept. 15 is POW/MIA Recognition Day*

*Sept. 18 is Air Force Birthday*

*Sept. 30 is Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day*



**History** is made and is everywhere.

Sixty Years Ago, Our Johnson Post News reported the Dedication of our new home to be done on 29 Oct. 1958. After many years without a home, for the Post to use, it now had one located at 2044 Calvin on the corner of Calvin and Hazen. A number of guest were invited, The Department Officers, Past National Commander Ad Wagner, and others. A building committee consisted of Vivian D. Gould – President, Wilber J. Hudson – Vice President, Edward Vinkemulder – Treasurer, Clarence W. Harris – Secretary, Charles Burns, Omar Pete Ward, Lee Lloyd, Donald McDonald, and Curtis S. Koontz. Curtis was also the Post Commander for 1958-1959. Our Auxiliary President was Mrs. Rex E. Holt. It was a Proud time for many that worked hard to make it happen. Some of those members are still with us today. We salute you one and all. God Bless.

## **Past Commanders**

1925-1926 Ray C. Conlon

1926-1927 Authur K. Zwald



# MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:00-7:00 P.M. FREE BURGERS, BRATS, AND DOGS  
BRING A DISH TO PASS



**OUTDOOR  
GAMES**



**LIVE MUSIC FROM  
DENNY'S EXTRAVAGRAMZA  
7:00-11:00 P.M.**

**VILLAGE MOTORSPORTS**  
PRESENTS  
FREEDOM CRUISE  
FROM SPARTA, MI ON SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>  
TO FIFTH THIRD BALL PARK (LZ MICHIGAN)  
CARS AND BIKES ESCORTING  
THE AMERICAN FALLEN SOLDIERS PROJECT PORTRAIT  
CARS • BIKES • STARS • STRIPES  
freedomcruisegr.com

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FREEDOM CRUISE HONORING WEST MICHIGAN FALLEN HEROES

### FREEDOM CRUISE SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM - 11:45 AM Check In  
(Motorcycles, Classic Cars and Hot Rods,  
Downtown, Sparta, MI)

12:00 PM: Freedom Cruise Begins  
Participants will be escorting portrait of American Fallen  
Soldiers Project recipient Marine Gunnery Sergeant and  
West Michigan native, Daniel Price (Escort from Sparta, MI  
to Fifth Third Ballpark)

\*Participate in the escort to receive Free VIP Entry and  
Parking at the Ballpark (All others will be charged \$5)



## FIFTH THIRD BALLPARK (LZ MICHIGAN) SCHEDULE

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Live Music, Beverages and Food

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Bike & Car Show Voting

4:00 PM: Award Presentations to Car / Bike participants

6:00 PM: LZ Michigan presents the Remember, Honor and

Celebrate Ceremonies featuring  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual, American Fallen  
Soldiers Project Portrait  
Presentation



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**SAL #258 FALL INVITATIONAL**

Where: The Rogue Golf Course  
12994 Paine Avenue  
Sparta, MI 49345

When: Sunday, September 23  
9:00 a.m. shotgun start  
Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$60.00 per person includes:  
• 18 holes with cart • Welcome Gift • Dinner  
• Door Prizes • Skins Game • On-Course Events

Our 4-person team is:  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle and turn in with payment)

There is an envelope behind the bar for sign-ups.  
Please make checks payable to SAL #258.  
Any questions?  
Contact Scott Byrne  
813.8869 or smobyne@gmail.com

STEAK DINNER & DRINKS AFTER GOLF  
AT THE BOAT & CANOE CLUB  
401 North Park NE