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*Our Veterans and Auxiliary Serving Veterans Since 1919
Riders Since 1993*



Calendar events: September 2023

September 19 - Boys State dinner 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

September 19 - Post #2 meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

September 25 - Post #2 executive board meeting 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

September 27 - Queen of Hearts drawing 6:15 PM - 6:30 PM.

Message from your Commander:

Dinner for Boys State Representative

We will be having a dinner for our Boys State representative on September 19 at 6:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Boys State and the impact it can have on young people. It is also a chance to thank our representative for his participation and to show our support for the program.

Our regular meeting will follow the dinner.

We hope to see you there!

Message from your Adjutant:

Membership Report

- 2024 Renewals are slowly coming in. There will be a brief delay in mailing new cards.
- I ran out of Early Bird stickers and had to order more. Department is also out, but they have ordered more and will send them to us as soon as they arrive.
- We currently have 54 paid members for 2024. Department has not yet posted the 2024 goal.
- Totals for 2023:
 - Goal: 134
 - Actual: 120
 - Percentage of goal: 89.55%
 - Breakdown:
 - New: 11
 - P.U.F.L. (Paid Up For Life): 17
 - Renewal: 89
 - HQ Tran: 3

A friendly reminder:

The day of our monthly meetings is the third Tuesday of the month.
Auxiliary dues are now \$40



Captain Martin E. Penning 1938 - 2023

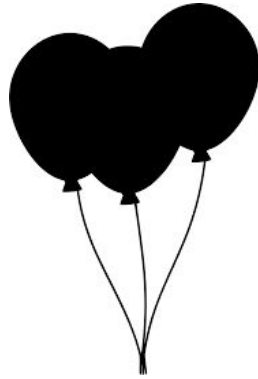
We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Captain Martin E. Penning, Captain Martin E. Penning, age 85, passed away on May 30, 2023 in the James A. Haley VA Hospital in Tampa FL.

A member of American Legion Post 2 in Michigan. Captain Penning was a Korean War veteran and a pilot. He served his country with honor and distinction, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Captain Penning was born in 1938 and raised in Michigan. He joined the United States Army in 1956 and served as a pilot in the Korean War. After the war, he worked as a pilot for several airlines. He was a dedicated and skilled pilot, and he loved flying.

Captain Penning was a loving husband and father. He was married to Constance for 53 years, and they had two children and two grandchildren. He was a kind and generous man, and he always put others before himself.

Captain Penning will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and fellow veterans. He was a true American hero, and his service to our country should never be forgotten.



Post September birthdays:

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| 1 | Kenneth Kermode | 09/01/ |
| 2 | K. Scott Harvey | 09/04/ |
| 3 | Patricia Bellah | 09/09/ |
| 4 | Gordon Nelson | 09/13/ |
| 5 | Thomas Norton | 09/15/ |
| 6 | Robert Aubuchon | 09/17/ |
| 7 | Thomas Duba | 09/26/ |
| 8 | Cameron Holly | 09/29/ |



DAR Vietnam veteran spaghetti dinner:

The Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) hosted a Thank You Spaghetti Dinner for Vietnam Veterans at the Boat and Canoe Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan on Friday, September 11, 2023.

The dinner was a way for the Chapter to show their appreciation for the service and sacrifice of Vietnam veterans.

The veterans were treated to a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, and breadsticks.

The Chapter is grateful to the veterans for their service, and they were honored to be able to host such a special event. They hope that the dinner will help to show the veterans how much they are appreciated.

The Chapter is also planning to host other events for veterans in the future. They are always looking for ways to show their support for those who have served our country.



A visual reminder to support veterans:

The sight of 22 crosses for 30 days planted in a field is a sobering one. It is a reminder of the staggering number of veterans who take their own lives each day. But it is also a reminder of the power of community and the importance of supporting those who have served our country.

The goal of the project is to raise awareness of the issue of veteran suicide and to provide support to those who are struggling. It is our hope that the sight of the crosses would spark conversations about mental health and suicide prevention.

The 22 crosses are a powerful reminder of the need to support veterans. But they are also a reminder of the hope that exists. With community support, we can help to prevent veteran suicide and ensure that our veterans have the resources they need to thrive.

If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health, please reach out for help. You are not alone. Here are some resources:

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

The Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255

The Military Veteran Project: <https://22aday.org/>





Successful Range Day at Flat River Conservation Club

The American Legion Post 2 Range Day was a success, with 25 attendees enjoying a sunny day of shooting, food, and fellowship.

The event was a great success thanks to the hard work of the volunteers.

The Post is already planning next year's Range Day, and they are hoping to make it even bigger and better. They are looking for more volunteers to help out, and they are also looking for sponsors to help offset the costs. If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring next year's Range Day, please contact the Post at (616)-643-7607.

The Range Day was a great opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy shooting sports. It was also a chance for people to learn more about gun safety and to connect with other people who share their passion for firearms. The Post is proud to have hosted such a successful event, and they are looking forward to doing it again next year.

FLAT RIVER CONSERVATION CLUB





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LEGION

Queen of Hearts

WEDNESDAYS 6:15PM

The Queen of Hearts game is open to the community.

Dates: 9/27/23-5/29/24

License: #C31227

The jackpot for the Queen of Hearts game is

50% of sales, with tickets at **\$2** each

You can win it even if you're not there when
your ticket is drawn.

Consolation prizes:

Number cards (2-10): \$10

Face cards (Other than the queen of hearts): \$50

Reset cards (Jokers): \$100



For additional information visit www.boatcanoe.com/info/queen-of-hearts

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

American Legion Boat & Canoe Club

401 N. Park St. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 Office Phone: (616) 361-7685



Queen of Hearts

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Queen of Hearts unveiling:

Introduction:

Welcome to the exciting world of the Queen of Hearts fundraiser! We are thrilled to present you with this thrilling game of chance that not only promises excitement but also supports our mission to serve veterans and our community. In this paper, we will take you through the rules, strategies, and the impact your participation will have.

The Queen of Hearts Game: An Overview

The Queen of Hearts fundraiser is a game of anticipation and luck. The centerpiece of the game is a deck of playing cards, each representing a chance to win big. The goal is to uncover the elusive Queen of Hearts, concealed within a set of sealed envelopes attached to the playing cards.

How to Play:

- 1. Ticket Purchase:** To enter the game, purchase tickets. Each ticket is associated with a specific numbered playing card on the board.
- 2. Card Selection:** During the drawing event, a ticket is randomly drawn from the pool of purchased tickets. The corresponding playing card is then revealed and removed from the board.
- 3. The Queen's Quest:** As cards are drawn and revealed, the anticipation builds. The objective is to unveil the Queen of Hearts card from the remaining cards on the board.
- 4. Winning:** The player who holds the ticket matching the Queen of Hearts wins an exciting prize! In case the Queen of Hearts isn't revealed, the game continues to the next drawing event with the anticipation growing until the Queen of Hearts is finally found.

Strategies and Tips:

While the Queen of Hearts game is largely based on luck, here are a few tips to enhance your experience:

- **Multiple Tickets:** Increase your odds by purchasing multiple tickets, each representing a chance to win.
- **Community Spirit:** Engage with fellow participants, share the excitement, and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing together.
- **Support a Cause:** Remember, your participation directly contributes to our mission of serving veterans and our community.

The Impact of Your Participation:

Every ticket you purchase and every moment you spend playing the Queen of Hearts game directly contributes to the betterment of lives. The funds raised through this fundraiser empower us to continue supporting veterans, their families, and various community initiatives. With your help, we can make a tangible difference and create lasting positive change.

Conclusion:

The Queen of Hearts fundraiser at is more than just a game – it's a testament to the power of community, the thrill of chance, and the impact of collective efforts. We invite you to participate, experience the excitement, and join us in our mission to make a difference.

Thank you for your support, and may the Queen of Hearts be on your side!



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Queen of Hearts house rules:

Licensee: Carl A. Johnson Post 2

License #: C31227

Effective Date: 08/01/2023

Ticket Price: \$2.00 per ticket

You must be 18 years or older to purchase a ticket. Sellers have the right to request ID before sale.

Day of drawing: Every Wednesday at 6:15pm. Starting on September 27th and ending on May 29th (last drawing day).

Location: Boat and Canoe Club 401 North Park St. Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Refund Policy: Should the buyer's ticket stub not be placed in the tumbler in time for that week's drawing, the seller will refund the buyer the whole amount. Should those stubs not make it into the tumbler, they cannot be carried over for the following drawing. If the purchaser's tickets are deposited into the tumbler, the purchaser cannot be refunded.

% to winner: The progressive raffle will be split 50/50 between the winner and the licensee. All expenses will come out of the licensee's cut. However, consolation prizes will come out of the jackpot.

Winning card: The winning card will be the **Queen of Hearts** for the duration of this game.

Only one envelope will be drawn upon each drawing date, unless it is the last drawing date, at which point, a ticket will continue to be drawn until the Queen of Hearts is discovered.

Reset Cards: There will be two reset cards. Those reset cards will be the jokers.

Consolation prizes:

- Numbered cards (2-10): \$10
- Face cards (Jacks, Queens {other than Queen of hearts}, Kings, Aces): \$50
- Reset cards (Jokers): \$100

Contingency plan: Upon extenuating circumstances or acts of God that causes the drawing to be canceled, the drawing will happen the Friday after the original drawing day (Wednesday) at the Boat and Canoe Club at 6:15pm.

Do not have to be present to win. On every ticket, the buyer will have the ability to request what numbered envelope they would like to open if they are not present. Should the buyer not complete this portion of the ticket, and we are not able to get a hold of the buyer, the lowest number that has not been opened yet will be selected. We will attempt to contact the buyer twice via phone call.

Filling out the ticket: You are required to write your legal first and last name that correspond to your state or federal ID. No nicknames, or titles may be used to fill in your name. You may not purchase a ticket for another person. Example: If Jane Doe purchases a ticket, then the ticket must have Jane Doe's name on it, and only Jane Doe may collect the winnings. You must also provide either a phone number or mailing address on the ticket as well.

Taxes: All local, state, and federal taxes are the responsibility of the winner.

Liability: The American Legion and its affiliates are not responsible for how the winners use their winnings.



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