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The post had another extremely successful annual Wild Game Dinner thanks to S.A.L. Squadron #63.

Commanders' Corner

Commander Kim Lambouris:

Winter is winding down and spring is in the air, bring on the warm weather. April and May are busy months for the post, so roll up your sleeves and have fun helping veterans at the same time. We have Karaoke with our Adjutant Dale Elkins and his wife Patrice in the Clubroom on **April 7th and 14 at 7pm** 'til whenever. Come on out and sing some songs with us!

The Member of the Year Ceremony will be **Friday, April 20, 2018**. It is so tough to choose our "Member of the Year" with so many wonderful dedicated members in our post that work so hard and volunteer so much of their time. For the Legionnaires, we have two nominees; Don Carter and Jerry Grzywinski. Don was nominated for coordinating and organizing all the funeral honors, parades, helping clean-up after events, helping with events, building maintenance, building improvements and so many other things. Jerry is our Service Officer and he goes to Oakland County Veteran Services with veterans and their families to helps them get benefits with VA and other organizations. He personally meets them to see what assistance our post can offer. Jerry has done an enormous amount of work with veterans we have helped since July 2017 to the present date. He marches in our parades, attends funerals, provides honors, helps with headstone cleaning and helps the post with events. He also has been working very hard with Boys State. We will probably have 3 or 4 boys going this year thanks to him. What an AWESOME our nominees do on behalf of veterans and improving our post. Don and Jerry are such an assets to our post and really make it difficult to choose only one Member of the Year.

Headstone cleaning at Great Lakes National Cemetery is **Saturday, April 28th** and the sign-up sheet is in the clubroom. The Cinco de Mayo Party is in the Clubroom on May 5th. There will be drink specials, Jell-O shots, tacos, and nachos.

I want everyone to be proud of yourselves and our post because just in the past year our post has helped 11 veterans with $5,800.00 from July 2017 through December 2017. From January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018 we have helped 6 veterans with over $3,050.00. The assistance was derived from Legion and Poppy funds. That being said, Poppy Days are coming up and we'll need lots of volunteers this year. Without Poppy funds we're unable help veterans at the same level as we've been doing and we just can't let our veterans down. We'll be sending out an email when the sign-up sheet is posted at the club but Poppy Sales will be **May 17-19**. Let's fill all those slots this year and collect more donations than ever!

We're also having an Armed Forces Day Poker Run on **May 19th** starting at Noon. Cost is $20 per driver and $10 for each passenger. Bring on the bikes, muscle cars, and RV's!

We're in need of people to march in the Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 28, 2018**. If you can participate please be at the post at 9 am. If you're available to march contact Don Carter at (248) 563-2043. We'll have a cookout after the parade at the post with burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side or dessert to pass.

Saturday, March 31 was our Comedy Show featuring Kevin Downey Jr. (pictured right) and was an ENORMOUS SUCCESS! The positive feedback was phenomenal and I hope we can host more of these events in the future.

I do want to say "Thank You" to everyone! This post could not keep going without all your dedication and hard work, I'm truly honored and very proud to be your commander. Call or text me at (248) 910-6769 with questions, concerns or ideas. You can also email me at klambo2@comcast.net or drop me a note in my mailbox at the post.
I look forward to hearing from you!

Pictured L-R: Auxiliary President Amy Laboissonniere, comedian Kevin Downey Jr., Commander Kim Lambouris, S.A.L. Commander Brian York and comedian Kevin Kramis.

- Kim Lambouris, Commander
kmlambou@oaklandcc.edu

Commanders' Corner

1st Vice Commander T J Phipps:

Membership is 85% so please send your dues ASAP. Remember this is the largest veterans organization so be proud you're a Legion member, military veteran and you served your country honorably to preserve our freedom.

- T J Phipps, 1st Vice Commander
tjphipps@hotmail.com

Service Officer Jerry Grzywinski:

Boys state applications are due no later than April 25th and they should contact me (248) 494-2821 for any questions regarding Boys State.

- Jerry Grzywinski, Service Officer
jerryg48348#yahoo.com

SAL Commander Brian York:

Happy Spring,
Congratulations to Dean Lambouris who was voted as SAL member of the year for 2017. The Awards dinner will take place on **Friday, April 20, 2018 at 6PM**. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 9 at 7PM. If you are able to attend, please come out and get involved. We will be taking nominations for all executive offices.

- Brian York, S.A.L. Commander
yorkboy50@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor Dean Lambouris:

First off I would like to say thank you to my fellow S.A.L. members who voted me Member of the Year. Being honored with such an award was not only quite unexpected but very humbling indeed. THANK YOU ALL!

As newsletter editor I try to make our post publication not only attractive but available to any member who has announcements, news to share or simply wish to express their opinions and views in an editorial format. Communication is an important tool which is key to running a great post so feel free to contact me if you have something you'd like to contribute. A successful post is built on participation.

For over the past year, the post commander and bar chair have given me the responsibility of maintaining and updating the music in our 35 year old jukebox to make it more inclusive for all members. Without getting into technicalities, recently numerous CDs have come off the internal track thus disabling the jukebox which has damaged a number of disks. This happened on several occasions within just a few days. To expand our listening options and avoid dealing with the issues and limitations of CDs I installed a Bluetooth device which allows the post laptop (or any Bluetooth device) to connect to the jukebox so our members can play any music they wish without having to choose from a limited choice of CDs. This offers ALL our members the ability to enjoy anything that pleases their ears. The addition of Bluetooth functionality does not effect playing CDs currently in the jukebox so it still plays normally if you select CD songs. Soon, I'll have instructions displayed explaining the simple, 3-step process of connecting the laptop wirelessly to the jukebox. I've also placed a shortcut on the laptop desktop to my Sirius/XM music account which has pre-loaded music "favorites" from almost every music genre available such as; decades—40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, dance, pop, easy listening, rock and country stations. For those not familiar with Sirius/XM they have hundreds of commercial free music "channels" to choose from. This option continues to offer club members free music entertainment of your choosing.

- Dean Lambouris, Newsletter Editor/S.A.L. Member
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Spring greetings!

We've had another busy couple months!!! We've spent another $2,000 in 2 months helping veterans with immediate needs. We bought items for, and packed, 44 boxes that went out to the troops. We donated a large widows basket to the Wild Game dinner. and several of our members donated baskets as well; we donated to another to a local female veteran competing in the Ms. Veteran America contest and have our biggest collection drive coming up! POPPY DAYS will be May 17,18 and 19 and sign up sheets will be available in May in the club room - please plan on helping us collect for our veterans!

Three ladies have been nominated for Auxiliary member of the Year! Cher Jones, Jonnie Carter and Sue Batishill! Join our meeting on April 13th to submit your vote and plan to attend the dinner on Friday, April 20th. We also interviewed 3 current juniors in high school and I'm proud to announce that Amy Coomer and Addison Gale will be attending Girls State and Mia Strayer is waiting for that alternate call.

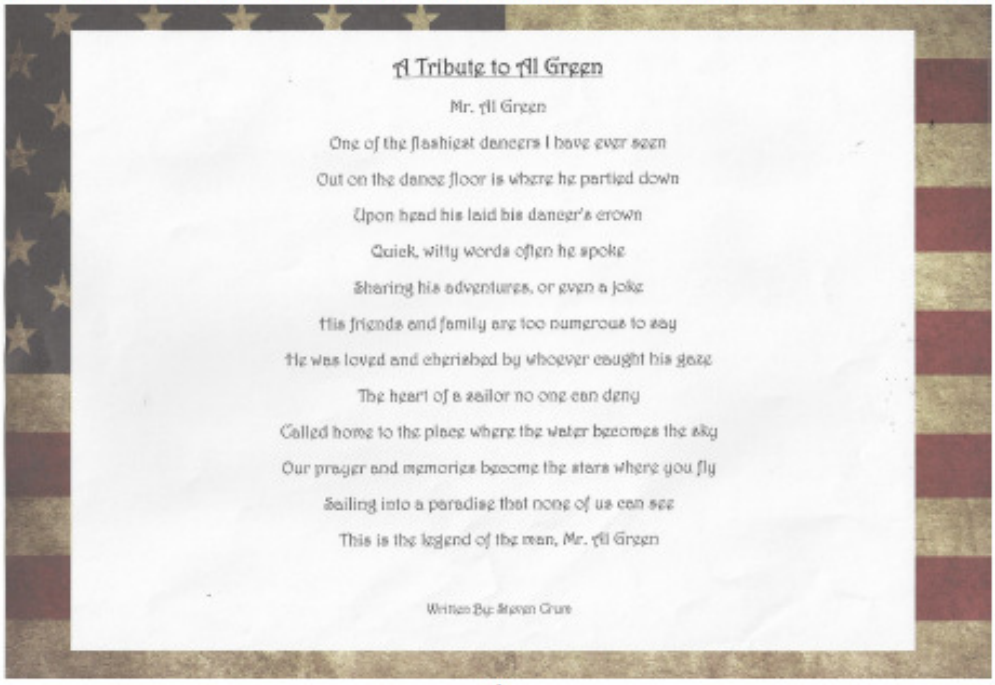
For anyone who is just dying to hold an office - we do have elections coming up in May, so get ready to throw your hat in the ring! We're scrubbing headstones on April 28th at Great Lakes National Cemetery - sign up in the clubroom!

Our department dues have gone up this year so we're raising our senior dues. Dues for 2018 will be $30 for Seniors and still $10 for Juniors.

Last but not least, thank you for all your support and help making good things happen over the last couple months!

Amy Laboissonniere
President Unit 63 Auxiliary
adtdsb@gmail.com

The below poem is dedicated to our recently passed Legionnaire Al Green



A Tribute to Al Green

Mr. Al Green
One of the flashiest dancers I have ever seen
Out on the dance floor is where he partied down
Upon head his laid his dancer's crown
Quick, witty words often he spoke
Sharing his adventures, or even a joke
His friends and family are too numerous to say
He was loved and cherished by whoever caught his gaze
The heart of a sailor no one can deny
Called home to the place where the water becomes the sky
Our prayer and memories become the stars where you fly
Sailing into a paradise that none of us can see
This is the legend of the man, Mr. Al Green

Written By: Karen Crum

This evening is a fun way to get together and celebrate Spring! Pull out the glamour and dress up in your best or come in your comfies. Just join us for a night of friends and dancing!

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Saturday, April 7th & 14th

7:00 pm to whenever

Donations Appreciated

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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Please join us in honoring our 2018 "Members of the Year" at our annual awards ceremony.

WHEN: Friday, April 20 @ 6:00pm

WHERE: 8047 Ortonville Rd., Clarkston MI

MENU: Roast beef, gravy, chicken breast, mashed potatoes, corn, beans, Salad, rolls.

Great Lakes National Cemetery

Headstone Cleaning

TO HONOR AND REMEMBER

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018; Time 9:45 am

Where: Great Lakes National Cemetery (GLNC)
4200 Belford Rd, Holly MI 48442

What to Bring: 5 Gallon Bucket, Soft Scrub Brush

Additional Information:

- There will be coffee and hot chocolate to keep you warm in the morning, and hot dogs, chips, and drink for lunch.
- Dress according to the weather as this event will take place Rain or Shine
- **Picture will be taken of our volunteers – Please bring cap and/or jacket.**

Sign-Up Sheet is in the Club Room
or Call DON CARTER 248-563-2043

2018 PARADE DATES

Memorial Day	10 am,	Monday, May 28th
4th of July	10 am,	Wednesday, July 4th
Labor Day ??	10 am,	??? Was cancelled in 2017
Holiday Parade		Saturday, December ??th

Honor/Color Guard Meet at Post 1 hour prior

APRIL CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Apr 1	2	3	4 7pm Legion Member 8pm IVMHA Meeting	5 7pm Shuffle Board	6	7 7pm Karaoke w/Dale
8	9 7pm SAL Meeting	10 7pm Aux. Meeting	11	12 7pm Shuffle Board	13	14 7pm Karaoke w/Dale
15 7pm Cross Over Cer	16 FOP	17	18 7pm E-Board Meetin	19	20 6pm MOY Ceremony	21 Spring Prom
22 1pm Flaming Pistons 2pm Club Hall Renta	23	24	25	26	27	28 9:30am GLNC Headst
29	30 7pm Committee Mee	May 1	2 7pm Legion Member	3	4	5 6pm Cinco de Mayo

MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 7pm Committee Mee	May 1	2 7pm Legion Member	3	4	5 6pm Cinco de Mayo
6	7 7pm Pack Meeting(C	8 7pm Aux. Meeting	9	10 12pm Blood Drive	11	12
13	14 7pm SAL Meeting	15	16 7pm E-Board Meetin	17 Poppy Sales	18	19 12pm Poker Run
20	21 FOP	22	23	24	25	26
27 1pm Flaming Pistons 2pm Club Hall Renta	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2

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To:

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Thursday night Shuffleboard ends this season on Thursday, April 12th with the banquet taking place on Friday, April 13th.

Legion Family TAPS 2018

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Linda Roberts

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