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Campbell-Richmond Post 63—Clarkston, MI

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If you haven't seen our new Website Check it out, Thanks Jonnie!

Web Administrator: Jonnie Carter

2017 Wild Game Dinner

This year was a huge success! Thanks to all who contributed and especially to Art Wargo and Wayne Fisher for Co-Chairing the Event again.

Members of the Year Awards Presentation and Dinner

Friday April 21, 2017

Social hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM
Awards Presentation Following.

Menu will include Roast Beef and Chicken. There is no charge to post 63 members, their family and guests. Please RSVP in the club-room no later than 9:AM Wednesday April 19th.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
STILL SERVING AMERICA

Together, we make a difference

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of whole-some programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

To all who have served America: **THANK YOU**

Commanders' Corner

Commander Keith Marbutt: Spring is finally here, at least on the calendar, and the weather is gradually starting to change to warmer days. With elections coming up in May, our post is also facing its inevitable yearly changes. Our demographics are continually changing, and the American Legion and Post 63, will face some of their greatest changes over the next decade. The Vietnam War was officially over April 30, 1975. That means, if you were 18 at the time you joined, our youngest Vietnam era Veterans are at least 58 and most are actually in their 60's or more, and for our Korean era Veterans you can add another decade. These combined groups are currently the Veterans that have had the time and the interest to make our post what it is today. We are running a business, with gross annual revenue of well over 100 thousand dollars, with an all volunteer management. Most of our Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghan Veterans will still be working and raising kids for at least another decade. However, if our Legion is to succeed, the younger Veterans must gradually take over the management. As we have been in the past, we will be more and more dependent on help from our Auxiliary and SAL units. I have heard the comments that our post is a place for "old Veterans to go and drink," but many of the heaviest drinkers that I see there are younger, and many are not even Veterans. Our American Legion State and National leaders are saying that most of our posts need better communications, more and better use of technology, and more family orientation. Although we are not yet where we need to be, over the last few years, our post has made giant strides in some of these areas. We have added open Wireless Internet, a great laptop computer and printer that is available to all members, and 7 interconnected large screen TV's that are available for watching sports, giving presentations or viewing DVDs. Many of our events like the Fall Fundraiser have been increasingly family orientated; however the atmosphere towards families, in the club room could use a little work. We need to find new ways to use new technologies as not only business management but also communications and social tools. And we must continue to work together and incorporate the new ways while we honor and respect the old. Even though our Legion membership and bank account numbers are a little lower than their peak of the last few years, the overall health and resources of our combined Post 63 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL units are stronger by far than they have ever been.

As we move forward, I hope we never lose sight of why we are here. The United States Congress gave us this opportunity and the purpose; "to **preserve the memories and incidents of the 2 World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy**; (4) to **cement the ties and comradeship born of service**; and (5) to **consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness**". In other words, this post should, first and foremost, always be a place for Veterans and their families to meet with their peers. The areas where we need to focus most of our resources in the future and that benefit our Veterans the most; include collecting Poppy moneys for needy Veterans, Memorial and POW remembrance events and Color and Honor Guard activities. Second should be the social activities and fundraisers that allow us to keep the doors open and have a reason to meet with each other.

If you have suggestions or ideas on how to improve our Post, or of event/fundraising ideas, please send them to me via email, kmarbutt@comcast.net, or call me at 248 425-4410. Remember though that a good idea will always remain just an idea, until someone is willing to do the work to integrate it and make it benefit everyone.

I look forward to seeing you at the Legion, Post 63.

Keith Marbutt, Commander

Sr. Vice Commander T J Phipps: Membership is at 84% as of Jan 1st,there are still a lot of members who have not paid dues yet, please remember that the state has raised them to $45.00, please keep you're membership up to date.

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

SAL Commander Brian York: Brian York, Commander SAL Squadron #63 **yorkboy50@yahoo.com**

Our membership continues to grow, but we need all of you to renew for 2017. Our renewal is $40 for regular and $10 for junior (Under 18). Please get your renewals in so that we can be at 100%. As always, our membership meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 7PM, except for the summer months. Please come out if you are able and make a difference. For God and Country, Brian York, Commander SAL Squadron #63.

From The Auxiliary President

Happy spring everyone! Let's hope that Mother Nature doesn't have any more snow storms coming our way. I think we got off pretty easy this past winter, don't you?

Our Auxiliary's Member of the Year is Sue James. Congratulations Sue! Other members who were nominated were Sue Battishill, Jonnie Carter, Debbie Cicinelli, & Deanna Perysian. I'd like to thank these ladies as well as all our Auxiliary members who have chaired a project, worked a fundraiser, volunteered in Legion activities, participated in Honor Guard, donated generously and supported our Unit. We have helped countless Veterans and our community because of your dedication.

Two major fundraisers for our Auxiliary / Legion come up in May. First is our annual Rummage Sale. This is held Fri, May 05 & Sat, May 06. Set up for the donated items to the Legion - inside the hall, is all day Thursday, May 04 from 9 AM - ? We'll work until set up is finished. We are now accepting donations for our sale. Items may be placed in the garage but please mark it "Auxiliary Rummage Sale". The outside spots are going fast! We only have 12' x 20' grass spots available. The cost for the 2 day rental is just $10.00 and is nonrefundable. Contracts may be picked up in the Club Room during open hours.

"Poppy Days" this year is being held on Thursday – Saturday, May 18, 19 & 20. The sites and times are as follows: Bueche's in Ortonville – May 18 & May 19 from 8 AM – 6 PM. Kroger in Clarkston, 3 locations – May 19 & May 20 from 9 AM – 6 PM . Downtown Clarkston – May 18, 19 & 20 from 8 AM – 6 PM. The sign up board will be placed in the Clubroom as the dates approach. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to collect donations. 100% of funds collected go to assist Veteran's and their families in need.

If you haven't paid your 2017 Dues, please send them in. The membership dues are $25.00 for Adult & $10.00 for junior. Make your check or money order to Unit 63 Auxiliary, and address it to our Membership Chairman: Judy McCutcheon.

Our meetings are every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

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President Unit 63 Auxiliary

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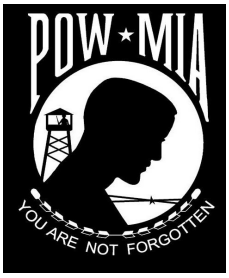


Poppy Days

Each year around Memorial Day, American Legion Auxiliary members and other volunteers, distribute millions of bright red poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and needy Veterans.

Help is needed to collect poppy funds on May 18th-20th in the Clarkston/Ortonville area.

Volunteer signup sheets will be located in the post clubroom.

100% of all proceeds go into the Auxiliary Poppy Fund to assist Veterans and/or their families in need.

This year there'll be 5 locations; The 3 Clarkston Krogers, Bueches of Ortonville and Main St in downtown Clarkston.

For information contact

Uni Marbutt 248-634-7140

or

Sue James 248-701-0718

The Michigan Veterans Foundation

for homeless Veterans, is now in its new location at 27305 W. Warren Dearborn Hts., MI.

Once again our Post 63 Legion and SAL units, shared a project to send them over $2000, worth of personal care products! Art Wargo does most of the work on this one, drumming up support, placing the order and coordinating delivery. Thanks Art, another great job!

Post #63

Rummage Sale

CLOSETS GETTING TOO FULL?

Donations of usable household and garage items are needed. Please drop off at the post by Thursday, May 4th.

Sale Friday May 5th, 9 to 5

Saturday May 6th, 9 to 4

Grass spots available for rent $10 each.

Receipts for donations given upon request

For information contact
Uni Marbutt **248-634-7140**

Campbell-Richmond Post 63
Honor/Color Guard Calendar

DATE	Day	TIME	EVENT	TASK	PLACE
May 28, 2017	Sunday	9:00 AM	Post 63 & Lakeview Cemetery	Breakfast / Placement of Flags at Lakeview Cemetery	Post 63 & Lakeview Cemetery
May 29, 2017	Monday	7:00 AM	Memorial Service Set-up	Haul & placement chairs, flags, water	Post 63 & Lakeview Cemetery
May 29, 2017	Monday	9:30 AM	Memorial Day Parade - Service	March-Lead Parade, Service, Rifle Volley	Post 63, Depot Park & Lakeview Cemetery
June ??	Saturday	9:00 AM	Little League Team Opening Day - Post 63 Team	???	Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI
June ??	Saturday	9:00 AM	Ortonville Creekfest Parade, 10 AM	March with Ortonville V.F.W. / Rifle Volley	Meet at Post 63 - Parade in Ortonville
Jul 04, 2016	Tuesday	8:30 AM	4th of July Parade	March-Lead Parade Rifle Volley	Downtown Clarkston
Sep 04, 2017	Monday	8:30 AM	Labor Day Parade	March-Lead Parade, Rifle Volley	Downtown Clarkston
Sep 15, 2017	Friday	6 pm ??	National POW/MIA Recognition Day	Rifle Volley, Service	Post 63
Dec 07, 2017	Thursday	??	National Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance	Rifle Volley, Service	Post 63
Dec 09, 2017	Saturday	5:00 PM	Clarkston Holiday Light Parade	March-Lead Parade	Downtown Clarkston

April 2017 ►►► EVENT CALENDAR ◄◄◄ May 2017

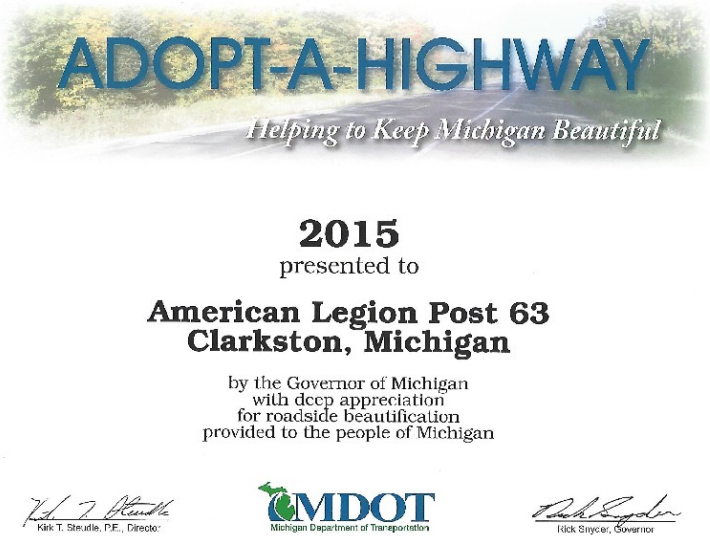
- Thursday night Shuffleboard in the Clubroom.

- **Wed, April 5 - General Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Mon April 10 SAL Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Tue, April 11 - Aux Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Wed April 19 - Executive Board Meeting 7pm**
- **Fir, April 21 Member of the year dinner 6pm**
- **Wed, May 3 - General Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Mon May 8 SAL Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Tue, May 9 - Aux Membership Meeting 7pm**
- **Wed, May17 - Executive Board Meeting 7pm**
- **Thur May 18 - Sat May 20 Poppy Days**
- **Sun May 28 Breakfast @ Legion set Flags after**

Access the Post calendar online anytime!!
https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=legion63mi%40gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

2017 Highway Cleanup

First clean up is April 15th,
(Sign-up sheet is in the clubroom)
2nd clean up is July 15th
and the 3rd clean up is September 23rd.
We received our 2nd of these certificates from the Governor of Michigan. The new one for the year 2016 is in the Clubroom display case.
Thanks to everyone that helped!



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Legion Family TAPS 2017

Memorial to recently lost post 63 family members.

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