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Post 63 Honor Guard at Bailey Elementary School in Clarkston, MI

L-R; Don Davis, Nandkishor Kamat, Rick Thompson, Michael Roy, Jay Valls, Steve Willett and Don Carter.

Commanders' Corner

Commander Kim Lambouris:

The Holidays are here and we are very busy at the Post! I wanted to say, "Thank you all for your hard work and support"! Some of the things that are going on is Shuffleboard on Thursdays at 7 pm, Euchre on Fridays also at 7 pm, Karaoke Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Clubroom, and football on Saturdays/Sundays at noon in the Clubroom. We had to change the date on our Christmas Party White Elephant Potluck to December 15th at 7 pm. As always, there is a $15 limit with new or like new gifts. Come on out and enjoy the FUN! The Holiday Lights Parade is Saturday, December 16, 2017. The New Years Eve Party will start at 7pm with Dale Elkins and his Karaoke magic and we'll have a Nacho-Taco bar. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. The Fall Raffle was a BIG Success! Not only did we make a profit, but the SAL used their big winnings and bought us a new energy efficient refrigerator for the kitchen. They also will be taking care of the cost with replacing the cabinets behind the bar and the floor. Are they not just the BEST? Thanks So Much SAL! Let us not forget the Auxiliary, they have been a huge help with all our fundraisers and projects. Always there to lend a hand and make us look good. We are so grateful to have such a wonderful Auxiliary Unit!

One of our members, Ted Lakkides, who is an independent Registered Investment Advisor (RIA) that is registered with the State of Michigan, wants to do a fundraiser with us. His fundraiser is has to do with identity protection that can be purchased and a part of the purchase comes to us. Please read his explanation on how it works and what it can do to protect your identity from online fraudsters. See his article on the following pages.

- Kim Lambouris, Commander
  kmlambou@oaklandcc.edu

1st Vice Commander T J Phipps:

Members, please ensure your memberships are renewed and up to date ASAP.

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

Service Officer Gerald Grzywinski:

If anyone knows of a veteran that requires any assistance whether it be health, financial, or if just someone to talk about veterans matters, or if you might have questions about veterans benefits. Please call me at 248-494-2821.

- Gerald Grzywinski, Service Officer
  gerryg48348@yahoo.com

SAL Commander Brian York:

The Sons will be hosting all veterans for the Army/Navy game on Dec. 9. Wayne will be making his SOS beginning at 11AM and the game will be around 3PM. All veterans receive a free drink and a chance at a door prize. The Clarkston Christmas parade is schedued for Dec. 16 at 630PM. All Sons that want to march in the color guard should arrive at the post no later than 5PM. 1st Vice John Ousnamer is actively processing membership renewals. Make sure you get your $40 in before 12/31/2017 as your membership will lapse and access to the club will cease.

For God and Country,

- Brian York, SAL Commander
  yorkboy50@yahoo.com

From The Auxiliary President

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all!

We've been very busy at our last couple meetings making plans and planning fund-raisers. Deanna is selling pecans like crazy, we have a booze basket in the clubroom and you can get tickets from the bartender, 10 for $5, drawing held at the Christmas Party on 12/15. We changed the date of our "Senior Prom" to April 21st and the new theme will be presented and discussed at the December meeting. We've decided to send two girls to Girls State and will have our Interviews in place of the March meeting.

In place of our January meeting on 1/9 we are packing boxes to send out to our troops. See below for a list of items we are seeking. If you have anything to donate, we'll have a box in the clubroom. We would like to include a thank you card in each of our boxes! If you have time and could fill some out, that is much appreciated. If you have anyone we should send a box to, please send the contact information to adtdsb@gmail.com.

Wishing you all the very best in the New Year!

Amy Laboissonniere
President Unit 63 Auxiliary
adtdsb@gmail.com

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of benefits and services to Service members, veterans, and their families. If you are a veteran and believe that you have a service related health issue, you may be eligible for health care assistance and/or compensation. The first step in the process of filing for benefits is to register with the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. The Oakland County Veterans' Services (OCVS) helps veterans and their families obtain and maintain all veteran related benefits from federal, state, and local government agencies. OCVS will assist you with your initial filing, as well as help you to change or increase your benefits as your situation changes. OCVS is located in the Oakland County office complex at 1200 North Telegraph Rd., North Office Building, Pontiac, MI 48381. 248-858-0785. Client hours are M-F, 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-4:30. No Appointment Necessary!

IDENTITIY THEFT AND YOU

By Ted Lakkides

Although your identity may be priceless to you, it'll probably get sold in the dark web for pennies – along with millions of others. It's the guys who buy it for pennies that can hurt you. According to the Federal Trade Commission, Michigan is the #1 state for identity theft complaints. 78% of identity theft is related to income taxes, credit cards and government benefits/documents. You could spend months trying to fix these problems. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid having your identity compromised. It's already happened! 143 million at Equifax, 145 million at Ebay, 56 million at Home Depot, 70 million at Target, 500 million at Yahoo; these are all customers of those companies whose identity was compromised.

For $6.00 a month you can get protection from the same U.S. based company that 6 out of the 8 top credit card companies use to protect their customers. Identity Guard founded the identity theft protection business in 1996 with institutional services for the banking industry. With all the identity breaches in the news, they saw an opportunity to bring their products to the retail public. or $6.00 you get nearly instantaneous alerts of any unusual activity with your Social Security Number, address change, dark web monitoring of all your personal information and immediate text/email notification if an account is being opened in your name; which you can have stopped (if it's not you). They also have a "lost wallet" benefit that takes care of all that needs to be done if you lose all your credit cards and other documents in the wallet. This is a special offer available to members (includes SAL and Auxiliary) and friends of Post 63. For details go online to:

https://benefits.identityguard.com/cygnet

If you're interested and decide to enroll be sure to use our group code POST63 to get the discounted price.

For every member who enrolls, our post will receive $.25 per month. Could turn into a nice fundraiser!

Thanks,

Ted Lakkides

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December 2017 ►►► EVENT CALENDAR ◄◄◄ January 2018

- Friday, Dec 1 - 7pm Euchre
- Saturday, Dec 2 - 7 pm Karaoke
- Wednesday, Dec 6 - 7 pm Legion Membership Mtng
- Thursday, Dec 7 - 7 pm - Shuffleboard
- Friday, Dec 8 - 7 pm - Euchre
- Saturday, Dec 9 - 11 am Ary Chow Brunch
- Saturday, Dec 9 - 2 pm SAL Sponsored Game Day
- Saturday, Dec 9 - 5 pm Holiday Lights Parade
- Tuesday, Dec 12 - 7 pm Aux. Meeting
- Monday, Dec 11 - 7 pm SAL Meeting
- Tuesday, Dec 12 - 7 pm Aux. Meeting
- Thursday, Dec 14 - 7 pm Shuffleboard
- Friday, Dec 15 - 7 pm Post Chrismas Party (White Elephant)
- Wednesday, Dec 20 - 7 pm E-Board Meeting (Closed Session)
- Thursday, Dec 21 - 7 pm Shuffleboard
- Friday, Dec 22 - 7 pm Euchre
- Monday, Dec 25th Closed
- Thursday, Dec 28 - 7 pm Shuffleboard
- Sunday, Dec 31 - 7 pm New Years Eve (BYOB, Karaoke, Pot Luck)
- Wednesday, Jan 3 - 7 pm Legion Membership Mtng
- Wednesday, Jan 3 - 8 pm IVMHA Mtng
- Thursday, Jan 4 - 7 pm Shuffleboard
- Friday, Jan 5 - 7 pm Euchre
- Monday, Jan 8 - 7 pm SAL Meeting
- Tuesday, Jan 9 - 7 pm Aux. Meeting (Packing Party)
- Thursday, Jan 11 - 7 pm - Shuffleboard
- Friday, Jan 12 - 7 pm Euchre
- Wednesday, Jan 17 - 7 pm E-Board Meeting
- Thursday, Jan 18 - 7 pm - Shuffleboard
- Friday, Jan 19 - 7 pm Euchre
- Thursday, Jan 25 - 7 pm - Shuffleboard
- Friday, Jan 26 - 7 pm Euchre

Michigan Veteran Designation for Licenses and ID Cards

The veteran designation gives veterans an easy and optional way to prove their veteran status to receive discounts from businesses. Eligible veterans may get the designation by visiting any Secretary of State office or when renewing through the mail. The designation is available when you apply for an original or renewal Michigan license or ID at no additional charge. If added at another time, correction fees will apply. Plus, it allows the Secretary of State's Office to partner with the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency, and veteran service organizations to provide referral information so veterans better know what resources and services are available to them. The word "Veteran" will be printed in red on the front of the card.

Eligibility:
Military veterans who served in any branch of the U.S. armed forces and have an honorable or under honorable conditions (general) discharge may have a veteran designation printed on their Michigan driver's license or state identification card. Qualifying services include the U.S. Air Force, Air Force National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy, as well as their Reserve components. Individuals who actively serve in the National Guard or Reserves at the time of application may qualify for the designation if they have a DD214 with an honorable or under honorable conditions discharge.

Required documentation:
Veterans must provide acceptable documentation to receive the designation. Any submitted form must indicate the character of discharge. Acceptable forms include:

- DD214 (or correction DD215), Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, any copy except Copy 1
- Form NGB FM 22 or 23, Report of Separation and Record of Service, which must indicate honorable or general discharge
- Forms WD AGO, such as WD AGO 53-55, Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge
- GSA 6954, Certificate of Military Service
- NAVPERS 553, Extract of Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service
- VA Veteran Health Identification Card
- DD-2 (blue or pink version), United States Uniformed Services ID card - issued to retired military and military reserve veterans.

Secretary of State offices will accept other documents issued prior to 1950 if they indicate an honorable or general discharge. Photocopies of official documents are acceptable. Veteran documentation will not be retained by the Secretary of State and will be destroyed if provided by mail. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/sos

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To:

E-Mail is the preferred method of delivery.

Contact Dean Lambouris at: post63newsletter@comcast.net

Shuffleboard Thursday nights — Check-In at 6:30pm!!

Friday evening Euchre in the clubroom has begun!!

Legion Family TAPS 2017

Memorial to a post #63 family member recently lost.

Jeremiah H. Fisher

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