

Chaplain's Corner

Wishing Everyone a Blessed Holiday Season!

Thank you all for your love and support. I am so blessed to be included in our Post Family!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV) Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This may sound like a tall order. Let's all have an attitude of gratitude. You will be amazed how much better life looks!

There is no place that we find ourselves in, that God cannot use us. We are never too old or young to have a relationship with God (our Heavenly Father) through his son Jesus Christ or a closer walk with Him. We are also never too old to make new friends or rekindle old friendships! While some people are overwhelmed with family, friends and work gatherings, others are alone or just feel lonely this time of year. Please talk to someone.

We will deliver Christmas boxes/baskets. This blesses all of our Legion Family. Please let us know if you would like a basket or a visit!

Prayer: Father in Heaven we come to you with thankful hearts. Forgive our grumblings. We are so blessed to be part of this amazing post and citizens of the United States. We pray that you will bless this country, state, our Post and all of our members. Help us to remember to keep our attitude of gratitude during this Christmas season. Help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for sending your Son to us as a baby on Christmas. In Jesus name we pray. Amen
Chaplain Debbie Vetter

231-670-1279

PS We have free Bibles and I'm available for visitations and have free meals once or twice a month.

Post Service Officer

Merry Christmas Legion Family!

Opportunities to get involved with our Legion Family:

*Saturday November 27, 9 a.m.- We will decorate the outside of the Hall (Dress appropriately for the weather).

*Saturday December 4, 6 p.m. -Ravenna Community Christmas Parade. Meet behind Rogers Printing, 5 p.m. for the parade.

*Monday December 6, 6 p.m.-Family Christmas Potluck.

Membership awards will be presented; short meeting at 7.

*Saturday December 11, 12 noon - District 9 executive board meeting; 1 p.m.-Dinner (*let us know if you plan to attend*);

2 p.m.-General meeting-everyone is welcome.

Questions? Contact Debbie Vetter-Post Service Officer
231-670-1279 (text are welcome)

Commander-Merry Christmas to all our Legion family. It has been a trying year but Post 297 has continued to shine!

Sons of The American Legion

Officers 2021-2022

Commander-Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606

Vice Commander-Mike Ruble (616) 846-6323

Adjutant-Les Bonter (231) 215-9817

Finance Officer-Austin Bonter (616) 853-2390

Chaplains-Mike Pierson (231) 853-2065

& Jim Helsen (231) 557-9045

Historian-Andrew Bonter (231) 769-5719

Sergeant-at-Arms-Tim Schutter (231) 740-1598

Meetings-1st Thursday/month, 7 p.m.; Annual dues are \$20;

membership for 16 years old and younger \$10.

SAL-male descendants i.e. sons, grandsons, step-sons, step-grandsons, adopted sons & grandsons (not in-laws) of veterans.

Welcoming Committee-for returning veterans-contact Les Bonter

(231) 215-9817 or Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606.

Care Package for Active Duty-Contact Les Bonter or Andy Snoeyink with an address if you know someone deployed.

American Legion Auxiliary

Officers 2021-2022

President - **Jenny Kruszynski** (231) 853-2925

Secretary/Treasurer - **Katy Pfaff** -(231) 853-2107

Chaplain - **Carol Drayton** (231) 853-6726

Veterans Support-**Mary Bonter** (231) 557-5736

Auxiliary Preparing

Holiday Boxes for Veterans

The Auxiliary will be preparing and sending holiday boxes to service men and women serving in the armed forces. If you know of a service member that you would like to see receive a package, please contact Jenny Kruszynski (231) 853-2925.

Membership-If you have a daughter that would like to join the Junior Auxiliary, contact Jenny at (231) 670-0636.

***Sons will host a euchre tournament Saturday January 15.**

Michigan Veteran Homes (MVH) at Grand Rapids

2950 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Phone (616) 364-5389

VA Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)

Muskegon VA Clinic (231) 798-4445

VA Benefits and Services 1-800-827-1000

