



Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion
Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
Legion Riders

The Bugle

May 2024

Ravenna American Legion
3590 Conklin Street
P.O. Box 302
Ravenna, Michigan 49451
Facebook- RavennaMIAmericanLegion
Web site-RavennaMILegion.org

Memorial Day...

Parade... will assemble **Monday May 27**, 9:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall; officer of the Day-Mike Pierson. Legion honor guard will lead the parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by veterans led by **Grand Marshall Wally Owen** and the Ravenna School band. Parade travels east up Stafford Street to Main Street, turns right (south) to the Main Street bridge for a **ceremonial wreath toss** into Crockery Creek by U.S. Navy Veteran/Legionnaire Wally Owen, a prayer, gun salute and taps. **Note...** We could use more golf carts or Gators, etc. for the parade to carry veterans unable to march. Just show up at 9:30 a.m. when the parade is assembling....Thank you!.

Memorial Service-The parade then travels north to the Ravenna Cemetery entrance and turns right (east) to the stage area for a memorial service. The Ravenna band will play several numbers including a medley of military service songs. There will be a commemoration of the service men from Ravenna that lost their lives in the wars and conflicts. Guest speaker is Ravenna Baptist Church pastor CJ Nissen. A wreath laying at the Civil War memorial, rifle salute and taps will conclude the ceremony. **Free hot dog dinner at the Legion Hall following the parade.**

Cemetery Salutes-will be **Sunday May 26**. We will meet 12:30 p.m. at the Legion hall to leave at 12:45 p.m. We will start our salute at Sullivan Cemetery at 1 p.m. There will be a prayer, rifle salute and taps. We then do the same at Moorland, Seaman, Hilton and St. Catherine cemeteries.

Conklin Legion Post-will have a ceremony at Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery at 10:45 a.m. at their veteran's memorial. If you would like to participate in the ceremony, contact Al Gillespie at (616) 443-0122 and be there by 10:15 a.m..

Rifle Raffle-Drawing-Savage, 110 Apex Hunter XP bolt action rifle Memorial Day at the hall after the parade.

*Tickets-\$5 each or 5 for \$20. Need not be present to win. Tickets by mail...Send check or money order to Ravenna Legion-Rifle Raffle, P.O. Box 302, Ravenna, MI 49451
***Thanks to **Larry Lieffers and Roy Curtis** for selling many tickets in front of Ravenna Foods!

Memorial Day Set Up-will be Monday May 27; meet at the hall at 7 a.m. to load up chairs to be set up in the Ravenna Township Cemetery for the memorial service.

*Members breakfast at the Round Table-Restaurant, 8 a.m.

Poppy Sale Saturday May 25-Auxiliary Poppy 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ravenna Foods, Dollar General, Soccer field at Conklin Park, Ice Cream Shoppe, and Wesco. For information, contact Auxiliary president Laura Peterson (231) 736-9835.

Service Officer Courtney Thurber-office hours every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Legion hall, 3590 Conklin Street in Ravenna to assist veterans You can contact her at (517) 582-1678 or e-mail cthurber@michiganlegion.org

Legion-2024-2025 Officers:

Commander-Tony Miller (616) 745-8168
Senior Vice Commander-Terry Sabo (231) 903-8407
Junior Vice Commander-Roy Curtis (231) 638-3633
Finance Officer-Larry Lieffers (231) 730-9255
Adjutant-Michael Pierson (231) 853-2065
Service Officer--"Doc" Strait (231) 288-4222.
Judge Advocate-Pete Sturtevant (231) 853-2918
Chaplain-Debbie Vetter (231) 670-1279
Parliamentarian-Bill White (616) 826-4262
Historian-Larry Lieffers (231) 730-9255
Sergeant-at-Arms-Sam Grill (231) 853-2966
Legion Riders-Jim Bronnekant (231) 760-7995
Webmaster-"Doc" Strait (231) 288-4222.

Meetings-1st Monday of the month-7 p.m. at the hall.

Dues-\$40/year.

Hall Rental-One day \$600-Security deposit-\$400-get in hall a day early: add \$100, clean up next a.m.: add \$50.

Afternoons-\$300 for a 4 hour afternoon rental; be out by 6 p.m.-Deposit \$250;

Funeral luncheons-\$275, \$100 deposit; we set up & take down Business meetings-4 hours-no kitchen use-\$100, + \$100 deposit Cancellations within 30 days of the event-forfeit 1/2 deposit.

Contact Mike (231) 853-2065 or Brian (616) 901-8606.

U.S. Flags for Sale- 3'x 5" \$40, 4'x 6' \$50, 5'x 8' \$70, 6' x 10' \$90, 12" x 18" \$1.50, POW/MIA \$50, Michigan \$50, Blue Star \$10, Service flags -Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine 3'x 5'-\$50.

Amateur Radio Group...Member -National American Legion Amateur Radio Club; Call Richard "Doc" Strait at (231) 288-4222; email is KD8PGT@RavennaMILegion.Org

Meeting Minutes and Post News e-mailed-send address to Rippernews@aol.com

Coming up...

***Final Flag Lowering of the School Year-Tuesday June 4** 9:00 a.m. at Beechnau Elementary School-Post 297 will have the final salute, play taps and fold the flag.

*If you would like to participate-please show up at 8:45 a.m. in Legion apparel.

SAL 2024 Dog Daze Breakfast Saturday July 13, 8-11 a.m.

Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, OJ, Coffee
Adults all you can eat \$12, Kids under 12 \$6, 5 & under free
Ravenna American Legion Hall
3590 Conklin Street

Honor Guard-Funeral for Don Brower Saturday May 18, 12 noon at Jibson Church (corner of Sullivan and Evanston). Meet at the hall at 11 a.m., leave 11:30 a.m.

VA Crisis Hotline -1-800-273-8255 (press 1)
Muskegon VA Clinic -(231) 798-4445
VA Benefits and Services -1-800-827-1000

Sons of The American Legion

Officers 2023-2024

Commander-Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606
Vice Commander-Mike Ruble (616) 846-6323
2nd Vice Commander-Dave Paprocki (231) 750-7720
Adjutant-Les Bonter (231) 215-9817
Finance Officer-Austin Bonter (616) 853-2390
Co-Chaplains-Jim Helsen (231) 557-9045 and
Andrew Bonter (231) 769-5719
Historian-Andrew Bonter (231) 769-5719

Sergeant-at-Arms-Ben Peterson (231) 853-0526

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 employed.



American Legion Auxiliary

Officers 2024-2025

President - Laura Peterson (231) 853-0526
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Vice President-Maddie Peterson (231) 798-5295
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Sergeant at Arms-Linda Rosinski (231) 740-7649 linskirose@aol.com

Membership-Annual dues are \$36.

Meetings are the first Thursday of the month, 6 p.m.



Post 297 Essay Contest Winners 4th Grade-
Pictured from left: Post 297 Adjutant Mike Pierson, Collette Kantola, Sophie Long, Chloe Bothe, Post 297 Chaplain Debbie Vetter. Presentation was made at Beechnau Elementary School May 6.



Post 297 Essay Contest Winners 3rd Grade-Pictured
from left: Post 297 Adjutant Mike Pierson, Tyler Chartrand, Willow Baldwin, Layna Hogan, Post 297 Chaplain Debbie Vetter.

Ravenna American Legion Post 297 2024 Memorial Day Rifle Raffle



Savage, 110 Apex Hunter XP bolt action rifle
Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20
Drawing at Legion Hall Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024
Purchase at Village Hardware in Ravenna
3160 Slocum Road