



## Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion  
Auxiliary  
Sons of the American Legion  
Legion Riders

## The Bugle

May 2022

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

## 2022 Memorial Day Rifle Raffle



**Henry Golden Boy .22 Magnum**  
or \$500 cash option

Tickets \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20  
Available at Village Hardware & Auto

Drawing Memorial Day, following the parade at the Legion Hall

## Memorial Day...

**Parade...** will assemble **Monday May 30**, 9:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall; officer of the Day-Mike Pierson; parade coordinator Jenny Kruszynski.

Legion honor guard will lead the parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by Grand Marshall-Korean War Veteran Merle Bonter, veterans, and the Ravenna School band. Parade travels east up Stafford Street to Main Street where the band will stop as the honor guard turns south to the Main Street bridge. Once the honor guard is set up at the bridge, the band will play the national anthem. Following the national anthem, there will be a ceremonial wreath toss into Crockery Creek by the grand marshal, a prayer, gun salute and taps.

**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, a wreath laying at the Civil War memorial, rifle salute and taps.

**Note...** We need golf carts, 4-wheelers, Gators, etc. for the parade. Be up at the Hall at 9:30 p.m. if you can help, Thanks!

**Free Hot Dog Dinner** following the parade at the Legion Hall. Drawings will be held for the Legion rifle and Sons pistol. Officer in charge-Jim Redding.

**Cemetery Salutes-**will be **Sunday May 30**. We will meet at the Legion hall 12:30 p.m., leave at 12:45 p.m. for a salute at Sullivan Cemetery at 1 p.m. to include prayer, rifle salute and taps; then repeat at Moorland, Seaman, Hilton and St. Catherine cemeteries

**Memorial Day Set Up-**will be Monday May 30; 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 will have breakfast together at the Round Table Restaurant, 8 a.m.

**Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day)** is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

### Legion-2021-2022 Officers:

**Commander-Jim Redding** (231) 853-2416  
**Senior Vice Commander-Sam Grill** (231) 853-2966  
**Junior Vice Commander-Dave Ruble** (616) 307-8094  
**Finance Officer-William "Bill" White** (616) 826-4262  
**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  
**Historian-Larry Lieffers** (231) 730-9255  
**Sergeant-at-Arms-Charles A. Wyant** (231) 853-6320  
**Legion Riders-Terry Sabo** (231) 903-8407  
**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; \$300 for a 4 hour afternoon rental; be out by 6 p.m. Security deposit-\$250; get in hall a day early: add \$100; clean up next a.m.: add \$50. Funeral luncheons-\$275.

Cancellations within 30 days of the event-forfeit 1/2 of deposit.

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

**U.S. Flags for Sale-** 3'x 5" \$30, 4'x 6' \$40, 5'x 8' \$55, 6' x 10' \$80, 12" x 18" \$1.25, POW/MIA \$40, Michigan \$25, Blue Star \$10, Service flags \$25-Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine 3'x 5'.

**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 e-mailed-**send address to [Rippernews@aol.com](mailto:Rippernews@aol.com)



**Ravenna American Legion Post 297** awarded patriotic essay contest winners with \$20 gift certificates to Ink Link for Bulldog apparel. 4th grade winners included (from left): Kaylyn Wohlford, Stella Willis, Ava Schwartz, Kira Hyler, Abigail McDonald; Legion Auxiliary secretary/treasurer Katie Pfaff; back row: Legionnaires Debbie Vetter, Roy Curtis, F. Terry Sabo, Mike Pierson, Commander Jim Redding, Sam Grill, Auxiliary president Jennie Kruszynski.

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

Michigan Veteran Homes (MVH) at Grand Rapids  
2950 Monroe Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
Phone (616) 364-5389

## 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  
**Co-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 - Leah Sabo** (231) 853-2383  
**Veterans Support-Mary Bonter** (231) 557-5736

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



## Family Movie Night at the Hall

**Sunday May 29** at dusk, the Legion family will present John Ford's production of "Donavon's Reef" starring John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Cesar Romero and more stars! Plans are to show the movie on the north wall of the hall. Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy a classic movie!

## Chaplain's Corner

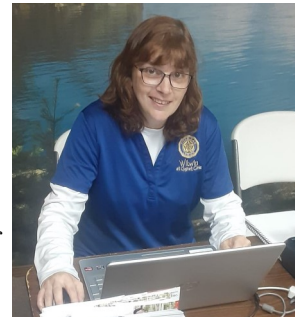
**Memorial Day** is intended to commemorate those who have laid down their lives in service to the United States. It is also known as the official start to summer; with picnics, fun outdoor activities etc. While enjoying these things, please take time to remember the ultimate sacrifice of the men and women.

John 15:12-13 NIV My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 13:7 ESV Pay to all what is owed them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

**Prayer:** *Eternal God, we praise You for the remembrance of those who have fought and died for this great land. Thank you for the many blessings which You have given our country and grant that we may be enabled to use them better to Your service. Accept our gratitude and make us worthy of their sacrifices; we pray in your Holy name. Amen*  
**Chaplain Debbie Vetter**-231-670-1270 Bibles are available.

**American Legion  
Department of Michigan Service  
Officer Courtney Thurber**-is holding office hours every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ravenna American Legion hall, 3590 Conklin Street in Ravenna to assist veterans with all sorts of Veteran's Administration issues.



**Ravenna American Legion Post 297** Commander Jim Redding presented a dozen new baseballs to the Post 297 Majors (10-11 year old) baseball team in the Ravenna Summer Recreation Program. The baseballs were donated by Trevor Taylor in memory of Thomas Cooper (both RHS Class of 1986) who died December 12, 2021. Thomas was a 22 year Army National Guard veteran. Pictured from left: Summer Recreation Director Sara Deal, Post 297 Commander Jim Redding, Ravenna Legion Coach Hunter Funk and Post 297 Adjutant Mike Pierson.