



Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion
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Legion Riders

The Bugle

May 2021

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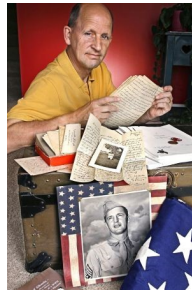
News

Memorial Day...

Parade... will assemble **Monday May 31, 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 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 Korean War era Navy veteran **Don Drayton**, 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. Please contact the adjutant if you can help.....>Mike

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.

Guest speaker is **Clint Abbott**, → who edited a book "Out of Albania" from the memoirs of his dad's 62 day, 800 mile hike through the Nazi-occupied nation during World War II after his plane crashed. The Abbotts have been in and around Ravenna since the 1860's. Clint has 16 relatives buried in the Ravenna Township Cemetery.



Cemetery Salutes-will be **Sunday May 30.** 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

Rifle Raffle-Drawing-Henry .22 magnum rifle +50 rounds of ammunition-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** for selling \$805 worth of raffle tickets in front of Ravenna Foods!

Memorial Day Set Up-will be Monday May 31; 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.

Legion-2020-2021 Officers:

Commander-Jim Redding (231) 853-2416
Senior Vice Commander-Sam Grill (231) 853-2966
Junior Vice Commander-Dave Ruble (616) 307-8094
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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 per year.

Election of Officers-will be held at the June meeting.

Hall Rental-One day \$600; \$300 for a 4 hour afternoon rental; must 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-\$200. Cancellations within 30 days of the scheduled event-forefeit 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 for window \$10, Service Branch flags \$25-Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine 3' x 5'.

Paul Helsen (center) presents Post Commander **Jim Redding** a check for \$1,000 from proceeds of the St. Catherine Lenten fish fry dinners. The Legion for many years had one night of the fish fry's to help generate revenue for operation. The COVID pandemic changed the serving mode to all drive through. In a gesture of good will, St. Catherine gave \$1,000 to the Legion. Pictured at left is Vice Commander **Sam Grill**.

Thank you St. Catherine!

