



Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion
Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
Legion Riders

The Bugle

October 2023

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

Membership Dinner

Saturday November 11 (Veteran's Day) 6 p.m.

This is a pot luck dinner with the Auxiliary furnishing the meat. Year pins and certificates will be awarded.

Legion Continuous Membership awards:

20 years-Gerald Mabrito, Kenneth McCallum

30 years-Sam Grill, Ken Punter

35 years-Glenn Fidge, Bill Foster

45 years-Michael Pierson

55 years-Wayne Place

Auxiliary Continuous Membership Awards:

10 years-Sandra Sitzer

15 years-Linda Rosinski, Rebecca Langland

55 years-Sally Wagner

60 years-Lynne VanLoon, Connie Vanoeffelen, Marilyn Dykstra, Barbara French.

Sons of the Legion Continuous Membership Awards

5 years-Lawrence Deweerd

10 years-Brian Bonter, Les Bonter, William Foster, Brian Redding, David Redding, Luke Strait and Richard "Doc" Strait.

New Sons Members-Paul Helsen, Randy Helsen and Paul Herremans.

Thanks to Larry Lieffers and Roy Curtis for their rifle raffle ticket sales. They sat in front of Ravenna Foods and sold over \$1,000 worth of tickets.

Ravenna American Legion Post 297 2023 Veteran's Day Rifle Raffle



Savage Arms Axis XP Camo 350 Legend

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Drawing at Legion Hall Saturday November 11, 2022

Purchase at Village Hardware in Ravenna

3160 Slocum Road or

Americana Tactical Training & Safety

12412 Stafford Street

Quilt of Valor-If you or someone you know would like to receive one please fill out the nomination form. These forms are available at the hall. Pick up during service officer hours Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eligibility-If you have served in any branch of service for the United States of America, you are eligible for a Quilt of Valor citizen award.

Legion-2023-2024 Officers:

Commander-Karen Strait (231) 288-7290

Senior Vice Commander-Tony Miller (616) 745-8168

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

Post 297 Leads 2023 RHS Homecoming Parade

Four Post 297 led the Ravenna High School Homecoming parade Friday October 6. The parade had a very good turnout despite the threat of rain, that did sprinkle the parade toward the end.

Charlie Wyant led the parade with the American flag followed by Roy Curtis with the Michigan flag and Terry Sabo with the Legion flag, followed by Les Bonter with the Sons flag and squad leader Mike Pierson.

Christmas Decorating

-of the hall will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving-November 25, 9 a.m. Debbie Vetter is officer in charge.

Flag Retirement Ceremony-October 2 before the regular meeting went well under the direction of officer in charge Terry Sabo. A year's worth of unserviceable flags were destroyed with respect with the help of the Ravenna Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Chaplain Debbie Vetter provided snacks and drinks that were well received by the kids!

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
Mike Pierson (231) 853-2065



Historian-Andrew Bonter (231) 769-5719
Sergeant-at-Arms-Mike Peterson 616-295-4050
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 2023-2024

President - Laura Peterson (231) 853-0526
elizabethlpeterson@live.com
Vice President-Laura Simpson (616) 446-1440
Iro6inson8369@yahoo.com
Secretary-Brandy Klapatch (231) 301-5148
Brandy.klapatch1203@gmail.com
Treasurer - Leah Sabo (231) 853-2383
Rasabol022@gmail.com
Chaplain-Katie Pfaff (231) 853-2107
Sergeant at Arms-Linda Rosinski (231) 740-7649
Membership-Annual dues are \$36. If you have a daughter that would like to join Junior Auxiliary, contact Leah at (231) 853-5148.



Sons of the American Legion 2023 Veteran's Day Pistol Raffle



Kimber Micro 9mm Two Tone Rosewood grips with laser site

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Available from SONS members or
At Village Hardware and Ravenna Lumber

Drawing at Membership Dinner on Veteran's Day November

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

Muskegon VA Clinic -(231) 798-4445

VA Benefits and Services -1-800-827-1000

Ravenna American Legion Auxiliary SOUP SUPPER

@ the Hall ~ 3590 Conklin St.

Thursday, October 12th

Serving~5:00 to 7:00 pm

Adults: \$10 Kids 6-12: \$5.00 under 5 Free
50/50 raffle that evening!

Santa Claus-will be at the hall Sunday

December 3, 2-4 p.m. for pictures, cookies and hot chocolate. Event sponsored by the Auxiliary.

American Legion-Department of Michigan Service Officer Courtney Thurber holds 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. You can contact her at (517) 582-1678 or e-mail cthurber@michiganlegion.org