



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

For God and Country



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Dec. 25, 2020
Christmas Day

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021
New Year's Day

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021
Monthly Meeting
@ Legion Hall

Monday, Jan. 18, 2021
MLK Day

FOR ZOOM MEETING
If you'd like to participate in any of our meetings via Zoom, contact Brian.

SAL Raffle Results: Smith & Wesson 9mm Pistol

Congratulations again to Cliff Bennett for winning the 9mm pistol at our drawing on Saturday, November 14! A huge thank you to everyone who sold tickets. This raffle was a huge success for us as we were able to bring in \$1,550.

Legion M1 Garand Rifles – New Stocks

The new rifles arrived in October, though the gun stocks appeared to be inconsistent in color and fit poorly. Brian attempted to sand and re-stain one of them, but it was extremely time consuming and the wood didn't take the stain very well. Through conversation, Ken Borgman heard of the situation and suggested that we get local businesses to sponsor these gun stocks. Long story short, enough businesses pitched in to purchase gun stocks for every rifle from Boyd's Gunstocks. **A huge thank you to the following individuals and companies who donated (listed below)!!!** Also, thank you to Brian, Les, and Merle Bonter who have been taking the time to replace the old stocks with the new ones. They have at least a dozen completed already with some more to go still. Keep up the good work!

Donors

Ken Borgman – Acme Tree Service
 Andy Snoeyink – Full Scale CAD Services
 John MacDonald – Jonny Mac's Automotive & Transmission
 Paul Borgman Jr. – Arnold's Auto Glass
 Fred Rosel Jr. – Riverside Resort
 Mark Paseka – Mark's Transmission
 Safari Club International – Muskegon Chapter
 Ken & Bryan Patterson – Ravenna Lumber
 Kristy & Eric Krepps – Village Hardware & Auto
 Bob Ruch – Jerry's Welding
 Bill Funk – Throop Funeral Home
 Leo Martin – Brass-Mar Water Wells
 Ravenna Lions Club
 Dave & Sheila Fry

Legion Hall has been Decorated for Christmas

A huge thank you to Deb Vetter for leading a small group on Saturday, November 28 in decorating our hall for the Christmas season! Thanks are due as well to Terry Sabo for making the beautiful Nativity scene that is now out in front of the hall as part of the decorations. If you haven't already, drive by during the evening to check it out!



Christmas Parade Cancelled

The Christmas Parade that was scheduled for Saturday, December 5 has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

Honor Guard

The Legion members discussed and unanimously agreed that they would like SAL members to participate in honor guard. This is a huge honor for us and an opportunity for us to further honor our veterans. However, there does not seem to be a national or state standard of any kind for SAL member uniforms in the honor guard. Brian was able to contact state officials in Lansing who informed him that the SAL uniform is up to each individual post. After some more discussion at both the SAL meeting last Thursday and the Legion meeting this Tuesday, it seems that as of now we will be dressing in essentially the same uniform as Legion members, though we will have our SAL hats as well as a tie colored to match our hats. This will be enough to distinguish ourselves from our Legionnaires without standing out too much. A motion was made and passed for the Sons to pay \$175 towards each uniform that would need to be purchased, though this could get amended at the next meeting. More details, including costs, on this are to be discussed at the January meeting. If anyone is interested in participating in Honor Guard or has additional questions or comments, please reach out to SAL Commander Brian Bonter and join us at the January 7 meeting.

2021 SAL Dues

Please contact Adjutant Les Bonter to pay your \$20 dues for next year.

Our Troops

Please keep our troops in your prayers this holiday season, especially those who can't be home w/ family.

Next Meeting (Available Via Zoom)

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 7, and we would enjoy seeing more of you come out! For those who are not comfortable meeting in person, we do offer a web connection through Zoom.