



Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion
Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
Legion Riders

The Bugle

October 2022

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

2022 Veteran's Day Rifle Raffle



Henry Golden Boy .44 Magnum Rifle
or \$500 cash option

Tickets \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20
Available at Village Hardware & Auto
Drawing Monday November 7, 7 p.m.

Purchase by mail-send check or money order to Ravenna American Legion, 3590 Conklin Street, P.O. Box 302, Ravenna, MI 49451

Beechnau Elementary School Patriotism Project in Second Year

The Ravenna American Legion Post 297 has sponsored a Patriotism program at Beechnau Elementary School. The Post has purchased 3 sets of patriotic comic books that have been used to teach elementary students about our flag, veterans and military service.

In the 2021-2022 school year, the Post sponsored an essay contest for elementary students with 3 prizes for each of a dozen classes. An assembly was held in the spring where winners were awarded a gift certificate to Ink-Link for Bulldog apparel and all students were given an American flag.

In the 2022-2023 school year, one hour per month is devoted to instruction and discussion about patriotism. Each month a different topic is discussed. The school held a Constitution Day in September 17th where class time was devoted to learning about the U.S. Constitution. The December topic is Core Values, January-Branches of the Service, February-The Flag, April-Wars, May-Holidays.

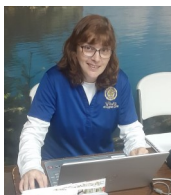
A new comic book is ordered for this year "Our Country's Veterans".

An essay contest will be held for 3rd & 4th graders in March with an assembly set for Friday March 24, 1:30 p.m.

Officer in charge of the project is Debbie Vetter.

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

Service Officer Courtney Thurber-(517) 582-1678
or e-mail cthurber@michiganlegion.org
Office hours: Every Wednesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ravenna Legion hall



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 Liefvers (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-\$400; 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" \$45, 4'x 6' \$45, 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



Roy Curtis and Larry Liefvers sold tickets for the Veteran's Day rifle raffle October 1 at Ravenna Foods. The boys sold \$1,215 worth of tickets for the Henry Golden Boy .44 Magnum Rifle.

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-**Jim Helsen** (231) 557-9045 and
Mike Pierson (231) 853-2065

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.

November 2022 Pistol Raffle

Kimber Micro 9mm stainless steel

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Purchase from members or at Village Hardware



Membership Dinner-Saturday, November 5,

6 p.m. at the hall. Post will provide meat, bring a dish to pass.
*Awards for continuous membership will be presented.

Post 297 Continuous Membership Awards-2022

10 Years-Joseph Dan Ruch, Charles Wyant
15 Years-Rollin Dibble, Phillip Jarka
35 Years-Merle Bonter
50 Years-Michael Helsen
60 Years-Earl Rayla, Carl VanLoon.

Chaplain-**Debbie Vetter**-(231)-670-1270 Bibles available.
Call if you would like a visit.



American Legion Auxiliary

Officers 2021-2022

President - **Jenny Kruszynski** (231) 853-2925
Secretary-**Brandy Klapatch** (231) 301-5148
Treasurer - **Leah Sabo** (231) 853-2383
Veterans Support-**Katie Pfaff** (231) 853-2107

Membership-If you have a daughter that would like to join the
Junior Auxiliary, contact Leah at (231) 853-5148.



Veteran's Luncheon

Dinner and fun time for veterans from the VA facility in
Grand Rapids will be Wednesday, October 26, at 12 noon
sponsored by the Post 297 Auxiliary.

The bus from the VA will be met at Ellis and Ravenna
Road by trucks from the Ravenna Area Fire Department
and will be escorted through town to the Legion hall. The
Ravenna High School band and the Post Honor Guard will greet
them at the hall. Local veterans are invited to come and play
Bingo with the vets from 1-3 p.m.

Help from the Post membership would be appreciated!

Christmas cards or letters for active duty veterans will be
sent out by the Auxiliary. Please leave your mail-ready
envelopes at Jennifer Ann's Boutique shop on Stafford Street in
downtown Ravenna The Auxiliary will pay the postage.

Ravenna Christmas Parade-Saturday December 3, 6 p.m.
To participate, meet behind Rogers Printing plant at 5:30 p.m.

Hall Christmas Decorating-will be the first Saturday
after Thanksgiving, November 26, 9 a.m. Just show up!
Contact Debbie Vetter for more information.

Ravenna Lions Club-will be using the hall for their annual
Love Connection, Monday December 12 thru Saturday
December 17.



Flag Retirement Ceremony October 3, 2022

Pictured from left: Officer in Charge F. Terry Sabo, Dave Ruble, Charlie Wyant