

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## NOVEMBER 2021



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2021

Regular monthly meeting opened in proper form by Commander Carl Siemen with 27 members present. The Post charter was draped for member Wilbur E. Craven. All reports were read with one change to the financial report (5 dues at \$45 should have been \$225 instead of \$135 as reported). All reports were then approved after the change. The Post credit card was hacked for \$421, but all charges have been returned by the credit card company. The hall is rented for a drive thru spaghetti dinner on October 16th and is also rented November 20th and November 27th. The blood drive scheduled for October has been cancelled due to a shortage of nurses to conduct the event. The beverage fund has \$1142.60 in it as reported by Herb Phelps the beverage chairperson. VFW Post 9344 and Post 197 will be presenting Flag Informational Seminars at the high school on November 9th, 10th and 11th, Leo Bennett will be the chairperson for this activity. Bill Wells reported the garage sale has netted over \$8,000 since August 17th. Bill also reported the refrigerator in the kitchen has quit working and a new one has been purchased from garage sale funds at a cost of \$1239.25 after the 10% discount at Lowes. Our Post is not registered at Lowes for the sales tax nonprofit exemption so the Post should register to get the additional sales tax credit. The Commander will schedule Building Committee and Fund Raiser Committee meetings

soon, Bill Wells will chair the Fund Raiser Committee and the Commander will chair the Building Committee. The Veterans Dinner will be November 6th, happy hour at 5 PM with dinner at 6 PM, cost will be \$10 per person. The Veterans Breakfast will be November 11th at 8:00 AM at the high school, there is no charge, spouses are welcome. The Post will be paying Vic Winkel's dues this year, he is our last remain WWII Veteran. Warren Ramsey talked about the covid-19 and the shortages of medical personnel to treat patients. Also there is a shortage of first responders. The Chili Cook off was a great success, the Post took first place this year out of 18 entries, the hospital was second and the drugstore was third. Thank you to all who helped and judged. George Wessel gave his cemetery report, there are 748 Veterans buried at Rock Falls, OLLH and Helena cemeteries combined.

Dues for 2022 are now due, contact Gary Erb for more information 989-864-3193

Meeting closed at 8:00 PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6 –Annual Dinner - doors open @ 5:00  
dinner @6:00

November 11 - 8:30 am Breakfast at HB Community  
School

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

This month is all about veterans we have our annual dinner November 6<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. Cost \$10.00 purchase your tickets at NAPA, Smallys bar or at our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the door on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We are also invited to attend a breakfast put on by the Harbor Beach Community School November 11<sup>th</sup> at 830AM sharp. Do not forget to thank a veteran this month would be a great time to ask the question did you serve in the military we need new young members to continue our everyday fight for freedom. My thanks to all veterans who are serving and all who served to protect our great America. As Legion members we Continue to serve our fellow veterans their families our community, our state and our nation. See you at the meeting.

God bless America

*Commander Carl Siemen*

## BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

### American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

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#### October Meeting Notes

The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held October 26, 2021 at the post home. The general meeting opened at 2:00 pm with 13 members present. President Barbara Ayotte presided.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary Nancy Erb read minutes from the last general meeting. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer Candy Beasley reported bank balances.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**BINGO** - Balances provided by Carol Sopczynski for checking account and startup cash. Power went out on 10/25 in the middle of bingo. Refunds will be given to players. Attendance is still up and down. Discussed several marketing methods to bring in more players. Lu Lemanski reported bingo concessions cash and raffle cash. She also stated that the Thanksgiving raffles will be for \$25 Brown gift certificates this year instead of turkeys.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Lynda Buchkowski reported 67 members have paid their dues-quota was 64.

**CARD & GIFTS**-Lucy Kaminiski sent a get well card to Marge Bennett.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

**DISTRICT MEETING REPORT:** Lynda reported on the meeting held 10/17/2021 at Sebewaing post. 9 units/22 members attended. April is Military Child month. January meeting in Lapeer will be a poppy painting, cost \$20.

**VETERANS DAY DONATIONS:** A vote was successful to pay a donation to the American Legion, presented by President Barbara Ayotte at the Veterans Dinner Nov 6. Donation of 9 afghans that were in the post basement have been laundered and will be donated to Fiddlers Green.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS:** VA Gift Shop at Grand Rapids VA Hospital, motion to donate \$300 by Lu Lemanski, 2nd by Marlene and Lucy. VA/Bad Axe 20 - \$20 Walmart Gift Cards to give to Jill Powers for the

benefit of the homeless & disadvantaged veterans in her program, and 2-\$100 gift cards for our local disadvantaged veterans as confirmed by Community Connections in Harbor Beach. Motion to donate all amounts made by Lynda Buchkowski, 2nd by Carol. Also a donation of \$100 for Past Presidents Parley motion was made by Nancy Erb, 2nd by Becky. All motions passed.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held November 23, 2021 at 1pm with a luncheon buffet of finger foods brought by members followed by a short meeting. Decorating will be at noon that day, please join us. Don't forget we are donating School Supplies to the Lutheran School this year in place of our gift exchange. A donation box is in the post.

Linda Kociba thanked everyone who helped with the success of the Cart Derby, which cleared over \$1000.

Bills to be paid: \$13.77 to Nancy Erb for supplies, \$57 to Barb Ayotte for District Meeting dinner and mileage, and both Lynda Buchkowski and Candy Beasley \$8 each for District Meeting dinner. Lynda Buchkowski made motion to pay bills, 2nd by Lu. A Motion was made by Lu Lemanski to always pay for the District Meeting lunches for all members that attend, 2nd by Nancy Erb.

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Lu Lemanski  
50/50 Drawing of \$17.50 won by Becky Piotrowski  
Other Upcoming Events:

Nov 6 Veterans Dinner at the post. Cost \$10. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm tickets at door, Napa, Smalleys

Nov 11 Veterans Breakfast at Harbor Beach High School at 8:30am

Dec 4 Christmas Parade at 5:30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm by President Barbara Ayotte.

After the close of the meeting, the members celebrated the 95th Birthday of Eloise Breathour. We sang Happy Birthday, enjoyed cake and socialized. The next general meeting and Christmas Party is November 23, 2021 at 1:00

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## ATTENDANCE DRAWING

#### DRAWINGS:

\$10	DARRELL CONNELL
ATTENDANCE	BOB WINKEL (\$75)
50/50	DAN LEMANSKI (\$24)

## HALL RENTAL

Please contact **Ron Volmering** at (989)551-9061

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of October, 2021

PUFL 25

Regular 89

Total 114

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