

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## AUGUST 2023



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 23 members attending. Commander welcomed guest Aaron LaPonsie from the Huron County Veterans affairs. The carter was draped for Richard Kozfka.

Aaron LaPonsie presented the members with information on presumptive service connection pensions. Aaron also discussed other items available to veterans. If you have a question contact Aaron at 989-269-8911 or email laponsiea@co.huron.mi.us

Commanders Comments: commander thanked and asked for help on the upcoming maritime festival this weekend all volunteers are welcome. We will be selling a pulled pork meal please get with Jim Leiby if you can help. Also our post has two raffles out, please help sell and get the tickets turned in.

The meeting minutes of June were read by the adjutant and were approved as read. The financial report was given by finance officer Al Kleinknecht after review a motion was made to except the accounts by Bill Wells and 2nd by Warren Ramsey, Motion was approved. Al passed out a signup list requesting workers at the tent during the maritime event. Service officer Jim Leiby will request help with the pulled pork meal. It was brought up that the steel headers were looking for a donations our post agreed to donate one hundred dollars motion made by Carl Siemen 2nd by James Leiby. Motion approved.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: Assistant sergeant of arms will now be George Wessels Thank you.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther mentioned Gary Roberts wife was sick, also pray for the Richard Kokfka family.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells gave a report on the ticket sales going well but its time to get the balance sold and turned in. Bill will have a meeting July 18th at 6:30 pm to discuss community wide pot luck and all our upcoming events. As of this writing I was informed that no one showed up for the meeting I was one of them, I am aware that it is hard this time of the year we are so busy but Bill works hard to keep the funds coming in and we all need to support him and his team. Thanks.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated that the caulking is completed and everything went well thanks to all who helped out.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$634.78 in the fund.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 764 to date.

Unfinished business: Commander working on a job for janitorial / cleaning service. Commander to look into the flag sales to see if an alternate is needed. Don Ahrens reported that the Amvets were not interested in the cart derby equipment. Don also mentioned that we still need to finish the veteran in need project.

New business: No new business at this time.

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Hard to believe that July is winding down already. We have had some successful events, with more to come.

Our new deck, ramp, redone siding and shutters are things that we can be proud of as an organization.

I thought our Flag retirement ceremony went very well. We presented a dignified and organized approach to decommissioning the tattered flags in an appropriate manner. Thank you to all that took part in this important event.

Our Maritime festival beer tent activities provided an event that was as important from the camaraderie aspect of the members as well as an opportunity to generate some income.

The pulled pork sandwich sales went very well and provided a meal for the community at a great value and again generated some income.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that made all of this possible.

Unfortunately, we have lost Ron Volmering. Ron always selflessly volunteered for anything that needed to be done. Our sympathy goes out to the Volmering family. He certainly will be missed by all of us.

God bless America

*Commander Ron Kociba*

**BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach**

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The Auxiliary meeting started with lunch at Williams Inn at 12:00pm. with 15 members present. Chaplain, Sally Koehn opened the meeting with a prayer. Motion to dispense formal meeting. Roll call of Officers given. There is no Treasures report, due to illness and we were missing a Secretary due to a death in the family. Our installation of Officers and new member initiation was postponed until Aug.22nd, our next meeting in the evening at 6 pm Our Bake Sale on Sat. July 8th. during Maritime was an enormous success. Thank-you members who donated and a generous Corteva employ, who purchased remaining items. Membership dues will be \$26. even though Districts notice will say \$32, our Unit will pay \$6. We will start collecting dues at our Aug 22nd. meeting. Karen Ingles won the attendance award Lucy Kaminski won 50/50  
Meeting adjourned 2:30

Pres. Barb Ayotte

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from the little league for our donation. Thank you from the Harbor Beach Goodfellows

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

Drawings: \$10.00 Ron Dreher .

Membership: \$10.00 John Suttan absent.

50/50 \$21.00 Al Kleinknecht.

**HALL RENTAL**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership: 136 active 112 PUFL 24.

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