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## BOWEN-HOLLIDAY POST #35



Neal Horning  
Commander

**COMMANDER'S THOUGHTS: Membership** - It's very important to keep on the lookout for new members. We are seeing new faces at the meeting both newly signed and guests. The future of our Post depends on our commitment in serving the Greater Traverse City Area, the State of Michigan, and the United States. Our calling is service. Ever since you made the decision to serve our Country and then join the American Legion, our duty is not finished until we take our last breath.

**Honor Guard** - I salute and commend our Honor Guard Members for the excellent job they are doing. Our Honor Guard has been working with the VFW Honor Guard for funeral detail has been outstanding. The cooperation has really made a difference for the veteran's families.

I recently participated in a funeral service in Midland, MI. I went in my honor guard uniform to show respect for my father-in-law. There were only two Legionnaires from the Midland Legion Post and myself. The service went fine but how much more better it would have been with a few more Honor Guard. The veteran who past is Gerald Dice, SSGT, 3rd Armor under General Patten. He 3 years in theater, earning

Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, and many more.

At the funerals here in the Traverse City Area with the combined efforts of the American Legion and the VFW our numbers run 12 or more. That's what I call, "Showing Proper Respect". The Honor Guard Needs You! It's very high calling.

**Post Officer Nominations** - If you are interested in serving as an officer for the Post please let Larry Kidd know or if you want to nominate someone that's OK, too.

**2 April 1982-** The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British Colony. The British retaliated and defeated the Argenteans on 15 June 1982.

**6 April 1896-** After a 1500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

**10 April 1942-** During WWII in the Pacific, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan. Some 76,000 Allied POW's including 12,000 Americans were forced to walk 60 miles under a blazing sun without food or water to the POW Camp, resulting in over 5,000 American deaths.

**30 April 1789-** George Washington became the first United State President as he was administered the "Oath of Office"

See You at the Meeting (Tuesday, 23 Apr 13). Your attendance is necessary and greatly appreciated.

**LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER**  
*Your Commander, Neal Horning*



Helen  
Wisniewski

**Hello Ladies of Auxiliary**, April has been a very busy month preparing taxes, packing cookies with the Girl Scouts and auxiliary volunteers, Caroline Bagley, Sandy Krause, Sarah Walter, Karen Scarbrough, Kim Lefler, and Becky Lawrence, thanks to all of you for coming out. The auxiliary sold veggie soup, tuna sandwiches, and cake and made a wee bit of a profit for our general fund. Thanks to all of you for your support. Judy Schmansky will be cooking some of her good chicken for our Pot luck dinner on Tues. April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. so bring appropriate side dishes.

Did you do your poppy quiz? Lots of interesting facts so come prepared for the answers@

It is also sad to say that District 9 lost a good member and supporter of the Auxiliary "Pic" Webster, she was a good friend and will be missed by all that knew her.

I would like to also mention the District Meeting will be on Sat. May 11<sup>th</sup> and would like to see all officers attend and as many members as possible. Let's show District 9 what a strong, supportive group we have here in Traverse City.

Until next time----ALA President: *Helen Wisniewski*

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**Poppy Days**  
**May 16,17,18**  
**your help is appreciated**  
**call 922-2119 to sign up!**

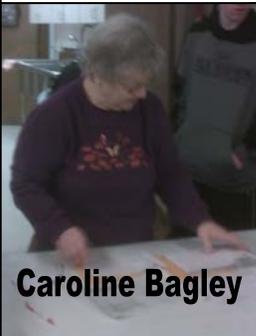


**Gary Walter / Neal Horning**

**Flag Retirement on April 13th,**  
**and Girl Scout Packing cookies**



**Helen Wisniewski**



**Caroline Bagley**



**John & Kim Lefler**



**Karen Scharbrough**

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UPCOMING EVENTS:	
May 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:00	District Meeting Traverse City, MI
May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18th	Poppy Days
June	Kick off of our great Cheese Sale look for more info in your newsletter!
The rest of the year	GREAT EVENTS! Garage Sale; Chili cook off, Holiday Cookie sale, Christmas Reunion Dinner.

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- Meetings:**
- Legion & Auxiliary Dinner 4th Tuesday @ 6:30 pm
  - Members' Meeting 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm  
 Note: *the Riders and Sons meetings will now be held on this night and no longer have separate meeting nights.*
  - Purple Hearts' 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00 pm
  - Legion e-board 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
  - Office: Phone 231-922-2119