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BOWEN-HOLLIDAY POST #35



Neal Horning
Commander

COMMANDER'S THOUGHTS: Junior Royal Cherry Festival Parade: I want to thank everyone who participated in the Flag March leading the parade just after the Police, Fire Departments, and other emergency vehicles. I want to especially thank John and Kim Lefler for taking charge of the event. We had nearly 100 people marching with flags, it was an awesome site. Mr. Rizzo, WWII Battle of the Bulge Veteran, lead the procession. Great way to show our Patriotism.

Note: John Lefler is the new President of the Grand **Traverse Area Veteran's Coalition** and that makes Kim Lefler the First Lady of the Coalition. Congratulations to both of you!

The American Legion Bowen-Holliday Post #35 made a showing at the Cherry Royal Parade. Not just our float looked great so did our Legion members who road on the float. The Legion Riders were outstanding as well as the Players and Coaches from the TC American Legion Junior Baseball. We were part of the Grand Traverse Veteran's Coalition procession which I'm sure were a city block long when got underway. We have a lot to be proud of – Thank You All!

The American Legion Department of Michigan Convention: The Convention started Thursday, 27 June and finished Sunday, 30 June. We had several seminars to attend, state business was conducted, and on Sunday Installation of Officers Ceremony was officiated. **Gary Hlavka** – 4th Zone Commander, **Neal Horning** – 9th District Commander, Gary Walter – 9th Vice District Commander. **Robert Johnson**, 9th District Financial Officer. American Legion Post 35 is well represented in the Department of Michigan.

The Camp Grayling Centennial Celebration On 20 July 2013 starting at 12 Noon the event will start for the visitors. There will be 4,000 MI National Guard Personnel present, several army vehicles on display, Pass in review, displays, bands, and much more. We are going to have flags lining the route into the and on camp provided by the GTAVC and Rolling Thunder. If you want to assist contact John Lefler Staging for this event will be at 4:00 pm at the "Old Barn" which is located on at Jct. M72 and M93 if you would like to join the ride 231-218-4276 for details. I'm planning on a canopy, table, chairs, to represent, The American Legion Department of Michigan for recruiting opportunities at the Event. Gary Hlavka and myself are planning to be there. This event would be a great thing to take kids/grand kids to see what the Army National Guard is all about, starting back in Pre-Revolutionary War period - The Minute Men.

American Legion Junior Baseball Awards Picnic: On 3 August starting at 12:30 we will be handing out awards to our players, coaches, sponsors, and support personnel. You are all invited. There will be Hot Dogs, Chips, Pop, and more. This is a real fun picnic and would love to see some Legion Members there to meet and greet the parents, coaches and players – to show our support.

Membership dues are coming up after the 1st of July. We must not forget to invite veterans to our Post Meetings. New members are very important to the life of our Post – if we all just invited one person, just think what it would mean to us all, new ideas, new energy, new future officers to carry on the great cause, The American Legion.

Post Officer Nominations - Jim Carlson has stepped forward and will accept the nomination Post Commander. At our next meeting someone will have to nominate him and we have a vote to accept him as our next Post Commander – when this happens, we will swear Jim Carlson to this office following the vote.

Legion Officers:
Commander – Jim Carlson
Sr Vice – John Lefler
Jr. Vice – Erick Fisher
Finance – Dr. Bob Johnson
Adjutant – Keith Sembach
Sgt. At Arms – Steve DeBusher
Historian – Larry Lalito
Chaplain – Norm Schmansky
Service Officer – Bob Hall
Judge Advocate – Richard Edmonds

Executive Board:
Larry Kidd,
Rayford Howell,
Ralph Soffredine,
Neal Horning

Legion Riders
John Lefler

SAL Commander
George Chaplain

Next meeting is 23 July – Dinner will be Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes. Bring veggies, salads, or deserts.

Famous Quote from the Past: "No person among us desires any other reward for performing a brave or worthy action, but the consciousness of having served his nation."

Joseph Brant – Mohawk

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Your Commander, Neal Horning

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**Clean your closets, garage, sheds,
 basements, barns and
 donate to the American Legion
 6th Annual Garage Sale
 Aug. 10th**



**Helen
 Wisniewski**

Hello Ladies of Auxiliary, Cherry Festival is over; Thanks to all the gals that helped put our labels on the flags and those that volunteered but could not make it it was great to see that big response when called! The American Legion Post 35 was well represented with veterans, aux members, base ball players, of all groups and their parents even some umpires, the riders, several volunteer walkers handing out flags to parade watchers it was a hot day and we returned to the post for hot dog grilled by Tom. **THANKS TOM.** And all that helped do the clean up too!

Thank you to all the ladies that accepted positions of office for the coming year
 Keep serving our community by volunteering when you can. There are many
 opportunity's out there to serve

.We are planning a new member installation.

CHEESE HAS ARRIVED! Thanks to Gary and Sarah for making that long trip down to
 Indiana to pick it up.

Be sure to save those treasures for the auxiliary garage sale especially "Mens' toys and tools.

Be sure to check out our upcoming events below for things to help with and events to go too!

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

See us on Facebook

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UPCOMING EVENTS:	
August 10 th	Auxiliary Garage Sale: Need donated items for this.
Oct 12 th	Aux. Coat Drive & Exchange
November 23 rd	Holiday Cookie Sale
December 8 th	Legion Christmas Reunion honoring our "Women in the Service"
The rest of the year	GREAT EVENTS!



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 \$10.00 off your next Rental
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Legion 0723
 Expires in 30 Days

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' 1st, 3rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm
- Legion e-board 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 pm
- Office: Phone 231-922-2119