

Commander's Corner

Greetings, my name is Scott Nichols and at our last meeting I was sworn in as your new post commander. I want to thank everyone for their support, and I look forward serving you this year. We have busy summer with lots of great events for members and their families. The Post will again participate in the Jaycees Ann Arbor July 4th parade. On July 22nd the post will table at Vet Fest at Washtenaw Community College's campus. Post 46 will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding on August 30th with a dinner and awards program at Washtenaw Community College. On behalf of the executive committee, I hope you take the opportunity to join us for one or more of these events.

The American Legion has partnered with Chip Ganassi Racing, sponsoring a Formula 1 car to raise awareness of the Legion. The car has a great color scheme with the Legion name prominently displayed. More than 49 million Americans consider themselves F1 fans and 1.2 million watch each race. The Legion has also purchased and staffed an outreach vehicle, pictured below, to connect with public who attend race festivities.

The American Legion Number 10 Honda car was driven last week in Detroit's Grand Prix to an 8th place finish. The race, which spanned 3 days, was attended by tens of thousands of people of all ages. I had a to chance to represent Post 46 and volunteer at the Legion's outreach vehicle. I met other veterans and picked up some great swag. I'd encourage members to check out F1 racing and look for the your American Legion car.

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John Kinzinger Receives DAR Awards

On April 22 John Kinzinger received the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) State Award and the East Central Division Award for volunteerism in an award ceremony in Lansing. John said this was quite unexpected, but he was very honored to receive it.

That was not the end of the story though. At that ceremony he was told that he will be receiving the DAR's National Service for Veterans Award at the July 2 DAR Continental Congress in Washington, DC. Kate Kirkpatrick of the DAR said that "this is the highest award possible" from the DAR.

We are very proud of John for the accomplishments and contributions he has made to the veteran community. Shown here is John with his award certificate along with Kate Kirkpatrick.

Make sure you shake his hand and congratulate him the next time you see him.



Dr. Edelman Throws The First Pitch

Our post was invited to be the guest of Eastern Michigan University to throw out the ceremonial first pitch for their game on April 8. The day was a little cool but the sun made us think that we were warmer than we were. Dr. Edelman volunteered to be the lucky person to make that first pitch. His form was good but unfortunately he came up a little short. EMU ended up losing rather handsomely that day but we all still enjoyed ourselves.

Adding to our pride in our post was that another member, Pamela Foster, was invited to sing the National Anthem. What a great day!



Poppy Drive 2023

We had a great time again with our next event, which was our annual Poppy Drive. This year we changed it up a little and ended up with four days of collecting donations. It started off with us setting up shop at the Maple Village Kroger. On May 5 we sponsored Guitars for Vets as the recipient of funds. The following day we collected for Warriors and Caregivers United (WACU).

A few days later on May 19 and 20 we set up our table at Bush's on Ann Arbor there we continued our efforts to collect donations for WACU. Except for the weather cooperated and it was a lot of fun with each of the locations and shifts. We hope more of you will sign up to help next year.



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Prayers for Veterans

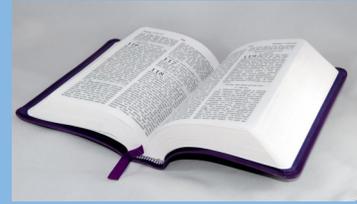
Thanks for our Veterans: Heavenly Father, you tell us to give you thanks in all things. We enter your presence with a heart of thanksgiving for the Veterans who have served while separated from their families. Thank you for their return home from far away duties. We are grateful for their protection and the protection of their families. Lord, our hearts are grateful for your goodness and steadfast love you have for each Veteran. We continually remember them in our prayers. Amen

Prayers for the homeless: Lord, help homeless Veterans get in touch with family, churches, and mental health programs that will benefit them. Most of these services are free for Veterans. Father, restore what has been taken away. Give them a sound mind, a companion to come alongside, and a will to accept help. Lord, please draw them by your spirit and give them a desire to know you. Almighty God, you are their help.

Vets with PTSD: Dear God, you know the emotional pain these Veterans experience. Give them rest from their PTSD and the negative memories that come. Replace their anxiety with your peace. Bring healing to the hearts and minds of each Veteran who is suffering. Lord, you know what each one needs. Grant them wisdom, provisions, and hope to move forward to heal.

Families of fallen Veterans: Dear Lord, the loss of a loved one while serving in the military is devastating. We bow our heavy hearts. Comfort each grieving spouse, child, parent, sibling, and other family members. Help us to cherish the good memories. You tell us there is a time to be born and a time to die. Help us to know your desire for people to be with you in heaven. Help us to look to you in our grief. For you are our eternal Father. Amen

Transitioning Veterans: Lord, the move from military life to civilian life can be met with numerous challenges. You know what each Veteran will face when transitioning. Go before them and make their pathways straight. Meet every physical, spiritual, financial, and relational need they have. Help them to call upon you while waiting for the answers they need. Give them hope, clarity, and the courage to transition well.



Post Member Prayer List

We have many members who are going through physical ailments in their lives that can always use our prayers for healing. Below is a list of those recently reported to us who would benefit from those prayers. Pray for these listed, their significant others, and the medical personnel who take care of them.

1. Doug Harvey: Falls and broken bones, heart and kidney problems
2. Jack Devine: Unspecified
3. Steve Duncan: Brain bleeds
4. Bob Kurtz: A-Fib
5. Bryan (Too Tall) Bayha: A-Fib
6. Al Symons: Diabetes, and more
7. Joe Palazzolo.: Recovery from heart surgery
8. Christopher Hansen's wife: Recovery from motorcycle accident
9. Bob Shannon: Heart issues

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U of M ROTC Awards

On April 6 the University of Michigan held its annual Tri-Service awards at Rackham Hall. Member Dr. Karl Edelmann presented 27 awards on behalf of our post. Our post presents three scholarships of \$500 each to the best three ROTC candidates. We also give an award certificate and a Legion ribbon to the top candidates for each branch of service and at each grade level. Occasionally some of the recipi-



Memorial Day Flags At Bethlehem Cemetery

Every year we have placed flags at Bethlehem Cemetery during the week before or after Memorial Day. Some of our archived records show we have been leading this event since the 40s or 50s. Last year we were able to invite our newly chartered Cub Scouts to help place the flags , and we hope this will become an annual tradition for them also. Joining us this year for the first time were veteran members of Bethlehem cemetery. Their team of about a dozen seemed to thoroughly enjoy it along with all of the rest of us. The weather was a little cool in the morning but the sunshine soon warmed the day for us. We estimate that we place somewhere between 400- 500 flags. It always looks beautiful when we are done. What a great way to salute our fallen veteran.



Memorial Day Ceremonies

On Memorial Day we continued our annual tradition of performing a ceremony where we lower the flag and place a wreath at Veterans Memorial Park. This year we decided to extend the ceremony to Graydon Park to honor one of our deceased members Graydon Krapohl. The park had been renamed a few years ago in his honor, as he was also a member of Ann Arbor City Council.



Member Spotlight



Laurel Burkel Colonel U.S. Air Force

1991- 2018

Colonel Burkel was a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor before/when she enrolled in Air Force ROTC at Michigan. She went to Michigan to be an orthodontist, was in the dental school’s Preferred Admissions Program, and the Honors College - she came across friends who were in Air Force ROTC and decided to give it a try. 33 years later, she doesn’t regret it at all. She loved AFROTC’s camaraderie, teamwork, emphasis on fitness, etc. She’s SO glad she didn’t end up becoming an orthodontist.

Colonel Laurel “Buff” Burkel retired from the U.S. Air Force in December 2018 after over 27 years of service. She is a distinguished graduate of the University of Michigan’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Program and holds a bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of Michigan and a master’s degree in Human Resource Management (MS) from Chapman University, National Security Affairs (MS with Distinction) from US Naval Postgraduate School, and Strategic Studies (MA) from the US Air Force Air War College. Colonel Burkel is a senior navigator with more than 2,100 flight hours (including 285 combat and combat support hours) in training, F-4, C-141, and C-130 aircraft. Over the course of her military career, she commanded an operational C-130 squadron, both at home and deployed, and served in a variety of leadership positions at the group, wing, major command, Headquarters Air Force, joint, and international levels, including tours in the Republic of Korea, Canada, and Afghanistan. On her last deployment in 2015, Colonel Burkel served as the advisor to the Afghan Air Force’s Director of Training in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her deployed tour was cut short due to the injuries she sustained from the October 2015 NATO helicopter crash in Kabul that took the lives of two of her subordinates.

Colonel Burkel now serves as an inspirational/motivational speaker, sharing the story of her survival and recovery from the crash to highlight the power and positivity of our support to and for each other and its fundamental connection to our personal resilience. Colonel Burkel is an Air Force Wounded Warrior (AFW2) and serves as an AFW2 Program Ambassador and Mentor. She is a member of the St Louis Blues Warriors hockey team, a USA Hockey-affiliated disabled veterans hockey program, and serves as the Blues Warriors Delta Team captain. Colonel Burkel is also an assistant coach with the Southern Illinois Lady Hawks girl’s hockey team, currently in their inaugural season. She is a member of the Girls Scouts of Eastern Missouri Board of Directors and is also a member of numerous professional and service organizations.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	BDay
Marcuis Kirby	July 01
Bob Brown	July 03
Bill Yek	July 04
Oleg Michajlenko	July 06
John Falsetta	July 07
Thomas Preston	July 07
Joel Murray	July 10
Bob Ongaro	July 12
Brian Williams	July 14
Nuobei Zhang	July 14
Monte Seeger	July 18
Bob Biggs	July 20
John Devine	July 21
John Kinzinger	July 21
Chris Malley	July 21
Patrick McDevitt	July 23
Rebekah Spencer	July 26
Clifford Morris	July 28
Scott Nichols	July 28
Angela Ogas	July 29
Joe Palazzolo	July 30
Paulo Pereira	Aug 09
Steve Duncan	Aug 10
Horace Frazier	Aug 12
Ken Motley	Aug 13
Tom Warner	Aug 15
Bill Lipton	Aug 16
Terry Tison	Aug 19
Max Bryant	Aug 20
Arjan Costillo	Aug 21
Bob Harvey	Aug 23
Laurel Burkel	Aug 23
Chad Weinberg	Aug 29
Bob Kurtz	Sep 01
James Mattke	Sep 02
Budd Frye	Sep 03
Margaret Gersh	Sep 03
Stefany Escobo	Sep 06
Bill Smiley	Sep 06
Glen Johnston	Sep 10
Mark Lindke	Sep 11
David Dobritt	Sep 11
Dale Throneberry	Sep 15
James Harper	Sep 16
Ken Zuehlke	Sep 16
Thomas Collard	Sep 17
Roger Losey	Sep 19
Mark Kolander	Sep 19
Jeffery Lamb	Sep 24
Christopher Hansen	Sep 25
Dale Leslie	Sep 26
Michael Ruedisale	Sep 27
Robert Warner	Sep 29
Kenneth Schwartz	Sep 29

Our Success Stories

Erwin Prieskorn

American Legion Post 46

A staple in Ann Arbor since 1919, Post 46 is rich in history of serving veterans and the local community. If you know of a veteran that does not have an American Legion home give them a copy of this newsletter. Invite them to come out to one of our meetings and see what we are about. Let them know that we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1830 hrs. at our post, located at 3230 S. Wagner Rd.



ROTC Award Presentation



Dr. Edelmann Throws Out The First Pitch At EMU Baseball Game



Adjutant Johnston Receives A Donation From A Patron At Our Poppy Drive At Bush's

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