

FRANKENMUTH AMERICAN LEGION POST 150



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June 2017 NEWSLETTER

From: Art Diffin Commander Frankenmuth Post 150

On June 13, 2017 my term as commander of Frankenmuth Post 150 will come to an end. Richard Kirchner will become the next commander of this Post.

I will be moving on to other things within the American Legion. This September I will become the 8th district senior vice commander.

This is a bittersweet time for me for in the last six years in one form or another I have been in a position of leadership at this post. Now as other members take up the reins of leadership, it is my belief they will move this post on to bigger and better things in the future. The best is yet to come.

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve the fine members of this post as their commander this past year. I know you will give the new leadership the same level of respect and support you have given to me. Great things can only be accomplished if we all work together to reach them.

Art Diffin Past Commander

SPECIAL EVENTS

1. **Scrap Metal Drive** – Ongoing behind Michigan's Own Military Museum.
2. Memorial Day Observance - May 29th, 2017. Speaker will be Barton

Buechner, PhD, Captain, U.S. Navy (retired). Plan on riding the trailer or marching in the parade. After the ceremony lunch will be served at the post.

3. Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival Parade on Sunday June 11th at 1 PM. There will be shuttles running from the Post Hall starting at 12:15 pm. All Veterans need to be at the trailer on Churchgrove by 12:45 Pm. We have the honor to lead the parade as the first float. In order to maintain this position we need more Veterans to show their pride by riding the float! Contact: Paul DeSander.
4. Volkslaufe Race Monday July 4th Sign up at the next meeting to staff the Aid Station. All volunteers will get a free tee shirt.
5. July 23rd will be "Warrior Appreciation Event" at Independence Village. Time: 12 – 4PM need help to set up. Contact: Richard Kirchner 248-229-1146
6. June 15, 2017 is Detroit Tigers vs. Tampa Bay Rays at Comerica Park. Justin Verlander might be pitching. Contact: Dick Hunt 989-652-6545
7. AutoFest will be September 8th – 10th. This is one of our largest fundraisers for the year! Plan on

working the AutoFest this year.
Contact: Cliff Nauss

Volunteers are Needed! **Upcoming Events and** **Projects!**

Meeting Servers / Kitchen Help

June - Present Officers John Warnick, and Richard Kirchner, Dave Hoffman

Program speakers are needed for upcoming meetings. (Contact: Jr. Vice Commander Paul DeSander (989-777-2222))

We will be working the Loon's games again this year Thursday July 22 and Wednesday July 26. Call: John Nuechterlein (989-996-9301)



Post 150 Color Guard

If you are looking for a fun and rewarding experience, we are looking for volunteers. New uniform shirts are on order.

Call Bob Farris at 652-6095

LEGION MEETING DATES

Meal – 6:00 PM, Meeting – 7:00 PM

Second Tuesday of the month:

The Next Meeting

The next Legion Meeting will be

June 13, 2017

June Dinner: Special June Dinner: Cost \$12 Per person

(Spouses of members and widows are invited to this meeting.) Chicken Barbeque by Bernthal's and Kerns Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Assorted Bread, Brownies. See pre-registration at end of this news letter. Please reply by June 8, 2017!

Speaker: Special Awards. Installation of Officers

Next Board Meeting is at 6:45 PM
June 20, 2017

The newly elected Post Officers are as follows:

Commander: Richard Kirchner

Sr. Vice Commander: John Warnick

Jr. Vice Commander: Paul DeSander

Adjutant: Karen Uebler

Finance Officer: Cliff Nauss

Service Officer: Karlene Hatrick

Sergeant At Arms: Ed Knoll

Historian: Jeff Still

Chaplain: Karlene Hatrick

Director: Bob Farris

Director: Rich Warnick

American Legion Auxiliary

Frankenmuth Unit 150

Is extending an open invitation to any Legion wives, daughters, and/or mothers who are not Auxiliary members to attend the Auxiliary meeting, 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. If you know someone who is not currently an Auxiliary member, why not invite them as your guest.

VETERAN HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

VA Announces Community Care Call Center to Help Veterans with Choice Program Billing Issues
Washington – Veterans can now work directly with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to resolve debt collection issues resulting from inappropriate or delayed Choice Programs billing. In step with MyVA's efforts to modernize VA's customer-focused, Veteran-centered services capabilities, a Community Care Call Center has been set up for Veterans experiencing adverse credit reporting or debt collection resulting from inappropriately billed Choice Program claims. Veterans experiencing these problems can call 1-877-881-7618 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)



Hall Rental

With the addition of a portable dance floor, 12 Round tables and 48 new chairs, the post is now ready for wedding receptions plus other events. **Hall rental fees are \$750 plus a \$200 refundable deposit for weddings. Regular rentals are \$200. There is a 25% discount for Post 150 members, Auxiliary Unit 150 and VFW Post 2725 members** You don't need to be a Legion member to rent the Hall. Rentals are open to the public. We already have hall rentals coming up in the next few months for anniversary, parties, weddings, and other occasions.

Contact: **John Nuechterlein** 989-996-9301

Hall rentals have been on the increase over the past 3 years but we still can have more. Let everyone know about the Hall rentals for any occasion. Check out the pictures at www.muthlegion.org

Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth



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Kim Cederberg Owner / Manager
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www.cederbergfh.com

Visitation

If you know of someone that needs to be on the visitation list

Contact: Karlene Hattrick

(989) 493-9850

Newsletter

Help Save On Postage by using **email** or go to the website: **muthlegion.org** and download **The News Letter**. Call Dick Hunt or Dave Hoffman (989-652-2089) for any changes or additions to mailings.



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Reservations



Legion Walk-By Ceremony

Thanks to all of you that show their last respects to our departed comrades by attending a Legion Walk-By.

Post 150 will do a WALK-BY for fallen comrades.
If you would like to be on the call list please contact: Dick Hunt 989-652-6545

FOR SALE

Legion Members who are interested in purchasing long sleeve (denim) shirt with the American Legion emblem and Post 150 on them,

Shirts are available in M, L, XL and 2XL for a Cost \$35.00

We also have Polo shirts \$25 for SM – XL \$27 **FOR XXL** and baseball hats \$12. We have uniform hats \$35.00 and ties for purchase. The Medium and Large are now in stock. Contact: Art Diffin 989-652-9566



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Taps

Family members of Legionnaires who pass away may direct memorials to American Legion Post 150 if they so desire. These memorials can be sent to the Post in general or designated to a particular fund, i.e., scholarships, Americanism, youth programs, etc. If you have any questions, please speak to the Commander or Finance Officer.

Back Up Lawn Mowing
Volunteers are needed sign up at
the meeting. We now have a
riding lawn mower.

Contact Cliff Nauss 652-9487

Speaking Engagement

On June 2, 2017 John Warnick, Gerald Sohn, George Reinert will be speaking at the Frankenmuth High School to 5 classes about their time in service to our country.

NEWS FROM THE POST.

We are moving forward on a Facebook Page for Post 150.

This years Scholarship Winner for 2017 are: Sara Aldrich, Jared Davis, Megan Ihrig, Ashlyn LaBrenz, Lyda Hattrick

Free help to get copies of DD-214 and other forms is Available from MVAA at 800-MICH_VET (800-

642-4838) or visit Benefits Counselor Page on Michiganveterans.com (Watch out for web sites that are charging for this service from \$90 to \$150).

Nicole Alexander Is the East Central Regional Coordinator for the Michigan Regional Coordinator Program Call 989-370-7197 or Rollins@micounties.org

Flags have been purchased for the cemeteries'. Thanks to Ed Knoll by getting funding from Thrivent Financial of \$250.00. Thank to the St Lorenz students for their help on putting the flags out.

We will be supporting the "I SUPPORT THE 1%" Food Pantry for Michigan Veterans. We are asking EACH MEMBER to bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting.



POST 150

MEMBERSHIP 224 of 228

TIGER BALL GAME
Thursday June 15, 2017
TIGERS vs Tampa Bay Rays
Game Time: 7:05 PM
BUS LEAVES LEGION AT 4:00 PM
Cost: \$65.00 PER PERSON
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 56
PEOPLE THAT PAY FOR THEIR
TICKETS
CONTACT: RICHARD HUNT AT
652-6545

**Please Attend The Memorial
Day Ceremony!**
Monday May 29, 2017

**9 AM ASSEMBLE AT FRANKENMUTH
AMERICAN LEGION HALL
990 FLINT ST.
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN**

**PARADE LINES UP AT MAIN & JEFFERSON
ST. AT 9:45 AM
PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM**

The trailer will be there for those that want ride
in the parade.

Lunch will be served at the Legion Hall after the
ceremony. We will have hot dogs, potato chips,
Brownies and refreshments.

Parade Line Up:

1. Color Guard
2. Legion Members
3. VFW
4. Speaker
5. Trailer Legion Members
6. Blue Star
7. Northwestern ROTC
8. Band
9. Scouts
10. Fire Truck
11. Lunch after at the Legion Hall (for the
parade participants and families)

R.S.V.P.

June 13, 2017

**Frankenmuth Post 150 Dinner and
Meeting**

Installation of Officers

Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM

**(Spouses of members and widows
are invited to this meeting.)**

**Special June Dinner: Chicken Barbeque
by Bernthal's and Kerns Potato Salad,
Baked Beans, Assorted Bread, Brownies**

Cost \$12.00 per person

MAKE CHECK OUT to:

Frankenmuth American Legion Post 150

R.S.V.P.

Attention: June Dinner 6/13/17

**Number of People Attending: _____. Amount
Paid: \$_____.00.**

Names: _____

Names: _____

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Names: _____

Names: _____

Names: _____

This will help us order the right number of meals.

Return R.S.V.P. by June 8, 2016 to:

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IT'S A GARDEN PARTY

Sponsored by Frankenmuth American Legion Auxiliary #150

All wives, mothers, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, and granddaughters of American Legion members are invited to attend. Female veterans also welcome!

Raffle will be conducted for live annual plants!! Games with prizes!!!

Attire: Dressy casual. Hats might be fun!

Place: Frankenmuth American Legion Hall

Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP and payment no later than May 26th to

Nancy Frank

540 Churchgrove Rd

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Make checks payable to Frankenmuth ALA

Return with payment

Name _____

Number attending _____ Amount Enclosed _____

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