



Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion
Auxiliary
Sons of the American Legion
Legion Riders

The Bugle

April 2022

Ravenna American Legion
3590 Conklin Street
P.O. Box 302
Ravenna, Michigan 49451
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2022 Memorial Day Rifle Raffle



Henry Golden Boy .22 Magnum

or \$500 cash option

Tickets \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20
Available at Village Hardware & Auto

Drawing Memorial Day, following the parade at the Legion Hall

Family Movie Night at the Hall

Sunday May 29 at dusk, the Legion family will present John Ford's production of "Donavon's Reef" starring John Wayne, Lee Marvin, Cesar Romero and more stars! Plans are to show the movie on the north wall of the hall. Popcorn and water will be provided. Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy a classic movie!

Memorial Day...

Parade... will assemble **Monday May 30**, 9:30 a.m. at the Legion Hall; officer of the Day-Mike Pierson. Legion honor guard will lead the parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by the Ravenna School band. Parade travels east up Stafford Street to Main Street and will stop and be led in singing as the Legion Honor Guard turns right (south) to the Main Street bridge for a ceremonial wreath toss into Crockery Creek by Korean War veteran **Merle Bonter**, a prayer, gun salute and taps.

Memorial Service-The parade then travels north to the Ravenna Cemetery entrance and turns right (east) to the stage area for a memorial service. The Ravenna band will play several numbers including a medley of military service songs. There will be a commemoration of the service men from Ravenna that lost their lives in the wars and conflicts, a wreath laying at the Civil War memorial, rifle salute and taps.

Note... We need golf carts, 4-wheelers, Gators, etc. for the parade to carry veterans unable to march. Please show up at the Legion hall at 9:30 p.m. if you can help...Thank you!

Cemetery Salutes-will be **Sunday May 30**. We will meet 12:30 p.m. at the Legion hall to leave at 12:45 p.m. We will start our salute at Sullivan Cemetery at 1 p.m. There will be a prayer, rifle salute and taps. We then do the same at Moorland, Seaman, Hilton and St. Catherine cemeteries

Poppy Days

The Auxiliary will hold their annual Poppy Days fundraiser for veterans Friday and Saturday May 20 & 21 in the Village of Ravenna. Please contact Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606 if you would like to sign up for a time and location to help with sales.

Memorial Day Set Up-will be Monday May 30; meet at the hall at 7 a.m. to load up chairs to be set up in the Ravenna Township Cemetery for the memorial service. Members will have breakfast together at the Round Table Restaurant, 8 a.m.

Legion-2021-2022 Officers:

Commander-Jim Redding (231) 853-2416
Senior Vice Commander-Sam Grill (231) 853-2966
Junior Vice Commander-Dave Ruble (616) 307-8094
Finance Officer-William "Bill" White (616) 826-4262
Adjutant-Michael Pierson (231) 853-2065
Service Officer--"Doc" Strait (231) 288-4222.
Judge Advocate-Pete Sturtevant (231) 853-2918
Chaplain-Debbie Vetter (231) 670-1279
Historian-Larry Lieffers (231) 730-9255
Sergeant-at-Arms-Charles A. Wyant (231) 853-6320
Legion Riders-Terry Sabo (231) 903-8407
Webmaster-"Doc" Strait (231) 288-4222.

Meetings- 1st Monday of the month, 7 p.m. at the hall.

Dues-\$40 per year.

Hall Rental-One day \$600; \$300 for a 4 hour afternoon rental; must be out by 6 p.m. Security deposit-\$250; get in hall a day early: add \$100; clean up next a.m.: add \$50. Funeral luncheons-\$275.

Cancellations within 30 days of the scheduled event-forfeit 1/2 of deposit. **Contact Mike** (231) 853-2065 or Brian (616) 901-8606.
U.S. Flags for Sale- 3'x 5' \$30, 4'x 6' \$40, 5'x 8' \$55, 6' x 10' \$80, 12" x 18" \$1.25, POW/MIA \$40, Michigan \$25, Blue Star for window \$10, Service Branch flags \$25-Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine 3' x 5'.

Amateur Radio Group...Member -National American Legion Amateur Radio Club; Classes-Call Richard "Doc" Strait at (231) 288-4222; email is KD8PGT@RavennaMILegion.Org

Meeting Minutes e-mailed-send e-mail address to Rippernews@aol.com

Patriotic Education at Beechnau Elementary School

Our Legion Post has teamed up with Beechnau Elementary school this year for patriotic education. We have purchased illustrated patriotic books: Our County's Flag, Our Country's Veterans, and Light of Liberty. School teachers have dedicated an entire class period for instruction from the illustrated booklets and each student received a copy. The school held an essay contest for 3rd & 4th grades based on the class work.

All School Assembly-will be held Thursday April 14, 1:30 p.m. to recognize the top 2 essay winners in each of the 3- 3rd and 4th grade classes (12 awards). Essays were judged by Legionnaires Debbie Vetter, Mike Pierson and Auxiliary president Jenny Kruszynski. We will present each of the winners with an Ink Link gift certificate for \$20 from the Legion family to purchase Bulldog apparel. We will also present our service themed coffee-table books to the school librarian. The books were donated by Legionnaire Jim Davison. The Legion is also providing an American Flag to each student. *****Legion members are encouraged attend this event wearing Legion apparel.**

May Legion/Auxiliary Meeting

Hamburgers-will be served by the Sons squadron Monday, May 2, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. before the Legion and Auxiliary meetings. All Legion family are invited!