

## Chaplain's Corner

As we have passed from Easter to spring lets look forward to a season of Hope. Just as Christ died on the cross, He rose again to give us hope for the future. Spring is a time of birth and growth giving us hope. Lets spend some time growing in our relationship with our God and Father in Heaven.

**True Hope:** Romans 6:4 (NLV) "For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

**Prayer:** Father God our Supreme Commander, we thank you for the Easter season. A time of reflection and thankfulness. We thank you for the hope you have given us through the resurrection of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We pray your blessings upon our post and each member as we continue to serve our country through our Legion membership.

We pray in Jesus name, amen.

*Debbie Vetter-Post 297 Chaplain*

**P.S.** Anyone in need of a Bible please contact me. If you would like a chaplain visit you may contact me by text or leave a message 231-670-1279. I would love to pray with, or for you.

## Service Officer

**Reminder:** We are still being challenged to recruit new members! If you have not paid you annual dues you may still do so. Post 297 is a great organization. Help us grow. I'm sure we all know someone who is eligible to join Auxiliary or Sons; maybe our spouse, son, grandchild, friend or neighbor. We also need to kick start our Riders! Let's all do our part in recruiting and making our post even better.

Thank you for being a member yourself. We truly appreciate you!

*Debbie Vetter*→ Service Officer



**COVID Vaccine Clinic**-was held at the Ravenna Legion Hall April 10 hosted by the Muskegon County Health Department. Legion volunteers Jim Redding, Sam Grill, Dave Ruble, Frank Sabo, Charlie Wyant and Cliff Bennett assisted the health department workers who gave 120 shots. A second clinic will be held May 8 at the hall, 2-4 p.m. for anyone 18 years and above.

## Commander's Comments

This has been a very challenging year for not only our Legion family, but for mankind as a whole. In saying that, I wish to congratulate our Legion for allowing the Muskegon County Health Department to conduct a vaccine clinic on April 10. There were many appreciative people that received a vaccination, and I believe we provided a very essential service to our community.

I would like to thank all of the great helpers that made this possible. There will be a second clinic on May 8 for people to get their second dose. It is also planned that a single dose vaccine will be available for those still needing one. Please help us to spread the word!

Thanks, Jim

## Sons of The American Legion

### Officers 2019-2020

**Commander-Brian Bonter** (616) 901-8606

**Vice Commander-Mike Ruble** (616) 846-6323

**Adjutant-Les Bonter** (231) 215-9817

**Finance Officer-Austin Bonter** (616) 853-2390

**Chaplains-Mike Pierson** (231) 853-2065

**Historian-Andrew Bonter**

**Sergeant-at-Arms-Tim Schutter** (231) 740-1598

**Meetings**-1st Thursday/month, 7 p.m.; Annual dues are \$20.

SAL-male descendants i.e. sons, grandsons, step-sons, step-grandsons, adopted sons & grandsons (not in-laws) of veterans.

**Welcoming Committee**-for returning veterans-contact Andy Snoeyink (616) 485-7997 or Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606.

**Next Meeting**-Thursday May 6, 7 p.m.

**Memorial Day-pistol raffle**-tickets on the Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 2.0 9mm are going fast, we only sell 400 tickets so if you interested contact a SAL member soon!

**Care Package for Active Duty**-Contact Les Bonter or Andy Snoeyink with an address if you know someone deployed and we will get a care package heading their way.

*We are always looking for new members.*

## American Legion Auxiliary

### Officers 2019-2020

**President - Donna Rieckmann** (616) 834-3179

**Vice President - Jude Ruch**

**Secretary/Treasurer - Katy Pfaff** -(231) 853-2107

**Chaplain - Carol Drayton** (231) 853-6726

**Veterans Support-Mary Bonter**

**Next Meeting** Monday May 3, 2021, 7 p.m. (same time as the Legion meetings) that will include election of officers.

**Dues** for 2020-2021 are \$28; or \$8 for Juniors; please send dues to Katy Pfaff, 10986 Hall Road, Ravenna, MI. 49451



## State Service Officer at Post 297 May 1

**Gary D. Easterling-Director-Department of Michigan Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**, will be at the Ravenna American Legion hall Saturday May 1, 2021 from 1 p.m. until ?

Gary will answer your Veteran's Administration (VA) Questions.

\*Bring your DD 214; if you don't have it, Gary and his crew can request the document for you.

### Frequent Topics

\*Claims;

\*VA Health Care registration;

\*Home Improvement-structural alterations (HISA) grants;

\*PTSD questions;

\*Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program;

\*Education benefits;

\*Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31);

\*Dependent's Educational Assistance (DEA);

\*Hearing aides;

\*Automotive adaptive equipment;

\*VA death and indemnity compensation (DIC).

\*\*\***Walk-in, no reservations necessary**

**Questions?** Call Post 297 service officer Debbie Vetter at (231) 670-1279.