



## Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion  
Auxiliary  
Sons of the American Legion  
Legion Riders

## The Bugle

July 2023

Ravenna American Legion  
3590 Conklin Street  
P.O. Box 302  
Ravenna, Michigan 49451  
Facebook- RavennaMIAmericanLegion  
Web site-RavennaMILegion.org

## Ravenna Lions Dog Daze

### & Car Cruise In-Friday July 21, 2023 5:30-9:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 297 will have an informational booth with membership information, flags for sale and will raffle off a **hand crafted rocking horse** made by Tom Maycroft. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

We will meet at the hall at 4:45 p.m. to get the tent and supplies. To volunteer, be at the site in front of Beechnau Elementary School. We suggest wearing Legion apparel. The Dog Daze event runs from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.



## August 7 Luncheon, 6 p.m.

There will be a luncheon at 6 p.m. **before the August 7 meeting**- Sloppy Joes, sauerkraut and sausage provided. If so inclined bring a dish to pass. All of our Legion family is invited! **Quilts of Valor presentation at 6:30 p.m.**

QOV is a civilian award given to our military members active or otherwise that have been touched by war. Personalized individual quilts are made to show honor and support for each person receiving one.

## Chaplain's Corner

Life every catch you up short? At a loss of direction for your life? There is a perfect map and direction for your life. We learn in the Old and New Testament of the Bible just where to turn!

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight". Mark 12:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength".

What have you to lose? Need a Bible or assistance in discovering the plan God has for your life? We have 2 chaplains that care and are here for you.

**For God and Country**-Richard "Doc" Strait and Debbie Vetter  
E-mail-PostChaplain@RavennaMILegion.org  
**"As Long As There Is Breath, There Is Hope."**

### Legion-2022-2023 Officers:

**Commander-Karen Strait** (231) 288-7290  
**Senior Vice Commander-Tony Miller** (616) 745-8168  
**Junior Vice Commander-Roy Curtis** (231) 638-3633  
**Finance Officer-Larry Lieffers** (231) 730-9255  
**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  
**Parliamentarian-Bill White** (616) 826-4262  
**Historian-Larry Lieffers** (231) 730-9255  
**Sergeant-at-Arms-Sam Grill** (231) 853-2966  
**Legion Riders-Jim Bronnekant** (231) 760-7995  
**Webmaster-"Doc" Strait** (231) 288-4222.

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

**Dues**-\$40/year.

**Hall Rental**-One day \$600-Security deposit-\$400-get in hall a day early: add \$100, clean up next a.m.: add \$50.

**Afternoons**-\$300 for a 4 hour afternoon rental; be out by 6 p.m.-Deposit \$250;

**Funeral luncheons**-\$275, \$100 deposit; we set up & take down Business meetings-4 hours-no kitchen use-\$100, + \$100 deposit Cancellations within 30 days of the event-forfeit 1/2 deposit.

**Contact Mike** (231) 853-2065 or Brian (616) 901-8606.

**U.S. Flags for Sale**- 3'x 5" \$40, 4'x 6' \$50, 5'x 8' \$70, 6' x 10' \$90, 12" x 18" \$1.50, POW/MIA \$50, Michigan \$50, Blue Star \$10, Service flags -Army, Navy, Air Force or Marine 3'x 5'-\$50.

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

**Meeting Minutes e-mailed**-send address to

[Rippernews@aol.com](mailto:Rippernews@aol.com)

**Viet Nam veteran Larry Lieffers** received a *Quilt of Valor* July 3 and Korean War veteran **Charles Brault** received a *Quilt of Valor* at the June 5 meeting. Others receiving the QOV included Ken Waddell, Clayton Snyder, Hunter Stockholm, John McCrandall, and Justin Pegg.

Placing the quilt on Larry are Anna and Lonnie Pearo.

Pictured with Charles Brault are Lonnie Pearo, Anna Pearo and Rhesa Martin.



## Sons of The American Legion

### Officers 2023-2024

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

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

**2nd Vice Commander-Dave Paprocki** (231) 750-7720

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

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

**Co-Chaplains-Jim Helsen** (231) 557-9045 and

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

**Historian-Andrew Bonter** (231) 769-5719

**Sergeant-at-Arms-Mike Peterson** 616-295-4050

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

membership for 16 years old and younger \$10.

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 Les Bonter (231) 215-9817 or Brian Bonter (616) 901-8606.

**Care Package for Active Duty**-Contact Les Bonter or Andy Snoeyink with an address if you know someone deployed.



## American Legion Auxiliary

### Officers 2022-2023

**President - Laura Peterson** (231) 853-0526

elizabethlpeterson@live.com

**Vice President-Laura Simpson** (616) 446-1440

Iro6inson8369@yahoo.com

**Secretary-Brandy Klapatch** (231) 301-5148

Brandy.klapatch1203@gmail.com

**Treasurer - Leah Sabo** (231) 853-2383

Rasabol022@gmail.com

**Chaplain-Katie Pfaff** (231) 853-2107

**Sergeant at Arms-Linda Rosinski** (231) 740-7649

**Membership**-Annual dues are \$36. If you have a daughter that would like to join Junior Auxiliary, contact Leah at (231) 853-5148.

**Dog Daze**-The Auxiliary will have an informational booth and will sell various cutlery, raffle a bulldog statue and a \$100 gift certificate to Ravenna Foods.



**Legion Post 297** conducted a flag retirement ceremony at Beechnau Elementary School the last day of school June 2. At the flag pole with the flag are Chaplain Debbie Vetter and adjutant Mike Pierson. The chaplain marched forward to the school principal Rob Nista and presented him the folded flag. Other Legionnaires pictured include Tom Maycroft, Roy Curtis and Sons of the Legion representative Les Bonter.

**Hall Floor**-had a professional wax application July 11. The floor looks great, but our maintenance equipment is outdated and has not kept the floor in good shape. The membership is considering options like purchase of better floor maintenance equipment or installing a new floor.

**VA Crisis Hotline -1-800-273-8255 (press 1)**

**Muskegon VA Clinic -(231) 798-4445**

**VA Benefits and Services -1-800-827-1000**

**Service Officer - Courtney Thurber-**

**At the Hall Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**(517) 582-1678 or e-mail cthurber@michiganlegion**