



## Sherman Moore Post 297

American Legion  
Auxiliary  
Sons of the American Legion  
Legion Riders

## The Bugle

November 2024

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

## Membership & Family Dinner

Friday, November 8, 6-8 p.m.

Entertainment by Magician Ran Baker

*Ran Baker lives in Muskegon and started practicing magic at age 10. When he was 12, he won first place in the junior division of the Chicago Magic Club Talent Contest. He earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Indiana University and a Master's in creative writing from the University of South Dakota. He is a published author and has many journal and magazine articles to his credit.*

Potluck style dinner

Continuous Membership Award presentations

Auxiliary-main dishes of Swedish meatballs, Lasagna, Chicken Nuggets, Garlic Bread, & Beverages

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)-sides/salads

**Continuous Membership Awards:** Legion Post 297

Ed Luce-60 years

Joe Zimmer-45 years

Jim Redding-25 years

Richard "Doc" Strait 15 years

Karen Strait 15 years

Carl Schutter-10 years

**Drawing for the SAL pistol raffle and the Legion rifle raffle will take place Saturday November 9.**

### Legion-2024-2025 Officers:

*Commander-Tony Miller (616) 745-8168*

*Senior Vice Commander-Terry Sabo (231) 903-8407*

*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 and Post News e-mailed**-send address to [Rippernews@aol.com](mailto:Rippernews@aol.com)

## 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  
**Andrew Bonter** (231) 769-5719  
 Historian-**Andrew Bonter** (231) 769-5719  
 Sergeant-at-Arms-**Ben Peterson** (231) 853-0526  
**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.



## SAL Winter Activities

**Euchre Fundraisers**-the first Saturdays of January, February  
 and March.

**Cornhole**-fundraiser February 15th.

### Continuous Membership Awards

**10 years**-Andrew Bonter, Austin Bonter, Keith Crowley, Bruce  
 Cunningham, Alfred Gilbert Jr., George "Tom" Hazen, James  
 Helsen, David Paprocki, Michael Ruble, Andrew Snoeyink, Eli  
 Snoeyink, Donnie Temple, Jason Temple.

**Auxiliary-65 Years**-Betty Bordeaux, Joy Vanloon,

**30 Years** Mary Bonter, Donna Rieckmann

**10 Years**-Katy Pfaff

**5 Years**-Terri DeWeerd, Carole Drayton, Kaitlin Peterson, Laura  
 Peterson, Madeline Peterson, Danielle Ruch, Elizabeth Ruch,  
 Jacqi Ruch, Sarah Ruch; Juniors Lucy Snoeyink, Isabelle  
 Temple.



**Mari Lynn "Mel" Ellison**  
**Fundraiser November 2, 2024**

3:30 pm - Registration; 4:00 pm - Fundraiser begins  
 Ravenna American Legion  
 3590 Conklin Street, Ravenna, MI 49451

- \*Singles-no need to bring a partner
- \*Pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, cheesy potatoes and  
 dessert included
- \*Eat after the first 5 games.
- \*BYOB

**Questions:** Contact Shelly Klein (616) 828-3418

**Service Officer Courtney Thurber**-office hours every  
**Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** at the Legion hall, 3590 Conklin  
 Street in Ravenna to assist veterans You can contact her at  
 (517) 582-1678 or e-mail cthurber@michiganlegion.org

## American Legion Auxiliary

### Officers 2024-2025

President - **Laura Peterson** (231) 853-0526  
 elizabethlpeterson@live.com  
 Vice President-**Madeline Peterson** (231) 798-5295  
 maddiepeterson1999@hotmail.com  
 Secretary/Historian-**Brandy Klapatch** (231) 301-5148  
 Brandy.klapatch1203@gmail.com  
 Treasurer - **Kaitlin Peterson** (231) 886-4584  
 kaitlinpeterson49@gmail.com  
 Chaplain-**Katie Pfaff** (231) 853-2107 katypfaff05@gmail.com  
 Sergeant at Arms-**Linda Rosinski** (231) 740-7649 linskirose@aol.com  
**Membership**-Annual dues are \$36.

**Mission Statement:** *In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the  
 mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The  
 American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve  
 by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their  
 families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we  
 advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and  
 promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

**Meetings** are held on the first Thursday of the month at  
 6 p.m. Please feel free to contact any board member with  
 questions.

**Soup Supper Fundraisers**-February & October

**Veterans Assistance**-Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the hall.



Ravenna Auxiliary

## Selfies with Santa

### Sons of The American Legion Breakfast

**Saturday, December 7, 8- 11 a.m.**

Bring your camera (phone) to take pictures with Santa.

*There is no cost for the Selfies with Santa event*

### SAL Breakfast

Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Orange Juice & Coffee

Adults all you can eat \$12,

Children 12 and under \$6,

Children 5 and under free

**We will also be collecting new socks & toiletries for Veterans**

**Ravenna American Legion Hall**

3590 Conklin Street, Ravenna

### Ravenna Christmas Parade 6 p.m.

Starts at Rogers Printing parking lot, led by the Legion Post 297.  
 Legion will lead the parade, walk or ride.

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

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

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

