

May 2025

Greetings Legionnaires:

- **Only the bartender is permitted to stand behind the bar. Individuals should only stand at the open end of the bar if they are ordering a drink.**
- **Individuals who do not have official business with the Legion should refrain from being at the bar before opening time. Possessing a key does not grant permission to enter the bar prior to its opening by the bar staff.**
- **The Post bar has a limited supply of drink chips (yellow for cocktails and white for premium beer). Please redeem these chips.**
- **There is a need for a chairperson to manage the basement and upstairs rentals at the Post.**
 - **May 1st credit card service at the Post will end.**

Due to the event being held at the Post on May 9th, several changes are necessary. Members must show their paid 2025 membership card before purchasing alcohol; failure to do so will result in a \$500 fine for the first offense, and generally a six-month suspension for the second offense if caught.

At Burger and Taco night and other events, members must present their 2025 membership cards to purchase liquor. Drinks can be bought for guests or non-members, but transactions must be made by a 2025 paid dues member.

Post member. Guests or non-members cannot directly purchase liquor at the bar. Water and soda can be purchased without a membership card. The newsletter contains details about the bar from State Adjutant Ben Holt.

This event has brought unwanted attention to the Post. The State Adjutant mentioned that he or other Legion officers might visit at different times. The bar must follow Michigan Liquor Control rules, which the Legion also adheres to.

CANCELLED: No Burger night on Wednesday May 7th.

Donation containers for Post projects will be available at the bar and during Burger Night when meals are paid for.

The Post is organizing additional events. Attending these events assists in covering the fixed costs associated with The Post.

The Post currently has vacant officer positions. Members are encouraged to attend a Legionnaire Meeting to be nominated and sworn into an available position. Alternatively, members may simply participate in the meeting.

The initial officer nominations for the year 2026 membership occurred on March 17th. The second round is set for April 21st, followed by the final round on May 19th. Officers will be sworn in on June 16th. Members are encouraged to consider running for office.

The Post's Honor Guard provides services for deceased Legionnaires and veterans with honorable discharge. Inform your family if you want this service. If the Post cannot conduct the funeral, they will arrange a memorial service. Have the funeral home contact Carl Krause at 269-769-8294.

The Post is still in need of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Honor Guard is now accepting applications for new members. Participation offers flexibility to accommodate various schedules. Applicants are required to purchase black trousers and shoes; other uniform components will be provided by the Post.

Our next Legionnaire meeting will be on Monday May 19th, 2025, at 5:30 pm.
The Executive Board Meeting will be on Monday May 12th, 2025, at 5:30 pm.
The Bar Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday May 13th, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Legionnaires are welcome to attend meetings for input or involvement. In a good month we might have five members attend.

To our whole Legion Family, thank you for being part of Stevensville American Legion Post 568.

Have a wonderful day.

God Bless the USA.

---- **Doug Jenkins**, Commander

MESSAGE FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Welcome to the new Member:

None

Transferring Member:

Robert Walker who lives in Saint Joseph and transferred from Post 0225 and was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War Era.

The 2025 membership cards are available at the Post. Please pay your membership dues promptly. The Legion membership year 2026 starts July 2025.

As of April 21st, 2025, there are 280 paid members at the Department of Michigan. The membership goal for 2025 is 302 members, which means the Post has achieved 92% of the goal.

Legionnaires have yet to pay their 2025 dues. 27

- New Members 9
- Transferred in 6
- Transferred out 2

Paying dues contributes to the Post and veterans. The Legion advocates for benefits that may be affected by budget cuts. Benefits such as Agent Orange and the Pact Act are supported by the Legion. Increased membership strengthens support for veterans' needs.

As of March 17, 2025, the following Legionnaires have unpaid dues for 2025, and several have not paid their 2024 or 2025 dues. Failure to pay may reset your continuous membership to one year. Dropped members must reapply as new members.

- **On January 1, 2025, if not paid the member is no longer in good standing and cannot participate in use of the facility or vote. They are considered delinquent. Feb 1 they are considered Suspended. March 1 they are no longer a member.**

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According to State Adjutant Brett Holt the following Legionnaires are no longer members of the Post until they pay their 2025 dues and have lost all Post privileges. If you come to the Post a member that has paid 2025 dues will have to buy any liquor and the Post member must buy the drink for you.

1. Amber Becker
2. James Burke
3. Jeffrey Buss
4. Peter Chenosky
5. Chad Clement
6. Trinidad Corona
7. Dennis Dobbins
8. Tom Embrey
9. Maria Fay
10. Ashley Geuther
11. Ted Hollacher
12. Sam Hybels
13. Caryn Kervel
14. Larry Kuball

- 15.Scotty Lee
- 16.Phil McDannell
- 17.Rick Mead
- 18.Dennis Peterson
- 19.Steven Peterson
- 20.Tommy Rauls
- 21.Mark Spitzer
- 22.Matt Swab
- 23.Nicholas VonKoenig
- 24.Jeremy Warren
- 25.Burt Weisberg
- 26.Jordan Winans
- 27.Alan Workinger

- **If you have your membership card, ignore notices about unpaid dues. You do not need to send a copy of the notice with your check number if your membership card is current.**
- **Pay early at the Post, by mail, or online to avoid unpaid notices after getting your membership card. You can also renew online for up to three years.**

If you pay during the grace period, you will receive dues notice.

Even if you paid your dues at the Post or by mail, the State and National may not have received the payment yet. The Post might send payments monthly starting in the fall thru June do to slow due payments, and the State can take up to two weeks or longer to process them. If a Legionnaire does not pay membership dues for one year, their total years of membership will reset to one year, regardless of the previous number of years. To recover the owed years, the missed dues must be paid.

If dues remain unpaid at a Legion Post for three years, an individual must reapply using a new member application and present proof of service (such as DD214, driver's license with veteran's designation, VA medical card, or military ID). The Legionnaire number will stay the same.

The following information will be included in the newsletter each month for new and transferring Legionnaires and current Post members.

Legionnaires might not agree with a member in good standing listed below but it came from Michigan State Adjutant and will be followed at the Post

Finally, a note on the member in good standing.

- However, the Membership year is January 1 - Dec 31 of each year. People that pay prior to December 31 are simply paying in advance for the next year and avoiding the potential of becoming a member not in good standing.
- On January 1 of the year after the year on the members card, i.e. card is for 2025 and it is not Jan.1, 2026 the member is no longer in good standing and cannot participate in use of the facility or vote. They are considered delinquent. Feb1 they are considered Suspended. March 1 they are no longer a member.
 - If a Legionnaire passes away, please have your family inform the Post. If someone outside your family passes away, like a friend or fellow Legionnaire, notify the Post directly. We were informed that a Legionnaire on the unpaid dues list passed away in 2023 and had paid his dues and the Post hadn't been informed, along with a few others. **In the absence of notification, the following will not occur for the Legionnaire.**
 - The names of our deceased Legionnaires are read aloud, and a candle is lit in their honor. This practice occurs from one Post Birthday Party to the next. The Post does not include names from previous time periods.
- A deceased member notification is completed by the Post Adjutant and sent to the 4th District Chaplain for the 2025 membership year, which runs from July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2025. The 4th District reads the Legionnaires' names and lights a candle.
- The State convention holds a memorial service for our deceased Legionnaires
- The National convention holds a memorial service for our deceased Legionnaires
- Our SAL Commander has attended the Birthday Party, 4th district. Additionally, attend the State and National conventions and observe the Memorials.

Post Adjutant

Carl Krause

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Service Officer:

AUXILIARY NEWS: "In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country."

We are sending our condolences to **Pam Griffin**, Auxiliary member, for the loss of her husband **Garry Griffin**, SAL. We wish to send get well wishes to **Jim Elliott** on a speedy recovery and **Linda Elliott** to stay strong during this recovery of Jim. We are sending a prayer to any member and their families that are currently facing difficulties.

Trolling with the Troops is June 20 for dinner and June 21 for the fishing trip.

Just a reminder that May 6 is the final election of officers. June we will be installing the new officers. If you are interested in a position, or would like to nominate a member, please come to May's meeting. All positions are open.

Next **Taco Night** is May 20, 2025, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. We will be selling Salsa and Cookbooks as a fundraiser. This will be the final Taco Night until Fall.

Poppy Day is May 30th, with the rain date of May 31, at the village corner, please contact Linda Steinberger at 269-429-6485, if you would like to help sell Poppies. We have had to change the date due to the Village's schedule conflict. There is a sign-up sheet at the bar entrance. Also, containers at the bar for donations and a poppy.

Thank you to everyone that supports the Auxiliary and Legion. Without your help we cannot continue to serve our Veterans.

Our next meeting will be May 6, 2025, at 6:00pm.

Jennifer Kickles-President

Auxiliary Membership News:

As of April 2025, we have 172 paid members. This includes 5 new, 2 rejoins and 2 transfers. Our Early Bird drawing for Auxiliary paid 2026 dues.... Congratulations to **-Melitta Rose Rath** was the Junior name drawn (the only junior to beat the Veterans Day deadline).

Brenda Carlisle was the Senior name drawn.

Please be aware if you have not paid your 2025 dues you are not considered a current member and as such are not entitled to club privileges (Bar), and you could lose your years of membership.

If you still need to pay your 2025 dues, please pay at the legion, or mail me at:
Ann Dailey, 1580 Greg Rd. Stevensville, MI 49127

Respectfully,
Ann Dailey

JUNIORS NEWS:

Our 8th Annual **VIETNAM VETERANS DAY** Dinner was on Wednesday, March 26th. 24 Vietnam Era Veterans (and their guests) attended, including 3 Purple Heart Recipients and a Congressional Gold Medal Recipient. All were treated to a dinner consisting of Country Style Ribs, Spicy Baked Potatoes, Corn Casserole and Blackberry Cobbler for dessert.

Each Veteran was given a challenge coin in appreciation of their service. Two of our junior members gave speeches. **Sally Stine** entertained the group, singing during dinner/dessert. Bar Drinks were provided by the SAL. Thanks to all who helped with this event!

BAR NEWS:

CASH ONLY! Effective Thursday, May 1st, we are no longer accepting credit/debit cards.



**PROGRESSIVE
TOURNAMENT**



EUCHRE

SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, MAY 4TH
REGISTER AT 12:30PM * PLAY STARTS AT 1PM
\$5 ENTRY

The graphic features a white rounded rectangle containing five playing cards: the King of Hearts, Ace of Spades, 8 of Diamonds, 2 of Clubs, and King of Clubs. Below the cards, the word "EUCHRE" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the cards are three stylized starburst shapes: a large blue one, a medium red one, and a small blue one. The word "PROGRESSIVE TOURNAMENT" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font above the blue starburst. Below the cards, the word "SUNDAY!" is written in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "SUNDAY, MAY 4TH", "REGISTER AT 12:30PM * PLAY STARTS AT 1PM", and "\$5 ENTRY" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, flanked by a red starburst on the left and a blue starburst on the right.



TACO NIGHT

Tuesday, May 20th
4:30 - 6:30pm

DESSERTS AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION!

Drink Special \$5 MARGARITAS!

Public Welcome!

(3) Tacos - Hard or Soft Shell
Beef, Chicken or Refried Beans
with Chips & Salsa

OR

Nachos
Beef, Chicken or Refried Beans
with Chips & Salsa

\$10

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Please support all the upcoming activities and events at the Post

SONS NEWS:



Spring is upon us as we celebrate the rising of our Lord. I hope everyone had a safe and blessed Easter.

First nominations were made for the upcoming officer's elections. **Final nominations and elections are set for the May 12th meeting.** If you would like to volunteer to hold any of these positions, please come to our next meeting and let us know.

Thanks to all the guys who bartended at the Legion Birthday Party this year!!! Your commitment to this event is very much appreciated!

With regards to our Easter Pork Loin sale; 28 loins were prepared, and at last count 15 ½ were sold!!! Thanks to those that took time out of their day to help prepare these delicious loins!

Jeff Bradford made an announcement that the **schedule** for the upcoming **Post 568 Legion Baseball Season** will be posted soon as their season schedule for the Senior Team is finalized.

We had 3 renewals, and 1 new member presented for membership – welcome **David Garber**.

Prayers were sent to the family of **Garry Griffin** on his recent passing – please keep **Pam** and all their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#244, **Carl Stolte's** name was drawn, he was not in attendance.

Next SAL meeting is Monday May 12, 2025, at 7 pm, hope to see everyone there.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!!!

Respectively,

---**Jeff Bradford – SAL Adjutant**

BASEBALL NEWS:



The Legion Baseball Season is just around the corner. Please plan to support our team.

Post 568 will be hosting the 2025 American Legion State Baseball Tournament.

CB Memorial Tournament Dates - June 19-22

Class A State Tournament Dates - July 24-27

LEGION RIDERS NEWS:



“Legion Family First, Riders Second”

Spring is upon us and summer is almost here. Looking forward to upcoming rides this summer. See the following attachments and check out the bulletin board down at the Post for more rides throughout the summer.

At our April meeting it was reported that we have 16 members.

We received correspondence from the **Blue Star Mothers**, and they have decided to keep the organization going for another year. They are looking for new members as well to keep this great organization going.

The **Blue Star Mothers** sent out 100 Easter boxes and 14 to the VA in Battle Creek. Postage for the 100 boxes \$2,354.55.

Our next **ALR dinner** is on Friday, May 9th, 4:30-8pm at Buchanan American Legion Post. The menu is smoked pork loin or chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, dinner roll and a cookie for \$13. Dinner is open to the public and take outs are available. There is usually a after dinner dance downstairs in bar area at the post.

We hope to see ya there!



Don't ride faster than your Angels can fly.

Until we meet again... Faith, Family, Freedom”

**For God & Country,
Mike Hoover
A.L.R. Director**

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