



Quarterly Post 351 Newsletter 8th Edition Mar-Apr-May-24

AMERICAN LEGION POST 351 46146 Cass Ave. Utica, MI. 48317
***1st Monday's * Monthly Membership Meetings * 586-731-9833**

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Hello Everyone;

I trust this Newsletter finds you and yours in good health and spirits. Reflecting on the past several months. I just want to Thank everyone for their support. It's been tough and exciting to see where we are as a Post and where we are gaining momentum and strength. Please let us not forget Our Post Family Members; whom are dealing with health issues at this time. It's a great time for us here as we support our Community, Veterans, and Country. Good Luck to the group.,We are still in need of a Chaplin and Adjutant. Any questions ; feel free to contact me at 586-731-9833. or [Pio.ALPost351@yahoo.com](mailto: Pio.ALPost351@yahoo.com)

For God & Country;
John Myroniuk
Commander

Post Officers:

Commander: John Myroniuk
1st Vice: Oscar Gomez
2nd Vice: Gus Calandrino
Judge Advocate: Norm Pfaff
Chaplin: Open
Adjutant: Open
Finance Officer: Rick Brunett
SGT at Large: Mike Weaver
Historian: Oscar Gomez
Executive Comte:
John Knox, Oscar Gomez, and
Christine Tonegatto-Salo,

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Other News Topics:

Thank you to Our Post Family Members for Volunteering to make a difference for Our Post, its' Veterans, Community, and other Legion Family Members. Much appreciated!

Our Show Me The Money Events) are doing well and can always use a few more players. Any folks out there looking for an afternoon of fun, food, and friendship. Come join us! The schedule is to your right in Upcoming Events.

NOTE: The Post semi-annual Clean up and set up is April 27th, 2024, from 9am to 3pm. Volunteers needed ! 4 An hour,two or more.

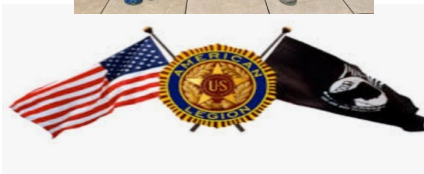
++ [SANGB Air Show is](#) 7-8-9-Jun-2024. ++

Also, we are always looking for folks to be Hall Monitors, Bingo assistants, and Clean up crew members. Any questions ? Feel free to reach out to us at 586-731-9833 or 586-219-1968 . Email: [Pio.ALPost351@yahoo.com](mailto: Pio.ALPost351@yahoo.com) .

Respectfully;
AL Post 351 Leadership

**** WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! ****

The Post made a \$500.00 donation to the UCS Beacon Tree Elementary. Sponsoring (4) Students to the National "Lego Competition" in Texas. Good Luck!!!



**** UPCOMING EVENTS: ****

Mar 1st, thru 29 Mar 2024

Fish Fry Fridays Continue

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Mar 3rd, 2024

Show Me The Money (SMTM)

1:00pm to 4:00pm

Mar 4th, 2024

Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Mar 5th, 2024

Monthly Auxiliary Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Apr 1st, 2024

Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Apr 2nd, 2024

Monthly Auxiliary Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

Apr 14th, 2024

Show Me The Money (SMTM)

1:00pm to 4:00pm

May 6th, 2024

Monthly Membership Meeting

7:00pm to 8:30pm

May 7th, 2024

Monthly Auxiliary Meeting

6:30pm to 8:00pm

May 11th, 2024

Blessing of the Bikes Event

11:00am to 3:00pm

May 18th, 2024

JEEP BABES-(92-4-22)

12:00 to 4:00pm

May 28th, 2023

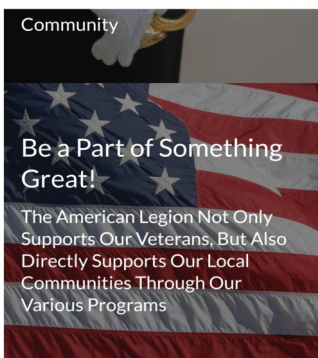
City of Utica, Memorial Day Observance /Ceremony

11:00am to 2:pm

1st Vice Report:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to this 2024 year. I know we have had several members, as well as, family members, including myself and my family, that were fighting colds, flu, Covid, etc. over the past month. I certainly pray for everyone's quick and healthy recovery and special prayers for those that are dealing with more severe health conditions. If there is anything our Post can do for you or your family during these trying times, please don't hesitate to contact us at (586) 731-9833 or communications@alpost351.org. Also, you can also reach out to MichiganVeterans.com, which is a central coordinating agency that helps connect veterans with state programs and federal benefits. Big THANK YOU to all our Post 351 Members that have renewed your 2024 Legion Memberships. For those that have not renewed your memberships yet, feel free to reach out to me if you do have any questions about renewal - (248) 854-4600. Don't forget to come out to our FRIDAY Fish Fry's from 5pm-7pm al the way through Friday, March 29th.

Oscar Gomez
1st Vice Commander
American Legion Post 351 (Utica/
Shelby Twp)



2nd Vice Comdr writes:

Fish Fry Fridays are in full-force at the Post through March 29th. The prices were held to the same level as last year; \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. The dinners are happening every Friday from 5 – 7pm. Please come out and support the Post!
Thanks to all who attended the Superbowl Party on February 11th and the recent Show Me the Money events. There are more Show Me the Money events scheduled on March 3rd and April 14th. Come out and join the fun! BINGO also continues every Wednesday. Doors open at 5pm. Spring is right around the corner and our annual Blessing of the Bikes is a great way to kick-off the new season! This year's event will take place on May 11th. This is always a great event. We'll also be holding our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the war memorial in downtown Utica on Sunday, May 26th. Thanks to all the volunteers who make the events at the Post possible. We couldn't do it without our members and the incredible support received from the S.A.L. and the Auxiliary.

Best regards,
Gus Calandrino,
Second Vice Commander



Every Wednesday
*** Doors Open : 5pm ***
*** 1st Ball drops: 6:30pm ***
*** Runs til 9:30pm ***

Historian Report:

Please visit our "[American Legion Post 351, Utica/ Shelby Township, MI](#)" Facebook page to see what our Post 351 members, as well as, our Auxiliary and SAL, have been up to with our many great events and activities this year.



If you have any pictures or videos from any of our Post 351 or Community Activities held this year and would like to share with us, please send them via email to communications@alpost351.org
Oscar Gomez
Historian
American Legion Post 351
(Utica/Shelby Twp)

House Committee:

I want to thank everyone that helped get the Lower Hall & Club Room much needed painting done.. Thanks to our Commander, Kristan, Mary, Tom, Lisa, & Matt, in getting it done. **Spring cleaning is set for 27 Apr 24.** I would like to see a strong turn out for this as we have doors to paint, outside to be cleaned up, furniture out, along with LED lites to be installed.in main hall, and main hall chairs cleaned again. Let me know if you can help. Thank You
Steve Wolf House Chairman



Order your headgear, shirts, & other items here on line. "Flag and Emblem.com"

Finance Report \$\$\$\$

Richard Brunett Reports:
"Financially we are holding our own at the present time. If any one of our members would like to assist me with the financial endeavors of the Post.. Please reach out and let me or the Commander know of your interests. I will continue to provide the most transparent and accurate report as possible. Any questions feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you

Executive Committee

Nominations are currently being taken for anyone interested in running for one of our Post 351 Officer positions, as well as, being on our House Committee. If you are interested being nominated for one of these positions or would like more information about the responsibilities of these positions, please send an email to pio.alpost351@yahoo.com. Official voting will take place during our Monthly Post 351 Membership meeting on Monday, May 6th.

Here are some upcoming dates at the District and State (Department) Level. If you are interested in attending any of these, please let us know.

District #7 Meeting – Sunday, March 10th @ 12pm-3:30pm at Post #15 in Vasaar, MI

District #7 Meeting – Sunday, May 19th @ 12:15pm-4:15pm at Post #16 - 1701 W Genesee St, Lapeer, MI

Michigan Department Summer Convention – July 11th-14th at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

However, we would like to stress to our Post 351 Members to join us in-person to our Monthly Post 351 Membership Meetings held on the First MONDAY of each month, except if that Monday is part of a Holiday, then the meeting gets pushed to the following Monday. Our Membership Meetings start at 7pm.

Post 351 Executive Committee:

Christine Tonegatto-Salo

John Knox

Oscar Gomez

CHRISTMAS 2023!!

Our Auxiliary was very PROUD to have been able to sponsor two families for Christmas 2023!! Thank you to ALL that support the Auxiliary throughout the year to help us to be able to achieve our MISSION. We were able to Bless these Military Vets' & their families in need.



My wife and I just wanted to deeply thank you guys for the donations and gifts. It means so much to our family. We are truly honored and grateful. Please keep up the work you do. No doubt it changes so many people's lives for the better.

(Thank you – from Family #2)



POST 351 AUXILIARY:
Meetings to be held on **5-Mar, 2-Apr, 7-May-24, 6:30pm - 8 pm**, We look forward to seeing you and bring a friend. We appreciate your support.
Marie Gomez
President/Chaplin

SAL NEWS

Since, the last News Letter we have had the pleasure of expanding our ranks. "Welcome Aboard" to all of our newest members. We look forward to your continued membership and support of our activities within the community. We had a great Super Bowl Party and together with Post we contributed \$ 2000.00 to the Post Parking Lot Fund. Blessing of the bike's date is May 11 2024. Starts at 11a.m. till 3 p.m. Still need donors to donate a raffle prize so we can get the tickets made. We need help with the SAL doing some of the tasks ...contact me (Frankie): 586-420-0312, if you can help in anyway.

*** SAL TEAM ***

Chairman; Frankie Guastella

Co-Chairman; Matt B. Swieczkowski

SAL Adjutant /Finance; Randy Van Assche

Sgt-at-Arms; Mike Cody

Historian ; Open position



** HALL RENTALS **

RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:

For example, Parties, Graduations, & Baby Showers. Feel Free to reach to our Representative for all the details and costs. Members must present a valid Post Membership Card or American Legion Card. **Please contact our Rental Agent Kristan at 586-219-1968.** Also, more information can be found at Our Web Page: ["ALPost351.Org."](http://ALPost351.Org)

POST CHRISTMAS BASKETS & TOYS REPORT

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On behalf of our Post 351 Executive Board. We want to say THANK YOU to all our Post Volunteers and Members that assisted with the Christmas Program for Veteran's and Families this past year. Here is a glance of what we accomplished:

Veteran Families pictured in receiving gift baskets from Post verified through Macomb County Veteran Services. Also, a Special Thank You to those Post Members, Paul Smith, Fred Brooks, Joe & his wife Legionaire(s), Sharon Kalenauskas Jeffery, (Auxiliary), Mike Cody, (SAL), Lenny Maciborski (SAL) John W, Smith Old Timers for their monetary and/or support with Veteran's Programs this past year. To include our Post efforts in supporting the Toys For Tots Program along with valued members of the Community Carl & Gina from Esplendido's Mexican Cuisine Restaurant. **JOB WELL DONE !**



AUXILIARY NOMINATIONS:

Nominations for 2024/ 2025 Officers have already started. If you have not attended an Auxiliary Mtg yet, now's the time to come. Next few mtgs are: March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th (voting) & June 4th (installation) @ 6:30pm.

VALENTINE PARTY @ MVH OF CHESTERFIELD:

Thank you to Lea Arnold for joining me in helping our Michigan Veteran Home of Chesterfield w/ a Valentine Party. Our Veteran's enjoyed a lovely Band & a boat load of snacks/ treats!!
[band & snacks were all sponsored by our American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)]



WELCOME ABOARD:

Welcome to Nancy Knox – now serving as our Parliamentarian.

Welcome to our Newest Auxiliary Members: Dawn Maitland, Cathy Coady, Debra Buback & Lisa Rennie.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self!!

Marie Gomez

Auxiliary Unit #351 President/ Chaplain/ Communications
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***** BECKETT's 4th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT POST 351 *****

Our Post had the Honor and Privilege to host and assist with is extremely important Birthday Party for this young four year old child. Whom, was recently released from St. Judes Hospital battling ATRT Brain Cancer. Thank you to all that supported this family this past year. Also, Beckett's Warriors, and those Post family members with donating either monetarily, with setup, hosting ,and cleaning up after this great event. Thank you Brett, Tammie, Matt, Kristan, Gus, and John.

