



## ERNEST F. OLDENBURG POST 216 MILFORD, MICHIGAN

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Member of MALPA, NALPA

2008 Membership – 390

Ray Chaplin, Editor



### FROM THE COMMANDER

*John R. Nelson*

#### The Progress Continues !

I am pleased to announce to the membership that our project to renovate Club216 is completed, a little delayed, but under budget. Through the hard work of many we were able to:

- Remove the old ceiling, including the original 1940's era ceiling tiles
    - Thanks to all the SAL members and Legionnaires who helped with the demolition in mid-February.
  - Remove the old ductwork (probably original, too), along with a thick layer of crud and nicotine
    - A great job done by Matheson Heating
  - Remove all the old, unnecessary wiring (what a rat's nest it all looked when the ceiling first came down)
    - Special thanks to Jim Cox and Larry La Clair
  - Blow in foam insulation. This is now permanently attached to the underside of the upper hall subfloor and provides a thermal insulation layer, helps to deaden sound from moving between the hall and the club, and seals in dirt and dust from moving between the two levels.
- Install a new network of ductwork, including an exhaust system at the bar end of the club (exhausting to the outside), redesigned heating ducts for better and more efficient heat distribution, heat to the office, improved heat to the bathrooms, and fresh make-up air coming into the club from outside.
    - Thanks again to member Bob Matheson who orchestrated this with his company crew.
  - New wiring and lighting throughout the club. This includes getting rid of the long extension cords, the numerous power strips, taking out the fluorescent lights and temporary spot lights. We have installed all new canister lighting in the ceiling, with some of them being eyeball lights that can be aimed for better lighting of wall displays, gaming ticket machine, etc. All of the overhead lights are dimmer controlled to achieve just the right lighting level for any occasion. We also moved both of the smoke eaters to the bar end of the club – that way we get more and better use of them to keep the smoke from spreading to the west “no smoking” end of the club. A great job was done by our electrical contractor.
  - New suspended ceiling tiles. The style selected is both attractive and blends so well with the rest of the space that you really don't notice it's there.

Finally, a special thanks to Joe Salvia, who helped insure we had an accurate “blueprint” of the club (we used it for both the ceiling tiles and lighting); to Carl Curtis III (SAL member) who was our General Contractor; and to Ron Nevorski, who could be found almost every day opening the club early in the morning for a contractor. And Ron helps us make this project happen without any borrowed money.



## **Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion**

*(Part 3 of a series)*

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

- TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER
- TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM
- **TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES AND INCIDENTS OF OUR ASSOCIATIONS IN THE GREAT WARS**
- **TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF INDIVIDUAL OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION**
- TO COMBAT THE AUTOCRACY OF BOTH THE CLASSES AND THE MASSES
- TO MAKE RIGHT THE MASTER OF MIGHT
- TO PROMOTE PEACE AND GOODWILL ON EARTH
- TO SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM, AND DEMOCRACY
- **TO CONSECRATE AND SANCTIFY OUR COMRADESHIP BY OUR DEVOTION TO MUTUAL HELPFULNESS**

May is a very special month in the life of Post 216 – Poppy Days and Memorial Day are both in May. Both of these important events bring to mind friendships that were forged during time we spent serving our country's military. For Poppy Days, we collect money to help veterans and their families when those friends experience hard times.

Please support the Poppy Fund collection efforts in several ways: send in your donation from the direct mailing ( 100% of all money collected helps a veteran in our local community). And give to that veteran who you see on the street corner or in front of the store collecting to help veterans.

For Memorial Day, all of Post 216 devotes itself to creating a memorable day that honors those of our friends and family who have served in uniform. We especially remember those who have died, but we give honor also to all the living veterans who join us on that day to march down Main Street.

The Memorial Day parade is the largest parade event in Milford each year, and it is growing larger year by year. The parade gets better every year, because more veterans choose to march and receive the recognition and honor our entire community. In the hours before the parade the Post 216 parking lot becomes the gathering place for hundreds of veterans where old friends reconnect and where new friendships begin.

I am pleased to share with all of the American Legion Family of Post 216 that the Officer of the Day for the Memorial Day Parade this year will be Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone. BG Fausone is currently the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Michigan National Guard, and as such she works daily for the interests of all veterans in Michigan.

Then, after the parade, the most wonderful gathering of the day occurs in all corners of our Post 216 Home. Chatting over a hot dog meal or a pitcher of our favorite beverage, the "war stories" are shared for hours. Sharing these memories is very healing for both the teller and the listener. For many, this is the only time throughout the year that there is any mention of our prior service. It may be the only time that a troubling memory is shared and the process of healing from some trauma begins. For others of us, it is such a rewarding experience to listen and share in the experiences our friends lived through.

**Come and be part of this special day.  
Come and be part of Memorial Day 2008.**

*If you would like to help insure our parade continues to be one of the best events honoring our military heroes in all of Michigan, volunteer to help in some way. Contact Joe Salvia (313 702 8000), Tony Puente (248 685 3767) or John Nelson (248 684 9287).*

## UNDAUNTED SACRIFICE

by Josh

Few can deny feeling a wave of respect, admiration, and thankfulness, overwhelm them as the national anthem echoes notes of freedom. Veterans have not only protected the United States; they are the foundation for its prosperity. Veterans Day provides us with an opportunity to appreciate the simple duties and paramount accomplishments of American veterans. Veterans, the architect of American nationalism, hold a more zealous connection to this nation than the majority of ordinary citizens. Veterans set aside their personal lives, goals, and ambitions in order to serve. This unselfish commitment to the United States is unparalleled by any other service. Without their bravery, the American dream would perish. Veterans Day is only one day in November, yet every day that we take advantage of our opportunities as Americans, we pay homage to those whose unselfish service protected us and our way of life.

## WHY ARE VETERANS SPECIAL?

By Cheryl

In our family room next to the fireplace sits a globe with several black marker lines drawn around it. Your first assumption is that maybe a little kid got hold of it and decided to leave his mark, but on a second look you see that the lines are deliberate routes across the oceans, connecting countries and islands. These lines are in fact the work of my grandpa---a very big kid who took the globe and decided to mark it with his many trips about serving onboard a World War II Naval vessel. I remember listening to him recollect his trips across the Atlantic and Pacific to foreign countries from Great Britain and India to Australia and the Philippines. I also remember wondering what my dad would do when he discovered what my grandpa had done to his globe. Every time my grandparents come to visit, my grandpa has us get the globe and he proceeds to describe his war days to any new "victims" who have not heard the stories.

I don't think at first I gave my grandpa the respect or admiration he deserved for being a World War II veteran. All I know about the war came from school---it was a horrible part of history that I had no personal connection to, something of a past generation. I politely listened to grandpa at first without any real interest. I was more curious about why he wrote on our globe. I now listen to him with more interest; this is not dull, factual history usually taught at school, but a personal story filled with emotions and eye-witness accounts that will never be in text books. With him, the past comes alive because it is not just about historic figures or major battles of the war, but tales of real people.

Veterans like my grandpa are the living bridge to a past. Their memories bring back to life events that are sometimes left in a dusty corner and forgotten. As a younger generation, we need to listen to these veterans because the stories they tell will be something totally unexpected and surprising. You just never know when one will be inspired to draw on your globe!

*Written by students volunteering at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, MO.*

## **The American Legion “Four Pillars of Service”**

(Part 3 of a series)

- **A Strong National Security**  
National organization lobbying
- **Taking Care of Veterans**  
**Service Officers (Post, Department)**  
**Heroes to Hometowns Program**  
**VAVS (Veteran Affairs Voluntary Services)**
- **Mentoring Youth**  
Family Support Network  
Operation Military Kids
- **Promoting Patriotism**  
**American Legion Baseball**  
**Scouting**  
**Boys State**  
**National Holiday observance (*i.e.*, Memorial Day, Veterans Day)**

When the American Legion was founded in 1919, there were two primary reasons given that this new organization should exist.

- “Who would care for the children of our comrades-in-arms who we buried on the field of battle?” – care of children and youth has continued to be a major focus for Legionnaires.
- “Who would insure that the soldiers, seamen, airmen, marines, and mariners who were injured in the line of duty receive the care that they are due?” – care of veterans in need really defines the “S” in VSO (veteran service organization).

As a Veteran Service Organization (VSO), the American Legion is one of 33 organizations chartered by the US Congress to help veterans. And, as the largest of all the VSOs, the American Legion serves military veterans in a variety of ways:

### **Service Officers**

Accredited professional American Legion service officers (DSO’s) are located in all 57 Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional offices. American Legion service officers have specialized training and experience that contribute to a thorough knowledge of VA statutes and regulations, and are familiar with the broad spectrum of VA programs and operations. They provide veterans and their dependents with assistance and representation in all matters pertaining to VA. This service is provided free of charge and is not dependent on membership status.

### **The American Legion’s Field Service Unit and VA Health Care**

The Field Service Unit is comprised of a team of representatives who regularly travel to VA medical facilities around the country and report on the impact of VA’s health-care policies on veterans and their families.

The American Legion continues to monitor all aspects of the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Administration’s (VHA) policies. In particular, the “System Worth Saving” Task Force is finishing up its fourth year of conducting site visits to VA medical centers. Past reports have centered on VA medical facilities. The 2007 Report focuses on Vet Centers and Poly Trauma Centers in an effort to better assess the services available to veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

### **Heroes to Hometowns (H2H) Program**

The Heroes to Hometowns Program established a partnership between The American Legion and the Department of Defense, to assist severely injured U.S. service members who request help with the often-daunting transition from the military.

Local community leaders link their efforts with national-level organizations and agencies. State-level military representatives assist in communicating potential needs of a severely injured service member. This program positions The American Legion to do what we do best: serving those who served. It provides The American Legion an opportunity to reach our newest veterans and help them experience a seamless transition from the military. This year, the program will seek to further collaboration with DOD and VA Medical facilities, making its resources and volunteers readily available to both through licensed social workers who can act as navigators both for the service member and the volunteers. .

### **Seamless Transition**

The American Legion entered into an agreement with leadership at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to provide transitional support to wounded soldiers transitioning out of the military. A representative of The American Legion operates out of the Walter Reed campus and assist in representing wounded soldiers who are going before the Military Evaluation Board as well as providing general support in all areas of transition outreach.

### **Employment and The Small Businesses Task Force**

The American Legion has a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with RecruitMilitary ([RecruitMilitary.com](http://RecruitMilitary.com)) and [Military.com](http://Military.com) that allow The American Legion to have a presence in all of their job fairs around the country. The main purpose of these job fairs is to provide veterans more outlets for employment.

The Small Business Task Force consists of highly successful veteran business owners and works closely with the Small Business Administration (SBA), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to train veterans on how to start and be successful in business, correct holes in the federal procurement process, and ensure that veteran owned businesses and service disabled veteran owned businesses (SDVOB's) are afforded all the rights and privileges bestowed upon them.

### **Homeless Veterans Task Force**

The Homeless Veterans Task Force coordinates stand-downs, provides clothing and financial assistance, benefits counseling, secures housing for shelters and assists other homeless service providers.

### **Testimony**

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission (VA&R) testifies regularly on issues relating to the health and welfare of the veteran. Several times a year, before the Veterans Affairs Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, lawmakers hear the voice of 2.6 million members of The American Legion.

### **Department of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program**

The American Legion is a staunch supporter and active participant in the Department of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. Significant volunteer contributions in donated hours of service, and gifts and donations, assist direct patient care programs and support activities and services that may not be fiscal priorities from year to year.

Volunteers assist VA patients by augmenting staff in such diverse settings as VA medical centers, nursing homes, hospice programs, foster care, community based volunteer programs and veterans outreach centers.

You can learn more about this at the national website also ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))

## Ernest F. Oldenburg Post 216 – May 2008

**MEMBERSHIP:** Thank all of you who renewed your membership or who became new members of Post 216. You all made our membership year a success. Our membership goal is 389, and as of April 30 we are **404** members strong. That is the best membership growth in recent memory. Great Job !

Look for the third installment of my expose' on the American Legion Constitution Preamble later in this newsletter.

You will also find my third part of a series I am sharing with you about the American Legion national focus on the "Four Pillars of Service". You can learn more about this at the national website also ([www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org))

At the "Annual General Meeting" in April the membership elected the officers for 2008-2009. I humbly accept the responsibilities as your Post Commander for another year. I plan to continue building on the good things that we are doing, and look for one or two opportunities to add to our programs in the coming year.

### Post 216 Elects Officers for 2008-2009

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| Commander               | John Nelson   |
| Adjutant<br>(appointed) | Chuck Hoobler |
| Senior Vice Commander   | Tony Puente   |

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| Junior Vice Commander | Todd Herron    |
| Finance Officer       | Ron Nevorski   |
| Sergeant-at-Arms      | Skip Davison   |
| Chaplain              | Bob Janoska    |
| Historian             | Robert Maxwell |

Installation of these officers will occur on Sunday June 29, 2008 at 2:00 pm. A light meal will be provided after the ceremony. All post members are encouraged to participate in this important annual event in the life of the Post.

### POST 216 WEB PAGE:

Our webmaster, John Moore, continues to keep the content on our post web page fresh and changing several times each month. One of the latest permanent additions is a link to our Post Constitution and By-Laws. Now if you have a question about our Post By-Laws, you can go to [www.milfordlegion216.org](http://www.milfordlegion216.org) and get your answer. And remember, if you miss the membership meeting you can read the minutes at our web page. If you can think of other improvements to our web page content, contact John Moore or myself

*John R. Nelson* - Commander



**Senior Vice Commander  
Tony Puente**

**Cub Scout Pack 52**

The Cub Scouts of Pack 52 is 45 young men and families strong. We promote a program that is focused around the national Boy Scouts of America curriculum as well a focus on outdoor skills. We meet as dens throughout the month in various locations; then get together once a month for a Pack meeting at the Legion hall.

Our latest event was the Pinewood Derby. A Pinewood derby car is crafted from a block of wood and is carved, shaped and sanded to each individual boys idea. We held the event at Muir Middle school cafeteria; and we estimated that we had 200 people come in and out throughout the event. Troop 33 as a fundraiser; put on the concessions at the event.

Our next event is the Blue-and-Gold banquet. This is a celebration of the birthday of scouting and is the event where the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Webelos moves on to Boy Scouts. The pack buys the main course and pays for the entertainment; this year it will be a magician. The side dishes are a potluck from the families.

We are looking forward to an early and warm spring so we can get outside!



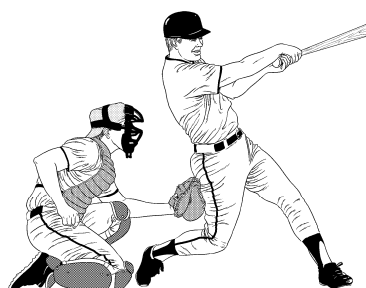
**Boy Scout Troop 33**

The Boy Scouts of Troop 33 are 7 young men strong and growing! We restarted the Troop in September after a several year hiatus and are committed to instilling the values of scouting to prepare for being a responsible adult in our community. We have a strong outdoor focus as well as an adherence to the BSA curriculum. We meet at the Legion hall 3 weeks out of the month, then on a monthly outing. The meetings are a mix of having fun, and learning a scout skill.

The young men of Troop 33 have been very busy this winter. Our latest event was a three-day outing up north. We spent Friday (the kids had no school) skiing at Boyne Highlands, dinner in Mackinaw City, then on to a cabin in the UP. We snow shoed Seney National Wildlife refuge, ice – fished on Round Lake, and had an introduction to snowmobiling.

Our next mission is recruiting. We are gearing up to bring on some new boys and grow the pack.

**Milford Legion Baseball**



Legion baseball is a super competitive league sponsored by Legion Posts and we compete against one another after the High School season has ended. Legion

baseball is the oldest baseball organization for high school aged men in the country. Our team is comprised of mostly Milford men; however we have a few from Lakeland and Hartland High schools. We play our home games at Milford High School varsity field.

The team was started to allow the players to continue playing baseball after the season. There are no other leagues in the Milford area in the summer. Or season will start in late June. We hope our Legion sponsors will come and watch a game!





May 1, 2008

It looks like the snow is gone and we are now into our 2008 riding season (finally). This will begin our 6<sup>th</sup> riding season and will no doubt be our best yet. As we produce and participate in events every year, we learn how to better our club. This year we will host rides every third Sunday at 10:00am. We also go for a “fun ride” every Thursday evening leaving the club at 6:00pm. Other things planned for this summer include riding in the annual Memorial Day Parade, all *American Legion Riders* are welcome to join us regardless of what post they belong to (ALR “Colors” must be worn). Other events planned are our annual Cider Mill Run which is held in October and a fund raising Poker Run. We will no doubt participate in runs hosted by other ALR groups as well as events centered toward veteran affairs.

As you may know, we have held our annual officers election in April and there have been a couple changes. As the founding Director of this group and serving as director for five years, I have stepped down and very happy to announce that Jack Omstead has been elected and accepted the Director position for our club. Jack has years of motorcycling experience as well as excellent people skills and will bring a different perspective to our group. Jack is also the Assistant State Captain for the Michigan Patriot Guard Riders. Please join me in welcoming Jack; I think you will find him very approachable not to mention fun to be with!!

I would also like to welcome any new members to our Post and if you have any interest in joining this group please speak with any of the officers or current members.

It has been a pleasure leading this group and I look forward to kick’ in back and helping out.

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Andy Russell  
Chaplin & Past Director  
American Legion Riders #216  
Milford, MI.





Each year SAL Squadron 216 sponsors two boys to Boys State. Year books from Boys State will be available to view in the clubroom.

SAL Squadron 216 has sponsored a \$500.00 Milford High School Scholarship for many years. A committee of SAL Officers reviews the applications submitted and the selection is also difficult as there are many worthy applicants.

This year the SAL will provide two \$500.00 scholarships. The two recipients of the \$500.00

scholarships are the granddaughters of recently deceased James C. Bingham, who was a SAL Member, Past 216 Squadron Commander and longtime area resident. Alexandria Bingham and Paige Culham will receive the scholarship at an awards ceremony.

SAL Squadron 216 Officer Elections will be held on May 6, 2008, the next regularly scheduled SAL business meeting.



## NOTABLE EVENTS

- Thursday Night Hamburgers -5 pm - 8 pm.  
Kitchen help always needed. Sign up you name on the calendar in the kitchen if you would like to help. **The last hamburger night of the season is May 22, 2008.**
- The once a month summer steak fry begins on May 29, 2008. Come join us for a delicious steak dinner cooked outside on the grill the third Thursday every month. We can always use help in the kitchen for this event.

## **Who is a Veteran?**

"They are men and women who, for many reasons, donned the uniform of our country to stand between freedom and tyranny; to take up the sword of justice in defense of the liberties we hold dear; to preserve peace and to calm the winds of war.

Your mothers and fathers, your grandparents, your aunts and uncles, your neighbors, the shop owners in your community, your teachers, your favorite athlete, a Hollywood star, and your political leaders... each one could be a veteran.

But as much as they may differ by gender, race, age, national origin, or profession, they share a common love for our great nation; a love great enough to put their very lives on the line, if need be, to guarantee the way of life we enjoy today, and to secure that way of life for tomorrow's generations.

The title "veteran" must be earned. It is a title endowed by a grateful nation on citizens whose shoulders were broad enough to carry the weight of our common defense.

It is a title that speaks of courage and sacrifice in the face of mortal danger.

It is a title that speaks of compassion and heartbreak in the wake of the terrible cost of war.

And it is a title that speaks of love of country, and of a belief in America's goodness, and our strength.

In each of America's struggles, heroes in uniform emerged to inspire and spur us on to victory. Our veterans' steadfast resolve to stand and fight for the American way of life is a constant reminder that the righteousness of our destiny overarches the anguish of our losses.

America's servicemen and women, who became our nation's veterans when they set their uniforms aside and resumed their civilian lives, distinguished themselves through their willingness to risk life and limb in defense of the freedoms we all cherish.

I am honored and privileged to lead the Cabinet Department that was charged by Abraham Lincoln to redeem our Nation's debt to liberty's defenders.

Those who have served our nation in uniform are the best people our society has to offer. We owe them our full support, and our sincerest thanks.

America's veterans did not shrink from battle; they did not yield to fear; they did not abandon their cause. All too often they paid the ultimate price.

By their example of courage under fire, they raised up a new nation, inspired by the dignity of the common man -- a nation blessed with heroes and heroes' dreams. That is leadership of the highest quality. That is America's leadership legacy."

*An excerpt from a 2003 speech given at the National Young Leaders conference in Washington, DC.*



# The Honor of Your Presence is Requested



## To Fellow Veterans and All American Citizens,

I am writing to extend an invitation to you to formally participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies that will take place each year on the last Monday of May at 11:00 AM.

Memorial Day is a sacred day in our Country. It is a time for us to remember and honor those who lost their lives in service to our Country. As veterans, we share a special closeness to those who have gone before us and we should make every effort to be visible at this special time.

American citizens who did not serve in the armed forces should be in attendance to show their gratitude to those that committed themselves to serve our Country. It was and continues to be the service and sacrifice of the few that allows all Americans to enjoy the freedom and security that is frequently taken for granted.

Our mission is a simple one. We, as living veterans along with the citizens of our community must gather together each year and never forget the sacrifices of our fellow veterans

Our goal is to gather 1,000+ veterans to emphasize the importance of this memorial event. In addition, it will give our community an opportunity to express thanks to all veterans for their time in service.

I would deeply appreciate your acceptance of this invitation and your assistance in helping me find as many veterans as possible to achieve our goal. What a great statement we would make in our small community! I would also ask that you spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. All are welcome to join in to observe the parade, give thanks to our veterans and participate in the closing ceremonies in Central Park. It is especially important that children and young adults attend and understand the purpose of this solemn event.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars. Veterans participating need to begin gathering at 9:30 am at the American Legion Post located on Commerce Road just west of downtown Milford. The Parade steps off at 11:00 AM sharp, moving south thru Milford to Central Park. A brief ceremony will take place immediately following the parade.

Please wear your uniform, if you have one and can still get into it, or a piece of your old uniform, cap, jacket, etc. Wear any medals, ribbons, badges, etc that you may have on a sport coat or on a white shirt with dark trousers. All veterans will ceremonially receive a special medal for attending our gathering.

I hope I can count on your attendance. Please fill out the adjoining form and return to me as soon as possible, or call me at so I can get a head start on planning.

Thanks in advance for your participation. I look forward to seeing you at the Parade.

**REMEMBER, RAIN OR SHINE WE MARCH!! THIS IS OUR DAY TO BE VISIBLE.**

***Joseph M. Salvia, Parade Chairman  
American Legion, Past Commander***

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**MEMORIAL DAY The Last Monday of May**

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Please fill out the sections below and return as soon as possible to:

MAIL TO: Joseph M. Salvia  
American Legion Post 216  
510 W. Commerce Road  
Milford MI 48381

**ATTENDANCE (check appropriate boxes)**

Check one: ☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ Marines ☐ Air Force ☐ Coast Guard

☐ I am still in service (active duty or reserve status) or I have received an honorable discharge and will participate in the Memorial Day Parade

☐ I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ other veterans with me. (Please attach list of names if possible)

☐ I am not a veteran but will attend to give thanks to those who served our country.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY. THANK YOU

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION TO ASSIST WITH PARADE EXPENSES**

☐ I will make a donation to help the American Legion with parade expenses.

( ) \$15.00 ( ) \$20.00 ( ) \$25.00 ( ) Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: American Legion Post 216 - Memorial Day Fund**

Thanks in advance for your donation  
Joseph M. Salvia, Parade Chairman

***PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM AND HAND OUT TO AS MANY AS POSSIBLE***

## Veteran Links

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| The American Legion Post 216  | <a href="http://www.milfordlegion216.org">www.milfordlegion216.org</a>  |
| The American Legion National Website  | <a href="http://www.legion.org">http://www.legion.org</a>   |
| The American Legion State of Michigan Website   | <a href="http://www.michiganlegion.org/">http://www.michiganlegion.org/</a>   |
| The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Website  | <a href="http://www.vfw.org">http://www.vfw.org</a>   |
| The AMVETS National Website   | <a href="http://www.amvets.org">http://www.amvets.org</a>   |
| The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Website  | <a href="http://www.michiganpva.org/">http://www.michiganpva.org/</a>   |
| The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Website  | <a href="http://www.dav.org/">http://www.dav.org/</a>   |
| The Viet Nam Veterans of America (VVA) Website  | <a href="http://www.vva.org/">http://www.vva.org/</a>   |
| The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)   | <a href="http://www.va.gov/">http://www.va.gov/</a>   |
| The Great Lakes National Cemetery Website   | <a href="http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/greatlakes.asp">http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/greatlakes.asp</a>     |
| The National Archives (Veterans Records)  | <a href="http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html">http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html</a> |
| American Battle Monuments Commission (Overseas cemeteries and monuments.<br>Very interesting stuff) | <a href="http://www.abmc.gov/home.php">http://www.abmc.gov/home.php</a>   |
| Department of Defense   | <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil">www.defenselink.mil</a>  |

## Moving? Address Change?

Don't miss a single copy of your post newsletter. Fill out the form below and mail to:  
Bruce Hayden, C/O American Legion Post 216, 510 W. Commerce, Milford, Mi 48381

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of: \_\_\_\_ Legion \_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_ SAL

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Address Service Requested**



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