



SERVICE CALL

ALA S MIKE LACY UNIT 554



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Hello September,

It is officially pumpkin spice latte season! Fall is upon us and I cannot wait for cooler weather and fall festivals.

Unfortunately, our Post 554 baseball team is back home after falling short in the semifinals. Midland, Michigan broke a scoreless tie in the bottom of the 8th inning for a 1-0 win, sending our boys home. Nevertheless, we are extremely proud and finished the season tied for 3rd out of 5400 teams. Two of our players made the ALWS All-tournament team. Third baseman Jackson Higgins and pitcher Tyler Ryden made the post season All-Tournament team for their performance and character both on and off the field. Tyler Ryden also received the Bob Feller award for most strikeouts, what an amazing accomplishment.

Our Spirit of 45 program will be held on September 8th at 2 pm. Please come bring your families and enjoy our WWII memorabilia displays and hear stories from Chester "Buck" Sloan. Buck is 100 years old, has an amazing life story and still loves to sing and dance. He plays in a jamboree on the weekends with his buddies during his free time. We are so looking forward to having him here so please add this to your calendar. You won't want to miss this.

As we approach Patriot Day, September 11th may we never forget the solidarity and resilience shown as a nation after the horrific terrorist attacks 23 years ago. This year I had the pleasure of visiting the 9/11 memorial and museum in New York City and the feeling you get standing there as an American is unlike any other. President Obama once said, "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11." Never Forget!

The auxiliary will host a potluck meal at Bike night on Friday September 20th at 5:30 pm. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up.

Our next meeting is September 12th at 6:00 pm. Feel free to bring a friend. We have many great upcoming events to discuss. I would love to see you all there.

Be kind to one another,

Ashli Sample, President



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES—LOIS HAYMAN

Hello Auxiliary members, well welcome to Fall and Schools being back in session, please be aware of all the school zones.

Our 2025 year of membership has started and we are now collecting for our 2025 year. Be an Early payment and get an Early Bird stamp on your membership card. Ladies dues are now \$35 and Juniors dues are \$10. You can drop them by the Post and get a receipt or mail them into the Post and I will get your cards mailed out to you as quickly as possible. We currently have 35 members paid already for the 2025 year.. Come on, let's make our early goals this year, thank you for all you do to help make our Unit successful.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—LOIS HAYMAN

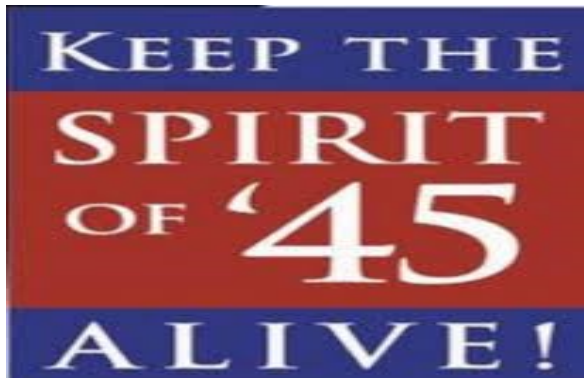
Please pray for God's comfort for the family of Joy Maguire She passed away Wednesday evening 8/21. She was a member of the Auxiliary some years ago.

Seems like we have a lot of members and friends who are currently fighting allergies, colds, flu, and covid. With school back in session, be sure to stay healthy and smart about who you come into contact with. Spread love...not germs!

Also please pray for James & Gail Ficklen, Jacob Wiggins, Mike Phillips, Phillip Reaves, Tom Blasky, Bob Wilks, Marilyn Baker and Paula Hillman.

SPIRIT OF '45 Come

hear a piece of living history at the Post 554 home on Sept 8th at 2 p.m. C.P. Buck Sloan will tell his story of surviving the Battle of the Bulge. This 100 yr old Vet still plays in a band and might just sing us a tune or two. Also we have our Wall of Honor, memorabilia, music from that era, and refreshments. Bring your children and neighbors out to meet this wonderful man. Make a poster of your own WWII Vet and we'll be happy to post it with the other great heroes.



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