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TOWAR: Legionnaires commemorate 9/11

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From left:
Jack Dawson, Nora Moroun and John "Willy" Williams
work the Frank Wendland American Legion Post 253
booth at Arts, Beats & Eats, wearing T-shirts
commemorating Sept. 11



Members of Frank Wendland American Legion Post 253, Sons of American Legion Auxiliary and Legion Riders don't wear their hearts on their sleeve, but on their T-shirts. This year, for the first time, they manned a spirits and wine booth at the Ford Arts, Beats & Eats festival, wearing T-shirts commemorating the 10 anniversary of Sept. 11.

While the shirt front reminds us to "Never Forget," the back says, "In memory of those who lost their lives and the brave first responders —police, fire and EMS — on September 11, 2001." The verbiage continues, "I want to thank and honor our brave men and women of our military who have fought and died to protect my rights and have preserved my freedom ... Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard. Freedom isn't free and America will never forget. In God We Trust."

The Detroit International Bridge Company, owner of the Ambassador Bridge, has long supported American Legion programs. This year, they supplied Post 253 with the Never Forget T-shirts and will match the Post's Arts, Beats & Eats proceeds, doubling the money the Post will use for programs to support the troops in Iraq, Detroit Veterans Center, Wreaths Across America and many more.

The T-shirts will be on sale to the public for only \$15 at the Frank Wendland Post, 1505 N. Main St., Royal Oak, and also at Berkley American Legion Post 374, 2079 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Supplies are limited, so don't delay.