

# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO



## 2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION

July 9th – July 11th, 2021





THE AMERICAN LEGION | DEPARTMENT OF OHIO



**DAVID E. COBB, SR**

for the high office of  
**2nd Vice Commander**  
**Department of Ohio 2021-2022**

## ELIGIBILITY

USMC	1969- 1972
USMCR	1973 - 1977
USANG	1979 - 1981
Viet Nam	1971

## MEMBERSHIP

Legion	51 Yrs.
40/8	32 Yrs.
S.A.L.	Life Member
DAV	Life Member
VFW	Life Member

## COMMITTEES

Nat. Vet. Employment  
and Education Council

Department Americanism  
Department Credentials  
Department Convention Corp.  
Department S.A.L. Advisor  
Department POW/MIA

Special Olympics  
Gift for Yanks  
Honor/Color Guard  
Membership - DMS/88

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## **For God and Country**

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And all periods from December 7, 1941 until Cessation of hostilities as determined by the US Government.**

**Helping the youth of our community with educational programs such as, Boy's and Girl's State, Americanism & Oratorical Contests, Boy Scouts and many others.**

### **Elected Officers 2021-2022**

**Mel Baher  
Commander**

**Tony Mazzeo  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmdr.**

**James Lockyer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmdr.**

**George Masie  
Adjutant**

**Tom Morgan  
Finance Officer**



## DAVID GRENDEL

Vice Mayor of the City of Independence, Ohio

Mr. Grendel is a member of the Independence Board of Education (1984-1991; 1993) in which he has been President for 3 Years. He has also been the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (1986-1991) President for 1 Year. Also he is on the Independence City Council (2000-2009 and 2014-present) and been the Vice Mayor for 4 Years. Mr. Grendel is also the President of Ohio Fraternal Congress (1999). He is also a proud member of the Legal Counsel for Union of Poles in America (17 years).



Mr. Grendel also stays busy as the Basketball Coach at Independence High School. He is an active member of St. Michael Church Finance Council (over 20 years). He graduated from Independence High School (co-valedictorian), and attended college at Case Western Reserve University graduating Magna Cum Laude, and then went on to graduate school at Case Western Reserve School of Law. Mr. Grendel was an Academic All-American (1976-77). He is also an esteemed member of Ohio Bar for 39 years.



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# roclamation

**Whereas:** The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It was founded on the four pillars of care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and,

**Whereas:** The American Legion Department of Ohio is celebrating its 102<sup>nd</sup> Convention in the City of Independence at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South July 8 through 11, 2021; and,

**Whereas:** The American Legion Department of Ohio has approximately 80,000 members and is presently under the outstanding leadership of Commander Roger Friend; and,

**Whereas:** The American Legion Department of Ohio Convention will be joined by members from The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, Legion Riders, and many other Distinguished Guests; and,

**Whereas:** The American Legion Department of Ohio is holding this Convention for the purpose of electing the ensuing year's officers, ratifying the election of District Presidents, electing Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, ratifying the elections of Delegates and Alternates in all Districts and transacting any other business brought to the Convention; and,

**Whereas:** We support the American Legion Department of Ohio and recognize them for their contributions to national security and the welfare of military veterans, their families and their communities.

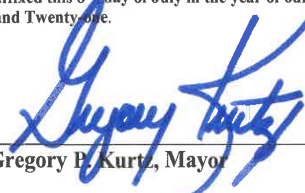
**Now, Therefore,** I, Gregory P. Kurtz, Mayor of the City of Independence, Ohio, do hereby designate and proclaim July 8 through July 11, 2021, as days to recognize and honor

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for their genuine commitment to provide services and support to the men, women, and families of those who have served and defended our country for our freedom, and for the dedication of their organization to promote patriotism and good citizenship in our communities. We are grateful for your spirit and your mission, and wish you a very productive and successful convention.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the City of Independence, Ohio to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-one.

  
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Gregory P. Kurtz, Mayor



## ROGER L. FRIEND

The American Legion, Department of Ohio Commander

Comrades,

I wish to personally thank you for attending the 102<sup>nd</sup> American Legion Convention. We at the Department appreciate your support and dedication you all have demonstrated through the pandemic as well as your attendance to this convention.

I am highly honored that you entrusted me to represent all of you for 2019-2021. The respect and hospitality that was given to me at the Posts and events I have attended was second to none. The Legion Family has acquired some amazing people who I have had the honor to meet and work with throughout my term. Even when things did not go as we would like decisions were made with compassion as not to harm, but to help. We have all been through a lot during the past two years, but we met the challenges head on and were successful.

I wish to thank all of you who made contributions to my project NEF. We have been able to see the benefits it has awarded in the disasters the country has experienced in the last couple of years.

I am confident that all of you in the Legion Family will continue to make Ohio the department that other Departments will go to for direction.

For God and Country,

Roger Friend, Commander  
American Legion Department of Ohio





## KRISTEN McLAUGHLIN

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio President



Welcome from the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary to all of the American Legion Family, visitors, and friends. It has been a tremendous Honor to serve these past two year as Department President alongside Commander Roger Friend, Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler, and all the Officers of The Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders.

Serving these past two years during the Auxiliaries Centennial celebrations was such an honor. Many parties took place and lots of cake was eaten! Thank you to the units, posts and districts that invited me to events during my term. It was great to get out and meet new members and reconnect with friends that I had not seen in a while.

I am proud of the work the units have done these past two years during these challenging times. Units and members were able to continue to carry out our mission of serving veterans, their families, and our youth while also helping in our communities.

Perhaps you will pick up a few ideas for the next year and have some fun while we are here in Independence. There is so much to do in the area, please take some time to visit some of the local restaurants and attractions.

The Election of Officers will be happening and I wish them all Good Luck and a successful year in office.

On behalf of the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Officers, Staff, and Executive Board, please enjoy yourself.

"Keep R.A.C.E.(ing)"



Kristen McLaughlin  
Department President



## DOUG HANCOCK

### Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander

Commander Hancock has committed to a lifetime of service to the Sons of The American Legion, he sees his time with the sons as the perfect way to honor his father, whom he worked with for 17 years until his father's untimely death in 1985. Many of Doug's beliefs, life skills and honesty are derived from his dad. In my 20th year as a member of the Sons of the American Legion I look back at the opportunities to honor my father by serving our Veterans and the programs we support.



One such program, HOOVES (Healing of our Veterans Equine services) which currently I serve as a board member, focuses on PTSD. The average age of 21 in which veterans are taking their own lives is appalling, and services such as HOOVES are helping to save those lives.

Doug was introduced to the Legion Family in 2001 at Post 320. Within two months, he assumed an officer position, culminating in his election as Post Commander for a total of 6 years. Doug is grateful for the support of his fellow detachment officers and feels truly blessed to have the support of the 1st District officers who have helped him down this path.

As the Sons of The American Legion Commander, I'm looking forward to serving the Legion Family with the newly elected Legion Commander and the Auxiliary President.

For God and Country,

Doug Hancock,  
Commander  
Detachment of Ohio

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

ESTABLISHED IN 1932

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is a program of The American Legion that was established in 1932 to assist The American Legion with their programs and activities. Being a member of the Detachment of Ohio is more than just "belonging" to a club. We take great pride in the work that we do in the areas of Americanism, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Special Olympics, Membership and last but certainly not least The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Our success in these areas is a direct reflection of the guidance that is given us by the "Legionnaires" of our Department. All male descendants, adopted sons

and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Contact the Sons of The American Legion Squadron nearest you to obtain the necessary membership application form.



## JAMES W. "BILL" OXFORD

National Commander of The American Legion



To my fellow Legionnaires in Ohio,

A year ago, posts and departments of The American Legion did what our military does during times of crisis. You mobilized. You collected food for those in need, donated personal protective equipment to health-care workers, gave blood and checked on our buddies.

You obeyed the guidance of local officials but made clear that "shutdown" did not mean "shutout." You engaged with your communities, albeit in a socially distant and sometimes virtual way. You raised money for our outstanding programs and, perhaps most important, sent an optimistic message to America that we will get through this challenging time.

That is the spirit of the American veteran. It is the spirit of The American Legion Family. We will overcome. We will adapt. No matter the odds.

We need to take this spirit into the post-pandemic era. I cannot predict with scientific precision when the novel coronavirus will leave but we do know that society will one day embrace the openness that we may have previously taken for granted.

We will once again enjoy seeing many of our American Legion Family members gathered at large celebrations, in-person, outside the confines of a computer monitor. In the meantime, we will continue to adapt and advocate for the needs of veterans, military family members and the youth of this great country.

I thank you for your service to America and our American Legion. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable department convention.

Building a Foundation for the Future,

James W. "Bill" Oxford  
National Commander



## JOSEPH RULAND

Department of Ohio, 13<sup>th</sup> District Commander

# Welcome!

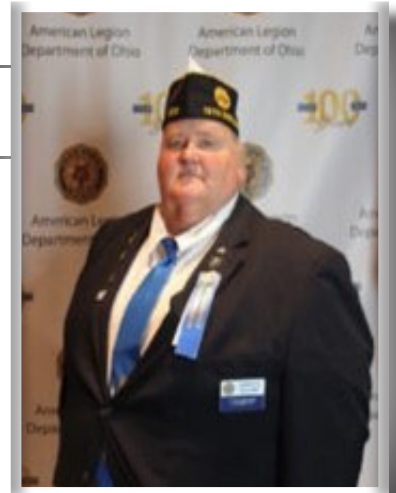
My Fellow Legion Family Members,

On behalf of the “Tenacious Thirteenth District “ I would like to welcome you to the Greater Cleveland area and The Department of Ohio American Legion Convention. The Department staff has lined up a great program this year with opportunities to learn and spend time with your fellow Legionaries that we have not been able to do for awhile. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy some of the many entertainment options that Cleveland has to offer during your stay.

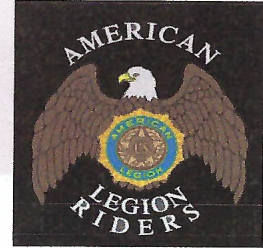
And don't forget about visiting The American Legion posts in the area, many are a short drive from the hotel and will open their doors and their hearts to greet you. Everyone in The Thirteenth District is excited to have the convention in Cleveland again this year and is dedicated to making this Convention a memorable one. Have a great time and be safe.

*“Veterans Strengthening America”*

Joe Ruland  
American Legion Department of Ohio  
13th District Commander  
Commander American Legion Post 2



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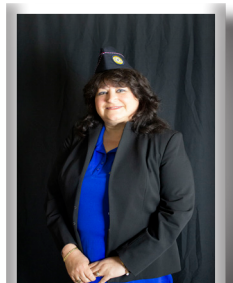


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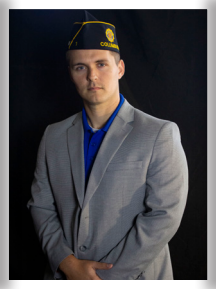


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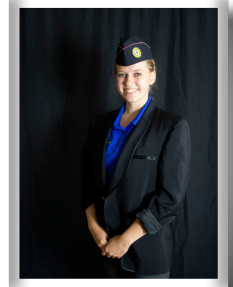
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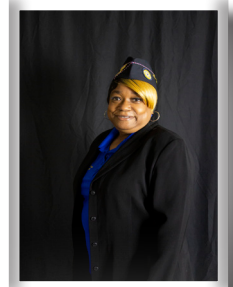
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**1st Vice Commander**  
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*Harrison*

**2nd Vice Commander**  
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Roy Terry  
*Westerville*

**Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms**  
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*Piqua*

Bart Arndt  
*Marengo*

Andy Atkins  
*Jewett*

George Mussi  
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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF OHIO'S CURRENT DISTRICT COMMANDERS  
AND DISTRICT 1ST VICE COMMANDERS

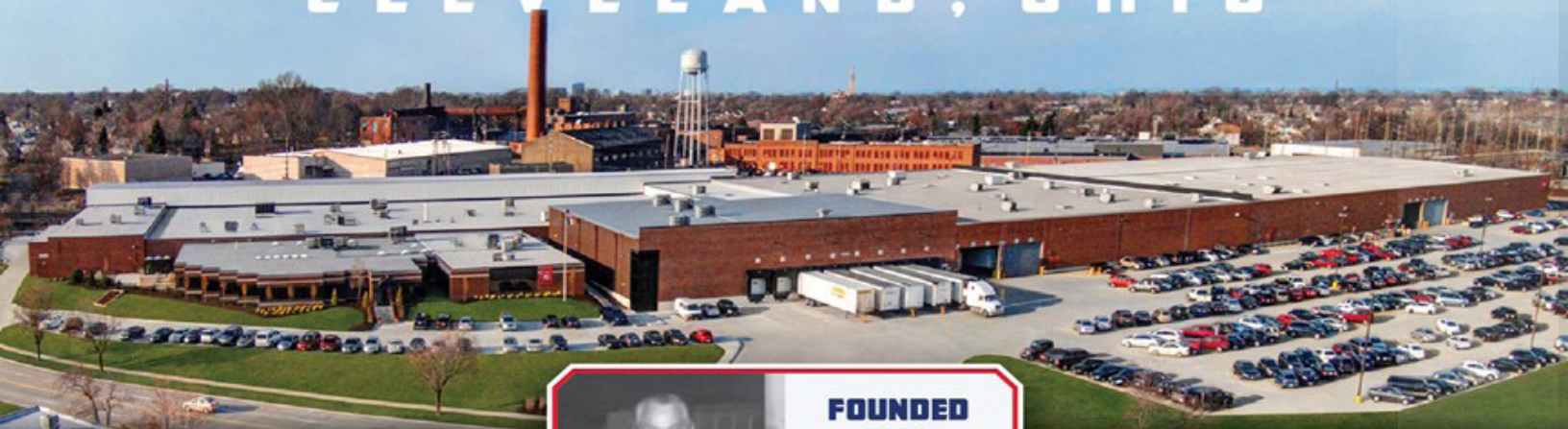
COMMANDER Jason Rue	<u>FIRST DISTRICT</u>	1ST VICE COMMANDER Frank 'Joe' Navarre
COMMANDER Walter Meharg	<u>SECOND DISTRICT</u>	1ST VICE COMMANDER Mike Homan
COMMANDER Joe Law	<u>THIRD DISTRICT</u>	1ST VICE COMMANDER Betsy Law
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COMMANDER Jarrett 'Ken' Estep	<u>FIFTH DISTRICT</u>	1ST VICE COMMANDER Ron Dull
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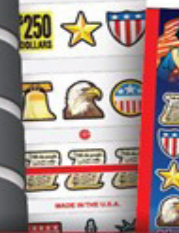


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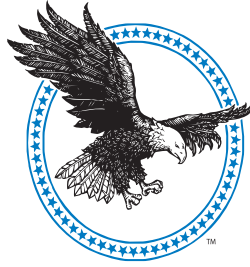
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### **Rules & Order of Business Amended – 2019 Department Convention Toledo, Ohio**

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) shall be the authority of parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the chair as "Commander" and state their name and the name and number of their Post before proceeding.
3. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker.
4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention, shall be limited to 30 minutes, except under such special rules as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
5. Only two (2) Delegates from any one Post delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one subject. Where disagreement exists within a delegation, one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the subject, except on a division of the question, when this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one subject, except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Convention. Chairpersons of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the report of their committees. The presiding officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairperson an opportunity for rebuttal. On request of a delegate, any Resolution contained in a Committee report shall be considered separately at the conclusion of the vote on the remaining report, and after discussion voted upon at that time.
7. Any Resolutions originating on the floor of the Convention shall be in writing, then automatically and without reading, be referred to the Adjutant or Secretary of the Convention, who will refer them to the appropriate Committee for their action and report thereon prior to the end of this Convention.
8. Decisions on Rules and Debate or Parliamentary Order by the presiding officer may be subject to appeal by any two (2) delegates from two (2) different Districts under a point of order. Such an appeal shall take precedence over any pending question and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the decision be sustained."
9. When the poll of any Post delegation is demanded by a delegate of any other Post, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted on. When a poll of the Post is demanded, it must be made immediately upon the announcement of the vote of the delegation.
10. On roll calls, the Post delegation chairperson shall poll their delegation on the floor and announce its vote upon presenting their credentials to the person in charge of microphone.
11. Past Department Commanders shall be entitled to vote, provided they are registered as such.



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12. Only delegates or their accredited alternates may be heard or given recognition on any issue or in the nomination of candidates unless he or she has two-thirds (2/3) consent of the delegation present.
13. Delegations may arrive at a vote in such a manner as they choose but shall announce it in terms of a full vote and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his or her Post.
14. There shall be no unit rules of voting in this Convention.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a roll call or standing count is directed by the Commander or demanded by a Delegate of at least three (3) Posts of three (3) separate Districts. Election of Department Officers shall be by roll call, except when a candidate is unopposed, at which time the vote may be by acclamation. All roll call voting will be as follows: the delegate chairperson or designee will approach the closest microphone and cast votes from the microphone. The delegate chairperson or designee should be prepared prior to the calling of their post number to move toward the closest microphone so that their vote can be cast in a timely manner. All standing count votes will be by District with the District Commander, assisted by the 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders, polling the vote from each Post delegation chairperson. The District Commander will announce the poll to the assembly by Post from the microphone when called upon by the Commander. The registration desk will be closed at least 30 minutes prior to an expected standing count to allow the Credentials Committee to update the delegate strength for the determination of majority and 2/3 of the delegate strength for the standing count.
16. In the event a Post has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairperson or acting Chairperson of the delegation shall make such designation certified by the Post Commander or District Commander.
17. Prior to the election of Department Officers, the Department Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a chief teller of elections, and such number of tellers as The Department Commander deems necessary, provided that the total number of tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of the candidate's choice if the candidate so elects.
18. Nomination for Department Officers shall be from the floor. Each Post may present as many candidates as it chooses.
19. Nominating speeches for Department Officers shall be limited to five (5) minutes each. Not more than one seconding speech shall be made for any candidate, and said speech limited to two (2) minutes.
20. When more than two (2) candidates are nominated for any office, voting shall continue until one candidate receives the necessary majority of the votes cast. If on any vote taken no candidate receives the necessary majority to elect, a new vote shall be taken for the place to be filled. The



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candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding vote shall be disqualified. All roll call votes for officers or otherwise will begin with the next sequential Post where the last officer roll call vote ended in previous convention. For the 2019 Convention, we begin with Post 470. *(The 2019 Convention Roll Call ended with Post 194 and will begin at Post 196)*

21. The Order of Election of Officers shall be the Department Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Treasurer. In even years, we will then elect National Executive Committeeperson and Alternate National Executive Committeeperson.

22. Those recognized by the Department Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-At-Arms escort from the Convention anyone creating a disturbance or interfering with order of procedure.

23. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing any member of The American Legion, Department of Ohio from serving on a Convention Committee.

24. The consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

25. The Department Commander will have the authority to appoint a Parliamentarian to assist the Judge Advocate for this Convention.

26. Any amendment originating on the floor to any resolution shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the presiding officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment. However, in the case where a word is stricken and another inserted, this change can be done by the one making the report or introducing the Resolution.



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## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER • RODNEY ROLLAND

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Human Resources Director  
The American Legion National Headquarters

Rodney K. Rolland serves as the Director of Human Resources at The American Legion National Headquarters. He oversees, plans, and directs all human resources activities: compensation and benefits, employment, education and training, and employee relations.

Rodney, served in the US Marine Corp from September 1995 to December 2001. He is currently a member of American Legion Post 333, Columbus, GA.



He is a graduate from Indiana Wesleyan University with a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor Degree in Management.

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## DISTINGUISHED GUEST • KIRK LANG

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Kirk Lang  
Executive Director  
HOTC Regatta Director  
Cleveland Rowing Foundation

Kirk Lang has served as the Executive Director of the Cleveland Rowing Foundation for the past 8 years. He is responsible for all boathouse operations, public relations, coordination of special events, and fundraising. Kirk is also entering his 11th year as the Head Coach for the Western Reserve Rowing Association.



Kirk previously served as Chair of Program and Operations on the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Board and currently serves on the Cleveland Metropolitan School District Rows Board as President and Development Chair. Kirk received a Bachelors in Biology as well as a Masters of Science in Biotechnology from Duquesne University.



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER • ANTHONY GONZALEZ

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U.S. Congressman  
U.S. House of Representatives for Ohio's 16th District  
2019-present

U.S. Congressman Anthony Gonzalez is proud to represent Ohio's 16th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the son and grandson of Cuban immigrants who fled the Castro regime, Congressman Gonzalez cherishes the opportunity to serve his country and his community as a member of the world's greatest legislative



Congressman Gonzalez serves on the House Science, Space and Technology Committee and on the Financial Services Committee, where he is the vice chair of the Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion. He is also a proud co-chair of the House China Task Force.

Congressman Gonzalez was born and raised in Northeast Ohio. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he played wide receiver under Coach Jim Tressel, before becoming a first-round draft pick for the Indianapolis Colts. After five seasons in the NFL, Congressman Gonzalez attended Stanford Business School and launched a career in the technology industry before returning home to Northeast Ohio.

Congressman Gonzalez and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Rocky River with their two young children, Alexander and Caroline.



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER • DENISE H. ROHAN

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Past National Commander  
The American Legion  
2017-2018

Denise Rohan was elected national commander of the 2-million-member American Legion on August 24, 2017 in Reno, Nev., during the 99th national convention of the nation's largest veterans organization. She is the first woman to be elected to the top position of The American Legion.



Born in McGregor, Iowa, Denise (Hulbert) lived in Elkader, Iowa, until leaving for U.S. Army basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. in 1974. She served on active duty as a stock control & accounting specialist and repair parts specialist course instructor at Fort Lee, Va., until her honorable discharge in August 1976. She has served the American Legion since 1984. While commander of Post 333 in Sun Prairie, Wis., she established Sons of the American Legion Squadron 333 and chartered Boy Scout Troop 333.

She was employed by the University of Wisconsin Madison as the assistant bursar of student loans until her retirement in 2012. She also served the Family Readiness Group as a civilian volunteer with the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard.

In 2018 Denise was recognized as one of the nation's top 25 influencers making a difference for military service members, veterans, and their families by "We Are The Mighty". She was also recognized as a trailblazer by V-WISE (Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship). She currently serves as Wisconsin's Selective Service System Director.

Her theme as national commander was "Family First" and her fundraising project provided temporary financial assistance to needy children of veterans and training for American Legion service officers.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER • BARNARD KEMTER

Barnard Shattuck Kemter  
Lieutenant Colonel  
US Army Retired

Kemter is a member of American Legion Post 107 in Pataskala, Ohio where he resides. He is a Department of the Army Civilian. As a Certified Energy Manager, he is responsible for energy reduction for all Army Reserve facilities in 19 states. He is also a recipient of 9 Secretary of the Army Awards for Energy Conservation. Kemter retired from being a Department of Army Civilian in 2015.



Some notable military achievements include:

- » 1965 -1965 ARMY CORPSMAN (MEDIC)
- » 1965 Commissioned 2d Lieutenant Infantry Officer Candidate School
- » Branch qualified in Infantry, Medical Service Corps and Corps of Engineers
- » Numerous company, battalion and staff positions.
- » Special Engineer Staff Officer during Desert Storm with the 22d Support Command
- » Last assignment was Chief of the Engineers for the 83d Army Reserve Command
- » Project Engineer for 12 Major Military Construct projects in Ohio.
- » Retired on 4 July 1995

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## 2021 CONVENTION SINGER • MICHELE T. WISNIEWSKI

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Michele T. Wisniewski

61 y/o native of Cleveland, Ohio, resides in Stow, Ohio

Navy Veteran - Field Medic, Surgeon's Assistant, Surgical Instructor

Founder of Voice Of Honor (VOH) - Organization that provides live singing for requested honorable events, both Military, Veteran, Civilian, and the Posthumous; provides in-person rendering of the National Anthem for any individual of past service, regardless of uniform or origin, with the long-term goal of developing a nation-wide accessible database with which to request.



I was the only caregiver to my mother for 16 yrs until her recent passing. It was in 2013, that the inception of VOH took place (amidst the search for personal and professional purpose). It is the goal of this year to enlist the 501c3 process and recruit others who wish to sing and represent VOH in its vision and purpose.

In addition to singing (as I create a new life for myself outside of caregiving), I volunteer for many of the VFW and AL/ALR charitable events as well as community functions. It is my goal to become a member of the AL/ALR and strive to continue to support our communities.

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## Past Offices Held

Department of Ohio Treasurer  
Department of Ohio Asst. Chaplain  
Children & Youth Committee  
Religious Emphasis Committee

9<sup>th</sup> District Commander  
9<sup>th</sup> District Adjutant

Lake County Commander

Brakeman-King Post 336  
Commander  
(2009-2018)

MBA...Business Administration  
BA...Accounting

- Leadership
- Transparency
- Sustainability



# CHARLES STENNIS

Candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Department of Ohio



## CONTACT

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Phone: 513.207.6590

## ADMISSIONS:

US NAVY  
1962-1978

US ARMY  
1979-1995

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Results-driven business and civic leader with 32+ years of experience serving in active duty and ready reserves for U.S. Navy and U.S. Army. Served as agent and owned Allstate Insurance agency branch for 29 years. Retired as Member of Council for the City of Springdale after 16 years of service.



# ROBERT E. WILSON JR.

## Candidate for Department of Ohio Treasurer

### EDUCATION:

B.A., History	M.A. Labor & Industrial Relations
Howard University	Incomplete Grad Studies

### SKILLS:

Leadership, Communication, Problem Solving, Time Management, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Fiscal Management

## POST EXPERIENCE:

### Post Position

2nd Vice Commander Post 138, Hamilton, OH

### County Positions

Past County Commander (3 yrs)  
Past 1st Vice Commander (2 yrs)  
Past Adjutant (2 yrs)

### District Positions

District 4 Sergeant at Arms  
District 4 Finance Committee (3 yrs)  
District 4 Joseph House, Representative

### Department Positions

Department of Ohio Finance Committee (3 yrs)  
(Currently Chair)

### Other Veteran Groups

Am Vets, Post 71, Fairfield, OH (9 yrs)  
National Order of Trench Rats, Dugout 634, Fairfield, OH

### Community Involvement

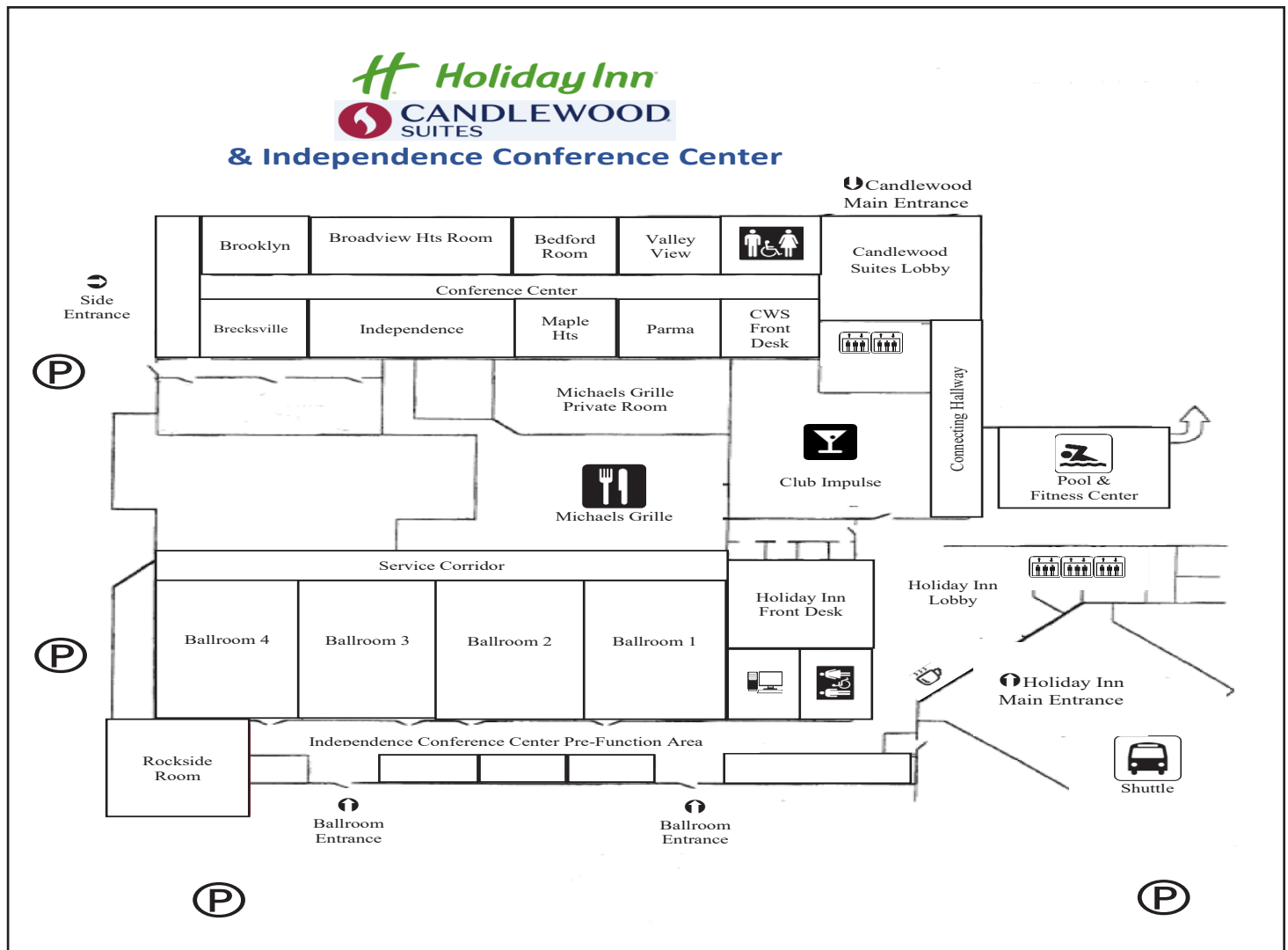
As a member of Council for the City of Springdale two of the committees I was most proud of were the Springdale Veteran's Memorial and the City Finance Committee (11 yrs). Chairman, Church Finance Committee (5 yrs)



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| 10:00 am–2:00 pm | <b>Arrow Tour</b><br>(Will pick up & drop off from Hotel)              |
| 12:00 pm–6:00 pm | <b>Membership Table</b><br>Outside Janus Room                          |
| 3:00 pm–5:00 pm  | <b>DEC Meeting</b><br>Independence Room                                |
| 6:30 pm–7:15 pm  | <b>DEC Banquet Happy Hour (By Invitation Only)</b><br>Ballroom 1 and 2 |
| 7:30 pm–10:00 pm | <b>DEC Banquet (By Invitation Only)</b><br>Ballroom 1 and 2            |





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY • JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> 2021 • HOLIDAY INN

8:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Headquarters Office</b> Room 141 & 143	12:00 pm–2:00 pm <b>MEETINGS</b> ( <i>cont.</i> )	<b>Rules &amp; Order of Business</b> Independence Room
9:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Emblem Sales</b> Hotel Store		<b>VA&amp;R</b> Broadview Heights Room
9:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction Items</b> Hotel Store		<b>National Security</b> Room 141 or 143
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Registration</b> Outside Ballroom 1 & 2	2:00 pm	<b>Sgt-At-Arms/ Special Sgt-At-Arms Mtg.</b> ??
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Membership Table</b> Ballroom Hallway (next to registration tables)	6:00 pm–9:00 pm	<b>Credentials</b> Maple Heights Room
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Vendors</b> Ballroom 1	6:00 pm–end of session	<b>Opening Session</b> Ballroom 2, 3 & 4
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>DSO Table</b> Outside Ballroom	8:00 pm–12:00 am	<b>Candidate Hospitality</b> Parma Room Bedford Room Valley View Room Brooklyn Room Brecksville Room
12:00 pm–2:00 pm <b>MEETINGS</b>	<b>Americanism</b> Brooklyn Room  <b>Children &amp; Youth</b> Brecksville Room  <b>Constitution and By-Law Amendments</b> Bedford Room  <b>Legislative</b> Valley View Room  <b>Permanent Organization</b> Maple Heights Room  <b>Resolutions</b> Parma Room		

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## DISTRICT CAUCUS INFORMATION

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**1st District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Brooklyn Room

**2nd District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Brooklyn Room

**3rd District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Broadview Heights Room

**4th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Broadview Heights Room

**5th District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Bedford Room

**6th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Bedford Room

**7th District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Valley View Room

**8th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Valley View Room

**9th District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Parma Room

**10th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Parma Room

**11th District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Maple Heights Room

**12th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Maple Heights Room

**13th District Caucus**

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
Brecksville Room

**14th District Caucus**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Brecksville Room



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8:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Headquarters Office</b> Room 141 & 143	1:00 pm–4:00 pm	<b>General Session</b> Ballroom 2, 3 & 4
9:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Buckeye American Legion College</b> Independence Room	4:30 pm–5:30 pm	<b>National Appointees Meeting</b> Independence Room
9:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Buckeye American Legion College - Alumni</b> Maple Heights Room	4:30 pm–7:30 pm	<b>Credentials</b> Maple Heights Room
9:00 am–5:00 pm	<b>Emblem Sales</b> Hotel Store	6:10 pm–end of game	<b>Cleveland Indians Game</b> (See HQ Office for Tickets)
9:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Silent Auction Items</b> Hotel Store	8:00 pm–12:00 am	<b>Candidate Hospitality</b> Parma Room Bedford Room Valley View Room Brooklyn Room Brecksville Room
10:00 am–30 min. prior to close of session	<b>Registration</b> Outside Ballroom 1 & 2		
10:00 am–12:00 pm	<b>Charities Gaming Training</b> Broadview Heights		
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Membership Table</b> Ballroom Hallway (next to registration tables)		
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>Vendors</b> Ballroom 1		
10:00 am–6:00 pm	<b>DSO Table</b> Registration Hallway		

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8:00 am–8:30 am	<b>Catholic Service</b> Brecksville Room
8:00 am–8:30 am	<b>Protestant Service</b> Brooklyn Room
8:30 am–1:00 pm	<b>Vendors</b> Ballroom 1
8:30 am–1:00 pm	<b>Emblem Sales</b> Hotel Store
9:00 am–1:00 pm	<b>General Session</b> Grand Ballroom
2:00 pm–3:00 pm	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> Independence Room



The Cleveland Rowing Foundation supports, facilitates and promotes the sport of rowing and other recreational activities at Rivergate Park by partnering with member organizations and the community.

The CRF hosts over 1,500 high school, collegiate and adult athletes on the banks of the Cuyahoga River in downtown Cleveland! We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that promotes and shares the athletic, health, educational and social benefits of rowing throughout Greater Cleveland. The CRF works in concert with community partners to enhance the recreational quality of the Cuyahoga River.



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## 6:00 PM – Session Opening

- ◇ Posting of National Flag - Honor Guard of Post 572 (Parma)
- ◇ National Anthem - Michele Wisniewski (Navy Veteran)
- ◇ Invocation - Chaplain Melissa Fowle
- ◇ POW/MIA Empty Chair Recognition – Department Sgt. At Arms, Roy Terry
- ◇ Pledge of Allegiance – Jean Wilson, First Vice Commander
- ◇ Preamble – Bradley A. Teis, Second Vice Commander
- ◇ Convention Call – Suzette M. Heller, Department Adjutant
- ◇ Opening Remarks - Department Commander Roger Friend

## 6:35 PM – American Legion Family Greetings

- ◇ Auxiliary President – Kristen McClaughlin & Officers
- ◇ Sons of American Legion Detachment Commander – Doug Hancock & Officers
- ◇ 13th District Commander – Joseph Ruland w/ Guest
  - ~ Ride with Valor – Scott Rhoda

## 7:00 PM – Distinguished Guest Greetings & Keynote Speaker

- ◇ Past National Commander (2017-2018) – Denise Rohan
- ◇ The American Legion National Headquarters HR Director – Rodney Rolland
- ◇ National Executive Committeeman – Robert Klostermeier
- ◇ Alternate National Executive Committeeman – Steven Masowick
- ◇ Vice Mayor of Independence & Presentation of Proclamation – David Grendel
- ◇ United States Congressman & Keynote Speaker – House Representative, Anthony Gonzales
  - ~ Presentation for Department Legislator of the Year for 2020

## 7:45 PM – Introduction of Candidates

- ◇ Department Commander – Jean Wilson
- ◇ Department 1st Vice Commander – Bradley A. Teis
- ◇ Department Treasurer - Robert Wilson
- ◇ Candidates for Department 2nd Vice Commander:
  - ~ Richard LaValley
  - ~ Charles Stennis
  - ~ David Cobb

## 8:15 PM – Closing Comments

- ◇ Announcements – Adjutant Suzette Heller
- ◇ Convention Sponsor Recognition and Vendors – Commander Friend
- ◇ Prayer – Mary Austin, Assistant Chaplain
- ◇ Bell & Gavel – RECESS



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## 1:00 PM – Session Continued

- ◇ Salute the Colors - Roger Friend, Department Commander
- ◇ Prayer – Melissa Fowle, Department Chaplain
- ◇ Remarks – Roger Friend, Department Commander
- ◇ Credentials Report – Mel Baher, Credentials Chairman

## 1:15 PM – Distinguished Guest Greetings & Keynote Speaker

- ◇ Greetings from the 2021 Buckeye Boys State Governor – Cael Saxton, Post 12, Elyria
- ◇ Greetings from the 2021 Buckeye Boys State Lt. Governor – Benjamin Lerner, Squadron 725, Bowling Green
- ◇ Greetings from the 2021 Department Oratorical Winner – Liberty Menke, Post 444, New Knoxville
- ◇ Operation Comfort Warrior Presentation to Cleveland Rowing Association – Roger Friend, Dept. Commander
- ◇ Student Veterans of America (SVA) presentation by BGSU Student Veterans – Jason Graven & SVA Team
- ◇ The American Legion National Headquarters, Rodney Rolland, Director of Human Resources
- ◇ Lt. Col. Barnard Kemter, USA (Ret.) – **Keynote Speaker**

## 2:00 PM – Department Awards

- ◇ **Membership Awards** – Jean Wilson, Department 1st Vice
  - ~ Department Adjutant Award – Fourth District
  - ~ Department Commander Award – Post 199, Harrison
  - ~ Department 1st Vice Commander Award – Post 669, West Unity
  - ~ Grand Award - Post 199, Harrison
  - ~ Eli A. Jensen Award - Fourth District
  - ~ Big One Pin
    - » Small Category – District 8, Commander Richard Donovan
    - » Medium Category – District 4, Commander Steve Foster
    - » Large Category – District 5, Commander Ken Estep
  - ~ Anytime Post Awards
    - » Post 210 - \$100
    - » Post 134 - \$100
    - » Post 450 - \$300
  - ~ Gold Brigade Award – Jerry Wilson, PDC, Harrison Post 199
  - ~ Recruiter of the Year – Jerry Wilson, PDC Harrison Post 199
  - ~ National Achievement Award – Steve Foster
    - » Race To The Top Category V – 1st Place Winner – Steve Foster
  - ~ District Commander Quota Award – Steve Foster



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- ◇ **Gifts For Yanks Awards** – Darell Bishop, PDC
  - ~ Largest Contribution by Post – Post 181, Bucyrus
  - ~ Largest Contribution District – 5th District
  - ~ Largest % of goal Post – Post 236, Newton Falls
  - ~ Largest % of goal District – 7th District
  - ~ Honorable Mention of Posts that Donated \$5,000 or more
    - » Post 181, Bucyrus - \$10,000.00
    - » Post 236, Newton Falls - \$6,500
    - » Post 217, Sidney - \$5,200
- ◇ **Post Convention Awards** – Bradley A. Teis, Department 2nd Vice Commander
  - ~ Mickeal J. Golato – Post 485, Cleves
  - ~ Edward McBane – Post 444, New Knoxville
  - ~ Alice Friedman – Post 52, Bellaire
  - ~ Alice Friedman Community Service – Post 535, Belleville
  - ~ Chaplain of the Year – Mary Austin
  - ~ Reverend Father John E. Duffy – Post 8, Wellington
  - ~ James Cunningham – Post 1, Franklin
  - ~ Law and Order – Post 173, Bellefontaine
  - ~ Ralph Doll – Post 71, Roseville

## 2:45 PM – Convention Committee Reports & Resolutions

- ◇ Permanent Organization – James Morris, PNVC/PDC, Chairman
- ◇ Rules & Order of Business – Gary Minadeo, Chairman
- ◇ Children & Youth – Andy Atkins, Chairman
  - ~ Awards for Donations to the Department Children & Youth Programs by Category
    - » Category I – Post 12, Elyria - \$5,500
    - » Category II – Post 417, Mount Sterling - \$600
    - » Category III – Post 62, Chillicothe - \$500
    - » Category IV – Post 336, Painesville - \$125
    - » Category V – Post 297, Payne - \$50
- ◇ National Security – Al Buxton, Chairman
- ◇ Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Dave Cook, Chairman
- ◇ Constitutional Amendments – Joe Ruland, Chairman
- ◇ Legislative – Ken J. LaVoy, Chairman
- ◇ Americanism – Tom Rowe, Chairman
- ◇ Resolutions – Scott Horsington, Chairman



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### 3:45 PM – Department Officers & National Executive Committeeman Reports

- ◇ Department Commander – Roger Friend
- ◇ Department First Vice Commander – Jean Wilson
- ◇ Department Second Vice Commander – Brad Teis
- ◇ Department Treasurer – Charles Stennis
- ◇ Department Judge Advocate – Doug Whitney
- ◇ Department Chaplain – Melissa Fowle
- ◇ Department Historian – Al Beyer
- ◇ Department Adjutant – Suzette Heller
- ◇ NECMAN – Robert Klostermeier
- ◇ Alternate NECMAN – Steve Masowick

4:15 PM – Ratification of District Officers – Roger Friend, Department Commander

4:35 PM - Buckeye American Legion College Graduates – Holly Lewis, Dean of Buckeye American Legion College

4:50 PM – Announcements – Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant

4:55 PM – Benediction – Mary Austin, Department Assistant Chaplain

5:00 PM - Recess – Roger Friend, Department Commander

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### 9:00 AM – Session Continued

- ◇ Salute the Colors - Roger Friend, Department Commander
- ◇ Prayer – Melissa Fowle, Department Chaplain
- ◇ Final Remarks – Roger Friend, Department Commander

### 9:30 AM – Introduction of Guests & Keynote Speaker

- ◇ Special Introduction of Washington DC Post
- ◇ 2017-2018 Past National Commander – Denise H. Rohan, **Keynote Speaker**

### 10:00 AM – Elections

- ◇ Final Credentials Report – Mel Baher, Credentials Chairman
- ◇ Nominations and Elections Rules – Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant
- ◇ Reporting of Tellers, Tabulators, Chief Judge – Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant
- ◇ Demonstrations & Election
  - ~ Department Commander
  - ~ Department 1st Vice Commander
  - ~ Department 2nd Vice Commander
  - ~ Department Treasurer
- ◇ Installation of Department Officers – Denise Rohan, Past National Commander



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## 11:30 AM – Final Drawings & Closing of Convention

- ◇ Recruiter Card Drawing – Roger Friend, Jean Wilson, and Brad Teis
- ◇ Raffle Drawing/Silent Auction - Roger Friend, Jean Wilson, and Brad Teis
- ◇ Charities Sweepstakes Drawing – Charities Board Members
- ◇ Announcements – Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant
- ◇ Benediction – Mary Austin, Department Assistant Chaplain
- ◇ Retirement of Colors – TBD
- ◇ Closing – Final Rap of Gavel – Roger Friend, Department Commander

***\*2021-2022 Department Executive Committee Meeting Immediately Following in the Independence Room. Please make sure you pick up caps, ties, and badges in advance.***

## *Michael's Grille*

### **Breakfast Buffet**

**7:00am-10:00am**

*Breakfast Buffet Includes Coffee, Assorted Juices, Milk*

### **Buffet Menu**

Oatmeal with Assorted Toppings

Variety of Cereals

Fresh Fruit

Assorted Yogurts

Scrambled Eggs

Breakfast Potatoes

Bacon & Sausage

French Toast

Variety of Muffins, Pastries, Bagels

**\$9.95 per person**

## *Michael's Grille*

### **Lunch Buffet**

**11:00am-2:00pm**

*Lunch Buffet Includes Soup and Salad Bar with Cookies & Brownies for Dessert*

### **Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Fried Chicken*

*Homestyle Meatloaf*

*Mashed Potato*

*Seasonal Vegetable*

### **Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Chicken Paprikash with Spaetzles*

*Polish Kielbasa*

*Potato and Cheese Pierogis*

*Seasonal Vegetable*

### **Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Lemon Baked Cod*

*Chicken Bruschetta*

*French Onion Rice*

*Seasonal Vegetable*

**\$10.95 per person**

*\*Menus subject to change*



# *Michael's Grille*

## *Dinner Buffet*

*5:00pm-9:00pm*

*Dinner Buffet Includes Soup and Salad Bar with Assorted Desserts*

### **Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup>**

Texas style Beef Brisket

Pulled Pork

Baked Beans

Sweet Potato Mashed

### **Friday July 9<sup>th</sup>**

Chicken Cacciatore

Lasagna

Mushroom Risotto

Seasonal Vegetable

### **Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

Parmesan Topped Orange Roughy

Chicken Marsala

Roasted Potato

Seasonal Vegetable

***\$15.95 per person***

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THE AMERICAN LEGION | DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

# Canton Post 44 and The Great Tenth District

**PROUDLY PRESENTS**

## BRADLEY A. TEIS

★ **Candidate for Department 1st Vice Commander 2021-2022** ★



Brad believes that We Can Grow OH-IO and get back to a position of strength. His can-do attitude, knowledge of the American Legion, and his business acumen has been a tremendous asset to the Department of Ohio American Legion. Brad has devoted himself to helping all Veterans.

Brad is also endorsed and sponsored by Past Department Commanders:

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| ★ David Hilliard | ★ Lou Dimmerman       |
| ★ Jim Morris     | ★ Robert Klostermeier |
| ★ Jerry Wilson   | ★ Ron Chapman         |
| ★ Ron Hartman    | ★ Richard Zulch       |
| ★ Darell Bishop  | ★ Steve Masowick      |
| ★ Robert Ray     | ★ Jim Campbell        |

### PAST & CURRENT OFFICES HELD

*2019-2020 Department 2nd Vice Commander  
Served in the U.S. Navy, Army & The Army National Guard*

#### Post Positions / Accomplishments

- ★ Commander Canton Post 44 2015 - 2019
- ★ Post Awarded PUFL Membership
- ★ Served as Post 2nd Vice, 1st Vice, Interim Finance Officer, Interim Adjutant and Membership Chairman
- ★ 100% Post Commander 2017, 2018 & 2019
- ★ 2018 Department Commander's Award Winner
- ★ SAL Squadron 44 Member
- ★ Serves on Post 44 Honor Guard

#### District Positions/Accomplishments

- ★ 10th District Commander 2018-2019
- ★ 100% Quota as District 2nd Vice, 1st Vice & Commander 2017, 2018 & 2019
- ★ 2018 Department Adjutant's Award Winner & Big "1" Pin Winner
- ★ 2017 & 2018 National Race to the Top District Officer
- ★ 2019 National Race to the Top Runner-Up as District Commander
- ★ Vice President Past District 10 Commanders Association
- ★ Serves on the 10th District Task Force & Advisory Committee
- ★ District Special Olympics Chair
- ★ District DMS / 888 Chair

#### Community Positions/Accomplishments

- ★ Member Greater Canton Veterans Council
- ★ Served on the Board for Homes For Heroes
- ★ VA Volunteer
- ★ Co-Founder Aultman Woodlawn Compassionate Care Honor Team

#### Other Veteran Groups

- ★ Commissioner to Ohio Buckeye Boys State
- ★ National Appointee to the Americanism Council
- ★ Member VFW & Amvets

# We Can Grow OH-IO

**"1" VETERAN AT A TIME**





GLENN HICKMAN, PRESIDENT

ART LUSTIG, SECRETARY

JIM MORRIS, TREASURER

BOB SCHMITT, TRUSTEE

JERRY WILSON, TRUSTEE



# *RICHARD J. La VALLEY JR.*

## *Candidate for Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander 2021-2022*

Department of Ohio District 7  
And Portsmouth post 471, proudly  
present Richard J. La Valley Jr  
as a candidate for Department of  
Ohio 2nd Vice Commander.

Rick earned his eligibility for the  
American Legion by serving in the  
United States army for 30 plus  
years, serving in Desert Storm,  
Afghanistan and Iraq.

Rick believes that changes are  
needed to get this organization back  
in the right direction with  
membership, as growth is our most  
important asset for the  
Department of Ohio American  
Legion.

Rick is also endorsed and sponsored  
by Past Department Commanders  
David Hilliard, Jim Morris, Jerry  
Wilson,  
Robert Ray, Ron Chapman and  
Stanley Pleasant.



### Accomplishments

- . Married 30 years
- . Three awesome children
- . Past 7th District  
Commander
- . 1st place small district winner
- . Past Chef des Gare
- . Voyageur locale 443
- . PUFL Membership

### Current Positions

- . National Security Committee.
- . Law and Order Committee
- . Post 471 Board of Trustees
- . Member Squadron 471 SAL
- . Member ALR post 471

### Other Organizations.

- . PUFL Special Forces Assoc.
- . Chapter 45 Columbus Ohio
- . Proud member of the NRA

**"Proven Leadership"**

**"NO" is not an option**



# **Welcome To Independence, your 2021 Department Convention and the Tenacious 13th District**

**On behalf of the entire Legion Family of The Thirteenth District we welcome you to the Department of Ohio Convention We hope you have a Successful and Productive experience. Our local Posts welcome you and several have special food events planned. Cleveland has many activities close to the hotel for your entertainment, we hope you can take advantage of all CLE has to offer. Thank you for attending and have a safe trip home.**

**Home District of Ohio's  
National Commander Roger A. Munson  
8-27-1992**

**JOSEPH A. RULAND  
13th District Commander**

**TIMOTHY LEAHY  
13th District Adjutant**

**“Veterans Strengthening America”**

YEAGER-BENSON MEMORIAL  
POST 199,  
HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL,  
AND THE  
FABULOUS FOURTH DISTRICT

PROUDLY PRESENTS

• JEAN L. WILSON •  
  
FOR  
DEPARTMENT  
COMMANDER  
  
• 2021-2022 •

“NO VETERAN LEFT  
BEHIND”

“TOGETHER WE ARE  
BETTER”

