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Commander's Report



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Greetings fellow Legionnaire Gentlemen and Ladies,

A final membership report was put out today, 3/31/2023 for the Race To The TOP award. District 9 is currently the only District at quota for the State. My goal, and I hope yours too is to be a quota, aka RETENTION+1 District in 2024!

We still have much work to do for 2023. We have 3 months to climb as high as possible to make a respectable finish this membership year... We are about .35 behind D2. LETS FINISH STRONG!!!

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Department Executive Committee will have met on 4/1/23.

On 3/31/2023, I spent the entire day with the National Vice Commander of the Central Region, Ken Hylton had breakfast at Post 144, visited Post 164, lunch at 532 and wrapped up at Post 1 (276). He also went to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. It was a great day. Thanks to all Department, District and Post members involved in this event.

Spring has indeed sprung. I have already cut my grass twice! Be careful getting out there. Stretch often...

Much work to do fulfilling the work of the four pillars: VA&R, National Security, Americanism and Children & Youth. What are you doing at your post to fulfill this work... it is only because of this work that we have existed for over 100 years. Be a part of the next 100 years and keep the Legion going.

Easter (Passover) coming up, part of that for God and Country stuff we do ... I know the District and Post 171 as an event for that. It is showcased in this newsletter.

Stay safe, but get out and move!, Breathe! enjoy the coming sunlight and warmer temps.

Help a VETERAN this month!

Enjoy your family and close friends.

For God, Country, and Family,

[Brad Beatty](#)

Commander

American Legion Department of Ohio

12th "Capitol" District

Chaplain's Corner



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Our preamble states in the first line” FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...” This was and is the foundation of The American Legion. Keep GOD in the forefront of your life. Be thankful for His blessings.

Easter is a season of joy and hope, but it is also a reminder of God's love. Spend time reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made for us this Easter.

The birth and death of Jesus were predetermined and are miracles given us by God. You can read all about them in the Bible (Matthew, Luke, John, Romans). They all have alot to say about Easter as they provide us the word of God.

Here are a few verses: Luke 24:6-7: "Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Think of how you might react if you were told this. And what the two Marys felt when they found the empty tomb and when the angle said “He is not here...”

[Matthew 28:1-20](#) ESV

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ...

[Luke 24:1-12](#) **ESV**“Why do you seek the living among the dead?

Matthew and Luke in their verses, and both end them just a little differently.

But the result is the same. Jesus Has risen according to the scriptures.

Because he died to cleanse us of our sins.

[John 11:25-26](#) **ESV** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

God Bless You and Your Family and please pray for our the tornado victums.P. S. Try not to eat too much candy. Ya right!!!!!!!!!!!! HAPPY EASTER

[Carl Bradley](#)

12th District Chaplain

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Post Everlasting

Roosevelt Suggs passed away June of this past year. He was Commander of the 12th District Council from 1996-1997. Roosevelt served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1979. He was a member of and held many offices in what was then AL Brooks Post 157 and is now Brooks Mason Post 157. Rosey will be missed.

Americanism



Hello Legionnaires,

Every year The American Legion National Commander gives a mandatory address to the Congress of the United States. The address that is given is the compilation of information pulled from all the American Legion Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs). The CPR is a snapshot on how the post interacts with their local community. And that community interaction is what Americanism is all about. Programs like the Buckeye Boys State and scouting programs are examples of what is on the report. Other programs like:

- The oratory contest
- American Legion Baseball
- Gifts for Yanks
- School awards and scholarships,
- and donations

to name a few. Also included are holiday activities like:

- Flag Day
- Memorial Day
- Get out the vote
- The Four Chaplains Sunday program,

and then there is:

- Junior shooting sports
- youth Cadet law enforcement
- The Legion Riders Legacy run

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- Be The One
- Buddy Checks

And other activities like Post events that include the community, Career Day activities. Other things that need to be reported are parties, dinners, prizes and gifts.

Every year many of these things go unreported. It not too soon to make a list of aoo of the things that the post is involved in. It is important to have this information ready to include on the CPRs at least 2 weeks before the due date.

“For God and Country”

[William Lindsay](#)

Asst. Americanism Chair.

Adjutant's Scuttlebutt



Buddy Checks are important. I was recently asked to put together a list of living Past District Commanders. After checking my own list and the National database I created a list of 16. I found one more that was still listed as alive in the National database. I discovered that he was a Department Life Member, a membership type that was done away with years ago. His membership was paid through 2023. I found an obituary indicating that he passed away in 2021. No one ever marked him deceased. In my own post we had a long time member who we knew had bad health and who was not capable of paying his dues. The post was picking up his dues and they were paid 2023. Again we found out he passed away in 2021. Family members don't report these events to us often and sometimes we are their only family. Buddy checks are important.

The District is in 12th Place in the Department in membership. Congratulations to Posts 98, 276, 532, & 800 for making 100% of quota or more. Post 239 is at %93.08 and the rest of the posts are below 90%. We still have work to do.

One thing we know for sure is that spring is coming and with it the Easter Season.

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Renew Recruit

[Steve Ebersole](#)

12th District, Adjutant

Post News



Franklin-Jeffrey Post 1

(1441 N. Grant Ave. Previously Malcolm Jeffrey Post 465)

The new Franklin-Jeffrey Post 1 is being renovated. Steve Ebersole and other members of SAL Squadron 1 have been opening the canteen with limited hours. Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 to 8:00 PM or later

We will often have a guest bartender, Cynthia Schmitt of the CSW Farm Foundation, an incorporated charity. Stop in and ask her about this project that helps to save Veterans lives. She is supporting the National Commanders motto of **BE THE ONE**. She will be asking for you to join her to **BE THE ONE**.

Young Budd Post 171

Post 171 will be hosting a **Golf Outing** on June 5 at Table Rock Golf Club, 3005 Wilson Rd., Centerburg, OH 43011. [See flyer for more information and to register.](#)

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BE **THE** ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

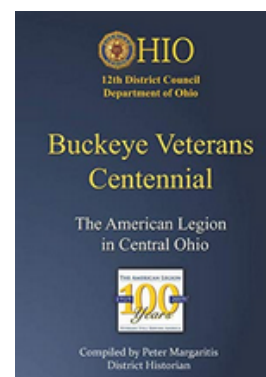


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Have You Made Your Buddy Checks This Month?

Book Sale - Buckeye Veterans Centennial

District Historian, Pete Margaritis is offering, for sale, his newly released history of the district and the posts of Central Ohio. For information on how to obtain this dynamic documentation on the Capital 12th District contact the district office at (614)224-2900 or via email at secretary@alohio12.org. The district thanks Pete for all of his hard work on this book.



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The American Legion 12th District has 3 cemetery plots for sale at [Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens](#). For more information contact the 12th District Adjutant through [email](#) or at (614)783-6862

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News Deadline

Next eNewsletter will be sent out the first week in May 2023 with the content due into the editor by Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Does your post have any upcoming events or past events of interest to Central Ohio? Editorials are always welcomed. All events and editorials should be sent to the Editor below prior to the last week of each month. Editorials should be on a subject of interest involving military, veterans, their families, and supporters of veterans and active military.

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