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## AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On 30 September 2017, fellow Legionnaires gathered to celebrate the dedication of The American Legion Department of Ohio Veterans Memorial, generously donated by the fundraising of Past Department Commander James Campbell. James Campbell was elected Commander of The American Legion Department of Ohio at the 97th Annual Department Convention in June of 2015. He

has earned his eligibility by serving over 33 years in the United States Air Force.

As Commander, he oversaw the reconstruction of the Department Headquarters, and the screening and selection of the Departments Sixth Adjutant. James continues to serve as Post Commander of Howland Post 700 and is an active representative on the National Americanism Council.



Past Department Commander James Campbell and Current Department Commander Stanley Pleasant celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Veterans Memorial.



*"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause."*

— Ronald Reagan



Before



After



Past Department Commander Robert Klostermeier, Commander Stanley Pleasant, Past Department Commanders James Campbell and Dennis Clausing.

## The Power of Membership

By Stanley A. Pleasant  
Department Commander

The American Legion is the largest veteran's service organization in the world. The American Legion has been responsible for, or been involved with a multitude of actions that have improved the lives of veterans, their families, children, and communities.

The American Legion exists through membership. Membership brings with it responsibilities. There is the responsibility to support the organization's beliefs. There is a responsibility to learn about the history of the organization. There is a respon-

sibility to promote the organization.

Membership gives each of us a voice. We have the right to speak in meetings. We have the right to select our officers. We also have the right to hold positions in our posts.

In many posts however, members don't want to accept positions of leadership. Organizations cannot exist without leadership. In many cases, we have the same members holding office over and over again. We need members to accept the responsibilities of leadership. Without new leaders, the organization becomes stagnant. In many cases,

leaders start to take ownership, and lose objectivity.

I have seen many cases where members don't use the power of membership to ban together to make changes in their posts. They try to attack the problem individually. They are ineffective and get frustrated. Their frustration leads to lack of, or no, participation in post activities. This should not be happening. No member should allow anyone to keep them from being an active member in their post.

I have come to realize that many members do not understand, or utilize their power, and

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# 2018 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend the  
2018 Mid-Winter Conference



The 2018 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, on the weekend of January 19th-21st. The Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary are all housed and have meetings in the same hotel.

The conference is focused on training and education of The American Legion and its programs. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference or any of the meetings and classes offered. Attached is the tentative schedule of classes and meetings.

For hotel reservations call (614) 885-1885 and select option #2. Please reference the three letter code AML when making your reservations.

For more information on the event contact: legion@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

**See You There!**

## 2018 Mid-Winter Schedule

### 19 JANUARY 2018

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC
1400 - 1800	Registration
1600 - 1800	Americanism and Government Test Judging (**Invitation Only**)
1800 - 2000	Commander's Reception
2000 - 2400	Candidate's Hospitality Suite

### 20 JANUARY 2018 (AM SCHEDULE)

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC
0800 - 1200	Registration
0800 - 1100	Membership Classes
0800 - 0900	www.MyLegion.org Training
0900 - 1000	Recruiting/Retention
1000 - 1100	Revitalization Training
0800 - 1100	Post Operations Training
0800 - 0830	How to Run a Meeting
0830 - 0900	How to Write a Resolution
0900 - 1000	Parliamentary Procedure
1000 - 1100	Trials
0800 - 1100	Programs Training
0800 - 0930	Americanism/Children and Youth Programs
0930 - 1100	VA&R and National Security Programs
0800 - 1100	The American Legion Basic Training
1100 - 1300	Lunch

### 20 JANUARY 2018 (PM SCHEDULE)

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC
1300 - 1600	Membership Training
1300 - 1400	www.MyLegion.org Training
1400 - 1500	Recruiting/Retention
1500 - 1600	Revitalization Training
1300 - 1600	Post Operations Training
1300 - 1330	How to Run a Meeting
1330 - 1400	How to Write a Resolution
1400 - 1500	Parliamentary Procedure
1500 - 1600	Trials
1300 - 1600	Programs Training
1300 - 1430	Americanism/Children and Youth Programs
1430 - 1600	VA&R and National Security Programs
1300 - 1600	The American Legion Basic Training
1300 - 1600	Legion Riders
1700 - 1800	Social Hour
1800 - 2000	National Commander's Membership Banquet (Ticket Required)
2000 - 2400	Candidate's Hospitality Suite

### 21 JANUARY 2018

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC
0730 - 0830	Leadership Breakfast (**Invitation Only**)
0800 - 0900	Religious Services
0900 - 1200	Department Executive Committee Meeting / Conference General Session (See Agenda for Details)

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Due to Department Headquarters: April 23  
Press Date: May 21st • Mail Date: Last Week in May

## NEW DEPARTMENT OF OHIO STAFF

— Meet Our Team —



Front Row: Christie White- Programs Manager, Tara Henderson- Finance Officer, Parris Hopson- Program Administrator, Suzette Price-VA&R Director, Rebecca Corbin-Executive Secretary

Back Row: Troy Velie-IT Specialist, Preston Keith-Director of Programs and Americanism, Tom Simons- Adjutant, Rob Hall- Membership Manager, Ira Cross- Program Administrator





## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant  
Dept. Commander

The Department of Ohio is going through uncharted waters. We have a group of new young people working at the headquarters. This has probably not happened for several years. Change is a wonderful thing. The Department of Ohio is in a good place. We have a group of young people working in the headquarters that are energetic, enthusiastic, and cre-

ative. They come to work every day wanting to do the work of the American Legion. I am truly happy to be a part of their team. We are asking them to learn their jobs, do their jobs, and document their jobs all at the same time. Please, please, please be patient. They are working hard to keep the department moving forward.

The only thing that seems to get them down is the unpleasant telephone calls that they get from legionnaires that are complaining about issues that should be taken to their Post Commanders and/or their County/

District Commanders. There is no reason that any legionnaire should be calling the Department of Ohio using profanity or other un-pleasantries to get their problems solved. The staff is not here to solve post issues, or personality clashes.

If a legionnaire is having a problem in their post, they should speak with their Post Commander. If he/she cannot get satisfaction at that level, proceed to the next level (County, District). Do not call up to the Department to try and get the staff to solve your problems. We

are not training them for those situations. Feel free to talk to myself (740) 602-6559, 1st Vice Bob Schmitt, or 2nd Vice Roger Friend. You may also contact Adjutant Simons. There are also Past Department Commanders that are available to consult.

If you have a membership problem, you should first see the membership chairman at your post. If you feel that you must call the Department of Ohio, please, please, please be courteous. The staff has done nothing to deserve being disrespected.

I hope by now many of the

Posts have started utilizing the new electronic membership system. It will truly get your membership processed faster. This is a wonderful thing. We hope that the Department will be getting it soon. We keep asking National, but have not gotten a definitive answer.

I think you are all fantastic people. Please continue to work for the good of the American Legion and the American Legion Department of Ohio.

— For God and Country



## 1st VICE COMMANDER



Robert Schmitt  
1st Vice Commander

Greetings to all of you Legionnaires! My hope is that this Article finds all of you in good health and if not, we wish you a speedy recovery and / or better health.

Congratulations to the following Posts that made Quota and All-Time-High by September 6, 2017 for the 2018 Membership Year. They Are;

### ALL-TIME-HIGH

- District 1, Post 536 Harter-Williams
- District 3, Post 353 Eck Ary-Douglas Dickey

### QUOTA

- District 1, Post 18 Tony Wroblewski
- District 5, Post 102 Karl Wilson Locke
- District 9, Post 352 Mentor
- District 10, Post 466 West Lafayette
- District 10, Post 634 Walhonding Valley
- District 13, Post 002 Cleveland

We want to thank all of you who have paid their dues for the 2018 Membership Year. The Department of Ohio has met Nationals suggested Membership Turn-in Target percentages and on track to meet the third, Thanks to all of you who have paid your dues.

I ask that all of you who have not done so to please pay your dues by Veterans Day November 11, 2017. As a member you have two options to pay your dues; 1) send your dues check and renewal card to your Post or 2) go to legion.org and click on the Renewal button and follow the prompts and you can use your credit card. You also can set it up to automatically renew your dues every year if it would be more convenient for you. Please look at your membership dues like a magazine subscription, when you buy a magazine subscription you pay up front, well the same is true with your dues in The American Legion they are due up front the same as a magazine subscription and any other organization.

Some of you have not paid your 2017 membership dues, we want you to know that we appreciate every member that we have and want to keep you in our ranks. Each of you served our Country when called upon and earned your right to be a member of the largest War Time Veterans Organization. The American Legion is responsible for forming the Veterans Administration, The American Legion fought for the VA to have a seat on the President's Cabinet, The American Legion wrote the U.S. Flag Code, The American Legion

wrote the first G.I. Bill of Writes' and played a very major role in the New Forever G.I. Bill of Writes'. I could go on and on with many other accomplishments that we citizens and veterans enjoy because of The American Legion. So, the \$30, \$35 or whatever amount of dues that you pay to be a member of The Largest War-Time Veterans organization, do so with PRIDE and continue to be a PROUD member of The American Legion. Keep your continuous years going and pay your 2017 dues and 2018 at the same time. We need ALL of you when we deal with our elected officials at all levels of government.

Post Officers: In my Article in the last issue I asked that you continue working on the 2016 members who had not paid their 2017 dues, first I want to say, "THANK YOU" because you have been doing that and the Department is less than 1000 members away of being Quota for the 2017 Membership Year. Please continue to work on this I know that we can get the job done. It is a milestone that we desperately need to accomplish. Many of you have not gone to MyLegion.org to register and pay your paid members directly with National. Some of you say that you don't have a computer, do

not know how to use a computer, don't trust National or the internet, we have heard all your comments. But, many of you have children and grandchildren that would help you if you ask. There are other Posts that are using MyLegion.org that are willing to help you, once you see how simple it is and safe you will understand. It saves time, NO checks to write, NO postage. National sends a receipt for the transaction with a Transmittal Number to track your transactions. It is against the law for National to withdraw more monies than allowed for the transaction. Your members should be receiving their second Dues Notice in the mail now. If they paid their dues and they still get another notice, it will be due to the card making National's cutoff date for whatever reason. This is another reason to take care of your Post membership directly with National on My Legion.org.

Part of our membership benefits is the various Discounts that we get at various places for various necessities. There is one benefit that goes with our membership that can be very beneficial to all of us or I should say to our beneficiaries and that is the Legionnaires Insurance Trust Legion Care insurance. Each of us are entitled to it through our membership and

it costs us nothing, that means FREE. However, we must sign up for it to have it if needed. The benefit is \$1000.00 for non-Legion business accidents resulting in death or \$5000.00 when traveling to and from Legion meetings or activities. We have some of the Insurance brochures with applications in the Department Supply Room or you can sign up online at <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>. LIT or Legionnaire Insurance Trust has other insurance products that are available at a cost such as Cancer Insurance, Long Term Care insurance, Emergency Assistance Insurance if needed. I am not suggesting that anyone purchase any additional products but you our membership needs to know what is available. Purchasing additional products from LIT is beneficial to the Department of Ohio, so that you should know that if you purchase additional products you are helping the Department of Ohio financially.

So, for now Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We wish you all well and safe travels.

Please Pay your dues if you have not done so and sign up for your free insurance.

— For God and Country



## 2nd VICE COMMANDER



Roger Friend  
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires from your 2nd Vice Commander. On August 12th, I spent the first day of the State Golf Tournament Hosted by Kettering post 598 at the Hills & Dales courses Dayton Ohio. Kudos to Kettering Post 598 for an outstanding job and course selection. On Sept 4th, the wife and I attend the Cleveland Air Show at the Department booth with 1st Vice Bob Schmitt and Membership Manager Rob Hail. I met a lot of interesting individuals. From the responses, the Department was well received.

Attached is a picture of a F16 almost suspended as it crossed in front of us. Next, I attended the State Trap Shoot at Centerburg Post #460 Centerburg Ohio on the tenth of September. Pictured are the top 2 five men along with the son of the name sake Dale Beam Sr. I recently attended the fall meetings at National Headquarters, I was fortunate to accompany the media group to the printing facility in Kentucky where the Legion Magazine is printed. The November issue was being processed while we were on the tour. Thanksgiving is right around the corner I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

—For God and Country







## SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons  
Department Adjutant

Greetings Legionnaires and Legion Family. Fall is here following a fast and hectic Summer Season. Your staff is working diligently to provide you with the quality products and service you should expect from your Department Headquarters. We have had a roller coaster last few months with personnel turn over and new employee training. I am happy to say that your Department Staff are meshing together very well and learning their duties and responsibilities at a rapid pace. We finalized Director level hiring in September with the move of Tara Henderson from Director of Programs to Finance Officer and the hiring of Preston Keith as Director of Programs and Americanism.

Tara was transferred to Finance Officer based on her excellent corporate finance experience, professional education, and organizational ability that meets the technical criteria for the position. Within her first 30 days she has organized the Department Books for easier accounting and streamlined our auditing process.

Director Preston Keith resides in St. Marys, Ohio. He is a retired Army First Sergeant with over 22 years of service and is a member of St. Marys American Legion Post 323. He comes to the Department with an extensive leadership and managerial background and meets the Veteran requirement as outlined in Resolution #4 approved during the 2013 Department Convention. Since day one, Preston has hit the ground running and is developing a fantastic team to manage our Department Programs.

The Department is in full swing preparing for the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference scheduled 19-21 January 2018 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229. We have taken your comments and survey results provided from the 2017 Conference and incorporated them into this year's event. We have scheduled the most popular and important classes identified from last year's survey and allocated more time and space for their execution. A full listing of the schedule is included in this publication. We have added a Department Commander's Reception to Friday Night. We will be hosting multiple events during the reception to assist Commander Pleasant's efforts to raise money for Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation programs. It is going to be fun and will benefit a worthy cause. Saturday, we will continue to provide

classes for our Legionnaires across the Department. We will have classes for Membership, including the On-line membership processing. We will also host the new American Legion Basic Training Course that was rolled out in September. The Judge Advocate and Parliamentarian will be hosting courses from Post Meetings to Resolution writing. Program Chairs will also be providing information on how Posts can get involved in the various and important programs of The American Legion Department of Ohio. We will host the 2nd Annual National Commander's Membership Banquet. Invitations will be forwarded before this publication goes to print. Lastly, we are going to host the Department Executive Committee Meeting on Sunday 21 January. The meeting is open to all members, the National Commander will speak, and we will

be honoring Post Service Officers with a special recognition. If you are a Post Service Officer RSVP through your Post or if you want to see how the Department conducts business come on out. It will be educational and maybe surprising on how much influence Posts and Districts have in how the Department operates. We are looking forward to a great Conference, we hope to see you there.

I want to thank every Post that has participated in National's On-Line Membership Processing Beta Test. You have shown that Ohio is ready to advance and your input has encouraged National to fast track this program to other Departments. Well Done!

We are rolling into our 99th year of existence as an organization. Keep a lookout for events and projects to celebrate our centennial.

*For God and Country...  
Airborne!*



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Jim Vaughan  
Department Chaplain

Greetings Family!

"Family First"

Our National Commanders motto for her term. What does this mean to you? The phrase Family First can be interpreted several ways, the first way that comes to mind is your immediate family i.e. Mother, Father, brothers and sisters, Spouse and children. Then there are the ones that we are serving with or have served with in our careers in the Military. We shared experiences from basic to separation that

caused us to bond in a family unit. That bond doesn't get discharged or retired. We have brothers and sisters who are still involved in hazards way. We need to pray for them and their families left at home. We should be aware of the families that may need help. If you are aware of any I am sure you are taking care of the needs that you can, that's what we are about, taking care of Family First, another source for the Family concept is the Church family. I am certain that the Church creates the strongest bonding for Families.

We have lost a family member recently, Past Department Chap-

lain Michael J. Davey. He was a very involved Family member, he was a Buckeye Boys State Trustee and volunteered to work in the Bank. He was very involved in his community, it was obvious that he was well known and loved.

This is what having that Family First attitude is all about. We continue to serve after separating from the Military, we serve our families, all of them to the best of our ability.

All of this can be summed up by saying what we have been told by our Father and his loving son Jesus to say, love your neighbor as you love yourself,

Mark 12:28-33.

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[e]

<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'[f]

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[g] There is no commandment greater than these."

<sup>32</sup> "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

<sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

*Amen*

I pray that our Lord be with us all to keep us strong and guide us through these troubled times.



## MEMBERSHIP

Legionnaires,

Did you know you can now process membership online? It's true! You can now process membership online through MyLegion.org. If you don't already have access, I would encourage you to submit your Authorization Form to National Headquarters today.

MyLegion.org is a great opportunity for every Post to work smarter not harder while leveraging technology in being more efficient. This will give you more time to support and focus on the programs most important to you within the communities you serve.

Here are just a few things you can do with membership at MyLegion.org:

- Renewals existing members
- Add new members and import transfer members from other Posts. *NOTE: Posts can only import transfers whose dues have been paid*
- Pay fees electronically and eliminate the need for Post Officers to send the National/

Department portion of the (3-part) Membership Cards and paper checks to Department Headquarters

o Electronic check (E-Check) is the only payment method available when using this feature. The account must be a valid business checking or savings account E-Checks take up to 5 business days to be processed, and Posts will be charged a returned check fee for all declined E-Checks.

I know some Legionnaires have voiced concerns and given feedback to the Department concerning the security of their checking account information. While we certainly understand the concerns, the American Legion has taken all the necessary steps to safeguard and encrypt your account information. With you still may want to consider opening an account for the sole purpose of processing memberships. This will add an additional level of security, and make for easier bookkeeping. Moving forward, the only cards

Department needs to receive are those that have monies with them. That means that if the Membership Chairman or Adjutant processes renewals, new memberships or transfers online, you do not have to send the cards to Department, if one of your members renews online, you do not have to send us their cards. However, you should keep these cards in a file for your own records. Our suggestion is to mark those cards as "Renewed

Online" and file them. You may also want to mark the cards that the Adjutant processes as EFT-Online (EFT - Electronic Fund Transfer) and file them by year.

If you are concerned about receiving your Post's portion of membership renewals done online, please know that Department Headquarters remits a payment to Posts at the end of every month.

We are hopeful that you will take advantage of the membership

resources available at MyLegion.org portal. We realize this may be a sizable adjustment of the process you are used to, so please know we are here to help you along the way. We are confident that you will quickly find the process to be user-friendly, time-saving and a great way to streamline your membership processes.

*RENEW, RETAIN AND RECRUIT*



## HISTORIAN



Elizabeth  
Kendrick-Creech  
Dept. Historian

the two types of history books (Narrative and Yearbook) used to accomplish this for Posts, Districts, and/or Counties. The 2017

American Legion National strongly encourages us all to compile a yearly history depicting our yearly activities. There are

Officer's Guide provides helpful outlines for both types. See the appendix on pages 147-156 for guidelines on both. This will help in determining what one is best for you. Even though it is how almost half way through the 2017-2018 Legion year history don't let this hold you back if you haven't started.

There still is time to do an account of what has happened in your Posts, District, and/or Coun-

ty. If you have question or need a little help with this please contact me at lizCreech49@gmail.com and I will do my best to help you out. The Department of Ohio conducts a history book contest each fall and the winning post's book is then entered into the National contest. Congratulations to this year's winner: Harry Higgins Post 88, of Ashland, OH. Again, Congratulations on a job well done.





## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

### VA&R Director Comments:

As the 2017-2018 programs year is upon us, let us be mindful of the Legionnaires around us who have contributed to our programs for maybe a century, a decade or two, or just a few years. It amazes me how fast the time goes by in The American Legion as we continue to place God and Country first in everything we do. Please keep in mind that the project of Commander Pleasant this year is VA&R.

We are approaching our 100th anniversary! Imagine what our predecessors would say, think, or do, if they were operating in our time and age. I am certain The American Legion looked much different in the early 20th Century compared to the early 21st Century. One constant comparison is our Preamble which encases our mission and principles along with our Four Pillars of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Americanism, Children & Youth, and a strong National Security. In this issue, we will focus on Legislative, VA&R, VAVS, Gifts For Yanks, and Employment & Education, and National Security.

Please contact me personally if you have suggestions regarding anything communicated here. You may also find a copy of this newsletter on our Department website, [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com). There are many changes still happening with technology at Department HQ and we look forward to sharing that with you as it unfolds. We thank you for your volunteer efforts and look forward to working with you more in the future!

### VA&R/LEGISLATIVE:

This year has been active with policy relating to Veterans both in the 132nd Ohio General Assembly (OGA) and Congress. In the Spring, Governor Kasich and Ohio Department of Veteran Services sought to eliminate the

grant received by The American Legion Department of Ohio from the Ohio Operating Budget for 2018-2019 in the amount of \$349,189.00. Through the unity of all the VSO's we managed to get this back into the budget through the second half of this OGA. We will be challenged with this issue again in 2020-2021. During the next two years we will work together for a solution and present this to our legislators once elections for the office of Governor are complete in 2018.

The grant money is necessary for VA&R to support our (10) DSO's at each of our (7) locations throughout the state. We have received over 600 appeals within a calendar year and nearly 12,000 submissions from CVSO's. The mission of the DSO's is to assist veterans and support the 88 County Veteran Service Offices with filing claims and representing veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs and Board of Veterans Appeals. How we do this may look different once the Appeals Modernization Act is implemented by VA Central Office.

The Appeals Modernization Act that was signed by President Trump in August at our National Convention has become a priority for the VA to roll out. You may hear of veterans receiving "notice to opt in" near February 2018. These notices will be sent to all veterans who currently have an appeal pending and are given an option to have claim reassessed at the VA Regional Office again, or continue to advance to the Board of Veterans Appeals. We urge you to CONTACT A DSO OR CVSO before making that choice! We are waiting for instructions on how to proceed and yet, there has been limited communication from the VA. Our VA&R Team at National in Wash D.C., will educate us more in February at DSO training dur-

ing Washington Conference.

Issue 2: As you have seen, The American Legion Department of Ohio is opposed to Issue 2 because the passage of this harms thousands of veterans who receive care from the Department of Veterans Affairs. We ask you to VOTE NO ON ISSUE 2 but first educate yourself on the matter at [www.noonissue2.org](http://www.noonissue2.org). There will be a Post mailing in October with facts and details that supports opposition of Issue 2.

To receive updates on legislation that we are tracking at Department HQ, please email [legislation@ohiolegion.com](mailto:legislation@ohiolegion.com) and your email address will be added to our weekly email notification filled with information regarding legislation both in the OGA and Congress. You can also submit questions and offer awareness about issues that you would like us to pay attention to.

The Legislative Committee Department Chairpersons will meet on 1 November downtown to discuss the legislative agenda, plan the legislative breakfast and lobby day that will happen late Winter 2018!

### GIFTS FOR YANKS/VAVS:

Thank you for future and past success of our Gifts For Yanks Program! The GFY Committee made a few changes to the program this past April and May that was approved by the DEC in August. We have adjusted our fundraising cycle to reflect the same time frame as expenditures. For example, beginning 1 August 2017 we are fundraising for the 2018-2019 GFY Year. During the 2016-2017 Year, \$254,370.91 was fundraised! THANK YOU!

The GFY Committee set a budget for 2017-2018 in the amount of \$260,000.00. Our goal is to raise \$260,000.00 by 31 July 2018! Since 1 August 2017 to present we have raised \$4,015.99. Which means we have \$255,984.01 to go! For award purposes, we will

include all donations that came in after 1 April 2017, which totals \$12,486.99.

Please encourage your Post to raise awareness of what the GFY program does through our mutual helpfulness and devotion to veterans who are disabled and hospitalized at VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes, especially during Christmas. We look forward to seeing more members this year during the gift distribution which occurs throughout the month of December and meets at VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes beginning usually at 8am or earlier. The following is the schedule for December 2017 distribution:

OVH-Sandusky, 21 December  
OVH-Georgetown, 21 December  
Cleveland VAMC, TBD  
Cincinnati VAMC, TBD  
Chillicothe VAMC, 25 December  
Dayton VAMC, 25 December

Items being given away this year are a red and black duffel bag, fleece blanket, playing cards, planner w/ pen, word search, and a shoe horn w/ back scratcher. All are welcome to submit ideas for gifts through the District GFY Chairperson.

We need VA Voluntary Service Representatives to fill vacancies at VA Clinics throughout the state. The GFY Program provides a budget of \$1,250.00 to support volunteer efforts at the clinic led by the American Legion with approval of the VA. The following are vacancies that need a volunteer: Ashtabula, Athens, Cambridge, Canton, E. Liverpool, Grove City, Georgetown, Marietta, Marion, Middletown, Newark, New Philadelphia, OVH-Georgetown, Parma, Portsmouth, Ravenna, Sandusky, St. Clairsville, Warren, Wooster, Zanesville.

Please contact Suzette Price-Heller at Department HQ at [price@ohiolegion.com](mailto:price@ohiolegion.com) for more information on how to become a

Volunteer at any VA location.

The Department GFY Committee and VA Voluntary Service Volunteers will meet at Department HQ to conduct business, complete the packing of gift items, and celebrate another year of GFY/VAVS Success! We will ship all gift items to their proper locations immediately following. If you would like marketing materials or samples of items, please contact the VA&R Director.

### VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION (VE&E):

Each year our Department HQ submits nominations to National for Veterans Employment & Education awards which can be found on the National website at this address: <https://www.legion.org/careers/awards>. Nominations shall be submitted through the District E&E Committee who will determine the National submissions which are signed off by the Department Adjutant. The Department VE&E Committee will have conference call on October 26th at 7pm.

### NATIONAL SECURITY:

Due to the recent events happening in our country and abroad, Legionnaires are a vital resource for awareness in our communities. The Department of Homeland Security has a program called "IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING" <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>. We recommend that the Legionnaires in your Post review this website and know what to report and who to report it to in order to assist in keeping our Nation safe.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter. Any recommendations or suggestions can be communicated to VA&R Director Suzette Price-Heller at [price@ohiolegion.com](mailto:price@ohiolegion.com) or by phone at 740-362-7478.



## JUDGE ADVOCATE



By Parris Hopson  
(Program Administrator)  
On behalf of Dept. Judge Advocate  
Douglas Whitney

Department Judge Advocate Mr. Douglas Whitney would like to extend a very important reminder to all Ohio posts this November. He would like all Ohio American Legion posts to take a moment to research their current Non-Profit Corporation Organization status with the Ohio Secretary of State. This can be completed at the Business Search page on the Ohio Secretary of State website: <https://www5.sos.state.oh.us/ords/f?p=100:1>

If your post does not file the necessary documents on time, then your Non-Profit status may have expired. If so, please handle accordingly. While visiting the SOS website, be sure that the Post's name matches identically to the name listed in its constitution and by-laws. Also ensure that the "Registered Agent" for your post is current and correct so that you can receive all of your business information in a timely manner.

Thank you all for your time and your service.

## THE FALL OF ISSUE 2

On Tuesday November 7th, 2017, Ohio voters took a stand and rejected the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act known as Issue 2. Nearly 80% of Ohio voters opposed this issue, while only 20% of voters supported Issue 2. The overwhelming rejection rate makes Ohio's stand on the issue very clear- Issue 2 is not welcome in Ohio.

The American Legion Department of Ohio campaigned vigorously in opposition of the issue. In fact, Department Commander

Stanley Pleasant, Past Department Commander Ronald Chapman, and Legislative Chairman Malcolm Glasgow all took part in a series of commercial ads urging Ohio Voters to vote "No" on Issue 2. Many legionnaires also took a stand by filming short videos that were shown on Facebook. Needless to say, the voice of the campaign was heard by voters throughout Ohio.

The creators of Issue 2 hope to pass a similar issue in South Da-

kota, following their failed campaign in Ohio.

After the big win, Commander Pleasant had a few words for the voters of Ohio:

"I would like to thank all of the legionnaires and voters that listened to our campaign and Voted "No" on Issue 2. As we all know, a win is a win."

Thank you all for your time and your service.

Parris Hopson  
Program Administrator



HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS





# AMERICANISM

## Three Position Air Rifle Tournament

by: Shayne Abrahams Sr.  
The American Legion  
Americanism Division Assistant  
Director Youth Activities  
Indianapolis, Indiana

The American Legion Americanism Division annually presents its Junior Three Position Air Rifle Tournament. This world class competition provides American Legion Affiliated youth competitors an opportunity to test their marksmanship ability in competition with other junior competitors throughout the nation.

The competition began on November 1, 2017 with a Postal Match; a match in which competitor's fire on their home ranges using targets that have been marked for identification. The fired targets are then returned to the American Legion for scoring

and ranking for awards. Annually more than 1,300 individuals and 200 teams participate.

The tournament is divided into three rounds of exciting competition.

The First Round team tournament is a "paper" match and will be comprised of the top four athletes' individual tournament scores. A club with at least four individuals enters one team; at least eight individuals enters two teams; and so on.

The First Round and Second Round of the Individual Tournament are postal matches, whereas the Third Round is the Individual National Championship and a shoulder-to-shoulder competition.

The American Legion Individual Three Position Air Rifle National Championships is held in

July at the USA Shooting range facility located at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The winners in both the Precision and Sporter category will each receive a \$5,000.00 college scholarship provided in part by The American Legion and The Sons of the American Legion. The two winners are also honored as part of the Youth Champions Delegation during the American Legion National Convention.

Additionally, a \$1,000.00 college scholarship will be awarded to the second place finishers in both the Sporter and Precision categories. This scholarship is being generously provided by The American Legion Auxiliary.

To join our Postal Competition please visit [www.legion.org/shooting/postal-match](http://www.legion.org/shooting/postal-match) for details.

## 2017 Junior American Legion State Champs



Seven tournaments, Three first place and Four 2nd place finishes. First State Championship for Cowle Post 151 of Conneaut, Ohio. We would like thank the Post and the surrounding area for supporting us over the past years!



Kneeling L-R: David Herbst, Nick Reicheck, Nick Stoltz. Standing L-R: Coach Joe Zappitelli, Jake Zappitelli, Owen Myers, Coach John Stoltz, Brandon Smith, Coach Jim Tupa, Logan Newell, Coach Greg Myers, Commander Larry Latua. Not pictured - Vinnie Varckette, Tyler Landberg, Tyler Hartz, Brenden Snopce, Joey Smith (Post 151)

## What is American Legion Buckeye Boys State?

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is an eight (8) day "hands on" experience in the operation of the city, county, and state levels of Ohio government, the organization of Ohio political parties and the relationship of one to the other for young men coming out of their Junior year of High School.

Through the Buckeye Boys State objectives of "learning by doing" young men attending the Buckeye Boys State program will learn more about city, county, and stage government in eight days than they would in an entire semester of high school.

Conducted in mid-June annually, the American Legion Buckeye

Boys State program is conducted on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio and is open to young men who will have completed their junior year of high school prior to the start of Boys State and will be seniors in the fall.

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is the largest Boys State program in the nation with an annual attendance of over 1,200 of the top high school juniors in the state of Ohio representing 600+ high schools in the state and the Home schooled community.

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is regarded within the national American Le-

gion organization and in education circles as the #1 Boys State program in the entire nation.

The Sons of the American Legion, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the agencies/departments of Ohio government are partners in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program.

For a complete overview of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program and detailed information on every aspect of Buckeye Boys State, you may visit [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com) or email [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) to receive information.

The date of this year's program is June 10th-17th, 2018.

## 2017 Boys and Girls State Delegates



Delegates selected from former Boys State President Chuck Heller's Post who attended Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State last year.

## Post 484 BBS & BGS Dinner



Post 484 annual BBS/BGS Dinner to honor the young men and women who attended the 2017 BBS/BGS programs. Our Post sponsored 20 young men and 6 young women.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## Child Welfare Committee Report November 2017

This November, the American Legion Child Welfare Committee would like to highlight some of the community resources available to our Veterans and their children.

The Temporary Financial Assistance program (TFA) offers a variety of resources to Veterans and their families. These include: housing assistance, medical bill assistance, food, clothing grants and more! Please exhaust all of your community resources before applying at your local Veteran Service Office, or at the American Legion Department of



Ohio offices. More Information on TFA can be found at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/about/committees/child-welfare/>

Also, thanks to 2-1-1 Ohio United Way, our veterans have access to multiple community services 24 hours a day. By just dialing 211 from your telephone, you will have instant access to health resources, employment opportunities, volunteer activities and more! Find more information here on the 2-1-1 United Way website: <http://ouw.org/211-2/>.

Thank you all for your time and your service.

## 2017 Scholarship Winners • Zanesville Post 29



On August 1, 2017, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 awarded scholarships to several area college students. A total of \$12,000 was awarded. Back row, (L to R): Zach Clapper, Capital University; Garrett Bradley, Kent State; Graeme Benson, Cedarville University; Luke Kinney, Ohio University Athens; Cameron Strauss, Kent State; Bryce Goss, Ohio State University. Front row, (L to R): Kristen Delong, West Liberty University; Faith Denny, University of Cincinnati; Madeline Spiker, Ohio Northern University; Sydney James, Ohio University Zanesville; Kaylee Foster, Zane State College; Klay Keffer, Ohio University Lancaster. Not pictured: Olivia House, Ohio University Athens.

# VETERAN'S AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

## Annual Post Service Officer (PSO) Training

The annual "Post Service Officer" (PSO) training was in full swing on Saturday, October 28th at Department HQ. Over 60 PSO's were in attendance with a full agenda that enmeshed them with information regarding benefits available to them and other veterans in their Post communities from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Ohio Veterans Homes.

The American Legion Department of Ohio's highly skilled and trained Department Service Officers (DSO) from our Cleveland,

Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati, and HQ offices led the trainings with a focus on the newly signed Appeals Modernization Act, structure of the VA, claims processing, non-service connected pension/widows pension, aid and attendance, burial benefits and burial at a VA cemetery, records and transition assistance, Gulf War presumptive illnesses, neurological disorders, Multiple Sclerosis, ALS, and Parkinsons, lung conditions, mesothelioma, and asbestos exposure.

Your DSO's in the Cleveland

Office are William Genochio, Supervisor, Will Brown, Senior Advocate, Michelle Jones, DSO, Adam Zaebst, DSO. The Dayton office is Karla Boehm, and the Cincinnati office is Terri Crosswait. Cindy Weasner is the part-time DSO in the Columbus VA office. You can find their contact information at [ohiolegion.com](http://ohiolegion.com).

This training is available for all Post Service Officers every fall with limited space. Please contact Department HQ for more information or email Suzette Heller at [VARDirector@ohiolegion.com](mailto:VARDirector@ohiolegion.com).





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## WWII Veterans Tree Rededication



Perrysburg American Legion Post #28, along with the Perrysburg New Century Club, Perrysburg Library and Perrysburg City, rededicated three trees. These trees were planted in 1920 in memory of Millard Davenport, Fred Yeager and Merlin Hufford, all who lost their lives in WWI. Checking the plaque prior to the rededication ceremony are L to R, Barry Deutch, Doug Pratt, Gary Nordahl, Robert Peeler, Rev. Bob May, Joe Stockner and Juan Artiaga.

## Post 290 Legionnaire of the Year



Past Commander Howard (Butch) Stouffer presents Ed Holisky with the "Legionnaire of the Year" award at Columbiana Post 290's annual award dinner and ceremony.

## Post 290's Annual Sponsored Street Fair



It's Columbiana Post 290's annual sponsored Street Fair and busy selling tickets are L to R: Pudge Naughton, Ben Gregory (in rear) Dr. Jim Garstick, Post Commander Jason Gregory, Ann Gregory (behind Jason) and Wayne Kinard.

## District 10 Flag Raising Ceremonies



The Jefferson County Veterans Association, with members from District 10 took part in two flag raising ceremonies at the Jefferson County Fair. They raised eight flags for the departments of service, the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag and the Ohio flag, plus a large U.S. flag at the Fort Friendship Military Museum. They then raised the U.S. flag on the fairgrounds for the opening fair services. From left Frank Santa, Commander, Dellonvale-Post 529; John Kafanna, Dellonvale; Rick Nole; Jay Kolene, Hopedale Post; Don Richards Hopedale Post; Chuck Ebricht, Piney Fork Post 735; Edward Waldman, Piney Fork Post; Tony Phillippi, Piney Fork Post; Bob Olixia, Lamont McCoy, Piney Fork Post 735; and Paul Greene, Smithfield, Post 396.

## Third Consecutive Term



Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon gave the oath of office to Sidney Post 217 Commander Larry Spence. Spence, a past County and District Commander is serving his third consecutive term as post commander.

## Military Commitment Ceremony



District #9 Event, Military Commitment Ceremony, Located: Post 459 "Home" on Goodwin St., Burton, OH. Date: May 21, 2017 @2:30 PM, Guest speaker & Co Presenter Gary Minadeo Dept of Ohio Legion representative, seated Nick Byok, Nick Migheon, Jesse Sandobel







## GOOD OF THE LEGION



### Post 134 Honors Frosty Hoffman



Alva Forrest "Frosty" Hoffman was recently recognized and honored for 70 years of continuous service to American Legion Post 134. Frosty surrounded by daughter-in-law Donna Hoffman, wife Kathleen and son Mark is shown reading the certificate of Service and Loyalty to the merits of the American Legion. Frosty joined the Coast Guard in Columbus on Friday the 13th 1942. He went through six weeks of boot camp in New York and then shore patrol on Manhattan beach. Frosty remembers patrolling the beaches with nothing but a flashlight and a wooden stick. He was then transferred to Foley Beach, South Carolina where was assigned to a horse patrol unit patrolling the beaches looking for Germans that might be coming ashore from their submarines. A year later he volunteered to go to Fort Lauderdale and enter fire control schooling. He said most people thought that meant putting out fires but he was actually becoming proficient with twin 40 millimeter guns. Once he completed his schooling he was assigned to LST #887. They crossed the Big Water and participated in and supported the Battle of IWO JIMA. LST 887 was credited with the downing of a Japanese Val Bomber. Frosty's guns were the first to start firing at the incoming plane. Frosty attained the rank Fire Controlman 3rd Class Petty Officer before being discharged in 1946 at Detroit, Michigan.

### Post 221 Celebrates 60 Year Legionnaires' 100th Birthday



The American Legion, Tenth District, Massillon Ohio, Post 221. May 28 2017 There was a celebration of Navy veteran Mr. Ernest Delbert Larrick's 100th birthday at the Landings of Canton Nursing Home. The American Legion Post 221 Color Guard presented Mr. Larrick with the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, and the American Campaign Medal. He also received the Navy Rifle Ribbon, Honorable Service Lapel Pin and the Honorable Discharge Button. He was also presented a certificate for his 60 year membership at Post 221. The Color Guard Members L-R are Jeff Runser, 1st Vice, Danny Webber, Honor Guard Commander, Wayne Monahan, VA Service Officer, Mark Eklund, Pete Mzingo, and Tony Shiplett, Commander, surround Mr. Larrick at the presentation ceremony.

### Swearing-in Ceremony of 2017 Post 459 Officers



Guest Presenter, 9th District Assistant Adjutant, Charles Stennis.



New Commander, Skip Boehnlein, New First Vice Commander, Roy Podijie.



New 2nd Vice Cmdr/Adjutant, Ron Laurant



Returning SGT-AT-ARMS, Larry Fritinger

### Installation of Post 29 Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2018



The Zanesville American Legion installed its new officers and executive committee members with a ceremony on June 5.

Officers - Front row - L to R: Past Commander Mike Watts, Current Commander George Bradley, 1st Vice Commander Bill Buzza, 2nd Vice Commander Gary Keffer, Adjutant Loren Long, Finance Mike Weaver, Chaplain Danny Williams, and Sergeant of Arms Eddie Grimes. Executive Committee - Back row - L to R: Larry Wheeler, Myron Denman, James Hildebrand, Rick Miller, Ray Dietenbeck, Bill Harrier, Dave Murphy and Past District 11 Commander Charles Sands.



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 236 Dinner



Post 236, Newton Falls held a Past Commanders and Presidents dinner Saturday Oct. 21, 2017. Pictures (L-R) Past President Kim Shaulis Ball, Current President Kathy Christy, Past Commander Arden Baillie, Current Commander Joe Ball, Past Commanders Bob James and Robert Closs.

## Bike Blessing



Chaplain Ben Cully offers the Blessing of the Bikes on June 11, 2017 for all of the American Legion Riders Post 221 and all of the Riders present to have a safe and enjoyable riding season this year. The blessing was performed at the Duncan Memorial Park in Massillon, Ohio.

## 50 Year Member



Payne post 297 of The American Legion recognized Marvin Thompson for fifty years of service to the Legion. Presenting the certificate is on the left, 1st Vice Commander of Post 297 John Overmyer.

## Beavercreek Post 763's Adjutant, Blanche Casey, Inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Blanche Aviles Casey, a 13 year member of the American Legion Post 763, has been selected for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2017. She is and has served as Post Adjutant for 9 years, is on the Post Color Guard. And as editor of the 'Post Script' newsletter, was awarded third place in 2012 and 1st Place in 2013 in the American Legion Dept. of Ohio Public Relations annual Contest for the over 500 circulation category. Blanche is an Air Force retiree with 30 years of service and a 35 year resident of Greene County. During those 35 years she had several

gubernatorial appointments, one presidential appointment and continues to serve at the county level on the Greene County Transit Board and Greene County Veterans Services Commission. Additionally she prepares meals for the Interfaith Hospitality Center several times a year, volunteers at local church clothing drives, has participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas box program for 17 years, and still finds time to be part of the church choir. Blanche has served her community, state, and nation for many years mentoring and advocating for inclusion

and advising on EEO matters.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame -- the first state-recognized hall of fame in America -- seeks to honor veterans for their outstanding contributions to society. It was created by former Governor Voinovich in 1992 to demonstrate his concern for Ohio veterans returning home due to military downsizing as a result of the end of the Cold War. Charter members of the Hall of Fame included the six Ohio military veterans who were elected president of the United States and all Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. The Ohio Veterans

Hall of Fame has inducted more than 485 veterans since its inception.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is administered by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services in collaboration with the Hall of Fame Executive Committee and the Hall of Fame Foundation. The executive committee is comprised of 13 veteran volunteers whose primary role is to select up to 20 honorees from applications received from across the state and nation. Most importantly though, inductees all have made significant impacts on their communi-

ties, state, and nation.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is not a military hall of fame. Those selected for the honor of induction are veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime. Men and women chosen for this honor come from all eras, all branches of service and all walks of life.

Source: Info from Ohio Dept. of Veterans services website, and American Legion Post 763

## Post 33 Held 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day

American Legion Post 336 Painesville, Ohio held the eighth annual Veteran's Appreciation Day Celebration on September 15, 2017. The Post served a luncheon to approximately 750 local Veterans. Twenty Veterans were bused from Wade Park Hospital so that they also could enjoy the day. The event is always well attended and appreciated by the Veteran community. The event is a joint effort on the part of Post 336 and the Painesville Veteran's Administration CBOC. The staff from the CBOC was on site to administer flu shots to the Vets. In addition to the CBOC staff there were numerous other Veteran's support groups in attendance with information and handouts for all. These groups included; United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Lake County Metropolitan Housing Authority, LakeTran, State of Ohio Veterans Employment Training, Western Reserve, Community Development, Lakeland Community College, and

Council on Aging.

Post 336 Commander, Charles Stennis, believes this type of outreach is the essential mission of the American Legion and is the drive behind holding this event each year. In recognition of his efforts, the facility director of the

Painesville VA Outpatient Clinic, Rachael Oberlander, presented Charles with a plaque to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of American Legion Post 336. Commander Stennis gratefully accepted the plaque on behalf of the Post membership.





# Commander Visits State VA Centers



## MEMBERSHIP

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have relinquished their power. They allow their leadership to make decisions for them instead of reading the post constitution and by-laws, and being involved in post events. Then sit back and complain about the decisions that have been.

The American Legion was born from membership. Members work the programs of the American Legion. It is every member's duty to introduce potential members to the organization. New members should be invited to general membership meetings. The business of the American Legion is

administered in the general membership meeting.

Past National Commander Charles Schmidt, at the 99th National Convention in Reno, asked "who is going to fill your shoes". We should be mentoring members to hold leadership positions. Leaders should have compassion and respect for all members.

Membership is the most important asset of this great organization. Without you, the American Legion cannot succeed. We need all members to stand up.



## ...CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
12/3/17	District 13 Winter Conference	Post 91
12/3/17	District 6 Winter Conference	Post 162
12/3/17	District 8 Winter Conference	Post 376 Junction City
12/9/17	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 719 Orwell
12/25/17 - 12/27/17	Office Closed-Christmas	Dept HQ
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1/1/18 - 1/3/18	Office Closed-New Year's	Dept HQ
1/3/18 - 1/4/18	Membership Turn-In Deadline 3	Department HQ
1/6/18	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 482
1/7/18	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 587
1/7/18	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 532
1/7/18	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 292
1/14/18	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 49 Wilmington
1/19/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Crowne Plaza
1/19/18 - 1/21/18	Mid Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza
1/28/18	District 3 Winter Conference	Post 200
1/28/18	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 750 Lowell
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2/7/18 - 2/8/18	DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S AWARD	Dept HQ
2/7/18 - 2/8/18	DEPT. FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S AWARD	Dept HQ
2/25/18 - 2/28/18	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
<b>MARCH</b>		
3/4/18	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 297
3/4/18	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 610
3/4/18	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85
3/4/18	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 677 Lithopolis
3/10/18	District 9 Spring Conference	Post 700 Howland
3/18/18	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 77 Neffs
3/18/18	District 12 Spring Conference	Post 430
3/18/18	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 450 Milford
3/18/18	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 142
3/24/18	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 682
3/25/18	District 3 Spring Conference	Post 322
3/25/18	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 88
<b>APRIL</b>		
4/4/18 - 4/5/18	Membership Turn-In Deadline 4	Dept HQ
4/6/18	Buckeye Boys State Spring Meeting	Dept HQ
4/7/18	Buckeye Boys State Spring Meeting	Dept HQ
4/7/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Dept HQ
4/8/18	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 685

— Information is subject to change —





## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

By Robert Schmitt

Department 1st Vice Commander

Hello fellow Legionnaires, I apologize for missing the last issue of The Ohio Legion News. There was a lot of confusion as to when the last articles were due. As I said in my first article as your 2nd Vice Commander this is the MOST EXCITING TIME to be a member of the largest War Time Veterans Organization as it celebrates its' Centennial. By the time you receive this issue of the Ohio Legion News, we may have conducted our first Face-To-Face Centennial Committee meeting. It will have or will be on November 18th at Department HQ. At the Department level we will start our Centennial Celebration at the 2018 State Convention in Columbus. The 100 Year Centennial Celebration will conclude as of November 19, 2019

The Department Centennial Committee will consist of one person from each of the 14 Districts which should be the Chairperson for each District. It is encouraged that each District have a Centennial Committee as well as any County Councils. Most importantly each Post needs to have a Centennial Committee. Each Post is encouraged to Register on the Centennial website, [www.centennial.legion.org](http://www.centennial.legion.org). This website has a lot of information including a 7slide Power Point presentation and a 6-minute video to help explain how to do a history of your Post. On the left of this Article I show two Booklets to help also, "Legacy & Vision" and the Workbook. These are available on the National website and are downloadable. Please download them and use them. Currently as of this writing there are only 39 Posts registered on the Centennial website, we have 540 viable Posts in the Department. Let's see how many we can have Registered by the next issue of the Ohio Legion

News.

All of our WWI Posts should really take advantage of this time, your Post will be Celebrating its' 100th Anniversary also. We all need to do everything that we can to let the whole world that we are the largest War Time Veterans Organization and we are still serving our veterans and our communities, state and Nation. There will be more in the weeks and months ahead as the Committee gets established

Please check out the 100 Year Centennial Celebration items that National has available to purchase including Challenge Coins and Emblem Sales will design one for your Post, if your Post is interested.

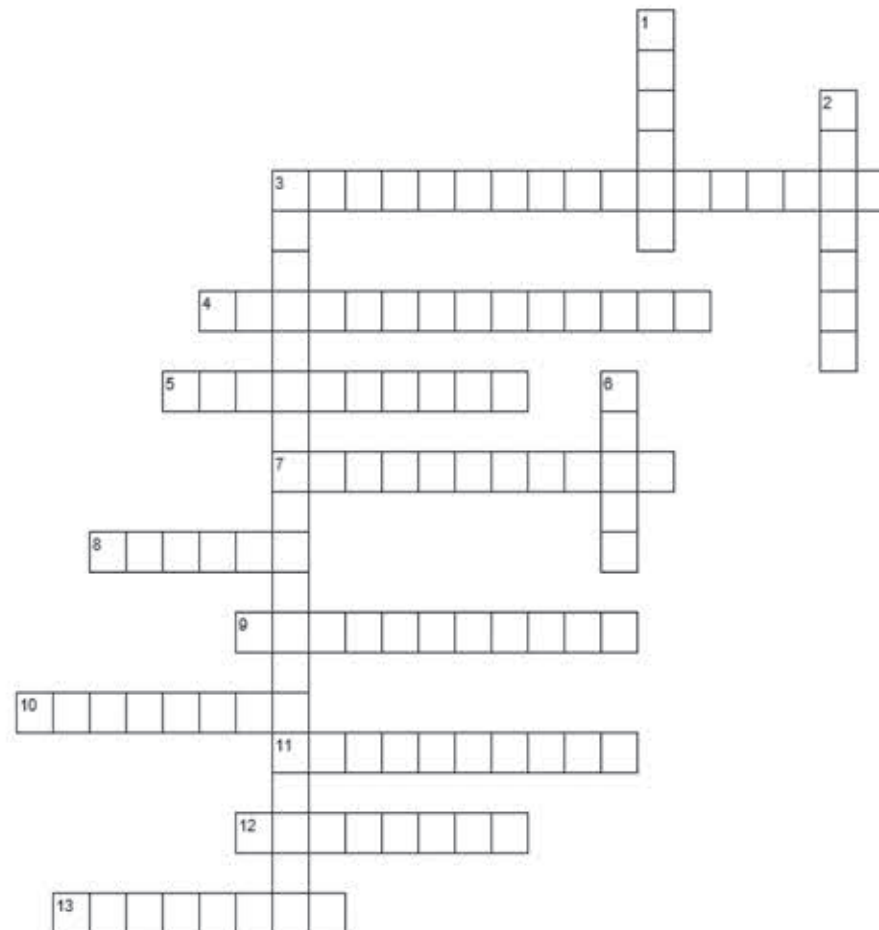
Congress has approved, and the President has signed it into Law for the U.S. Mint to mint 3 coins that can be purchased as a set or individually, they will become available in 2019. I can contact me at [1stVice@ohiolegion.com](mailto:1stVice@ohiolegion.com). Thank you and be safe and healthy.



These are just a few items and there are many more. Check it out at Emblem Sales



## Americanism Crossword



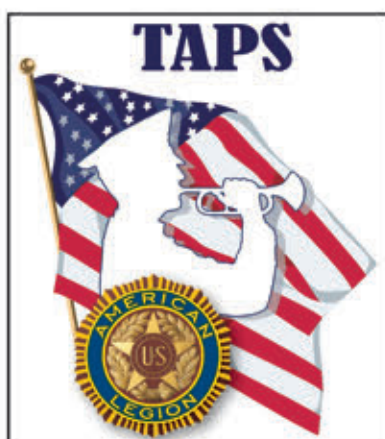
### Across

- 3 Essential rights and freedoms of all people
- 4 the part of the Bill of Rights that guarantees freedom of religion, assembly, petition, press, & speech
- 5 loyalty
- 7 describes a person not born in the U.S. who has become a citizen of the U.S. by taking a test and proving allegiance
- 8 individuals have the right to express their opinions and beliefs
- 9 when a person moves from one country to another to start a life there
- 10 specific, fundamental beliefs shared by group; government cannot establish a religion or control the practicing of religion
- 11 in a fair manner according to the law; legal procedures the government must follow
- 12 making views known to public officials, usually in written form
- 13 complete

### Down

- 1 excessive
- 2 an individual with certain rights & duties under a government
- 3 defines citizenship
- 6 this group has the right to gather and publish information, even if it's critical of the government





**POST 1 COLUMBUS**  
RICHARD HOLMES  
TIM MAGNUSON  
MICHAEL NYESTE  
**POST 3 FINDLAY**  
LYLE ARNOLD  
FLOYD BENJAMIN  
ROBERT BROWN  
ROBERT COLE  
CHARLES FAST  
FRED SPIEKER  
JACK VEIT  
**POST 5 DAYTON**  
WENDELL AKERS  
CARROLL MARKOWSKI  
ROBERT ROHR  
**POST 6 SPRINGFIELD**  
JOSEPH WAGNER  
**POST 7 WICKLIFFE**  
ANDREW MATTEO  
CHARLES SIBERT  
ANGELO TRIVISONNO  
**POST 8 WELLINGTON**  
FRED ALSPACH  
GEORGE BARRETT  
NICK BENNETT  
ANDREW FETCHIK  
THOMAS GILL  
STEVE KACZAY  
CHARLES REED  
CHARLES REIP  
CHARLES STURGILL  
GENE YOST  
**POST 11 LANCASTER**  
EDWARD CAMPBELL  
GARY HENDERSON  
ELWOOD SPARKS  
**POST 12 ELYRIA**  
WILLIAM BRIGGS  
PHILIP COE  
JAMES FOWLER  
ROBERT GREGA  
BILLY HARRIS  
DON MACLEAN  
JACK MARTIN  
ROBERT MOORMAN  
DAVID PAXTON  
WILLIAM PHILLIPS  
ROBERT SHELDON  
JERRY SIMMONS  
DONALD SOMMER  
**POST 15 POLAND**  
WILLIAM BOWSER  
RAYMOND BRAIDICH  
JAMES GUERRIERO  
HELENE HOLCSHUH  
PHILIP MCCLURE  
**POST 16 MANSFIELD**  
WILLIAM KREINBIHL  
WELDON LEMON  
RICHARD REDDY  
ROBERT SCANLON  
**POST 17 GIBSONBURG**  
KENNETH DIX  
FRANCIS FAIRBANKS  
**POST 18 TOLEDO**  
RICHARD HENDRIX  
CHESTER SZYMANSKI  
**POST 21 ATHENS**  
GIFFORD DOXSEE  
MELISSA GARNES  
ROBERT KYLE  
JERRY MAYLES  
JASON WOJCIK  
J YANITY  
**POST 23 PORTSMOUTH**  
ROY AEH  
LINDA COLE  
ORVILLE ENYART

PAUL FITZPATRICK  
LUTHER HOLSINGER  
JOHN HUFFMAN  
RAYMOND KEMPER  
SAMUEL LESTER  
LARRY MCDANIEL  
TOM PAYNE  
WILLIAM SETTY  
HAROLD WALLS  
JACK YOUNG  
**POST 25 WASHINGTON C.H.**  
CHARLES FORSYTHE  
LARRY HURTT  
RALPH HYER  
NORMAN MASON  
THOMAS NEUDER  
**POST 27 GALLIPOLIS**  
BILLY HOUCK  
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REMO ROCCHI  
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## In Memoriam

### CHARLES "CHUCK" HELLER

American Legion Buckeye ter 72 and Past President of the Boys State President Charles A. Vietnam Veterans Chapter 385, "Chuck" "Sarge" Heller, a member of Voiture 468 of the 40/8, the Cleveland First Cavalry Association and the T.R.E.A. Chapter 111. He had been on the advisory committee at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery since its inception.



He served in the U.S. Army during the early years of the Vietnam War. He later joined the Ohio Army National guard from which he retired in 1993 as a Sergeant First Class. Mr. Heller was a life member of American Legion Post 170 where he was Post Commander for five years and he was a Past Fifth District Commander of The American Legion being the only member from Wadsworth and Medina County to hold that high office.

As well as being the current Buckeye Boys State President, he was 5th District (Ohio) Legionnaire of the Year Committee Chairman, Wadsworth Legion Post 170 Adjunct, and Medina VFW Post 1537 Commander. He also was a past Medina County Commander.

He was a life member of Medina VFW Post 5137, DAV Chap-

Mr. Heller was born in Wadsworth and lived most of his life there until moving to Seville. Chuck is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Nancy of Wadsworth, David and Heather of Hudson; six grandchildren, Jessica (Jaaron) Alba, Justin, Julia, Joshua, Andrew and Courtney; along with numerous nieces, nephews and his dear friend, Karen Drake.

Interment with full military honors was held at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. The Buckeye Boys State program and American Legion family has lost a dedicated friend and he will be sorely missed.



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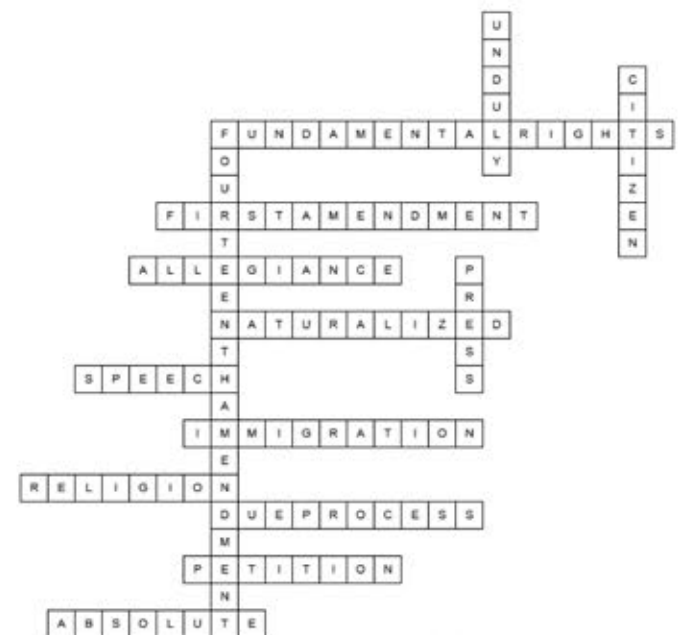
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## Americanism Crossword Puzzle Answers



### Across

- 3 Essential rights and freedoms of all people
- 4 the part of the Bill of Rights that guarantees freedom of religion, assembly, petition, press, & speech
- 5 loyalty
- 7 describes a person not born in the U.S. who has become a citizen of the U.S. by taking a test and proving allegiance
- 8 individuals have the right to express their opinions and beliefs
- 9 when a person moves from one country to another to start a life there
- 10 specific, fundamental beliefs shared by group; government cannot establish a religion or control the practicing of religion
- 11 in a fair manner according to the law, legal procedures the government must follow
- 12 making views known to public officials, usually in written form
- 13 complete

### Down

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- 6 this group has the right to gather and publish information, even if it's critical of the government

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