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Commander Friends Homecoming Celebration

Department Commander Roger Friend had his homecoming at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, Ohio on Saturday October 12th. There were over 130 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, family and guests in attendance. The evening was kicked off by Sergeant-At-Arms Roy Terry as the "emcee" with a beautiful buffet and breaking bread with fellow legionnaires. The Auxiliary, Districts and Posts came out to support the Department Commander as well as donating money towards his Commanders project, The National Emergency Fund. Over two thousand dollars was donated to his project in a matter of minutes. The Commander had many special family and friends there, including his mother who is 89 years old. The Department Staff



2019-2020 Department of Ohio Commander Roger Friend poses with his wife, Cynthia Friend during the Commanders Homecoming Event in October.

and fellow Department Officers, including the Department Executive Committee presented Commander Friend with his official Commanders ring. He received advice from Immediate Past Department Commander

Bob Schmitt, as well as 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson, 2nd Vice Commander Brad Teis, Treasurer Charles Stennis, and Adjutant Suzette Heller. The First Lady, Cynthia Friend was not forgotten either. She was presented with a gift from the "first spouses", which include the first ever "First Dude" Jerry Wilson, as well as the second vices first lady, Roxanne Teis. The evening wrapped up with a live band, dancing, and laughter. Commander Friend would like to thank everyone who attended his homecoming and who have shown him support so far during his Commander journey. If you see him out and about in Ohio, give him a honk and a wave.

2020 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference!

The 2020 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus Ohio on the weekend of January 24th-26th, 2020. The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion 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 through Buckeye American Legion College (BALC). Anyone is welcome to attend the conference or any of the meetings and classes offered. Closer to the event, a schedule will be available.

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885 and select option #2 to receive the discounted group rate of \$98.00 plus tax. Please reference "The American Legion" or the three-letter code "LEG" when making reservations.

HOTEL DEADLINE IS JANUARY 9TH

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

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Resolution to Amend the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution

There was a resolution from Post 144 in the Capital 12th District that was advanced at our Department Convention to National Convention this past summer to amend the preamble to the constitution to include "all wars".

It was then referred to the Internal Affairs (IA) Commission and National Executive Committee (NEC) for further review. Upon its approval and adoption, it is in effect immediately and shall not be required to advance at the National Convention in 2020 because it is not technically an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws and instead only amends the "Preamble to the Constitution".

This resolution was passed at the NEC and states its origin of "OH". This is of great significance to our Department.

Congratulations to Southway

Post 144, and the Capital District, for drafting and submitting this resolution, and to the committee members at Department and National Convention, and at National HQ, who saw a need to follow through. This change is monumental to being inclusive of all veterans who served in all wars, great and small, and is a vital piece to our legacy and mission.

Resolution NO. 1 Amendment To The Preamble Of The Constitution Of The American Legion

Origin: Resolution No. 44 (OH) 2019 National Convention

Submitted by: Finance Commission

WHEREAS, The American Legion is very careful and cautious in the drafting of its organizational documents; and WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Constitution of The Ameri-



can Legion was amended once

after World War I by replacing the words "association" and "War" to read as "associations" and "Wars" as a means of recognizing the World War II veterans; and

WHEREAS, The United States government in the LEGION Act (P.A. 116-35) officially acknowledged that the United States military has been involved in at least twelve additional military conflicts not previously recognized; and

WHEREAS, It is now proper to amend the preamble to

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Buckeye American Legion College



Schedule of Events for Mid-Winter Conference January 25, 2020

Open to all Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary
and Legion Riders in good standing



The 2020 year of Buckeye American Legion College (BALC) will commence in January at Mid-Winter. The BALC is a professional organization dedicated to educating the Ohio Legion Family on operations, membership, programs and leadership. We are here to train future leaders and to bring back the enthusiasm to make this an even greater organization. Last year, we had a total of 107 registered students with 15 students meeting the criteria to graduate. This year, we are focused on making this a Legion Family event. We are attempting to tailor the classes to all Ohio Legion Family members.

New students should plan to attend the 7:45 AM session on January 25th to get more information about registration and the requirements for graduation.

We've added new material for those of you who attended last year. One class from each of the categories of Membership, Operations, and Programs will be required to graduate. Individual letters will be sent out to current students informing you of your standing within the next few weeks. Please bring a friend! Graduation for those who complete all requirements will be held on Sunday. Don't forget that proof of completion of Basic Training on legion.org is a requirement to graduate.

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2020

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| 7:45 AM | BALC Kickoff for New Students |
| 8:00 AM – 9:50 AM | PICK ONE: Membership – MyLegion.org, ALA MIS, Recruiting and Retention, Revitalization, Legion Act Membership - Branding your post, Family Friendliness |
| 10:00 AM – 11:50 AM | PICK ONE: Operations - Parliamentary Procedure, Resolutions, Public Relations Operations – Adjutant's Training |
| 11:50 AM – 1:30 PM | Lunch on your own |
| 1:30 PM – 3:20 PM | PICK ONE: Programs – Community focused – Children and Youth, Americanism Programs – Veteran focused – VA&R, Gifts for Yanks, National Security |
| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Past Department Leadership Roundtable |
| 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM | BALC Alumni Mixer – all graduates welcome |

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The American Legion Department of Ohio
will be **CLOSED** on the following dates:

- Monday, November 11, 2019 (Veteran's Day)
- Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day)
- Friday, November 29, 2019
- Monday, December 23, 2019
- Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve)
- Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (Christmas Day)
- Thursday, December 26, 2019
- Friday, December 27, 2019
- Monday, December 30, 2019
- Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (New Year's Eve)
- Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (New Year's Day)



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires, greetings from your Commander. Since my last article I have had the privilege of visiting the VA facilities in Ohio. We started off with the Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Center on the 12th of August, then on to the Cleveland VAMC the 13th of August, and the VARO in Cleveland on the 14th of August. The following week, prior to National Convention, the First Lady and I visited the Cincinnati VAMC the

19th and The Dayton VAMC on the 20th of August. After that, we visited the Ohio Veterans Homes. We started off with Sandusky on September 3rd, then Georgetown on the 4th, and finally Chillicothe on the 5th. I cannot express the dedication and comradery that we experienced during my visits. I feel Ohio is a step above when it comes to care for Veterans. During National Convention we elected James (Bill) Oxford from North Carolina as our National Commander. Commander Bill's challenge to all Departments is 100% retention as well as membership growth. On Friday October 4th,

Adjutant Heller and I attended a statewide media campaign on opioid addiction at Veterans Memorial, as well as had a photo shoot with representatives of other veterans' organizations.

The First Lady and I attended The First Responders Dinner on October 19th at the Holiday Inn Independence Ohio. We were greeted by the Host Tony Kessler, and were graciously seated with Tony, his lovely wife, and Past National Commander Bret Reistad whom was the Featured Speaker. The Mayor and retired Police Officer Kennedy Jones of the Cleveland Police Department sang the

National Anthem. The Hostesses were Emma Rose, 2019 Miss Greater Cleveland and Amanda Freil, 2019 Miss Mohican Valley. Entertainment was provided by Amanda, a ventriloquist, with her side kick Elvis along with music by Funkology.

So far this year we have met and exceeded our membership target dates. I congratulate you on this accomplishment, but we are not done. As you all know we won the Big 12 competition last year, and I have bet that The Department of Ohio will be 93% for the March Target date against other Departments in our Region. I am

confident that we can accomplish this goal. With the Brown Jug complete, I am confident that my Membership Chairman, 1st Vice Jean, was able to see a lot of qualifying districts at that event. Especially due to the National Commander's visit on the day of the turn in. Also, I hope that everyone who was able to attend the "meet and greet" with the National Commander at Post 532 enjoyed themselves. If we put our minds and effort to work, we have an opportunity to become a quota Department. I feel confident Ohio can accomplish this milestone.

For God and Country.

1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
1st Vice Commander

It is very hard to believe how fast this year is going! I have had a fantastic time visiting the Districts I have visited. I always love to see old friends and meet new ones! Our organization is such a wonderful one. The bond we share makes it like no other and all the great work that we do for our fellow Veterans in need and Children and Youth makes our bond even stronger! I take my position as your 1st Vice Commander very seriously! We must recruit new members and retain our current members and reinstate former members. The Legion Act that was passed by Congress is now in effect. We have over 4,000,000

Veterans now eligible to join our organization. You can still use the old applications just put the Legion Act in the eligibility section, if you do your membership on line, you just check the other box.

While attending our National membership workshop, a new challenge was put out there for the 2020 membership year. Every Department has had 75% of the available DMS members added to their goal. What does this mean for Ohio? We had 3,929 added to our quota for 2020. This makes our quota 88,962. Last year's quota was 88,500 and to date we haven't made it yet. For each member that transfers and renews their dues in a local Post the Department of Ohio receives \$5.00. By transferring the member before they renew your Post will be able to count them for your quota.

A benefit is your Post could be awarded money by being quota before November, January or May cut off dates.

If your Post is not processing your membership thru MYLEGIION I am asking you to look into this. Not only is it easy but your Post will save time and money. Your Post will save money because you no longer will need to write checks but also no postage costs. Your members renewals will be recorded faster, and they shouldn't receive duplicate dues notices. Your Post will need to do a couple things such as register with MYLEGIION which your Post adjutant will need to do and fill out an authorization form. Our team of officers, Commander Roger, myself or Second Vice Brad are willing to help you learn the process. Your Post will need

sign on credentials, have your Post Adjutant contact National at 1-800-433-3318. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 513-708-1969 or 1stvice@ohiolegion.com.

Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching. It will be January 24-26, 2020 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North- Worthington. It is going to be an excellent Conference with information, training and inspirational speakers! I sincerely hope you will attend. If you aren't aware Commander Roger Friend's special project is the National Emergency Relief Fund. Please pass the hat, do a split the pot and do a raffle for this very worthwhile project. Please keep in mind that the Gift to the Yanks, Special Olympics and all of our programs could use a boost with your donation.

At the National American Legion Auxiliary Convention, they made a change to their eligibility from wives to spouses. So truly our family is all inclusive and there is a place for everyone. At my last Auxiliary meeting, my husband Jerry joined the Auxiliary under my eligibility. Although he is a Legion member and a Sons of the Legion member, American Legion Riders member he was very proud to become an Auxiliary member. As I have it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander. Please remember all of our troops who are serving all of us around the world. They make a huge sacrifice to keep our families and friends free to enjoy all of the freedoms we have.

In closing, remember "Together We Are Better".

2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to all my fellow Legionnaires and Legion Family members. I cannot believe it is almost the Holiday Season once again. During my Campaign last year, I spoke from the heart when I said we need to get back to The Four Pillars. I would like to let you know that as I have been traveling across this great State of Ohio serving you, I have had the opportunity to speak at many events and have opened the eyes of many of "WHO" The American Legion is, what The Four Pillars Stand for and what "WE" mean

to their communities. I would ask you to please do the same.

I had the honor to attend the 2019 Trap Shoot along with Commander Roger Friend, Sgt-At-Arms Roy Terry and Post Activities Coordinator Mike Kennedy. Commander Friend and Sgt-At-Arms Terry both participated in this event. Won't say who won between them. You will have ask them yourself! I had the privilege to meet and have my picture taken with the young men and women who participated in the event. They were 8th and 9th graders. The young lady I met was a National Qualifier and the young men's team was a pleasure to watch.

I was so honored to attend the 10th Annual, Painesville Post 336

and Lake County Community Outpatient Clinic, Veterans Appreciation Day Program at Painesville Post 336. It was so great to see the partnership of the Legion and the VA to put on such a fantastic event to give back to our VA Clinic patients. I would like to also thank Department Treasurer Charles Stennis and the many, many volunteers who gave up their time to help make this event run so smooth. To see the smiles on the faces of so many patients and their loved ones, as we had the time to talk and socialize, just reaffirms to me why we do what we do.

Saturday, October 12th was a great night of good food and fellowship to all as we attended Department Commander Roger

Friend's Homecoming at The Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark Ohio. Thanks to all who attended to help honor Commander Friend and his wife Cindy.

The 2020 Department Bowling Tournament will be in Miamisburg at The Poelking Lanes the 2nd, 3rd and 4th weekends in February. More information about the tournament will be being sent out by Mike Kennedy to your posts. The 2020 Pool Tournament will be hosted by Zanesville Post 29 April 10th-12th. We are looking for Posts to host the 2020 Euchre and Trap Shooting Tournaments as well as the 2021 Bowling Tournament. If you would like to host a Tournament please contact Mike Kennedy at pmdirector@ohiole-

gion.com to have a bid packet sent to you.

Lastly, mark your calendars for The Mid-Winter Conference at The Crowne Plaza, in Columbus January 24-26, 2020. If you have any questions or needs you can contact me at 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com.

As we go into the Holiday Season, please remember the real meaning of Christmas and to pray for those who can't be with us this year as they are serving and protecting our freedoms near and far. I would like to wish all of you and your families a very blessed and safe Holiday Season and a joyous New Year and God Bless to all Legion Family Members all across this great Nation.

JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

We are quickly approaching an election year. Please remember the provision of the American Legion Constitution

that states: "The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion on the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment." So, what does this mean for American Legion

members? It means that If we want to attend a candidate rally or meeting of a political party, we leave our American Legion caps, rider vests or other clothing with American Legion emblems at home. It means that if we have a facebook page profile that shows us wearing an American cap or other

emblems, that we do not imply American Legion endorsement of a candidate by posting political posts on our facebook page. If you have already done this, either take the posts down or change your profile photo to remove the indication that you a member of the American Legion. Posts should not

furnish color guards in American Legion attire for political party events or rallies. You are certainly free and encouraged to fully participate in the political process as an individual citizen, but please do not embarrass yourself or the American Legion by violating our constitution.



HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

Hello to the GREATEST American Legion FAMILY! By the time you receive this newsletter we shall be wrapping up 2019 and preparing for 2020. I wish you all a justified Veterans Day, a grateful Thanksgiving Day, and a blessed Christmas and New Year. It is during these times that our American Legion family gathers closer than ever to give of their time, resources, and selves, to each other and to those in need. Just a reminder that if your Post doesn't have anything planned, there are plenty of opportunities to serve in nursing homes, our Ohio Veterans Homes, and VA Medical Centers.

I am always blessed to participate on Christmas Day at the

VA Chillicothe Campus with at least a hundred other Veterans, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL members to bring a message of hope and kindness to our hospitalized veterans. I am even more amazed at the Legionnaires who volunteer setting up breakfast and host a fundraiser for our "Gifts For Yanks" program Christmas morning at The American Legion Post 62 located at 53 W. Main Street in Chillicothe, 7th District, immediately after the Gift distribution. The generosity of our members and families is unbelievable. I couldn't imagine doing anything else on Christmas Day, next to spending the afternoon with more family!

On another note, during the NEC meetings this past October, The American Legion amended the "Preamble to the Constitution" by removing "our associations in the Great Wars" to "our associations in all wars". Ameri-

can Legion, Southway Post 144 in Columbus was instrumental and credited with the passage of this resolution. It was submitted in June to Department HQ, then went onto our Department Convention, then National Convention. It was rejected for further study at National Convention. It was then routed through the Internal Affairs and Finance Commissions, ultimately being brought to the NEC for adoption this past October during Fall Meetings. Thank you Southway Post 144 and the Capital District (12). I am certain updated items will be available at Emblem Sales in the near future.

I wish you all well and remind you to continue to Buddy Check, make new friends and relationships in your communities, and let's get our members renewed! Peace and Blessings to you all. Have an AMAZING American Legion Day!



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Melissa Fowle
Dept. Chaplain

Suicide prevention is something that has recently been charged to me (and other Department Chaplains) by

the National Chaplain Harris who has asked us to emphasize the importance of it. So, I made it the main topic for the Department Religious Emphasis Committee. Chaplain Carla Cherry from the Columbus VA was invited to speak about suicide prevention and offered insights about soul injuries as well.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Suicide is a serious public health problem that can have lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities. While its causes are complex and determined by multiple factors, the goal of suicide prevention is to reduce factors that increase risk and increase factors that promote resilience. Ideally, prevention addresses all levels of influence: individual, relationship, community, and societal. Effective prevention strategies are needed to promote awareness of suicide and encourage a commitment to social change."

We can help those who are distressed by checking on them. National Commander Oxford has asked that we do a Buddy Check. The American Legion asks that this be done at least twice a year (Veterans Day and American Legion Birthday). Call your members that you haven't seen in a while. Call those members that haven't renewed. See if they need any help or services. Most people contemplating sui-

cide are at the end of their rope and don't know where to go to get help or don't want to be a burden. Here is a script that can be used to invite local veterans (members or not) to your local Veterans Day observances:

Hi [VETERANS NAME].

This is [YOUR NAME] from American Legion Post [XXX]. I wanted to check with you and see how you're doing.

Right now, we're preparing for Veterans Day and want to make sure all veterans understand we're here for them and invite them to be a part of our celebration. I also want to make sure you are invited to [VETERANS DAY EVENT INFO].

More importantly, if your American Legion post can assist you at any time, call me at [XXX-XXX-XXXX] or email me at [xxx@xxx.com].

Thanks again for your military service.

(Please make sure you include widows/widowers of your past members. The elderly have some of the highest numbers for suicide.)

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. This is not a happy time for some people. I'm asking that your Post to open their doors for a Thanksgiving meal for those that don't have anyone to have a meal with or to have a Christmas Day celebration for a couple of hours. That could make the holidays less lonely for those who have no one to spend the day with.

I pray that your Holiday Season is bright with smiles and laughter; that you will be warm with all of the memories of this year. May our Lord be with each and every one of you.

Resolution to Amend the Preamble

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recognize all of the millions of United

States military veterans from these many other wars and conflicts since the great wars of World War I and World War II that are not being currently recognized within the preamble; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 44 from the 2019 National Convention was referred to the Subcommittee on Resolutions for further study and recommends this resolution be submitted for approval through the Internal Affairs Commission and Finance Commission; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular-meeting assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 16-17, 2019, That the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion is amended to read:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold

and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and inci-

dents of our associations in the Great

Wars all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Dept. Historian

How's it?

With the close of the year 2018-2019, it is our honor to recognize those that participated in the

Post Yearbook Contest who were awarded a "Certificate of Participation":

- District 1, Post 553, Adams Township, Historian/Commander William H. Todd
- District 4, Post 49, Wilmington, Historian/Commander Charles Rose
- District 5, Post 354, Edward Grine, Historian/Commander Michael Nye
- District 9, Post 236, Newton Falls, Historian/Commander Rick Nelson

Based on a total of 89.5 Points with a maximum possible of 90

points, the Department of Ohio Best Overall History Book "Certificate of Excellence" is awarded to:

- District 5, Post 88, Harry Higgins, Historian/Commander Ronald Dull

For our only District Yearbook entry, a "Certificate of Achievement" was awarded to Harold Landis, Historian of the Great First District and the Department for his exceptional dedication and diligence in preserving the history for the First District.

Ronald Dull's Post 88 history book, and Harold Landis' Department of Ohio Yearbook were both entered at the National level and the winners will be announced soon.

As your Department Historian, this position is new to me as well. Some of you may think that I have it easy, because I happen to live with another

"known" Historian but that's not the case. I have to study up just like everyone else.

I just returned from Indianapolis at the National Historian Annual Meeting that included a Historian Workshop, Judging & Annual NADHAL* Meeting. This gave me a better, well-rounded idea of what National looks for in the details as they judge the entries.

As I directed you to, in our last OLN, the American Legion Officers Guide 2019 pages 140-149 (<https://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/publications/27IA0219-Officers-Guide.pdf>) shows the exact instructions, requirements and judging system that should help each historian better their chances to submit a qualified entry.

We want to encourage all posts to participate in the History

Program. Therefore, we are introducing an incentive program for a FREE drawing.

Email me at albeyer49@gmail.com for a Mid-Year Report Form. Complete the form detailing what your post did. Examples & Ideas: Community Event like Flag Ceremony Program, Veteran's Day Parade, Honor Flight or Honor Bus Excursion, or Membership Drive with your District or Round Up with National Commander. Or your post participated with the Auxiliary 100th Birthday Celebration, Eagle Scout Event, or a Flag Folding workshop.

Send the form and photos to me by December 20, 2019 via fax 1-888-225-3180, email albeyer49@gmail.com or mail at 6013 Garber Rd, Bellville, OH 44813.

All entries will be placed in a FREE drawing. We will draw

one winner during the Mid-Winter Conference for an American Legion Tie Tack from Emblem Sales Catalog (on page 52).

The historian's role is still as important for it holds the key to all that we do today and throughout the year. The duty is to preserve and archive the history of your posts that include installations, program activities and annual events.

I encourage all Historians to participate in the annual contest for the One Year Post Narrative History or the One Year Post Yearbook (deadline to be announced). We will introduce another incentive in the next OLN, so stay tuned.

If you have any questions, need help completing the Mid-Year form, or need tips & ideas on your post narrative or yearbook, please feel free to write me at albeyer49@gmail.com.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler
SAL Commander

Wow! Many things in our organizations have changed since the last issue of Ohio Legion News. The LEGION

Act, a change to our preambles by the National NEC to reflect the change made by this legislation, opening The American Legion Auxiliary to males, and yes, an increase in dues for the Sons of The American Legion at our National Convention. How many of you can still live on the same amount of money you made in 1982?

The LEGION Act has opened up Legion Family membership to many honorably discharged Veterans who were not eligible

before. Embrace these new Veterans by hosting an event to explain how this affects them and why the need to have them as members. I have always felt that it is the Veteran that knows the real needs of other Veterans and how to help them.

Your Ohio Sons were one of the first Detachments to test the online membership procedure that has now gone nationally. As the Adjutant of Squadron 181, I want to tell you how much this should simplify the membership process. Unlike the renewal process for The American Legion, SAL members still need to bring their payment to their respective Squadrons. Once there, Post Commanders, Adjutants and Squadron Advisors need to make sure the Squadron has a

'MySAL' account. Post Adjutants that process online memberships know what is needed for the Squadron and should assist them in setting up their account. Once the account is set up, it takes four 'mouse' clicks, after the log in, to process a membership. Time wise is less than a minute per card! No more excuse of saying, "I couldn't get a check from the finance officer." This is no different than paying your personal bills online.

At our National Convention, a long overdue resolution was passed that increased the per capita to the National organization from \$2.00 to \$5.00, a \$3.00 increase. This goes into effect June 1st, 2020. What this means to Ohio is that after June 1st, \$10.00 instead of \$7.00 will need

to be sent with each SAL membership. On the Squadron level, this may mean a dues increase to Dual and Youth members. To the parents and grandparents of youth members, this may hit you hard in the pocketbook. The Sons of The American Legion want you to remain and renew any memberships you pay, but more importantly, we want you to teach your family members why Community, State and Nation is an important part of The American Legion.

As the calendar year comes to an end, it becomes an important time for those who served and are now serving. Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Pearl Harbor Day, and Christmas provide an excellent opportunity to do 'Buddy checks' for those who may be

alone at this time. Families who have someone deployed also have needs this time of year, don't forget them. Remember the Food Banks, the homeless Veterans or non-Veterans, they are members of your Community who need your help and support everyday. Visits to VA facilities will brighten everyone's day. I am sure this is done somewhere but putting together a Legion Family choral group to go out and sing Christmas Carols at nursing facilities that are home to Veterans.

Finally, let us return the favor to our American Legion Auxiliary as they now celebrate 100 years of service to our nation. Happy Birthday American Legion Auxiliary and many, many more!

...to assist in carrying on for God and Country.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Kristen Little
Auxiliary President

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion

and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans,

military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Our dedication to helping veterans is not limited to any one day but we do try to make November 11th a day to show our respect in a more intentional

way. Observing the day with a special program and meal happens in many units but The American Legion Auxiliary believes that every day should be Veteran's Day.

Throughout the year we assist veterans and their families in as many ways as possible. Volunteering at V.A. Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, the Ohio Veterans Home, local Stand

Downs, and Veteran's Job Fairs are very visible activities. Less visible but equally important are the hours and dollars spent to assist veterans when we partner with other organizations. Supporting homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities allow us to reach more of those in need and make us known to others in our communities. Auxiliary members provide meals,

transportation, and help with household chores when veterans require a little extra help.

Members email, write to, and personally visit their representatives to promote the legislative agenda of The American Legion. Contacting both local and national legislators and advocating for veterans initiatives can have a major impact on individuals we may never meet.

Department of Ohio Attends 4th Annual 1st Responders Appreciation Dinner

A Fall Saturday evening October 19, 2019, Department Commander Roger Friend and his wife attended the 4th Annual First Responders Appreciation Dinner held at the Holiday Inn, Independence, OH.

I spotted that distinctive SUV, in the parking lot that featured The American Legion, I knew our Department Commander had arrived, I immediately generated a post on Facebook (FB), of his arrival. While greeting him and his wife in the lobby.

Visualize our Department Commanders' commitment for our great organization. And let's also acknowledge his lovely wife for being by his side on all his undertakings representing the Department of Ohio and our American Legion Family.

Well it's countdown time (1740 Hours), and the Grand Ballroom is filling up. Wow, First Responders in uniform, from Dispatchers to Chief's of both Police and Fire Departments throughout Northeast Ohio communities. Sharp, professional men and women glad and excited to meet and greet their peers and acknowledge our veterans.

Commander Friend and his wife dressed to the NINE, seating with the Keynote Speaker, Immediate Past National Commander Bret Reistad, Post Commander Tony

Kessler of 572 and his wife, Mayor Tim DeGeeter of Parma, along with International know recording artist and Retired (R) Cleveland Police Sgt. Kennedy Jones and his wife.

I had the honor to kick off the Opening Ceremonies by acknowledging those First Responders that

were present and reflect on those 'men and women' that paid the ultimate sacrifice and couldn't be with us.

The posting of the colors was a joint effort by the Color Guard of American Legion Post 572, Parma Fire and Cleveland Police Color Guard.

Sgt. Kennedy Jones (R), provided a wonderful rendition of The National Anthem and all joined in singing God Bless America.

During mealtime we were serenaded by the Funkology Band while Miss Mohican Valley (Amanda Freil) with her puppet 'Elvis' visited all tables 'we then knew Elvis was truly in the House'.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Joshua Robertson

Awards were given out after Past National Commander Bret Reistad delivered a powerful speech, which he provided a glimpse of his time in the Army as well as being a First Responder himself.

Commander Kessler then started the awards portion of the evening by recognizing Patrolman Joshua Robertson of the Cleveland Heights Police Department with Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (he crawled into a burning house on 6 July 2019 and rescued a child trapped inside).

The Citizen of the Year award went to Brady Snakovsky. Many of you are aware of this young lad. He's the 10-year-old that

started a GoFundMe page to generate monies to purchase Ballistic Vest for K-9 Officers. As of this publication this 10-year-old has raised over \$130,000 to protect K-9 Officers by getting them a Ballistic Vest like their Human partner.

From all the Tears and Cheers, it was time for those 'dancing shoes.'

I took this moment to have a conversation with our Department Commander, Roger Friend on his thoughts and take a ways of this event. "Well Bob, this was wonderful" "The American Legion Family" will benefit from our association and acknowledgement to our First



Citizen of the Year, Brady Snakovsky

Responders. He then went on in stating that he had attended this event before, and this was the best yet. Commander Friend thank the First Responders for their attendance, and provided wonderful accolades to Post 572, The 13th District and all veterans that made this event a great success.

So, as you noticed our Department Commander is on the road sharing The American Legion Story. Let's keep our Commander and all our Leadership in our thoughts and prayers as they travel OH to 'foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism'.

By Bob White

Legionnaire Insurance Trust Available to Members: Register Today!

Having coverage for things that happen when unexpected not only contributes a solution to the situation, it can also help with peace of mind. We at the Department of Ohio encourage that if you are a Legionnaire, you should be registered for your free policy that comes with your membership each year. This free policy is \$1,000.00 if on unofficial business and \$5,000.00 for "official business" of The American Legion.

There is also opportunity for District leadership to purchase AD&D for their District Executive Boards for \$3.24/year, per person, for \$25,000 coverage. This goes beyond the \$1K and \$5K free policies. Below are just some examples of other products available on behalf of LIT. We will have an informational booth available at the Department Convention to answer all questions regarding LIT and their products.

The "Emergency Assistance

Plus" program is a plan that protects you and your family if you get sick or hurt while traveling in the U.S. or abroad. It gives you access to 24-hour emergency medical services that your primary insurance will typically not cover! The cost is \$114/year and includes medical evacuation, transportation home, return of deceased remains, vehicle return, prescription replacement if lost or stolen, one round-trip airline ticket to bring a loved one by your side, up to date travel restrictions, alerts, weather, security intelligence, lost luggage, and so much more!

Visit: <https://www.thelit.com/emergency-assistance-plus>

LEGIONCARE OVERVIEW

Legioncare no cost to you accidental death insurance protection guaranteed** to legionnaires.

As a member

of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

\$5,000.00 Accidental death protection member-only benefit:

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

**The product for Members living in WA differs from the above.

<https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>

ID Resolve: <https://www.thelit.com/idresolve>

In today's world, identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. If you or your spouse fall victim to identity theft what would you do? Where would you turn? With Legionnaire ID Resolve you'll have 24-hour identity theft resolution that helps protect your money, your time and your financial reputation.

If you haven't fallen victim to identity theft yet, don't think you're safe. Data breaches happen every day, where thieves can steal your name, address, date of birth, credit card information, medical records, and most critically your Social Security number. That's why Your Department of The American Legion has endorsed ID Resolve. A new program to help Legionnaires fight back — instead of being a victim and not knowing where to turn.

ID Resolve helps you eliminate

the uncertainty — by putting ID experts on your side to clean up the mess and help restore your good name. You can be confident you're getting the protection you deserve when it comes to your money, your accounts, your credit cards, your financial record and your hard-earned good name. Plus, our no-obligation money-back guarantee allows you a full 30-day examination period in case you change your mind about this identity resolution.

Remember, it doesn't matter how careful you are ... you can't always control where your information goes. Enroll today and gain access to a team who will help restore your identity.



2020 LEADERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY ~ JANUARY 25, 2020

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor the Leadership of our Posts and Districts for their hard work and dedication regarding Membership at our Mid-Winter Conference. Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson will be presenting membership awards. Legionnaires are encouraged to attend and support those being recognized for their efforts in membership. The keynote speaker will be Major General Deborah Ashenhurst (U.S. Army, retired) ODVS Director. Formal attire is required.

Social: 5:00 PM (Cash Bar located in the Foyer)

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$38 per person

Reservation Deadline: January 10th

****All banquet tickets must be reserved and will be provided at Registration beginning Friday afternoon.**

Please return the **2020 Leadership & Membership Awards Banquet** form with payment to:
The American Legion, Department of Ohio, 60 Big Run Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

of Tickets @ \$38.00 per person _____

Please choose a meal selection: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVV _____



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



Ohio Department Service Officers Report on Changes and Update on Veteran Programs

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“The SitRep”

Appeals have increased significantly. Beginning in October and moving into November with over 75 BVA hearings being conducted by the four Department Service Officers located at the Cleveland VARO. There has been a change in the scheduling of Board of Veterans Appeal Hearings which are being scheduled by the Board in Washington D.C. all hearings are being scheduled at the Cleveland VARO regardless of where the veteran resides. This has the potential to cause an increase in no-shows for BVA hearings. If you are unable to attend your scheduled BVA hearing call the Cleveland VARO at 216-522-3504 to notify about the issue at hand. Below is an update of the success of the DSO performance on decided Decision Review Officer and Board of Veterans Appeals Hearings these number represent cases that have a decision with at minimum a partial grant and does not reflect cases that have been Remanded for further development.

BVA: 169 Held 138 Won = 82%
Success rate for the veteran

DRO: 123 held 84 Won = 68%
Success rate for the veteran

Combined: 292 Held 222
Won = 76% Success rate for the veteran

Personal Changes in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitations Team

There have been some personal changes in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Appeals team. Terri Crosswait is no longer at the Cincinnati VAMC as she has retired, and Karla Boehm has resigned and is no longer at the Dayton VAMC. Also, Sandy Haskin Administrative Assistant at the Cleveland VARO has resigned and is no longer with the American Legion. New personal will be hired to continue to provide the best assistance possible to our veterans. If you need assistances in the meantime call the Cleveland VARO at 216-522-3504.

Blue Water Navy Update

There have been no new developments in the Blue Water Navy Act, it is still currently on hold till January 2020. The Veterans Benefits Administration assure the American Legion located at the Cleveland VARO that measures are in place and being developed to process these claims when the stay is lifted. The exact logistics of this has not been provided to the DSO at the VARO. Up to date information regarding Procopio v. Wilkie can be found at <https://www.vetlawyers.com/procopio/>.

Agent Orange Update on new Presumptive Conditions

As most are already aware that the VA has been looking at adding four new Presumptive conditions to the Agent Orange presumptive list as published by Military. <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/03/26/va->

[announce-decision-new-agent-orange-presumptive-conditions.html](https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/03/26/va-). However still to date these conditions that include bladder cancer, hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism / Parkinson-like symptoms have not been added to the presumptive list used by the VA. But there is a study that suggest that Agent Orange could have caused these conditions the study was performed by the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM). What does this mean for the veteran if the VA says no and this report says yes? If the veteran suffers from one of these conditions and served in Vietnam, he may still be entitled to direct service connection even though these conditions are not presumptive. When filing your claim for service connection provide the VA with a copy of this report requesting a medical opinion from a VA doctor see *Euzebio v. Wilkie* Vet. App. No. 17-2879, for more information <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/cavc/17-2879/17-2879-2019-08-22.html>.

Service Connection Explained

38 C.F.R. 3.1.2 page 59, states that Service Connected: “For the VA to find a disability or death to be service connected, it must determine that the disability or death was incurred in, aggravated during, or otherwise caused by active service in the line of duty or that the death resulted from a disability that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during active military service”. To simplify this. There are three things that must be met to claim

service connection 1) an event is service 2) a current diagnosis 3) medical opinion linking the event in service to the diagnosis. There are numerous was in which to service connect a condition but will take a harder look at the three most common.

Direct Service Connection: Means the injury or illness had its onset in service for example broken bone or diagnosed with a disease / illness. The three rules mentioned above apply here as well. The event, the diagnosis and the link between the two, often the veterans Service treatment records provide this. 38 C.F.R. 3.4.2.

Secondary Service: Means that due to a service-connected disability a new disability manifested. For example, a broken ankle in service causes the veteran to walk with a gait causing strain on their knee. The knee can be service connected as though service caused it. The same information would be needed as in direct service connection. The event (ankle), diagnosis (knee) and the medical link (due to the service-connected ankle injury the veterans adjusted gait caused undue stress to the knee and is 51% or greater due to the ankle injury in service) 38 C.F.R. 3.4.4. ***tip the doctor does not have to be positive in the link just 51% or greater to satisfy the requirement by the VA.

Service Connection due to Aggravation: Means that the veteran had a preexisting injury upon entrance into the military and that condition got worse beyond its normal progression

can be service connected as if the service caused it. The same criteria are needed here as well. The event, diagnosis and medical link stating how the condition progressed beyond what would be considered normal progression 38 C.F.R. 3.4.3.1

Military Humor

The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, Take the simple phrase “secure the building”. The Army will post guards around the place. The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors. The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters. The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.

<https://unijokes.com/military-jokes/> If you have a military joke, riddle or Poem that you want featured please send it to genochio@ohiolegion.com Please include your name and Post#.

The “After Action” Report

If there is a specific topic anyone would like to see further explained or answered send those requests to genochio@ohiolegion.com. So that we can provide our veterans with the information that best suits their needs.

We would like to include success stories regarding the Department Service Officers. If you have a comment or story of how the American Legion help you file a claim, where granted a claim that was on appeal please write a brief statement and send to genochio@ohiolegion.com to be published. Do not include any personal information in the statement.

Department Commander Meets with Executive Teams at VA Medical Centers and Homes

Each year, The Department Commander meets with the executive team of every VA Medical Center and Ohio Veteran Home and is given an opportunity to tour the facility. The Department Commander is accompanied by District Commanders and Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation chairpersons. The purpose of the Department Commander's visit is to receive a general overview from the facility Director regarding the facility current status and how they execute the vital mission of providing healthcare and supportive services to our veterans. The Commanders' visit provides a dialogue for The American Legion to offer recommendations for any specific challenges the facility may face and the opportunity to address any concerns brought to The Department Commanders' attention by the membership.

The Department Commander is exposed to the VA's and Ohio Veterans Homes multifaceted approach to healthcare – every location has a unique role in serving our veterans. At the end of every visit, The Department Commander ask, “What can we do for you?”

Ohio Veterans Homes Sandusky and Georgetown

During the first week of September, Commander Friend visited our Ohio Veterans Homes. Terry Prince, Superintendent provided a general brief regarding both locations. Our Ohio Veterans Homes serve just 5% of Ohio's veterans. There are approximately 22 female veteran residents and one of the OVH priorities is to market its services to the female veteran population. Occupancy rates hover around 92% between both homes. Some veterans on the waiting list to are not quite ready to transition into the home but have indicated

that the OVH is where they want to go. The Ohio Veterans Homes represent 90% of the operational budget for Ohio Department of Veterans Services. Overall, moral among the veteran patients was seemingly high and the Department Commander received positive feedback. The veterans valued their relationships between the veterans, staff members, and the OVH leadership. The Ohio Veterans Homes maintain a welcoming and hospitable environment.

Eligibility requirements to become a resident at one of our Ohio Veterans Homes locations are set by the Ohio Revised Code.

- Ohio resident for at least one year
- Have served on active duty during a time of war or conflict – OR – have received the Purple Heart, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy/ Marine Corps Expeditionary

Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Southwest Asia Medal.

- Be disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and, by reason of such disability, incapable of earning a living.
- Most recent discharge must be Honorable or under Honorable conditions.

Sandusky campus is the 5th largest veteran home in the nation and is located on 94 acres. Sandusky opened in 1888 to care for veterans of the Civil War. The home is internally modernized, but the campus maintains its historical significance. Sandusky is a 427-bed nursing home that offers standard care and specialized care for veterans with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. Sandusky also offers 206 beds with comfortable accommodations in its Domiciliary where any veteran can maintain their independence and

quality of life.

Commander Friend toured the entire home from its' memory care unit to the domiciliary wing. During the tour, Commander Friend met two veterans who are married and currently reside in the same room, which displays the intentionality of staff members to ensure every veteran feels at home.

Georgetown campus opened in 2003 and is located on 35 acres. The home offers 168 beds for standard care and specialized care for veterans with Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia. Commander Friend met with Linda Slone who is the Nursing Home Administrator for the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown. Linda is extremely passionate and humble in her role of providing care – most importantly a home – to our veterans.

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TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES

JANE DELANO POST FIRST TO SPONSOR '37 BOYS' STATER

CINCINNATI.—Jane A. Delano Post No. 458, of Cincinnati, is the first Post to declare they will sponsor a boy in the 1937 Buckeye Boys' State.

This post, made up of nurses who served their country during the war, received the sponsorship application as printed in The Ohio Legion News on Armistice day, and two days later action had been completed and the department notified that the Post would send a lad.

The application was printed so that Posts could declare their intention early, thus assuring themselves of a boy in the camp. Because of the limit on the camp facilities, it will be necessary to hold the enrollment to a maximum of 700 this year.



VOICE LOST FOR 17 YEARS, REGAINS IT

Speechless for 17 years as a result of shell shock suffered in the Battle of Chateau-Thierry during the World War, Arthur S. Low, 42, of Gloucester, Mass., who since then had to resort to paper and pencil, regained his voice while reading a newspaper on a railroad train.

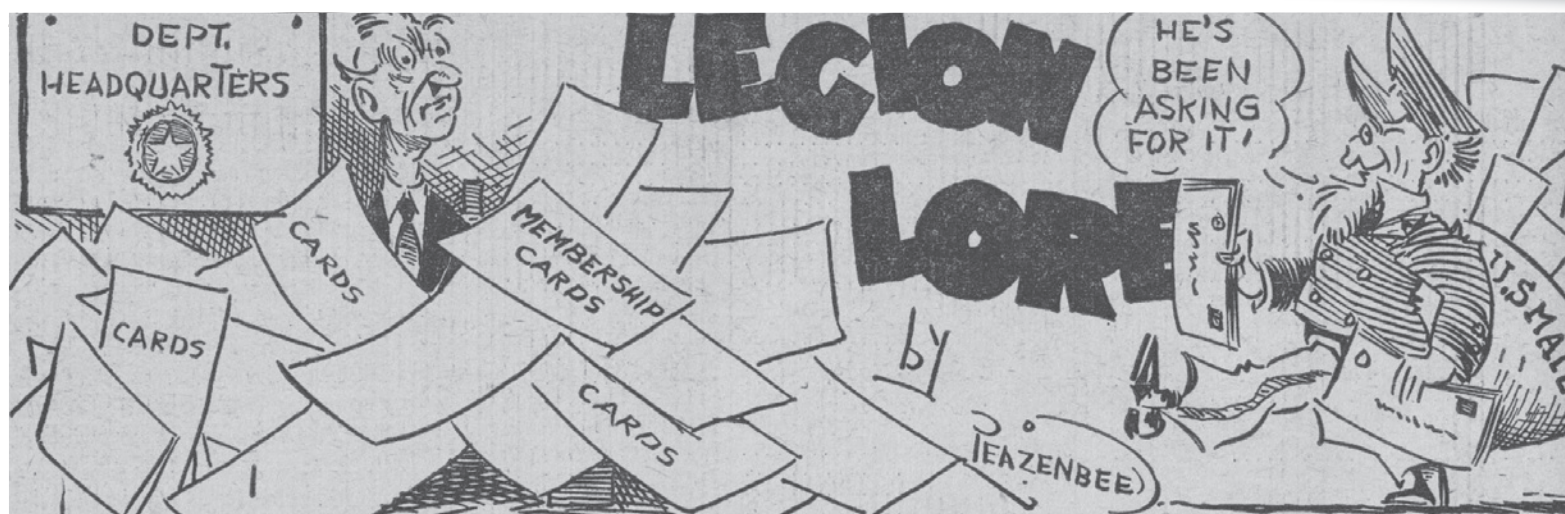
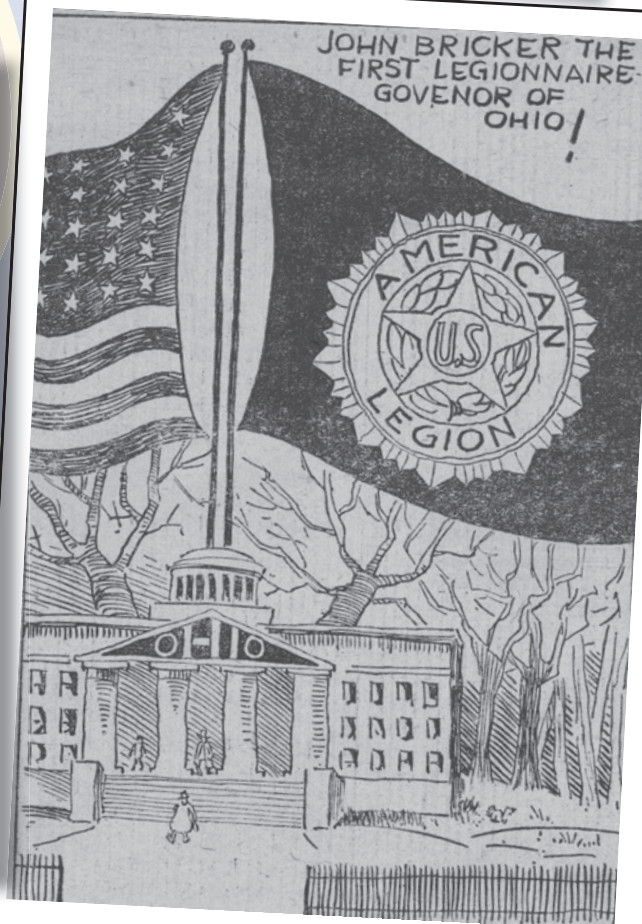
The shell shock did not affect him immediately. He went unscathed through the war and was a member of the Army of Occupation. He suddenly lost his voice after he returned from overseas. On a train last week, he suddenly heard himself reading aloud, he related.

He became so excited he could not stop talking until he was exhausted. The following morning he discovered he could speak normally.

Prepare For Christmas

MARIETTA—Marietta Post No. 84 is determined no needy Marietta child will go without a Christmas remembrance if the Legionnaires can help it.

Looking more than two months ahead members of the Post voted to immediately begin the task of gathering old toys to be repaired and re-painted for presentation on Christmas day. In laying plans for the work it was learned that unless some organization remembers them Christmas will be just another day for 250 small children of the community. One of the local theaters already has agreed to stage a Christmas party for those referred to it by the Legionnaires.



AMERICANISM

American Legion Baseball Concludes Successful Year with Talent

American Legion Baseball is the finest summer baseball program for high school students in Ohio and the nation today. American Legion Baseball serves as the largest source of talent to major league teams of any youth baseball program. In 2018, over 55% of all players on 30 major league team rosters played American Legion Baseball. 2019 marks the 94th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any field. For these past 93 years American Legion Baseball has strived to maintain the reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the nation.

This year's senior tournament kicked off on July 31st at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio. This tournament was an 8 team, double elimination tournament. The 8 teams who won each of their regions were the following:

Region 1-Pemberville Post 183
Region 2-Sidney Post 217
Region 3-Wayne County Post 68
Region 4-Lancaster Post 11
Region 5-Circleville Post 134
Region 6-Meigs Post 39
Region 7-Conneaut Post 151
Region 8-Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750



Senior Tournament Champion: Beverly Lowell Post 389 750

The final game of the tournament started on Sunday August 4th at 1:00pm. Wayne County and Beverly/Lowell faced off for the final game, both teams only having one loss after their games on Saturday wrapped up. Last year's tournament runner-up, Beverly/Lowell defeated Wayne County 7-1.

They immediately moved on to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament which was held at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. Their first game was Wednesday August 7th against Gladwin County Michigan Post 171. They defeated them 13-5

and went on to play Terre Haute Indiana Post 346 and defeated them 10-2. Day three of the tournament, they defeated Danville Post 210 15-16, then moved on and defeated Swoyersville Pennsylvania Post 644 9-8..... making them the ONLY undefeated team in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament and advancing them to the final game.

The final game was our faithful "Boys of Summer" versus Danville Illinois Post 210, which were the winners of the loser's bracket. Danville defeated Beverly/Lowell 14-6, forcing them to play a second game because that was



Senior Tournament Runner-Up: Wayne County Post 68

Beverly/Lowell's first loss. In the last game of the Great Lakes Regional Tournament, Danville defeated Beverly/Lowell 4-3.

These young men played their hearts out. They left it all on the field. To say they made Ohio proud, is an understatement. They were the state runner ups last year and came back this year with a hunger. They won the Ohio Senior State Tournament and went straight to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament. They defeated many good teams and were undefeated until the final day. You can't win em all boys, but we are so very very

proud of you!

You made your community, your Post, Department, the State of Ohio, and The American Legion so proud. You make us feel grateful that you wear the patch! Great season! Until next year.....

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up. Every strike brings me closer to the next home run. Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"

-Babe Ruth

*Christie White
Americanism and Children &
Youth Coordinator*



Region 1 Winner: Pemberville Post 183



Region 6 Winner: Meigs Post 39



Region 2 Winner: Sidney Post 217



Region 4 Winner: Lancaster Post 11



Region 7 Winner: Conneaut Post 151



Region 3 Winner: Wayne County Post 68



Region 5 Winner: Circleville Post 134



Region 8 Winner: Beverly Lowell Post 389 750

CHILDREN & YOUTH

LET'S TALK SCHOLARSHIPS!

Did you know that American Legion member or a Veteran can apply for a Department of Ohio Scholarship?

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship was established in 1971 to assist deserving high school students and veterans attending institutions of higher learning with the ever-increasing costs of higher education. The Department of Ohio offers 6 different scholarships for Veterans and their children. To be eligible for a scholarship one must be:

- A Legionnaire in good standing OR
 - a. A direct descendant of a Legionnaire in good standing OR
 - b. A direct descendant of a deceased Legionnaire in good standing at the time of passing.
 - c. If not a Legionnaire, must be a military veteran eli-

gible for Legion membership.

- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher (Sealed Transcripts) AND
 - a. Have an ACT of 25 or higher
- Provide an accurately completed application along with all required documentation
- If a high school senior, be attending college, university, or trade school in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
- A College admission letter or a statement from University, College, or Trade School showing enrollment.

The Scholarship Screening Committee shall choose no award based on sex, age, race, creed, or national origin. The committee does not see the names or personal information of any applicant.

The Durward I. Bernhard Award is in honor of a lifelong resident of Belmont County who at the time

of his passing, through his estate, provided funds to the American Legion Department of Ohio with the stipulation these funds be used to directly benefit the higher educational pursuits of Belmont County high school students, including home schooled or online students, or veterans residing in Belmont County.

The Donald L. Lanthorn Award is in honor of a lifelong resident of Licking County who served as the State Director of Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation for the Ohio American Legion State Headquarters for forty (40) years. This scholarship is awarded annually to one (1) selected high school student, including home schooled and online students, or veteran residing in and attending high school in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union counties.

The American Legion/Military Award is awarded annually to

selected applicant who is a current American Legion member in good standing, or an Active Duty member, or a Veteran.

High School Award is awarded annually to selected high school seniors, including home schooled and online students who reside and attend school within the state of Ohio.

The Surviving Spouse of Child Award is awarded to the surviving spouse or child of a deceased U.S. service member who died on active duty or from injuries received on active duty.

The College Student Award is awarded annually to a college student (s).

Please be sure to inform your family of the scholarship opportunities they may qualify for. Download our scholarship application at www.ohiolegion.com. If you have any questions during the application process, please contact us at legion@ohiolegion.com or you



may give us a call at 740-362-7478. Applications are due to The Department of Ohio no later than Wednesday, April 15th, 2020.

The Department of Ohio and The Scholarship Screening Committee thanks each Post, Squadron, and every individual who contributes to The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship Program – you all help impact the lives of many students throughout the years and for years to come.

2020

Please join us for the 2020 Session of Buckeye American Legion College. All Legion Family Members in good standing are eligible. Graduations will be held at Mid-Winter and Department Convention.

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| JAN 25 | Semester 1 Required Classes Mid-Winter Conference See Schedule on ohiolegion.com/balc |
| APR 25 | Semester 2 Required Practicals Department Headquarters |
| JUN 27 | Semester 3 Required Leadership Class Department Convention immediately following Saturday Session |

Please attend! The purpose of the BALC is to impart knowledge of the American Legion that can help at your Post! Proof of completion of Basic Training on legion.org is required for graduation.

Questions? email BuckeyeALC@ohiolegion.com

OHIO LEGION MEMBER RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Gabrielle White is a member of The American Legion, Department of OH. White was a recipient of a scholarship from The Department of Ohio. Pictured is the Class of 2023 new Cadets. White, with a sword by her side, trained all of these cadets.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: AMERICANISM UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 4-8, 2019: | Americanism and Government test to be given in schools |
| March 2-6, 2020: | Americanism and Government Trip |
| April 5, 2020: | Department Oratorical Contest |
| May 23, 2020: | Dayton & Western Reserve National Cemetery Grave Decorating |
| June 14-21, 2020: | 2020 Buckeye Boys State |

GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 457 GIVES CERTIFICATE



Minor McGraw, a WWII Veteran and member of Post 457 is presented with a Paid Up for Life Certificate. The certificate is presented by Department Sergeant at Arms Roy Terry on behalf of Post 457 and The American Legion.

NATIONAL AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE GRADS

Congratulations to Mike Blackwell, Post 707 District 3, Jose Rivera, Post 7 District 9, and Suzette Heller, Post 1 District 12 for graduating National American Legion College!



POST 523 MEMBER PLAQUE



Fifth District Commander Al Beyer of Irvin Hiskey Post 535 presents Commander Kerwin "Buzz" Nye of Lodi Post 523 with the Membership Quota plaque, and National Commander's 100% TEAM100 pin during the Fall Conference held on October 13, 2019 hosted by Sch-Loe-Man Post 547 in Monroeville, Ohio.

POST 523 RAISES FUNDS FOR FLAGPOLE



This spring, Lowell D. Oberly Post 667 American Legion spearheaded an effort to raise funds for a flagpole for the Osnaburg Local Schools Foltz Stadium. Through the generosity of friends, families, businesses and alumni, the goal was achieved. On July 23, Post 667 Commander Robert Morrison presented a check for \$2,500 to school superintendent Kevin Finefrock. The new flagpole was dedicated on August 30, 2019, at the first home football game. Members of Post 667 and Boy Scout Troop 36, sponsored by Post 667, participated in the first flag raising as the East Canton High School Band played the Star Spangled Banner. Post 667 would like to thank all donors including two other American Legion Posts: Louisville Post 548 and Mineral City Post 519.

POST 523 GIFTS OF YANKS



5th District Commander, Al Beyer presents the Gifts for Yanks plaque to Irvin Hiskey Post 535 for their contribution that benefits our veterans here in Ohio to Gifts for Yanks Post 535 Chairman Don Raver, Adjutant; and Larry Webb, Post Commander.

POST 221 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

Tenth District, Massillon, Ohio, American Legion Post #221. On June 1, 2019 American Legion Post #221 installed the newly elected officers for Legion Post # 221, the Sons of the American Legion and the legion Riders. Various awards and recognition certificates were given to members of Post # 221 for outstanding service over the past year to the American Legion and Post# 221. The enclosed photo was taken during the swearing in of the new officers.



POST 631 HONORS VETERAN



Don DuBois, 1st Vice Commander Post 631, presents a plaque to Raymond Hughes, Post 631, at Good Sam Hospital. Ray Hughes served on the USS New Jersey and USS Midway in World War II. Ray turned 93 years of age.

POST 801 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

At the June Post Meeting, Macedonia resident Daniel E. Davis was honored with Post 801's 2019 Veteran of the Year Award. Davis has taken a leadership role in developing and building the Macedonia Veterans Park. He is a U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB), Bronze Star and two Air Medals. Davis retired from Case Western Reserve University after thirty years constructing Medical School facilities. A resident of Macedonia since 2011, he and his wife Jean are parents of David, North Carolina, Jennifer Noernberg, Stow and Donald, Macedonia. They are grandparents of three.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 336 HOST VETERAN APPRECIATION DAY



American Legion Post 336 Painesville held our annual Veterans Appreciation Day on Sept 13, 2019. This was our tenth year for this event and it was a major success. We had 500+ attendees and numerous vendors and support organizations at the event. Our local Community Based Out Patient Clinic was on site to give flu vaccinations and answer questions about health services. Tara Wallace, Facility Director for the CBOC spoke to the gathering about changes and options for receiving care outside the VA and how to insure it works well for the Veteran. The featured speaker of the day was Congressman David P. Joyce. He spoke to Veterans issues and spent time speaking with the members and sharing stories and experiences. Post 336 looks forward to next year and we hope it will be even bigger.

POST 318 NEW OFFICERS



On May 12, 2019, an Installation of Officer's Ceremony was conducted at Post 318. The Installing Officer was current Commander Don Bishop. Two new Post Officer's were sworn in, along with four incumbent Officer's. At the far left, Cdr. Don Bishop. From R-L: Cdr. Elect Joe DuBois, 1st Vice Cdr. Robert Kamman, 2nd Vice Cdr. Randell Lindsey, Adj. Elect Edward Ruffennach, Finance Off. Ronald Yersky Jr., Chaplain Jerry Porter.



POST 290 RECEIVES FUNDING

Brad Teis, Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander presents a check for \$2,500.00 to Greg Gustafson of the Columbiana Firestone Park Board to be used for park improvements. L to R, Richard Houp Columbiana Post 290 1st Vice Commander, Brad Teis, Greg Gustafson and Ken Allcorn Post 290 Commander.

POST 297 CONFERENCE

First District Commander Jason Rue, of Winnow-Am Post 541 commences the District Fall Conference with 1st Vice Commander Joe Navarre of Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 and 2nd Vice Commander, Kevin Motter of Montpelier Post 109 hosted on October 6, 2019 by American Legion Reuben J. Smith Post 297 in Payne, Ohio.



POST 290 HAS STREET FAIR



It's Columbiana Post 290's annual street fair and members are busy in the post trailer selling tickets as post member and trustee Ed Holisky watches over them and helping where needed.

POST 553 AWARDS MEMBER

During the Great First District Fall Conference, District Historian Harry Landis, presented the 2018-2019 District Yearbook he prepared that was awarded the Department of Ohio Certificate of Achievement for exceptional work, and showed Harry's dedication and diligence, to Past District Commander David Paquette of Adams Township Post 553.



POST 236 CELEBRATES



American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls celebrated the U. S. Air Force's 72nd birthday at the regular monthly meeting held Monday September 9, 2019. Air Force veterans pictured (L-R) Ray Maynard and Jim Murry.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 88 AWARDED



Ashland American Legion Post 88 in Ashland was awarded the 2019 Community Service Award by the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, which covers eight counties: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca and Wyandot. Post 88 Commander Ronald E. Dull, who also serves as Second Vice Commander of the Fifth District, accepted the award during a ceremony in Mansfield.

POST 382 DONATES FLAG TO SCHOOL



Bluffton American Legion Post 382 Donated a flag to the St. Marys Catholic Church Pre-School in Bluffton, Ohio.

POST 236 HOST WINNERS



American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls, held a dinner for 14 Newton Falls High School students and their parents on Sunday Sept. 15, 2019. The students represented Post 236 at the Boy's State and Girl's State conferences held earlier this summer. They were invited to share their experiences learning about State Government. A total of 45 people attended the dinner. Pictured - Adults standing (L-R) Donna Ball, Post 236 Boy's State Chairperson, Rick Nelson, Post 236 Commander. Boy's State representatives standing (L-R) Trevor Hanzel, Gavin Phares, Brant Bungard, Mike Hrusovsky. Not present: Trent Jones, Zach Derry, Andrew Steffens, Bryce Moran. Girl's State representatives seated (L-R) Allison Sembach, Bailey Shrum, Elizabeth Nutter, Julie Coss. Not present: Sadie Andrukat, Alyssa Dangerfield. Adult seated at right: Kim Shaulis Ball, Post 236 Auxiliary, Girl's State Chairperson.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BAND



Buckeye Boys State Band Director, Post 382

POST 382 ANNOUNCE BUCKEYE STATE BOYS & GIRLS



Boys & Girls State Chairman Dennis Morrison with Students Raina Runk, Neil Metzger, Zachary Taylor, Angelica Williams is not pictured.

POSTS JOIN TOGETHER TO HONOR VETERAN



Twenty-two members from the Findlay American Legion Post 3, McCombe Post 511 and Bluffton Post 382 Honor Guards held Ceremonies for Korean Veteran John Cooper at the Clymer Cemetary near Mt. Cory, Ohio.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



CHARITABLE GOLF DONATES OVER \$8500



Bluffton American Legion 382 Annual Gold Charitable Golf donated over \$8500 to 20 Organizations.

POST 62 HOSTS CENTENNIAL PICNIC



Post 62 hosts a centennial picnic.

POST 29 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUTH



The Zanesville American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion on August 6 awarded scholarships to several area college students. A total of \$18,000 will be awarded.

POST 29 'RAISE THE ROOF' RECEIVES DONATION



The Zanesville American Legion Post 29 recently received \$8000.00 from the J.W. & M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation for the Post's "Raise the Roof" project. This grant will benefit Muskingum County veterans and their families

POST 236 GIVES SUPPLIES



American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls hosted a book bag filled with school supplies giveaway on Sunday Aug. 4, 2019. St. Nicholas Samaritan Outreach, Warren provided the free book bags to approximately 204 children. Post 236 provided a \$2,500.00 donation to the St. Nicholas Samaritan Outreach to host the book bag giveaway and a free Thanksgiving Day dinner that will be held at Post 236 in Nov. 2019. The Outreach also provides free dinners at the Windham American Legion Post. Pictures (L-R): Post 236 Officers Joe Nicolino, 1st Vice Commander and Rick Nelson, Post Commander. Representing St. Nicholas Samaritan Outreach team are Sis. Albers and Cheryl Ciulei.

POST 28 GROUND BREAKING



Perrysburg American Legion Post #28 members Juan Artiaga (left) and Commander Gary Nordahl (right) join WWII Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams (center) during the ground breaking ceremony of the Northwest Ohio Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. The memorial will be built on the bank of the Maumee River in Perrysburg. Hershel Williams is one of two remaining WWII Medal of Honor recipients. Mr. Williams was the guest speaker at the ground breaking ceremony.

POST 221 CELEBRATES 100



Tenth District, Massillon, Ohio, American Legion Post #221. From left to right this photo shows Jeff Runser, Post Commander and his grandson-Trenton; Mark Eklund, Past Commander; and Happy Marotto, ALA President riding on the post float celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the American Legion, during the Memorial Day parades in Massillon and Navarre, Ohio. The parades were held on May 27, 2019.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

FLAG FOR WAYNEDEALE GYM



American Legions from Apple Creek, Homesville and Fredericksburg and the Apple Creek Sons of the American Legion (SAL) donated this flag to the Waynedale Athletic Booster Club for the school's gymnasium to be rolled down for the national anthem at home events.

POST 221 HONORS CEMETERY



Tenth District, Massillon, Ohio, American Legion Post #221. The Kendal Settlement existed from 1811 to 1848 before the city of Massillon was founded. After the city of Massillon was founded it annexed the Kendal Settlement including the Kendal Burial Ground which was closed and the Massillon Cemetery was opened. The Kendal Burial Ground was forgotten and no markers are visible today from the past. The Kendal Settlement Committee was formed a few years ago and the cemetery was rededicated on June 30, 2019. The American Legion Post 221 Honor Guard was there. From left to right is Mark Weldon, Dan Webber, Leonard Baderscher, and Jeff Runser. Not pictured C. Richard Thacher.

75-YEAR OLD VETERAN RECEIVES DIPLOMA

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019, Albert Buxton received his high school diploma from Northwest Local School District – Cincinnati, Ohio. The board granted his wish – to finally receive his diploma. "I finally got my diploma, finally graduated after 57 years. Mr. Buxton left high school in December of 1961 to enlist in the Navy during the Cuban crisis and Viet Nam Conflict. Took his training at GLNTC in Chicago, IL in January 1962 for 8 weeks. After basic training he was sent to the USS Intrepid (CVS-11) in Norfolk as a Seaman on Admirals Staff as a Boatswain Mate on high GIG. Mr. Buxton was helping his grandson on the district progress book and noticed that there was a section for Veterans to receive their diplomas. The State of Ohio allows school districts to recognize the efforts of those who left high school during WWII, Korean Conflict or the Viet Nam Conflict (Ohio revised code), prior to graduation, in order to join the war effort. Mr. Buxton has four children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. "My family had no idea that I never received my diploma and they were happy to see me get it", he said. I'm proud of my diploma that I received from Colerain High School, proud to be an American Citizen and proud to have served my country. Mr. Buxton has been an American Legion member for 55 years and a proud member of Yeager-Benson Memorial Post 199 in Harrison Ohio.



POST 336 HOST VETERAN APPRECIATION DAY

American Legion Riders from Post 336 were honored to provide escort for the remains of Sgt. Vernon Judd. Sgt. Judd was listed missing in action on Nov. 28, 1950 and later it was reported that he died in the Hofong Prisoner of War Camp. Sgt. Judd was a member of Company D, 89th Medium Tank Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. Judd is survived by his



brother Kenny and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. The escort was made up of American Legion, Rolling Thunder and other concerned Veterans Groups. Sgt. Judd was escorted from Cleveland Hopkins airport to the Spidell Funeral Home in Brewster, OH. Sgt. Judd was one of the 50+ sets of remains returned to the United States as a result of negotiations by President Trump. He was interred at Western Reserve National Cemetery on Sept 24, 2019 with full Military Honors including a fly over by two vintage WWII fighter planes. Rest in Peace Sgt. Judd in the soil of your homeland.

POST 29 CELEBRATES 100

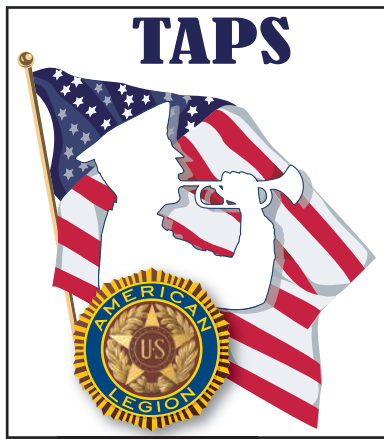
Post 803, Aurora, District 14, decorated a trailer for the city July 4th parade. The Auxiliary purchased a special banner to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Legion. It received honorable mention. The banner was also used in a display at the Aurora Library.



VETERAN'S SERVICE GIVES PLAQUE

Dan Hoile, Wood County Veteran's Service Commission presents to Dave Ridenour a plaque from the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners. Dave served on the Wood County Veterans Service Commission for 23 years and also served on the Ohio State Association, twice elected as their President.



**POST 1 COLUMBUS**

GARY MORRIS

POST 3 FINDLAY

ARMANDO HERNANDEZ

PAUL PATTON

LARRY RETTIG

DANIEL SNYDER

POST 6 SPRINGFIELD

KYLE GERHARDT

WAYNE WATSON

POST 7 WICKLIFFE

PAUL BELLON

JAMES DROWNS

OTIS MAHFFEY

LAWRENCE MARTENS

DONALD RICHARDS

POST 8 WELLINGTON

JOSEPH BAILEY

MARIE EVERETT

LYNN HENDRICKS

LEROY HOLLINGSWORTH

BRETT KEHL

GALEN MURRAY

RICHARD SIWINSKI

POST 10 EDGERTON

WILLIAM LEHMAN

POST 11 LANCASTER

MICHAEL BUNDENTHAL

DENNIS HARVEY

FRED HELD

ORLIN IACOBELLIS

DONALD MCKITTRICK

GEORGE SPEAKMAN

ALLEN STOLLARD

POST 12 ELYRIA

WILLIAM CLAUS

DOUGLAS PHILION

SAM RADYK

RUSSELL REED

RICHARD SCHALL

ROBERT WILSON

CHARLES WOODWARD

POST 14 BAINBRIDGE

JOHN HARRISON

POST 15 POLAND

MICHAEL CLEMENTE

POST 16 MANSFIELD

KEN AMOS

DONALD BLANK

ROBERT SLATON

POST 17 GIBSONBURG

CHARLES HOLCOMB

POST 18 TOLEDO

GEORGE RITTER

POST 19 AKRON

GEORGE MORTON

POST 21 ATHENS

ROBERT BRYAN

JERRY CORDLE

RICHARD CRAIG

FRED CUNNINGHAM

RICHARD HADDOX

THOMAS LITTLER

JOHN MATHENY

RICHARD NOSTRANT

JOHN WHITE

POST 23 PORTSMOUTH

JACK BUSSA

STANLEY DODDRIDGE

JACK EMMONS

WILLIAM JOHNSON

ROBERT MARASEK

STEVEN MAULT

GEORGE RALSTIN

ROBERT STAKER

JOSEPH VIRGIN

POST 24 MCCONNELSVILLE

W HALL

POST 25 WASHINGTON C.H.

JAMES HAMILTON

POST 27 GALLIPOLIS

VICTOR BURGESS

CHARLES BUSH

WESLEY MEEKS

BENJAMIN POTTER

POST 29 ZANESVILLE

GENE BAMFIELD

ROBERT CREEL

JERRY HILL

PAUL KUTTLER

HAROLD MILES

HAROLD PRITCHARD

KENNETH WHEELER

POST 31 EAST PALESTINE

WARREN KALE

POST 33 STEUBENVILLE

JAMES COOK

EDWARD KALIFUT

EDWARD KLONOWSKI

ROBERT RAST

ALFONSE ZAPOLNIK

POST 37 CINCINNATI

EUGENE SCHRODER

POST 38 MARTINS FERRY

CARL SHEETS

POST 40 RICHWOOD

CHARLES MEDDLES

FRED WHITE

POST 41 NORWALK

ALFRED NARDECCHIA

LOREN SCHULTZ

JAMES VOIK

POST 43 TROY

JAMES GANNON

JOSEPH SIMPSON

GARY YOUNGERMAN

POST 44 CANTON

LEONARD BOWERS

FREDRICK BURKHART

DENZIL MCINTIRE

RALPH NOBIS

JAMES OROS

SAMUEL RUSSELL

JAMES WATKINS

BOB WHITE

POST 46 BELLEVUE

ANTHONY BRUGNONE

KENNETH FOX

EUGENE SCHNEIDER

POST 49 WILMINGTON

LAWSON ADKINS

BURTON WERNER

POST 51 HUBBARD

DONALD LEWIS

EDWIN MOORE

POST 52 BELLAIRE

ROBERT FAHEY

JOSEPH HELMS

ANELLO LIBERATI

MILLARD MILLER

POST 57 AMANDA

JAMES BITLER

WILLIAM SMITH

POST 58 SOMERSET

RICHARD LENTZ

LOWELL PAXTON

POST 60 STRYKER

DONALD JUILLARD

POST 62 CHILLICOTHE

JAMES DAILEY

JOHN HAMPP

STEVE HOYLMAN

CLAUDE WISECUP

POST 63 OTTAWA

JAMES FISHER

URBAN LAUF

EDWARD SCHROEDER

WALTER TRENKAMP

POST 64 MARIETTA

ROGER FRENCH

LEROY KUHN

L MOODY

JAMES MULINEX

NORMAN PETERSON

JACK RUFFING

WILLIAM RUSSELL

JOHN SPEAR

POST 65 COSHOCTON

GERALD ADAMS

NORMAN BAIR

MICHAEL BURKEY

WILLIAM DERINGER

POST 68 WOOSTER

TERRY BITTINGER

LESLIE TEICHMER

PABLO VALENCIA

POST 69 READING

LEO RITCHIE

POST 71 ROSEVILLE

DENZIL DILLINGER

JAMES MCCONNELL

BENJAMIN RHODES

POST 72 MT. CARMEL

WILLIAM NEAD

POST 73 FOSTORIA

RICHARD BEMIS

EMMETT DROLL

GERALD DROLL

FLORIAN PODACH

ROBERT WATSON

POST 79 MARYSVILLE

OSCAR DECKER

POST 80 COVINGTON

MARTIN BLACK

POST 81 JACKSON

FLOYD ROSE

EDWARD RUTH

POST 82 COLUMBUS

ROBERT BUTCHER

POST 83 SANDUSKY

JAMES FALLER

EUGENE FITZTHUM

GARY HAGER

ROBERT HAWKINS

RANDY HUEY

LESTER SADLER

PAUL SCHENK

ROBERT TODD

DONALD WARNER

POST 85 NEWARK

JAMES GILES

LAWRENCE JONES

ART MATTHEWS

ROBERT MELLARS

DALE MILLER

CARL MORAN

CARL OAKLEAF

STANLEY PIETRZAK

KENNETH YOST

POST 87 WOODSFIELD

GLENN DIERKES

CLEMENCE KRESS

POST 88 ASHLAND

RONALD ANDERSON

DONALD BALLANTYNE

CHARLES BROOME

WILLIAM MAST

JOHN NETHERS

GEORGE SNOOK

POST 91 BERE

HERBERT ADAMS

LAWRENCE BOYLE

GEORGE KRAFT

THOMAS LOHN

JOHN MATEJ

THOMAS SCHMIDT

JOHN SOPKO

SAM STRATIS

POST 92 UTICA

ROBERT MCDANIEL

BILLY REINBEAU

POST 95 XENIA

DWIGHT KING

POST 96 LIMA

JOHN BROOKMAN

ALLEN FRAZEE

HARRY JONES

JAMES LHAMON

RUSSEL LONG

BILL MARKLEY

CHARLES THOMAS

CHESTER TYRRELL

POST 99 TOLEDO

JERRY OWENS

POST 100 WEST UNION

WENDELL BARNES

EDMUND ELLIS

ANTHONY PERO

POST 103 ASHTABULA

JOHN ALLCOCK

WALLACE RIGGS

POST 106 NILES

RAYMOND DONADIO

POST 109 MONTPELIER

LEON SHOUP

POST 110 TOLEDO

ALBERT MICHALAK

ANTHONY MUNICH

POST 112 MADISON

RUSS BYRNES

BILLY KUHN

JAMES MARTIN

GEORGE SPAID

C WHIPPLE

POST 113 PORT CLINTON

GERALD NEILL

POST 114 OAK HARBOR

JOHN SHIFFERT

POST 115 DELAWARE

JOHN CROSS

WILLIAM SHEEHY

THOMAS WETHERELL

POST 116 BYESVILLE

LARRY BROWN

POST 117 DEFIANCE

JAMES BOHLMANN

LEO HINES

POST 118 AMHERST

ROBERT BURGETT

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FRANCIS DOYLE

EDWARD EIBORG

WILLIAM FREY

DONALD GARGAS

JAMES HAMILTON

RAFAEL MENDEZ

RICHARD SWAB

ALLEN SWAN

POST 120 URBANA

ROGER NEER

IVAN SABINS

POST 123 NORWOOD

JOHN BROCKMAN

STEVEN DAUGHERTY

POST 124 GENEVA

WAYNE SCHIMEL

POST 129 HILLSBORO

FORREST BEERY

RONALD SWONGER

POST 131 LEETONIA

CARL GOODBALLE

JAY WALTERS

POST 134 CIRCLEVILLE

THOMAS BERGER

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GORDON LLOYD

POST 136 MT. VERNON

JIMMY STILTNER

POST 138 HAMILTON

WILLIAM KOEHLER

PAUL KURTZ

GERALD MILLER

MELFORD PEYTON

JAMES ZETTLER

POST 139 NEW PHILADELPHIA

FRANCIS BORING

ROBERT YOUNG

POST 140 GREENVILLE

CLARK LEASE

POST 142 WAVERLY

ROBERT BARKER

CLARENCE ROSEBROCK
POST 265 WAUSEON
WILLIAM LEWALLEN
POST 266 BELLE CENTER
DONALD ZIMMERMAN
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JOSEPH ALTMAN
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POST 282 ORRVILLE
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JAMES PAXTON
JUDY WILLOUGHBY
POST 284 BRYAN
FRANCIS BORTON
FRANKLIN HAASE
TERRY SCHUTTE
R SHORT
POST 286 NEW CARLISLE
RONALD DICKENSHEETS
BYRON MCDANIEL
HOWARD TAYLOR
POST 288 WILLIAMSBURG
CHARLES DAVIS
DONALD GATCH
LARRY LITSEY
RONALD LOULLEN
JOHN MOORE
DONALD PARKER
POST 290 COLUMBIANA
JOHN CHAPMAN
CHARLES CLARK
RALPH COBLENTZ
EDWARD DAILEY
ALBERT DROTTLEFF
ROBERT HOWARD
STEVE JASECKO
POST 291 KINGSTON
CARL JUSTICE
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POST 297 PAYNE
JAMES FORRER
MAJOR KLINKER
ROBERT PARADY
POST 300 NAPOLEON
ELDOR CORDES
RAYMOND MERILLAT
HAROLD WILLEMAN
KEITH ZIEGLER
POST 301 AUSTINTOWN
EDWARD SVESKO
POST 309 MAPLE HEIGHTS
STEVE DZURNAK
DENNIS FERENCZY
FREDERICK LIMA
JAMES LORENCE
RAYMOND RUTKAI
POST 316 DESHLER
JOHN COLLIER
RAYMOND PLOTTS
RICHARD SWAIN
POST 318 CINCINNATI
HOWARD KING
DALE SIMPSON
POST 320 MAUMEE
JACK APPLE
ROBERT GRIMES
GEORGE NICKEY
POST 322 WEST ALEXANDRIA
WILLIAM BARNETT
ROBERT FRIEND
RICHARD GREGG
NELS MUNSON
PATRICIA PARKS
EARL SCHLOTTERBECK
RONALD SILVER
POST 323 ST. MARYS
NELSON PEARSON
GLEN SNETHKAMP
POST 324 GENOA
MICHAEL DRIVER
POST 325 MANCHESTER
PAUL PHIPPS
LEROY WISECUP
POST 326 SHELBY
MAX BASHORE
ROBERT BLANKENHORN
WILLIAM BONECUTTER
JEFFREY JENNEY
GENE LOVE
HERMANN NEHRKORN
FRANK TILL
HEROLD VIERS
POST 327 CORNING
RICHARD BATESON
POST 330 WAPAKONETA
ORVAL HENGSTLER
STANLEY MAXSON
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WILLIAM PETTY
DONALD ZINK
POST 331 RAVENNA
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DAVID BRUNNER
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POST 334 TOLEDO
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ORA ALLEMAN
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THEODORE JENKINS
JAMES JONES
JEREMY PATERSON
RICHARD PERRY
JAMES WHITE
LEO WYMER
POST 336 PAINESVILLE
JOHN BULL
DONALD HOLT
GREG MATTY
POST 228 BRADNER
RONALD SKAGGS
POST 343 EUCLID
BRIAN ERDELAC
KENNETH HOHNE
ROSE TANNER
POST 344 CAREY
PAUL BURSON
ROGER MULLHOLAND
POST 345 FORT RECOVERY
KENNETH SIEFRING
POST 346 OHIO CITY
ROBERT BOLTON
IVAN VOLTZ
POST 352 MENTOR
RAY BABCOCK
POST 353 ANSONIA
DAVID HARBISON
JACK WRIGHT
POST 354 NEW RIEGEL
MAURICE REINHART
KENNETH TIELL
POST 355 FORT LORAMIE
ANTHONY EILERMAN
POST 360 NEW PARIS
HOYT ANDERSON
MARVIN BROWN
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POST 363 LUCASVILLE
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CHARLES MCCOPPIN
POST 373 DELTA
JAMES SHOTWELL
POST 374 EAST LIVERPOOL
JAMES WHITE
POST 375 MALVERN
MICHAEL RAY
HARLEY ROHRER
PAUL SURGEON
FRANK TRUSSELL
POST 376 JUNCTION CITY
KENNETH FUCHS
JAMES TRIONA
POST 377 CAMDEN
BILLY BARGER
FRANKLIN BENGE
TIM LAMB
POST 382 BLUFFTON
JOHN COOPER
POST 384 WHITEHOUSE
CHARLES JONES
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FLOYD MEAD
DAVID WALKER
POST 385 WESTLAKE
RONALD TATAROWICZ
ROBERT YATES
POST 387 MINSTER
JOSEPH WENDELN
ROBERT BEACH
GOLDEN CARPENTER
DELBERT FLEMING
GEORGE HOFFMAN
CARL KEIMER
RONALD LEMKE
THOMAS MILLER
GENE NICKLEY
GUS OLEXEN
POST 399 DRESDEN
GALEN MAHON
FRANCIS SMYTHE
POST 401 CALEDONIA
GARY EVERLY
JOHN LANDIS
POST 405 NEW WASHINGTON
JAMES EHRESMAN
MILTON LEONHART
POST 406 BETHEL
GERALD BARRETT
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POST 407 DOYLESTOWN
WILLIAM DANIEL
POST 414 GLOUSTER
PAUL WOODS
POST 417 MT. STERLING
DONALD GILDOW
RALPH STONE
POST 418 DEXTER CITY
HOMER STEWART
POST 420 MURRAY CITY
RAY FORESTER

POST 423 RITTMAN
WAYNE AMBROSE
POST 425 CINCINNATI
THOMAS ANDERSON
DANIELLE KOPP
GEORGE LANGENBRUNNER
PAUL SEIFERT
POST 426 WEST LIBERTY
MICHAEL BANTA
ROBERT THOMPSON
POST 430 COLUMBUS
THOMAS LITTLETON
POST 431 NEWCOMERSTOWN
ARTHUR STUDD
POST 432 WAYNESBURG
VAIL WELKER
POST 434 BLOOMVILLE
JOHN EVANS
RALPH KIEFFER
DONALD SHUTT
POST 435 VERSAILLES
CYRIL FRANTZ
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CHARLES FARRELL
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POST 438 BRUNSWICK
LUCIAN GROVE
ALBERT TEKAUTZ
POST 441 TONTOGANY
GERALD MARKIN
POST 449 AKRON
JOHN KILROY
POST 450 MILFORD
HARRY SCOTT
JIM WELLS
POST 451 ROCKY RIVER
JOHN REARDON
POST 453 ROCKY RIVER
ANGELO CHAKERES
FRANK SARIDAKIS
MIKE SFEKAS
POST 455 WOODVILLE
JOHN BUSCH
ROBERT HEINEMAN
POST 459 BURTON
RALPH FRITINGER
RICHARD WHEELER
POST 462 NEVADA
GOBLE ATKINS
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LORN ASH
KENNETH SCHWIETZ
DONALD SHELTON
POST 465 COLUMBUS
JAMES LAIPPLY
POST 466 WEST LAFAYETTE
EUGENE JONES
POST 468 SYLVANIA
JAMES SCHWEN
POST 469 CLEVELAND
GALE WURSTHORN
POST 470 COLDWATER
DON DESCH
OLIVER GIERE
STEPHEN HIGH
LEROY KESSEN
ROMAN MEYER
JIM REYNOLDS
POST 473 COPLEY
WALTER VANNOSTRAN
POST 475 DELLROY
DAVID TOOT
POST 476 WILKESVILLE
CHARLES CAMPBELL
MERYL HOUDASHELDT
POST 479 SWANTON
ROBERT DIETSCH
WILLIAM JOHNSON
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DAVID NATION
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POST 483 FRANKFORT
ERNEST COTTRILL
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AUGUST FELDMANN
DAVID FICKS
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EDWARD KRAUK
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POST 487 WEST MILTON
RALPH CASSEL
RON MINTON
LESTER ROSENGARTEN
WILBUR WERLING
ALLEN WERTS
POST 490 WHITEHALL
JOHN GIDDINGS
CHARLES RIDDLEBARGER
POST 491 DENNISON
MILAN PACKOVICH
POST 493 JACKSON CENTER
ROY BLACKFORD
PHILLIP CUMMONS
POST 494 SUGARCREEK
ERNEST RIDENBAUGH
POST 496 KENT
WILLIAM BYERS
DAVID HANSEN
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POST 503 SHILOH
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JAMES MCHAFFIE
GLEN NEWCOMER
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JERRY GEARS
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RAYMOND DOXSEY
VERNON PFEIFFER
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WILLIAM SEAY
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POST 578 BATESVILLE
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DANNY BORN
JAMES DONALDSON
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POST 697 PERRY
CHARLES BAKER
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RANDOLPH WIELAND
CHARLES WILSON

2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| START | END | SUBJECT | LOCATION |
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| 11/2/19 | 11/2/19 | Post Service Officer Training | Department Headquarters |
| 11/2/19 | 11/2/19 | Oratorical Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 11/2/19 | 11/2/19 | Finance Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 11/4/19 | 11/8/19 | A&G Tests Given in Schools | Department Headquarters |
| 11/11/19 | 11/11/19 | Veteran's Day- Office Closed | Department Headquarters |
| 11/12/19 | 11/12/19 | National CMDR Open House | Post 532 7:30p-9p |
| 11/13/19 | 11/13/19 | Brown Jug | Department Headquarters |
| 11/14/19 | 11/14/19 | National CMDR Southway Post 144 1p-3p | Department Headquarters 10am-Noon |
| 11/17/19 | 11/17/19 | 7th District Winter Conference | Post 142- Waverly |
| 11/18/19 | 11/18/19 | Membership Go to Meeting | @6PM |
| 11/28/19 | 11/29/19 | Thanksgiving Observance-Office Closed | Department Headquarters |
| 12/1/19 | 12/1/19 | 2nd District Winter Conference | Post 178- Van Wert |
| 12/1/19 | 12/1/19 | 6th District Winter Conference | Post 584- Marion |
| 12/1/19 | 12/1/19 | 8th District Winter Conference | Post 376- Junction City |
| 12/4/19 | 12/4/19 | 13th District Winter Conference | Post 91- Berea |
| 12/7/19 | 12/7/19 | Department Executive Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 12/8/19 | 12/8/19 | District Commander My Legion Training | Department Headquarters 9am-Noon |
| 12/14/19 | 12/14/19 | 9th District Winter Conference | Post 236- Newton Falls |
| 12/15/19 | 12/15/19 | 14th District Winter Conference | Post 685 - Streetsboro |
| 12/16/19 | 12/16/19 | Membership Go to Meeting | @6PM |
| 12/23/19 | 12/27/19 | Christmas Observance- Office Closed | Department Headquarters |
| 12/30/19 | 1/1/20 | New Years Observance-Office Closed | Department Headquarters |
| 1/4/20 | 1/4/20 | 10th District Winter Conference | Post 86- Toronto |
| 1/5/20 | 1/5/20 | 1st District Winter Conference | Post 587- Toledo |
| 1/5/20 | 1/5/20 | 5th District Winter Conference | Post 257- Loudonville |
| 1/5/20 | 1/5/20 | 12th District Winter Conference | Post 532- Columbus |
| 1/11/20 | 1/11/20 | 4th District Winter Conference | Post 69- Cincinnati |
| 1/12/20 | 1/12/20 | 11th District Winter Conference | Post 750, Lowell |
| 1/19/20 | 1/19/20 | 3rd District Winter Conference | Post 668- Vandalia |
| 1/20/20 | 1/20/20 | Membership Go to Meeting | @6PM |
| 1/21/20 | 1/21/20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day | National Observance |
| 1/23/20 | 1/23/20 | Winter Ohio Legion News Submission Deadline | Department Headquarters |
| 1/24/20 | 1/26/20 | Mid-Winter Conference | Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington |
| 2/8/20 | 2/9/20 | Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 1 | Poelking Lanes South |
| 2/15/20 | 2/16/20 | Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 2 | Poelking Lanes South |
| 2/17/20 | 2/17/20 | President's Day | National Observance |
| 2/22/20 | 2/22/20 | Membership Face to Face | Department Headquarters |
| 2/22/20 | 2/23/20 | Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 3 | Poelking Lanes South |
| 2/23/20 | 2/23/20 | Baseball Meeting | Department Headquarters @10:00AM |
| 3/1/20 | 3/1/20 | 6th District Spring Conference | Post 79- Marysville |
| 3/1/20 | 3/1/20 | 8th District Spring Conference | Post 476- Wilksville |
| 3/2/20 | 3/6/20 | Americanism and Government Trip | Washington D.C. |
| 3/4/20 | 3/4/20 | 13th District Spring Conference | Post 421- Fairview |
| 3/8/20 | 3/8/20 | 2nd District Spring Conference | Post 345- Ft. Recovery |
| 3/8/20 | 3/8/20 | 11th District Spring Conference | Post 29- Zanesville |
| 3/8/20 | 3/8/20 | 12th District Spring Conference | NVMM- Columbus |
| 3/8/20 | 3/11/20 | DSO/ Washington Conference | Hilton Washington Hotel |
| 3/14/20 | 3/14/20 | VA&R Spring Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 3/14/20 | 3/14/20 | National Security Spring Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 3/15/20 | 3/15/20 | Membership Go to Meeting | @6PM |
| 3/15/20 | 3/15/20 | 1st District Spring Conference | Post 063- Ottawa |
| 3/15/20 | 3/15/20 | 7th District Spring Conference | Washington Court House |
| 3/15/20 | 3/15/20 | 14th District Spring Conference | Post 566 - Garfield |
| 3/21/20 | 3/21/20 | 9th District Spring Conference | Post 7- Wickliffe |
| 3/21/20 | 3/21/20 | 10th District Spring Conference | Post 290- Columbiana |
| 3/22/20 | 3/22/20 | 4th District Spring Conference | Post 49 - Wilmington |
| 3/22/20 | 3/22/20 | 5th District Spring Conference | Post 88- Ashland |
| 3/28/20 | 3/28/20 | Finance Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 3/29/20 | 3/29/20 | 3rd District Spring Conference | Post 586- Tipp City |
| 4/4/20 | 4/4/20 | Department Executive Committee Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 4/10/20 | 4/11/20 | Buckeye Boys State Spring Meeting | Department Headquarters |
| 4/10/20 | 4/12/20 | Pool Tournament | Post 29 |
| 4/20/20 | 4/20/20 | Membership Go to Meeting | @6PM |
| 5/1/20 | 5/1/20 | 11th District Summer Convention | Post 77- Neff |
| 5/3/20 | 5/3/20 | 12th District Summer Convention | Post 465- Columbus |
| 5/3/20 | 5/3/20 | 6th District Summer Convention | Post 285- Hebron |
| 5/3/20 | 5/3/20 | 7th District Summer Convention | Post 142- Waverly |

Happy Holidays
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to yours!



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VA Medical Centers and Homes

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Commander Friend met Charles Dawson, age 101, a resident at The Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown. Charles is a WWII veteran who stormed the beach of Normandy. Charles remains active by remaining dedicated in his love for the arts and crafts.

Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center is in Columbus, Ohio and is under the leadership of Director Vivian T. Hudson since October 28, 2018. Chalmers provides services ranging from same-day surgery, primary care, woman's health, pain management, dental, optometry, and many more.

Commander Friend received a brief from Marylyn Brink, Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Specialist. The purpose of VJO program is to provide direct outreach, assessment, and case management for justice-involved Veterans in local courts and jails. Marylyn works closely with The Franklin County Military and Veterans Court and The Franklin County Jail – which recently opened its first dormitory for justice-involved veterans. This veteran dormitory currently houses 12 veterans but can host up-to 20 veterans. Veteran dormitories in local jails have shown to have great benefits to the justice-involved veteran across the state of Ohio. The VJO has found that justice-involved veterans may be often eligible for and become connected to VA services that add to that individuals' well-being.

Commander Friend received a brief regarding the Women Veterans Program. Chalmers offers a primary and gender-specific healthcare in a sensitive and safe environment which is housed in a separate, exclusive clinical area. The clinic is staffed by 2-fulltime female physicians, RNs, LPN, health tech, medical support assistants, and a Women Veterans Program Manager. Services range from primary care, preventative services, mental health, and many more. Commander Friend and 12th District leadership made a recommendation for Chalmers to do a public service announcement to inform our community of the services available to our female veterans.

Director Hudson provided a general overview of facility operations. Chalmers serves roughly 43,000 veterans, has a staff of 1500, and an annual budget of \$282 million. Director Hudson said that their biggest challenge is to "Get the word out! If you've earned benefits, you deserve to receive care."

Director Hudson updated Commander Friend on the implementation of the MISSION ACT. The central Ohio community offers many quality healthcare providers. Director Hudson strongly recommends every veteran who receives healthcare from community provider outside

of the VA to keep all medical notes and documentation from each visit before they leave their appointments. The VA struggles to obtain medical records from community providers and there is often additional cost involved. The billing process between the VA and community providers should continue to improve but the local facility has very little control over that process.

VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System – Cleveland VA Medical Center is a 5-star Facility for VA Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning (SAIL) which is a measurement of quality and efficiency. Commander Friend met with the executive leadership and received an overview of facility operations. Cleveland VA provided healthcare services to 112,589 unique veterans who are connected to the VA for the first time. Services include but not limited to mental health, rehabilitation, primary care, and surgery.

Virtual Healthcare continues to expand and innovate to fit the needs of veterans. This fall, Mobile Screening Unit will come online and make its way throughout the entire Northeast Ohio catchment area. Veterans are encouraged to register at myhealth.va.gov to refill VA prescriptions, keep track of all VA medical appointments, communicate with VA staff, and to view your VA medical records.

Cleveland VA is excited to announce that its stand-alone Women's Health Center will be completed and celebrate its grand opening in 2020.

In June of 2019 Susan Fuehrer, VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System Director formally retired after 30 years of service throughout nearly every level of the Veterans Health Administration. Fuehrer began her time at the Cleveland VA in 1986 and became the Director in 2019. Fuehrer led various capital improvements to The Cleveland VA Medical Center including renovations to the medical center, parking garage, and the creation of VA outpatient centers. Just before retirement, Fuehrer was able to see the completion of the Greater Cleveland Fisher House which include two 16-suite homes accessible to families of veterans receiving treatment at Cleveland VA Medical Center. Director Fuehrer was admired by American Legion VA Voluntary Services Representatives and the veteran community. Her leadership and passion to serve veterans will be missed tremendously. Fuehrer is now MetroHealth System's president of social determinants of health and health equity.

Commander Friend timed his visit up perfectly to attend the Retirement Tea in honor of John Evans, an American Legion volunteer and deputy representative. John has been a volunteer for 28 years and

has over 18,900 volunteers.

Johns Evans formed trusting relationships with staff, volunteers, and most-importantly the veterans whom we served.

"I just try to be their friend" – John Evans

John Evans is a paid-up for life member of American Legion Clifton Post 421. In 2017, John Evans was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Cincinnati VA Medical Center is also a 5-star Facility for VA Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning (SAIL) which is a measurement of quality and efficiency. Cincinnati VA Medical Center serves fifteen counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana and is an affiliated teaching hospital with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Commander Friend met with Director Mark Murdock. The Mission Act provides a new urgent care benefit. Eligible veterans will be able to receive urgent care from an urgent care provider that is part of VA contracted network of community providers without prior authorization from VA. Urgent care benefit covers treatment of non-emergent symptoms like flu, cold,

mild skin irritations, etc. Director Murdock believes the Mission Act will have minimal impact on its' operations and "that the majority of veterans want to receive care within the VA."

Patient Satisfaction Surveys conducted by the Cincinnati VA is reported that there is a 90% trust rating. When a veteran reports a bad experience, we have a team of staff dedicated to service recovery.

During the meeting with Director Murdock, we discovered three areas of opportunity for collaboration.

1. The recruitment and training of the next generation of VA Volunteers.
2. To improve our current system to transport veterans to VA appointments and programing.

The Chillicothe VA Medical Center welcomed Dr. Kathy W. Berger as its newest Director. Dr. Berger is an Air Force veteran and is the previous Director for the Montana Health Care Center. Chillicothe is located on 308 acres of rural land once occupied by Camp Sherman during World War I. Chillicothe VA provides acute and primary medical services including mental health and long-term care services.

Since the Mission Act was implemented Chillicothe VA has seen a 40% increase in referrals to community providers. Telehealth is a great tool for the veterans to utilize but it is also dependent on accessibility to broadband internet which is not available in all rural areas.

The Chillicothe VA is looking for volunteers to serve in the red coat ambassador program. The team is also creating a Battle Buddy program, where a knowledgeable veteran will assist veteran patients receiving care at the facility.

The Dayton VA Medical Center is a 356-bed facility and is also a state-of-the-art teaching facility. The Dayton VA Medical Center just lost its Director Jill Dietrich, whom is the new Director for The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System. Upon our visit, Dayton VA had an acting Associate Medical Director and an Acting Associate Director for Patient Care Services. The transition of new Medical Center Leadership and the opening of two Community-Based Outpatient Centers are two key challenges that the Dayton VA Medical Center are currently experiencing.

Fall OLN Crossword

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Across

2. Aim _____ is the Air Forces motto.
3. Camp _____ is an Army base located just south of the DMZ.
8. The assassination of Archduke _____ triggered a series of events that stated WWI
10. In Vietnam 33,103 _____ Years old when they were killed in Vietnam.
11. The largest Navy Depot is located in what city in Virginia?
13. James _____ was the author of the Bill of Rights.
15. John _____ was the first president to not serve in the armed forces?
16. What tavern was the first Marine Corps recruitment drive held in the Revolutionary war?
18. What Battle ended the Revolutionary War?
19. Where was the treaty that ended World War I signed?
20. What is the nickname for the Marines?

Down

1. What President issued a message on the first Armistice Day?
4. phonetic alphabet for the letter H.
5. How many women are on the Vietnam wall?
6. What state is home to the oldest active military base?
7. John _____ is commonly known as the 'Father of Liberalism'
9. This state is home of the Air Force Academy
12. Who was the president during Peal Harbor?
14. Henry _____ was general of both the Army and the Air Force, making him the only man to ever hold both titles.
16. The President of the United States
17. What Month Does Veterans Day Take Place?



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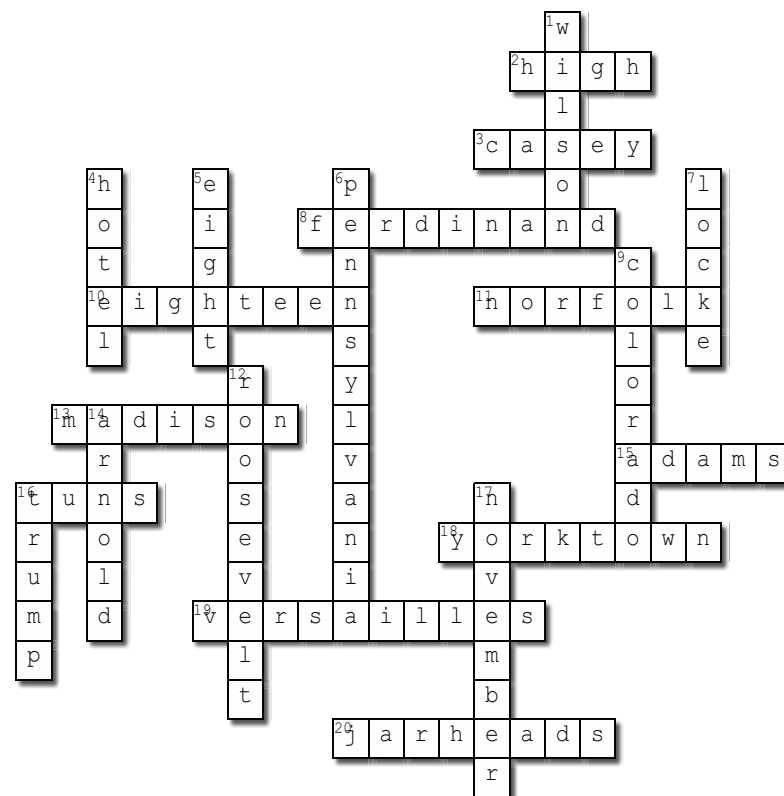
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Americanism Crossword Key



Across

2. Aim _____ is the Air Forces motto. (**high**)
3. Camp _____ is an Army base located just south of the DMZ. (**casey**)
8. The assassination of Archduke _____ triggered a series of events that started WWI (**ferdinand**)
10. In Vietnam 33,103 _____ Years old when they were killed in Vietnam. (**eighteen**)
11. The largest Navy Depot is located in what city in Virginia? (**norfolk**)
13. James _____ was the author of the Bill of Rights. (**madison**)
15. John _____ was the first president to not serve in the armed forces? (**adams**)
16. What tavern was the first Marine Corps recruitment drive held in the Revolutionary war? (**tuns**)
18. What Battle ended the Revolutionary War? (**yorktown**)
19. Where was the treaty that ended World War I signed? (**versailles**)
20. What is the nickname for the Marines? (**jarheads**)

Down

1. What President issued a message on the first Armistice Day? (**wilson**)
4. phonetic alphabet for the letter H. (**hotel**)
5. How many women are on the Vietnam wall? (**eight**)
6. What state is home to the oldest active military base? (**pennsylvania**)
7. John _____ is commonly known as the 'Father of Liberalism' (**locke**)
9. This state is home of the Air Force Academy (**colorado**)
12. Who was the president during Peal Harbor? (**roosevelt**)
14. Henry _____ was general of both the Army and the Air Force, making him the only man to ever hold both titles. (**arnold**)
16. The President of the United States (**trump**)
17. What Month Does Veterans Day Take Place? (**november**)

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