



Official Publication of The American Legion, Department of Ohio

VOLUME 86, NO. 4

October | November | December 2020

## The American Legion activates National Buddy Checks to save Veteran lives amid rising suicide rates, urges Congress to pass bill to help

*Posts across the country step up veteran-to-veteran outreach to support those at high risk around Veterans Day*

INDIANAPOLIS (October 29, 2020) — As COVID-19 cases rise and the holidays approach, The American Legion is activating its Buddy Check program to save veteran lives through peer support check-in calls. The nation's largest veterans organization is also urging Congress to pass the Buddy Check Bill which will make wellness checks a national priority for the Department of Veterans Affairs. With military suicides up 20% over this time last year, Legionnaires will make thousands

of check-in calls to at-risk veterans across the nation, to offer support and access to health and wellness programs in the week surrounding Veterans Day and into the weeks ahead.

The Buddy Check program encourages Legionnaires to make contact, lend a listening ear, and direct their peers to critical services. For Buddy Check information, visit [legion.org/buddycheck](http://legion.org/buddycheck). For urgent help, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION • DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

### 2021 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

THE 2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT  
**THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL NORTH**  
**6500 DOUBLETREE AVENUE • COLUMBUS, OH 43229**  
**Friday, January 22, 2021 – Sunday, January 24, 2021**

This is an American Legion Family event for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders.

The purpose of the conference is to gather our American Legion family for assembly, Buckeye American Legion College training, camaraderie and fellowship. It is strongly encouraged that Department, District and Post leadership attend this conference.

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885. Select option #2 to receive the discounted group rate of \$ 103.00 plus tax. Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter" or the three-letter code "ALM" when making reservations.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/departments-mid-winter-conference/> and fill out the registration link.

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting National Commander Bill Oxford for a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Award Banquet must be filled out on-line. Tickets are \$38.00 per person.

Deadline for hotel reservations is January 13th. For more information on the event contact Christie White at [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) or call (740) 362-7478.

\*Due to the current Pandemic, you must register on-line for this conference and events

**SEE YOU THERE!**

### 2021 MIDWINTER SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY • JANUARY 22

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
2:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration	Foyer
2:30PM – 7:30PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Ohio Room
7:00PM – 8:00PM	SAL Detachment Executive Committee	Ballroom 1 & 2
8:00PM – 12:00AM	Candidate's Hospitality Suite	Tent

#### SATURDAY • JANUARY 23

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
7:30AM – 12:00PM	Registration	Foyer
8:00AM – 3:00PM	Emblem Sales	Main Hallway
8:30AM – 8:50AM	Introduction to Buckeye American Legion College	Ballroom 3
9:00AM – 11:30AM	<b>Buckeye American Legion College</b> Post Commander, Post 1st Vice Commander, Post 2nd Vice Commander Training	Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00AM – 11:30AM	<b>Buckeye American Legion College</b> Post Adjutant, Post Finance Officer Training	Ballroom 3
9:00AM – 5:00PM	Department Service Officer Claims Services	Main Hallway
9:00AM – 12:00PM	SAL General Session	Tent
11:30AM – 1:00PM	<b>Buckeye American Legion College</b> Past Department Commander Roundtable	Ballroom 1 & 2
1:00PM – 3:00PM	<b>Buckeye American Legion College</b> Continuing Education for Graduates	Ballroom 1 & 2
1:00PM – 3:00PM	Bingo Licensing School	Salon E & F
1:00PM – 4:00PM	Legion Riders Meeting	Tent
4:00PM – 5:00PM	National Appointments	Salon B & C
5:00PM – 8:00PM	Department Awards Banquet <b>** (Ticket Required) **</b>	Grand Ballroom
8:00PM – 12:00AM	Candidate's Hospitality Room	Tent

#### SUNDAY • JANUARY 24

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
7:00AM – 8:00AM	Four Chaplains Services	Tent
9:00AM – 12:00PM	Department Service Officer Claims Services	Main Hallway
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Conference General Session	Grand Ballroom

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Mailed From 63818  
 Permit No. 124



PO Box 8007 • 60 Big Run Rd • Delaware, OH 43015

Official Publication of The American Legion, Department of Ohio

## Ohio Legion News

The American Legion, Department of Ohio  
60 Big Run Road • Delaware, Ohio 43015  
Phone: (740) 362-7478  
Email: legion@ohiolegion.com • www.ohiolegion.com



The OLN is published 4 times a year; non-member subscription price is \$2.00; member subscription is \$1.20 per year and included in annual dues.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Submit Member ID with change of address to Department Headquarters via mail, email, or phone. Mail To: The American Legion of Ohio, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015; Email To: legion@ohiolegion.com; Phone: (740) 362-7478.

**ADVERTISING:** Published by Vision Printing & Graphics, LLC for The American Legion, Department of Ohio. Advertising Rates available upon request. The Ohio Legion News reserves the right to refuse any advertisement. Advertising published on behalf of any individual or organization does not necessarily constitute endorsement nor reflect the policy of the Ohio Legion News. Send requests to: legion@ohiolegion.com.

**SUBMIT AN ARTICLE:** Mail articles with photos to: 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015; or email to legion@ohiolegion.com. If you need assistance or have questions, please call Department Headquarters at 740.362.7478.

Please submit all articles in accordance with the following schedule:  
2021 Winter Edition (January - February - March)  
Due to Department Headquarters: January 25, 2021  
Press Date: February 18, 2021 • Last week of February Mailing

2021 Spring Edition (April - May - June)  
Due to Department Headquarters: April 26, 2021  
Press Date: May 19, 2021 • Last week of May Mailing

2021 Summer Edition (July - August - September)  
Due to Department Headquarters: July 26, 2021  
Press Date: August 18, 2021 • Last week of August Mailing

## THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO POINT OF CONTACTS

**DEPARTMENT HQ STAFF**  
Department of Ohio  
60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, OH 43015  
740-362-7478  
Email: legion@ohiolegion.com  
www.ohiolegion.com

**Suzette Heller**, Department Adjutant  
W: 740-513-1550 C: 740-971-7225  
E: Adjutant@ohiolegion.com

**Rebecca Corbin**, Finance/National  
Convention/Emblem Sales/Post Admin.  
W: 740-513-5389  
E: corbin@ohiolegion.com

**Marie Leister**, Executive Administrative  
Assistant to the Adjutant and Commander  
W: 740-513-5359  
E: leister@ohiolegion.com

**Christie White**, Americanism/Children &  
Youth Coordinator  
W: 740-513-5199 C: 740-815-0341  
E: programs@ohiolegion.com

**Jon Vulgamore**, Media/Communications  
& Marketing Coordinator  
W: 740-816-7659  
E: vulgamore@ohiolegion.com

**Sherry Yockey**, Membership Administrator  
W: 740-816-7552  
E: syockey@ohiolegion.com

**Jermaine Ferguson**, VA&R/VHA/GFY/  
Legislative/National Security Coordinator  
W: 740-816-7596 C: 740-815-0765  
E: ferguson@ohiolegion.com

**Elisha Hoeft** - Front Desk Administrator  
Ph: 740-362-7478  
E: ehoeft@ohiolegion.com

**Andrew Klingler** Program Admin  
Ph: 740-513-1787  
E: aklingler@ohiolegion.com



**FIELD SERVICE OFFICE STAFF**  
Cleveland VARO  
Department Service Officers  
1240 East 9th St Rm 923  
Cleveland, OH 44199  
216-522-3504

**Bill Genochio**, VA&R/VBA/PSO/  
Field Office Coordinator  
W: 216-522-3504 C: 740-816-7589  
E: william.genochio@va.gov

**Will Brown**, DSO  
W: 216-522-3504  
E: will.brown@va.gov

**Michelle Jones**, DSO  
W: 216-522-3504  
E: michellejones6@va.gov

**Eric Hall**, DSO  
W: 216-522-3504  
E: hall@ohiolegion.com

**Cindy Weasner**, DSO  
W: 614-257-5497  
E: cindy.weasner@va.gov  
Chalmers P. Wylie  
Columbus VA  
420 N James Rd  
Columbus, OH 43219 • 614-257-5200

**Beth Garino**, DSO  
W: 513-475-6440  
E: bgarino@ohiolegion.com  
Cincinnati VAMC  
3200 Vine Street, Rm B148a  
Cincinnati, OH 45220

**Dayton VAMC/WPAFB:**  
Gary Felver  
Ph: 937-268-6511 x2967  
E: gfelver@ohiolegion.com

# 2020 Buckeye American Legion College

The 2020 year of BALC has successfully concluded with 24 of our 128 enrolled students graduating.

The committee adapted and overcame the inability to meet in person by holding the last two semesters virtually. Students did video projects, wrote resolutions and learned many leadership tips to help them in their positions in the American Legion.

The committee would like to congratulate the following 2020 graduates! For those of you who have not received your certificate and pin, the graduation ceremony will be at Mid-Winter.

Darell Bishop, Dean Boyers, Krista Carpenter, Reck Carpenter, Ronald Chapman, Larry Christman, Joseph Danicki, Steven Ervin, James Fast, Stephen Foster,

Suzette Heller, Ralph Jackson, Henry Kessler, James Lockyer, Jerry Perry, Stanley Pleasant, Erich Pfeleidermahn, James Ratleff, Jose Rivera, John Robinson, Larry Stottsberry, Jr., Brad Teis, Jean Wilson, Jerry Wilson

Our first semester of 2021 BALC will be held at Mid-Winter. This year's training is more tailored to specific positions in our organizations. We'll have a Leadership session (Commander/President/Director, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice) and an Operational session (Finance, Adjutant/Secretary)

If you've been thinking that you might want to run for a position, this is the training for you! It will also help current position holders be more effective.

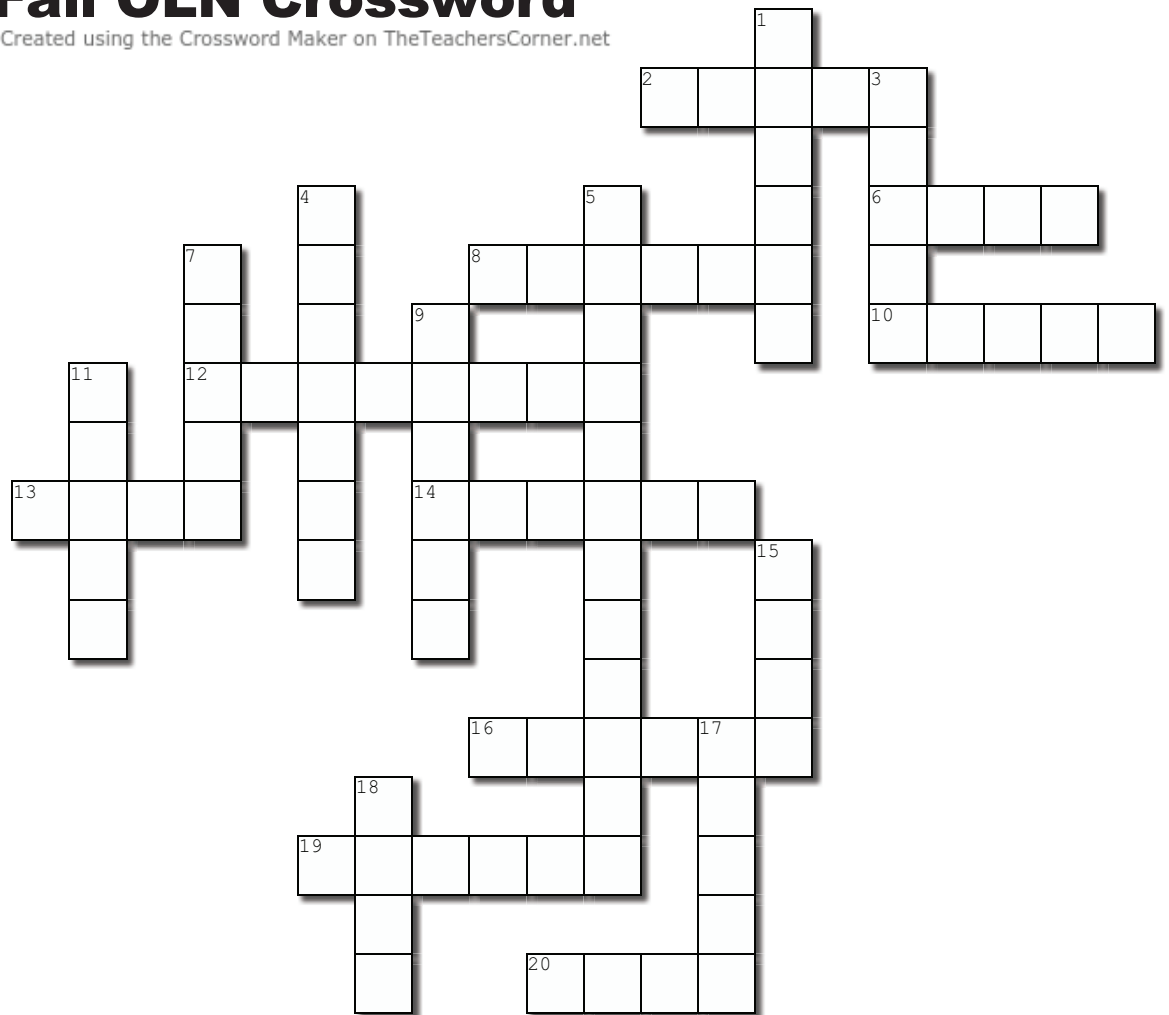
We'll also be having another

PDC round table discussion so you can ask all your burning questions about what to expect as you move up in the American Legion Family! In the afternoon, we'll have some practical workshops and networking events so that you can learn from your peers. We'll also have continuing education for all current graduates.

We encourage all members of the American Legion Family to enroll in BALC. It is a requirement that you be a graduate in order to be recommended for National American Legion College. Please encourage all of your Post members to sign up as well. You can sign up at any time during the year. Just send an email to BuckeyeALC@ohiolegion.com and we'll send you a form to fill out for registration.

## Fall OLN Crossword

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net



### Across

2. This occurred when the stock market crashed in October 1929, resulting in the \_\_\_\_\_ Depression.
6. On March 20, 2003, the United States invaded and occupied \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ 11 mission (July 16-24, 1969) allowed the first humans to walk on the moon.
10. The newest American military branch is the \_\_\_\_\_ Force.
12. Originally, this was known as Armistice Day, but it was changed in 1954 by President Eisenhower to \_\_\_\_\_ Day.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Rights is the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.
14. The United States \_\_\_\_\_ Corps birthday is November 10, 1775.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ brothers became the first people to maintain a controlled flight in a powered, heavier-than-air machine.
19. The violation across the 38th parallel led to the three-year-long (1950-1953) \_\_\_\_\_ War.
20. The American Legion embodies the \_\_\_\_\_ Pillars of service.

### Down

1. There are nearly 2 million members of The American \_\_\_\_\_ making it the nation's largest veterans service organization.
3. The Tuskegee Airmen were a U.S. Air Force fighter group known as the "Red \_\_\_\_\_".
4. A Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ is nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate.
5. The foundation of the American government, its purpose, form, and structure are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States.
7. The American \_\_\_\_\_ War divided the United States in two.
9. In 1998, the USS Harry S. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first Nimitz-class aircraft carrier to be named after a U.S. president.
11. The color \_\_\_\_\_ on the American flag represents purity and innocence.
15. The United States flag flies at half-staff or half \_\_\_\_\_ when the nation or a state is in mourning.
17. The Medal of \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest award for valor in action.
18. On August 26, 1920 women of the United States were officially granted the right to \_\_\_\_\_.





## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend  
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires: Greetings from your Commander. We are ahead of the game so far this year. We have met the goals includ-

ing the November goal of 65%. Congratulations to all of you for helping the department achieve these goals. We know have to work even harder to succeed in the future goals we are Ohioans if we stick together, we will be successful. The Brown Jug is just around the corner so kick

it into high gear so your district can qualify. With this recent surge in the virus we may have to continue to have virtual meetings which has become the new norm.

Veterans day is just a couple weeks away we need to follow the guidelines we have been

given to stop the spread to allow us to have events we would normally have on Veterans day.

I know we can beat this as the saying goes together, we are better. Again, thank you for all that you do.

—For God and Country



## 1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson  
1st Vice Commander

Greetings to all my American Legion Family,

If you are like me, you are so ready for 2020 to be

over. It seems like 2020 has had so much bad news for all of us. By the time you receive this the election should be over with for our Commander in Chief. I do not have a crystal ball on who the President of the United States will be but whoever wins the election we need to come together as a Country and start tackling the major issues our Country has.

Our American Legion even through the pandemic has continued to work for the betterment of all Veterans. I have as well as many more have completed the "100 Miles For Hope." Many Legion Posts, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders have been working tirelessly by hosting canned food drives, blood drives, free meals, Trunk and Treats just to name a few. Our mission is "Service not Self". It always makes me enormously proud to be a member of such a caring and dedicated group of people.

On Sunday September 27, 2020 I was invited to attend an amazing event in the 13th District. A group called "Ride With Valor"

had a house donated to them and with the help of many renovated the home from top to bottom. It took many months of working on the house which they called the "Donut House". Heading up the project was R. Scot Rhoda and Wayne Malz and with a group of hard working and dedicated volunteers. Many American Legion Post, Auxiliary, Jr Auxiliary, Sons and Legion Riders made donations to this along with a donation from Ohio American Legion Charities Inc. and many other Veterans and other organizations and individuals. The house was dedicated, and the key was given to a very deserving homeless female

Veteran and her two daughters. They have a place to call home. It was a very emotional and fantastic day for all in attendance. I was immensely proud to be there representing our Department of Ohio American Legion.

I hope that your Post is doing well and that you are working on your membership as we need to keep our Legion Posts in the forefront. If your Post is not doing your membership on my legion I urge you to investigate it. It is extremely easy to do and if you need help or have a question please contact me and I will assist you in any way I can.

Please remember our troops who are serving around the

World in your thoughts and prayers. If you can send them a card or a package. I think there is nothing better to receive a card or package from someone thanking them for their service and sacrifices to our Country.

Until next time I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and that 2021 will be a great year for all of us.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve our great organization as your Department 1st Vice Commander. It is an honor and a privilege that I do not take lightly or for granted.

—For God, Country



## 2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis  
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to all Legionnaires and Legion Family members across this great state of Ohio. I cannot believe that summer is already over and soon it will be the Holiday Season and the New Year will be upon us. I would like to say Thank You to all of you for standing proud and continuing to do Legion work as difficult as it is, during this Pandemic. It shows your commitment and great dedication to our American Legion Department of Ohio and it shows by the membership reports I

have seen coming out weekly. Great Job!

Department Activities for the upcoming year are pretty much set. 2021 Bowling Tournament will be three weekends in February Starting with Feb 12-13 through Feb 26-27 in Miamisburg and hosted by Post 165. Department will be sending out the information packets to all the Posts shortly. The 2021 Euchre Tournament is in March still waiting for time and date. The 2021 Pool Tournament will be April 16-18 at Zanesville Post 29 times to follow when their flyer is finished. The 2021 Golf Tournament will be in Kettering July 24-25 and hosted by Post 598. Lastly, we

are still waiting for confirmation of a date and time for the 2021 Trap Shoot being held at the Cardinal Centre in Marenngo, Ohio Hosted by Bellville Post 754. Please check The Departments advanced calendar for updates and once we can get the flyers for all of these events, we will put them in the Ohio Legion News.

To all Districts, Posts, whether Sons, Auxiliary or Riders, please post any flyers of upcoming events that you are having to The Department of Ohio American Legion Activities Page on Facebook and also to me at 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com so that if possible I or other Department Officers

could possibly attend and share in your Legion activities. Remember we are trying to promote the Legion is all about Family and we as your Department Officers want to show your members that we really do care and we want to hear what they have to say. 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson says it best, "TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER".

With this being the last few months of 2020, and the New Year right around the corner, remember Mid-Winter Conference will be January 22-24 at The Crowne Plaza depending on this Pandemic outcome and if it will be safe enough for us to attend. Until we know please

be safe and do whatever is necessary to protect your Legion Posts, yourselves and especially your families until we can be together again.

Finally I would like all of us to remember all of our military personnel serving around the globe and to keep them and their families in our prayers and from my family to yours we want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year and God willing 2021 will get us back to some kind of normalcy so that we can at least see each other's smiling faces without masks. May God keep his loving hands on us all.

Growing OH-IO  
"I" Veteran at a Time



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler  
SAL Commander

Greetings my Comrades and Heroes! Well, by the time you receive this issue the election will be a thing of the past. What did we do? Did we vote to maintain law and order and a 100% Americanism or did we vote to sacrifice the future of our children and their freedom.

Since we have opened up many Posts and are having events again, I have had the opportunity to travel and speak at District Conferences. One of the messages I share is this... Have you ever sat in a coffee shop or

fast food restaurant and watched young people? You see people talking freely, working on their laptops, ordering food they get in an instant, seeing cars go by outside. We live in the most privileged time in the most prosperous nation and we've allowed millennials to become completely blind to it. These things are so ingrained in our American way of life they don't give them a second thought.

We have young people who, in a time where we can order a product off Amazon with one click and have it at our doorstep the next day, are unappreciative, unsatisfied, and ungrateful.

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recently said to

Newsweek talking about the millennial generation, "An entire generation, which is now becoming one of the largest electorates in America, came of age and never saw American prosperity." Let that sink in... Never saw American prosperity!

There are people around the world destitute and truly impoverished. Yet, we have a young generation convinced they've never seen prosperity, and as a result, they try to elect some politicians who are dead set on taking steps towards abolishing capitalism.

Why? Because they have no contrast. They didn't live in the great depression, or live through two world wars, the Korean War,

The Vietnam War. They didn't see the rise and fall of socialism and communism.

They don't know what it's like to live without the internet, without cars, without smartphones. They don't have a lack of prosperity problem. They have an entitlement problem, an ungratefulness problem, and it's spreading like a plague.

Let's hope that now that the election is over, we can get our organization back to being a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness and teach millennials and the youth of our country the meaning of Americanism.

A word on membership. Yes, 2021 dues are being collected

and processed. As I have said before, there is a difference in why you join and why you belong. What you may not realize, you pay your dues to the Sons of The American Legion for the privilege of becoming a dedicated volunteer. Always remember, you can make a difference in your community. We all have the right to be powerful in what we do for our organization, and no one has the right to take that away from you, but you. That is why we say, "Remain, retain, renew and recruit" members to support the programs of The American Legion.

May you stay safe and healthy and God Bless our Veterans, Military and Civilians all.





## HELLER'S HORIZONS



**Suzette Heller**  
Dept. Adjutant

I hope you are healthy, happy and safe as we round out the second quarter of our membership and fiscal year. We realize the difficulties surrounding re-opening your

Posts for meetings, gatherings, fellowship, and events. COVID Relief Grants are available in the amount of \$5,000 for all brick and mortar Post locations through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM). Recently, \$10,000 became available for any establishment with D4 and D5 licenses, in addition to the VSO COVID grant. These monies are available until 31 DECEMBER 2020. They are easy to obtain. You can search here for resources: <https://www.greaterohio.org/cov->

id19-relief and <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>.

Lastly, I would like to mention the progress of Post reviews and Post compliancy taking place at HQ. We have been reviewing every Post file, transferring to electronic, reviewing last two membership cycles, checking the Secretary of State business filing registrations, IRS 990 and 990N filings, liquor licenses, and Constitution & By-Law updates. What we are discovering is that most Posts have not updated their C&BL in the last five years. A large majority are at least 10 years or more. Some Posts have also allowed their Federal Tax Exemption to lapse by not filing an IRS Form 990 or 990EZ three years in a row. There are also Posts who have simply abandoned their post and never formally, legally, and properly, filed for Post closure or

sold the Post property. We are reviewing every file and reaching out to every Post by phone, email, and a letter to inform the current leadership of any deficiencies that need to be corrected for your Post to operate legally in the State of Ohio. We are here to help you get these things corrected! If you receive one of these letters, please reach out to myself, the Judge Advocate, or a Department and District Officer to seek guidance. We fully understand you may have inherited these issues and if you are in a Post leadership position, it is now your responsibility to make it right. Operating a Post is a "non-profit small business" opportunity. There are laws we must follow and a lot of RESOURCES to help. Please email or call me directly at 740-513-1550 if you have any questions about this process.

— For God and Country



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



**Kristen Little**  
Auxiliary President

The 2020-2021 Auxiliary Year is under way and I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members that attended the School

of Instructions in Newark. We were honored to have National President Nicole Clapp with us for the weekend. On Wednesday when she arrived, we went to the Department office for lunch with the staff and while there Nicole recorded a "Wednesday Wisdom" segment. Check out the fakebook page to see it. On Thursday we toured the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus. I encourage anyone that has not visited the museum to do so. Friday evening was a mini Department Convention where the 2019-2020 awards were presented. Saturday morning began with the installation of the 2020-2021 District Presidents. The Department Chair-

men did an outstanding job highlighting the programs within the organization. Thank you to Pam Bates for another great leadership workshop.

Thank you to the District Presidents for holding wonderful Fall Conferences! I have enjoyed the ones that I attended and received awesome comments from those that covered the ones I could not attend. Valuable information was given out by the district chairman to the units.

Even though we are still in some challenging times, there are creative ways to still do fundraising. If your unit does something creative, please let myself or the department chairman know so we can give ideas to others. We are still here to work our mission and support veterans, their families and help in our communities.

Please check with your local VAMC representative to see if there are any needs that can be met. Even though most facilities are not letting volunteers in some facilities are allowing the

reps in to drop off requested or needed items.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner and once again we will have the opportunity to gather with the rest of the Legion Family. Please make sure to stop by the Americanism table and help assemble the Poppy Wreath that will be going on the A&G Trip to be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We will again this year will be having the basket raffle so you might want to check with your district to see what theme they have and donate an item for the basket. Do not forget to bring your items for Department Honorary Junior President Samantha's special project.

Remember as my special project I am challenging every unit to increase their giving on the Donation Designation Form (the purple form). Those that increase their giving by 10% or more by April 15, 2021 over their 2019 donations will receive special recognition at Department Convention.



## HISTORIAN



**Al Beyer**  
Dept. Historian

How's it?

Everyone having fun yet? Let's take a break for a joke.

What do you call a veteran who sleeps in a bathroom stall? loo-tenant.

Now you can't say you weren't moved by this article!

We are well on our way in 2020 with a variety of events and activities that are history making! They will surely be remembered if your post historian, adjutant or commander is archiving them in your history and scrapbooks. Yes, yes we know that the year was a bit closed down by the pandemic, but that should not stop you from recording the history of your post events and drive by activities, installations, awards and recognitions, memberships and memorials, and our conferences.

Many of us can remember our rank and social security number. Even some of us remember boot camp like it was yesterday. These days it may be hard to remember what happened yesterday at a legion event like who was there, why we did it, what was said, and how it happened. These key points are what makes your history reporting important for our next generation. Your history does matter!

Our Four Pillars should also be a subject in your historical events and if you forget them, a Navy buddy returned the favor to this old Marine, and showed me how to remember the pillars easily:

- N = National Security
- A = Americanism
- V = Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
- Y = Children and Youth

When making up your history and scrapbook include the Four Pillars, and build your story with photos around them. In doing so, you will be assured that your post is hitting the targets of our mission.

I continue to travel with my wife, Dayna Beyer, Department of Ohio Auxiliary Historian. She has assisted me in making sure we get coverage off all posts because each post and what they are doing matter. If I am not there, my assistant, Greg Elsbernd may be there for photos...and of course, take your own photos and send them to me.

Our recent visits to District 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 13 and 14 have been rewarding to see our members working together, serving veterans and their communities. Thank you for your hospitality and the opportunity to learn

more about what you are doing in your individual posts. We will soon be visiting other districts and their posts too! When you think about it while reciting the preamble, are you "walking the walk" and serving to meet our mission? What we say and what we do, should be congruent. And recording what we have done will set us apart and that will be the defining moment of a job well done, and well-remembered.

As we move forward in 2020-2021, I will continue to cover Commander Roger Friend as well as 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders Jean Wilson and Brad Theis and our districts and posts to capture the history of our Buckeye State Legion Family.

Contact me should you have an event you would like me to attend to have first class pictures taken and sent out over social media.

I encourage all of you to continue gathering your history as the events, programs and projects happen. Take the pictures, write the stories and post them on your Facebook and or SHARE them on the Facebook page, Legion Historian <https://www.facebook.com/pg/daynabeyer.44813/posts/> and on the department website <https://www.ohiolegion.com/historian-2/>

Your history books are due at Mid-Winter Conference for 2019-2020. Contact me to make arrangements to deliver them before or bring them to the conference.

A reminder that the incentive for Mid-Year reporting is that you SHARE a written summary of your history by December 20, 2020. Each submission will be entered into the Mid-Winter FREE incentive drawing – one (1) historian will win an American Legion brand item – tie or tie tack from Emblem sales. Best Wishes to you and your families for Good Health and Well-being to all through Thanksgiving, Christmas and into the new year!

I would like to thank my assistant Greg Elsbernd, Past 4th District Commander and member of Yeager-Benson Post 199 and my wife Dayna aka Tsi Sim Mar, for their support to preserve our history.

If you have any questions, please feel free call me at 419-566-9523 or write me at [albeyer49@gmail.com](mailto:albeyer49@gmail.com) or fax me at 1-888-225-3180 and or snail mail to my address 6013 Garber Road Bellville, OH 44813.

*God speed to all of you, for  
God and Country -  
In Your Service*

## BAR AND RESTAURANT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund is designed to assist Ohio's on-premise liquor permit holders. This \$38.7 million fund will help more than 15,400 licensees significantly impacted by COVID-19 and limited in the full use of their liquor permit. Funding for the program is from the CARES Act.

Visit [BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov](https://BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov) to access the online application. The application will open November 2, 2020. Permit holders may apply for the liquor assistance funding as well as the

Small Business Relief Grant through the online application at [BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov](https://BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov).

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will be sending checks to permit holders as soon as applications are processed. Funds cannot be

distributed after Dec. 31, 2020.

For more information visit: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/7blGo> Or contact Department of Ohio for assistance at 740-362-7478 or [legion@ohiolegion.com](mailto:legion@ohiolegion.com)



**Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund**



## Mission Blue Post Assistance Program

The Mission Blue Post Assistance Program (PAP) grant is intended to assist posts whose revenue has been negatively impacted from the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis within the community, as well as any government-mandated restrictions.

The funds distributed from this grant are to be exclusively used to meet financial responsibilities associated with maintaining post fa-

cilities and community presence. Grants are only approved to cover costs and fees associated with mortgage payments, rent, insurance premiums, and/or utilities.

Recipient posts are prohibited from using funds to maintain or cover a loss of income from any registered post business (including but not limited to post bars, cantinas, restaurants, etc.) paying post employees, building upgrades

or repairs, taxes, fines/fees/penalties, or funding post activities and programs. Posts who meet all the required criteria may receive up to \$1,000.00 from the Mission Blue PAP fund.

For more information visit: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/7b1Go>. Or contact Department of Ohio for assistance at 740-362-7478 or [legion@ohiolegion.com](mailto:legion@ohiolegion.com)

## Post Coronavirus Grant Opportunity

### To Our Ohio Legionnaires,

An exciting grant opportunity is now available to access through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) grants@obm.ohio.gov.

OBM requires each post to complete an application on the OBM website at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx> under the Coronavirus Relief Fund – COVID Safety Funds to Veterans Posts funding opportunity. An authorized representative and grant contact will be required to be listed on the application. After the application is approved by OBM, the grant contact will receive an e-mail confirmation. Approved applications will be processed for payment. If you have any question call Department at 740-362-7478

The purpose of this grant is to provide active brick and mortar Posts to receive Coronavirus Relief Funding up to \$5,000 dollars through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management. If a Post has any questions regarding their eligibility, please contact the Ohio Grants Partnership via e-mail at [grants@obm.ohio.gov](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov).

The Department of Ohio can facilitate information and direct our Posts of this opportunity, we will have no bearing on being the proving authority on the accep-

tance and dispersal of each grant application. All questions regarding the grant should be directed to the appropriate OBM contact at [grants@obm.ohio.gov](mailto:grants@obm.ohio.gov). Although we are not a part of the application, distribution, or oversight of the grant, we will work to spread the word of this opportunity for Ohio's veteran community.

### Funding Information

Funds were awarded to the State of Ohio as Federal Financial Assistance from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Funds were awarded under the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).

### Eligibility

This program provides funding to Congressionally chartered

veterans service organizations in Ohio with an active post. Each active post is eligible up to a \$5,000 grant to assist in operating safely during the COVID-19 public health emergency, including supporting increased sanitation costs, maintaining social distancing, purchasing personal protective equipment (PPE) and other necessary costs to comply with public health orders, local health department recommendations, and best practices.

The CARES Act requires that the payments be used to cover expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.



## GARY FELVER VA&R DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

**Service:** I served in the United States Navy from July 1986 to July 1992 as an Electronics Technician 2nd Class. After my schooling in the Naval Nuclear Power Program I was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz from 1988 to 1992. While onboard the ship it was deployed on two Western Pacific cruises. I qualified as Reactor Operator and Reactor Technician and was selected to be the training petty officer for Reactor Controls Division. **Legion:** I decided to join the American Legion after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. I have served the past eighteen years as Americanism Chairman, Children and Youth Chairman, and Golf Chairman for Post 184 in Piqua. I am a Past Commander of Post 184 and served as Adjutant for 11 years. I am currently the Assistant Adjutant and Post Service Officer.



**Programs and Areas of Duties:** I joined the American Legion Department of Ohio as a Department Service Officer on September 28, 2020 at the Dayton VAMC. I previously served as the County Veteran Service Officer for Miami County for six and a half years.

**Location:** Located at the Dayton VA Medical Center, 4100 Liscum Dr. Dayton Ohio

**Contact Information:** [gfelver@ohiolegion.com](mailto:gfelver@ohiolegion.com) or 937-268-6511 ext. 2967(office)

## ANDREW KLINGLER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

**Service/Education:** U.S. Air Force active duty 2011-2015, E-4 Senior Airman, served as a sensor operator and electrical power production technician. Stationed at Beale AFB in California with the 427th Recon Squadron, Sheppard AFB in Texas, and Nellis AFB in Nevada with the 99th Civil Engineering Squadron. Attended Bowling Green State University and received an Education Degree in Exercise Science. Was a member of Peer Advisors for Veteran Education and Student Veterans of America.



**Legion:** Member of Post 797, Gahanna. Started with The American Legion Department of Ohio in August 2020 as a Program Administrator, working specifically for Americanism and Children & Youth Programs.

**Programs and Areas of Duty:** Works with Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator on Buckeye Boys State, Baseball, Oratorical, Religious Emphasis, Americanism, Citizens Flag Alliance and Children & Youth. Works with the entire Americanism and Children & Youth team on Americanism and Government tests, Eagle Scout of the Year, Educator of the Year, Dayton National Cemetery and Western Reserve National Cemetery grave decorating, Scholarships, Mid-Winter Conference, and Department Convention.

**Location:** Department Headquarters 60 Big Run Rd. Delaware, OH 43015.

**Contact Information:** Direct Office Line-740-513-1787 E-Mail [aklingler@ohiolegion.com](mailto:aklingler@ohiolegion.com)

## ELISHA HOEFT FRONT DESK RECEPTIONIST

**Service:** I am currently serving in the U.S Army Reserves as an E2. I came in as an E1 and I got promoted in BCT. I have been in the military for 1 yr and 5 months. My current MOS is a 42A which is a HR Specialist. I am stationed at the 307th Medical Brigade over in Blacklick OH. My service term ends in 2024 I joined in 2019 just before I graduated High School at Taylor HS in Taylor Texas.



**Job Duties:** As the Front Desk Receptionist it is my duty to serve anyone that calls or enters in the front door to the best of my abilities. I take this position very seriously because I am the first voice you hear and the first face you see at the American Legion. First Impressions mean a lot, they show that the community is safe and taken care of and that all things matter. Along with that I take care of and direct people to help solve their issues or concerns in a timely manner. Also I pick up projects and maintain data to the best of my abilities. Data may include, Post Selection, Squadrons response for the Officers Certification form and the Consolidated Squadron Report. I pick up and help with entering data into MyLegion, and fixing data that had been entered incorrectly.

Another duty would be handling membership and properly emailing and filing/ entering the correct forms in regards to SAL and Membership.

**Location:** 60 Big Run Rd. Delaware, OH 43015 US [ehoeft@ohiolegion.com](mailto:ehoeft@ohiolegion.com) 740-362-7478



## Department Executive Committee Summary - August 1, 2020

The Department Executive Committee was called to order on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 10 am via virtual video conference. A quorum was present. Due to this meeting being a large group, it was difficult to obtain all the names of guests and Past Department Commanders present. SAL Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler, and American Legion Riders Liaison, Jack Nix, were present to bring greetings on behalf of our American Legion Family. Kristen Little, TAL Auxiliary President was not available.

**Officer Report SAL CMDR Bernie Kessler (5):** CMDR Kessler mentioned Past SAL CMDR Rick Riviotta from Squadron 610 passed away in late July. He also mentioned that at the SAL DEC, they approved the closure of Squadron 717 (Paper Post and meeting at VFW in North Ridgeville) in 5th District. Upon meeting with the Post CMDR, it was to be revitalized and held until the SAL Fall Conference (No Quorum at SAL Fall Conference 10/17/2020). Reported that they modified C&BL for pandemic situations to be voted on at next SAL Convention. Future project monies in amount of \$3,230.66 were distributed to Child Welfare, NEF, Children's Miracle Network, OCW, and Fisher Houses of Dayton, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. National reported 18% of CSR for SAL was submitted by SAL (1143 of 6,201 Squadrons). Ohio turned in 194 of 317 = 61%. This is a requirement for membership cards. Mentioned that Jermaine Ferguson is making a difference with SAL and they are glad to have him!

**Report from Jack Nix, ALR Liaison (13):** Explained it has been a joy working with Bill Genochio and he is considered a great asset to ALR by he and Mindy Hinkle. New ALR Chapters being requested. Posts still hosting Poker Runs and doing what they can to reduce COVID spread. Newark, Lorain-Amherst, and Kent. Partnering with Ohio Patriot Riders and Combat Vets Association. Ohio ALR POW/MIA Run is scheduled for September (cancelled). Ride and Grab Program with different posts is also on hold. Statewide ALR Meeting in October at Pickerington Post.

**Report from 1st Vice, Jean Wilson (4):** Welcomed everyone to 2021 Membership year. Post 1 of 12th District is first Post to be quota in Department of Ohio. Standings of Districts: (1) 33.98%, (2) 34.92%, (3) 28.08%, (4) 35.26%, (5) 23.79%, (6) 25.74%, (7) 19.78%, (8) 29.74%, (9) 25.77%, (10) 24.04%, (11) 30.81%, (12) 31.24%, (13) 30.86%, (14) 18.25%. Sixty-One posts were not cleared by 1 August 2020. If help is needed for a Post with an issue or problem with paperwork, Jean offered help. WE cannot have membership processed if it is sitting at HQ waiting for paperwork. Working on 888 membership plan. There is a sheet for every post to complete that tells members seeking to transfer what your Post has and does (ALR Chapter, AUX unit, SAL squadron, clubroom, brick & mortar location,

etc). DEADLINE is 1 Nov. 1st Vice Wilson offered bets for membership. When we work together, we strive for excellence! Membership Goal for Department, set by National, is 84,724 members for 2021. If your District is doing something successful that is working, please share with everyone so they too can be successful. Mentioned Tom Poulton, DC – 12th, is the Membership Chairman for DMS/888 Committee. Membership Workshop from National is virtual this year!

**Report from Tom Poulton, 12th DC (12):** Only 50% of Posts participated in the 888 member transfers. There are members who do not belong to a Post and are already members of the Department HQ 888 Post. They will join your Post if you ask. Tom is also putting on his own membership workshops.

**Report from 2nd Vice, Brad Teis (10):** Department Golf Tournament was a success. It was hot and beautiful day. Fifteen Teams was a surprise with COVID19. Thank you to Post 199 of Harrison for hosting. The food and hospitality was great. Thank you Historian Al Beyer and Dayna Beyer for attending and taking pictures. The winning team was 23 under with a two-day total. Miamisburg will host the Bowling Tournament again this year (3rd District). Zanesville Post is waiting for a good time for the Pool Tournament still. They too will host in 2021. The Golf Tournament will go back to Kettering Post 598. There are two bids for the Euchre Tournament and will be decided soon. All activities for 2020/2021 will be scheduled and an advanced calendar soon.

**Report from Treasurer, Charles Stennis (9):** Fiscal Year has been changed to 1 July to 30 June to align more appropriately with the membership revenue. P&L for 2019-2020 will be distributed to DEC members soon. The IRS 990's for 2019 was also completed in June. The audit report should also be completed and distributed to DEC for review. Over 200 Posts have signed up for Post Credit ACH Program.

**Report from Chaplain, Melissa Fowle (3):** A training incident in Southern California resulted in a deceased Marine and eight others missing. Post Department Chaplain Jim Vaughan and wife Kay Vaughan have health issues and need prayer. Joe Ruland from 13th District is still recuperating (Joe chimed in that he is doing better). Dept. Sgt.-At-Arms, Roy Terry, had surgery and he reported he is doing better also. Religious Emphasis meeting is Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am. Prayer Concerns: Daniel Metzger, past District Commander of 2nd District is on rehabilitation facility (passed away on 10/30). Mike Homan, D2, 1st Vice, fell and fractured hip, in a rehab facility after back surgery.

**Report from Historian, Al Beyer (5):** Posts are grateful that someone comes to see them and how good it feels to visit them with all their good ideas. Concerns are military honors for veterans. The Officers guide has

the guidelines for the Post History Contest and how to make and submit a History Book for the Post. Pages 140-149 and on TAL website (www.legion.org). National Historian, Jim Mariner, advised that the 2019-2020 contest deadline has been extended, directed by National Adjutant Wheeler, due to cancellations and postponements of programs. New Deadline for Post History Books is February 2, 2021 for Department and April 2, 2021 for National. Do not confuse new date with the 2021 History Contest. That is still the same deadlines. Post History Books can be mailed or hand delivered to Department HQ. Thank you to Greg Elsbernd, Assistant Historian, and Dayna Beyer, Wife, for taking pictures and reporting of News for the Legion.

**Report from NECMAN, Robert Klostermeier (1):** Not hearing much from National other than membership reports for TAL and SAL. No information on Fall Meetings yet. NEC meeting and Commander and Adjutant meeting is also being adjusted. Received CPR Report from IA and Ohio was 16th Place and submitted 448 CPR's out of the 528, for a total of 85%.

**Report from Alternate NECMAN, Steve Masowick (9):** If Bob's here, I'm good.

**Report from PDC Robert E. "Bob" Schmitt (1):** Nothing other than everyone gets to contribute in the Membership Workshop which is a good thing.

**Report from Judge Advocate, Doug Whitney (3):** Post Constitution & By-Laws and Post Articles of Incorporation are important for IRS and Ohio Licensing, property ownership, and tax matters. The name in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution & By-Laws, and all licenses and property deeds, must be identical. Many of them are not, which could cause problems in the future. The stated purpose of the Post corporation should be word for word as stated in the latest version of The American Legion Preamble to the Constitution. The membership criteria must also be current based on the most recent expansion of eligibility from the Legion Act. Please encourage your District Judge Advocates to look at these documents to ensure they are up to date and amended. Post Officers manual on Page 23 has guidance. Election season is upon us and we need to remember to be non-partisan. No campaign buttons or personal views may be expressed or seen, as a Legion member. We must make our Posts available to all parties, not just one. Any Legion apparel must be removed from the meeting. Legion caps or attire may not be worn while attending a rally or party meeting. Violations of these rules may jeopardize the tax exemptions granted for Legion donors under section 501c-19 of the US Code. Doug mentioned having heart surgery scheduled for August 10th (Surgery successful).

**Report from Parliamentarian, Jerry White (8):** Jerry reported as Parliamentarian and the Chair-

man of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Recommendations were made to Commander Friend who would serve on this Committee by CHRMN White and the following were appointed: Department Judge Advocate, Doug Whitney (3), PDC Ron Chapman (4), PDC Richard Zulch (1), Department Adjutant Suzette Heller (Ex-Officio) (12). Motion made by Treasurer Charles Stennis (9) and seconded by Richard Wright, (13) and passed unanimously. Tasks of Committee is to review the Five C&BL Resolutions passed by DEC in the previous year for thorough review prior to going to Convention in 2021. Committee is already at work. Also reviewing C&BL for recommended changes and necessary updates. Committee will also review the most current rules of the Department Executive Committee, recently updated, to ensure everything is aligned properly.

**Report from Department Adjutant Suzette Heller (12):** Post Inspection and Post Selection Sheets were discussed. The Post Selection sheets allow a Post to indicate specific details about the Post that an 888 member can review and determine which Post they would like to join. There is a question on the bottom of the sheet where the Post can indicate that they agree to "automatically receive 888 members for review." This allows an 888 member to be transferred into a Post of their choosing, based on the information on the Post Selection Sheet. Posts can receive new members for review to expand their American Legion family. Post Inspections performed by District Commanders MUST be done by MARCH 30st, 2021. The Department Finance Committee, and DEC, approved a policy that the Department will no longer deduct Emblem Sales expenses from the District Activities Funds for DEC members. Each year, every Department receives Royalties from The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales. The Department will use these funds to purchase a cap and badge for DEC members and they will be expected to purchase their own ties. What we will expect is that a POST INSPECTION is performed on every Post, every year. District Activities, District Commander, and District 1st Vice distributions will be withheld until 100% Reporting of Post Inspection Forms are submitted to Department HQ. If this is done by the March Deadline, there shouldn't be any problem getting those monies distributed immediately after 1 July each year (Revenue based on final membership reporting on 30 June every year). Adjutant Heller Proposed a monthly DEC conference call for DEC. Secretary of State Frank LaRose campaign "Second Call to Duty" to increase volunteers for poll working during upcoming election. Due to COVID19, large majority of current volunteers are compromised with health conditions that make them vulnerable. Our goal is to keep our members safe.

**Report from National Security Chairman, Al Buxton (4):** Chair-

man Buxton reported on the activities of the National Security Committee meeting at Department HQ on July 11, 2020, at 10am. POW-MIA Program sold \$300 of pins which cost over \$850. Committee requested \$3,000 from Charities, Inc., for POW-MIA Fund to assist supporting the military by supporting Central and Southern USO Program. Blood Donor Program had 2,086 donors from Posts who donated 4,577 pints of blood. Encouraging Posts to support Red Cross Blood drives. Rick LaValley, 7th District, mentioned wrongdoing at Post's regarding money, stealing, and mismanagement. Recommended a resolution to make the National Security Committee to be responsible for Post auditing and problems. Members of Committee to write resolution is Jose Rivera, (9), Rick LaValley (7), and Doug Russell (10). No Good of the Legion reported and meeting concluded at 11:30 am.

**Report from Americanism Committee Chairman, Tom Rowe (12):** Americanism Committee met on July 11, 2020 at 10 am at Department HQ. This report is Informational Purposes Only. Committee agreed to allow the question of "What are your thoughts on the desecration, removal, or vandalism of historical monuments or statues?" to be the essay question on the A&G Test. New "Americanism Fact Sheet" was created and will be used to market Americanism Programs. A&G Testing scheduled for 11/2 – 11/6 and Alternate testing 11/9 – 11/13. A&G Trip is scheduled for March 1-5, 2021. Civics taught in schools are huge concern as they are not being taught. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Children & Youth Committee Report, Chairman Andy Atkins (10):** Meeting was called to order in the afternoon of July 11th, 2020. Program donations supported by C&Y Committee for 2020-2021 is Fisher House, Donovan's Kids, Ohio Military Kids (4-H Project), and the Burn Institute. Taking nominations for Child Welfare Worker of the Year. There are 200 pins left, motion made to reduce price of pins to \$3 to get rid of what is remaining in stock. Recommended that Special Olympics Committee be replaced by the Children & Youth Committee and that Special Olympics become a program for the committee to decide its fundraising, donations of, and volunteer support. Department Historian Al Beyer was present and discussed a "Parade of Flags" program where a Post adopts an area of their community that is supported by residents and businesses that donates monies for the Post to install flags several times/year annually for patriotic holidays. C&Y would like a table cloth for marketing the program at events or conventions. Committee agreed to meet again on 10/24 at 1 pm. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

**Gifts For Yanks Program Report, Chairman Darell Bishop (5):** GFY Committee met on Sat-

(Continued on page 7)



## Department Executive Committee Summary (Continued)

urday, July 18th at Department HQ. Sub-Committee minutes were not available. Fundraising to date was \$156,547 for 2019-2020. The Raffle has a profit of \$1,933. The hats have not paid for themselves yet due to lack of events (pandemic). Fundraising for 2020-2021 is set for \$200,000. Coin raffle will be held at Mid-Winter. Mentioned to send pledge cards to Posts and send Bullet Pens for \$10 for fundraiser. Money not spent from previous year is \$48,000. Program bank account balance is \$177,244.45 as of 6/3/2020. Monies still remain in investment account and Fisher House monies were not removed from but taken from GFY cash on hand. Favored to keep money in investment account to accrue interest. 2020-2021 Gift is back scratcher, pocket calendar, bullet pen, break-away lanyard, metal straw w/ case, and a cushion with a blanket at a cost of \$27/gift. Committee approved budget. Committee agreed

to add \$10,481 for Cleveland VA to receive two games with carts to be wheeled around. Also \$12,000 for Veterans Appreciation Night has to be re-allocated due to cancellations. Cincinnati VAMC received \$7,000 for food pantry and Georgetown OVH received a six-passenger golf cart. Lorain Clinic received \$750 for Veterans Appreciation Day. Total of \$189,981.

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee Report, Chairman Dave Cook (6):** Meeting convened at 1:00 pm. Service Officer Updates were provided from Bill Genochio, DSO Supervisor. Veterans must have an appointment at their offices. PSO will be 11/7 at HQ (Virtual) from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Veterans Treatment Court updates are pending guidelines due to opportunity to meet with current COVID19 pandemic. Project is underway. Veteran Suicide Prevention has been decided to also hold off un-

til closer to Convention. Resolutions pending were reviewed. Next meeting scheduled for 10/3. Meeting Adjourned at 2:23 pm.

**Buckeye American Legion College (BALC) Update, Holly Lewis (10):** Holly Lewis not able to be present, Adjutant Heller gave brief update: BALC Training scheduled for September 19 & 26 with three 40 minute presentations on topics of Communication/Signs of Toxic Leadership, Conflict Management, Goal Setting and Project Management, and Building an Inclusive Culture of Team Building. Individual will pick two options. Mid-Winter will host more BALC Graduates.

**Cancellations/Revocations/Suspensions/Application for Post Charters:** Post 757 will be returned their charter on 8/3. DEC Voted to lift Post Suspension, Tom Poulton (12) Motioned, Ken Crawford (7), seconded. Unanimous. Post 182 in Columbus awaiting cancellation pa-

perwork and Squadron 717.

**Resolutions:** 21-02 to Amend Article XI, Section II, "The Post". Will go through membership committee. Resolve is to reduce minimum members at post from 25 to 15.

**Good of the Legion:** 1st Vice Jean Wilson mentioned the Membership Training Workshop. Richard Wright mentioned NFL taking a knee. Commander Friend stated we are non-partisan and that is an individual's right to take a knee. Adjutant Heller mentioned that maybe we should be more apt to look at why people are taking a knee and to not be argumentative or debitive about it. Maybe this is an opportunity to encourage the value of and to promote Americanism and what our Nation's flag stands for. Opportunity to unite in solidarity to teach about the flag and to consider deep-rooted issues of racism that continues to go on around us. Find a common ground, teach unity, and solidarity. Jason Rue

(1) mentioned his comrades coming home in flag draped coffins and how offensive it is for him to watch people take a knee. Agrees to opportunity to teach Americanism and Flag Etiquette. 2nd Vice Brad Teis (10) mentioned NFL Players giving back to communities as opposed to protesting and fault of media. Mentioned not having the National Anthem at Sports and for them to just play. Larry Glasgow (10) mentioned unity and diversity and that we are all different, that's what makes us Americans and we fought for their freedoms to do so. Jerry White mentioned that PDC Ed Voisard passed away and will be laid to rest in St. Mary's.

**Benediction/Prayers/Closing:** Chaplain Melissa Fowle (3) provided the benediction and meeting convened at 12:30 PM.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

**William Genochio**  
GySgt, USMC (Ret)  
Veterans Benefits  
Administrative Coordinator  
DSO/ Office Supervisor  
Cleveland VA Regional Office  
Ph: 216-522-3504  
Email: William.genochio@va.gov

### "THE SITREP"

The Department Service Officer team hopes our Legionnaires family is safe and continuing to do well during this new and trying times we are facing. We continue to man the offices to prove services to the veterans of Ohio.

### 2020 Appeal Number the Cleveland VA Regional Office

Conducted 62 BVA Hearings. 21 have been issued a decision with 18 of those being wins for the veteran. This puts the DSO's win percentage at 86% for 2020 and have secured \$654,274.73 for Ohio veterans.

### 2019 Appeal Number the Cleveland VA Regional Office

BVA success 77% with \$1,042,453.56 in BVA Grants and additional \$483,962.70 through BVA Remand.DRO Success 48% with \$64,584.23 in DRO Grants.

### 2018 Appeal Number the Cleveland VA Regional Office

BVA Success 74% with \$1,645,084.30 in BVA Grants and additional \$340,311.51 in BVA Remand.DRO Success 57% with \$207,345.70 in DRO Grants.

### 2017 Appeal Number the Cleveland VA Regional Office

BVA Success 80% with \$2,943,711.25 in BVA Grants and additional \$1,090,384.04 in BVA Remand. DRO Success 70% with \$586,577.09 in DRO Grants

Collectively since 2016 the DSO's have secured over \$10,082,664.50 for Ohio veterans and maintained a 80% Success rate at the Board of Veterans Appeals and 62% at the Decision Review Officer level (hearing % is 2017 to Present data).

### New DSO at the Dayton VAMC

We are excited to welcome Gary Felver to the DSO Team. Gary is the new DSO for the Dayton VA Medical Center.

Gary served in the United States Navy from July 1986 to July 1992 as an Electronics Technician 2nd Class. After my schooling in the Naval Nuclear Power Program I was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz from 1988 to 1992. While onboard the ship it was deployed on two West Pacific cruises. I qualified as Reactor Operator and Reactor Technician and was selected to be the training petty officer for Reactor Controls Division. I decided to join the American Legion after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. I have served the past eighteen years as Americanism Chairman, Children and Youth Chairman, and Golf Chairman for Post 184 in Piqua. I am a Past Com-

mander of Post 184 and served as Adjutant for 11 years. I am currently the Assistant Adjutant and Post Service Officer. I joined the American Legion Department of Ohio as a Department Service Officer on September 28, 2020. I previously served as the County Veteran Service Officer for Miami County for six and a half years. I look forward to serving the veterans of Third District.

### POST SERVICE OFFICER SCHOOL

Post Service Officer School will be moving to a new date in 2021, the PSO School will take place sometime in September. Specific dates will be discussed and published as soon as they are set.

### COURT OF APPEALS VETERANS CLAIMS (CAVC) DECISIONS BENEFICIAL TO VETERANS

I want to share a few CAVC decisions that the Department Service Officers have found helpful with arguing for our veteran's. Our Partnership with Bergmann & Moore whom handles all CAVC cases for the American Legion has provided some great insight and breakdowns of these cases. These are for information purposes to info veterans. Please seek guidance and assistance through the DSO to prefect your claim.

**Miller v. Wilkie Vet. App. No. 18-2796:** The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court) opinion in *Miller* holds that a VA Compensation and Pension examination (C&P exam) is not adequate if it does not address the Veteran's relevant lay statements. This is helpful to Veterans because it reaffirms the duty of a C&P examiner to review the entire claims file and analyze the full picture of the Veteran's condition as part of the C&P exam process.

\*This case is extremely helpful in claims for Tinnitus as the VA often

denies Tinnitus due to no diagnosis or treatment in service.

**McCray v. Wilkie Vet. App. No. 17-1875:** The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court) opinion in *McCray* holds that VA must address medical research evidence submitted by a Veteran to rebut a negative VA medical opinion.

\*This case is useful when the VA examiner fails to service connect on the C&P Exam. In the VA ultimately the burden of proof lies on the veteran to prove the condition is caused by service. Under this case we can submit medical literature to support the condition and its link to service. For example, a medication that is known to cause adverse side effects. It is also useful in arguing hearing loss by using the National Academy of Science and Engineering study on hearing loss.

**Euzebio v. Wilkie Vet. App. No. 17-2879:** The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court) opinion in *Euzebio* holds that VA adjudicators are permitted to ignore the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM) report, Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2014 (10th Biennial Update 2016) if the report is not submitted as evidence in an individual Veteran's claim. This is bad news for Veterans suffering from conditions that may be related to exposure to Agent Orange. However, advocates can overcome the effect of this decision by helping Veterans to submit the NASEM report as evidence in their claims. Included with the analysis about *Euzebio* is a document, "NASEM Veterans Agent Orange Update," which contains language to submit to VA for relevant claims.

\*This case is helpful to Vietnam Veterans with Bladder cancer, hyperthyroidism, and or Parkinson-like symptoms or Parkinsonism. As most of you are aware the NASEM which has found suggestive or

sufficient evidence for three conditions those mentioned above to be added to the presumptive service-connection for Vietnam veterans.

### REGIONAL OFFICE VERSE THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

It is important to know the difference when selecting the proper appeal route to take. The VA Regional Office is bound by the 38 C.F.R. Federal Veterans Laws, Rules and Regulations as well as the M21-1. The Board of Veterans Appeals is bound by the same with the exception that case law is also reviewed and put into play not limiting a decision based solely on the 38 C.F.R.

### MILITARY QUOTES

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived." – George S. Patton

"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." – Douglas MacArthur, an American soldier

<https://www.legit.ng/1229577-25-inspirational-military-quotes-time.html>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:genochio@ohiolegion.com) to be published. Do not include any personal information in the statement.

## MILITARY HUMOR

Military Humor

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now, let's try it again!"

Officer: "Soldier. Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"

Did you hear about the accident on base?

A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two kernels.



AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

**BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**  
American Legion Buckeye Boys State is an 8-day, hands-on, mock Government program. The mission of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to provide an educational and leadership program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to being self-governing citizens. Through a practical, objective, nonpartisan approach, participants in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county and state elections and governmental functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American citizens.

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**  
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. For these past 94 years American Legion Baseball has strived to maintain the reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the nation.

**ORATORICAL**  
The Oratorical Program is a function of The American Legions "Americanism Pillar". The Oratorical Program is a constitutional speech contest for high school students. The contest has a prepared oration and an assigned topic which is assigned the day of the contest. The prepared oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our government. The same subject and oration used in the department contest must be used in the national contest. The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution.

**AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TEST PROGRAM**  
Created in 1936, the Americanism and Government Test program is a joint venture and partnership with the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, which is a cosponsor of the program. The A&G Test is open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12 and is a fifty (50) question test comprised of True/False, multiple choice, and fill-in the blank. The Award from the Ohio American Legion for 18 State winners is a five (5) day, all expenses paid trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. with the highlight of the trip being a Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, which has been a tradition since 1936.

For any questions, Please contact Christie White Americanism and Children and Youth Coordinator at [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) or Andrew Klingler Program Administrator at [klingler@ohiolegion.com](mailto:klingler@ohiolegion.com)

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

The Department of Ohio recognizes outstanding Ohio educators at the State Convention annually for contributions made to the field of education, Ohio students, and the Department of Ohio American Legion. The "Educator of the Year" is selected from 14 district educator nominees.

The educator who best meets the qualifications outlined in the Nomination Application will be selected as the 2021 American Legion Educator of the year by the Department Americanism Committee. The American Legion Educator of the Year will participate in the 103rd Annual Department Convention in Independence, Ohio.

- THE NOMINEE MUST:**
- Be an Educator in any grade (K-12) in any public, private, or parochial school or academy in the State of Ohio recognized by the Ohio Department of Education.
  - Be nominated by a local American Legion Post.
  - Be endorsed by the Superintendent, and Principal through letters of recommendation to be attached to this Nomination Form.

**COMPLETING APPLICATION:**  
Applicant and sponsoring Post should briefly outline the educational career of the nominee as well as list all education honors, awards, and recognitions received by the educator.  
Applicant is also required to have letters of recommendation from the School Superintendent, American Legion Post, and School Principal.

- SELECTION PROCESS:**
- Every post may make a nomination of an exceptional educator.
  - Post nominations must be forwarded to the District Americanism Chairman March 1st.
  - Each District nomination will be forwarded to the Department Americanism officer no later than April 1st.
  - The Department Americanism Committee will review each District nomination and select the Department Educator of the Year.

For any questions, Please contact Christie White Americanism and Children and Youth Coordinator at [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) or Andrew Klingler Program Administrator at [klingler@ohiolegion.com](mailto:klingler@ohiolegion.com)

AMERICANISM DATES TO REMEMBER



- |   |  |
|---|--|
| November 2-6, 2020 - Americanism and Government Test given in schools | May 29, 2021 - Western Reserve National Cemetery Grave Decorating Ceremony |
| March 1-5, 2021 - Americanism and Government Trip                     | June 13-20, 2021 - Buckeye Boys State                                      |
| March 7, 2021- Department Oratorical Contest                          | July 15-28, 2021- Junior Baseball Tournament                               |
| April 15, 2021- Scholarship Deadline                                  | July 27-30, 2021- Senior Baseball Tournament                               |
| May 29, 2021 - Dayton National Cemetery Grave Decorating Ceremony     |  |

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORMS

**THE AMERICAN LEGION EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

District # \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Principals Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Teaching History**

1st year began teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Total years taught \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) currently taught \_\_\_\_\_

Subject(s) currently taught \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section A**

**EDUCATIONAL CAREER**

(Brief Outline) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section B**

EDUCATION HONORS, AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section C (For American Legion Post)**

WHAT MAKES THIS EDUCATOR AN EXCEPTIONAL INSTRUCTOR?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section D (For American Legion Post)**

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NOMINEE, WHICH SHOULD WARRANT CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS:** THREE REQUIRED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

1. School Superintendent 2. American Legion Post 3. School Principal

NOTE: Additional letters of recommendation may be included with this application.

The full version of this application is on the Department website:  
<https://www.ohiolegion.com/about/committees/americanism>



# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

## The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship

### HISTORY

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.

### ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship offered by the American Legion Department of Ohio is a ONE TIME NON-RENEWABLE award.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

All scholarship applications mailed to the American Legion Department of Ohio State Headquarters in Delaware, Ohio must be received by or postmarked by APRIL 15 annually.

### SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION / NOTIFICATION

All scholarship applications received will be reviewed by the American Legion Department of Ohio Screening Committee in mid-May with scholarship recipients and non-recipients to be notified via surface mail or e-mail as soon as possible thereafter.

#### Scholarship Judging Criteria

The judging criteria utilized by the Ohio American Legion Scholarship Screening Committee to choose the recipients for any scholarships awarded shall be based upon:

The applicant's academic achievement based on course grades; difficulty of the curriculum; ACT scores; participation in school activities and activities outside of the school and

a general impression of each applicant's character obtained through a personal statement.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship consists of the following categories and the criteria required for each category are:

#### High School Award

High school awards, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, are awarded annually to selected high school seniors, including home schooled and online students, attending high school within the state of Ohio.

##### Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must have a high school and college (if taking college courses) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of each American Legion Department of Ohio high school award will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

#### College Student Award

An American Legion Department of Ohio scholarship may be awarded annually to a college student.

##### Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct

descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

- Applicant must have a high school and college GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of each American Legion Department of Ohio college award will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

#### Donald L. Lanthorn Award

Donald L. Lanthorn was 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.

The Donald L. Lanthorn award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, 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. Those applicants not selected for the Lanthorn scholarship may still be eligible for other Department of Ohio scholarships.

##### Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home schooled, online or veterans residing in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union County.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased

member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of the Donald L. Lanthorn scholarship will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

#### Durward I. Bernhard Award

Durward I. Bernhard was 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 Durward I. Bernhard award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to one (1) selected Belmont County high school student, including home schooled and online students, or veteran residing in Belmont County. Those Belmont County applicants not selected for the Bernhard scholarship may still be eligible for other Department of Ohio scholarships.

##### Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home schooled, online students or veterans residing in Belmont County.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion

or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of the Durward I. Bernhard award will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

#### American Legion/Military Award

One (1) award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to a selected American Legion/Military applicant. The applicant must show proof of being a current, paid member of the Ohio American Legion and of serving in the United States military.

##### Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must provide a copy of current year Ohio American Legion membership card.
- Applicant must provide a copy of DD214, Report of Separation from Military Service or if currently on active duty, a copy of the military identification card.

The amount of the award to an American Legion/Military applicant will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

For any questions, please contact Christie White Americanism and Children and Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com or Andrew Klingler Program Administrator at klingler@ohiolegion.com

## CHILD WELFARE WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Department of Ohio Children and Youth Committee created the Child Welfare Worker of the Year Award to recognize those front-line civilian warriors who work tirelessly on behalf of children every day.

The successes of those who have received this award are the youth who emerge as productive tax paying citizens from all walks of life that may be underserved and at-risk of basic needs of shelter and food. These children may suffer from poverty and broken homes filled with abusive or dysfunctional families that rely upon care and resources distributed, or administered, by the selfless this award recognizes.

#### Eligibility and Selection

1. The Ohio American Legion Child Welfare Worker of the Year Award is open to professional or volunteer youth counselors throughout Ohio who demonstrate outstanding devotion to the ideals of The American Legion and provide children of Ohio with positive direction.

2. Nominations must be submitted to Department Headquarters by December 1st. Nomination forms available on

the Department website: www.ohiolegion.com. Those permitted to nominate include Post officers, County officers, District officers, Department officers and the Department Children and Youth Committee. Acceptance of nominations submitted by anyone other than those noted above will be at the prerogative of the Department Children and Youth Committee.

3. The Department Children and Youth Committee will review and judge award nominations by May 1st each year. The recipient will be invited to receive the award at the annual American Legion Department Convention.

4. Selection of the recipient will be based upon judging criteria established by the Department Child Welfare Committee and amended as may be deemed necessary, subject to the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

If you know of any outstanding professional or volunteer youth counselor in your community, please contact Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com

NOMINATION FORM 2020-2021 THE OHIO AMERICAN LEGION Child Welfare Worker of the Year	
NOMINEE DATA	
1. Name of Nominee	
2. Address	
3. City, State & Zip Code	
4. Telephone number: Daytime ( ) - Evening ( ) -	
5. Title	
6. Employer	
7. Nominees Authorization	Signature
NOMINATOR DATA	
1. Nominator	
2. Address	
3. City, State & Zip	
4. Telephone number: Daytime ( ) - Evening ( ) -	
5. Post Number District City	
6. Legion Office	
7. Signature of Nominator	

III. NOMINATION CRITERIA		For Selection Committee Use Only	
		POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS AWARDED
To be completed by Nominator			
1. Years of Services		1. 5	
2. Average number of children served each year		2. 10	
3. Brief description of services provided		3. 5	
		4. 20	
	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer	5. 10	
		6. 25	
4. Other honors or awards received		7. 20	
5. Articles published		8. 5	
6. Why is this nominee exceptional above others providing similar services		TOTAL 110	
7. Nominees achievements for which nominated			
8. Supervisor's Name			
Title			
Address			
Supervisor's Authorization	Signature		



# American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program

**William Genochio**  
**GySgt, USMC (Ret)**  
**Veterans Benefits**  
**Administrative Coordinator**  
**DSO/ Office Supervisor**  
**Cleveland VA Regional Office**  
**Ph: 216-522-3504**  
**Email: William.genochio@va.gov**

Attention American Legion Riders of Ohio and welcome to the first ALR article in the Ohio Legion news! The American Legion Riders do a lot to support our fellow veterans through camaraderie and membership. So why not let Ohio see what we do? Please submit articles and feel good stories of life on two wheels, or three. I ask each of you to read through this resolution and adhere to the policies outlined.

It is important that The American Legion Riders do our part to protect the American Legion family. These changes have been implemented to protect what the American Legion stands for. The intent of the resolution is not to infringe on anyone's right, but to ensure that the values of American Legion Family are upheld.

Open carry of a firearm is not permitted while wearing Legion Riders gear, or the American Legion logo. This does not affect your right to conceal carry.

## Resolution No. 19: Updated Programs Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR)

### National Program

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That all American Legion Riders (ALR) groups be a program supported by a post or department of The American Legion and shall uphold the declared principles of The American Legion as well as conform to and abide by the lawful regulations and decisions of the department, post or other duly constituted department governing body; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that because The American Legion owns, controls, protects and defends The American Legion's Emblems, the following guidelines are required to dictate protective standards over the Emblems:

1. All members of the American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary.

2. Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law.

3. ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.

4. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion and, protect the trademarked names and emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion organization.

5. The American Legion Riders officers shall be called chairman, vice chairman, director, and/or assistant director. Commander and vice commander are not appropriate because the American Legion Riders is a program of a post or department. In order to retain the identity of the ALR as an association of motorcycle enthusiasts and not as a motorcycle club or biker club, the titles of "president, vice president and past president/vice-president" shall no longer be permitted. A transition period of one year from the date of this resolution's passage will be provided for departments/posts to update governing documents and to transition to these approved ALR leadership titles.

6. The only recognized American Legion Riders emblem and logo authorized are those sold through The American Legion Emblem Sales. No use of rockers touching the ALR patch are allowed because touching the ALR patch violates the trademark laws protecting the ALR patch.

7. ALR vests should display the integrity, principles, and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or

pins with explicit or offensive language or images. All patches and pins of any groups displayed on the ALR vest shall share like values of The American Legion with regard to improving the lives of veterans, the military, the community and families, and these groups must be supportive of the principles of justice, freedom, democracy, and equality for all.

8. To maintain the image of The American Legion and its programs, ALR members while wearing any American Legion Riders apparel shall not display exposed weapons.

9. The American Legion Riders must represent the virtues, values, ethics, and morals of The American Legion in support of freedom, democracy, and the safety of our citizens. Affiliations of ALR programs with other groups and organizations that subscribe to the principles of and oppose our form of government by promoting anti-Americanism, anti-establishment, or pro-criminal culture shall not be permitted.

10. All ALR members shall obey the motorcycle laws of their state. This includes the proper motorcycle license endorsement in accordance with the rider's home state.

11. The sponsoring organization (post and department) will review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate cov-

erage is available to cover the organization to include coverage for any specific special riding events; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Riders programs shall abide by The American Legion National Constitution and National By-laws, as well as the established post and department directives; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion National Headquarters and the respective departments shall maintain general oversight of the American Legion Riders program in regards to proper use of the Emblems of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders, and The American Legion Legacy Run, and compliance with The American Legion National Constitution and National By-Laws; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 35 (NEC, Oct 2007), Subject: "American Legion Riders as a National Program" and Resolution No. 32 (NEC, May 2011), Subject: "Amend Resolution 35 (NEC, Oct 2007), Subject: American Legion Riders as a National Program" are hereby superseded and rescinded.

For the Full Resolution please visit The American Legion Digital Archive at the following link <https://archive.legion.org/handle/20.500.12203/14443>

**The LIT**

**Call Now: 1-800-235-6943**

**Monday - Friday 8AM - 7PM (EST)**

**AGIA**  
AFFINITY



**LEGIONNAIRE**  
**INSURANCE TRUST**

## 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 pro-

tections 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 confi-

dent 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.





## American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc.

Twice a year American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. meets to discuss grant requests received since the last meeting. Due to the year of the COVID-19 restrictions, many of the grants could not be issued in person. However, we were able to get photos from two of our in-person presentations.

The first pic is the presentation of a check to the VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System to help with entertainment and some novelty items due to the COVID-19 family visitation restrictions. In the photo left to right are Jill Dietrich, Hospital Director; Dave Donaldson, 13th District VAVS Representative; and Art Lustig of Charities, Inc.

The last two are from the presentation of a grant to Save A

Warrior for their Warrior Village in Newark, Ohio. In the photo from left to right are Glenn Hickman, President of Charities,

Inc.; Jake Clark of Save A Warrior; and Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant.



We do not have any in-person presentations to the top Sweepstakes winners due to COVID.

## 2020 GRANT RECIPIENTS

In lieu of a department convention this year due to COVID-19, American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. met for their annual summer meeting at the department headquarters in Delaware, Ohio, on August 3, 2020.

All requests received were reviewed and the following companies have received grants.

This year's recipients of more than \$42,000 granted at the Department Convention include:

### RECIPIENT

- Cincinnati VA Food Pantries
- CSW Farms
- Fisher / Nightingale Houses Inc (Dayton)

- Harrison Mayor's Fund
- Joseph House (Cincinnati)
- Lutheran Social Services
- MASH Pantry
- Salvation Army
- VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare
- Veterans Hall of Fame

"To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs, not repairs and improvements to local Posts. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio."

## Semi-Annual Sweepstakes Drawing Winners

Due to the COVID-19 virus, 2020 has proven to be a year of creativity and innovation. The American Legion was forced to cancel the annual department convention in July. Normally The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. semi annual sweepstakes is conducted at the end of the de-

partment convention. Since this could not happen, the program was shortened to five great prizes ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. The drawing was held in a specially called meeting of the officers of Charities, Inc. on Monday, August 3, 2020 at the department headquarters in Delaware, Ohio.

### SPECIAL DRAWING

Department Headquarters • Delaware Ohio • August 3, 2020

NAME	CITY	STATE
James Sullivan	Willoughby Hills	Ohio
Linnville Taggart	Arcadia	Ohio
Richard Liston, Jr.	Columbiana	Ohio
Stephen Spencer	Aurora	Ohio
David Herron	Zanesville	Ohio

## The American Legion Blood Donor Program

The American Legion Blood Donor Program was established in 1942 during World War II to cover the growing need for blood and plasma at home as well as war fronts. American Legion Posts worldwide were collecting blood for The American Red Cross. In May 1942, The Civil Defense Committee presented six resolutions to the National Executive Committee, and blood donation was presented first as a priority. The resolution passed as follows:

Whereas, The Army and Navy have requested 380,000 pints of blood by July 1 and 900,000 in the next 12 months; there is also great need for plasma in civilian defense plants and service;

Whereas, At present, the Red Cross can take care of 18,300 donors a week or 201,300 by July 1; therefore, be it

Resolved, That The American Legion deems it is an advisable and essential part of civilian defense that there be a wide expansion of the blood donor program and further establishment of blood bank centers, making such facilities available within each state in

the Union; and it is urgently recommended that appropriate steps be taken to accomplish this end.

That was the first resolution of many from The American Legion that supported blood donation and the American Red Cross.

In 1967, The National Executive Committee passed a resolution designating the week of Dec. 7 each year as "National American Legion Blood Donor Week," in remembrance of the attack that sent the nation into World War II and gave birth to the Blood Donor Program.

In 1985, the National Executive Committee passed a resolution to recognize Departments and Posts that produced the most blood in a year's time. The National Commander's Blood Donor Award program continues today. The Departments that have the highest turnout for Legionnaires and Post participation are honored at National Convention.

According to the American Red Cross, all the American Legion posts put together nationwide are ranked number 4 in their top 100 Enterprise Organizations in 2020

for blood donations. The American Legion nationwide has collected 31,804 red blood cell units.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters has hosted 5 blood drives, collecting 140 total units of blood. 51 of our 528 Posts have hosted a Red Cross Blood drive this year and collected 10,501 units of blood. That means that OHIO has donated 1/3 of the units of blood that has made The American Legion #4 in the nation!

During heightened times in our Nation's history which include, World War II, Vietnam, September 11th, and the Coronavirus Pandemic; the American Legion Family has always been committed to the Blood Donor Program during these critical periods.

The response from American Legion Posts during the Coronavirus Pandemic has been essential for The American Red Cross. Even with social distancing, forced restrictions, and mandates, Posts and Legionnaires are still willing to provide for those in need.

In continuing this commitment,

The American Legion Department of Ohio will be partnering with the American Red Cross at our Mid-Winter Conference for a blood drive. The Mid-Winter blood drive will be held on Friday January 22nd, 2021 from 2:30PM to 7:30PM at the Crowne Plaza

Hotel North. 6500 Doubletree Ave. Columbus, OH 43229.

To register for the blood drive, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code Legion or contact Christie White at 740-362-7478 to schedule an appointment.

## BLOOD DONATION FACTS

- Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
- One donation can potentially save up to 3 lives.
- Only 7% of people in the U.S has the universal blood type O-
- You can donate blood every 56 days and platelets every 7 days.
- More than 1 million people every year are diagnosed with cancer. Many of them will need blood during chemotherapy.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- Blood cannot be artificially made.
- Less than 10% of eligible Americans donate.
- Type O blood is the most needed for donation because it can be used in people with all blood types.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION



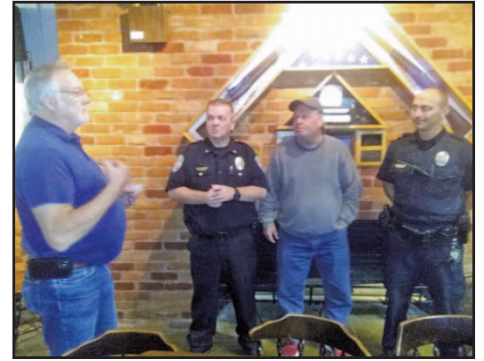
## POST 107 POW/MIA CEREMONY



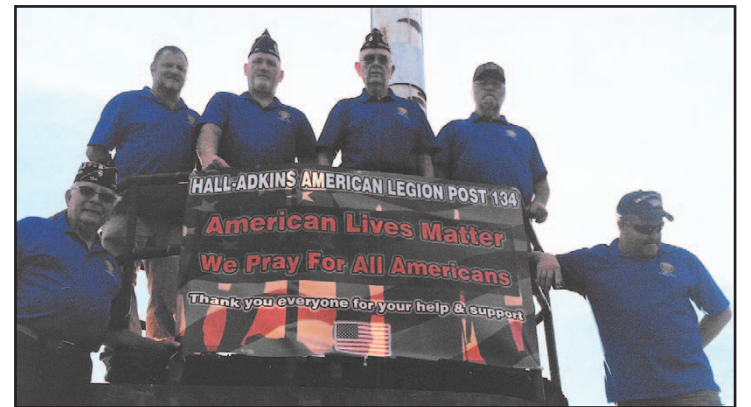
On September 18, 2020 Post 107 held a POW/MIA Ceremony held at the Veterans Green, Pataskala.

## POST 69 DONATES MONEY

Halter-Flege Post 69, Reading Ohio donates \$ 2,225.26 to the Reading Police Department. Pictured L to R: Rick Maloney, Facility Manager, Brian Edens Reading Chief of Police, Gary Blust, SAL Facility Volunteer, and Dan Flottesch, Reading Police Officer.



## POST 134 NEW SIGNS



Officers of Post 134 in Circleville stand behind a new sign on the big tank stating that "All Lives Matter" and that "We pray for all Americans"

## POST 290 SURPRISE VISIT



World War Two veteran and member of Columbiana Post 290 George Zohnd got a surprise visit from his post Honor Guard on his 100th birthday.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On Monday August 10th, Fort Recovery American Legion Post 345 awarded two \$500 scholarships. The recipients were Harley dues and Mitchell Pugh. The American legion wishes them the best of luck as they start this next chapter in life.



Left from right. Commander Jim Guggenbiller, Mitchell Pugh and grandfather Larry Acheson, Harlie Dues and Grandfather Bob Smith

## SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY



Palmer Roberts Post 214 Willoughby and Auxiliary presented colors and paid respects during the September 11th ceremony that was held at Mission Barbecue in Willoughby Ohio.

## SIZZLIN' 6TH DISTRICTS' FALL CONFERENCE



Commander Friend attends the Sizzlin' 6th Districts' Fall Conference meeting on Sunday Oct. 4th



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## 6TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Proud past and present district officers, including Department Commander, Roger Friend; District Commander, Scott Horsington; Past National Commander, James Morris and members of the Sizzling Sixth District at their Fall Conference hosted by Jenkins-



Vaughan Post 97 in Cardington Ohio from left to right: Mel Cantrell, William Britton, Jim Crawford - District Chaplin, Bruce Toll, Gary Cox Jr. - District First Vice Cmdr, Jim Conrad, Scott Horsington - District Commander, John E. Bell - Past Dist. Cmdr, Roger Friend - Department Commander & Past Dist. Cmdr, Roy Terry - Past District Cmdr, Charles Armstrong Past District Cmdr, Ralph McCoy - Past District Cmdr, Perry Holman - District Asst. Chaplin, David K. Cook Sr. - District Adjutant and Past District Cmdr, Bart Arndt Past District Cmdr, Carroll Liston - Dist. Finance Officer and Past District Cmdr, Jim Morris Past National Vice Commander/ Past District Cmdr and Gordon Cromwell.

## POST 382 100TH ANNIVERSARY



The first picture is of the Bluffton American Legion Post 382's 100th Anniversary, COVID 19 style. Commander Bob Amstutz is on the far left.



The second picture is of our Legion's Honor Guard participating in a Ceremony Honoring Revolutionary Soldiers on Patriot Remembrance Day. Military Honors were given by the Bluffton American Legion Post 382 and SAR



The third and fourth pictures are from the Bluffton American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony's. We had a private Memorial Day Service. Dale Huber was our Speaker and he is a 74 year member of the Bluffton American Legion. Our post members placed over 800 Flags on Veterans Graves in Richland Township, Allen County, Ohio. Members also visited members confined to there Nursing homes due to Covid 19.



## POST 29 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



The Zanesville American Legion, Post 29, on August 4 awarded scholarships to several area college students. A total of \$8,000 will be awarded.

(L to R): Dalton Anker, Capital University; Madison Coffey, Ohio State University, Newark; Hunter Bradley, Kent State, Stark; Liam Benson, Ohio Christian.

Not pictured: Garrett Bradley, Mount Vernon University; Lydia Guthridge, Savannah College of Art & Design; Madeline Spiker, Ohio Northern University; Emily Kinney, Marietta College.

## POST 700



SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICAN LEGION HOWLAND POST 700 RIDE TO FLIGHT 93 - Dual Legionnaires Riders and some Triple members - SAL & Auxiliary members stepping up to the call at Post 700 with Commander & ALR Director, Chuck Sayers; Asst Director, Michael Thompson; along with fellow Veteran Legionnaires (l to r) John Turner, Darlene Freer, Past Department Commander, Jim Campbell; Chuck Sayers; Mike Thompson; Post Chaplain, Dave Luther; Dave Moore; Earl Parthemer; Teri Culliton; Department Historian, Al Beyer at the registration for the run to Flight 93 9/11 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. They are building A Foundation For The Future through the ALR program encouraging young veterans to join The American Legion Family.



Hosted by American Legion Howland Post 700 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Son's of the American Legion, and Riders and members of Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association made the 592 trip from Warren, Ohio to Shanksville, Pennsylvania to visit and pay respect at the Flight 93 9/11 Memorial on September 12 in memory of those who gave their lives above everyone else's. The veteran that survived the storm and finds purpose in riding to help raise funds for awareness and to support fellow veterans & their families; the ones that are willing to get the job done even when no one is there to help out; a veteran that loss hope and was at the end of his rope until he found it through the brotherhood of being a "rider" where there is 'no judgment' and your worth is being on every "Ride of Honor" in memory of those who served and sacrificed.

## 4TH DISTRICT OFFICERS



4th District Officers were installed and on the job, however, due to covid and no state convention, the pinning of the officers were completed during their October 2020 Fall Conference by Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson

From L to R: Adjutant Mike Bender (534); Chaplain, Dave Hurst (484); assisting PDC Ron "Chappie" Chapman (288); Finance Officer, Jerry E. Perry (72); 2nd Vice Commander, Al Buxton (199); Department 1st Vice Commander, Jean Wilson (199); 1st Vice Commander, Steve Ervin (484) and District Commander, Steve Foster (288).



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## DONUT HOUSE



Sunday September 27th, 2020, The presentation of the Donut House to a Female homeless Vet and her Daughters, ( house aka Loretta Ave House) .The event was hosted by Ride with Valor's, Scott Rhoda and the entire Ride with Valor organization. The event which was attended by Legionnaires from the 13th District and First Vice Commander Jean Wilson was on hand to present opening remarks. Also present was the VFW, C.A.V.A. & Home Depot.

## POST 641



Dexter City Post 418 seek ideas and support for new members during the 11th District Fall Conference hosted by Belle Valley Post 641, and get a photo opportunity with David Cobb (566), Past District 14 Commander, (left) with Post 418 members US Army Bob A. Morgenstern and USAF Helen L. Saxe and Department Historian Al Beyer, Past 5th District Commander (535).



**SPOTLIGHT ON 11TH DISTRICT (OHIO) FALL CONFERENCE:** Hosted by Post 641 BelleValley Legion, Commander Russell J. Peters; 1st Vice Cmdr, John "JD" Robinson; 2nd Vice Cmdr, Charles Chuck Clark; Chaplain, Steve Wainwright; Finance Officer, Andy Matheny; Judge Advocate, Tom Leach; Sgt-at-Arms, Jerry Hess; with 11 posts represented, 19 members and 4 guests

## POST 733



5th District Commander Jarrett Kenny Estep presents Gifts for Yanks Medium Contribution plaque and award to Bettsville Post 733 accepted by Arden "Skip" Craun, Past District Commander during the 5th District Fall Conference.

## POST 199



During the American Legion 4th District Fall Conference held at Yeager Benson Post 199, Law & Order Chairman Jerry E. Perry, introduces 4th District Law Officer of the Year and awarded by District Commander, Steve Foster to Patrick Black of Wilmington Police Department. Black, a 23 year police officer and US Army Reservist, and his lovely wife, Shannon have a son serving in the United States Marine Corps and a daughter serving as an EMT. Congratulations!

## POST 260 ATTICA AREA VETERANS MEMORIAL



Commander Jim Shoemaker, officers, members and Department Historian Al Beyer, Past 5 District Commander gather together for the ground breaking of the Attica Area Veterans Memorial

## POST 181



Ohio Leadership comes together during Detachment of Ohio Commander Bernie Kessler's "Whatever You Want to Call it" Homecoming on October 17, 2020 hosted by Colonel Crawford Post 181 with Department of Ohio Commander, Roger Friend and wife Cynthia; Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler and wife Nancy; and Department Auxiliary President, Kristen McLaughlin and husband Keith.

## POST 717 NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD



**FIFTH DISTRICT AMERICAN LEGION N. RIDGEVILLE POST 717 NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The goal of the post is to bring integrity and order as they start a new year for renewal and new memberships. MEETINGS HELD AT THE VFW 9871 inN. Ridgeville. (l to r) Member, Pat McElhaney; Commander John Prassner; Department of Ohio Historian & Past 5th District Commander, Al Beyer; Adjutant, John Volchko; 2nd Vice Commander, Paul Drury; 1st Vice Commander, Pat Foster; and Member, John Radolec.



## 2020-2021 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

<b>DEPARTMENT COMMANDER</b> Roger Friend 6146 Marion Rd. NE, Newark, OH 43055 Spouse: Cynthia C: 740-877-8019 E: commander@ohiolegion.com	804	<b>DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN</b> Gerald White 1181 Addison Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Ph: 614-577-1803 E: geraldwhite575@gmail.com	283	Robert Wagener, 2VC 8830 US 52, Manchester, OH 45144 Ph: 937-217-1001 E: Robertmwagener325@yahoo.com	325
<b>FIRST VICE COMMANDER</b> Jean Wilson 329 Harmony Dr., Harrison, OH 45030 Spouse: Jerry C: 513-708-1969 E: 1stvice@ohiolegion.com	199	<b>DEPT JUDGE ADVOCATE</b> Arthur Lustig 405 Seneca St., Dupont, OH 45837 Ph: 419-890-3717 E: jasonrue1974@gmail.com	104	<b>“GREAT” EIGHTH DISTRICT</b> Richard Donovan, CMDR 7502 Lismore Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Ph: 614-863-8868 E: rickdonovan3@att.net	283
<b>SECOND VICE COMMANDER</b> Bradley Teis 2901 Lancer St NW, North Canton, OH 44720 Ph: 330-418-7161 E: 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com	44	<b>“GREAT” FIRST DISTRICT</b> Jason Rue, CMDR P.O. Box 10 405 Seneca St., Dupont, OH 45837 Ph: 419-890-3717 E: jasonrue1974@gmail.com	541	Harold Smathers, 1VC 331 Oliver Rd., Gallipolis, OH 45631 Ph: 740-645-9125 E: warioo666@yahoo.com	476
<b>DEPARTMENT TREASURER</b> Charles Stennis 11336 Alexa Dr., Painesville, OH 44077 H: 440-364-7294 E: treasurer@ohiolegion.com	336	Frank (Joe) Navarre, 1VC 1036 Branleigh Dr., Toledo, OH 43612 Ph: 419-389-7116 E: evenav1984@aol.com	468	Robert Schmoll, 2VC 2960 Gamers Ford Rd., Thurman, OH 45685 Ph: 740-245-9016 E: schmoll@core.com	128
<b>DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN</b> Melissa Fowle 1733 Rusk Rd., Troy, OH 45373 Spouse: Brian H: 937-829-8190 E: terplady67@yahoo.com	586	<b>SECOND “TO NONE” DISTRICT</b> Walter Meharg, CMDR 255 E. Monroe St., New Bremen, OH 45869 Ph: 703-864-5899 E: wmeharg76@gmail.com	323	<b>“DYNAMIC” NINTH DISTRICT</b> Frank Adley, CMDR 4449 Benetka Rd., Ashtabula OH 44004 Ph: 440-855-5200 E: dvrfranka@yahoo.com	103
<b>ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN</b> Mary Austin 1294 Kerr Ave., Lancaster, OH 43130 Ph: 740-407-7292 E: maliame59@aol.com	8	Mike Homan, 1VC 00838 Clover Four Rd. New Bremen, OH 45869 Ph: 419-629-3422 E: mikehomanfamily@gmail.com	241	William Runyan, 1VC 6317 River Rd., Kingsville, OH 44048 Ph: 440-228-6023 E: willrunyan@roadrunner.com	743
<b>PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER</b> Robert Schmitt 4009 Secluded Ravine Ct. Maumee, OH 43537 Spouse: Barbara Ph: 419-867-9275 E: pastcmdrrob0001@yahoo.com	587	NA, 2VC		<b>“GREAT” TENTH DISTRICT</b> Larry Glasgow Jr, CMDR 10141 Portland Ave SW Beach City, OH 44608 Ph: 330-340-1159 E: oldbigred549@gmail.com	549
<b>NAT'L EXEC COMMITTEEMAN</b> Robert Klostermeier 1112 Gordon St., Toledo, OH 43609 Spouse: Neva H: 419-255-0951 C: 419-215-6688 E: battlescar@bex.net	553	<b>“THUNDERING” THIRD DISTRICT</b> Joe Law, CMDR 4808 Bofield Dr., Kettering, OH 45429 Spouse: Betsy Ph: 937-572-1431 E: usmc417@hotmail.com	598	Robert Rhode, 1VC 211 E 4th St., Dover, OH 44622 Ph: 330-440-5361 E: rcrhode1@gmail.com	139
<b>ALTERNATE NECMAN</b> Steve Masowick 9320 Root Dr., Streetsboro OH 44241 Spouse: Cindy Ph: 330-714-0760 E: Stevem6742@gmail.com	685	Betsy Law, 1VC 4808 Bofield Dr., Kettering, OH 45429 Ph: 937-232-2242 E: law.19@wright.edu	598	Richard Balluh 755 E. College St., Alliance, OH 44601 Ph: 330-206-8078 E: rballuh@gmail.com	166
<b>DEPARTMENT JUDGE ADVOCATE</b> Douglas Whitney 5640 Horseshoe Bend Ludlow Falls, OH 45339 Ph: 937-216-8151 E: whitney.doug@gmail.com	586	Michael Blackwell, 2VC 166 Marrett Farm Rd., Union, OH 45322 Ph: 937-608-4302 E: mblackwell85@hotmail.com	707	<b>“ELITE” ELEVENTH DISTRICT</b> Russell “Joe” Peters, CMDR 64380 Sand Hill Rd., Bellaire, OH 43906 Ph: 304-670-8485 E: peterspoo2@stratuswave.net	750
<b>DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN</b> Al Beyer 6013 Garber Rd., Bellville, OH 44813 Spouse: Dayna Ph: 419-566-9523 E: albeyer49@gmail.com	535	<b>“FABULOUS” FOURTH DISTRICT</b> Stephen Foster, CMDR 1365 Redleaf Dr., Batavia, OH 45103 Ph: 513-827-2514 E: sfoster49@gmail.com	288	John Robinson, 1VC 14475 Moore St., Caldwell, OH 43724 Ph: 740-509-2220 E: alpost641@yahoo.com	641
<b>DEPARTMENT ASST HISTORIAN</b> Greg Elsbernd 186 County View Dr., Harrison, OH 45030 Ph: 513-917-8735 E: gelsbernd@nullstorm.com	199	Steven Ervin, 1VC 302 Lakeview Dr., Mason, OH 45040 Ph: 513-543-1635 E: S_ervin49@yahoo.com	484	Charles “Chuck” Clark, 2VC 3810 Highland Ave., Shadyside, OH 43947 Ph: 740-298-1265 E: Chaclark1@yahoo.com	52
<b>DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS</b> Roy Terry 508 Foxtrail Cir. W., Westerville, OH 43081 Ph: 614-216-5080 E: royngsmg@yahoo.com	457	Albert “Al” Buxton, 2VC 3592 Robroy Dr. Apt. 1 Cincinnati, OH 45247 Ph: 513-225-1489 E: asbuxton69@gmail.com	199	<b>“CAPITAL” TWELFTH DISTRICT</b> Ricky Garren, CMDR 3744 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207 Ph: 614-282-9342 E: grick144@aol.com	144
<b>ASST SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS</b> Mel Baher 229 Milton St., Berea, OH 44017 Ph: 216-214-9314 E: mailto:mjbaher@twc.com	91	<b>“FIGHTING” FIFTH DISTRICT</b> Jarrett “Ken” Estep, CMDR 230 Joelynn Dr., Shelby, OH 44875 Ph: 419-544-4115 E: jarrettestep@yahoo.com	16	Tom Poulton, 1VC 995 Elciff Dr., Westerville, OH 43081 Ph: 614-783-1950 E: ltctrpret@yahoo.com	171
Bart Arndt 1996 County Rd. 170 Marengo, OH 43334 Ph: 419-258-4652 E: barndt501@gmail.com	97	Ron Dull, 1VC 407 Phillips Ave., Ashland, OH 44805 Ph: 419-606-6873 E: rondull112@yahoo.com	88	<b>“TENACIOUS” THIRTEENTH DISTRICT</b> Joseph Ruland, CMDR 2502 Wellington Ave., Parma, OH 44134 Ph: 440-281-4955 E: jruland100@gmail.com	572
John Murphy 6415 Ranchview Dr., Independence OH 44131 Ph: 216-524-0664 E: jcmurphy216@aol.com	469	Darell Bishop, 2VC 307 Columbus St., Elyria, OH 44035 Ph: 440-322-8805 E: darellb12@gmail.com	12	Richard Wright, 1VC 6204 Stratford Dr., Parma Heights, OH 44130 Ph: 440-263-3512 E: r.wright353@yahoo.com	703
George Mussi 5382 Bridwell Ln., Westerville, OH 43081 Ph: 614-561-0055 E: georgemussi@att.net	798	<b>“SIZZLING” SIXTH DISTRICT</b> Scott Horsington, CMDR 37 S Westmoor Ave. Apt E Newark, OH 43955 Ph: 740-258-8655 E: scott.horsington@att.net	285	James Lockyer, 2VC 3917 W 33rd St., Cleveland, OH 44109 Ph: 216-470-3858 E: Jlock99131@msn.com	91
Albert “Andy” Atkins 45839 Center Unity Rd., Jewett, OH 43986 Ph: 740-946-0654 E: triplealegion@gmail.com	682	Gary Cox, Jr., 1VC 2679 Mercer Dr., Marion, OH 43302 Ph: 740-802-7262 E: Rdunr1969@gmail.com	584	<b>“PHENOMENAL” FOURTEENTH DISTRICT</b> Christopher Hawkins Jr, CMDR 440 Stinaff St., Kent, OH 44240 Ph: 330-696-9204 E: Christopher_hawkins2001@yahoo.com	496
David Jones 221 Walker St., Piqua, OH 45356 Ph: 937-214-0438 E: gonepostal48@gmail.com	184	VACANT, 2VC		Robert Carson, 1VC 1143 Bevan St., Coventry TWP, OH 44203 Ph: 330-620-9154 E: carsonrobert1957@gmail.com	566
		<b>“MAGNIFICENT” SEVENTH DISTRICT</b> Kenneth Crawford, CMDR 102 Mildred Ave., South Shore, KY 41175 Ph: 740-821-0525 E: fm57ohio@yahoo.com	363	John Life, 2VC 1416 Dietz Ave., Akron, OH 44301 Ph: 330-745-0245 E: jll44@zips.uakron.edu	449

Please see Department Staff listings and VAMC listings on page 2.  
Any changes should be brought to the attention of Marie Leister at leister@ohiolegion.com.

## Department Awards Banquet

With Special Guest  
**National Commander  
Bill Oxford**

**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

**Silent Auction & Social Hour 5:00 pm**

**(Cash Bar)**

**Dinner Served at 6:00 pm**

The American Legion Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor our special guest, National Commander Bill Oxford at the 2021 Mid-Winter Conference.

Awards will be presented to Legionnaires, Posts, Districts and Outstanding Citizens who were selected to receive awards at the 2020 Department Convention.

Posts, Districts and Department Leadership is encouraged to attend and support those being recognized.

Final Opportunities to bid at the silent auction that begins on Friday evening will be available during the banquet. The monies raised at the silent auction is being donated to the Veterans and Children's Foundation. The highest bidders of the silent auction items will be announced at the close of the General Assembly on Sunday, January 24th.

*Formal attire is required (Men; suit and tie. Women; dress, gown or pantsuits)*

Deadline for Reservations is January 15th, 2021.

**Cost is \$38.00 per person**

Dinner options are Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Picada, Salmon, or Vegetarian Lasagna.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/departments-mid-winter-conference/> and complete the banquet registration form

**\*Due to the current Pandemic, you must register on-line for this event\***

**\*\*Reserved tickets will be handed out at registration check-in\*\***  
**\*\*All banquet tickets must be reserved in advance\*\***

## 2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday • 11/26/2020

Friday • 11/27/2020

**Christmas Holiday**

Vednesday 12/23/2020

Thursday • 12/24/2020

Friday • 12/25/2020

**New Year's Holiday**

Thursday • 12/31/2020

Friday • 1/1/2021



**Please visit our official  
Department Social Media Channels:**



<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionDepartmentOfOhio/>



[https://twitter.com/Ohio\\_Legion](https://twitter.com/Ohio_Legion)



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG5DACPf0uyfSa4ErKHOH\\_g?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG5DACPf0uyfSa4ErKHOH_g?view_as=subscriber)



[https://www.instagram.com/ohio\\_legion/](https://www.instagram.com/ohio_legion/)



## 2020-21 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION
10/24/2020	10/24/2020	Americanism Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
10/24/2020	10/24/2020	Children & Youth Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 1:00pm
10/24/2020	10/24/2020	Law & Order Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 1:00pm
10/25/2020	10/25/2020	District 4 Fall Conference	Post 199, Harrison @ 10:00am
10/31/2020	10/31/2020	National Security Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
11/7/2020	11/7/2020	Post Service Officer Training	Department Headquarters @ 8:00am
11/13/2020	11/13/2020	Brown Jug	Department Headquarters @ TBD
11/14/2020	11/14/2020	Veterans Employment and Education Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
11/15/2020	11/15/2020	District 7 Winter Conference	Post 142, Waverly @ 8:30am
11/16/2020	11/16/2020	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6pm
11/21/2020	11/21/2020	Gifts for Yanks Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
12/5/2020	12/5/2020	Department Executive Committee Meeting	TBD @ 10:00am
12/6/2020	12/6/2020	District 2 Winter Conference	Post 355, Ft. Loramie @ 8:00am
12/6/2020	12/6/2020	District 13 Winter Conference	Post 91, Berea @ 10:00am
12/6/2020	12/6/2020	District 6 Winter Conference	Post 85, Newark @ 10:00am
12/6/2020	12/6/2020	District 8 Winter Conference	Post 11, Lancaster @ 10:00am
12/13/2020	12/13/2020	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 700, Warren @ 8:00am
12/14/2020	12/14/2020	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
1/2/2021	1/2/2021	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 682, Hopedale @ 10:00am
1/3/2021	1/2/2021	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 587, Conn-Weissenberger @ 9:30am
1/10/2021	1/10/2021	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 72, Mt. Carmel @ 10:00am
1/10/2021	1/10/2021	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 760, Lowell @ 10:00am
1/10/2021	1/10/2021	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 171, Westerville @ 1:00pm
1/10/2021	1/10/2021	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 83, Sandusky @ 12:00pm
1/17/2021	1/17/2021	District 14 Winter Conference	Post 175, Stow @ 1:30pm
1/18/2021	1/18/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
1/22/2021	1/24/2021	Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza North-Worthington
1/22/2021	1/24/2021	SAL Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza North-Worthington
1/31/2021	1/31/2021	District 3 Winter Conference	Post 165, Miamisburg @ 1:00pm
2/6/2021	2/6/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
2/28/2021	3/3/2021	DSO/Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel, DC
3/1/2021	3/5/2021	A&G Trip	Washington, DC
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 512, Toledo Police @ 9:30am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 285, Hebron @ 10:00am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 476, Wilkesville @ 10:00am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 12 Spring Conference	NVMM, Columbus @ 10:00pm Tentative
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 421, Cleveland @ 10:00am
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 2 Spring Conference	Post 96, Lima @ 8:00am
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 535, Bellville @ 12:00pm
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 25, Washington Cthse @ 8:30pm
3/15/2021	3/15/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
3/20/2021	3/20/2021	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 431, Newcomerstown @ 10:00am
3/21/2021	3/21/2021	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 29, Zanesville @ 10:00am
3/21/2021	3/21/2021	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 281, Cuyahoga Falls @ 1:30pm
3/27/2021	3/27/2021	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
3/28/2021	3/28/2021	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 534, Cincinnati @ 10:00am
4/18/2021	4/18/2021	District 3 Spring Conference	Post 707, Englewood @ 1:00pm
4/19/2021	4/19/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
5/1/2021	5/1/2021	District 8 Summer Convention	Post 283, Pickerington @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway 12:30pm
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 1 Summer Convention	Post 468, Joseph Diehn @ 9:30am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 6 Summer Convention	Post 584, Marion @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 13 Summer Convention	Post 572, Parma @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 10 Summer Convention	Post 166, Alliance @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway @ 1:00pm
5/14/2021	5/14/2021	SAL Pre-Convention	Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 2 Summer Convention	Post 241, New Bremen @ 8:00am
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 4 Summer Convention	Post 484, Cincinnati @ 10:00pm
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 7 Summer Convention	Post 471, Portsmouth @ 8:30am

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

## POOL TOURNAMENT

ALL ENTRY FEES WILL BE  
GIVEN AWAY IN PRIZES!!!

APRIL 16th - 18th 2021

AMERICAN LEGION • POST 29  
27 South 3rd St. • Zanesville, OH 43701

Friday  
Mini  
Tournament  
Starts at 7:00 P.M.  
with buy in

Saturday  
Doors Open  
at Noon  
Tournament Starts  
at 1:00 P.M.

Sunday  
Doors Open  
at 9:00 AM  
Tournament Starts  
at 11:00 A.M.

**ENTRY FORM**  
**SINGLES - \$15**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Legion Card # \_\_\_\_\_

**DOUBLES - \$40**

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Legion Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person is: Jake Chapman (740) 624-5718  
Mail Entry Form and Check to: American Legion Post 29  
27 South 3rd Street • Zanesville, OH 43701 (No Refunds)

## PERSONIFY TRAINING TUESDAYS

PERSONIFY, THE NEW VERSION OF  
MYLEGION.ORG IS COMING SOON.

### INTRODUCING: TRAINING TUESDAYS

Beginning in late October, held every Tuesday, The American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions called 'TRAINING TUESDAYS' on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants to be able to navigate the new American Legion website and user interface. In an effort to prepare for user training, Department urges all Post leadership to participate.

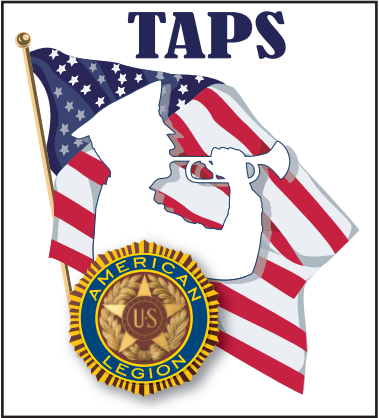
For the upcoming schedule and access link; please contact National HQ customer service at 1.800.433.3318 / cs@legion.org or The Department of Ohio at 740.362.7478 / legion@ohiolegion.com to join these training sessions via Microsoft Teams.

## UNCLAIMED FUNDS

The State of Ohio has laws relating to unclaimed property such as bank accounts, money orders and insurance policies. The Ohio Dept. of Commerce Division of Unclaimed Funds handles procedures for reporting unclaimed property; receiving unclaimed property and returning unclaimed property to its rightful owner. A July 2020 search of that department's website <http://www.com.ohio.gov/unfd/> revealed unclaimed property for 80 American Legion and Auxiliary organizations. Perhaps your post is among them? It is recommended that each post search the website annually.

Ralph Toalston  
Post 667 Adjutant





**POST 3 FINDLAY**  
MALCOLM ACOCKS  
DAVID BOND  
JOHN CROUSE  
JOHN DAHLSTROM  
TERRY DOE  
WILLIAM MUSGRAVE  
GERARD PORTER  
MICHAEL REED  
JACK REYNOLDS  
GEORGE SCHINDLER  
JAMES STALEY  
WILLIAM TREW  
**POST 6 SPRINGFIELD**  
THOMAS STORER  
**POST 7 WICKLIFFE**  
EDWARD CHARNY  
ANTHONY FRATINO  
GEORGE MROSKO  
**POST 8 WELLINGTON**  
JAMES SMITH  
HAROLD TAYLOR  
**POST 10 EDGERTON**  
JAMES BLALOCK  
DALE MATHYS  
JOHN STRUP  
CLOARD THIEL  
**POST 11 LANCASTER**  
JAMES BOWES  
WILLARD CREMEANS  
DAVID CRUIT  
JAMES MILLER  
JOHN THOMAS  
ELDEN THORNTON  
NED WHITTINGTON  
WILLIAM WRIGHT  
**POST 12 ELYRIA**  
ANTHONY BRATTOLI  
DALE HOGUE  
BERNARD LYSAGHT  
ROBERT NICKOLI  
PHILLIP SPROUSE  
**POST 19 AKRON**  
ROBERT HEMPHILL  
RALPH HOWELL  
ROBERT PIERSON  
**POST 21 ATHENS**  
GAROLD GILKEY  
C JOSTEN  
ROBERT STEWART  
**POST 23 PORTSMOUTH**  
RONEL ANDREWS  
RALPH ARROWOOD  
JOHN BAILEY  
JOHN HAMBLIN  
RONALD MONTAVON  
GARY PERNELL  
EARL STRICKLAND  
HAROLD TOLEMAN  
**POST 24 MCCONNELSVILLE**  
JOSEPH PEYTON  
**POST 25 WASHINGTON C. H.**  
JAMES BONHAM  
RONNIE HANNA  
SAMUEL HEDGES  
RANKIN KIRKPATRICK  
MICHAEL WILSON  
**POST 28 PERRYSBURG**  
DONALD TOLAND  
**POST 29 ZANESVILLE**  
GORDON DICKSON  
WILLIAM HARRIER  
DONALD HICKMAN  
ELDEN KINNAN  
WILLIAM RISER  
KENNETH URBAN  
**POST 30 LORAIN**  
JAMES MUDRICH  
KENNETH ZAPOLSKI  
**POST 31 E. PALESTINE**  
CECIL BEIGHT  
**POST 33 STEUBENVILLE**  
GILBERT COLLINS  
FRANCIS CUTRI  
ROBERT HAGUE  
VINCENT MONTI  
LARRY WILLIAMS  
**POST 34 CADIZ**  
MICHAEL PEOPLES  
**POST 38 MARTINS FERRY**  
JAMES BYHANNA

KENNETH FOGLE  
**POST 39 POMEROY**  
JAMES ACREE  
DAVID HOLTER  
MICKEY WILLIAMS  
**POST 40 RICHWOOD**  
RALPH MOORE  
**POST 41 NORWALK**  
RICHARD CARLISLE  
THOMAS MUNDY  
DEWEY SUMMERFIELD  
DENNIS THOMAS  
DOUGLAS TROUTMAN  
**POST 44 CANTON**  
KARL BRALLER  
ROBERT CASSEL  
WILLIAM CUMLER  
BERNARD GREEN  
OLEN HOWELL  
JAMES KENDALL  
RICHARD KENNEDY  
JACK LANTZER  
ANDREW LAZARIS  
GEORGE MANI  
GLENN MARTIN  
GEORGE NAVES  
JAMES SVIK  
MICHAEL VINCE  
**POST 45 BOWLING GREEN**  
DONALD TITUS  
**POST 46 BELLEVUE**  
CHARLES BAUM  
KENNETH KRUPP  
CHAS SABO  
**POST 49 WILMINGTON**  
EUGENE POWERS  
FRANK STACKHOUSE  
**POST 52 BELLAIRE**  
DOM PRESUTTI  
RUSSELL VASEY  
**POST 56 SALEM**  
JAMES CAMPBELL  
BARTHOLOMEW SCHRODE  
**POST 58 SOMERSET**  
ROBERT FOLEY  
**POST 62 CHILLICOTHE**  
EMERSON COUSINS  
GARY CUNNINGHAM  
DAVID DEARTH  
THOMAS FUSNER  
CHARLES SCHRADER  
**POST 63 OTTAWA**  
PAUL BELLMAN  
ARTHUR ELLERBROCK  
MIKE RICKSECKER  
URBAN SELHORST  
**POST 64 MARIETTA**  
PATRICK DYAR  
PAUL JOHNSON  
THOMAS MARTIN  
GEORGE POOLER  
WILLIAM STARR  
HERMAN THOMAS  
JAMES YATES  
**POST 65 COSHOCTON**  
DONALD COX  
CHARLES MCKINNEY  
CHARLES VANDUSEN  
**POST 67 SHREVE**  
RICHARD LINT  
**POST 68 WOOSTER**  
DONALD CARPENTER  
VINCENT DELPROPOST  
VERNON RIGGENBACH  
**POST 69 READING**  
ROBERT BARNETT  
JEROME KOENIG  
C VONBARGEN  
GORDON WEAVER  
**POST 70 WELLSVILLE**  
FRANK DANIELS  
RODNEY MCDOWELL  
**POST 71 ROSEVILLE**  
GLENN LUMAN  
**POST 72 CINCINNATI**  
RICHARD BICKEL  
MELVYN BURNETT  
JAMES HOELSCHER  
VAUGHN LYKINS  
ROBERT SCHADLE  
ROHLAND STAGER  
BILLY TROTTER  
**POST 76 SEBRING**  
ROYAL SCHILLER  
**POST 78 LOGAN**  
CHRISTIAN REDKEY  
**POST 79 MARYSVILLE**  
FLOYD JORDAN  
**POST 80 COVINGTON**  
ROBERT LONG  
ARTHUR STEPHAN  
**POST 81 JACKSON**  
HERBERT TIPTON  
**POST 82 WORTHINGTON**  
WILLIAM JANEY  
**POST 83 SANDUSKY**  
ROBERT BARKER  
GERALD BARNSWELL  
ROGER BRAUN

ANTHONY CAMMALLERI  
LYNN CHERRY  
CHARLES COUCH  
JUAN FRAUSTO  
FRANK MARSH  
DONALD SALMON  
LARRY SENNISH  
GEORGE WHITE  
GERALD ZAKERSKI  
**POST 84 CAMBRIDGE**  
JAMES HARRIS  
**POST 85 NEWARK**  
WILFRED BOWERS  
EDWARD MOATS  
GLEN THOMPSON  
**POST 86 TORONTO**  
ADDISON BURKE-DAVIS  
CHARLES ROSENBERGER  
**POST 87 WOODSFIELD**  
VERNON BURKE  
DENNIS DIERKES  
EUGENE HOGUE  
**POST 88 ASHLAND**  
STANLEY BLOODHART  
JAMES HUMRICHOUSER  
JOSEPH KILIANY  
**POST 91 BERE A**  
JAMES CORBETT  
LEONARD DRAGER  
MICHAEL GOLOJA  
ROBERT MURPHY  
NICHOLAS SEKRETA  
JAMES SMITH  
**POST 92 UTICA**  
CHARLES MCCLUSKEY  
GAIL NEIGHBARGER  
**POST 96 LIMA**  
JOHN BAGLEY  
RALEIGH BATTY  
MARK DOORLEY  
WENDELL FRAZIER  
HARLEY MERRICLE  
JACK PISEL  
**POST 103 ASHTABULA**  
DONALD LAPRESTA  
LOUIS NARDI  
ROBERT RENDRICK  
DALE RILEY  
**POST 104 MENTOR**  
RICHARD PAYNE  
**POST 105 LONDON**  
BILLY ISON  
**POST 110 TOLEDO**  
PAUL COUSINO  
**POST 112 MADISON**  
ADRIAN FORTNEY  
RONALD PARKER  
DANA ROBBINS  
HAROLD SIKULA  
**POST 113 PORT CLINTON**  
ARMAND GRAVEL  
**POST 114 OAK HARBOR**  
CHARLES HILLMAN  
TERRY MESKER  
ROBERT STAGER  
**POST 117 DEFIANCE**  
W RICHEY  
RONALD STEEL  
OSCAR TRIVETT  
**POST 118 AMHERST**  
WALTER HOFFMAN  
GERALD JANUSZEWSKI  
DAVID REICHERT  
JOSEPH TOTH  
CRAIG WENRICH  
**POST 123 NORWOOD**  
AUSTIN JOHNSON  
**POST 124 GENEVA**  
ROBERT ENDRESS  
**POST 128 MIDDLEPORT**  
ROBERT GOODALL  
IRVIN VOLTIN  
**POST 129 HILLSBORO**  
GLENN ARMSTRONG  
WILLIAM SIDDON  
**POST 131 LEETONIA**  
CLIFFORD TEVOGH  
**POST 134 CIRCLEVILLE**  
HOWARD SNOOK  
**POST 137 FARMER**  
MICHAEL ARNOS  
**POST 138 HAMILTON**  
ELMO MAINOUS  
FRANK PAWLOSKY  
ROBERT SIMPSON  
ORAL WINKLER  
**POST 139 DOVER**  
FOREST BARNES  
DOYLE BOLYARD  
LESTER FRESHWATER  
KEVIN FUNK  
FRED TURNER  
**POST 140 GREENVILLE**  
JAMES BROCK  
CLEO KARR  
THOMAS VARVEL  
**POST 142 WAVERLY**  
WILLIAM AUTON  
CARL FARMER

PAUL HALE  
TEDDIE OLIVER  
**POST 144 COLUMBUS**  
ROBERT FITZSIMMONS  
ROBERT OWENS  
JAMES PEZOR  
FLOYD PIERCE  
ROBERT THOMPSON  
RICHARD ZYMKOSKI  
**POST 147 APPLE CREEK**  
RICHARD CRAFT  
**POST 151 CONNEAUT**  
JAMES ACKROYD  
DUANE BARRINGER  
FRANK BEHLING  
RUSSELL HALL  
HENRY HOLZ  
HERBERT HOPKINS  
LESTER THARP  
RONALD THOMPSON  
**POST 159 ST CLAIRSVILLE**  
LELAND FORREST  
**POST 162 MARION**  
JAMES CAROTHERS  
JOHN MIDDLETON  
**POST 164 GROVE CITY**  
ROBERT CRAMER  
WALLACE LEWELLYN  
JAMES RUFFLE  
FLOYD WRAY  
**POST 165 MIAMISBURG**  
LAWRENCE ATCHISON  
ALLEN FORTENER  
RONALD JACOBS  
JAMES MABRY  
JOSEPH ORNER  
**POST 166 ALLIANCE**  
LLOYD BARKER  
WILLIAM BOSSERT  
RAY RAMSER  
ROBERT RUTH  
**POST 168 BARNESVILLE**  
CLARENCE CLOUSE  
ROBERT HANNAHS  
WILLIAM STROUS  
**POST 169 TIFFIN**  
RAYMOND BABCOCK  
**POST 170 WADSWORTH**  
KENNETH KOPPES  
RICHARD SPONSER  
**POST 171 WESTERVILLE**  
WILLIAM MCPHERSON  
JOSEPH VIOLA  
**POST 173 BELLEFONTAINE**  
WILLIAM ARNOLD  
CHARLES FLEECE  
ALBERT WAGNER  
**POST 174 NORTH STAR**  
CHARLES DUNWOODY  
**POST 175 STOW**  
HAROLD HEDRICK  
JAMES HERBST  
RONALD HINTZ  
SHARON TOPPIN  
**POST 176 SOUTH CHARLESTON**  
DANA KAPP  
**POST 177 CANFIELD**  
JAMES BUCK  
DONALD MARINELLI  
LUTHER RHINE  
GEORGE STANISLAW  
GEORGE WEST  
**POST 178 VAN WERT**  
ROBERT AINSWORTH  
TOM ALEXANDER  
RAY BATES  
RUDOLPH GRANT  
GARY HAUTER  
ROBERT KARCHER  
DONALD MICHAEL  
CLARENCE NIBLICK  
KEITH ROBERTS  
**POST 179 BLANCHESTER**  
CARLTON BINKLEY  
**POST 181 BUCYRUS**  
THOMAS CORY  
WILIARD CROSS  
LESTER FRITZ  
WILBUR MILLER  
MARVIN VANBUREN  
PAUL WAGNER  
DONALD WENNER  
**POST 183 PEMBERVILLE**  
BERT GRAFFIS  
RALPH POGGEMEYER  
GENE RUCH  
**POST 184 PIQUA**  
PAUL MAYS  
JOHN MILLER  
EMERSON SHEAR  
**POST 185 ADA**  
ROLAND KNOOP  
**POST 186 LEBANON**  
JAMES CONWAY  
**POST 188 NEW LEXINGTON**  
CHARLES DUNN  
**POST 194 MASON**  
TIMOTHY ABERNATHY  
JOSEPH HENDRICKSON

CURT HOPKINS  
HAROLD KESTNER  
DENNIS SALO  
JAMES WOESTE  
**POST 196 BRECKSVILLE**  
ROBERT DUSHAW  
JOSEPH FETTY  
EDWARD GORCZYCA  
ALLAN OCHWAT  
ROBERT STEPHENS  
**POST 198 KENTON**  
CHARLES MCCONNELL  
**POST 199 HARRISON**  
JAMES BADINGHAUS  
WILLIAM BRINKMAN  
BILLY CHARLES  
EARL CORSON  
JERRY FIELDS  
ROBERT OBRIEN  
RAYMOND PERKINS  
DONALD QUICK  
CHARLES RUDISILL  
CARL SEYFRIED  
HOWARD SHERRETT  
KEMPTON VANNIMAN  
JAMES VINES  
CHARLES WELCH  
**POST 200 HUBER HEIGHTS**  
GERALD ANDERSON  
ROBERT POTTS  
**POST 202 MEDINA**  
ROBERT HOWES  
**POST 204 CANTON**  
WILLIAM BOSWELL  
**POST 205 DOVER**  
ALBERT DILORETO  
PAUL WILSON  
**POST 209 AKRON**  
GEORGE POPOVICH  
**POST 210 CELINA**  
JULIUS BADER  
WILLIAM FRITZINGER  
TOM HEMMELGARN  
DAVID LAROCHE  
RAMON LOERA  
GUY SCHMIDT  
JAMES WALTER  
WAYNE WILLRATH  
**POST 211 AVON LAKE**  
ANDREW FEUCHTER  
MILFORD MOODY  
RICHARD SCOTT  
**POST 217 SIDNEY**  
JAMES JONES  
RALPH JUNG  
HERSCHEL KNOOP  
TOMMY MCMASTER  
EDWARD ROSS  
STANLEY RUSSELL  
FRANK SARVER  
PAUL WEHRLE  
**POST 218 MIDDLETOWN**  
BILL BACK  
LEE MENDENHALL  
WALTER MILLER  
ROBERT ROBINSON  
DONALD TERRILL  
**POST 221 MASSILLON**  
ARTHUR HERMAN  
J JOHNSON  
ROGER RIFFLE  
ARTHUR SCHUMACHER  
JOHN TSOCHIEFF  
**POST 222 CROOKSVILLE**  
HARRY GIBBS  
**POST 225 UPPER SANDUSKY**  
JERRY DILLION  
WILBUR HENSEL  
MAURICE LOGSDON  
VAUGHN MORRAL  
**POST 226 ANDOVER**  
RICHARD SCHERTZER  
**POST 228 POWHATAN POINT**  
DONALD BROWN  
JAMES MCGEE  
JOHN MCVAY  
MICHAEL SMITH  
**POST 229 NELSONVILLE**  
JAMES KNIGHT  
**POST 232 GRAND RAPIDS**  
JIM BOSTELMAN  
DONALD HOFF  
RICHARD MURDOCK  
SARA MYLES  
ROBERT STEARNS  
**POST 235 GIRARD**  
GERALD BABIK  
JOHN KUZMAN  
PAUL RUPERT  
ARTHUR WILLIAMS  
**POST 236 NEWTON FALLS**  
JAMES SMITH  
**POST 238 MECHANICSBURG**  
CHARLES WIBRIGHT  
**POST 239 WORTHINGTON**  
PETER BECKWITH  
DAVID KELLY  
EDWARD MURTHA  
G WHEELER



**POST 240 LUCKEY**  
BILLY HAMILTON  
STEPHEN SHAFFER  
**POST 241 NEW BREMEN**  
WILLIAM KRITES  
JAMES PAPE  
CHARLES VORNHOLT  
**POST 243 GALION**  
ROBERT MILLER  
WILLIAM ZIMMERMAN  
**POST 244 EAST SPARTA**  
RON RICHARDS  
**POST 245 NEW MADISON**  
BILLIE BURKETT  
JAMES FALKNOR  
**POST 246 DUNCAN FALLS**  
RUSSELL MERRITT  
DONALD VEYON  
**POST 250 SYCAMORE**  
STEVE MCKEE  
**POST 253 ANTWERP**  
RAY DELONG  
**POST 254 JOHNSTOWN**  
CHARLES HARGER  
WILLIAM RHODES  
**POST 257 LOUDONVILLE**  
GEORGE DAWSON  
KURT SNYDER  
LACY TAYLOR  
RONALD WOLF  
**POST 261 OAK HILL**  
RAYMOND CHILDERS  
**POST 262 HAMLER**  
LARRY HAASE  
RODNEY MILLER  
**POST 265 WAUSEON**  
RICHARD GAMBER  
WILLIAM SMITH  
**POST 268 DELPHOS**  
JAMES BUETTNER  
FRANCIS FISCHER  
JAMES HENDERSON  
CARL LOETZ  
**POST 272 AKRON**  
MELVIN FINNEY  
**POST 275 LISBON**  
DONALD MORRIS  
**POST 276 COLUMBUS**  
JACOB BORROR  
**POST 279 ELMORE**  
PAUL LOERTSCHER  
**POST 281 CUYAHOGA FALLS**  
WILLIAM ALEXANDER  
CHARLES LACY  
GEORGE POLLARD  
HENRY ROBINSON  
BRUCE WARD  
HERMAN WILLE  
**POST 282 ORRVILLE**  
BERNARD COMITO  
LESTER PITTMAN  
**POST 283 PICKERINGTON**  
JOHN DODSON  
THOMAS GILKERSON  
CHARLES SUCHLAND  
**POST 285 HEBRON**  
GARY CARLIN  
DENNIS DAVIS  
FLOYD THOMPSON  
**POST 286 NEW CARLISLE**  
KENNETH CONRADT  
RALPH DEATON  
JOHN JEAVONS  
JOHN SHATTUCK  
PATRICIA WHITT  
**POST 288 WILLIAMSBURG**  
LAWRENCE ANTER  
CHARLES DEMOSS  
GERALD HANCE  
JIMMY JONES  
JAMES ZIMPHER  
**POST 290 COLUMBIANA**  
KENNETH GRATE  
HOMER HOFFMAN  
RICHARD MOORE  
HERBERT WARD  
**POST 291 KINGSTON**  
KEITH VERMILLION  
**POST 300 NAPOLEON**  
HENRY BISCHOFF  
TERRY BRUBAKER  
CAROL NACHTRAB  
RAY POLKER  
JOHN RITTER  
KENNETH SCHNITKEY  
VICTOR SONNENBERG  
DAVID STROBEL  
**POST 301 AUSTINTOWN**  
WILLIAM BASISTA  
ANDREW SEDLAR  
**POST 304 GARFIELD HEIGHTS**  
EUGENE PHILLIPS  
**POST 305 CUSTAR**  
AMADOR PEREZ  
**POST 309 MAPLE HEIGHTS**  
JOHN WOOD  
**POST 311 ARCHBOLD**  
CHARLES DOMINIQUE  
**POST 318 CINCINNATI**  
RICHARD BURNES

STANLEY DILLON  
EDWARD RUFFENNACH  
HUGO VONTZ  
**POST 320 MAUMEE**  
GEORGE SNYDER  
**POST 322 WEST ALEXANDRIA**  
MARTIN VANZANT  
**POST 323 SAINT MARYS**  
THOMAS HEVLIN  
MICHAEL NIESE  
JACK ROUHIER  
ROBERT SCHNARRE  
EDWARD VOISARD  
**POST 324 GENOA**  
MELVIN HOEFFT  
**POST 325 MANCHESTER**  
LARRY BRUMLEY  
**POST 326 SHELBY**  
DONALD BETTS  
ORVA DAWSON  
DELBERT WRIGHT  
**POST 330 WAPAKONETA**  
CLINTON MAUK  
RONALD WEBB  
**POST 331 RAVENNA**  
JOSEPH BAILEY  
JOSEPH BARNA  
EMIL CICCIO  
CARL JONES  
JAMES LONG  
HUGH MAHAN  
PAUL SCHAEFER  
CARL WITTER  
**POST 332 MCCLURE**  
ROBERT BLAIR  
**POST 334 TOLEDO**  
SAMUEL HORN  
EDWARD TAYLOR  
**POST 335 TOLEDO**  
JAMES BOHNSACK  
DANIEL ROWAND  
**POST 336 PAINESVILLE**  
JOSEPH BOWEN  
RICHARD GARCIA  
LEONARD PARADISE  
ROBERT SHUGAR  
RONALD WHITING  
**POST 339 CLEVELAND**  
JAMES BUTLER  
**POST 343 EUCLID**  
HARRY KRAWCZYSZYN  
JOHN ZABLOTNEY  
**POST 345 FORT RECOVERY**  
JOHN BONVILLIAN  
DELBERT KAUFMAN  
**POST 346 OHIO CITY**  
ROBERT LONG  
GARY MEDFORD  
**POST 351 MINGO JUNCTION**  
MICHAEL LEAS  
**POST 352 MENTOR**  
ROBERT BORKEY  
CHARLES BRAUN  
RICHARD CHROSNIK  
LYLE KENNEDY  
WILLIAM KURET  
BENJAMIN SHERMAN  
FLOYD WICKIZER  
**POST 353 ANSONIA**  
MARION LYME  
GAIL MCKNIGHT  
POST 354 NEW RIEGEL  
HARLAND ETZKORN  
MELVIN FRANK  
JAMES MILLER  
TERRY SNYDER  
**POST 355 FORT LORAMIE**  
LARRY BEHR  
ADOLPH MEYER  
GERALD SOMMER  
MICHAEL UTZ  
JAMES UTZ  
**POST 357 MINERVA**  
EDWARD CARTER  
**POST 360 NEW PARIS**  
TERRY WEAVER  
JAMES WHITE  
**POST 362 SPRINGFIELD**  
JOHN NEIDHART  
**POST 363 LUCASVILLE**  
TOM FYFFE  
RICHARD NELSON  
DANNY RATLIFF  
**POST 366 FLUSHING**  
FRANCIS SPANO  
**POST 367 RIPLEY**  
HENRY LIGHTNER  
**POST 371 WELLSTON**  
GARY CARPENTER  
TERRY FINN  
DON LYLE  
ALBERT NEAL  
**POST 373 DELTA**  
CALVIN BREHM  
JIMMY BROOKS  
**POST 376 JUNCTION CITY**  
FRANCIS SWEENEY  
**POST 384 WHITEHOUSE**  
ALAN MENDEL  
BETTY SCHULTZ

**POST 385 WESTLAKE**  
JOHN HUEY  
**POST 387 MINSTER**  
DAVID MOORMAN  
**POST 389 BEVERLY**  
THOMAS MORGAN  
**POST 395 WAYNESFIELD**  
STEVEN HAHN  
**POST 401 CALEDONIA**  
VERNON WORCESTER  
**POST 404 REPUBLIC**  
CLAIR WAGNER  
**POST 405 NEW WASHINGTON**  
HERBERT KRAFT  
ERNEST SEIF  
ALFRED WEITHMAN  
**POST 406 BETHEL**  
JOHN CMEHIL  
SHELBY HENSLEY  
**POST 407 DOYLESTOWN**  
HOWARD GENET  
DONALD LANCE  
DWIGHT MANLEY  
**POST 414 GLOUSTER**  
LEONARD HILL  
ROBERT TRACE  
**POST 417 MOUNT STERLING**  
GARY RICHARDSON  
**POST 418 DEXTER CITY**  
CHARLES PATTEN  
**POST 420 MURRAY CITY**  
JAMES BICKLEY  
LEWIS BREWSTER  
PATRICK HANSON  
TERRY PEACH  
ROBERT STONCEL  
**POST 421 FAIRVIEW PARK**  
ROBERT ROMIG  
**POST 426 WEST LIBERTY**  
JOHNNY ZAVADA  
**POST 427 CINCINNATI**  
FRANK AUCIELLO  
WILLIAM GOINGS  
EUGENE MEYER  
**POST 430 COLUMBUS**  
JAMES GOSLEE  
HOWARD JONES  
WILSE SIMPSON  
CHARLES TROTT  
**POST 431 NEWCOMERSTOWN**  
DARREL SMITH  
**POST 432 WAYNESBURG**  
FRANKLIN BARLOW  
GEORGE MILLER  
**POST 435 VERSAILLES**  
STEPHEN MONNIN  
**POST 436 GREENTOWN**  
WILLIAM BLOSS  
GLEN FORNEY  
J LOTZ  
RUSSELL STEVIC  
JOHN STILES  
CHARLES WISOR  
**POST 444 NEW KNOXVILLE**  
VIRGIL DARLING  
WILLIS HENSCHEN  
DANIEL METZGER  
**POST 446 ANNA**  
WILLIAM WELLS  
**POST 447 PLYMOUTH**  
PERCY DEAN  
**POST 449 AKRON**  
GARY CAMPBELL  
DANNY STEVENS  
**POST 450 MILFORD**  
JERRY CRAVER  
CECILE DOZIER  
RAYMOND WAGNER  
**POST 451 ROCKY RIVER**  
JACK UBER  
**POST 453 ROCKY RIVER**  
LOUIS ANDREWS  
ANGELO GEORGESON  
GUS PATERAKIS  
**POST 454 RIDGEVILLE**  
DONALD LANGE  
DALE VONDEYLEN  
**POST 459 BURTON**  
MICHAEL KARLINSKY  
**POST 461 CAMBRIDGE**  
RALPH WETZEL  
**POST 468 SYLVANIA**  
ROBERT INGERSOLL  
**POST 469 CLEVELAND**  
JOSEPH BUTAS  
JOHN MARSHALL  
**POST 470 COLDWATER**  
CHARLES KOESTER  
**POST 471 PORTSMOUTH**  
DONALD MCDOWELL  
**POST 473 COPLEY**  
THOMAS ACOMB  
STEVEN HALKITIS  
RICHARD MISANKO  
**POST 476 WILKESVILLE**  
GARY WOODRUFF  
**POST 479 SWANTON**  
ROBERT DOWLING  
PAUL DZYAK  
EUGENE FULLER

JAMES OSHEA  
JEFFREY TOLFORD  
LESTER YODER  
**POST 482 SCIO**  
DAVID BECKLEY  
ROBERT HENRY  
**POST 483 FRANKFORT**  
ROBERT BUMEN  
DAVID HILL  
**POST 484 CINCINNATI**  
MIKE COSGROVE  
JAMES CULP  
**POST 485 CLEVES**  
DENNIS BARRON  
CHARLES BEYER  
RICHARD WICKMAN  
**POST 487 WEST MILTON**  
JAMES GREENWELL  
JERRY HALL  
CORAL WERLING  
**POST 488 CRESTLINE**  
LOUIS BALDASARE  
JAMES BLAISING  
HARRY KEPLINGER  
**POST 493 JACKSON CENTER**  
LYLE FALER  
LUDWIG HOYING  
ROBERT MACDONALD  
CECIL SWIGER  
**POST 494 SUGARCREEK**  
ERNEST RIDENBAUGH  
**POST 496 KENT**  
DANIEL BARD  
OLIVER SCHNEIDER  
**POST 499 WEST SALEM**  
PAUL COGAR  
PAUL EICHER  
**POST 500 FREDERICKTOWN**  
CECIL MILLER  
DARL TINGLEY  
**POST 503 SHILOH**  
WAYNE SEXTON  
**POST 512 TOLEDO**  
IRA ZAUTNER  
**POST 513 CINCINNATI**  
LEO BRINKMAN  
NORBERT NERL  
GLEN POWELL  
KENNETH ROUSE  
**POST 514 WILLARD**  
EMORY GORDON  
JAMES WHITE  
**POST 516 COLUMBUS GROVE**  
GERALD FORTMAN  
ROGER GLASS  
TIMOTHY GOEDDE  
ROBERT NIERESCHER  
**POST 521 SHADYSIDE**  
MICHAEL COEY  
DOUGLAS DAVIS  
WILLIAM GREEN  
CHARLES SMITH  
STANLEY WACH  
**POST 522 STRASBURG**  
CLARENCE VONALLMAN  
**POST 523 LODI**  
ARTHUR ZIMMERMAN  
**POST 525 ADENA**  
DONALD GOFF  
**POST 526 FAIRBORN**  
STEPHEN BIAWITZ  
BARRY KOLANO  
ANTONIO LAINO  
TRACY MASSIE  
JACK MUNCH  
LUTHER NEELEY  
**POST 530 CINCINNATI**  
STEVEN CHRISTOPFEL  
**POST 532 COLUMBUS**  
RICHARD ALBRECHT  
WILLIAM HARRISON  
OLIN PARRETT  
DONALD TIGYER  
EDWIN WALTERS  
**POST 534 CINCINNATI**  
EDWARD GETTLER  
PHILLIP MARCUM  
**POST 535 BELLVILLE**  
FRANK MASTANDREA  
LYNN SCHOONMAKER  
RODNEY SHOFNER  
ROGER STILLION  
HORACE STOODT  
**POST 536 GILBOA**  
JAMES MAAS  
**POST 537 OREGON**  
MICHAEL SEERY  
GEORGE WILLIAMS  
ROBERT ZACHARIAS  
**POST 539 N. BALTIMORE**  
L BLACK  
DAVID GREULICH  
LARRY MILLER  
MARION PERRY  
TOMMIE WICKARD  
**POST 540 WARREN**  
WILLIAM MEDWICK  
CARL ROOSE  
**POST 541 CONTINENTAL**  
KEITH MANSFIELD

ALBERT RAYLE  
**POST 548 LOUISVILLE**  
ROBERT DAVIS  
DONALD HAUBERT  
CHARLES MASON  
KEN RYBA  
**POST 551 HOLMESVILLE**  
DOYLE MILES  
**POST 553 TOLEDO**  
ALAN DREW  
ARTHUR IRVING  
ROBERT MONTI  
DALE SIEFKE  
**POST 555 MARBLEHEAD**  
DANIEL MALEY  
**POST 557 WINTERSVILLE**  
JAMES HAGY  
**POST 560 CAMPBELL**  
CHARLES KOULIANOS  
**POST 565 CANFIELD**  
EDWARD ONDERKO  
**POST 566 AKRON**  
DONALD BROADHURST  
KENNETH DAGUE  
**POST 571 MARIA STEIN**  
RICHARD RINDLER  
ANDREW SCHLARMAN  
CLETUS THIEMAN  
**POST 572 PARMA**  
ROBERT CONNALLY  
WALTER DUDA  
ROBERT EASLEY  
TIMOTHY HABERT  
JOSEPH ROCCHICCIOLI  
**POST 574 DAMASCUS**  
DANIEL CONSER  
LARRY ODEY  
JOHN TOWNSEND  
**POST 576 TOLEDO**  
ROBERT BEILHART  
**POST 578 QUAKER CITY**  
WELLS COLLINS  
RICHARD POWELL  
**POST 584 MARION**  
DENNY FLETCHER  
HAROLD GARVER  
WILLIAM HAMBY  
**POST 586 TIPP CITY**  
DONALD BECKMAN  
JOHN CROSSON  
RICHARD FILBRUN  
PHILLIP HUGHES  
DONALD MCLAUGHLIN  
ROY QUINN  
JAMES SULLIVAN  
**POST 587 TOLEDO**  
JOHN BORDNER  
JAMES HAMEL  
JOHN JACOB  
HARRY JACOBS  
MARTIN MODROWSKI  
RAYMOND ZACIEK  
**POST 588 OSGOOD**  
NORBERT SCHEMMEL  
KENNETH WESTGERDES  
**POST 590 Ironton**  
CANDY CARLISLE  
**POST 594 PEEBLES**  
JAMES RENO  
ROBERT SEAMAN  
**POST 598 KETTERING**  
ALLEN ACHBACH  
RAYMOND BRUCE  
GARY CLAWSON  
JACK EWRY  
DAVID GREATHOUSE  
JOHN GRISSOM  
THEODORE GUEST  
MICHAEL HAUPT  
VERNON INGRAM  
ROBERT LAMB  
RICHARD LEWIS  
CHARLES LITTLE  
THOMAS MACKEY  
CHARLES MARSDEN  
BASIL MORRISON  
CHARLES PERRY  
KARL RALSTON  
HUGH RHODES  
ERNEST SIEFKER  
GLENN THOMPSON  
JOSEPH WILSON  
**POST 602 RACINE**  
CHARLES BUSH  
**POST 605 WALDO**  
DON GOODIN  
RANDALL REINWALD  
RONALD SCHULTZ  
JAMES WARD  
**POST 608 FREMONT**  
HENRY BREYMAN  
CHARLES HOTTINGER  
DOYLE KUSMER  
BURNELL MONEGHAN  
KARROL REESE  
CLAYTON RUSSELL  
JAMES SNIDER  
C W YEAGER  
**POST 610 BROOK PARK**  
WARREN BURGESS



THOMAS JAKWERTH  
GEORGE KASPAR  
FRANKLIN MILES  
LUTHER NELSON  
GEORGE NICKLOS  
MIKE PLASO  
CLARENCE SHAWVER  
HOWARD WALKER  
JOHN ZIMMERMAN  
POST 613 TROTWOOD  
ROBERT HARDEN  
CHARLES HIGGINS  
POST 614 HILLIARD  
FRANK DANKO  
RONNIE HALL  
MICHAEL POOLE  
HAROLD ROBSON  
HAROLD ROWE  
POST 615 WAYNESVILLE  
GARY CUNNINGHAM  
JAY STEPP  
POST 619 DAYTON  
DONALD CORNETTE  
POST 627 NEWBURGH HEIGHTS  
ED KOLAR  
RICHARD REUSCH  
CHARLES VOLAND  
POST 630 BLUE ASH  
MARVIN BOYER  
FERDINAND FORNEY  
ROBERT SMITH  
POST 631 LOCKLAND  
OLIVER LACKEY  
POST 632 GLENCOE  
LAWRANCE SMITH  
POST 633 SEAMAN  
JOHN SHELTON  
POST 637 MILLERSPORT  
CHARLES ZOLLINGER  
POST 642 TOLEDO  
GERALD KUREK  
WALTER NAIBER  
POST 644 CINCINNATI  
NOAH SWITZER  
POST 646 HOLLAND  
PATRICK WALLACE  
POST 650 DANVILLE  
RICHARD LAUGHREY  
POST 651 FREDERICKSBURG  
JAMES HARTER  
POST 652 DE GRAFF  
GERALD DAVIS  
POST 663 NEWBURY  
ARBER HUBER  
POST 665 WEST MANCHESTER  
MICHAEL CHELLIS  
POST 667 EAST CANTON  
ROBERT RISALITI  
MELVIN TOALSTON  
DALE WARDLE  
POST 668 DAYTON  
CECIL CLARK  
JOSEPH EVANS  
POST 669 WEST UNITY  
HERBERT ROYAL  
POST 674 WINDHAM  
JAMES CENTRIC  
POST 675 DAYTON  
DAVID WARD  
POST 676 MANSFIELD  
CLARENCE HARGO  
POST 677 LITHOPOLIS  
KRIS HOY  
KENNETH KOPP  
POST 678 WILLOWICK  
FRANK GOULD  
GEORGE PETROF  
HARLEY SMITH  
POST 680 NEY  
GARY HEATER  
POST 681 WEST CHESTER  
MARK GRETHEL  
ELWOOD MICHAELS  
POST 685 STREETSBORO  
JACK BOWERS  
MARLIN RIDER  
NICHOLAS SIPKO  
JOSEPH TOFFOLI  
ROBERT TSCHUDY  
POST 694 MOWRYSTOWN  
WALTER WEST  
POST 700 WARREN  
WILLIAM LAW  
LOUIS SZUCH  
POST 703 PARMA  
ROBERT ANDERSON  
JOHN BURKE  
DAVID GESIORSKI  
JOSEPH HANF  
THOMAS KRALIK  
BENEDICT MESSINA  
ALLEN SCOTT  
WILLIAM SHARKEY  
POST 706 NORTH FAIRFIELD  
PATRICK MAHL  
RICHARD RHINE  
POST 707 ENGLEWOOD  
COY BARNETT  
THOMAS EDMUNDSON  
JOHN MEEKS

LOWELL PETRY  
ALAN STAUBER  
TODD TRAUTWEIN  
POST 715 FORT JENNINGS  
GEORGE KRIETEMEYER  
HENRY WEGESIN  
POST 717 NORTH RIDGEVILLE  
JEROME THOMSON  
POST 718 MARSHALLVILLE  
PAUL HARBAUGH  
CHARLES LANCE  
ROGER SHAFFER  
POST 719 ORWELL  
THOMAS WHITLEY  
POST 725 JERRY CITY  
VICTOR HERRINGSHAW  
POST 726 EAST FULTONHAM  
RICK MATTOX  
POST 733 BETTSVILLE  
JOHN DEMOSS  
GREG MILLER  
POST 740 RICHMOND  
ROBERT BLACKBURN  
POST 743 NORTH KINGSVILLE  
IVAN SIMMONS  
POST 746 DAYTON  
DANIEL ELKINS  
ALBERT WATKINS  
POST 749 JEROMESVILLE  
HAROLD DAGUE  
VERNON ICEMAN  
MELVIN LUIKART  
DONALD PRICE  
FRANKLIN SPITLER  
POST 750 LOWELL  
BERNARD BROOKER  
JAMES POLEN  
POST 755 SARDINIA  
GENE BISHOP  
GARY ERNST  
POST 757 CHILLICOTHE  
MARVIN TANNER  
HAROLD WIPERT  
POST 762 NEW LEBANON  
FREDRICK CADEN  
POST 763 BEAVERCREEK  
THOMAS DEL  
POST 764 NEWARK  
GARY LEVY  
POST 776 RIVERSIDE  
RONALD ROSS  
ANGUS YOUNG  
POST 790 DOUG DUNAWAY  
EARNEST CAIN  
MORRIS SHEPHERD  
POST 797 GAHANNA  
ROBERT PALUR  
AL PETERMAN  
POST 798 REYNOLDSBURG  
JOYCE NEMITZ  
POST 803 AURORA  
ALBERT CARR  
POST 806 WILLOW WOOD  
MORRIS JENKINS  
RALPH LUNSFORD  
POST 888 DELAWARE  
HARLEY ADKINS  
CECIL BEESON  
EDWIN BERGER  
HOMER BLOODHART  
JOSEPH CAPOSELL  
JAMES CARLOS  
CRAIG CARMICHAEL  
ROBERT CASTEEL  
ASHFUL CATO  
JESS COGLE  
LLOYD CRADDOCK  
ALFRED DIBAGGIO  
WILLIAM DOGGETT  
JOE DONNELLY  
LESTER DORMAN  
RAYMOND EVANS  
ALVIN FANKHAUSER  
STEPHEN FISHER  
ROBERT FLINT  
DONALD FOSTER  
STEVE FROMHERCZ  
HARRY GRIESER  
PAUL HARBAUGH  
LARRY HOFFMAN  
WILLIAM HOGAN  
CHARLES HUNT  
GARY HUSBANDS  
STANLEY KEMENAH  
EMIL KOLWICZ  
PAUL LONDON  
JOHN LOVERIDGE  
FRANK LUTZ  
JOHN MCHUGH  
FRANK MCKENZIE  
DONALD MOORE  
IRA MUNCY  
ROBERT MURPHY  
CARROLL NEFF  
VICTOR NICOLARD  
WALTER OTTEWILL  
WILLIAM PETROFF  
DELMAR PHILLIPS  
DALE REITZ  
RICHARD RUDE

DUANE SAYLOR  
WILLIS SEE  
JAMES SHARRER  
RODNEY SHOFNER  
SALVATORE SPINELLI

HOWARD SQUIBBS  
RAYMOND STEPHENS  
JAMES TAGYE  
RICHARD TALBOTT

MIKE VALENTI  
WILLIAM WENDEL  
CLIFFORD WOLFE  
ROBERT YEAGER



**55TH ANNUAL  
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO  
AMERICAN LEGION  
GOLF OUTING**

**DINNER AND  
ENTERTAINMENT**  
will be available at the Post  
Friday & Saturday nights

**4 PERSON SCRAMBLE**  
**July 24th & 25th 2021**

**Hosted by  
American Legion Post #598  
Kettering, OH • (937) 433-9327**

**COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE  
(HILLS & DALES COURSES)**  
2917 Berkley St. Bld. 2  
Dayton, Ohio 45409

**\$40 PER GOLFER/PER DAY  
\$80 TOTAL**  
*Must be submitted with entry*

**Open to American Legion Dept. of  
Ohio, Legion, Auxiliary and Sons  
- Must be 21 -**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM**

Legion Post No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Age	Membership #
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		



**Dinner and Entertainment will be  
available at the Post Friday  
& Saturday Night.**

Please indicate how many will be  
attending each meal.

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail entries to:** American Legion  
Post No. 598  
5700 Kentshire Dr.  
Kettering, OH 45440  
Attn: Golf Tournament

*For more information call  
(937) 433-9327*

# Buddy Check

The American Legion activates national Buddy Checks to save veteran lives amid rising suicide rates, urges Congress to pass bill to help.

Posts across the country step up veteran-to-veteran outreach to support those at high risk around Veterans Day .

INDIANAPOLIS (October 29, 2020) — As COVID-19 cases rise and the holidays approach, The American Legion is activating its Buddy Check program to save veteran lives through peer support check-in calls. The nation’s largest veterans organization is also urging Congress to pass the Buddy Check Bill which will make wellness checks a national priority for the Department of Veterans Affairs. With military suicides up 20% over this time last year, Legionnaires will make thousands of check-in calls to at-risk veterans across the nation, to offer support and access to health and wellness programs in the week surrounding Veterans Day and into the weeks ahead.

The American Legion warns that veterans can be at particular risk for depression and suicide around the holidays and into the winter months. Many veterans are disproportionately hard-hit by the pandemic due to age, chronic health issues, post-traumatic stress disorder and isolation. The Buddy Check program is designed to give Legionnaires the tools to make contact, engage in conversation, assess risks and direct veterans in need to the appropriate services.

“The American Legion knows from 100 years of experience that it’s veteran-to-veteran contact that can make the difference for someone in a crisis situation,” says James W. “Bill” Oxford, national commander of The American Legion. “So, we’re putting some muscle behind this effort and giving our members the tools they need to reach out to fellow veterans in their hometowns who may be hard hit by the triple whammy of the pandemic, isolation and the holidays.”

The American Legion is also urging Congress to unanimously pass the Buddy Check Bill introduced with bi-partisan support from Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Doug Jones, D-Ala.; and Maggie Hassan, D-N.H. The legislation will require VA to establish a “Buddy Check Week,” as well as provide educational opportunities, materials and references for veterans to learn how to conduct personal wellness checks. The bill also compels VA to expand resources for the Veterans Crisis Line to handle any potential increased volume during the designated week.

“Veterans are in crisis, and we need Congress’ help to take this program to the next level and stem the tide of suicide among our nation’s veterans,” Oxford said. “We need all hands on deck and all boots on the ground to fight for our nation’s veterans, just like they fought for us.”

The Buddy Check program encourages Legionnaires to make contact, lend a listening ear, and direct their peers to critical services. For Buddy Check information, visit [legion.org/buddycheck](https://legion.org/buddycheck). For urgent help, contact the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255.

About The American Legion

The American Legion is the largest veterans service organization with nearly 2 million members in more than 12,000 posts across the nation. Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans.





## BENEFITS FOR THE HOME



**OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX** - Members receive up to 80% off of over 93,000 items online or in-store with a purchasing card printable online. Next day delivery is free on purchase of \$50 or more for American Legion members.



**LIFESTATION** - Members can receive special discounted rates on a medical alert system and a free extra item.



**OMAHA STEAKS®** - Members can enjoy free shipping on exclusive combos and an additional 10% off entire order with Omaha Steaks.

## ADDED MEDICAL BENEFITS



**DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM** - Members and dependants can save up to 20% or more through CVS/caremark.



**DISCOUNTS ON HEARING AIDS** - Members, family and extended family are eligible for hearing care discounts from Amplifon Hearing Health Care. Benefits include: hearing aid low-price guarantee; convenient locations nationwide; risk-free 60-day trial period; 1-year free follow-up care; free 2-year supply of batteries (160 cells).

## INSURANCE



**LIFE INSURANCE THROUGH MUTUAL OF OMAHA** - Members aged 45-85 are eligible for guaranteed issue whole life policies. (May not be available in all states).



**USAA** - Provides a full range of financial products including: insurance, banking, investments, and financial advice. As an American Legion member, you are eligible to join. There are no membership fees to join USAA and when you sign up, your eligible family members can join USAA as well.

## AUTO RENTAL, RELOCATION, AND TRAVEL



**AUTO RENTALS** - Members can receive special discounts with ALAMO, NATIONAL, and ENTERPRISE. Note: These discount offers are valid at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices in the U.S.



**NORTH AMERICAN VAN LINES AND ALLIED VAN LINES** - Preferred savings of 50% or more on interstate (state-to-state) moving and in-transit storage.



**GOV VACATION REWARDS** - Members can get the best discount available on travel including airfare, hotel, car rental, vacation packages, cruises, and more.



**VETERANS HOLIDAYS** - This program offers members the opportunity to rent a furnished condominium for 2-8 people, for an entire week, for less than they would pay for a single hotel room.



**MOTEL 6** - Members receive a 15% discount at any of the 1,100 pet-friendly Motel 6 locations in the U.S. and Canada.



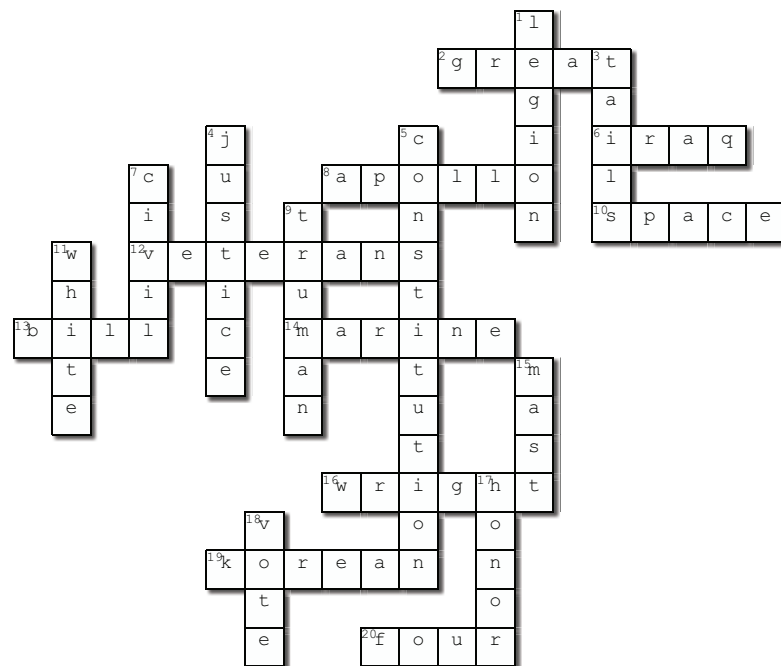
**BEST WESTERN** - American Legion members can save 10% or more at more than 2,100 North American Best Western locations. Members are also eligible for free enrollment in Best Western Service Rewards®.



**WYNDHAM HOTEL GROUP** - Save up to 20% off the best available rate at thousands of participating hotels throughout the world!



## Americanism Crossword Key



## Across

2. This occurred when the stock market crashed in October 1929, resulting in the \_\_\_\_\_ Depression. (**great**)
6. On March 20, 2003, the United States invaded and occupied \_\_\_\_\_. (**iraq**)
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ 11 mission (July 16-24, 1969) allowed the first humans to walk on the moon. (**apollo**)
10. The newest American military branch is the \_\_\_\_\_ Force. (**space**)
12. Originally, this was known as Armistice Day, but it was changed in 1954 by President Eisenhower to \_\_\_\_\_ Day. (**veterans**)
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Rights is the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. (**bill**)
14. The United States \_\_\_\_\_ Corps birthday is November 10, 1775. (**marine**)
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ brothers became the first people to maintain a controlled flight in a powered, heavier-than-air machine. (**wright**)
19. The violation across the 38th parallel led to the three-year-long (1950-1953) \_\_\_\_\_ War. (**korean**)
20. The American Legion embodies the \_\_\_\_\_ Pillars of service. (**four**)

## Down

1. There are nearly 2 million members of The American \_\_\_\_\_ making it the nation's largest veterans service organization. (**legion**)
3. The Tuskegee Airmen were a U.S. Air Force fighter group known as the "Red \_\_\_\_\_". (**tails**)
4. A Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ is nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate (**justice**)
5. The foundation of the American government, its purpose, form, and structure are in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the United States. (**constitution**)
7. The American \_\_\_\_\_ War divided the United States in two (**civil**)
9. In 1998, the USS Harry S. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first Nimitz-class aircraft carrier to be named after a U.S. president. (**truman**)
11. The color \_\_\_\_\_ on the American flag represents purity and innocence. (**white**)
15. The United States flag flies at half-staff or half \_\_\_\_\_ when the nation or a state is in mourning. (**mast**)
17. The Medal of \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest award for valor in action. (**honor**)
18. On August 26, 1920 women of the United States were officially granted the right to \_\_\_\_\_. (**vote**)

## ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR VETERAN BENEFITS

## BENEFIT ASSISTANCE

- The American Legion helps all veterans obtain full medical, career and education benefits, as well as assistance in preparing VA claims applications.

## VETERANS' REPRESENTATION

- The American Legion is the nation's largest and most effective advocate in Washington D.C. for veterans, troops and their families. The American Legion fights every day on Capitol Hill and across the country for a quality VA health-care system, improved benefits processing and a decent quality of life for active-duty military personnel.

## ACCREDITED SERVICE OFFICERS

- The American Legion has nearly 3,000 trained experts in veteran benefits nationwide. Visitors of [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) can search online for the service officer nearest to them.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS

- The American Legion works closely with numerous employers, lenders and agencies, including the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration, to produce hundreds of career events across the country each year. The Legion is also the nation's leading advocate for veteran entrepreneurs and job candidates who have service-connected disabilities.

## TOP-RANKED MEMBER MAGAZINE

- You'll receive a full year's subscription to *The American Legion Magazine*, the nation's most widely circulated publication for veterans and top-ranked magazine, among all titles, for readership. Each issue is packed with features, commentaries, interviews, military history, photos and more of interest to America's veterans.

**I SERVED FOR Honor**

At USAA, the same values that guide our military inspire us to go above and beyond for our members. When you join USAA, you'll be part of an organization where we have everything you need to make your membership a lifelong bond.

**JOIN USAA TODAY AND GET A QUOTE.**  
CALL 877-699-2654  
OR VISIT [USAA.COM/LEGION](http://USAA.COM/LEGION)

USAA is proud to be the **Preferred Provider** of Insurance and Financial Services to The American Legion

USAA means United Services Automobile Association and its affiliates. Use of the term "member" or "membership" refers to membership in USAA Membership Services and does not convey any legal or ownership rights in USAA. Restrictions apply and are subject to change. The American Legion receives financial support from USAA for this sponsorship. © 2019 USAA. 257612-0119-TAL