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INTRODUCING OHIO'S NEW DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT...

To all of our Ohio Legionnaires,

Before I introduce myself to you, I want to begin by personally thanking Suzette Heller for her example to us all for the last seven years. As our outgoing Adjutant, she has defined selfless service to The American Legion Department of Ohio and has advanced our vision and core values in an exemplary way. Job well done, Suzette! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

My name is Eric Hall, and I am humbled and honored to be selected as the next American Legion Department of Ohio Adjutant. When I retired from a 20-year career in the United States Navy which ended in 2007, I found myself in a position many of you probably can relate to. In that new phase of life as a veteran, I had a great many experiences: I started, ran, and then sold a business; I went back to school and completed my degree at Cleveland State University; and most recently, I started my second career with the Legion as a Department Service Officer here in Ohio.

We all know that experience in and with the military requires discipline, leadership, and training abilities. These create in us both the fortitude and the capacity to initiate and complete complex tasks on time and under budget. Both in and after my time in the Navy, I have both worked with and have led men and women as we together learned to be

task-oriented and adaptable to changing priorities. I have found from my own experience and from observing colleagues that self-improvement and continuing education produce maximum productivity in all of us. As a business owner, I know how stressful situations may not be avoidable but that they can be managed to produce effective solutions and long-term rapport with our client base.

As my career has taken shape, I have learned these lessons and many other lessons, and I am aware that I will be working with others who have learned a great deal as well. As the American Legion Department of Ohio Adjutant, you will experience my leadership through both my consistent example and my clear direction. I am committed to supporting, evolving, and growing the goals and mission of The American Legion Department of Ohio.

I am proud to serve all veterans and most of all Ohio Legionnaires! I look forward to working for and with you all.

Sincerely,
Eric J. Hall



ERIC HALL
Department Adjutant

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

2022 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Friday, January 21, 2022 - Sunday, January 23, 2022

THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL NORTH
6500 Doubletree Avenue • Columbus, OH 43229

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 conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its offices/programs through Buckeye American Legion College. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference and any meetings and classes offered.

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 "AAL" when making reservations.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> and fill out the registration link. The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Award Banquet is on page 2 or can be downloaded and mailed to Department or filled out on-line. Email confirmations will be sent to verify your banquet ticket purchase. If you do not receive an email after purchasing a ticket, please contact Department Headquarters. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

Deadline for hotel reservations is January 13th

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

SEE YOU THERE!

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

2pm- 6pm	Registration	Foyer (Front door only, in lobby by Ohio room)
2:30pm- 7:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Ohio Room
4pm-6pm	Americanism and Government Test Judging	Salon A
7pm-8pm	SAL DEC Meeting	Ballroom 1&2
8pm-12am	Hospitality Room	Tent

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

7:30am- 9am	Commanders Advisory Committee Breakfast	Buckeye Room?
7:30am- 12pm	Registration	Foyer (Front door only, in lobby by Ohio room)
7:45am-7:55am	Introduction to Buckeye American Legion College	Ballroom 1 & 2
8am-3pm	Emblem Sales	Foyer 1
8am-10am	Post Compliance Training	Ballroom 1&2
9am-12pm	SAL General Session	Tent
9:30am-5pm	Vendors	Foyer 1 and Foyer 2 hallways
10:15am-12:00pm	Post Finance Training	Ballroom 1&2
11:50am-1:30pm	Lunch	Executive Boardroom- STAFF ONLY
12pm- 1:30pm	Spouses Brunch *Invitation Only* (District Commander spouses, PDC spouses, Officer spouses)	Cardinal Room
1pm-2:30pm	Programs Training	Ballroom 1&2
1pm-3pm	Bingo Licensing School	Salon E&F
1pm-4pm	Legion Riders Meeting	Tent
1:30pm-3pm	Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, and Adjutant	Salon B&C
2:30pm-3:30pm	Leadership Training	Ballroom 1&2
2pm-3pm	SAL Training	Cardinal Room
4pm-5pm	National Appointees	Salon E&F
5pm-6pm	Social Hour	Foyer 1 & 2
6pm-8pm	Leadership Awards Banquet *ticket required*	Grand Ballroom
8pm-12am	Hospitality Room	Tent

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

7am-8am	Four Chaplains Service	Tent
9am-11am	General Session	Grand Ballroom

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Leadership Awards Banquet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor our Posts and Legionnaires at Mid-Winter Conference. Social hour starts at 5:00PM in the foyer with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Commander Wilson will be presenting membership awards to Post and Districts who have won various awards this year as well as “of the year” awards.

Members, Posts, and Districts are encouraged to attend and support those being recognized.

Formal attire is required.

Reservation cutoff is January 12th, 2022.

Cost is \$40.00 per person • Please return this form with payment

****All banquet tickets must be reserved in advance****

Tickets reserved will be handed out at the event

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
of Tickets @ \$40.00 per person _____ Amount _____ Check # _____ or
Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVV _____
Beef _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____
E-mail address (**Required**) _____

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BUCKEYE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE

2022

Please join us for the 2022 Mid Winter Session of Buckeye American Legion College. All American Legion Family Members in good standing are eligible. Graduations will be held at Mid-Winter and Department Convention.

1/22/22 8:00-10:00AM
Post Compliance - What you need to Know

1/22/22 10:15-12:00PM
Post Finance - Let's Talk Numbers

1/22/22 1:00-2:30PM
American Legion Programs

1/22/22 2:30-3:30PM
Leadership

BALC Alumni Mixer
1/21/22 6:00-8:00PM

Questions? email BuckeyeALC@ohiolegion.com



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
Department Commander

Dear American Legion Family, I cannot believe how fast the year has gone so far, very soon it will be 2022. I want to give thanks for the many blessing that I have received this year starting with my election to serve you as the Department of Ohio Commander. I have had a remarkably busy schedule since the Department Convention. I have been traveling through the Department of Ohio for many different events. I have attended District meetings, the Cuyahoga Regatta which I got to watch the American Legion boat compete along with the National Commander Dillard and PNC Koutz, for Operation Comfort Warrior, football games, Legion Birthday parties, Chili cook off, and guest on radio shows just to name a few. I had a wonderful time at my Homecoming on September 25, 2021. It was an incredibly special night being with so many American Legion Family members and that night we raised through gifts, challenges, and donations \$7,500 for my special project, Save A Warrior. I also had an anonymous donator who matched the \$7,500 raised that night. I have received many other donations since that night, and we are currently over \$22,000. I have several more pledges that will soon take us even higher. I had a goal of \$50,000 and you might ask how I set that goal? I will explain - our Department has 14 Districts, so one veteran SAW sponsored for each District. Each day 22 Veterans commit suicide. Even one veteran suicide for me it too many, but twenty-two is just not acceptable. We all must do whatever we can. I ask each Post in Ohio to have some sort of fundraiser. It can be as simple as passing the cap at a Legion meeting, having a breakfast or dinner, or a donation from your Bingo activities as

SAW is a 501(c)(3) organization. When I say no donation is too small or too large, I really mean that. Please make your donation out to The American Legion, Department of Ohio and send to The American Legion Dept. of Ohio, PO 8007 Delaware, Ohio 43015. Memo section please put SAW. The Districts are also selling my Department Commander's pin and all proceeds will go to SAW. A little challenge that I put out is whatever District sells the most pins before Mid-Winter Conference will receive \$250 from me for their District. Also, whatever District contributes the most money will receive a genuinely nice plaque at the Department Convention in July.

As most of you know we have a new Department Adjutant Eric Hall, Eric is a 20-year Navy Veteran, and he is going to do an impressive job. He is learning every day and is eager to meet you. John Robinson who is our membership coordinator has agreed to also be our Assistant Adjutant. Our plan is to have John learn the many roles that our Adjutant does and when Eric is out of the office due to vacation, illness, or Legion du-

ties that the office continues to run smooth.

I hope that your Post is doing well and is working hard on membership. If our American Legion is to stay a viable organization we must keep growing in membership. There is a wealth of eligible Veterans around the state of Ohio that are available to join our organization and just need to be invited to join. Please help us by first, if you have not already paid your Legion dues please do so now second, call a member from your Post who has not paid yet and urge them to do so and third, recruit one new member. Eligible members are everywhere - your church, at your doctor's office, at the grocery store just to mention a few.

I hope that your Post is going to sponsor at least one boy to Ohio Buckeye Boys State. I think it will potentially have full enrollment this year. The officers of Ohio Buckeye State have worked extremely hard to keep the delegate fee to \$300. If you are interested or need more information, contact Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com.

We are currently working on

Mid-Winter Conference that which will be held on January 21-23, 2022 at the Crown Plaza in Columbus. Information will be mailed to your Post Adjutants. We are also working on several projects that I hope we can share information with you very soon.

I hope that your Post is doing wonderful things in your community. When a Post participates in their community, the rewards for the Post are so huge. Blood drives, food drives for local pantries, volunteering at your local school or library, are just to name a few. Our organization has been and always will be based on our Service to others, not ourselves.

Many of our Post members have no other family but their Legion Family, so I urge you all to still do your Buddy Checks. This is a fun time of year to send a care package to one of our many service members still serving us around the world.

I know that this past couple of years things have not been particularly good, we have lost loved ones and members to Covid, Posts were closed, and times were hard both spiritually and financially, but I hope that 2022 will be a bet-

ter year.

If your Post filed for a Mission Blue grant from National before and received \$1,000 your Post is eligible for another \$1,000. If your Post did not apply before you can apply for \$2,000. Go to the National American Legion website and/or Department website and download the application. There are a few requirements you must do to qualify. Once you fill it out, sign it and attach the necessary documentation, mail it to the Department of Ohio. Adjutant Hall will verify you have the correct information and sign it. Your Post will need after you receive the check what expenses they paid, mortgage payment, insurance, or utility bill. You will need to send that information to Department. This only applies to Posts that are "Brick and Mortar" however. Any questions contact me or Department Adjutant Hall.

In closing, I want to wish my American Legion Family a wonderful and safe Holiday Season. I hope to see you soon. If you need assistance, please reach out to me at commander@ohiolegion.com or call me at 513-708-1969.

*For God and Country,
Jean L. Wilson*

SAVE A WARRIOR DONATION FORM

Name / Organization: _____

Post # (if applicable): _____

District #: _____

(highest contributing District will win a handsomely engraved award at Department Convention)

Donation Amount included: \$ _____

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AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
MEMO SECTION - SAW
and mail payment to:
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
P.O. Box 8007; 60 BIG RUN ROAD
DELAWARE, OHIO 43015



Department of Ohio Commander, Jean L. Wilson's special project for 2021-2022 is Suicide Prevention and Education and Awareness. She is donating all funds raised to Save A Warrior (SAW). Everyone is urged to donate what they can.

Posts and Districts are encouraged to hold a fundraiser, whether it be a breakfast, dinner, split the pot or whatever works best to support this organization doing so much for veterans.

For more information on SAW's program Visit their website at:

<https://saveawarrior.org/>



1st VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
Department
1st Vice Commander

Greetings Legion Family Members, I am starting my OLN article a little different this time. I would like to ask each and every one of you who receive the Ohio Legion News and are reading this article and who have NOT yet paid your 2022 Membership Dues to please pay them now. Your Posts and Districts are struggling enough to try to keep their membership numbers up and need your support so they know they can count on you. We

know every year some of you say you won't pay your dues December 31st or January 1st because that's the membership year, but every District has goals and posts have certain Department dates that if they reach certain goals they can win money for their/your post. If you wait till the end of the year your post will lose out on a chance to win some much needed funds to help them keep your posts open and thriving. So please pay your dues now so you can say that you helped your post reach their goal.

In my travels across this great state, I am so glad to see that posts have reopened from Covid

and are having face to face meetings again and we are able to get back to normalcy, to have District, Post and Family functions once again, without the stress that we have endured during the Pandemic. I personally want to thank all of you for going above and beyond during the Pandemic to still remember our mission to serve our Veterans no matter what obstacles are put in front of you. We as Department officers know you don't get the recognition you deserve but we want to let you know we see what you are doing to put smiles on our Veterans faces and to assist their families in need, but the most important thing is so

does the man up above.

With the end of the 2021 coming soon, mark your calendars for the Mid-Winter Conference at the Crowne Plaza January 21-23. We will be adding 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Adjutant and Finance Officer training to the agenda, that a lot of you have asked and requested that we have again, along with numerous other training classes. The flyer is on Ohio Legion site. Hope to see you all there.

Finally, I would ask all of you to remember and pray for all of our military personnel serving here and around the world and their families during this up-

coming Holiday Season.

I wish and hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God Bless you and your families.

**"CHRISTMAS IS MOST TRULY
CHRISTMAS WHEN WE
CELEBRATE IT
BY GIVING THE LIGHT OF
LOVE TO THOSE WHO
NEED IT MOST."**

We Can Grow OH-IO
"1" Veteran at a Time

*Brad Teis
Department
1st Vice Commander*

HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

How's it?

Life is changing for many of us and for me the changes have been mainly about my health. Since we got back from National Convention in Phoenix both my wife and I got "stung" by the Covid bug. We are doing a lot better and we appreciated the many get well cards, calls, emails and messages from many of our Legion Family members across the nation. They brightened up the days and nights for us as we struggled to get better. We are thankful, to be alive and are taking it slow to get back to a normal schedule.

In the meanwhile, as we recover, we had Legionnaire Assistant Historian Ralph Jackson and Auxiliary Assistant Historian Cindy Boehnlein helping to cover the events in our place to continue the collecting of history happening around Ohio. We send a big "Thank You and Appreciation" to them!

Our National Historian Robert "Bubble" Gilmore will be leading us through the new year 2021-2022 with encouragement to all historians and members in archiving our history as we leave "No Veteran Behind".

Recognizing All Our Veterans,

Our Legionnaires in their journey this year is very important to Department Commander Jean Wilson. She will be out and about visiting posts, listening and speaking to officers and members in every district until a new commander is sworn in July 2022. Jean is the number one advocate in Ohio for our Veterans and has made a commitment to bringing awareness of soldier suicide by raising funds for Save A Warrior (SAW) Organization. If Jean visits your post or district, please send me photos with a brief caption so that we may include this in her yearbook.

Every Legionnaire and or post has a story to tell and their history should be recorded for our present and future legion family to know. At Jean's homecoming Air Force Korean War Veteran and Legionnaire



Lisalotte "Lisa" MacVittie
of Post 72

Lisalotte "Lisa" MacVittie of Post 72 of Mt. Carmel won the 50/50 and gave back her share to donate to Jean's SAW project. MacVittie a POW in WWII and a Holocaust Survivor is an amazing woman. She escaped the Nazi death camps with her family and spent 10 years of her life from age 7 thru 17 in refugee camps in China. She met her husband while she was serving in 1954. Lisa's heart wrenching story has been archived in the Centennial Section for Post 72 of the National American Legion History centennial.legion.org and the Veteran's History section at the Cincinnati Public Library and is available in a digital video file. (Photo Courtesy of Cindy Boehnlein, Unit 421 District 13).

Do you have a story to tell? Did your post or district participate in a community project or event? Is there an activity that you would like the Department Historian to cover personally? Please contact me to help feature your story.

As committed as Jean is to our veterans and Legionnaires, I am also standing with her as "Together We Are Better" to be there for you.

WE CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

Any Mid-Year reporting that I receive up until December 31, 2021 will be entered for the incentive to

win an Emblem Sales coffee mug and one winner will be drawn at Mid-Winter in January 2022.

As we continue to move forward in 2021 into 2022, I will continue to cover Commander Jean as well as 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders Brad Theis and Charles Stennis, 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 to the events, programs and projects happen. Take the pictures, write the stories and post them on your Face-

book and or SHARE them on the Facebook page, Legion Historian <https://www.facebook.com/pg/day-nabeyer.44813/posts/> and on the department website <https://www.ohio-legion.com/historian-2/>

I would like to thank my assistant Ralph Jackson 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 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,

Al Beyer,
Department Historian



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



John Robinson
Membership &
Post Activities
Coordinator

Hello Legionnaires, We are in full swing with our membership renewal for the year.

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so. Your Posts and Districts are striving to make quota for this membership year!

There are roughly 800,000 veterans in the State of Ohio. Yet, our membership is set at 80,815. So, we have plenty of veterans to reach out to. I understand that not all areas are veteran rich areas, but let's reach out to all veterans. We need to Highlight our programs and how they help Veterans and communities.

Please look at the OhioLegion.Com web page if you need to find specific forms or upcoming events. You can fill out several of the forms online and submit them from there. If your district or post officers change, please submit a new officer certification form to update the correct information.

The new MyLegion.org has seen many improvements over the last few months. We are going to different Districts and conducting training on MyLegion.org. Please reach out to us and schedule a time for training. We are always here to help work any problems you may have with the new system.

In closing, please remember to have your dues paid no later than Dec 31, 2021.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Colleen Phillips
Auxiliary President

Life is still crazy with covid concerns. Please remember to send cards to shut-ins and let the Veterans and Auxiliary members in veterans' hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities know we are here for them; even when we can't visit when shutdowns occur reach out with a card or a phone call.

Have you read any of Kelly McDonald's books or heard any of her motivational speeches? Recently I was privileged to hear her speak on how to deal with diversity and disagreements. The diversity was not necessarily about race, she reminded us that men and women look at things differently people brought up in New York City and rural Ohio may think and act differently, pointing out we are diverse in many ways. She also pointed out, statistically, that people working together as a team do better when there is diversity. We need to remember this when forming our committees. Sometimes it is VERY beneficial to have some new active members on our committees and projects to bring a new perspective to our organization.

What about conflicts in our

posts? Give others GRACE. A second chance. Some days and weeks are very trying, and we do not know why someone is so stressed. We do not need to know; we just need to give them grace. We all do something stupid sometimes. Be a Goodwill Ambassador. If things get too heated say: lets pause and come back to this.

Always be honest with your team, your members and PLEASE do not try to do everything yourself. People want to be able to contribute and feel useful. We should mentor and encourage others.

Our Honorary Junior Auxiliary President for 2021/2022 Evelyn Phillips has her project divided into two parts. In the fall and winter, we will collect blankets, socks, gloves, scarfs, and hats to keep the homeless veterans warm. In the spring and late winter, we will collect items and activities for the families and children of active-duty military. These items will include activity books, small games, children's books, small toys, etc. Every kid loves getting gifts, so try not to focus too much on just little kids and try to include items for families with older kids.

Let's keep all of our junior's and our young SAL interested in our programs. Encourage them when they have good ideas and mentor

each of them. Did you know that SAL members under 18 years of age can earn patches through our Junior Patch Programs? Check in out at alaforveterans.com and Junior Member Activities Committee (legion-aux.org). We want to:

- To inspire active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood.
- To build the Junior Activities program one member at a time by giving Junior members a voice and an opportunity to participate.
- To promote and encourage Junior participation in the Patch Program in order to teach them about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- To make Junior meetings fun and informative.

We each have an opportunity to mentor our student members. Let do all we can to help them realize our important mission. Make sure they know we have many scholarship opportunities too!

Many of you are truly a Blessing to others each and every day; Thank You for being a member of our American Legion Family!

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen K Phillips
Dept. Of Ohio President



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Al Buxton
Dept. Chaplain

Greetings Legionnaires; God, grant me a mind free of worry, a heart free of sadness

and a body free of sickness. Amen As we go into the holiday season let us remember those that cannot be home with their loved ones and celebrate. And do not forget to do 'Buddy Checks,' call your members you have not seen for a while and talk to them to see if they are doing okay.

Remember to pray for those that ill and hospitalized for some reason or another. God says:

The pain will end.
The tears will stop.
The doors will open.

A miracle is approaching, do not give up.

Since the day I was born... God has woken me up... EVERY SINGLE DAY... Now that's LOYALTY!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the mid-winter conference in January. We will be having the Four Chaplains Service again this year.

In closing, God Bless everyone. Becky and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.



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"THE SITREP" Board of Veterans Appeals update

- 2021: \$807,426.66
Success Rate 96%
- 2020: \$1,972,326.21
Success Rate 83%
- 2019: \$2,084,294.82
Success Rate 74%
- 2018: \$2,307,076.76
Success Rate 74%

The Board of Veterans is currently scheduling in person hearings to be conducted at the

Cleveland VA Regional Office. The letter explains that the veteran can still opt into the Virtual option by contacting the VA or the American Legion Department Service Officers.

CLEVELAND VA REGIONAL OFFICE PHONE UPGRADE

The VA installed new phone systems at the VA Regional office, this upgrade has caused an unforeseen impact to the office, and we are currently working with the VA for a solution. The 216-522-3504 still works but rings to the entire office. If you are trying to reach a specific service officer, you can email them at the email address below.

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COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR VA COMPENSATION AND MILITARY RETIREES 2022

The Social Security posted their 2022 Cost-of-Living ad-

justment. Which will be the largest increase in the past decade. Disable veterans have been used to the 1 to 1.5% increase but effective December 31, 2021, Disabled veterans will see an increase of 5.9%. Military Retirees will also see an increase in their military retirement as well. <https://militarybenefits.info/va-disability-rates/>.

AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND BURN PIT EXPOSURES NEW PRESUMPTIVE

VA has added 3 presumptive conditions related to particular matter exposure. The three new presumptive conditions are asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis. These conditions must manifest within in 10 years of separation from service to be eligible. This expands benefits for veterans that served in: Afghanistan, Djibouti, Syria, and Uzbekistan during the Persian Gulf War from September 19, 2001, to present or The Southwest Theater of operations from August 2, 1990, to the present. "Airborne Hazard" refers to any sort of containment or potentially toxic substance that we are exposed to and includes smoke and fumes from open burn pits, sand, dust,

and particular matter, general air pollution common in certain Countries, fuel, aircraft exhaust and other mechanical fumes, and smoke from oil well fires. Veterans that served during the above periods and with service in these locations are encouraged to participate in the VA's Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry.

VA EXTENDS PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs has extended the presumptive period to Dec. 31, 2026, for qualifying chronic disabili-

ties rated 10% or more resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War to ensure benefits established by Congress are fairly administered.

THE "AFTER ACTION" REPORT

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

MILITARY QUOTES

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."
— Alexander Hamilton

"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."
— General H. Norman Schwarzkopf



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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THE 2021 OHIO LEGACY RIDE IS IN THE BOOKS

Big Thanks to Green Springs Post 295 for Hosting the Fall ALR meeting.

Ohio Legacy Ride 2022, Hosted by Avon Lake Post 211

Mark your Calendars!!! Avon Lake Post 211, is hosting the 2022 Ohio Legacy Ride. Dates will be June 23, 2022 thru June 26, 2022 with registration opening in January of 2022 and will be available online. T-Shirt and Pins will be available and advertised once the design is complete. Updates will be posted on The American Legion Post 211 webpage <http://americanlegion-post211.org/>

Department Headquarters page <https://www.ohiolegion.com/> and the Legion Riders Department page. Legion Post wanting to host a Lunch, Dinner or Ride stop during the Legacy Ride, please contact Mike Schrull at mike@mikeschrull.com as we are in the beginning stage of preparing the route. Hotels plans will be made pending locations offering dinners or stops, and will be Posted when blocks are secured. We also en-

courage all Post that do host a lunch, dinner, or stop to inform their District and surrounding Districts to attend and bring their donations to be collected by the Ohio Legacy Riders. We want to show National that The State of OHIO's Legion Riders are here. Providing support for the Children of our fallen Post 9/11 veterans and those with Disabilities of 50% or greater by granting scholarships. WE CAN DO IT RIDERS. Many States Riders Organizations present one check reflecting the contributions from their State. Some in excess of \$100,000. Finally remember the Legacy is a National Program that provides scholarships to children of Post 9/11 veterans who died on Active Duty or those who have a 50% or greater VA disability rating. So Please remember the Ohio Legacy is FOR THE CAUSE not the APPLAUSE.

Regional ROMP, Hosted by Vermillion

Good news is that we had the Regional ROMP in Vermillion. Several 5th District riders post worked together to plan a very successful event. We raised over \$9,000. \$2100 was donations from different posts. All do-

nations were returned so each post could donate to a charity of their choice. We donated to OVH for Activities, Wreaths across America, Gifts for Yanks, American Legion Charities, New Bridge in Lodi, Travis Mills Foundation, Team Family Traditions, Ride with Valor and Garfield Heights Juniors. We had Kentucky, New York, Tennessee, South Carolina, Indiana all represented. It was a success! 2022 Regional ROMP will be hosted by Department of Indiana Post 500 in Indianapolis August 4th – 7th.

The 2022 ROMP will be hosted by Lancaster July 14th – July 17th, the 2023 ROMP will be hosted by Kettering Post.

Mid-Winter Conference State ALR Meeting

The ALR State meeting will take place January 22, 2022, at 1pm in the large tent, Crown Plaza Hotel in Columbus.

ALR Resolution 5

https://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/ALR_Resolution_5_2021.pdf Please take a moment to look up this Resolution to ensure we as Riders are properly representing the ALR and the American Legion Na-

tional / Department. This will also be Posted on the American Legion Department of Ohio, ALR webpage.

Welcome our New Rider Chapters

Orrville Post 282 and
Oak Harbor Post 114

Honoring our Fallen Riders

Our Fallen:

Mike Midkiff,
Youngstown Post 472

Gerry Lynch,
Painesville Post 336

Pray Request

Will Midkiff,
Youngstown Post 472



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



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The mission of the Gifts for Yanks Program is to improve the quality of life for veteran patients in Ohio VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes. The 2021 GFY holiday gifts will consist of a laptop bag, a blanket, and an engraved Christmas Ornament.

viding funds to support direct service programs, events, holiday gifts, and VA Voluntary Services. The Gifts for Yanks Program is entirely dependent on the financial donations and volunteer hours graciously given by members of our American Legion Family. By the time you are receiving this addition of the Ohio Legion News, The Gifts for Yanks Program has begun its annual holiday gift packing and distribution. This year Legionnaires will be handing out just over 2,100-holiday gifts to veterans at Ohio VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes. The 2021 GFY holiday gifts will consist of a laptop bag, a blanket, and an engraved Christmas Ornament.



The Gifts for Yanks Program is only possible through the generous donations made by the Posts and community members who take the time to collect monies for the program.

At Department Convention, Post and Districts are able to receive awards and be recognized

for their contributions to the program. The Gifts for Yanks Program will recognize the (1) the largest post contribution, (2) the largest amount contributed by a district, (3) the greatest percent of fundraising goal achieved by a post, (4) the greatest percent of fundraising goal

achieved by a district, and (5) post contributions of \$5,000.00 or more. Contributions must be made by May 31, 2022 in order to be eligible.

The Gifts for Yanks Program would love for every American Legion Post in the state of Ohio to have a designated Gifts for Yanks Post Chairman who can be a program ambassador to our local communities. If you want to learn more about the Gifts for Yanks Program, please contact your District GFY Chairman or contact Andrew Klingler- VHA, VAWS and Gifts For Yanks Coordinator at Department Headquarters at 740-513-1787 or aklingler@ohiolegion.com.

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Off-Year Election Cycle Yields Two New Members for Ohio's Congressional Delegation

This November's election season was a mostly quiet affair for Ohioans, except for those living in Ohio's 11th and 15th Congressional Districts. Two special elections were held to fill the vacancies left by former Representatives Fudge, who left Congress earlier this year to become the US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Representative Strivers, who left Congress to become the President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

Shontel Brown, a former member of the Cuyahoga County Council, has been elected to replace Secretary Fudge in Ohio's 11th Congressional District after defeating Laverne Jones Gore with nearly 80% of the votes. Brown was heavily favored to win the Cleveland area district as it has been previously called a sink vote district for Ohio Democrats. Ohio's 15th Congressional District elected Mike Carey over

Allison Russo on Tuesday evening in a closer run affair. Carey, a former Coal lobbyist with alleged ties to the bribery and corruption scandal of HB6, received 58% of the vote in Republican leaning district.

Both Congressional Districts remained under the same party control after Tuesday's election night. This means that no Ohio Congressional District switched party control over the previous 10 year. This issue of competitiveness has been brought up numerous times as the Ohio State Legislature continues to draw state level and congressional maps following the recent Census. There are currently pending cases filed against the Ohio Redistricting GOP Committee members in the Ohio State Supreme Court claiming deliberate gerrymandering and unconstitutional districts following the passage of the anti-gerrymandering law of 2018.

The redistricting fight in the statehouse and state supreme court has been taking up much of the air on Capitol Square in Columbus but there are still pieces of important legislation being discussed.

Ohio HB 29, titled Veteran IDs, originally was just to allow persons discharged for the US Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to obtain Ohio veteran ID cards. This bill now included the language from the gaming bill on E-bingo for veteran organizations. Electronic bingo language was included into the state operating budget earlier this year before the summer recess, so machines or their hard

drives still need to be out of Legion posts by no later than December 31, 2021. This is necessary for the Attorney General's office so there will be no issues with issuing licenses for the new machines come spring of 2022.

Ohio SB 213, titled Regards Veteran Status and Veterans Benefits has been introduced in the Senate. This bill would require several state and licensing agencies to ask about veteran status, to provide this information to the Department of Veteran Services, and to grant that Department authority to use this information to connect veterans with their earned benefits.

Ohio SB 250, to designate U.S. 20 in Ohio as Ohio Medal of Honor Highway, has been introduced by Senator Frank Hoagland and Senator Theresea Gavarone. 13 states, including Ohio, have either introduced or passed legislation regarding designating U.S. 20 as a Medal of Honor Highway.

Ohio HB 415 regards expanding the eligibility for in-state tuition for Ohio's veterans, their spouses, and their dependents. This bill would provide in-state tuition to any member of the Ohio National Guard, Reserve Component, or veteran- their spouse and dependents, who has 15 days of active duty or active-duty training in service years.

On a national level, Senate bill 544: Buddy Check Week Act of 2021, passed the Senate without any amendments and by unanimous consent on October 7th, 2021. This bill now awaits action in the House Veterans Affairs Committee. National is commu-

nicating with House members to have S.544 moved swiftly through the House without markup.

The American Legion testified on October 26th before the U.S. Department of Education urging the department to ensure the law closing the 90/10 loophole is translated accurately and explicitly into rules and regulations to protect out veterans. This push to close the 90/10 loophole has long been advocated by the American Legion following the passage of the 2015 Resolution No. 15: Support Greater GI Bill Outcomes by Closing 90-10 Loophole. After President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan it opened the door wider for this policy change.

Commander VA Visits are Back! Commander Wilson Starts Her Visits in Northeast Ohio

After a yearlong hold on Department of Ohio Commander visits to Ohio VA medical facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Commander Wilson was eager to resume the commander visits tradition. Commander Wilson's tour started at the Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home where she, newly appointed Department Adjutant Eric Hall, Department Gifts for Yanks Coordinator Andrew Klingler, and Department Legislative & National Security Coordinator Scott Palider met with Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director, General Deborah Ashenurst, to tour the grounds of the facility. While on tour of the VA facility, Commander Wilson met the new Superintendent Ross Matlack, to discuss how the Veterans home was protecting its res-

idents from Covid-19 as well as addressing their issues with staff retention due to the competitive nature of healthcare employment. Commander Wilson made sure to speak with residents of the Sandusky Veterans Home while on her tour to gain insight on their needs and feelings regarding their care.

The next stop on Commander Wilson's Northeast Ohio tour was the Cleveland VA Medical Center where she met with the Northeast Ohio VA Executive Director, Jill Dietrich, and her team to discuss concerns regarding veteran's care in Northeast Ohio. Seeing as the largest growing group among veterans are female veterans, Commander Wilson quizzed the VA staff on how they were improving care for female veterans. Here, Commander Wilson learned that the Cleveland VA had opened a women's only care space to provide specialized care and was given a private tour of this new facility. Commander Wilson then toured the two Cleveland VA Fisher Houses and spoke with some of the current guests on how the Legion may help better their stays in the future.

Commander Wilson ended her Northeast Ohio tour with a visit to the VA Regional Office in the Cleveland federal building. Here Commander Wilson met with Assistant Director, Shannon Kelly, and his team to discuss what the VA was planning in Northeast Ohio. Commander Wilson learned that VA was looking to expand their customer service team to better serve veterans calling in with new or old claims.



AMERICANISM



FEBRUARY IS AMERICANISM MONTH



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The passage of Resolution No. 163 at the 1960 National Convention in Miami, Fla., established February as Americanism Month. During this annual observance, we should all reflect upon what it means to be an American and rededicate ourselves and our posts to taking action that will uphold the principle of “a 100 percent Americanism.” Americanism, one of the Legion’s four pillars, is the love of America, loyalty to its ideals and institutions, allegiance to its flag, willingness to defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and a desire to advance the blessings of liberty to future generations.

The legacy of Americanism is a legacy worth preserving, not only to honor those men and women who have served and laid down their lives to secure our freedom, but to ensure that our freedoms and way of life are secure for generations to come. During Americanism Month, let us rededicate ourselves to a 100 percent Americanism for 100 percent of the year!

Since it is Americanism month, we will highlight our Americanism programs as well as reflect-

ing upon what it means to be an American and rededicate ourselves and our posts to taking action that will uphold the principle of “a 100 percent Americanism”.

Americanism and Government Test and Trip-

The Americanism and Government Test program of the Ohio American Legion was created by Legionnaires of Ohio in 1936 and remains today as another of the leading youth programs of the Ohio American Legion. Although created by the Ohio American Legion, the Americanism and Government Test program is a joint venture and partnership with the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, which is a co-sponsor of the program.

The Americanism and Government Test program is open to students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Students in grade 9 may take the test for practice only. It is designed to test an individual student’s knowledge of the following: The United States Flag, The Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, State government in Ohio, County government in Ohio, City government in Ohio, Township government in Ohio, Village government in Ohio, and School District government in Ohio. The State Award from the Ohio American Legion for the 18 State winners is a five (5) day, all expenses paid trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. under the direction of the Department Americanism Director, accompanied by representatives of the Ohio American Legion and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary.

A highlight of the trip is a Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the

Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Ohio American Legion and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary have had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns every year since 1936.

An objective of the Ohio American Legion through the Americanism and Government test program is that if by taking the test a young person is inspired to learn more about government, the United States, and to appreciate the freedoms enjoyed by the nation’s citizens, the effort put forth by the Ohio American Legion and the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary is worth the expense.

Buckeye Boys State-

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

Mission Statement- 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.

Vision Statement- 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.

Oratorical Contest-

High school students in Ohio, including home schooled, are afforded the opportunity to gain financial awards to assist the students in their pursuit of higher education through participation in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship program, a public speaking contest on the United States Constitution which focuses on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. 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.

Dayton National Cemetery & Western Reserve National Cemetery-

On the Saturday prior to Memorial Day, the Department of Ohio conducts this program which involves Dayton, Rittman, Medina, and the surrounding area Venture Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownie Units, The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion, and Legionnaires.

Scout representatives place American Legion flags at the headstones of almost 90,000 graves.

The American Legion sponsors the “Avenue of Flags”: 425 flag

poles bearing the casket flags of deceased veterans, which are flown on Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day.

Scouting programs-

There are 135 American Legion Chartered Scouting Units in the Department of Ohio with over 2,600 participants.

The Department presents the “Department Eagle Scout of the Year” award annually. The Department winner advances into the National American Legion competition and receives a \$500.00 financial award from the estate of Mikeal and Frances Golato.

Educator of the Year-

The Department of Ohio recognizes outstanding Ohio educators 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.

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 2021, over 55% of all players on 30 major league team rosters played American Legion Baseball. 2022 marks the 97th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any field. For these past 96 years American Legion Baseball has strived to maintain the reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the nation.



UPCOMING AMERICANISM EVENTS

AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT

The American and Government Trip will take place February 28th 2022 through March 4th, 2022. The names of the 18 winning students as well as a briefing of their trip will be in the upcoming issue of the Ohio Legion News.

ORATORICAL-

The state contest will be held Sunday April 10th, 2022 starting at 10:00AM at Department Headquarters.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are due April 15th and can be found at ohiolegion.com/programs/scholarships

DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND WESTERN RESERVE NATIONAL CEMETERY

The grave decorating ceremonies will be Saturday May 28th, 2022 at 9:30AM at each cemetery.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE-

Buckeye Boys State will be June 12th- June 19th, 2022 at Miami University. Reminder, the Buckeye Boys State application process will be online again, once you receive your enrollment form, please return it with the number of delegates your post plans on sending along with your payment by March 15th. You will receive back forms that have a specific code for each delegate to log into the website and enter their information electronically.

ly. Each code is specific for each delegate, so the forms CANNOT BE COPIED.

LEGION BASEBALL-

The Junior Tournament will be July 14th- July 17th, 2022. The Senior Tournament will be July 25th – July 29th, 2022. Both tournaments are played at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio.

There are many activities that are coming up for various Americanism Programs in the next few months. Mark your calendars! If you are interested in getting involved with any of these programs, please contact Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com or 740-513-5199.



2021 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

American Legion Member Scholarship



ANETA MULLINS

of Medina, Ohio is an American Legion Member at Post 202 in Medina and is a Iraq Army veteran. Anita is currently attending Cuyahoga Community College to pursue her degree.

College/University Scholarship



SHEA HARTSEL

of Fostoria, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Shea is currently enrolled at Malone University.

College/University Scholarship



ALLISON BARNHART

of Fairborn, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Hannah is currently enrolled at University of Cincinnati.

College/University Scholarship



CYNTHIA MORRIS

of Centerburg, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Cynthia is currently enrolled at University of Cincinnati.

Donald L. Lanthorn Award



SEAN RICHARDSON

of Marysville, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni and former Boy Scout. Sean is currently attending Vanderbilt University.

College/University Scholarship



HANNAH HORSINGTON

of Newark, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni, Americanism and Government Test participant, and Oratorical Contestant. Hannah is currently enrolled at Miami University.

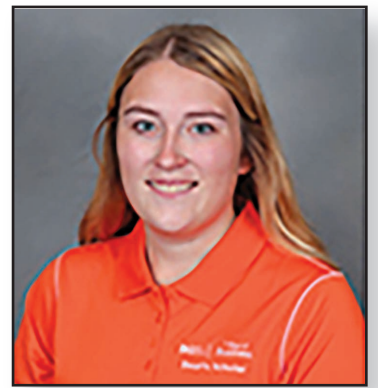
College/University Scholarship



OWEN SALYER

of McArthur, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Owen is currently enrolled at Ohio University.

College/University Scholarship



MAKAYLA AICHHOLZ

of New Washington, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and former participant in the Americanism and Government Test. Makayla is currently enrolled at Bowling Green State University.

College/University Scholarship



DOMINIC VELASQUEZ

of Canfield, Ohio is the great grandson of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni. Dominic is currently enrolled at The Ohio State University.

College/University Scholarship



ALEXANDRIA FELLIE

of Xenia, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Alexandria is currently enrolled at Colorado School of Mines.

College/University Scholarship



ALAINA FEATHER

of Brecksville, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Alaina is currently enrolled at the University of the District of Columbia.

College/University Scholarship



LAUREN RONCONE

of North Canton, Ohio is the great granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni. Lauren is currently enrolled at The University of Mount Union.

College/University Scholarship



STEPHANIE RUBAL

of Columbus, Ohio is the great granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Stephanie is currently enrolled at Bowling Green State University.

College/University Scholarship



CAROLINE HOLMES

of Nashport, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Caroline is currently enrolled at Hillsdale College.

High School Scholarship



RILEY HOWLAND

of Cincinnati, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Riley will be attending Auburn University.

High School Scholarship



DYLAN WIERWILLIE

of Wapakoneta, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Dylan will be attending Bowling Green State University.



AMERICANISM



High School Scholarship



MADALYNN AUMEND

of Ashland, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Madalynn will be attending Ashland University.

High School Scholarship



MATTHEW GILKERSON

of Navarre, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Matthew will be attending The Ohio State University.

High School Scholarship



CAROLINE MEYER

of Cincinnati, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Caroline will be attending The Ohio State University.

High School Scholarship



MEGHAN JOHNSON

of Lucasville, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Meghan will be attending Marshall University.

High School Scholarship



JORDAN HAMMOND

of West Portsmouth, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Jordan will be attending Ohio University.

High School Scholarship



BENJAMIN WILLIAMS

of Dayton, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Boy Scout and earned his Eagle Scout. Benjamin will be attending The Ohio State University.

High School Scholarship



KARY TOLLEFSON

of Greenville, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Kary will be attending The University of Findlay.

High School Scholarship



MAXWELL PHILLIPS

of New Washington, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Boy Scout, Buckeye Boys State Alumni Americanism and Government Test participant and SAL member. Maxwell will be attending Ohio Northern University.

High School Scholarship



VIRGINIA CAMERON

of Lakeside, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Virginia will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design.

High School Scholarship



GRACE DYER

of Miamisburg, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Grace will be attending Miami University.

High School Scholarship



ERICARAE HERRICK

of Swanton, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni and Auxiliary member. Ericarae will be attending Miami University.

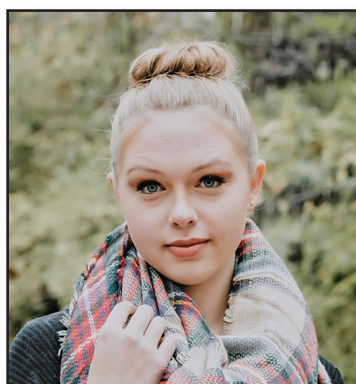
High School Scholarship



ADAM HARR

of Defiance, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is a former Buckeye Boys State Alumni and Americanism and Government Test participant. Adam will be attending Miami University.

High School Scholarship



SAVANNAH KOESTER

of Sidney, Ohio is the great granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout and Americanism and Government Test participant. Savannah will be attending Tulane University.

High School Scholarship



WILLIAM HENKEL

of Cincinnati, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is a former Buckeye Boys State Alumni. William will be attending Washington University in St. Louis.

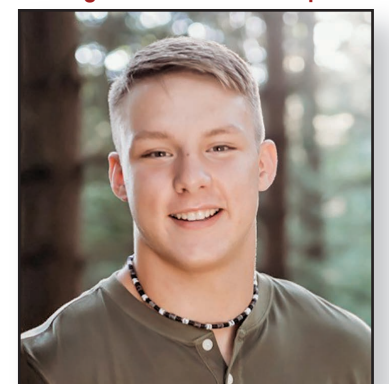
High School Scholarship



CONNOR LINDBERG

of West Chester, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Connor will be attending University of Cincinnati.

High School Scholarship



CARSON INGRAM

of Shelby, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Carson will be attending Hillsdale College.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

National Family Week



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To demonstrate our resolute belief of the importance of strong families, The American Legion's National Commission of Children & Youth, by mandate, ad-

vocates the passage of federal legislation that would establish the Thanksgiving holiday week as National Family Week. All members of The American Legion Family are encouraged to initiate and engage in local activities during National Family Week that promotes, encourages, and celebrates the center of a healthy community: the family.

GET INVOLVED and make a difference In an effort to promote National Family Week, Posts, Units, and Squadrons are encouraged to initiate and participate in activities that promote family strength and integrity. The possibilities are endless.

ORGANIZE community-wide efforts In partnership with local government and other groups,

present a family festival using resources from local organizations for family activities and entertainment. Get involved in established local National Family Week activities.

PLAN a family-strengthening event Build connections between families, community groups, and local leaders by encouraging open dialogue to address issues of importance to the community during a family summit or community meeting. Hold a military family appreciation event to encourage and offer support for military families.

ADVOCATE for a family strengthening initiative Work with officials at all levels of government to advance a position beneficial to children and fami-

lies. Urge local and state governments to proclaim National Family Week.

COORDINATE volunteer projects Work with other groups to

improve local conditions through family projects. Invite families to volunteer on community projects. Host a variety of activities for families.



For any questions, please contact Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com

MEET OUR NEW EMPLOYEES



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I am Tamar Fowler, the new Membership Administrator for the American Legion Department of Ohio! My daughter worked here this past summer as the Front Desk Receptionist and spoke so highly of everyone here, that I wanted to follow in her footsteps! I have a background in law enforcement and was a Probation Officer in Delaware County for over a decade. I've been looking for a second career for the last few years, so I'm excited for this position at The American Legion. Not only does this organization serve members and posts but it also serves veterans in need of social services, something that fits my background nicely. In addition, I've enjoyed working with Post and Squadron Leadership "investigating" My Legion and Membership issues.

My grandfather served in the Navy during the Korean War. He loved the Navy, and he loved his country. I remember him fond-

ly visiting Navy war sites and attending the retirement of his own ship. My husband's grandfather served in the 5th Marine Division and received a purple heart for his actions on Iwo Jima in the second World War. He was very involved with Veteran Service Organizations as well as the 5th Marine Division group that still meets today, albeit mostly with surviving family members. My daughter (the one that worked here over the summer) was selected to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during her 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. She was selected based on her presentation of her familial connection, but also by demonstrating the great respect that she and the rest of our family has for our service members and our country.

Speaking of my family, I am married to Mark and have four very active girls (Grace, Evelyn, Lydia and Mary). Grace and Evelyn attend Ohio University. Lydia is in 10th grade at Hayes High School, and Mary is in 8th grade at Dempsey Middle School in Delaware, Ohio. We enjoy camping, hiking, kayaking and doing just about anything outside. We are self-proclaimed National Park Geeks and have visited many of the most beautiful places in our great country. Our favorite was Alaska!

I look forward to talking to anyone needing help with membership or My Legion. I strive to connect in a timely manner and to assist you in any way I am able.



THOMAS WHITE
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Hello, my name is Thomas White, and I have recently been appointed as the new Department Service Officer in charge of helping our veterans get the benefits they deserve with the American Legion. Some history regarding myself. I am a Staff Sergeant, United States Marine Corps (Retired) and functioned as a Security Forces member and Infantry Riflemen. I began my career in 2010 with Marine Corps Security Forces Battalion (MCSFBn), guarding nuclear weapons and high-level assets. Later, I deployed with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division (2/2) in support of the SPMAGTF-CR Africa and the Black Sea Rotational Force in 2014, managing and supporting peace-keeping and training missions within different middle eastern countries, deployed again 2016 in support of the Unit Deployment Program (UDP) based out of Okinawa, Japan conducting training with the Spanish, Italian, French, Philippine, Korean and other NATO members and conducting bi-lateral training to ensure peace and balance within different regions. Just before the end of my career, I served as G-3 Operations Chief and Administrative Clerk from 2018-2020 aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD), San Diego in charge of numerous recruit training events and operational requirements for the base. I worked with and directly supported Recruit Training Regiment, Provost Marshal's Office, Facilities Maintenance, Marine Corps Community Services, L.I.N.K.S., Recruiters School, Drill Instructor School and saw after events for the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) along with international relationship groups.

Awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star. Currently attending American Military University pursuing a Bachelors in Homeland Security Information Technology.

Away from my current and past professional work experience, I have a fantastic and wonderful family. My lovely wife's name is Brittany, and we have three great kids, Elena, 6, Katie, 3 and our newborn son, Tommy, and a dog named Socks. We are settled just inside Cleveland in the City of Parma, and we love it here. Ohio has been an adjust-

ment for myself as I am originally a North Carolinian, but I have come to love this area with its small downtown charm feel and the people that make up this great community. Moreover, I am an avid Harley Davidson and motorcycle enthusiast and ride a 2019 Harley Davidson Street Glide. When I can, I love to participate in short or long group rides and plan to join the Legion Riders soon. I also enjoy movies and am somewhat of a movie buff, specifically comedies. Some of my favorite films are by directors such as Mel Brooks, the Farrelly Brothers, Ben Stiller, Harold Ramis, John Hughes, Ivan Reitman, Frank Oz etc. Finally,

I really enjoy working with my hands. I can usually be found working on some kind of carpentry project or landscaping my yard, typically something that I can stand back and say, "I did that". In fact, sometimes my home away from home is Lowes or Home Depot. I'll go in to get something small and end up there for hours until I have more than one project. Anyways, coming full circle, that is a small snippet of my professional and personal life, and I am grateful to share with you. As I continue forward with my life and career, I am eager to meet others here within the American Legion and others as I step into this position. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and together we are better.

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

4th DISTRICT

Steven Ervin
Fourth District Commander

The 4th District has been working hard to get all their Post's membership online. Our last count reflected (33) out of (39) Posts now using MyLegion.org for processing membership. This accomplishment of conducting My Legion training with Post and County Commanders, to improve knowledge of My Legion online capabilities, 888 processes and ability to verify post members for conducting Buddy checks. 1st Vice Jerry Perry conducted classes. The result of this

training has able the 4TH District to contact over 300 – 888 members within the 4TH District area, which are now being processed.

The 4th District purchased and presented a Van for the Veterans Community outreach center, this van will transport Veterans to VA medical facility's, Job fairs and delivery food to our veterans. This fundraiser organized by 2nd Vice Commander Frank Morrow. The Mt. Washington Post 484 held a Drug Take Back event, collect-

ing over 125 lbs. of medications from their community. The 4th District also presented donations to Cincinnati Joseph House, Honor Flight, and community pantries for the upcoming holidays. Finally, the Fabulous 4TH District is working hard to maintain first place in membership within the state of Ohio and winning the Race to the Top and assisting Department Commander Jean Wilson in raising funds for her project, Suicide prevention, education, and awareness.

5th DISTRICT

Ronald E. Dull,
Fifth District Commander

As I sit and reflect over the last few months, I have seen a lot of work done by many members that have involved our veterans, military, children and communities. As the holidays approach us, let us remember the homeless and shut-ins.

Fall conference was hosted by Colonel Crawford Post 181. Much information was given out by the district chairmen. Many posts in the district hosted Veterans Day events. Congratulations to Mike Nye of New Riegel American Legion for being named Seneca County Veteran of the Year.

Richland County hosted the

annual membership drive October 30, with stops at Shiloh, Plymouth, Shelby and Bellville American Legions. We had good food and fellowship at each stop, as well as collecting memberships. Thank you to Department of Ohio First Vice Commander Bradley Teis for joining us and to those 40 Et 8 who also attended.

Mid-Winter Conference is just around the corner and once again we will have the opportunity to be with the rest of the American Legion family.

District First Vice Darell Bishop has been working on membership. We all need to work togeth-

er on membership. We are losing our members at a staggering rate and it is not all from deaths. We need to retain our current members and need to keep them interested.

As I look out the window and see the leaves falling to the ground, our days are becoming shorter. Remember that a kind word or an acknowledgement goes along way to show our fellow Legionnaires we appreciate them.

The Fifth District officers and members hope your family has an enjoyable holiday season. May God bless each of you.

6th DISTRICT

Gary Cox, Jr.
Sixth District Commander

Licking County is in the midst of gathering some gifts for bags that will be given to Veterans in Nursing homes, long term care facilities, and rehab centers in the county - we estimate that we will be interfacing with approximately 14 facilities with 170+ Veterans.

We will be having our raffle drawing that supports our gift giving efforts on December 1 at Legion Post 85 at 6:30 PM. At the same meeting we will be assessing the Americanism tests for submittal to the District.

Hello My Fellow Legionnaires, I hope everyone is happy and healthy. I would like to give everyone an update with activities happening within the Sizzlin Sixth District. I plan to reinstate the District Bowling and Golf Tournaments dates are TBD. The Sixth District will also be hosting a Trap Shoot at the Cardinal Center in Marengo, I open this up to any Legionnaire.



Shane Eaton
2nd Vice Commander

I also have plans for a Resource Fair to help our fellow brothers and sisters in need of help or guidance.

Sizzlin' Sixth District Activities

Bowling Tournament
TBD- Winter

Golf Tournament-
TBD- Spring

Trap Shoot-
TBD- Summer

Very Respectfully,
Shane Eaton,
2nd Vice Commander

9th DISTRICT

Bill Dittbrand
Ninth District Commander

In October, Cowle Post 151 in Conneaut, celebrated their 100-year anniversary. Department Commander Jean Wilson was there to help the Post celebrate this milestone event.

Perry Memorial Post 697 Honors Korean War POW/MIA servicemember. On September 18th, Post 697 honored the uncle of long-time Perry resident, Bea Woidtke and her family. Her uncle, SGT James Roger Bissell, United States Army served in the 57th Field Artillery Battalion during the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir where his Battalion took casualties as they fought off multiple Chinese attacks from November 27th until his capture on December 6th, 1950. After capture, he was marched north

from camp to camp while nursing a severe leg wound. He was interned at an Apex Camp located just south of the Chinese border in An-Dong, North Korea. SGT Bissell remained in captivity at An-Dong until he died of malnutrition on June 2nd, 1951. SGT Bissell's remains have not been recovered and returned to his family. SGT Bissell received NO funeral, NO military honors and there is NO American flag flying in honor of his service. Post 697 honored his service during their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony by retiring a special flag dedicated to SGT Bissell and all those currently Missing in Action.

Palmer-Roberts post 214 Legion Family held a food drive to

feed needy veterans and family in Willoughby. Their efforts have collected over \$1,000 of donations of non-perishable foods and can goods. They also participated in a Flag rededication ceremony at the McKinley Community outreach center.

Austintown Memorial Post 301 Commander, David Ewing, was selected as Mahoning County Veteran of the year for 2020.

Trumbull County Commissioners purchased a van for the VSO who transports veterans to their medical appointments with the assistance of Raymond L. Johnston Post 540. Post 540 awarded eight scholarships at \$1,000 each. The Post unearthed a WWII memorial at the Cemetery that was covered up for years.

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2022 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JULY 1st - JULY 3rd, 2022

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Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
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Cincinnati, OH 45020

Deadline for Registration is May 29th

To make reservations please call
1-800- HILTONS
or **1-800-445-8667** and reference
"The American Legion Department
of Ohio Convention"

The discounted group rate is \$135.00/night + tax.

**The Department Convention Call
will be mailed to each Post in April 2022.
All Post Delegates and Alternates must be
registered 15 days prior to Convention.
Delegate and Alternate registration
deadline is June 20th!**

**For more information, contact Christie White at
Programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.**

**You may also visit the website at
<https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/departments-conferences-conventions/>.**

Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention and any meetings offered
**** Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.**

SEE YOU THERE!

POST ACTIVITIES

56TH ANNUAL
AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
GOLF OUTING

56TH ANNUAL STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT
HELD AT COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE

“Golf is a lot like taxes: You go for the green and wind up in the hole”

THANK YOU!



A big thank you to Kettering Post 598 of the “Thundering” Third District who hosted the 2021 Annual Department of Ohio Golf Tournament, the Friday and Saturday car show, and dinner & entertainment on July 24th & 25th.



Betsy Law, 3rd District Commander, presents plaques to the winning team from Post 746 Northridge. L to R is David Turner, Chuck Booso, Joe LeMasters, John Bennett, and Post Commander Donnie Hall



A fun time was had by all including this foursome that stood out this weekend. Out of about 28 teams was this young bunch of golf pros bringing up the rear from Kettering Post 598 Charlie Poeppelmeier, Matt Conlon, Louis “Lou” Fisher and Phil Stephenson



Ready, Set, Golf!



Joe and Betsy Law taking care of prizes at the end of the weekend



Dayton's Community golf course provided a suitable challenge to this year's teams.



With his teammates intently watching, this Legionnaire is looking for an up & down!



Past 3rd District Commander Joe Law taking a good-sized chunk out of Mother Earth.



Getting better odds on the horses than the odds of making this putt, Lou Fischer gives a noble effort!



If he hits a great drive, we don't have to shoot!



Things were looking up on this putt!



This gentleman asked for this to not be published! Identities are hidden to protect the innocent!



While teams were waiting, Roberta Glaser was happy to take photos of teams on the main hole-in-one prize hole.

POST ACTIVITIES



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3rd ANNUAL ROGER M. HIGHT STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

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Tournament Dates: Feb 11-13-22 Feb 18-20-22 Feb 25-27-22
Mar 4-6-22 (Only if necessary for snow date)

Date choices are not guaranteed - done on 1st come 1st served
Registration Deadline: December 20, 2021

Preferred Dates: 1st 2nd
5 PM ON FRIDAY 11 AM ON SATURDAY 9 AM ON SUNDAY

TEAM BOWLING - AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT-

Do you want to bowl on Friday Night at 5pm? Yes No

You can submit your entry on line: GO TO: WWW.OHIOLEGION.COM/FORMS

PRINT NAMES IN ORDER THEY ARE BOWLING

SINGLES & DOUBLES LIST IN ORDER THEY WILL BOWL \$20.00 EACH EVENT
NAME MEMBER # LEG/AUX/SAL PHONE # AVERAGE

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I certify that the averages shown Above ARE CORRECT and all bowlers are Legion, Aux or SAL members in good standing.

SIGNATURE OF TEAM CAPTAIN ADDRESS
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Issues are printed the second week of the issue’s second month, copy is due to the paper organizer by the last Friday of the first month’s issue.

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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION/TIME
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 700, Warren
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	District 3 Membership Workshop	Post 0598, Kettering
12/21/2021	12/21/2021	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
12/23/2021	12/24/2021	Christmas Observance – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/30/2021	12/31/2021	New Year’s Holiday Observance – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
1/8/2022	1/8/2022	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 118, Amherst
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 553, Toledo
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 2 Winter Conference	Post 191, Spencerville
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 3 Winter Conference	Post 668, Vandalia
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 171, Westerville
1/15/2022	1/15/2022	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 290, Columbiana
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 69, Cincinnati
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 750, Lowell
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 14 Winter Conference	Post 281, Cuyahoga
1/17/2022	1/17/2022	Martin Luther King, Jr Day Holiday	Department Closed
1/18/2022	1/18/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
01/21/2022	1/23/2022	Department Mid-Winter	Crowne Plaza Columbus-Worthington N
2/12/2022	2/12/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Department Headquarters 10AM
2/20/2022	2/20/2022	Baseball Spring Meeting	Department HQ
2/21/2022	2/21/2022	Presidents Day Holiday	Department Closed
2/27/2022	3/2/2022	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
2/28/2022	3/4/2022	Department Americanism and Government Trip	Washington DC
March - TBD	TBD	District 3 Spring Conferecne	TBD
3/2/2022	3/4/2022	Department Service Officers School	Washington DC
3/4/2022	3/7/2022	National Commander Visit to Membership Roundup	Department Headquarters
3/5/2022	3/5/2022	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 78, Logan
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 262, Hamler
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85, Newark
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 62, Chillicothe
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 12 Spring Conference	NVMM* Tentative
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 421, Fairview Park
3/12/2022	3/12/2022	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 535, Bellville
3/15/2022	3/15/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
3/19/2022	3/19/2022	District 9 Spring Conference	Post 459, Burton
3/19/2022	3/19/2022	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 282, Orville
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 2 Spring Conference	Post 217, Sidney
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 389, Beverly
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 713, Deerfield
3/27/2022	3/27/2022	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 49, Wilmington
4/2/2022	4/2/2022	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/10/2022	4/10/2022	Department Oratorical Contest	Department Headquarters
4/15/2022	4/15/2022	Legion Scholarship Apploication Due	Department Headquarters
4/15/2022	4/15/2022	Good Friday Holiday	Department Closed
4/19/2022	4/19/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
4/22/2022	4/24/2022	National Oratorical Contest Finals	Indianapolis, Indiana
5/1/2022	5/1/2022	District 6 Summer Convention	Post 162, Marion
5/1/2022	5/1/2022	District 11 Summer Convention	Post 0052, Ballaire High School
5/2/2022	5/5/2022	National Spring Meeting – NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
5/7/2022	5/7/2022	District 5 Summer Convention	Post 88, Ashland
5/7/2022	5/7/2022	District 10 Summer Convention	Post 166, Alliance
5/8/2022	5/8/2022	District 7 Summer Convention	Post 25, Washington
5/8/022	5/8/2022	District 13 Summer Convention	Post 91, Berea
5/14/2022	5/14/2022	District 8 Summer Convention	Post 476, Wilksville
5/15/2022	5/5/2022	Distict 1 Summer Convention	Post 307, Pioneer
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 4 Summer Convention	Post 72, Mt. Carmel
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 9 Summer Convention	Post 103, Howland
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 14 Summer Convention	Post 685, Streetsboro
5/17/2022	5/17/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
5/22/2022	5/22/2022	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway
5/30/2022	5/30/2022	Memorial Day Holiday	Department Closed
5/31/2022	5/31/2022	Gold & Silver Brigade Nominees Due	Department Headquarters
5/31/2022	5/31/2022	Recruiter of the Year Nominees Due	Department Headquarters
6/1/2022	6/1/2022	Certification of Post Officers Due	Department Headquarters
6/1/2022	6/1/2022	CPR's & CSR's Due to Department	Department Headquarters
6/4/2022	6/4/2022	District 2 Summer Convention	Post 173, Bellefontaine
June -TBD	TBD	District 3 Summer Convention	Post 598, Kettering
6/20/2022	6/20/2022	Juneteenth Day	Department Closed
7/1/2022	7/3/2022	103 rd Department Convention	Hilton Netherlands-Cincinnati

VETERANS DAY 2021



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The American Legion and this publication salute our military veterans of all eras this November 11 - and every day. Thank you for serving America with honor, courage and commitment.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

American Legion John W. Shaw Post 84, Havana, FL had created a drive by Memorial for the 13 Veterans Killed in Kabul Afghanistan which included Ohio native servicemember, Navy Corpsman Maxton Soviak. Soviak was one of 13 U.S. troops killed in a suicide bombing at Afghanistan's Kabul airport on Aug. 26. Soviak was posthumously promoted to the rank of hospital corpsman third class, and was awarded a Purple Heart and the Fleet Marine Force Corpsman warfare badge. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. The American Legion Department of Ohio delivered a memorial package to the Soviak family at the WWII memorial in Berlin Heights. Maxton's Grandparents were able to attend on the family's behalf. The Department Commander and District 5 also presented the family with a certificate of Honor for Maxton Soviak. Department Adjutant Eric Hall and his wife Diane attended with Post 659 Legion members and Chaplain, along with Ron Dull District 5 Commander. The Mayor of the Village of Berlin Heights, Connie Ward also attended.



ALR CHAPTER 178, VAN WERT

Michele Bird was recently recognized as the 2021 American Legion Rider of the Year. Bird has been the club secretary for five years and is credited by Director Jim Figel as being the one to hold the group together during COVID-19 restrictions. Her attention to communication with all members helped the club push forward through several changes over the past year. Pictured above: Figel, Bird and her husband Bill Bird.



OCW CLEVELAND REGATTA

On September 18, 2021 National Commander Paul Dilliard and Past National Commander Jim Koutz came to the Cleveland regatta. They presented a donation to Freedom Rows. Freedom Rows is a veterans program that helps disabled veterans feel like part of a team again by using rowing as a team-building exercise. Operation Comfort Warrior "OCW" was developed under National Commander Koutz. OCW helps in many different ways. For example, purchasing loose-fitting sweatsuits and devices to help with tinnitus, these items may not be covered by the VA. Freedom Rows filed for a grant from OCW and was awarded enough money to receive a new boat that was made in America. American Legion Department of Ohio Charities also donated to the regatta. The regatta was held at the head of the Cuyahoga River. It is one of the largest regattas in the country. There were participants from several different states and ages from 14 to 80. Please see Legion.org/ocw for the full article on this story.



TENTH DISTRICT • MASSILLON, OHIO • POST 221

On May 29th, 2021, Sherman Smith, left, and Tony Shipplett, right, from the American Legion Honor Guard Post 221 escorted the bearer of a wreath to be placed at one of the many monuments in the Memorial Park in Massillon, Ohio. There were also other members of the American Legion Honor Guard Post 221 that provided escort for other wreaths at this ceremony.



Also, on May 29th, 2021, various volunteers, Commander Elect Larry Stottsberry, Howard Moretto, Pete Mozingo, and Commander Jeff Runser (not pictured) as well as other members of American Legion Post 221 placed flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day at the Sunset Hills Cemetery. Also, on June 3rd, 2021, members from Post 221 surveyed all of the graves at Sunset Hills Cemetery and placed the yellow veterans' stickers on markers that needed them.

POST 105 DONATION

Madison Memorial Post 105 out of London showing off the donation Post 105 gave the Hanna bike run to help Dayna Donnelly (left) raise money for burial expenses for her father and brother. Also pictured is Post Adjutant Phil Robinette and Louis Lamb.



POST 178

2nd District Isaac Van Wert Post 178 participating in the annual Cross-country Invitational meet. The Post has been asked to use the cannon to start the races for the past 3 years. Kent Long, Post 178 Exe Officer fires the cannon.

2nd District Isaac Van Wert Post 178 BBQ'ing chicken at the Van Wert Co Fair. Manning the grill are Post Commander Bill Marshall and Trustee Ken Meyers.



9/11 REMEMBRANCE:

Post 7 guard shown here in earnest reflection of the memory of the 9/11 victims and fallen service members.





GOOD OF THE LEGION



POST 221 GRADE SCHOOL VISIT

On November 3rd, 2021, Commander Stottsberry and 1st vice Marotto went to a grade school to visit a class of kids who were involved with making homemade cards for veterans, thanking them for their service, the kids in school also made decorations for the post to use to decorate the post on Veterans Day. Commander Stottsberry share with the kids how Veterans Day came about throughout history, and explained what a veteran is and what the word veteran means and why it is on the 11th month and 11th day and 11th hour. 1st vice Marotto shared with them some flag etiquette and what the lines and colors of our flag represent. He also shared with them the history of the color guard. Both then answered questions and listened to the kid's feedback. As a reward for being well behaved they received a sticker that said, "I met a veteran today" As the Post 221 crew was leaving the school, students thanked them for their service.



POST 221 FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Post 221 hosted a family game night where kids and parents got to paint pumpkins, play board games, air hockey, foosball tables, two bounce houses, and a giant jenga set. Popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs and various snacks with soda and juice refreshments were provided. All had a grand time.



Pictured here; Commander Larry Stottsberry making popcorn

COMMANDER'S LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

NELSONVILLE –American Legion Post 229 Commander Robert Zimmerman presented Plaques and Commander's Letters of Appreciation to Legionnaires Jerry Patton and Bill Henson, as well as Special Volunteers Nancy Ross and Guyla Bateman for long term KP and Cook Duties during the recent Pandemic at Glenford Dugan Post 229. The hearty breakfasts were often delivered to senior, shut-in, and other disadvantaged citizens in the Nelsonville area. Revenues from the bi-monthly breakfasts also fund the admission free and kid friendly Military Museum 299.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR (BOB) ROBERT RIBBLE

On October 17th, 2021, Post 389 (Beverly) gave funeral service honors for (Bob) Robert Ribble. Several members of Post 750 were friends and coworkers of Bob. Post 750 (Lowell) was honored to stand with Post 389 and salute Bob in his final role call.



ZANESVILLE POST 29



On August 3, the Zanesville American Legion, Post 29 awarded scholarships to several area college students. A total of \$5500 was awarded. (L to R), Front: Emily Kinney, Marietta College; Hunter Bradley, Kent State, Stark; Emmah Stoneburner, Muskingum University; Savannah Moorehead, West Liberty University. (L to R), Back: Carter Wickham, Muskingum University; Ben Larson, Otterbein University. Not pictured: Lydia Guthridge, Savannah College of Art & Design; Dalton Anker, Capital University; Madison Coffey, Ohio State University, Newark; Logan Wicknam, Muskingum University; Madeline Spiker, Ohio Northern University.



On August 3, the Zanesville American Legion Post 29 SAL awarded scholarships to four area college students. (L to R), SAL Commander Bill Tracy, Bailey Price, Ohio State University; Trinity Vandusen, Wilmington College; and SAL Adjutant Larry Shanks. Not pictured: Alyssa Weaver, St. Bonaventure University.



Zanesville Post 29 Team Volunteers assisted with lunch during the October 17, 2021

"Elite" 11th District Meeting hosted by the Post 29. Ohio Commander Jean Wilson addressing attendees at the October 17, 2021 "Elite" 11th District Meeting hosted by Zanesville Post 29.



"Elite" 11th District Commander Chuck Clark chatting with attendees at October 17, 2021 "Elite" 11th District Meeting hosted by the Post 29.



Attendees at the October 17, 2021 "Elite" 11th District Meeting hosted by the Post 29.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

HONORING 100 YEAR OLD VETERAN

The student veterans of the University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash campus wished Army veteran Dennis Schone a happy birthday in a big way. Dennis is a member of American Legion Northeast Post 630 in Blue Ash, Ohio. Post 630 has an outreach program at UC-Blue Ash and its members make themselves available once a month on the campus. Dennis was scheduled to be at the campus on October 25, his birthday is October 28. The student veterans found out about this through Josh Monson, Program Manager of the Veterans Affairs Office at UC-Blue Ash and decided to make personal birthday cards for Dennis. Each student veteran crafted a unique birthday card. When Dennis arrived, a table was already set up in the main hallway near the student café. Over 40 birthday cards were on the table, along with balloons and an inflatable number 100 taped to the wall behind the table. For the next several hours, students stopped by to meet and wish Dennis happy birthday. The Dean of the Blue Ash campus, the Provost of the University of Cincinnati, the UC Student Veterans Affairs Officer, and many of the professors and staff also stopped by as well. Dennis Schone is a member of the Northeast Post 630 Executive Board, an active golfer, enjoys traveling, and spending time with family. He served in World War II in the Pacific Theatre and was part of General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters Company. After serving his country, he went on to become a pharmacist and retired from that career in 1988.



Student Veteran Affairs Manager Josh Monson and Dennis Schone.



Dennis Schone with his birthday cards.

COLDWATER DONATIONS



Through the support of its members and the community, Coldwater American Legion recently made a \$2000 charitable donation to the Coldwater EMS. Post 470 Commander Mike Braun is shown presenting the check Kyle Gerlach (l) and Jack Schwegman (r) who indicated that the money would be used to help update current airway equipment (above). Coldwater American Legion also recently made a \$1,000 charitable donation to the Montezuma Fire Department. Post 470 Commander Mike Braun is shown presenting the check to Lee Braun who indicated that the money would be used to help purchase new Milwaukee firefighting gear (to right).



Through the support of its members and the community, Coldwater American Legion recently made an additional \$2,000 charitable donation to the Coldwater Fire Department. Post 470 Commander Mike Braun is shown presenting the check to David Penno who indicated that the money would be used to help purchase new grass fire equipment.



POST 750 PARTICIPATES IN HOMECOMING



Legion honor guard prepare to raise the American Flag at Fort Frye H.S. home football game. A total 8 Legion members do the operation as Fort Frye band plays the National Anthem.



GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Wilkesville American Legion Post 476 Golf Scramble Tournament was held on August 29th, 2021, at Franklin Valley Golf Course. Pictured in the green shirt is SAL member, Eddie Shepherd, and 476 SAL Commander Ernest Jones pausing for a photo in the blue shirt. These gentlemen helped put out and retrieve hole sponsored signs on each hole. Commander Jones also cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the golfers during the event with the ladies Auxiliary helping out with the food.



POST 677 BEAUTIFUL MURAL



This beautiful mural was designed, and hand painted by Artist Lauren Leibold for American Legion Post 677 in Lithopolis, Ohio.

POST 630 COLOR GUARD PRESENTS COLORS ON 9/11

NE Post 630 Color Guard was a busy group September 11. They were asked to present Colors at two separate events. In the morning, they presented the Colors and played Taps at a very respectful 9/11 ceremony sponsored by the Blue Ash Fire Department. Afterwards, firefighters climbed a 10-story tower 10 times to honor those who died on 9/11/01. In the evening the Color Guard presented the Colors before the Deer Park/Reading High School football game. The Deer Park School District honored all Veterans and First Responders with a tailgate party and free admission to the game. Once everyone was assembled in the stadium, the Colors were presented. The Deer Park High School Band played the National Anthem followed by a recognition of the soldiers who died in Afghanistan. The ceremony ended with the playing of Taps.



The NE Post 630 Color Guard presents the Colors at a 9/11 ceremony in Blue Ash, Ohio. Members are, left to right, Dave Buschmann, Bob Barnhorst, John Conlon, Ed Ennis.



The NE Post 630 Color Guard presents the Colors before a football game honoring Veterans and First Responders in Deer Park, Ohio. Members, left to right, are Ed Ennis, John Conlon, Dick Kolde, and Dave Buschmann.

POST TO CALL HOME



Pictured here is the District 11 Adjutant Andy Matheny with WWII Veteran and Ex-POW Gerald Dye. Gerald was a radio operator and crew member on a bombing mission when they were shot down and he became a POW. Andy bought his favorite Pizza from Donato's and visited with him while asking that he allow his 888 membership to be transferred to the Lowell Post 750 to which Andy belongs and pay his dues for him. He had discovered Gerald's name as an 888 member while reviewing names of veterans in his district and thought that as a gift Gerald should have a post to call home and his service and sacrifice honored.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



VETERANS CELEBRATION TRAIN

Veterans from American Legion Military Museum 229, VFW Posts 3467 and 8804, Starbrick BBQ, and The Hocking Valley Scenic Railway pose in front of a military vintage engine ready to pull the Veterans Celebration Train in Nelsonville on November 11, 2021.



The train celebrated Glenford Dugan Post's 100 years of service to southeast Ohio. Vets enjoyed guest speakers, camaraderie, BBQ sandwiches, and the beautiful fall scenery. Photo by Issac Miller

READIES FOR VETERANS DAY

NELSONVILLE –Sally Dishong, one of the sponsors of the Our Heroes Banners Program, supervises Nelsonville Firefighters Stevie Barley and Jacob Brammer in mounting Richard (Richie) Polley's banner on the public square. Polley, who was KIA in Vietnam in 1968, joins over 20 Heroes currently posted on lamp posts in this program implemented by the American Legion Glenford Dugan Post 229 Military Museum. Also pictured is Post 229 Adjutant Curt Nunnally who noted that further information for additional Heroes may be obtained by calling 740-753-9084.



POST 342 FLAG ETIQUETTE

Legion Post 342 members Ron Koehler and Doug Lynn taught 5th graders at Thornville Elementary School Flag etiquette in raising, lowering, and folding it. This is an annual Fall training by invitation of the principal, Mr. Jay Hickman.



VETERAN SUPPORT

Isaac Van Wert Post 178 Commander, Bill Marshall, presenting a certificate of appreciation to Danfoss manager Josh Wood for supporting veteran associates and community. Danfoss unveiled a handsome stone dedicated to the company's veterans.



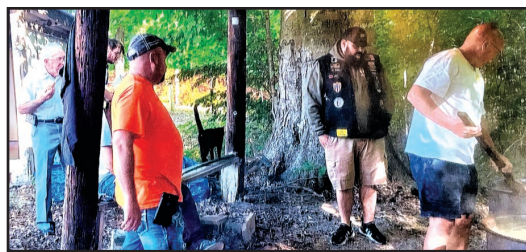
246TH BIRTHDAY

Marine Corps veterans from American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls celebrated the Marine Corps 246th birthday at the Post's regular monthly meeting held Monday Nov. 8, 2021. Pictured (L-R): Steve Garcar and Jim Yost.



ANNUAL BEAN DINNER

The 153rd Annual Bean Dinner held by American Legion Post 476 near Langsville, Ohio continued once again in high fashion. Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Legion Riders all together put this on. Pictured below (left to right), is Ron Rife - Legion, Josh Adkins in orange shirt - SAL, Josh Fury in black vest - SAL, and Dave Jones in white shirt - SAL. Mr. Jones and crew keep the beans stirring to avoid them burning all day until the delicious dinner that evening.



BSA TROOP 55

Pictured below is BSA Troop 55 helping members of Jay Wilson Post 112 out of Madison, remove flags from Veterans Graves at Fairview Memorial Cemetery before winter sets in.



POST 681 VETERANS PROGRAM



A Veterans Program was held and sponsored by Lakota East (Liberty Twp.) for veterans. Post 681 Color Guard paraded through the school (Post flag, Havelock D. Nelson) in reputable fashion. Other photos reflect the crowd attending and supporting the veterans.

POST 484 PRESENTS CHECKS

A \$500 dollar check being presented to the USO of Central and Southern Ohio Director, from Mt. Washington Post 484.

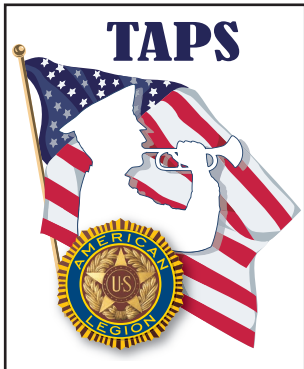


The Honor Flight of Cincinnati was presented \$500 by Tom Akins and Dick Ruzsa of Mt. Washington Post 484. This donation is to support future veteran Honor Flights.

POST 171 9/11 OBSERVANCE



On SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, American Legion Young-Budd Post 171 out of Westerville, participated in the city's ceremony of the 20th Anniversary Observance of 9/11. The City of Westerville Fire/Police Chaplains Corps, Emergency Communications and the Divisions of Fire and Police would like to thank those participating in the service. Also, special thanks to all in attendance as we remember the 2,977 persons who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Westerville's annual 9/11 Memorial Observance began in 2002 at Fire Station 111, one year after the attacks. The ceremony was later moved to First Responders Park where "C-40" stands, a piece of steel originally from the north tower of the World Trade Center. This year, we recognize the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. We come together to remember the events of the day that touched us deeply. As we remember, we are challenged to move forward in healing our nation. May we "Never Forget" as we look to the future with renewed character.

**POST 1 COLUMBUS**

ANDY DOUGLAS
GEORGE ESTES
HAROLD SCHREIBER

POST 3 FINDLAY

JEROLD HIGLEY
ROBERT CHESEBRO
LARRY KITCHEN
ROLLAND MYERS

POST 7 WICKLIFFE

ALAN PHILLIPS
HOWARD DECKER
CHARLES YOHE
DAVID BUBONICS

POST 8 WELLINGTON

JAMES SEELEY

POST 11 LANCASTER

CHARLES REED
JOHN TODHUNTER
FLOYD MCGRATH
RONALD SOUDERS
ROBERT SHULL
JAMES REDICK

POST 12 ELYRIA

JIM WRACKER
SAM BETOUNES
RAYMOND KOEPF

POST 14 BAINBRIDGE

LOUIS PRYOR
DANIEL SELVEY
JOHN MORRIS
OLIN RUMFIELD
HARRY HARTMAN

POST 15 POLAND

JOHN BISTRICA

POST 16 MANSFIELD

DALE BALTZELL

POST 17 GIBSONBURG

GLORIA BRACKEN
THOMAS JURSKI
PATRICK TURNER

POST 19 AKRON

JACK KENT

POST 20 BREMEN

EDWARD WOLFE

POST 21 ATHENS

ROBERT BOGGS
CAROLYN CADE
JOHN MONTGOMERY

DANNY TIPTON

LESTER FAIRES

POST 23 PORTSMOUTH

H HARCHA
RALPH CASSIDY
DAVID JOHNSON
MICHAEL ZEUNE
ROBERT HOWERTON

DONALD LUTE

FRANCIS CYRUS

DANNY LEADINGHAM

POST 24 MCCONNELSVILLE

GARY FLUHARTY
MARK FULLER
TIMOTHY ZUMBRO
JOHN METCALF
ROGER PIDCOCK
ROBERT RICHMOND

POST 25 WASHINGTON C.H.

WILLIAM HOLLEY

POST 27 GALLIPOLIS

MERRILL NULL 99

CLYDE DAVIS

POST 28 PERRYSBURG

DOUGLAS LEE
THOMAS UTZ
LUKE SCHOENLEIN
GAVEN SMITH

POST 29 ZANESVILLE

GARY BRAUNING

ROBERT MERCER

JAMES GORDON

POST 33 STEUBENVILLE

ANTHONY WELSCH
ALFRED ZINNO
JOHN LELLESS
PAUL CONNER
WILLIAM BLANCATO

POST 37 CINCINNATI

JON BARKER

POST 38 MARTINS FERRY

PHILIP PLUMBY

POST 39 POMEROY

RAY YONKER

POST 44 CANTON

PAUL STERGIOS
GEORGE BOSELO
DONALD MORRIS

HAROLD CLARK

CHARLES WOOD

PETER BOBISH

MARK ZEREN

TED DUNBAR

ROBERT FAWVER

RICHARD TEBROSKI

POST 46 LIBERTY

STEWART MATTLAGE

LOUIS GARMAN

EARL DANIEL

WALTER SANDERS

POST 52 BELLAIRE

ARTHUR WILLIAMS

ALBERT PATELLA

POST 56 SALEM

RICHARD DAVIS

JOHN BAILEY

POST 58 SOMERSET

JAMES DITTOE

ROBERT FOX

TOM ROUSE

LARRY WARD

WAYNE WILLIAMS

RANDALL WISEMAN

POST 60 STRYKER

RICHARD ROTH

POST 62 CHILLICOTHE

ROBERT VANCE

ROGER CONN

POST 64 MARIETTA

JOHN FRYMAN

DELBERT LANG

ROY LITTLETON

DAVID SMITH

DANA HESS

RONALD HILL

DAVID KILMER

WILLIAM RICE

JAMES SEEVERS

JAMES MILLS

ROBERT CHUTES

HARRY WILLIAMSON

POST 65 COSHOCTON

JACK GUTHRIE

WILLIAM TIMMONS

POST 69 READING

PAUL COLDEWEY

ROBERT FATH

LEO FELDHAUS

EUGENE KOETTER

CHARLES KRAUS

TOM MILLER

RAYMOND ROUSE

POST 71 ROSEVILLE

ROY MCFADDEN

HAROLD SHEPARD

POST 72 CINCINNATI

RICHARD OSTENDORF

CHARLES HEDRICK

SALVATOR ESPOSITO

ANDREW DRABEK

JERRY JUSTICE

PAUL COATES

ROBERT FARWICK

ROBERT ROLL

DAVID DAVIES

DEWEY FITHEN

RICHARD KEMPER

ERNEST MILLS

JULIUS SANKS

SHERMAN VANGROV

FRED MASTERS

ERNEST STEPHENS

RAY PHILHOWER

DONALD VROBEL

LYNN BURGER

POST 73 FOSTORIA

DAVID YERKES

PAUL HEMMINGER

MICHAEL SCHROEDER

DONALD GROVES

POST 78 LOGAN

VIRGIL SHARB

POST 79 MARYSVILLE

THOMAS BEDDOW

RALPH WILSON

DON TRENARY

POST 80 A. B. COLE, INC.

ILEEN GRAVES

POST 81 JACKSON

STEWART RIEGEL

EDWARD COOPER

POST 83 SANDUSKY

ALAN YOUNG

HOWARD ENGLE

JOHN GARLOCK

EDWIN KERN

MICHAEL PIECHOCKI

BRUCE PISANO

ALVIN SHELLEY

LARRY CRAFT

ROLLIN GROSJEAN

JAMES HAMM

PAUL GUERRA

GARY MAGI

NANCY ROSS

ROBERT MARRIOTT

EVERETT GILES

POST 85 NEWARK

LARRY MICELI

CHARLES WINEGARDNER

JERRY FULLER

KENNETH HOUSEHOLDER

POST 86 TORONTO

GARY MCLEISH

POST 87 WOODSFIELD

JOSEPH BLOCK

PAUL RING

HERMAN ZERGER

JACOB SMITHBERGER

POST 88 ASHLAND

JOHN WALKER

HAROLD READER

KENNETH ETZWILER

DANNY SHANK

THOMAS VOGEL

ROGER SHRIVER

NORMAN GAULT

HERBERT FULK

POST 91 BERE

BRUCE BURGESS

BENJAMIN TRUJILLO

POST 92 UTICA

DAVID BLACK

POST 96 LIMA

JOHN WILLOUGHBY

DONALD MORITZ

GEORGE WOOLLEY

RICHARD MCPHERON

POST 99 TOLEDO

ANTHONY KOKOCINSKI

POST 100 WEST UNION

ROBERT PHELPS

CHARLES KIRKER

POST 101 LA RUE

HARRISON MCMAHAN

POST 105 LONDON

ROBERT MCCOMBS

POST 109 MONTPELIER

JAMES FALL

ORREN VANZILE

POST 110 TOLEDO

WARREN WHITLOCK

POST 112 MADISON

JOHN ANTALOVICH

WILLIAM RABE

WALTER ROGERS

ANTHONY RUTA

JANN TERRY

POST 116 BYESVILLE

JAMES SHAW

WILLIAM MCKINNEY

POST 118 AMHERST

MICHAEL RUTAR

ALBERT DOANE

POST 120 URBANA

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POST 123 NORWOOD

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POST 160 BREWSTER

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ROBERT TWYMAN

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JAMES EDWARDS

DONALD MATHEWS

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FREDERICK RAKE

POST 165 MIAMISBURG

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POST 557 WINTERSVILLE
 CHARLES GRIBBIN
 LEROY BAKER
POST 565 CANFIELD
 JOHN POWERS
POST 566 AKRON
 VINCENT BLACKERT
 JIM DUKE
POST 571 MARIA STEIN
 GARY KREMER
 VERNON BRUNS
 OMER BERTKE
 CYRIL THOBE
POST 572 PARMA
 PAUL KOTCHMAN
 SAMUEL BASALLA
 RICHARD KONARSKI
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 ROBERT EGLIE
POST 586 TIPP CITY
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 DONALD DRAKE
 JOSEPH WEAVER
 ROBERT HILL
 JAMES CLARK
 DONALD EARNEST
 CHARLES DAVIS
POST 587 TOLEDO
 JOHN CISEK
POST 598 KETTERING
 RONALD CURTIS
 RICHARD BEECHEY
 HOWARD PERRINE
 JOSEPH RUDOLPH
 HARRY GIAMBRONE
 ANDREW OCONNELL
 BERNARD MCDONEL
 RICHARD NEFF
 RONALD POND
 RICHARD BRILEY
 PAUL DAUGHERTY
 ALBERT HUNT
 FRANK KRUG
 ROBERT MCHENRY
 HARLEY SHAWEN
 FRANCIS STALEY
 JAMES BONNY
 DELBERT HORN
POST 603 WEST MANSFIELD
 ROBERT HOUSER

POST 605 WALDO
 GLENN LEHNER
 CHESTER HAMMOND
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POST 226



Pictured here are students from Pymatuning Valley High School and Post 226 members, Bill French, Tom and Bob Hitchcock collaborating together to replace damaged benches in the Andover Commons area. A wonderful community project, well done!

POST 476

Joseph Freeman Post 476 in Wilkesville, held its 2nd annual Christmas For Kids Poker Run on September 19th, 2021. All proceeds from the event go towards the children's Christmas party.



SAL Financial officer, Dave Jones, cooking hot dogs for their meal.



Legion Riders getting back from the ride and having their drawing.

POST 28 FLAG DONATION

When a school bus driver for Tiffin City Schools, walked into the dark breakroom, this picture appeared in the dark room. The room has no windows. In front of the breakroom is the office. The ray of light came right thru the front office window, across the room thru a tiny window by the mailboxes and onto the American flag. Picture by Jodi Stockner daughter in law of Joseph Stockner, Perrysburg Post No 28 American Legion Dept. of Ohio who had donated the flag.



Upper Scioto Valley Rams from McGuffey, OH of the 2nd District. The individual team players carrying the stars and stripes enter the stadium to host the Ridgedale Rockets. The show of patriotism is awesome. Well done Upper Scioto Valley schools.

POST 633 RECEIVES LEGENDARY PIECE OF HISTORY



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Eyre was killed in action on April 13, 1944, when the Boeing B-17G (42-38112 "Mrs. Geezil") took heavy fire at 21,000 feet during a mission to bomb a ball-bearing plant in Schweinfurt, Germany. Six crew members, Ed Fioretti, Sam Merlo, Leon Griffith, Don Vorisek, Phil Chaperon and Joe Ranchunas, parachuted down and were captured prior to the mid-air explosion and crash 16 miles northeast of Darmstadt. Eyre, Walter Stuhl and Cecil Mortan did not survive. "On his 24th official mission as a gunner in a B-17G, his plane crashed over Germany," said Newman.

Wreckage pieces from the Boeing B-17G (42-38112 "Mrs. Geezil") which crashed 16 miles northeast of Darmstadt, Germany. WEST UNION, Ohio — The Charles H. Eyre American Legion Post 633 in Seaman, Ohio, has received a legendary piece of history connected to its namesake. Eyre, of Adams County, Ohio, born June 27, 1922, was a Technical Sergeant in the Army and served during World War Two. He was a member of the 384th Bomb Group in the 545th Squadron. "He and his family were from around Tranquility, Ohio. I'm not sure if he was drafted or volunteered, but he went into the service on Oct. 28, 1940," said Post Commander Eric Newman.



Eyre was originally buried in Germany in a common grave with his mission partner, Stuhl. "Later, after the war in 1951, the remains were transferred to Arlington National Cemetery where he was reburied with Stuhl. His family put a monument at Tranquility, so a lot of people think he's buried at Tranquility, but he really isn't," said Newman. According to Newman, Stuhl and Eyre were together quite a bit on missions. It is unclear whether their close relationship is the reason behind being buried together. Earlier this year, after the shutdown of COVID-19 subsided, Newman returned to the post to find a message left on the machine. "There wasn't any bingo going on for months, and I came in here and found the message," said Newman. The message was from Thomas Baum, Jr., of Stevens, Pa. "He had acquired a piece of Mrs. Geezil and had traced it back to our post because our post is named after Eyre. Of all the crew members that had passed, he looked up all the names and found our post. He contacted me and asked if he would be interested in taking some of the pieces. He gathers relics of downed American Forcetrasses to use in memorial talks to schools, churches and fraternal organizations," said Newman. According to Baum, he had purchased the pieces from a reputable seller. When they arrived, a ribbon of cloth was protruding from the melted metal. Upon further analysis, the piece of cloth was verified to be material from a soldier's vest. These are not the only relics the post has received over the years regarding Eyre. On June 9, 2018, Forrest Eyre, brother, gifted Eyre's casket flag and service medals. "We have those on display, as well. The only thing that isn't original is the Purple Heart, it is a reproduction. His great-niece visited here a few years ago and showed it to me. We have a picture of it, but it is not in our possession," said Newman. In total, Eyre received the Purple Heart, European/African/Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, American Defense Medal, World War Two Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal during his service. "It's wonderful to have these pieces. It's important. It's a piece of history that puts it all together. Everybody knew his name because it was attached to this post, but other than photographs, there hasn't been any personal connection to him. None of the family resides close to here. It's really important to the community, I believe," said Newman.

-Original article by Ashley McCarty, Champion Media

HISTORY OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The original Pledge of Allegiance was written by Francis Bellamy. It was first given wide publicity through the official program of the National Public Schools Celebration of Columbus Day which was printed in The Youth's Companion of September 8, 1892, and at the same time sent out in leaflet form to schools throughout the country. School children first recited the Pledge of Allegiance this way: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." "The flag of the United States" replaced the words "my Flag" in 1923 because some foreign-born people might have in mind the flag of the country of their birth instead of the United States flag. A year later, "of America" was added after "United States." No form of the Pledge received official recognition by Congress until June 22, 1942, when the Pledge was formally included in the U.S. Flag Code. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. The last change in language came on Flag Day 1954, when Congress passed a law, which added the words "under God" after "one nation."

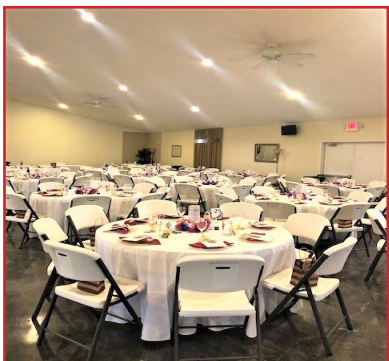
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GOOD OF THE LEGION

COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

On Saturday September 25th, 2021, Jean L. Wilson, Department of Ohio Commander's Homecoming Celebration was held at Yeager-Benson Post 199 in the reception hall from 5-11 P.M. A delicious dinner of roast beef, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, mac & cheese, salad, and desert along with entertainment of music and karaoke by DJ "Doctor Al" was provided. All in attendance enjoyed themselves, celebrating the 2021-2022 Department Commander's tenure of commitment and dedication to the largest veteran organization in existence. The photos below highlight the exciting and wonderful evening full of fellowship and camaraderie.



2021-2022 COMMANDER JEAN L. WILSON'S PROGRAM



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POST 236 CHARITY DONATIONS



Standing (L-R): Post 236 representatives: Russ Mason Adjutant and Bingo Chairman; Rick Nelson, Commander. Representatives receiving checks are: Acting Newton Falls Police Chief : Sgt. Brian R. Foor; Newton Falls Joint Fire and EMS (2 donations): Ritchie Rider and Jared Srette; Newton Falls Church Mouse Food Bank: Richard Braum; Warren Family Missions: Dominic Mararri.

American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls, held its major charity donations Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, at the post. Last year \$16,000 worth of checks were mailed. In 2021 it was optional to attend.

Recipients to be mailed checks: Newton Falls Senior Citizen Van, Newton Falls Public Library, Second Harvest Food Bank, Hospice of the Valley, Akron Children's Hospital and Bella Woman's Center. Checks were delivered to Newton Falls Community Free Back Pack account and FOP 120 Fill a Cruiser. Total Post 236 donations and scholarship awards for Community and Youth programs in 2021 totaled \$35,015. Our thanks to each organization for their services.

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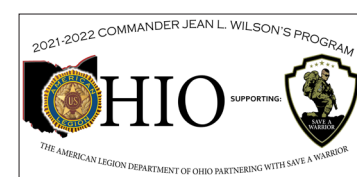
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Department of Ohio Commander, Jean L. Wilson's special project for 2021-2022 is Suicide Prevention and Education and Awareness. She is donating all funds raised to Save A Warrior (SAW). Everyone is urged to donate what they can.

Posts and Districts are encouraged to hold a fundraiser, whether it be a breakfast, dinner, split the pot or whatever works best to support this organization doing so much for veterans.

For more information on SAW's program Visit their website at:

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1					
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1					
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TEAM EVENT

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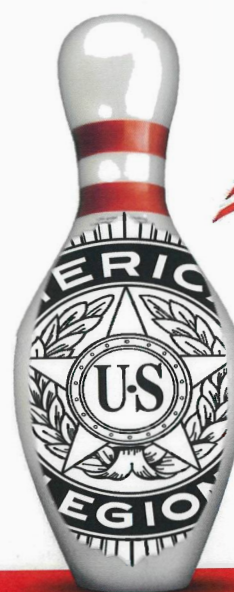
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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Start	End	Subject	Location/Time
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 700, Warren
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	District 3 Membership Workshop	Post 0598, Kettering
12/21/2021	12/21/2021	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
12/23/2021	12/24/2021	Christmas Observance – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/30/2021	12/31/2021	New Year's Holiday Observance – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
1/8/2022	1/8/2022	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 118, Amherst
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 553, Toledo
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 2 Winter Conference	Post 191, Spencerville
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 3 Winter Conference	Post 668, Vandalia
1/9/2022	1/9/2022	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 171, Westerville
1/15/2022	1/15/2022	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 290, Columbiana
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 69, Cincinnati
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 750, Lowell
1/16/2022	1/16/2022	District 14 Winter Conference	Post 281, Cuyahoga
1/17/2022	1/17/2022	Martin Luther King, Jr Day Holiday	Department Closed
1/18/2022	1/18/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
01/21/2022	1/23/2022	Department Mid-Winter	Crowne Plaza Columbus-Worthington N
2/12/2022	2/12/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Department Headquarters 10AM
2/20/2022	2/20/2022	Baseball Spring Meeting	Department HQ
2/21/2022	2/21/2022	Presidents Day Holiday	Department Closed
2/27/2022	3/2/2022	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
2/28/2022	3/4/2022	Department Americanism and Government Trip	Washington DC
March - TBD	TBD	District 3 Spring Conference	TBD
3/2/2022	3/4/2022	Department Service Officers School	Washington DC
3/4/2022	3/7/2022	National Commander Visit to Membership Roundup	Department Headquarters
3/5/2022	3/5/2022	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 78, Logan
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 262, Hamler
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85, Newark
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 62, Chillicothe
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 12 Spring Conference	NVMM* Tentative
3/6/2022	3/6/2022	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 421, Fairview Park
3/12/2022	3/12/2022	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 535, Bellville
3/15/2022	3/15/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
3/19/2022	3/19/2022	District 9 Spring Conference	Post 459, Burton
3/19/2022	3/19/2022	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 282, Orville
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 2 Spring Conference	Post 217, Sidney
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 389, Beverly
3/20/2022	3/20/2022	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 713, Deerfield
3/27/2022	3/27/2022	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 49, Wilmington
4/2/2022	4/2/2022	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/10/2022	4/10/2022	Department Oratorical Contest	Department Headquarters
4/15/2022	4/15/2022	Legion Scholarship Application Due	Department Headquarters
4/15/2022	4/15/2022	Good Friday Holiday	Department Closed
4/19/2022	4/19/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
4/22/2022	4/24/2022	National Oratorical Contest Finals	Indianapolis, Indiana
5/1/2022	5/1/2022	District 6 Summer Convention	Post 162, Marion
5/1/2022	5/1/2022	District 11 Summer Convention	Post 0052, Ballaure High School
5/2/2022	5/5/2022	National Spring Meeting – NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
5/7/2022	5/7/2022	District 5 Summer Convention	Post 88, Ashland
5/7/2022	5/7/2022	District 10 Summer Convention	Post 166, Alliance
5/8/2022	5/8/2022	District 7 Summer Convention	Post 25, Washington
5/8/2022	5/8/2022	District 13 Summer Convention	Post 91, Berea
5/14/2022	5/14/2022	District 8 Summer Convention	Post 476, Wilksville
5/15/2022	5/5/2022	District 1 Summer Convention	Post 307, Pioneer
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 4 Summer Convention	Post 72, Mt. Carmel
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 9 Summer Convention	Post 103, Howland
5/15/2022	5/15/2022	District 14 Summer Convention	Post 685, Streetsboro
5/17/2022	5/17/2022	Membership GOTO Meeting	Virtual 6PM
5/22/2022	5/22/2022	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway
5/30/2022	5/30/2022	Memorial Day Holiday	Department Closed
5/31/2022	5/31/2022	Gold & Silver Brigade Nominees Due	Department Headquarters
5/31/2022	5/31/2022	Recruiter of the Year Nominees Due	Department Headquarters
6/1/2022	6/1/2022	Certification of Post Officers Due	Department Headquarters
6/1/2022	6/1/2022	CPR's & CSR's Due to Department	Department Headquarters
6/4/2022	6/4/2022	District 2 Summer Convention	Post 173, Bellefontaine
June -TBD	TBD	District 3 Summer Convention	Post 598, Kettering
6/20/2022	6/20/2022	Juneteenth Day	Department Closed
7/1/2022	7/3/2022	103 rd Department Convention	Hilton Netherlands-Cincinnati

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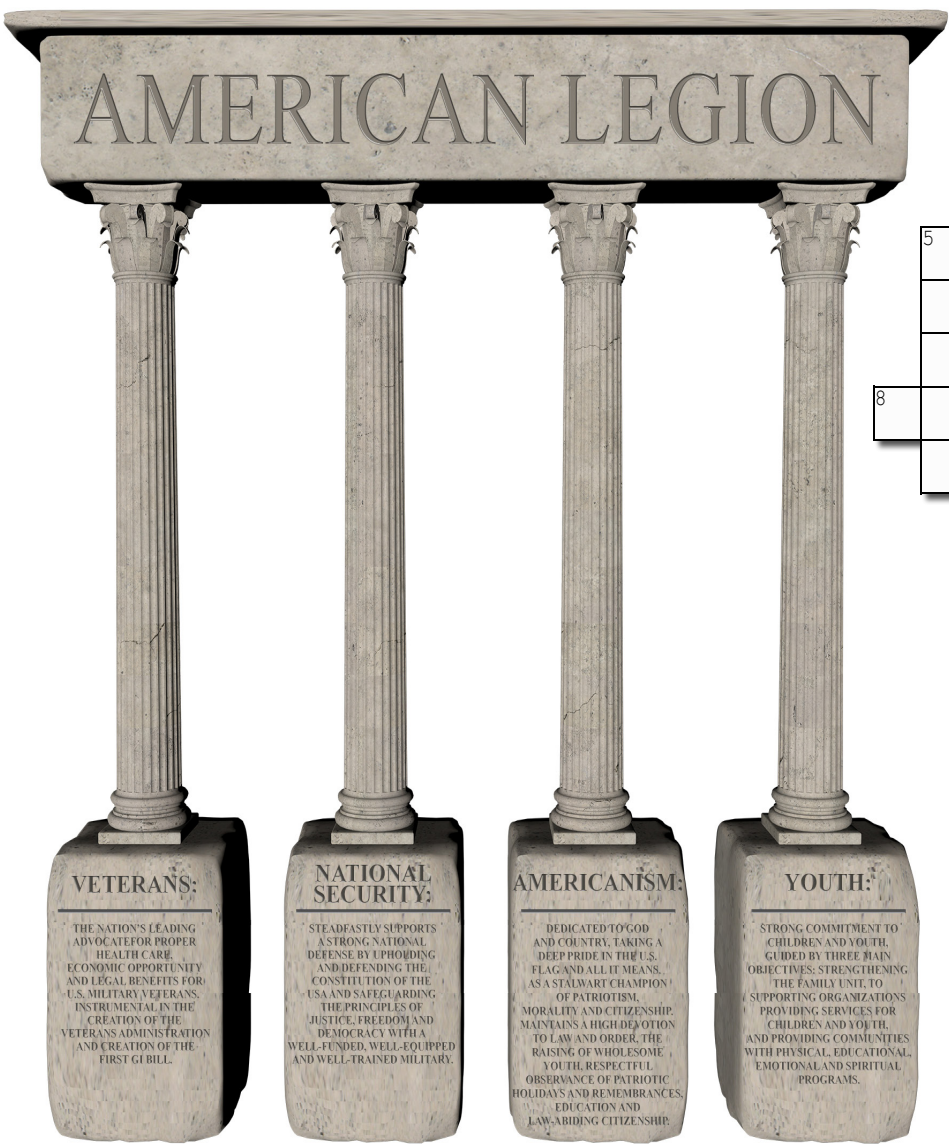
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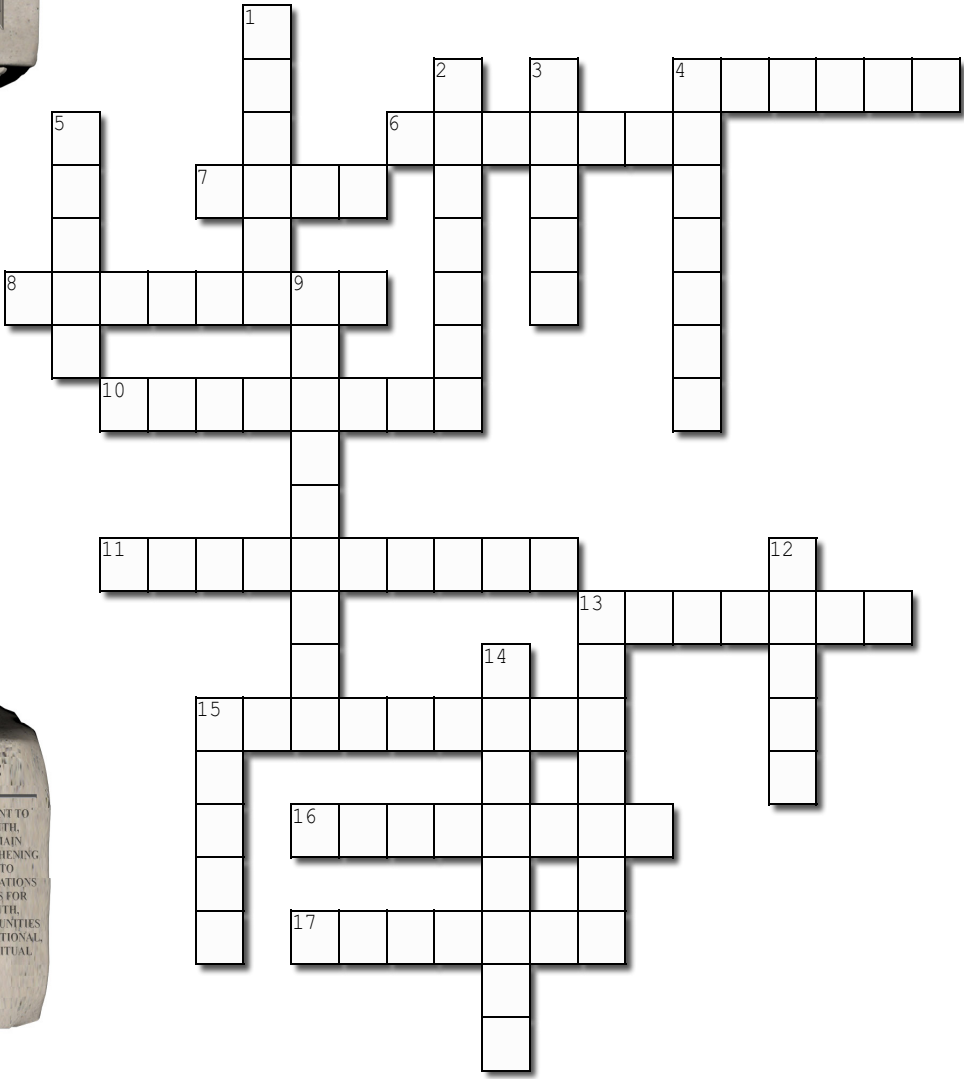
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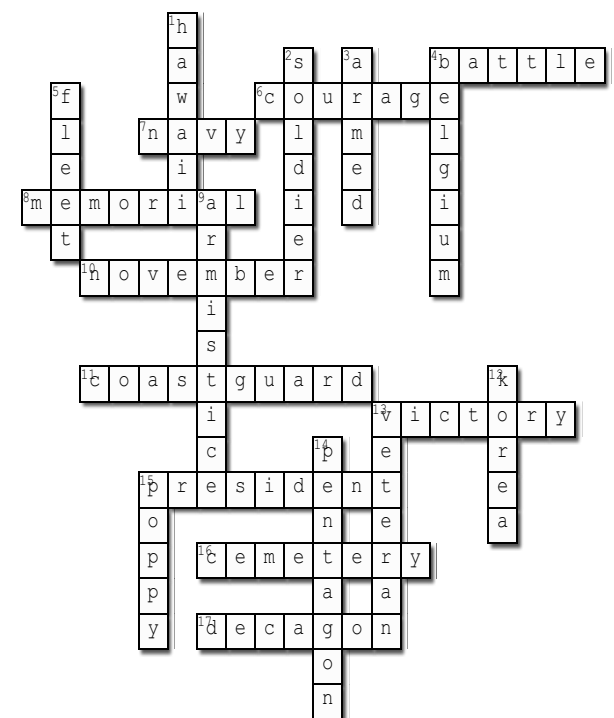
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Americanism Crossword Key



Across

4. A fight between two opposing forces. (**battle**)
6. the quality of will that enables a person to confront fear or danger regardless of the consequences; bravery. (**courage**)
7. the part of a nation's military organization that is concerned with warfare on or over the sea. (**navy**)
8. a ceremony, custom, or public structure to honor a dead person or past event. (**memorial**)
10. Veterans Day is observed on _____ 11th. (**november**)
11. Their motto is 'Semper Paratus' (Always Ready) (**coastguard**)
12. Defeat of an enemy (**victory**)
13. Who is the Commander-in-chief of all the United States Armed Forces? (**president**)
14. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located in Arlington National Cemetery. (**cemetery**)
15. The Shape of the American Legion Emblem. (A polygon with 10 sides) (**decagon**)

Down

1. The U.S. officially entered World War II following a bloody attack on Pearl Harbor in this state. (**hawaii**)
2. Veterans Day is observed as _____ Day in many parts of Europe. (**soldier**)
3. holding or bearing weapons. (**armed**)
4. The poem 'In Flanders Field' was written in the midst of intense fighting in this European country (**belgium**)
5. a group of naval ships under one command or grouped for one purpose. (**fleet**)
9. Veterans Day was originally called _____ Day. (**armistice**)
12. U.S. troops fought in this country from 1950-1953. (**korea**)
13. a person who was formerly part of the armed forces. (**veteran**)
14. This command branch of the U.S. military is housed in this huge complex in Washington, D.C. (**pentagon**)
15. This flower is closely associated with Veterans Day (**poppy**)

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