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The American Legion Department of Ohio 2024 Mid-Winter Conference

Marriott Columbus Northwest
5605 Blazer Pkwy
Dublin, OH 43017
on

Friday, January 19, 2024 – Sunday, January 21, 2024

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 1-800-228-9290 to receive the discounted group rate of \$122.00 plus tax, or make reservations online at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1687345669634&key=GRP&app=rsvlink>. Please reference 'American Legion Mid-Winter' when making reservations.

After arriving and/or checking in at the hotel visit the Department Information Table for the Mid-Winter Conference program and schedule. Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> for full details and information.

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Award Banquet can be downloaded and mailed to Department or filled out on-line. E-mail 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 December 22nd
For more information on the event contact Christie White at
programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

SEE YOU THERE!

If there are any Covid-19 mandates, we will publish them on [ohiolegion.com](https://www.ohiolegion.com)



Of the Year Awards Banquet

Sunday January 24, 2024

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor outstanding members of our communities 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 Rue will be presenting awards to the members of your communities who have won various "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, 2024

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 at \$40.00 per person _____ Amount: _____ Check # _____ or

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Please submit all articles in accordance with the following schedule:

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2024 Summer Edition (July - August - September)
Due to Department Headquarters: July 15, 2024
Press Date: August 25, 2024 • Last week of August Mailing



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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Jason Rue
Department Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who attended my homecoming celebration and donated to my project thus far.

For those of you interested in donating to my project, there is a link to donate on the Department website, Commander's Corner page (<https://www.ohiolegion.com/commanders-corner/>). For those who do not know, Stockhands Horses for Healing, is my project. They have equestrian events for Veterans, as well as Autistic children.

The National Commander is pushing for everyone to Be the One. That can be accomplished by participating in Buddy Check Week. There was one in October and another one in November. You never



know when some small gesture is the one to save a Veteran's life.

As we all know, National has approved a \$5 dues increase for membership 2025 at National Convention. Department will be asking for a \$5 dues increase as well at Department Convention. The Department has seen dropping member-

ship and rising costs in the last 20 years. I hope to receive your support to keep a functional Department operating for years to come. I hope you all utilized the rights we all fought for and got out to

vote, no matter who/what you support, in the November elections.

For God and Country,

Gratefully yours,

Department Commander, Jason Rue



1ST VICE COMMANDER



Arnold Whatley
1st Vice Commander

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING - My fellow remarkable comrades; not only because of your years of service and dedication to the American Legion and this great nation America, but because

of your "stick-to-it-ness" through all the ups and downs. We still have a lot of work to do in the coming months. Four months into the 2023 membership year, Department of Ohio is #29 in the nation at roughly 65% of quota: we are

at 49,954 and our target is 76,275. As of halfway through October, Districts that have passed the target dates with 62.26% thru 57.34%: 2, 1, 5, 13, 12, 8, 9, 11, 3, 10. Districts below targets dates 54.06% thru 52.89%: 6, 7, 14. Thank you for your efforts thus far. Remember we have to RETAIN, RECRUIT, REINSTATE, do the Buddy Checks and Post Revitalizations for this will keep you in touch with members that are not able to attend meetings or visit at your Posts.

Thank you in advance,
Arnold Whatley, Department 1st Vice Commander

2ND VICE COMMANDER



Stan Oren
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings, fellow Legionnaires. I had the opportunity to address those that came out October 7th for Marathon Petroleum Company's 5K/Run-Ruck event in Findlay sponsoring the Honor Flight program for veterans. This is the third year for the event and the number of participants more than doubled from last year. The local Flag City Honor Flight annually takes approximately 350 Veterans to Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veterans.

Upcoming Department activities in-

clude the 2024 Bowling Tournament hosted by Post 72 Cincinnati and to be held at the Cherry Grove Lanes Eastgate Cincinnati in February 10th and 11th, 17th and 18th and 24th and 25th. We are looking for Posts to sponsor a Euchre and a Trapshoot tournament. Bid packages will be coming out for the golf tournament and a cornhole tournament. We are circulating some new ideas, possibly looking at a fishing tournament, a ruck march and a paintball tournament.

I hope you enjoyed time with family and friends on Veterans Day and be safe for the upcoming Holidays!

Stan Oren, Department 2nd Vice Commander

ROBINSON'S RECAP



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Hello Members,

I would like to take the time to go over what Posts must have on file to continue operating. Posts need to have a certificate of continued existence. All Posts need to be incorporated. Posts

need to have the Post's 990s filed every year with the federal government. Posts

need to submit a new Constitution and Bylaws every five years to the Department. The Department needs an up-to-date officers list. You must file the Post's Consolidated Post Report (CPR) every year - this is a federal requirement.

There are many other types of forms you must have on file. The forms depend on whether you have a brick-and-mortar building or a canteen. If you have a SAL or a Legion Riders, you are responsible for reporting their information as they

are programs of your Post.

Please make sure you have adequate insurance for liability and theft. If you are a Post that doesn't have a building, but you do events, look at getting a policy to cover the event. If a Post is not incorporated and an accident happens, and there was no insurance purchased, it would then fall to the members of the Post to cover the cost of the accident. So please look into incorporating your Post

and protect your American Legion.

If you need help with any of these forms, please contact the Department and the Department will direct you to the person that is best able to assist you.

V/R,

John D. Robinson, Department Adjutant



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

Howzit!

Starting a new year gets chaotic at times, but when you look back at what we've accomplished so far, it's just our history evolving.

Commander Jason has hit the ground literally galloping, as he introduced his special project, "Stockhands Horses for Healing" during his homecoming on September 16th at Winnow-Arn Post 541, his home post in Continental, where he raised \$3,000 at the drop of a hat. Congratulations Commander, that truly was history making! Don't forget to send your donations to department earmarked "Commander Rue's Special Project."

Moving along and not skipping a beat, earlier that day the Cleveland Rowing Foundation for the 27th Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta in the Mixed Veterans 8+ team class was won by The American Legion team, taking back the trophy from last year's winner Freedom Rows, made up of veterans and Legionnaires. TAL won by nearly 2 minutes over their competitors! Their winning time was 20.05.8 over a 4,770-meter course with 5 major turns. Thank you to Assistant Legion Historian, Bob White and As-

sistant Auxiliary Historian, Cindy Slaby Boehnlein who covered the win. We look forward to next year's regatta right after National Convention.



Bob White, Dept of Ohio Assistant Historian, member of Post 196, presenting team "The American Legion" the 1st place trophy. (TAL is in blue) Photo Credit: Cynthia Boehnlein.

We learned that Fostoria Post 73 was celebrating their 100th Birthday Celebration and headed out to catch the event. However, it was postponed and instead there was a Poker Run for the beloved "Dennis Nye," a Legionnaire of Edward Grine Post 364 in New Reigel, and an American Legion Rider of Fostoria Post 73, both in District 5. You see,

Dennis, US Army 75th Airborne Ranger (70-71 Vietnam, Co. G) and his ALR buddies, US Army Jim Nusser, and US Marine Mike Lauterbur (71-73) came up with an idea to raise funds for the Seneca Honor Bus for Veterans and their companions to Washington D.C. It was a dream for Dennis and his wife, Percilla to go together on this tour to visit the memorials and monuments. However, Jim Nusser passed away on June 3, 2021, and Dennis passed away on February 19, 2022. Percilla went on the honor bus with their daughter Jennifer. We had the honor to meet Dennis' family and listen to their stories about his legacy. These are the moments of history we want to remember for years to come.

Speaking of family, have you noticed the husband-and-wife teams in our Ohio Legion Family? A great example are Jerry and Jean Wilson (P199/D4), Steve and Cindy Masowick (P685/D14), Dennis and Alice Teynor (P181/D5), Jason and Mindi Rue (P541/D1), Bob and Ruby Witherow (P551/D10). This is a popular trend of couples working together being unified in something they believe in. It is also setting an example for others like Larry and Brenda Stottsberry (P221/D10), Thom and Lee-Ann Stan (P283/D11), and William and Brandy Little (P764/D6). My point is about members working in teams. When



Dennis Nye's Family at the Poker Run, which raised over \$8,000 towards Seneca County Honor Bus. Front row, (l to r) Dorothy Bouillon (Nye's sister), Percilla Nye (wife), Pearl Nye (mother). Middle row, Holly Fetro (daughter), Cory Nye (son), Jennifer Pahl (daughter), Joe Nye (brother). Back row, Mike Lauterbur (best friend who started the honor bus with Nye), Mark Nye (brother), Danny Nye (brother), Brian Nye (brother).

we visit posts across the state it's great to see members working the mission together. This is the history we want to preserve for our posterity. Thank you for your continued support of gathering and recording our history. And thank you to Bob White for his assistance in the field, and of course, the Auxiliary Historian, my wife, Dayna.

Respectfully for God and Country,
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PARLIAMENTARIAN



Gary Minadeo
Parliamentarian

Just a Bit of Order

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Decisions in Motion - RONR p. 32-57, OG p. 139-140

Official meetings are held to provide information from committees, special guests, or by members for the good of the order (general announcements). This information does not need to be "decided" upon as it is simply received as informative. However, when decisions must be made that obligate the organization's time, talent or resources, a motion is made and then must be seconded to start the discussion. It is highly recommended that the motion be in written form so the chair can clearly state and the secre-

tary can accurately record the motion. If the motion is not seconded then it "falls to the floor" with no action taken. Once seconded, the chair must clearly restate the motion before opening discussion by offering the motion's creator the opportunity to speak first and last. Prior to the restating of the question (motion) by the chair the motion's creator owns the motion and may remove it for consideration without the assembly's permission. However, once the chair restates the motion it is considered owned by the assembly and can only be removed from consideration by a majority vote. The discussion ensues in the customary format of alternating the speakers between pro and con until all have had opportunity to speak and the chair calls for a vote, the time limit for debate has been reached, or the question is called for a vote thus ending debate.

Calling the Question RONR p. 197-209

WARNING Calling the Question, or "Previous Question" as stated in RONR, is a motion in itself to immediately close the debate and vote on the main motion. Calling the Question cannot be made while another has the floor, must be seconded, is not debatable, and must pass with 2/3 of those voting. All too often meetings at all levels have simply gone to the main motion vote after a Calling the Question thus wrongly denying the assembly its right to determine if it wants to close debate. Let us remember that our purpose in assembly is to conduct orderly business among comrades who respect the equal rights of all members to properly and thoroughly debate a motion for official action by the organization. Therefore, allowing for full, sufficient, and relevant

debate is in good order. This is why the abrupt closure demands a 2/3 vote. When debate is officially stopped, all amendments are voted on from the most recent back to the main motion. Once the main motion is voted the Previous Question is considered exhausted and the next order of business is taken up by the assembly.

May your future meetings have a more fluid motion!

Recommended References

- Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised -RONR (11th Ed) (Emblem Sales ES)
- Officers Guide (OG) (ES)
- Parliamentary Procedure—A Matter of Order (ES)
- RONR In-Brief (local bookstore or internet)
- Robert's Rules for Dummies (bookstore or on line)



CHAPLAIN



Ron Distel
Department Chaplain

Chaplain's Report;
I am sitting here today, watching and listening to horrible descriptions of inhumane cruelty that some seem to believe is o.k. The Lord continually reminds us that caring and love will always produce

much more GOOD than rockets and bullets ever will. The Lord will always guide us towards PEACE - A PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. Please join me when you pray for everyone to follow the guidance of your Lord so that "WE" all will be able to smile again.

Respectfully,
Ron Distel, Department of Ohio Chaplain



AUXILIARY PRES.



Jane Ridenour
Auxiliary President

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio!! After a very successful Department Fall School of Instructions, our members are fired up to take what they learned back to their Districts and Units to get them geared up for the coming year with new and exciting ideas for our programs. "Be The One" was the central theme among

the District conferences that I attended. I couldn't be more thrilled that the focus this year is so unified...not only in Ohio but across the nation! Working together we can accomplish so much! So, let's get revved up, let's reach out to that "younger" generation and get them signed up as members, let's show them we welcome them into the fold. Let's mentor them, support them, encourage them so that we can continue these organizations for many years to come and do what we do best...support our veterans, military and



DETACHMENT CMDR.



David L. Dilts
Sons of the American
Legion Detachment
Commander

As Detachment Commander, I wonder, where has the warm weather gone?
It has been a very busy year so far. We've visited several places. Our major trip was National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. I came back with a lot of information and knowledge to share with the rest of the Detachment.

I would like to thank Commander Jason for letting Susan, (Our SAL first Lady) and myself attend his homecoming and also for Commander Jason (and the Department First Lady, Mindi) for attending my homecoming. Both of them had great attendance and I hope everyone had a great time. Susan and I would like to thank everyone for all the

cards and gifts. We are beyond grateful for each one of you.

I recently returned from NEC Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was a great two days of knowledge and learning and associating with our fellow SAL Brothers.

I wanted to mention again about my special project, Task Force 20. For more information, please visit their website: www.TF20.org.

I look forward to visiting other Posts and Squadrons throughout Ohio. I appreciate all the support you have given me so far. The hospitality I receive is wonderful and much appreciated.

If you need anything, do not hesitate to contact me at davidleedilts@hotmail.com.

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their families! And to our military and veterans...THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!

Jane Ridenour, President
Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary



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Members,
I am excited to say we have officially passed 60% of quota as a state. I fully believe that if we maintain this amount of growth that we will meet this year's

quota! The hard work and dedication of you as members is the very driving force that not only keeps our membership moving but the Ohio American Legion as a whole.

As we continue to move forward this membership year, it is important to continue making our Buddy Checks. Think of the members that you have not seen at the post in a while or the ones who are on your rooster but have not made it to the Post. Give them a call, and better yet take them a cup of coffee and visit with

them! Life can be hectic, but in the end, we are family, and it is important to look after one another. Again, thank you for your hard work this far in the membership year. Let's keep marching on!

An update on the world of Post Activities! Bowling applications are live on ohiolegion.com. This year's tournament will be held at Cherry Grove Lanes located at 4005 Hopper Hill Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255. The hotel will be the Holiday Inn & Suites Cincinnati Eastgate located at 4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, OH

45245. The dates the tournament will be held are the following Feb/9 – Feb/11; Feb/16 – Feb/18; Feb/23 – Feb/25.

We would also like to send a large thank you to this year's Host Post 0072!! We are accepting bid packets for next year's bowling tournaments - please contact your District 1st Vice or Commander for a bid packet. That being said, be sure to register and ensure your spot in this year's tournament!

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

"The SitRep"

Board of Veterans Appeals update.
2023: \$563,644.25 Success Rate 83%
2022: \$3,594,061.94 Success Rate 83%
2021: \$3,270,437 Success Rate 92%
2020: \$2,331,260.93 Success Rate 83%
2019: \$2,741,720.23, Success Rate 74%
2018: \$2,307,076.76, Success Rate 75%

2017: \$5,635,796.35 Success Rate 85%
Total Winnings for Veterans \$20,085,184.00

PSO School was held September 16, 2023

The Annual Department Post Service Officer Training was a huge success. The Department Service Officer team provided Benefit based training to 46

Post Service Officer throughout Ohio. Be on the lookout for the 2024 PSO training dates.

My HealtheVet is Moving to VA.gov Website

The My HealtheVet portal used by veterans to track and obtain medical records, pharmacy tools and other resources is moving to VA.gov. Veterans will still

have the same access to their records when the log in to the My HealtheVet on VA.gov. The move was implemented to bring all the VA resources together in one location. VA.gov is mainly used to manage your other VA benefits and services. The change is to streamline access for veterans using the VA system.

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**VA&R cont'd****Preparing your Family for
Transition to Post Everlasting**

Death is never a topic that we want to discuss nor face, but we all know that day will come. It is important that our loved ones are prepared and know specific information regarding your service to our County. A Department Service Officer put this Funeral Planning Guide together to assist veterans in collect-

ing and annotating important information your family may need to plan your burial. The Guide serves as a one stop for your vital information, historical information, military service and includes contact information for the VA, Department and National assistance. A link to the guide will be located on the American Legion Department of Ohio webpage under the Department Service Officer Page which is located in the 4 Pillar

tab under VA&R.

**Vet Tix Cheap Discounted
Tickets for Veterans**

Vet Tix is a website in which veterans can get donated tickets to sporting events, comedy shows, and concert at a low convience charge ranging from \$3.97 to \$14.97 with a max of four tickets per veteran. Provided is a link: <https://www.vettix.org/visitor/home>

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**Welcome to the ALR
Family New Charters**

American Legion Riders are one of the fastest-growing programs under the American Legion since WWII, increasing membership numbers at a phenomenal rate.

For 2023 Ohio has welcomed five new charters: Post 584 Marion, Post 21 Ath-

ens, Post 105 London, Post 301 Austintown, Post 8 Wellington. Congratulations and welcome to the Ohio ALR Family.

OHIO ALR 2024 ROMP

The 2024 ROMP will be held by Post 29, Zanesville. You can follow the progress via the Facebook Link <https://www.facebook.com/people/Ohio-ALR-ROMP-2024/100075928788189/>

POSSIBLE NEW CHARITY

Ohio ALR to team up with possible new charity to take place of National.

"SAW" Save A Warrior: A few ALR brothers went out to visit this non-profit organization located in Hillsboro Ohio. The team at Save A Warrior is dedicated to the prevention of veteran suicide and the preservation of life through the development and implementation of a groundbreaking, comprehensive program at their non-profit organization. Check out their website <https://saveawarrior.org/>, if you have questions

or want to know more, there will be a speaker from SAW attending the ALR Winter Conference.

UNITY PATCHES

Winter months are fast approaching but there are still rides and ALR Posts events going on to work on your Unity Patch. Applications need to be turned in by December 15th to receive your Patch at Winter Conference in January.

OHIO vs. Michigan

There is an ALR tradition with the original Legion Rider Post in Garden City Michigan Post 396. Every year Ohio ALR and Michigan ALR get together to watch the Ohio State Michigan game in the State where the game is being played. This year it's in Michigan so it will be at the Garden post on Saturday November 25th @ 12:00. There will be a silent auction and food is served 50/50 etc. Come on OHIO let's flood our ALR Founders Post with OHIO red this year.

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William Genochio, Department

NATIONAL SECURITY

The National Security Commission is responsible for reviewing items pertaining to various security issues that involve such items as cyber security, security of our borders, our armed forces, their equipment and numbers so we don't get into a position where we can't maintain our presence in areas needed to ensure our safety. The Commission is also involved in military benefits and quality of life items that face our armed forces, as well as the veterans that have served. These issues are addressed by either creating resolutions to address the items or approving submitted resolutions by

other committees or individuals. These resolutions are presented at the department convention to be accepted and, once accepted, moved on to the national convention. If the resolution is passed at the national level, it will then be presented to congress for possible action.

Other programs that the National Security Commission is responsible for maintaining are-

Operation Comfort Warriors

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort

items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, playing cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

National Emergency Fund

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in

direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

POW/MIA Advocacy

The American Legion is committed to achieving a full accounting of all POW/MIAs from the Gulf Wars, Vietnam War, Cold War, Korean War and World War II.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is a website that you can go to in order to get a list of all POW/MIA's in your area, read stories about their

current recovery efforts, and updates on bringing our brothers and sisters home. <https://www.dpaa.mil/>

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of The

American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States.

Department Law and Order Awards Program

The American Legion seeks to recognize well-rounded public service can-

didates who have exceeded about and beyond the expected duties of their position for public recognition. Post, County, District, and Department may recognize a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Life Saver of the Year.

The Department National Security

Commission strongly encourages every Post and District to recognize a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Lifesaver of the Year for a record of commendable service.

THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

The mission of the Legislative Commission is to review all State, Federal, House, and Senate Bills pending to gauge the level of support from The American Legion Department of Ohio as well as lobbying tasks on behalf of the 80K+ Legionnaires within Ohio.

The Legislative Commission members

meet at least annually and are tasked with maintaining open lines of communication with local Legislators in their Districts to inform them of how The American Legion is at the forefront of helping veterans, their families, and our children & youth and to encourage participation in our programs.

The Legislative Commission urges Legionnaires to create their own individual account on the Ohio General Assembly website and Congress website at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/my-ohio-legislature> and <https://www.congress.gov/>. There, you will be able to view the current legislative activities as well as

search current legislation.

For more information on your online legislative resources, please visit our website at ohiolegion.com/legislative or contact your District Legislative Chairman.

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Flag Display and Respect

(a) The Flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

(b) The Flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

(c) The Flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) The Flag should never be used as

wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

Bunting of blue, white, and red is always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

(e) The Flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

(f) The Flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

(g) The Flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

(h) The Flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

(i) The Flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the Flag is flown.

(j) No part of the Flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The Flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag

pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

(k) The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. (Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony)

Flag Retirement

- In proper tribute and in memory and love, our Flag becomes faded and worn and must be honorably retired from life.

- The approved method of disposing of unserviceable Flags has been by burning.

- Such retirement of Flags that have become unserviceable may be done in public with respectful and honorable rites.

- The most appropriate day to perform this ceremony is National Flag Day, June 14th.

ORATORICAL

The American Legion, Department of Ohio, during this school year, again sponsors an Oratorical Contest for high school students in Ohio. The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution, the ability to think and speak clearly and critically, and the ac-

ceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship. The contest meets guidelines of the Ohio High School Activities Association. The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high school students (formerly the National

Forensic League). The 2024 assigned topics are Amendment II, Amendment XXIII, Amendment XXV Section 3, and Amendment V. The American Legion Department awards the first-place winner \$2,000 at the state finals. The second-place winner receives \$1,000 and the remainder of the contestants equally

divide \$1,500.

The American Legion Department of Ohio's Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday March 17th, 2024, at Department Headquarters. Spectators and volunteers are welcome.

More information on Oratorical can be found at ohiolegion.com/oratorical.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

American Legion Buckeye Boys State will be June 9th- June 16th, 2024, at Miami University. The Buckeye Boys State application process for delegates 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. Each code is specific for each delegate, so the forms CANNOT BE COPIED. Enrollment Forms need to be turned in before Citizenship codes can be sent to

the delegates.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State also created QR codes to educate students and schools that are unfamiliar with BBS. These codes are for educational and recruitment purposes only and are not delegate applications.



LEGION BASEBALL



Registration for the 2024 American Legion Baseball season opened Jan. 1.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1.

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

As part of the education and training requirements of Public Law 115-126, the Protecting Young Victims from Sexual

Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, all coaches, managers and volunteer staff members must complete the Abuse Awareness course.

The Department Junior Tournament will be July 18th – 20th, 2024.

The Department Senior Tournament will be July 26th – July 29th, 2024.

Both tournaments are played at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio.

CELEBRATING VICTORY AT THE CUYAHOGA REGATTA: THE AMERICAN LEGION TROPHY WINNER

It is with great pleasure that we, The American Legion Department of Ohio, extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners of The American Legion Trophy at the prestigious Cuyahoga Regatta in Cleveland, Ohio 16 September 2023. This remarkable achievement embodies the spirit of athleticism, camaraderie, and dedication that The American Legion holds dear in the continuing support of Operation Comfort Warrior. We are proud to recognize the extraordinary performance of this exceptional team, who have set an admirable example for others to follow.

Capturing the Glory:

The winners of The American Legion Trophy at the Cuyahoga Regatta were none other than the outstanding team of: Team American Legion. Their unwavering determination and commitment to excellence propelled them to an exceptional victory, securing their place in history.

Their remarkable time of 20.05.8, which showcased their speed and precision, left spectators in awe. Overcoming immense challenges on the water, Team American Legion have proven themselves to be true champions among their peers.

A Team to Remember:

With great pride, I had the pleasure and honor to present the talented members of Team American Legion who demonstrated outstanding teamwork throughout the competition:

- Team Members: Seat 1- Nancy Pir-



rone, Seat 2- Barb Rauhe, Seat 3- Jim Ryan Seat 4- Pete Rauhe Seat 5- Melanie Chellman Seat 6- Elisa Townsend Seat 7- Kevin Kilbane Seat 8- Dick Halda and Coxswain- Larissa Childs



Bob White with the New Executive Director of the Cuyahoga Regatta Jen Jacobs, staging for the Mixed Veterans 8 Race Team

A steadfast group of rowers who played a pivotal role in the team's success. Their unwavering determination and dedication to the sport have contributed significantly to this achievement. And supporting Operation Comfort Warrior, (OCW).

To commemorate this momentous occasion, I have attached some captivating pictures of the winning team during their victorious journey. While history is often depicted through words, these photographs tell a story on their own, capturing the essence of perseverance and triumph. Also, pictured are Mixed Veterans 8 Team Freedom Row that took second place, also a group of Mixed Veterans 8. And a Big Thank you to Jenifer Forbes, Executive Director, Cleveland Rowing Foundation.

Inclusive Recognition:

As the Assistant Historian for the American Legion Department of Ohio, it is an honor to share the accomplishments of this incredible team. Their success would not have been possible



without the support and dedication of their coaches, mentors, families, and friends. We acknowledge and appreciate the invaluable contributions of everyone involved, as they have united to inspire greatness.

In conclusion, on behalf of The American Legion, Operation Comfort Warrior we extend our warmest congratulations to Team American Legion for their remarkable victory at the Cuyahoga Regatta. Your outstanding performance and unwavering determination have brought honor not only to yourselves but to the entire American Legion community. We proudly celebrate this achievement and look forward to witnessing your continued success in the future.

-Article by Robert 'Bob' White, Assistant Department Historian





CHILDREN AND YOUTH



2023 AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



BODE MENEGAY
of Paris, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. He is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni, and he is involved in Boy Scouts. Bode will be attending The University of Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



CARSON SOPER
of Bluffton, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government participant. Carson will be attending the University of Findlay.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



HANS HOLMES
of Nashport, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is involved in Boy Scouts. Hans will be attending Valparaiso University.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



ROBERT DELUCA
of Sheffield Village, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Robert will be attending the University of Toledo.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



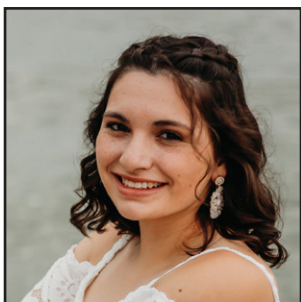
SOPHIA BATCHLER
of Amelia, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Sophia will be attending The Ohio State University.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



EMILY HARR
of Defiance, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government participant. Emily will be attending Miami University.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



ALYSSA SIFUENTES
of Napoleon, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Alyssa will be attending The University of Notre Dame.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



SARAH THOMAS
of Fort Loramie, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant, Buckeye Girls State Alumni, and Auxiliary member. Sarah will be attending the University of Findlay.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD



KADE WILLIAMS
of Dublin, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is involved in Boy Scouts, achieving his Eagle Scout. Kade will be attending The Ohio State University.

COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY AWARD



MEGAN SIDERI
of Lewis Center, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Megan is currently enrolled at Kent State University.

COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY AWARD



ASHLEY SIDERI
of Lewis Center, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Ashley is currently enrolled at Miami University.

DONALD L. LANTHORN AWARD



GAVIN BULL
of Delaware, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is involved in Boy Scouts, achieving his Eagle Scout. Gavin will be attending the University of Colorado Boulder.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship was established in 1971 to assist deserving high school students and veterans attending institutions of higher learning with the ever-increasing costs of higher education.

ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION / NOTIFICATION

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

SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA

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

The applicant's academic achievement based on course grades; difficulty of the curriculum; ACT scores; participation in school activities and activities outside of the school and a general impression of each applicant's character obtained through a personal statement.

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

High School Award

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

Requirements:

- Open statewide.

- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

- Applicant must have a high school and college (if taking college courses) GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

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

College Student Award

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

Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

- Applicant must have a high school and college GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

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

Donald L. Lanthorn Award

Donald L. Lanthorn was a lifelong resident of Licking County who served as the State Director of Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation for the Ohio American Legion State Headquarters for forty (40) years.

The Donald L. Lanthorn award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to one (1) selected high school student, including home schooled and online students, or veteran residing in and attending high school in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union counties. Those applicants not selected for the Lanthorn scholarship may still be eligible for other Department of Ohio scholarships.

Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home

schooled, online or veterans residing in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union County.

- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

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

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

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

Durward I. Bernhard Award

Durward I. Bernhard was a lifelong resident of Belmont County who at the time of his passing, through his estate, provided funds to the American Legion Department of Ohio with the stipulation these funds be used to directly benefit the higher educational pursuits of Belmont County high school students, including home schooled or online students, or veterans residing in Belmont County.

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

Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home schooled, online students or veterans

residing in Belmont County.

- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.

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

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

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

American Legion/Military Award

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

Requirements:


- Open statewide.
- Applicant must provide a copy of current year Ohio American Legion membership card.

- Applicant must provide a copy of DD214, Report of Separation from Military Service or if currently on active duty, a copy of the military identification card.

- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 23 or higher.

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



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AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

4TH DISTRICT

*Al Buxton
4th District Commander*

Greetings to all the members of the Fabulous Fourth District, we are now at the time to start crunching the membership. I think that all the Posts should be at 50%+ in membership; process your Post renewals when they come in the mail, don't hold onto them. There are a few of you that are well under the mark. We are at the time we need to be at 75% to qualify for the Brown Jug again this year. I am asking for your help and support. Our District over the last several years has won the Brown Jug in membership in their category. I would love to see this tradition of excellence continue.

I ask you to join the Fabulous Fourth District team. I ask that we all work together as a Team so we can do more. Not only are we going to be working on membership, but I would like us to work hard on the Programs of the American Legion: Gifts for Yanks, American Legion Buckeye Boys State, American Legion Government test, Oratorical, American Legion baseball, and more. I am here to help you and your Post. If you have problems, questions, or con-

cerns please reach out to me. My phone number is 513-225-1489 or email me at asbuxton@gmail.com.

Everyone should be an advocate for veterans. Each Post should have a Post Service Officer to aid a veteran with their concerns. The Department has an excellent PSO Training held every September. Send your PSO to the training session for the latest information. Also, all eighty-eight counties in Ohio have a Veterans Service Commission to help you.

I also encourage you and your members to attend our District meetings. There is a lot of incredibly valuable information that comes out at meetings, and we would love to hear what your Post may have planned. Our District has many District activities each year: bowling (November 25 at Cherry Grove Lanes), working on golf in early spring, Euchre, pool, and darts just to name a few. The District will be sending out the dates and locations for our meetings and we will also send out information about where and when the District activities

will take place. You should have received the mailing about Bowling and followed up with an e-mail.

We have a lot to be proud of in the Fabulous Fourth District, let us continue to achieve a lot by working together!

Remember: "Be the One! To Save One!"
For God and Country,
Fabulous Fourth District Commander,
Al Buxton

6TH DISTRICT

*Shane Eaton
6th District Commander*

In honor of this year's Veterans Day, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your hard work, dedication, and service to the Community, State, and Nation. Your commitment to your Posts and District is commend-

able. Through every challenge and triumph, you've displayed a spirit of unity and resilience that mirrors the same spirit that arose The American Legion. Your endeavors to keep your Post and our District thriving, safe, and prosperous does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

Post 97 Past District Commander, Bart Arnt and Past National Vice Commander, Jim Morris are being recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution for their service during Vietnam.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." – General Colin Powell

In Your Service,
Shane Eaton, Sizzlin' Sixth District Commander



9TH DISTRICT

*Bill Dittebrand
9th District Commander*

Veterans "Right A Wrong" At Hillside Cemetery

Post 540 and Post 700 members "righted" a "wrong" done at Hillside Cemetery on July 17th, 2023. The "wrong" done was the unauthorized removal of some 400 American flags and marking stakes identifying veterans' graves. The flags are posted each May just prior to Memorial Day. The "right" done was the remarking of most of the graves with the recovered stakes by veterans on September 9th. Our focus in this first effort was to restake World War II graves to present graves easily identifiable by plaques affixed to headstones or plaques lying flat on the ground. Graves prior to World War II and dating back to the Revolutionary War lack plaques. The in-ground year-round stakes were our means of identifying those graves deserving an American flag each year. The stakes are all gone. Working with Bazetta Township

(cemetery owner), the Cortland-Bazetta Historical Society, a lot of research and



foot work we may be able to locate some of these graves come spring 2024. Surely a lot of these graves will be lost forever. Anyone aware of the exact location of a World War I or earlier veteran grave

may call Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Ret., 330-637-8956, and we can try to restake it before winter sets in.

Some of the volunteers and Veterans pictured are: Bob Mangold, Jim Campbell, Ben Kulper, John Turner, Chris Campbell, Garey Watson, Earl Parthemer, Joseph Conti and Dave Moore



-Article by Colonel Bob Mangold, US Army, Retired, American Legion Post 540 and reported to Department by Bill Dittebrand, Dynamic Ninth District Commander

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

12TH DISTRICT

*Brad Beatty
12th District Commander*

Greetings to the Twelfth District of the Ohio American Legion,

November is upon us... A few leaves left to fall, cold weather creeping in... The OSU Buckeyes about to be #1 at least for a week... and the goblins disappearing... and finally the holiday season is upon us... Exciting times.

The 12th district as of 10/25/2023 is in 5th place at 63.11% towards reten-

tion+1, aka, quota. Three posts are currently showing quota: post 490 at 124%, post 1 at 116.79%, and post 486 at 111.11%. Posts over 200 2024 quota: post 144 at 74%, post 171 at 73.52%, and post 164 (3rd largest post in 12th District at 65.88%). Ladies and Gentlemen, please renew your membership, don't wait. Your post can get significant money.

Legion programs are underway, interviews are taking place... Oratorio, Boys State, Girls State and so on. Stay connected to your high school... I am sure you were connected to your community for Veterans Day. Stay involved with your community... charities, Christmas toy drives, etc ... Let's be a blessing to our Vets, families, community and our Post members ... have a post gathering and invite those that have not been around in a while. Keep your media alive, Facebook, Instagram, and your websites.

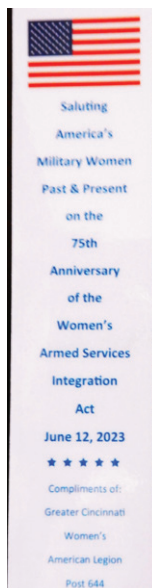
And in closing... aside from football, exciting times, in November we will all hopefully gather with family and friends to count our blessings, express our thankfulness, and enjoy each other's company. Be sure and reach out to those that are less fortunate in those areas... With that I wish you all a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

For God, Country and Family,
Brad Beatty, 12th "Capitol" District Commander

GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 644 – SALUTES AMERICA'S MILITARY WOMEN ARMED SERVICES INTEGRATION ACT ANNIVERSARY

On June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act. With passage of the bill, all women could serve in peace time. Previously the only women who were allowed to serve in peace time were nurses. To commemorate the 75th anniversary, Greater Cincinnati Women's American Legion Post 644 designed a special bookmark. Members of the Post distributed the bookmarks to women veterans at Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Cincinnati Vet Center, Norwood VA Clinic, and Annabelle's Place.



POST 29 - OFFICERS' AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INITIATION

Zanesville American Legion Post 29 recently inducted officers and executive committee members for the year during a ceremony at the Legion Hall.



Front row, L-R - Adjutant Kim Brandfass, Past Commander Eddie Grimes, Sergeant at Arms Harry Brennan, and Past 11th District Commander George Bradley. Back row, L-R - Tony Evans, executive committee, Chaplain Gary Roberts, Commander Mike Watts, 2nd Vice

Commander Rick Miller, Mark Loeffler and Jon Smith, executive committee, Finance Officer and executive committee Gary Keffer, and 1st Vice Commander Larry Wheeler.

Not pictured - Finance Officer Mike Weaver

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GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 221 – YOUTH FLAG ETIQUETTE

On September 21st, 2023, members from Massillon Post 221 Jeff Runser, Mark Ekland, and Commander Stottsberry shared proper flag etiquette with the fourth graders at Fairless Elementary.



POST 23 – HOLIDAY DONATION

James Dickey Post 23 Commander, John Simon donated a \$2,500 check to the Chillicothe VA for their upcoming Christmas party dinner.



POST 285 - FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

On Monday, August 21st, 2023, the officers and members of Hebron American Legion Post 285 conducted a flag burning ceremony to properly retire distressed American flags. Post 285 would

also like to thank the public for attending and inform everyone that there is a receptacle for distressed flags at the Post.



Pictured (l to r): Will Kiger, Lowell Stout, Bob Drushal (Bronze Star recipient), Henry Muncie, Dennis Sweatt, Jerry Mears, Ted Nutter, Jerry Hersey (Chaplain), Randy Lawrence, Jim Layton, Brandon Daubenmire (Post Commander), John Dorris (Vice Commander), Donnard Myers, Mike Duane, Mark Dorris, Rick Stoner, Rhonda Wright (Adjutant), Dan Petrey, Mike Wright (Post Service Officer).



GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 382 – BBS ATTENDEES RECOGNITION & CHARITABLE DONATIONS



2023 Buckeye Boys State Presentations (l to r) Commander Larry Core, BBS attendees; Riley Greer, Gage Van Atta & BBS Chairman Dennis Morrison

The Bluffton American Legion Post 382 presented Ten Non-Profit Organizations with checks from its Annual Fred Arnold Charitable Golf Scramble. Pat Rodabaugh was present to receive a check for the Bluffton Scrap Artists Club. Checks were also mailed to the American Legion Operation Comfort Warriors, Bluffton Boy Scout Troop 256, Bluffton Community Assistance Program, Bluffton Diamond Sports, Bluffton Family Recreation Center, Challenged Champions Equestrian Center, Flag City Honor Flight (Findlay, Ohio), & Veterans Food Pantry of NW Ohio & The Bluffton Girl Scout Troop 211.



Dennis Morrison and Pat Rodabaugh accepting a check from Golf Chairman, Kurt Emans

POST 700 – CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Howland American Legion Post 700, to show their appreciation to veterans, visited two local nursing homes on August 1st, 2023, where they delivered shopping bags filled with gifts to veterans who live there. Each shopping bag contained a blanket, candy, and toiletries. Cake was served and the veterans were thanked for their service. Some of the Legion & Auxiliary members present shown here are (back row): Bill Lewis, Elaine Harry, John Turner, Roger Stanley, Chuck Sayers, & Dorothy Mehlenbacher (front row): Jim Campbell, Christina Campbell and soon to be 102 years old is World War II veteran Donald Freer. Mr. Freer was a B-17 pilot who became a POW after his plane was shot down by the Germans. He is a nursing home resident and longtime member of Howland American Legion Post 700.



POST 29 - VAF DONATION



Eddie Grimes, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 Commander on the left presenting Wayne Clark of the Veterans Appreciation Foundation a donation to support the foundation's mission. The mission of the Foundation is to support, honor and engage in awareness and appreciation through activities and programs aspiring to improve the quality of life for Veterans and their families in Zanesville, Muskingum County and the surrounding area. This mission is accomplished through various fundraising activities.

POST 798 – BOY SCOUTS FLAG PRESENTATION

On September 11th, 2023, the officers of Reynoldsburg Post 798, as part of their Americanism program, presented a new American flag to Boy Scout Troop 68. The troop meets at the Unity Presbyterian Church on Livingston Avenue.

Pictured in the center (l-r): Troop Scoutmaster Jonathan Heberline, Post 2nd VC Gerald Schultz, and Post Cdr. George Mussi.



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POST 529 – LOCAL HEROES TRIBUTE



In September, members of The American Legion McCook Post 529, out of Dillonvale, OH, were privileged to thank (L to R) Mt. Pleasant Police Department Chief Jon Young, Dillonvale Police Department

Officer Lenoir Sweeney and Mt. Pleasant VFD Chief Tony Panepucci for their service and steadfastness during the attacks on 9/11/2001. Post members present: Commander Michelle Hedgecock; Back row L to R: John Kaffana, Chuck Ebright, Chaplin Frank Santa, Finance Officer Dan Cermak and Tom Hutkay. Picture taken by AL Aux. member Cheryl DeYarmon.

Such celebrations happened in every town all over America. Without these brave people stepping in during a time of chaos we may not have made it through as quickly as we did. It was unnerving to see no aircraft but fighter jets in the skies. Not being able to communicate with loved ones on the other side of the country was, most certainly, unbearable. It's the least we can do to pay tribute, in one way or another, to the local heroes.

POST 644 - PAST COMMANDER CONTINUES SERVICE

Past Commander Darleen Adkins, a 15-year member of the Greater Cincinnati Women's American Legion Post 644 (now living in WA), retired earlier this year from the 104th Division (Leader Training), receiving a Meritorious Service Medal for her 21 years of dedication and devotion to duty. Toward the end of her career, she started a community access TV talk show in 2021 in the hopes it would help improve the well-being and resilience of those who tuned-in. She interviewed local women who were making positive impacts in their communities. Her November guest will be veteran and recently retired WA State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Director Lourdes "Alfie" Alvarado-Ramos.



In The Know Women's Show host Darleen Adkins (l) with November guest Alfie Alvarado (r) who joined the Army in 1971. She became the first woman to serve as a Command Sergeant Major at Army Madigan Hospital at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA and first woman Director with the WDVA.



Sgt. 1st Class Adkins now retired receives her award a few months after the retirement order due to the delay in the new Army Reserve personnel system (so she dressed in civilians!). Presented by Col. Kristina Green, division commander.



Past Commander Adkins still maintains her membership in Ohio joining the American Legion after her Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment; 2003-05 (Photo, circa 2013).

DISTRICT 11 FALL CONFERENCE



Department Commander Jason Rue speaks to members of District 11 at their Fall Conference held on October 1st, 2023, with District 11 Commander, Thom Stan standing by.

NALC ALUMNI MEETING



On August 27th, 2023, during the 104th National Convention in Charlotte, NC the National American Legion College Alumni Association meeting was held. Ohio Legionnaires Holly Lewis and Bob White were elected to the board this year. Shown here are Mike Blackwell and Ken LaVoy along with Lewis and White.

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POST 221 – “SILENT WATCH”

On September 23rd, 2023, veterans from the community and Massillon Post 221's Rob Boudreau, Mark Ekland, 2nd Vice - Barrett Scott, 1st Vice - John Ward, and Commander Larry Stottsberry stood for the "Silent Watch" held at the Belden Village Mall in Canton, Ohio in front of Macy's department store. The "Silent Watch" supports veteran suicide awareness.



FOSTERING GROWTH, THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP IN RECRUITING AND RETAINING YOUNG VETERANS IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

As a young veteran and District Commander in The American Legion, I have a unique vantage point on the importance of strong leadership and mentorship within our organization. The American Legion, with its rich history and transformative impact, has long been a beacon for veterans seeking camaraderie, support, and a platform to continue serving their country in significant ways. However, as we navigate the 21st century, attracting and retaining younger veterans has become increasingly challenging. In my view, the dual pillars of strong leadership and effective mentorship are essential to meet this challenge head-on.

Strong leadership is the lifeblood of any organization, and the American Legion is no exception. In the context of recruiting and retaining young veterans, it plays a twofold role. First, strong leadership provides a compelling vision that resonates with the younger genera-

tion. Many young veterans return from service seeking a purposeful mission that can leverage their skills and experiences. They have witnessed firsthand the power of a well-led unit and the resultant camaraderie. Therefore, they are more likely to be drawn to an organization led by individuals who exhibit traits they respect - integrity, courage, resilience, and strategic foresight.

Secondly, strong leadership at the helm of the American Legion fosters a culture of inclusivity and respect, which is of paramount importance to younger veterans. This generation of veterans is the most diverse in our nation's history, spanning different races, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations. A diverse leadership team that mirrors this demographic shift can better understand and advocate for the unique needs of younger veterans, making them feel seen, heard, and valued.

Mentorship, on the other hand, plays

a crucial role in retaining young veterans once they've joined the American Legion. The transition from military to civilian life is fraught with challenges, and mentorship can help ease this process. Experienced members of the American Legion, through their guidance and support, can help younger veterans navigate their post-service life, be it pursuing education, finding employment, or dealing with physical or psychological health issues.

Moreover, mentorship fosters personal and professional growth. Young veterans are often eager to learn and grow, and a mentor can provide them with invaluable insights, opportunities, and feedback. The mentor-mentee relationship can also lead to lifelong friendships, further strengthening the bonds within the American Legion community.

However, the benefits of mentorship aren't one-sided. Mentors themselves

can gain a fresh perspective and new ideas from their mentees, fostering a culture of continuous learning and adaptation within the American Legion. This culture is vital in ensuring that the organization remains relevant and effective in its mission as times change.

In conclusion, strong leadership and effective mentorship are integral to the American Legion's efforts to recruit and retain younger veterans. As we continue to serve those who've served our nation, let's embrace these twin pillars, fostering a Legion that is diverse, inclusive, supportive, and forward-thinking. The future of our organization depends on our ability to resonate with the next generation of veterans, and I am confident that we are more than capable of rising to the occasion. After all, we are the American Legion, and serving those who've served is what we do best.

-Article submission by Shane Eaton, 6th District Commander

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POST 29 - SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

On August 8th, 2023, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 and the Sons of the American Legion awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to several area college students.

Back row, L-R - Nate Harper, University of Pikeville; Jaren Garber, Franklin University; Logan Wickham, Muskingum University; Carter Wickham, Muskingum University; Gavin Kinder, Zane State College.

Front row, L-R - Keyona Murphy, Zane State College, Mylee Moorehead, Western Carolina University;

Trinity Vandusen, Wilmington College; Kylee Brookover, Muskingum University; Emmah Stonebuner, Muskingum University, Grayce Keffer, Ohio State University.



Not pictured - Brenda Iczkowski, University of Mount Union; Hayleigh Wilhite, Ohio University, Athens.

GREATER CINCINNATI WOMEN'S POST 644 CELEBRATES 75 YEARS



On October 14th, 1948, The American Legion Department of Ohio signed Greater Cincinnati Women's Post 644's permanent charter. On October 14th, 2023, members, families, and friends of Post 644 celebrated the 75th anniversary of the permanent charter. A dinner was held at Northside Knights of Columbus Hall. The guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Connie Pillich. Ms. Pillich is an Air Force veteran, a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, and a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives. During the program two former Post members were remembered. Kathleen Ruff Donahue, a WWII Coast

Guard veteran, joined the Post in 1947. She was a member in 1948 when the permanent charter was signed. Kathleen passed away in 2022. She likely was the last surviving member from 1948. June Whitney was an Army veteran having served during the Vietnam Era, Desert Storm, and Ohio National Guard. Actually, June's service began during the Korean War when she was a "Donut Dolly!" June passed away earlier this year. To conclude the evening, membership certificates were awarded and each member received a commemorative challenge coin.

POST 221 - 9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On September 11th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 held a 9/11 memorial dedication and dinner. The Mayor of Massillon was the guest speaker at the event and Commander Stottsberry along with 1st Vice, John Ward & 2nd Vice, Barrett Scott put in place the 9/11 memorial as a fixture in the Post. Local members of law enforcement and fire departments were in attendance to support the dedication.



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POST 357 – LEGIONNAIRE SHARES HIS STORY

On October 23rd, 2023, Don V Cross Post 357 Legionnaire William "Bill" Pilati made a presentation to the Minerva Area Historical Society on the experiences he had during the depression and in WWII.

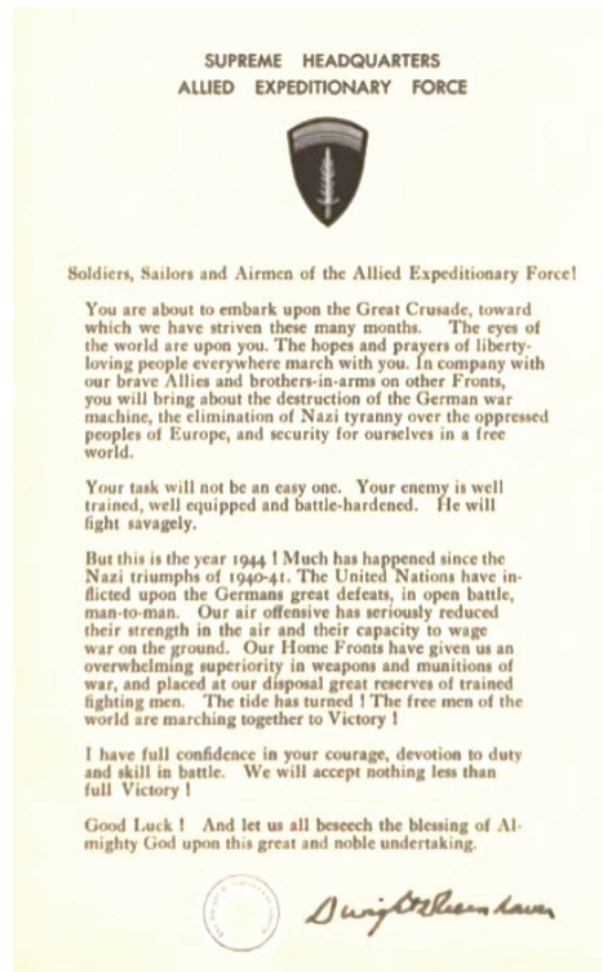


Pilati, now 98 years old, spoke on leaving his childhood sweetheart after graduation to serve in the 275th Armored Field Artillery Battalion during the Battle of the Bulge. After training at Fort Sill and Fort Campbell, he and 5,000 troops were crowded onto a ship built for 500 and sailed to Liverpool England. During a brutal winter on December 16th, 1944, the Battle of the Bulge started. The battle had 600,000 troops with 60,000 casualties. After the Battle of the Bulge and in March of 1945 they had advancing to the Rhine River. After Europe and returning to Camp Myles Standish, Pilati was sent to Camp Bowie in Texas to train for deployment in the Pacific. Two weeks into the training, the bombs were dropped on Japan. After 27 months he was able to return home. Family and friends were there to support him including childhood friend, Ruth Bricker, whom he married. Pilati states you should always respect the US Flag, be thankful for your freedom, and Honor all Veterans.

The Valiant 275th



Armored Field Artillery Battalion



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DISTRICT 3 HIGHLIGHTS & FALL CONFERENCE



Department 2nd Vice Commander, AJ Whatley and 3rd District Commander, Ken LaVoy taking part in the Holiday at Home Parade, Kettering, Ohio on Labor Day.

The Thundering Third District held their annual Fall Conference on October 8th, 2023, at Frank E Robinson Post 586 in Tipp City.



Fall Conference guest speaker, Jason Rue, receiving another \$500 check from the District to his Department Commander's Project.



Charity donations were made to The Battle Buddy Foundation (Kenny Bass and Chrissy Faulkner) and to the Miami Valley Veteran's Museum (Ted Jones - Post 184).



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POST 335 – 50 CONTINUOUS YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

Two members of Toledo Post 335 recently received their 50-year American Legion continuous membership award/certificates.



Reginald S. Jackson, Jr. (right) a US Army Vietnam veteran. Pictured with Toledo Post 335 Commander, Roger Moore.



Charles R. Sears (left) a US Navy Vietnam veteran. Pictured with Commander Moore as well.

POST 29 - NEW POST COMMANDER

On June 5th, 2023, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 held their installation of Officers ceremony at the Legion Hall.



Post Commander Eddie Grimes (left) passing the gavel to Incoming Post Commander Mike Watts. Watts was previously the 1st Vice Commander, and he will serve as the new Commander through June of 2024.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

11/10/2023

Veterans Day Holiday
Department Closed

11/23/2023–11/24/2023

Thanksgiving Holiday
Department Closed

12/2/2023

DEC Meeting 2023-2024
Department HQ
10:00 AM

12/3/2023

District 6 Winter Conference
Hanover Post 764
10:00 AM

12/3/2023

District 8 Winter Conference
Pomeroy Post 39
10:00 AM

12/3/2023

District 7 Winter Conference
Circleville Post 134
10:00 AM

12/3/2023

District 13 Winter Conference
Berea Post 91
10:00 AM

12/9/2023

District 9 Winter Conference
Willoughby Post 214
10:00 AM

12/22/2023–12/26/2023

Christmas Holiday
Department Closed

12/29/2023–1/2/2023

New Years' Holiday
Department Closed

1/7/2024

District 1 Winter Conference
Findlay Post 3
12:30 PM

1/7/2024

District 3 Winter Conference
Miamisburg Post 165
1:00 PM

1/7/2024

District 4 Winter Conference
Reading Post 69
10:00 AM

1/7/2024

District 11 Winter Conference
Zanesville Post 29
10:00 AM

1/7/2024

District 12 Winter Conference
Columbus Post 144
1:00 PM

1/7/2024

District 14 Winter Conference
Ravenna Post 331
1:30 PM

1/13/2024

District 10 Winter Conference
Canton Post 44
10:00 PM

1/15/2024

Martin Luther King Jr Day
National & Department
Closed

1/19/2024–1/21/2024

Mid-Winter Conference
Marriott Columbus NW

1/21/2024

District 2 Winter Conference
Wapakoneta Post 330
9:00 AM

2/19/2024

President's Day
National & Department Closed

2/24/2024–2/28/2024

Washington Conference
Hilton Washington Hotel

2/26/2024–3/1/2024

A&G Trip
Washington DC

5th ANNUAL ROGER M. HIGHT STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT
2024 REGISTRATION FORM

Cherry Grove Bowling Alley 4005 Hopper Hill Road, Cincinnati, OH 45255 | 513-528-7888
Tournament Dates: Feb 10-11-2023 | Feb 17-18-2023 | Feb 23-25-2023

Date choices are not guaranteed - done on 1st come 1st served basis

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2023

Preferred Dates: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Saturday starts at 9 am (Singles first/then Doubles) Sunday starts at 9 am (Team)

TEAM BOWLING - AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT STARTING AT 5 PM

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

You can submit your entry online: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities/departments-bowling-tournament/>

EVERY BOWLER MUST SHOW THEIR 2024 LEGION MEMBERSHIP CARD AT REGISTRATION!!
PRINT NAMES IN ORDER THEY ARE BOWLING—SINGLES WILL BOWL FIRST

SINGLES & DOUBLES		LIST IN ORDER THEY WILL BOWL				\$20.00 PER PERSON
	NAME	MEMBER #	LEG/AUX/SAL	AVERAGE	POST #	PHONE #
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2						

TEAM EVENT		LIST IN ORDER THEY WILL BOWL				\$20.00 PER PERSON
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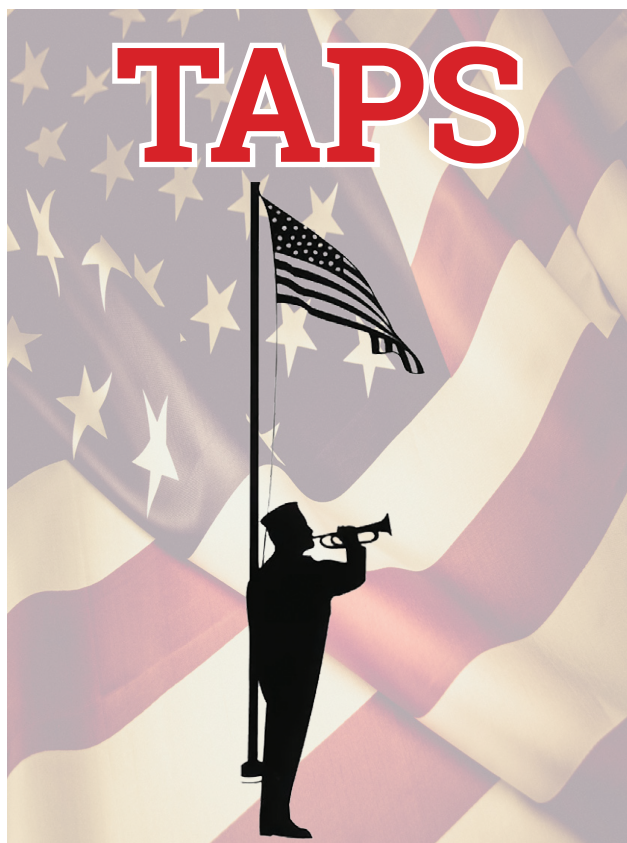
ALL EVENT TOTAL - \$60.00 PER PERSON PLUS \$1.00 ALL AROUND = \$61.00

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

CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE _____ PRINTED CAPTAIN'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
PHONE # _____ E-MAIL (REQUIRED) _____

MAIL PAYMENT TO: American Legion Dept. of Ohio, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015
Any Questions please call or text Peggy Gross, Chairperson @ 937-474-3058



**POST 0002**

Norman Bestor - North Ridgeville

POST 0003

Thomas Corbin - Findlay
Richard Robinette - Findlay
Donald Stout - Findlay
Stephen Gray - Findlay

POST 0007

William Christoff - Wickliffe
Dominic Coladangelo - Mentor

Alan Murphy - Willoughby

POST 0008

Russell Fox - Wellington
Delbert Auble - Wellington
Gaylord Sprowls - Spencer
Lloyd Straight - Oberlin

POST 0009

Billy Williams - Rushville

POST 0011

James Morgan - Lancaster
Robert Sanders - Lancaster
David Leohner - Englewood
Thomas Chilcote - Lancaster
Robert Jumper - Lancaster
Joseph Aucreman - Lancaster

James Lutz - Lancaster

George Thornton - Newark

POST 0012

Hal Minnich - Elyria
Gregory Bonafield - Elyria
George Crossan - Elyria
Bobby Skaggs - Elyria

POST 0014

Ronald Conley - Greenfield
Larry Chaney - Hillsboro
James Spargur - Hillsboro

POST 0017

Jimmie Aldrich - Gibsonburg
Robert Hiser - Bowling Green
Antonio Picciuto - Gibsonburg

POST 0018

Melvin Wesolowski - Temperance

POST 0021

Glenn Mcdaniel - Athens
Jack Sickels - New Marshfld

POST 0023

Kenneth Crawford - South Shore

Roger Chapin - Kingston

POST 0024

Dana Kuntz - Malta
Chester McCormick - Mcconnelsville
Emerson Sloat - Cookeville

Ronald Newberry - Mcconnelsville

POST 0025

Ken Thompson - Wshngtn Ct Hs

POST 0027

Carl Saunders - Gallipolis

POST 0029

Larry Mitchell - Zanesville
Marvin Kennedy - Zanesville
Millard Osborn - Newark

POST 0030

Ray Damron - Lorain
James Staveski - Amherst

POST 0031

Barry Walker - East Palestine

POST 0033

Mark Armitage - Tiltonsville
George Felsoci - Steubenville
Guy Forcone - Steubenville

POST 0034

John Romanoski - Bridgeport

John Burgess - Flushing

POST 0038

Bryan Giles - Bridgeport
Lawrence Hunkler - Martins Ferry

Milton Bisbocci - Salem

POST 0041

James Filip - Norwalk

POST 0043

Fred Fleischmann - Troy

POST 0044

Ronald Rue - Canton
James Boland - North Canton

Richard Warth - North Canton

William Burley - Akron

Adam Curlutu - Canton

Edward Dehaas - Canton

Lawrence Oyster - Canton

Patrick Rooney - Canton

Jeffrey Webb - Canton

Tom Hammer - Canton

POST 0045

Raymond Hoepf - Bowling Green

POST 0049

Gerald Cline - Wilmington

POST 0051

John Thomas - Vienna

POST 0052

Benjamin McCormick - Bellaire

Robert Ney - Bellaire

Robert Weekley - Bellaire

POST 0056

Robert Hahlen - Salem

POST 0058

Michael Lally - Somerset

Marilyn Rutherford - Rushville

POST 0058

Gary Shumaker - Somerset

POST 0062

Larry Alfien - Chillicothe

Paul Reese - Chillicothe

Morris Hartley - Commercial Point

Edward Wagner - Chillicothe

Terry Edgington - Chillicothe

POST 0063

David Beckett - Ottawa

John Felkey - Kalida

James Hattery - Ottawa

John Imm - Ottawa

Terry Keifer - Columbus Grove

POST 0064

Robert Bartlett - Marietta

Michael Mckitrick - Marietta

Harvey Spencer - Marietta

POST 0065

Allen McCormick - West Lafayette

POST 0067

Marvin Edwards - Lakeville

POST 0068

Bobby Butcher - Wooster

Stephen Semer - Wooster

James Speicher - Wooster

POST 0072

James Moemke - Cincinnati

Renie Blankenship - Cincinnati

POST 0073

Donald Cullison - Fostoria

POST 0077

Gerald Hendershot - Jacobsburg

POST 0078

James Crawford - Logan

Paul Blosser - Logan

Richard Cockran - Howard

POST 0079

John Milliman - Marysville

POST 0081

Clyde McCoy - Jackson

POST 0082

Silas Biffle - Goodyear

POST 0083

John Fischer - Castalia

Donald Likes - Huron

Joseph Voight - Sandusky

POST 0085

Charles Ritchey - Columbus

Harry Radley - Newark

POST 0088

Edwin Applegate - Ashland

George Baker - Ashland

A Garrett - Ashland

Thomas Hightower - Ashland

James Norris - Ashland

John Shire - Ashland

Roy Wells - Ashland

POST 0091

Ronald Fazekas - Ellenton

Orlando Forcina - Berea

Edward Kaleta - Cleveland

Donald Voigt - Strongsville

POST 0092

Lonnie Dodson - Utica

POST 0095

Cecil Hall - Xenia

POST 0100

Charles King - West Union

POST 0103

Bill Butterfield - Ashtabula

Henry Bows - Ashtabula

Teresa Essig - Ashtabula

Joseph Kope - Ashtabula

Peter Cicon - Ashtabula

POST 0109

Dennis Keesbury - Montpelier

POST 0112

Samuel Caruthers - Madison

POST 0113

Alex Thomas - Port Clinton

James Mcgee - Port Clinton

POST 0115

Robert Spencer - Delaware

Kenneth Cox - Delaware

POST 0118

Norman Palko - Lorain

Paul Goldthorpe - Lorain

Paul Gray - Amherst

Andrew Frcka - Amherst

Harvey Gochmour - Amherst

Charles Hooper - Amherst

Patrick Knierim - Lorain

Richard Pippert - Amherst

Charles Przytulski - Lorain

Orrin Rector - Amherst

George Roling - Amherst

Robert Smith - Oberlin

Ronald Stephanchick - Lorain

James Stroh - Amherst

POST 0120

Clarence Brown - Urbana

POST 0128

James Conkle - Cheshire

William Lambert - Langsville

POST 0131

Edward Garrett - Washingtonville

Gerald Kleinknecht - Leetonia

POST 0134

Walter Crawford - Chillicothe

POST 0138

William Merritt - Hamilton

Ed Crowthers - Hamilton

William Frank - Fairfield Township

Tom Jeffers - Fairfield Twp

POST 0139

Joseph Sayre - Dover

George Carmack - New Philadelphia

Richard Baer - Dennison

POST 0140

John Maxwell - Greenville

Richard Bowers - Greenville

Robert Field - Greenville

Kenneth Trego - Greenville

Richard Kensinger - Greenville

Ted Heiser - New Madison

Joseph Jenkinson - Greenville

POST 0142

Charles Ferguson - Waverly

POST 0143

Richard Cuff - Fayette

POST 0144

Thomas Murphy - Columbus

John Grell - Columbus

Michael Pinson - Columbus

William Morrison - Obez

Edward Quickert - Columbus

POST 0147

Paul Lincicome - Wooster

Alvin Haven - Wooster

Jimmy Clay - Orrville

Donald Miller - Apple Creek

Larry Gamertsfelder - Wooster

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Fred Alcorn - Franklin

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Alfred Ferguson - Bellevue

Gerald Hewlett - Kingsville

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William Green - St Clairsvle

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Robert Emerick - Massillon

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Russell Pyles - Marion

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Floyd Simons - Grove City

Harold Denney - Grove City

Everett Fitzpatrick - Galloway

POST 0166

Richard Allison - Alliance

Joseph Peters - Alliance

Richard Brinkman - Alliance

Donald Peterson - Bonita Springs

POST 0168

Daniel Gallagher - Barnesville

POST 0169

Arthur Heimerl - Tiffin

Norman Kinn - Tiffin

POST 0170

Joseph Kriss - Wadsworth

Alan Shriver - Seville

POST 0175

W Estes - Stow

Michael Malyuk - Streetsboro

POST 0176

Ronald Farrell - South Charleston

Lee Bixby - Findlay

POST 0177

Gerald Taylor - Canfield

POST 0178

Robert Hogan - Van Wert

POST 0178

Norman Darwood - Van Wert

Paul Hardman - Van Wert

POST 0179

Barry Covert - Blanchester
Rodney Whitaker -
Wilmington
Richard Simpson -
Blanchester

POST 0181

Robert Pfahler - Bucyrus
Kenneth Kinn - Bucyrus
Jeffery Tarbert - Maumee

POST 0183

Gene Haas - Genoa
Luther Henline - Pemberville

POST 0184

Daniel French - Piqua
Donald White - Covington

POST 0186

Thomas Ullum - Lebanon

POST 0188

George Bloomfield - Corning
Melvin Hutmire - New
Lexington

POST 0192

Robert Bell - Killbuck

POST 0194

James Bishop - Mason
Joe Schafer - Mason
Gerald Chance - Put In Bay
John Rezabek - Mason

POST 0196

John Kane - Broadview Hts
Thomas Kennedy -
Broadview Hts
Donald Squirek - Brecksville
Timothy Yovich -
Youngstown

Anthony Stokar - Richfield

POST 0199

Michael Helms - Cincinnati
Robert Kramp - West
Chester
Raymond Norden -
Cincinnati

Lawrence Shad - Cincinnati

POST 0200

Steve Hubany - Dayton
Elijah Council - Huber
Heights

POST 0205

Ivan Vinkovich - Dover
Edward Wills - Strasburg

POST 0207

Robert Mcmillen - Decatur

POST 0209

Andrew Emerick - Akron

POST 0210

Joseph Brest - Celina
Rodney Downey - Celina
Meighen Arvay - Celina

Bill Gertz - Celina
Russell Hagar - Celina
John Kittle - Saint Henry
Joe Roth - Celina

POST 0211

Scott Coy - Avon Lake
Edward Obrien - Avon
Richard Tomanek - Avon
Lake
Donald Kowalski - Avon Lake
Dennis Wakefield - Avon
Lake

Allen Mihalik - Elyria
Eugene Connor - N Royalton
Stanley Wolak - Lorain

POST 0214

William Willoughby -
Willoughby

POST 0215

Jon Buekley - Eaton
Robert Christman - Eaton
Howard Collins - Camden
Donald Flory - Eaton
Robert Grocholski - Gratis
Donald Hedge - Eaton
Cecil Reese - Eaton
Ivan Rickard - Westerville
David Senften - Etna
James Straszheim - Eaton
James Straszheim - Eaton
Budd Walker - Eaton

POST 0217

Harvey Wooddell - Sidney
Lawrence Grieshop -
Sidney

Keith Coffman - Milford

POST 0218

Paul Prater - Trenton
Larry Carpenter - Colleyville
Wilbur Harris - Trenton

POST 0221

Donald Aman - Massillon
Robert Lantz - Sarasota
Robert Haas - Massillon
Dale Mayfield - Massillon
Willis Wood - Massillon
William Waller - Massillon

POST 0225

Paul Amos - Upper Sandusky
Glenn Gibson - Upper
Sandusky

POST 0226

Delbert Dreyer - Andover

POST 0228

Dale Ingold - Powhatan
Point

POST 0232

Larry Donnelly - Grand
Rapids
Robert Rhodes - Swanton
Marlene Hollstein - Swanton
William Bostelman - Grand
Rapids

POST 0235

Frank Staley - Hubbard
Sam Delgenio - Youngstown

POST 0236

Kenneth Dunmire - Newton
Falls
Thomas Fell - Leavittsburg
Gilbert Simons - Newton
Falls

Frank Vargo - Warren

Nick Babyak - Friendsville

POST 0238

Eric Nangle - Mechanicsburg

POST 0239

John Hamilton - Columbus
Hugh Severance -
Worthington

Henry Billiar - Columbus

John Brown - Columbus

POST 0241

Jerald Newman - New
Bremen

POST 0242

James Naylor - Bentonville

POST 0243

Lawrence Snyder - Bucyrus
Arnold Reynolds - Galion
James Heiser - Galion
James Buchanan - Mount
Gilead

Russell Badgley - Galion

POST 0244

Timothy Allison - Magnolia

POST 0245

Emerson Blankenship -
Arcanum

POST 0246

Billie Trout - Duncan Falls

POST 0253

Larry Gerken - Antwerp

POST 0257

Gail Hunter - Loudonville

POST 0260

Frederick Michaels - Attica

POST 0261

Howard Lemon - Hebron

POST 0262

Darrell Erford - Hamler

Frederick Oberhaus -
Wauseon

POST 0265

James Nicolen - Fayette

POST 0268

Eugene Shumaker - Delphos

POST 0272

Eddie Lott - Akron

Johnny Ross - Akron

POST 0275

Charles Senanefes - Lisbon

Donald Burton - Lisbon

POST 0281

Michael Heintz - Kent
Richard Casto - Cuyahoga
Falls

POST 0282

Frederick Griffin - Orrville
Geary Stalnaker - Orrville

POST 0283

Joseph Jackson - Baltimore
Sanford Vaughn -
Pickerington

William Johnson -
Pickerington

POST 0284

Bernard Beavers - Bryan

POST 0285

Charlie Lee - Hebron
George Lohrman - Heath

Charles Tisdale - Heath

Randall Lawrence - Hebron

POST 0286

David Moore - Fairborn

POST 0288

Robert Verwold - Fayetteville

Don Brandenburg - Goshen

POST 0291

Roger Chapin - Kingston

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Post 007 Past Commander 2010 - 14 & 2020 - 22
BALC Instructor

PAST DEPARTMENT POSITIONS:

NSC 2016 - 22
Child & Youth 2022 - 23
Finance Commission (4 years)
BALC Graduate 2019
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VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS:

Life Member: Post 007, Wickliffe, Ohio
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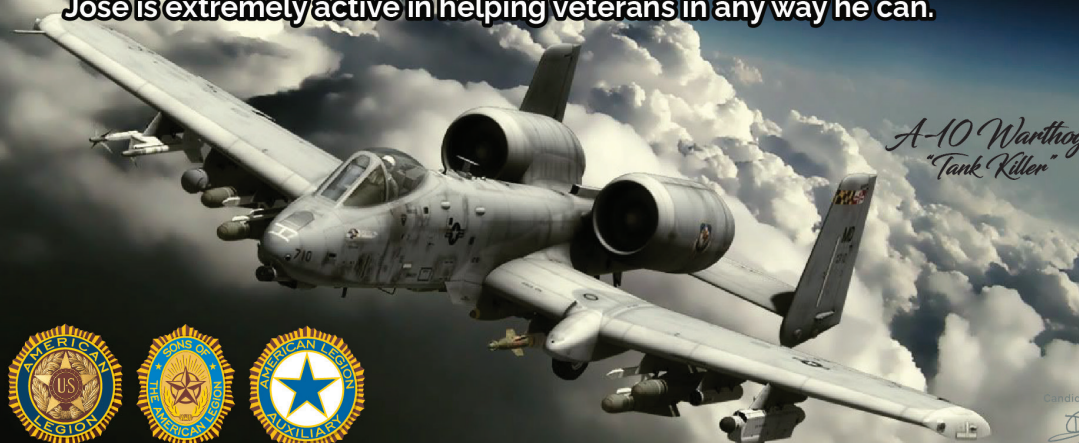
IN ADDITION:

Jose became commander of Post 007 at his first meeting in May of 2010. With the assistance of great volunteers, he helped make sure that the doors of the Post didn't close so there would still be a home and hall for it's members. He was also the canteen manager from 2011 to 2012.

Jose was in charge of "Operation Home Front" from 2011 to 2022 which assisted veterans and their families with children with school supplies and Christmas toys.

Jose also continues to assist veterans with service connected disabilities to the VA.

Jose is extremely active in helping veterans in any way he can.



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Post 221 – WWII Veteran Birthday Celebrations



On September 9th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry, and Howard Marotto, presented a birthday cake for WWII Veteran, Mr. Crooks.

On October 19th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 members celebrated a WWII veteran turning 100! There were police and fire departments in attendance along with the mayor of Massillon joining in on the festivities.



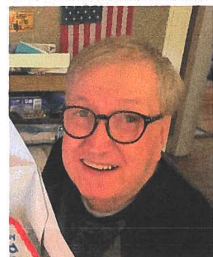
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Post 221 Feeding the Community

On October 18th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 helped deliver food to a local food bank. Post Commander, Larry Stottsberry shown here transporting the goods.



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Portsmouth, OH 45662
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September 11, 2023



News Media

This is a story about a 75 year old DAV who has never given up on life. He won't's to dedicate his story to the elderly and the handicap who has all but given up on life.

He has worked with and for needy children, homeless & needy veterans and the elderly through out his life, both as he served his country in the 60s and as a civilian. Because of the children he worked with in the military who were in need of help, when he was discharged in 70, he was always reaching out to the children in Scioto County.

He took over as a Scoutmaster for a dear friend who was forced to step down due to his health. He became Director of Big Brother and started Big Sister of Scioto County. He joined church in 1973, He repented, was baptized according to Acts chapter 2 in KJV) and received the Holy Goest. As he served the Lord, he became the Founder of Kids For Christ Foundation, and other programs for children, He was involved with the police department, Sheriff Department, Children Service and Juvenile Court with Judge Kirsch. He had judges, attorneys, officers, and civilians serving on his board.

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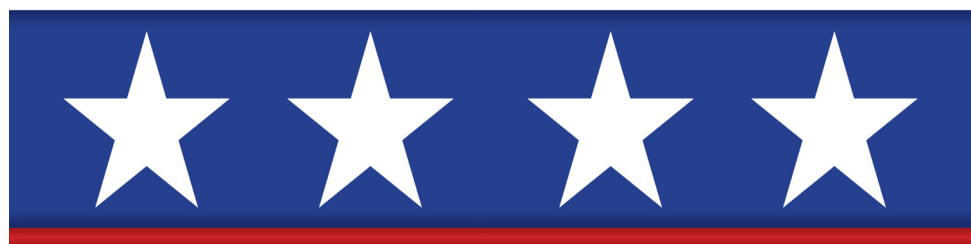
Post 644 - BGS Attendee Feature

North College Hill High School junior, Sadie Chichester, attended Buckeye Girls State 2023 under the sponsorship of Greater Cincinnati Women's American Legion Post 644. This year Girls State was held at Bowling Green State University. Buckeye Girls State is a program of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary. The purpose of Girls State is to educate young women in the "duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship." At Girls State the young women (delegates) learn about city, county, and state government. Each delegate is assigned to one of two political parties in order to learn about party structure. Sadie was assigned to the Federalist Party. Groups of delegates were assigned to a "city." In her "city" Sadie was appointed to the City Council. The City Councils made and passed laws for their cities. Financial support for the cities came from "businesses" created by their constituents. This gave the delegates experience with creating business plans. Sadie and her roommate ran a bakery. Delegates gained knowledge and experience with county and state government too. When it came time for "elections" at the different levels, the delegates nominated their candidates, platforms were chosen, campaigns were run, and elections held. A delegate in Sadie's group was also elected governor.

Sadie's week at Girls State was a busy one. She enjoyed her week but was happy to return home.



Buckeye Girls State attendee, Sadie Chichester, being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Post 644 Membership Chairman, Peg Albert



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He and his wife worked for the children for 25 years until he ended up in the hospital at the VA Hospital in Chilithee for a long stay. It didn't stop him from serving children in need. He continued his work after being released in 1992. His four children helped him until they went to collage and joined the Marines.

He and his Pastor, Mike Gifford at the New Life Family Worship Center knew each other since before he joined the military in 1967. As his pastor they worked side by side for the children, veterans and the elderly. He became a Deacon in the church as he and Pastor Gifford worked hand in hand in reaching out to others in need and the lost. They had yearly summer camps to get children off the streets and out of the allies for a week to rest their minds and have fun. Roy Rogers made a recording to get the word out about their work. People like Uncle Ebb and Andy Glockner gave their support by donating a car and finances to help the children. Bro. John took in foreign exchange students from Germany to help them further their education in America. One of the students joined church before going back home to Germany. The parents came for a visit and before going back to Germany they joined church with their son. (Acts chapter 2 KJV)

While fighting for children who were used in adult magazines he and his family were threatened by government officials who were involved. He was told to watch his children, he was told there were people berried in the hills that were never heard from again. He went through the fire several times in his life, but there was one that sticketh closer than a brother with him through the fire. (Jesus)

He wrote a book entitled, "SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN" from his experience as a prison guard, his experience working in public schools, working with city officials, abused and neglected children in our area and areas outside the community. It was lent to the library where collage and high schools used it in making book reports. As a school employee he worked with handicap children with issues.

Bro. John had open heart surgery and the doctor had to go back in because he was filling up with blood. The doctors couldn't figure out where the blood was coming from or where it went after opening him up for the second time. He was transferred to a Nursing Home to be cared for and learn how to walk and get back on his feet. He was sent to the ER three times for treatment. The third time while on a venter later for the third time. He was asked if he wanted to be put on Life Support. Bro. John said no. He said as he lay there the Lord told him He wasn't finished with him yet. That has been several years ago.

He uses a cane, walker and scooter provided to him from the VA. He has a home health provider and can not drive due to his condition. He is picked up by his pastor each time for church, out reach and activities. He serves as the Deacon and is taken to a nursing home to meet with the residences for prayer, singing and in fellowship.

His message to the elderly and handicap is never give up. Don't feel as though you are alone in your battle. You were put here for some reason. God has a plan in mind for you. He isn't finished with you yet. No matter your condition, He has a job for you to do in life. Bro. John said it has been a great life in his 75 years and he wouldn't take anything for it. He said he brought his children up in church and they have turned out with jobs working with children. His grandchildren are working in doctors office and other occupations involving people.

At the end of his life he said he is looking forward to his retirement benefits in heaven with the Lord, his loved ones and his brothers and sisters in Christ. He recommends that if you are not already in church, get in and make Jesus your commander and chief. You will find that He is a wonderful boss with a lot of good things for you in life and a great retainment with lots of good benefits waiting for you.

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BURNPITS DOCUMENTARY - TOXIC WOUNDS OF WAR

As you may know, for the past few years I have been working with Susan Zeier of Burnpits 360 to help pass meaningful legislation to help our vets who have been harmed by toxic fumes during their deployment. Last Aug the PACT Act was passed and so far, nearly 500K vets have applied for benefits with over \$215M being awarded. The COB initially thought 100K would apply. Susan had lost her son-in-law Heath Robinson after a two-year fight. Over 10 oncologists failed to identify the type of cancer he had after 2 years around the burn pits. She was relentless in pursuing legislation meeting with both Senators Brown and Portman.

The following excerpt from Susan is regarding the Burnpits documentary film they wish to finalize which Post 211's Executive Committee meeting voted to donate \$5K to this project. You can monitor the donation campaign results by clicking the link at the end of this article:

As you know America poisoned our soldiers who willingly went off to war and you also know that America refused to take care of our war heroes as they were battling the war that followed them home.

A group of persistent warriors known as Burnpits360 took that battle to Capitol Hill and triumphed after overcoming huge obstacles having doors slammed in our faces while fighting for health care and other benefits for sick and dying war heroes who were being ignored.

My daughter, Danielle, and I joined up with Burnpits360 and spent 5 years advocating and lobbying Congress asking that legislation be passed granting presumptive benefits and healthcare for

our service members who are seriously and terminally ill with burn pit/toxic exposure illnesses. Our involvement resulted in having the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee name the bill in memory of my late son-in-law, an Ohio National Guardsman, who passed away on May 6, 2020, from burn pits caused lung cancer. Triumphant was the day the SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act was signed into law.

An incredible documentary team has been following our group for 5 years recording over 100 hours of video. It's time to tell the story of our journey and the obstacles we overcame to bring healthcare to Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. We need your help to complete this project which you can find details of at the link attached. Please consider donating today. No amount is too small to get production of this incredible film over the finish line. We are getting a lot of \$5.00 and \$10.00 donations and it all adds up. The production team will be traveling to Sandusky, OH, and Columbus, OH to further interview my daughter, granddaughter, and me who all are an integral part of this film. We've been grateful for the outpouring of support our communities, friends, and family bestowed on us since 2017 when my son-in-law, Heath was first diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer caused by exposure to toxic burn pits while he served as a combat medic in Iraq. We are now asking for your support once again to have our stories told to the world. Asking for donations is not something I've done throughout these past 5 years. I gave up taking vacations, going to Ohio State football games....which I love to do, and treating myself to the little things that bring me joy in order to fund my ad-

vocacy. I didn't keep track but I easily spent \$25,000/\$30,000 driving back and forth to DC more times than I know, hotels, parking, printed materials like postcards and letters for others to sign and mail to their members of Congress and never once asked anyone for help. I'm asking now and will greatly appreciate any contribution you are willing to offer.

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-Susan Zeier

-Article suggested by Ken Karpy

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