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## OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Howland Post 700 traveled to the Statehouse in Columbus to recognize Sgt. Smith Mealy's Hall of Fame induction. Sgt. Smith Mealy was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for actions of valor during his service in the Republic of Vietnam against the enemy.

In 1968, Sgt. Mealy braved intense enemy fire saving two fellow soldiers and resulting in 2 enemy KIA by Sgt. Mealy. Additionally, when communications were disrupted during the attack, Sgt. Mealy ran through enemy fire from one position to another with urgent operational information. His actions resulted in the enemy being neutralized and the saving of lives of his fellow soldiers.

We wanted to acknowledge our brother-in-arms, comrade, and hero. It is from actions like his, and all the other inductees, who each have a story of heroism of their own for 2016, that



**SGT SMITH A. "Smitty" MEALY**  
**SILVER STAR RVN 1967-1968**  
**US ARMY 1st Infantry Division**

make America a great nation today. Sgt. Mealy continues to serve our veterans today as a member of Howland Post 700's Post Trustee. A gentle and soft spoken man, Smitty, as we all know him, is a person deserving of such recognition. Honor, integrity, and service is what this Legionnaire represents. Thank you Smitty then, thank you Smitty now.

## Independence will Host the 98th Annual Department Convention

The American Legion, Department of Ohio will conduct its 98th Annual Department Convention in Independence, June 24, 25 and 26. The three-day session of nearly 100,000 members of the Ohio American Legion will be held at the Holiday Inn Express at 6001 Rockside Rd.

Highlights of the Convention will include addresses by Officers and other dignitaries, the election and installation of the new 2016-2017 Officers, and consideration of constitutional amendments and resolutions that involve Legion business and policies of state and national interest.

In addition, various Department awards for the year will be given out to those deserving Posts/individuals who have excelled throughout the year.

Delegates of the Legion and



Auxiliary will begin arriving in Independence on Thursday, June 23rd for pre-convention meetings, and will occupy approximately 500 hotel rooms in area hotels. Approximately 1,400 Legion members, their spouses, and friends are expected to attend the three-day meeting.

Registration will take place in the Ballroom Corridor of the Hol-

iday Inn beginning on Friday at 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., with a registration fee of \$5.00.

During your convention stay, try to visit the many events in the area. A shuttle service is available to and from both hotels. The Cleveland Indians are out of town the weekend of Convention. The 2017 Department Convention will be held in Dayton.

## Department Headquarters Restoration Update

*By Brenda McGowan*  
**Events Director**

We are approaching the 1st anniversary of the May 4th fire. This I am sure will be a somber day for many especially staff as memories of that day occur. The Insurance Adjuster said to us, a fire in many ways is like a death. You go through the same emotions of loss, anger, afraid, and depression. As I reflect back on this day I am very grateful that no one was hurt and we all got out safely. Material items can be replaced for the most part. At this point we know we lost our history books from 1958 and 1959 that cannot be recovered. And I am

sure as we get back to "normal" we will find other items that are not replaceable.

Moving forward and looking at the positives we have learned something. Staff has adapted and we are working together to make the environment and conditions workable. This is a good time to make upgrades and improvements to the building.

The building restoration is moving along and is still projecting a completion date of July 1st.

The Delaware Engineering inspections have occurred on a regular basis with some bumps in the road but eventually giving approvals to move forward at the

different phases.

Windows, HVAC, CAT5, insulation, drywall and the electrical wiring are complete. Cabinets, paint, floor tile and carpet have been ordered. At this time priming and painting are scheduled to begin in a couple of days.

Additional updates to the front of the building approved by the Finance Committee have been completed. Such as updated LED lighting throughout, handicap accessible doors in the main entry of the building and a lowered ceiling in the main hallway instead of the cathedral. These updates will reduce the cost in heating/air conditioning and electrical bills.

Meetings continue to take place with the Contractor and the restoration committee to stay updated and answer any questions.

An Open House is planned for Saturday, August 6th following the DEC meeting. A year ago we were not thinking about anything like this. It just proves that each and every day is a gift and we should be thankful and forgiving.

We continue to ask everyone to be understanding and patient during this trying time. And the next update, we will be moved back in. HALLELUJAH!



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## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Jim Campbell  
Dept. Commander

I want to start this article with two very sincere words, THANK YOU. These two words are frequently used, spoken often, and find themselves in many forms of written speech. But it is only when you not only read the words, but recognize from where they originate. These two words now come from my heart... deep from within my inner most feelings. It isn't just a statement, but one of my deepest appreciation to each and every Legionnaire who gave me the privilege and honor to be able to represent you everywhere I traveled over the past 3 years. This comes to an individual only once in their lifetime. I have willingly accepted these responsibilities. From the beginning of an ambitious campaign year and 46,000 miles to accepting the office of 2nd Vice Commander at our 95th annual convention. I have been proud to be a member of what I consider the best Department in The American Legion. Over the past three years I have become more knowledgeable of how Departments work with their members. I have reached out to other Commanders and Adjutants, listened and hope to have learned on how to be an effective Commander. This will be my last article written as your Commander published in our new Ohio Legion news. I have embraced this high office of Commander of the Department of Ohio, a title I have never taken lightly. This was not

only a title, but a sincere obligation and responsibility to each of you. It is my sincerest hope that as your Commander, I have lived up to the responsibilities of this office. That I have had the ability to look forward and not behind, to have vision for our future, not our past, to be able to challenge myself for the betterment of our Department. I trust that I have lived up to all of these things.

We have faced a variety of issues together over this term as I have served as your Commander. It has been an individual challenge, but also a challenge I faced with the end result to be what was best for each one of you, the LEGIONNAIRES of Ohio. As your Commander, I wanted to accomplish goals to help you. A new website is now in place and as we grow together in its use it will become a great tool to accomplish tasks smarter and quicker. It will become a way of producing more accountability within the Department as they continue to serve you. Brand awareness was an early goal. Our vehicles became marked so as they travel across the roads of our state, all who observe them will recognize THE AMERICAN LEGION and the DEPARTMENT OF OHIO. A fire that occurred just before I became your Commander which caused problems all of its own. A hectic beginning for a Commander's new year with meetings, proposals, and decisions to be made for our future of the building. Would it be the right decision, the right contractor, the right end result? As of my writing I believe that

the answer to all of those was YES. As I leave office those accomplishments will finally be a reality. I have to especially thank Brenda McGowan and Jerry White who were the day to day over watch in this rebuild year. And to the staff from the day of the fire, you have exceeded all my expectations. During all the inconvenience, frustration, moving, relocating and anxiety you continued to serve the Legionnaires throughout the state as though the Department was fully operational. To my staff, thank you so much for a job well done, for words do not express what I witnessed from each of you to serve our Legionnaires during this devastating time. I faced a challenge of hiring a new Adjutant after having an Adjutant in place for 22 years. The DEC authorized an ad hoc Adjutant Screening Committee. The committee consisted of myself, 1st Vice Chapman, 2nd Vice Jackson, Alternate NEC Clausung and PDC Klostermeier. This committee resulted in meetings, protocols, interviews, decisions, and a Special DEC meeting before our Mid-Winter Conference. The Committee and your DEC feel, again, the right decision was made in the hiring of your new Adjutant, Tom Simons. I want to thank the Department Executive Committee this past year for their understanding and commitment in so many different areas.

There is one goal I still have to accomplish, but it won't be completed prior to leaving office. My Special Project is still accept-

ing donations for our veterans monument as my term comes to an end. I have met with local zoning representatives and have the approval to go forward with the project. It will be an everlasting monument for all to view as part of YOUR Department Headquarters. I look forward to its completion as part of my commitment to you, the Legionnaires of Ohio.

I want to thank all of the leadership at Post, County, Division, and District levels for all your support over the last 4 years, from elections to farewell. It has been an honor to be YOUR Commander. I want to thank all of the elected officers following me for your support and assistance as we worked together every day to make Ohio better tomorrow than it was the day before. To all of my appointed officers and committee chairmen and members, thank you for all you have done over the past year. But our Department could not function or serve any of you if it would not be for our entire staff at headquarters. I have watched them work this past year, under some of the most hazardous environments, to continue serving you. To our staff, I thank you for going above and beyond when it would not have been thought possible. Your dedication during some of the hardest times our Department has ever seen proved to be a time that showed our membership your true commitment to this organization and our Legionnaires and Legion family.

I especially want to thank my home Post, Howland Post 700,

for all their support. It has been a long 4 years and our Post has continued, under new leadership, to serve our community and our Legion Programs. Thank you Dynamic 9th District for making my campaign year exciting, supportive, and a year never to be forgotten. Your unwavering support in all required aspects of a campaign was so deeply appreciated. To my Campaign Team, you know who you are, THANK YOU for traveling, speaking and putting up with all my last minute requests.

It now becomes time for my beautiful wife Chris, who has been my strongest partner supporting my goal to be your Commander, and me to say thank you for your great hospitality throughout this fabulous state and more importantly your sincere friendship. Chris has been honored to have been your First Lady of Ohio for the past year. As we traveled throughout the Buckeye State, we were always shown so much hospitality, made so many new friendships, shared in both good times and reflected on the passing of some of our great Legion family who will never be forgotten. We will cherish these times that now become memories and a part of our life. On behalf of Chris and myself, we thank you for all you have given us over these past 4 years. It has been both humbling and an honor to be part of such a great organization.

For us, it will always be FOR GOD AND COUNTRY. May God bless each and every one of you and your families, and may God bless America.



## FIRST VICE COMMANDER



Ron Chapman  
1st Vice Commander

At the beginning of the year we set our membership goal as a Department to achieve 91.5% by the Big Twelve turn-in lap in March. We had met our target for each of the previous lap turn-ins but sadly, did not quite make this one. This seems to happen each year as we reach this point in our membership drive. This can only be corrected at the Post level where the contacts need to be made, especially with those members who have not renewed their membership. In Ohio, we are doing well with new recruiting and DMS transfers. As I write this we still have over 15,000 non-renewals in the Department of Ohio. Please make an effort to contact those members listed on your current roster who have not yet renewed their 2016 membership.

I am pleased to report that

we have two Quota Districts at this time. Congratulations to the "Fabulous 4th District" Commander Aaron Cunningham and Membership Chairman Bob Derr for not only being quota, but also winning the "National Race to the Top Award" for category V in the Nation. I am also pleased to announce that the Dynamic 9th District is also a Quota District and would like to congratulate Commander Carroll and a special thanks to Bill Dittebrand and Bill Keller for stepping up this year in Kevin's absence. Great Job!! We still have until May 15th so I am hoping to have a couple more quota districts by that time.

Since our Mid-Winter Conference I have had the opportunity to participate in the southern portion of the annual Past Commanders Round-Up that began in Miamisburg, Ohio at Post 165 in the 3rd District, then traveled to Mt. Carmel Post 72 in the 4th District, Chillicothe Post 62 in the 7th District, and ended at Post

532 in Columbus. I was accompanied by Commander Campbell, Alternate NEC Clausung, and National Vice Commander David Gough. All Posts were wonderful hosts and we enjoyed our visits as well as the membership drive participation.

In March, my wife Karen and I had the privilege of chaperoning 18 student winners of the American Legion Americanism and Government Test competition to Washington D.C., along with Department Auxiliary Vice President Denise Conrad, and Mike Davey. Americanism Director Jerry White, I discovered, is an excellent tour guide and my hat is off to him for the effort he puts into this trip. The young people who were on the trip were well mannered and, I believe, really enjoyed themselves. I have received several thank you notes from them thanking your American Legion for this opportunity to visit the nation's capital. While on the Washington trip, we re-

ceived the sad news of the passing of Past Department Commander Bill Balser. Bill was a friend and a mentor and will be missed in the Department of Ohio. I ask everyone to keep Trudy and Bill's family in your thoughts and prayers.

The 2016 membership year is coming to an end and we are

preparing for our Department Convention in Independence, Ohio on June 23-26. I hope to see many of you there as we elect our new officers for the 2017 year. I have enjoyed serving as your 1st Vice Commander and membership chairman this past year. Thank you for your support.

## HIGHLIGHTS

The April 2nd meeting of the Department of Ohio Executive Committee was call to order by Department of Ohio Commander James Campbell at 11:00 AM in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Columbus, OH.

Membership, National Convention, and other events were discussed. Particular emphasis was the Americanism Report given by Director Gerald White. He reported on the overwhelming success of the 2016 Americanism and Government Washington D.C. trip. Also of importance, Commander Campbell unveiled the redesigned Department website ([www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com)).

Memorial Resolutions were passed for Legionnaire Elmer Fuhrhop, Past Commander William Balser, Past Commander Michael "Doc" Chakeres, and 5th District 2nd Vice Commander David Doster who all reported to Post Everlasting since our last meeting.

After the final membership report was given, Department Commander Campbell closed the meeting in correct form.



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## SECOND VICE COMMANDER



David L. Jackson  
2nd Vice Commander

This year is coming to an end already. I have had a lot of fun and a busy year. Thanks to everyone everywhere I visited for the warm welcomes and hospitality shown to me and my travel companions. All of you made this year so much fun.

I want to thank all the District 2nd Vice's for all the help, support and hard and/or easy work.

You all did a very good job and I really appreciate it.

One of the biggest and most important jobs I had this year was being part of the selection committee for a new adjutant. I'll miss Roger, as everyone will. Thanks Roger for an excellent job over the last 20+ years. You were always great help and a good friend.

I think the committee made a really good selection of Tom Simons as adjutant. We had several good people to choose from, which made our choice no easy task.

Brenda set up and did 2 Wash-

ington, DC tours and they both were really big successes. She also kept me in line all year and helped me so much. A great big thank you, Brenda, for a very successful and rewarding year. Thanks to the rest of the Department staff, they all do such a great job.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your 2nd Vice Commander this year. Thanks to all of you for your help and support and please, continue next year.

Hope to see you at Convention in June.



## SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons  
Department Adjutant

Greetings Legionnaires and Legion Family. Wow what an incredible three months. The Department participated in a very important Washington Conference in February. Our Department Service Officers continued their professional training on the latest VA services and claims processing procedures. Legionnaires from across Ohio converged and spoke to our elected leaders emphasizing Veteran priorities and calling for more stringent accountability within the Veteran's Administration. The Department also sponsored the Summit for Soldiers R.O.C for Veterans music festival in Columbus. It was a great turn out and introduced The Legion to a Veteran demographic that does not know of the great things we do for fellow Vets and our communities.

We are having an exciting spring and summer is quickly approaching. The Department Convention will be held on June 24-26, 2016 in Independence, OH. Convention Calls have been sent to the Districts. We are expecting a great convention. Legionnaires C. Michael Fairman (Navy-Marine Post 276) and Dietrich Stallsworth (Franklin Post 1) are scheduled to speak about their Mount Everest expedition and the critical veteran subjects of Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome and Suicide Prevention.

August will be the American Legion Legacy Run and the National Convention in Cincinnati. The Legacy Run is riding into the Yeager-Benson Post 199 in Harrison Ohio on August 25, 2016. Let's show The American Legion our Buckeye Pride and be there to greet the ride as it concludes in Harrison. Post 199 is pulling out all the stops to make this year's Legacy Run culmination an overwhelming success. I am organizing a motorcycle ride from the

Department Headquarters to Wayne Post 64 in Indianapolis on August 20, 2016 to visit the start of the Legacy Run as it leaves Indianapolis on August 21. If you have not participated in or witnessed the Legacy Run, come on out, it is a spectacle. The Department is wrapping up preparations for the National Convention. The Convention Corporation and the leaders of the Fabulous 4th District are working to make this convention one to remember. Convention Shirts will be on sale shortly so stay tuned.

We have changed the Publisher of the Ohio Legion News. The new relationship offers enhancements over previous editions. Also check out our redesigned Department website at [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com) for the latest news and information within the Ohio American Legion. Let us know what you think. We need feedback to improve our services and products to our members.

Thank you for your continued service... For God and Country... Airborne!

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## JUST A BIT OF ORDER

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### We simply cannot do it all today. - RONR p. 489-503

The simple truth of boards is that they cannot handle all of the business on their own or the meetings would be multiple days so they create committees to handle the intricate business and then report back to the board at scheduled times. These committees are called ordinary committees, as opposed to the Committee of the Whole previously discussed in Issue 4, and are categorized as

#### Standing Committees and Special Committees

Standing Committees are of permanent duration and authorized in the constitution or by-laws of the organization. The Department standing committees are: Finance, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Publication Board, and Scholarship Screening. Special Committees are convened by vote of the body for a specific purpose and duration for report back to the body and then cease to exist but for a vote by the body to extend the purpose and duration. The Adjutant search committee was just such a committee.

As a matter of fact, and this may come as a bit of surprise, all other committees of the Department are considered special committees as they are in essence renewed each year after

#### 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)

the election of a new Department Commander with the presentation to the Department Executive Committee (DEC) by the Commander of the list of committees and their Chairs for ratification. The Department Special Committees are: Americanism, Baseball, Bowling, Child Welfare, Commander's Advisory, Convention Corporation, DMS, Employment,

Environment-Conservation, Gifts for Yanks, Law and Order, Legislative Commission to State Legislature, Membership, National Security, Oratorical, Post Activities, POW/MIA, Public Relations, Religious Emphasis, Sons of the American Legion, and Special Olympics.

These committees are the work horses of the DEC. They tackle the large and

small issues of the mission given them and report back to the Executive Committee for ratification of their recommendations. No committee decision is actionable until ratified by the DEC with every recommendation being debatable, and rightly so, by the DEC.

Now from time to time a specific recommendation or procedure of a committee may come under more intense scrutiny

by a member or members of the DEC in regular meeting thus requiring more time for the committee to study the issue. This is when the matter may be referred back to committee for further work.

In more extreme, and typically infrequent cases, the DEC may choose to create a special committee of its members to review the matter for report back to the DEC. This approach gives the issue its due diligence while respecting the DEC's other business of the regular meeting.

## IT'S AN INTERNAL AFFAIR

By Jason Graven

Department Internal Affairs Director

National Headquarters recently forwarded to me a complaint about an 888 renewal. While I would like to say that this is rare in frequency, it is not. However, this complaint was different; this complaint was unique in nature and one I had not received before. This complaint was from a 45 year old Iraq/Afghanistan vet.

For those of you who read my submissions, you know that I am a strong advocate in recruiting the youngest generation of veterans. This is my mission for several reasons:

1. The long-term implications - by recruiting and empowering the youngest generation, we give them a sense of ownership in this organization. They, in turn, will become the 50-60-70 year continuous members that our current WWII generation wears with pride and vigor.
2. The helping hand - this youngest generation has been raised on the internet, the iPad, and the Facebook social mediums. What most of our current membership fails to grasp about the newest technologies, this generation has mastered before they learn to balance a checkbook. Our Posts that are lacking in accessing these new technologies gravely need this youngest generation if for no other reason than to simply help get our message out to others.

3. The information super highway - we all know that the Vietnam generation was treated poorly and despicably. That will forever remain a stain on our social consciousness and a stain in our nation's his-

tory. It is not lost on any of you what The American Legion COULD have done but in many cases did not. Vietnam had needs that should have been addressed when they came home, and many of those cries went unheard by our veteran organizations and most certainly by our society. However, YOU have the ability to show us what should have been done. The Iraq/Afghanistan generation has received fanfare and thank you's and yellow ribbon parades while their issues have largely gone unaddressed. From suicide to employment, they are receiving little more than lip service. This youngest generation has the ability to let us know what issues we can address and where and how we can address them. We just have to be willing to listen.

4. It's about tomorrow, not today - Our programs cost money and they cost time. We can continue to focus on recruiting our older generations, and we certainly should continue, but just as we are seeing our numbers fall and our strength on Capitol Hill weakened with every member who joins Post Everlasting, if we fail to recruit younger generations, in a few years we will be right back in the same position we are today. With a strong establishment of younger generations, and a foundation of older generations, we build on what we have for the long-term success.

These are just a few examples of why the OIF/OEF generation is of the utmost importance right now. But how do we bring them in? How do we get them involved? How do we get them to believe in what we are doing? The answer is you don't. So many times I have heard that the way to recruit the

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## Veterans Affairs – Cleveland V.A.R.O.

In the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year (1 Oct – 30 Sep) The American Legion Department of Ohio advocated for veterans and assisted County Veteran Service Officers that brought back \$317,271,545.00 in VA Benefits! We helped 26,949 veterans! There were 2,417 new awards generated! We still have a long way to go with 4,298 appeals pending of which in the months of March and April of 2016 there were over 40 hearings performed. The VA is working diligently on getting rid of the backlog of appeals and this has resulted in the added time of needing to review veterans cases before shipping them off to the Board of Veterans Appeals. We have seen more work roll into our office from the County Veteran Service Officers than ever before and the VA too

is steadily growing. We need to ensure we are growing with the changes as it is ever more difficult to do more work with the same amount of people. Our VARO has been, and still is, operating with 5 people, to include the office in the Cleveland VAMC. With that being said, I would like to introduce you to some changes recently made to our Cleveland Office.

The American Legion Department of Ohio would like to introduce you to our newest additions to the Cleveland office. Early this year we experienced a few changes with our staff. After 20 years with Paralyzed Veterans of America and 7 years with The American Legion, Clarence Garsee decided to retire as a service officer in February of 2016. Michael Sutton and George Smith also decided to

move onto bigger and better things in the months of January and February as well. As a result of these changes, we are very excited to introduce you to Albert Mitchell, US Navy (Ret.), belonging to American Legion Post 7, Wickliffe, OH. Also new to our family is William Genochio, III, US Marine Corp, belonging to American Legion Post 211, Avon Lake, OH.

In addition to these fine veterans we have promoted Michelle Jones, American Legion Auxiliary, to a Department Service Officer. Michelle has been with our organization for 13 years and her goal has been to help the veterans in the role of a service officer. Her daughter, Leslie Byerson, SSG, currently serves in the US Army, Active Duty, at Ft. Belvoir, VA, for the last 11 years. In order to

promote Ms. Jones we had to find a new receptionist that would replace her. D-Jene Gamble is a fine young lady from the Cleveland area who is aspiring to finish college at Cleveland State University in the future.

This last year we did something unique to the Cleveland office by contracting with the VA and acquiring VA Work Study Students. In the fall semester we had 2 VA Work Study Students, Matthew Parker, and Sarah Gruszka, both young student veterans who worked diligently for our veterans beginning in September 2015 through December 2015. Since January 2016, we additionally acquired (4) new VA Work Study Student Veterans who have done an outstanding job at answering phones, receiving and sending

mail, and most importantly, bringing camaraderie to the ranks of our Department Service Officers, new and past.

These Student Veterans put in well over 250 hours each at our Cleveland office, all paid for by the VA! We are sad to see these young veterans go but grateful that we had the opportunity to show them what The American Legion Department of Ohio is all about! Thank you so much Adam Zaebst (who will continue with us through the summer), Ruben Chavez, Steven Bond, and Walter Scharf! Good luck to you all in future endeavors! Please don't hesitate to contact our office in Cleveland at 216-522-3504 if you need help with your claim.

*Suzette Price  
Service Director*

### Department of Ohio WASHINGTON GUIDED TOUR

Two full buses left Department Headquarters at 7:00 A.M. on Friday, morning April 8th with forty six people on one and forty three on the other.

There was so much excitement in the air and within the people, the questionable weather didn't matter. Yes it was cold and rainy but many people said they did not care as this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for them.

Many sites were visited and emotions were high. We had a surprise stop at Flight 93 in Pennsylvania and then on to Washington. Another surprise stop to view the front of the White House from Pennsylvania Ave. Then we had the privilege to visit the Vietnam, WWII memorial and others. Later we saw the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

This trip is now a memory. But as many of you expressed interest in future trips, we are in the planning stages. Possibly a trip to the New York Twin Towers memorial, Statue of Liberty and the Empire State building. All the details are being worked out at this time.

A special "Thank You" to everyone that participated. Thank you for your kind words, cards, emails and phone calls of appreciation. Thank you to L&M tours who did a fantastic job in providing hospitality and amenities to everyone. Thanks to the Lakefront bus line drivers who were very patient with participants and the Washington D.C. traffic. And last, a Thank you to the Holiday Inn Express in Sunbury for allowing the Park and Stay and the discounted rates for the American Legion.



### LAW AND ORDER

*By Patrick Mulvaney*

On April 15th, the Law and Order Committee met at Department Headquarters. The following nominees were chosen as winners in their category: Robert Beveridge (District 13) as Law Officer, Marvin Conley (District 4) as Firefighter and Jake Bruner (District 5) as Civilian Life Saver.

They will be honored at the Department Convention in June. We need more participation in this program so I urge you to get with your district chairman and submit a nomination for next year. There are many people out there who are very qualified for these awards. Please get involved. Thank you.

### A&G Winners Tour Washington, Gettysburg

Eighteen State winners in the 2015-2016 Americanism and Government Test program, accompanied by chaperones from the Ohio American Legion and Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, under the direction of Tour Director, Department Americanism Director Gerald White, toured Washington DC and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania from March 7-12.

The March A&G trip was the culmination of the Department's Americanism and Government Test program for 2015-2016 and continues an event conducted annually by the Ohio American Legion since 1936.

Highlights of the trip included special tours of the Kennedy

Center for the Performing Arts and Washington Cathedral, viewing the United States Constitution and Declaration of Independence at the National Archives, visiting all the major Washington memorials, a dinner for the group hosted by Gettysburg American Legion Post #202, and touring the Gettysburg battlefield.

Continuing an honored tradition going back in an unbroken line to 1936, the Department of Ohio laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and received a briefing by a member of the Tomb Guard platoon on the operations of the Tomb Guard Platoon and their responsibility guarding the Tomb of

the Unknowns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year regardless of weather.

A special opportunity afforded the group was traveling to Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia to receive briefing on the mission of Marine Helicopter Squadron One which flies the President of the United States aboard the "Marine One" helicopters and getting "up close and personal" with the MV-22 Osprey flown by the Squadron.

Chaperones representing The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary were Department First Vice Commander Ron Chapman and Auxiliary First Vice President Denise Conrad.



### OHIO AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TEST WINNERS

#### 12TH GRADE BOYS

James Kaatz, Huron  
Tait Nelson, Portsmouth  
Vishnu Nistala, Mentor

#### 11TH GRADE BOYS

Jacob Coy, Wheelersburg  
Logan Johnson, Sidney  
Nicholas Novotny, Thornville

#### 10TH GRADE BOYS

Peyton Hall, Sardis  
Dominic Schroeder, Continental  
Thomas Varley, Copley

#### 12TH GRADE GIRLS

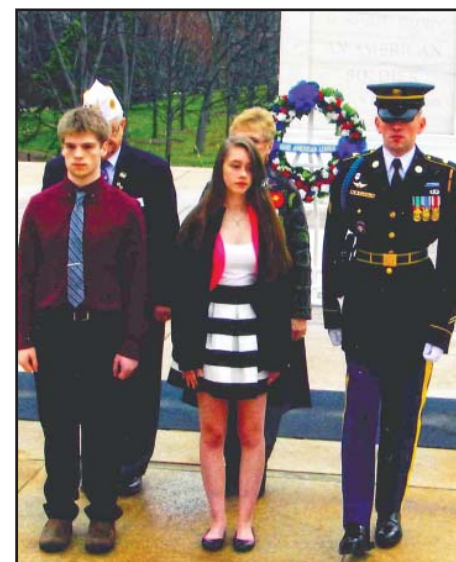
Jenell Betts, Whipple  
Holly Miller, Canton  
Heidi Parker, Sidney

#### 11TH GRADE GIRLS

Faith Howard, Wheelersburg  
Erin Ivey  
Julia Jenick

#### 10TH GRADE GIRLS

Kelsey Rader  
Gabrielle Rice  
Abigail Schroder





## An Internal Affair *(Continued from page 3)*

youngest generation is through the “selling” of comradery and family events. Yes, each and every Post should be doing these things and please continue to do them. Unfortunately, we currently have the largest generation gap between war eras there has ever been in our 97 years, so we can’t onesie and twosie our way out of this. In most instances, even as a fellow vet, our youngest generation still feel like outsiders when in our Posts. And what about that wounded veteran amputee with no significant other and no children? A family event isn’t going to inspire them to belong.

Each and every war era has one common thread that transcends our generations. That commonality is our desire to continue to fight for the rights, benefits, and treatment that all of us have earned and those that come after us will earn. What isn’t common, however, is the ways in which we hope to address these issues. The reason there is a multitude of veteran organizations being spearheaded and specifically speaking to the OIF/OEF generation is that this generation feels their issues are not being addressed, so they are creating their own in order to address the issues themselves. Whether it is a lack of understanding in how an organization such as ours operates, or a lack of wanting to come in and exact the change needed, or a lack of want of battle inside a Post as if they are battling a new enemy instead of forging a new alliance with the older generations, or whatever the case may be, the underlying issue remains, this generation feels their needs are not being met.

Listen, The American Legion does amazing things that no other organization does through support of community civil servants (Police and Fire), support of local youth through Buckeye Boys State, the Child

Welfare Foundation, support of local high schools and athletics and many other programs, we assist veterans in acquiring their earned benefits from the VA, the list goes on and on, but what are we doing to address the real needs of the OIF/OEF generation?

So, when I say you don’t recruit them on asking them to believe in what we are currently doing, and you don’t “sell” them on getting involved in already established programs, and you don’t bring them in only to help us achieve success in what we are already doing, I mean you inspire them on what The American Legion can be. Don’t tell them what The American Legion is already doing. They will learn that after they are in. Tell them what we are going to do and why we need them to help us do it. Ask them where we are failing to meet their needs and ask them to help us meet them.

Every community, every District, and every Department will have different issues within their borders so there is no one right answer on how to recruit these vets. But from one OIF/OEF complainant, there seems to be one reason they are not:

“I would like to let you know that you have an image problem with the new generation of vets. And I think this stems from a lot of the Posts losing their direction and purpose. A Legion Post used to be a place where vets could connect and reflect on their experiences. And there is nothing wrong with doing that over a few beers. Yet I have frequented a lot of Posts around Ohio, and in my opinion they’ve turned into havens for non-veteran smokers, bikers, drinkers, and seniors, many of which couldn’t care less about veterans... if I’m going to give an organization money, it would probably be better served towards the Wounded Warrior Project.”

Veterans, they are THE internal affair...

## CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

### Three C’s in Faith

Recently, I was having a conversation with a couple members of my post, and one stated wondering “do people realize how much the American Legion and other veteran groups donate throughout our communities”. One might say the answer is no, but we all understand the need and welcome some form of appreciation for anything that we do for one another.

Taking one step further Matthew 6:2-4 tells us why;

<sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

This passage is alluding to your reward that obtained by having faith in God, with the understanding that giving is part of our personal and group mission. It’s by faith we donate and give our time and efforts for someone or something and ask nothing in return. We exercise our faith by communicating, showing compassion, and being cognizant of the needs of others.

We communicate our faith by displaying confidence and trusting in what we doing is ingratiating someone else’s life. The dynamics in which we give and how it is accomplished represents who we are and level of faith we have in what we are doing.

The self-sacrifice, kindness, caring and willingness to help others demonstrates our compassion and where-withal we have within ourselves to serve others. Life experiences shape and mold those specific values and virtues that drive us and through God’s grace keep those that are in need in our hearts and minds.

We are also cognizant or aware of the needs of others around us and have an ability to tie time, talent, and resources to meet a need that has an opportunity to be met. Understanding by giving now especially to children and youth will have even a greater impact later.

Legionnaires when end up washing the cars the kids where suppose to; when you drive 100 mile in one night delivering Thanksgiving meals; or loading up your car till wheel are almost collecting clothes to be donate, don’t look for thanks or accolades, be grateful for the opportunity to exercise your faith.

God Bless

## Letters To The Editor

### Department Leadership

Scott Miller

Deputy Director, Marketing

Dear Department Leadership,

All year we have been alerting American Legion members about how serious hepatitis C (hep C) is for the veteran population. May is Hepatitis Awareness Month, and The American Legion is launching a social media “Thunderclap” to engage the community and inform veterans about the risks associated with hep C. In addition, we will be encouraging all veterans to get tested for hep C antibodies on May 19th, which is National Hepatitis Testing Day. You can join us and help spread the word by signing up on our Thunderclap page and asking all of your posts to assist us in amplifying the message!

**What’s Thunderclap?**

Thunderclap is a tool that allows thousands of people to share the same message at exactly the same time on social media. People sign up on the Thunderclap website and give permission for Thunderclap to share a single message on Facebook and Twitter at a specified time.

If you and enough others support our Thunderclap, The American Legion will reach thousands of people and let veterans know that they may be at greater risk for hep C.

**How Do Others Join?**

Joining is simple. Go to our Thunderclap page and sign up with your Facebook

and/or Twitter account. You can sign up from more than one account if you have them. Once you are signed up, you don’t need to do anything else. The message will automatically post to your account(s) at the correct time.

This next part is very important. When you sign up, you also have the option of creating a post to invite your friends to join as well.

Please encourage your posts to get members involved. Urge them to post the following messages on their Facebook pages and Twitter feeds. It’s as easy as copying and pasting. Then like, share and retweet our posts to spread the word.

**Sample Facebook Post:**

It’s Hepatitis Awareness Month! Join our Thunderclap and encourage veterans, who may be at increased risk for hep C, to see their doctor, and get tested for #hepatitisC antibodies. Together we can make sure this message reaches all veterans. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/41040-hepaware-for-veterans?locale=en>

**Sample Twitter Post:**

Join #HepatitisC Awareness Month Thunderclap. Make sure vets know the risks of #hepC. <https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/41040-hepaware-for-veterans?locale=en>

If you haven’t already, you can also like our official Facebook page (The Ameri-

can Legion National Headquarters) and follow us on Twitter (@AmericanLegion) to stay up to date on our progress. Like, share and retweet our posts to help spread the word.

This is a really easy way to help The American Legion spread the word about hep C. Please stand with us, and encourage veterans to get tested for hep C antibodies.

### Outfit Reunion Notice

- A. USS Elokomin AO-55
- B. US Navy
- C. September 22-25, 2016
- D. Lisle (Chicago) IL
- E. Ron Finet, N6354 County Road H, Elkhorn, WI 53121 (617)288-3755, theeloman@verizon.net

## 2016 National Convention

To: All American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion members:

The American Legion “Family” of the great Buckeye State of Ohio in conjunction with the National American Legion Headquarters looks forward to welcoming Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion from around the world to the 2016 American Legion National Convention to be hosted by the Department of Ohio, August 26 – September 1 in the Queen City of Cincinnati.

The state of Ohio had the honor of last hosting the American Legion National Convention in 1986 and now, in 2016, look forward to once again welcoming members of the world’s largest veterans organization to our great State and Department.

The City of Cincinnati and its surrounding areas, including the Ohio River and Northern Kentucky, offer a wealth of interesting and entertaining venues designed to appeal to a wide range of interests for the American Legion “family” to enjoy and spend time at when away from National Convention sessions.

The Ohio American Legion and National Headquarters believes you will find the hotels used for National Convention housing and the Greater Cincinnati Convention Center to be 1st rate and everyone involved is looking forward to showcasing our famous Midwestern Hospitality to make your stay an enjoyable and pleasant one.

See you in Cincinnati!

James Morris  
PDC, General Chairman



Defience • Fulton • Hancock • Henry • Lucas • Ottawa • Paulding • Putnam • Williams • Wood

**NATIONAL GUARD**

Front row (L-R): Ohio Army National Guard Recruiter CPT. Matthew A. Fuhrhop Elmers grandson, Department of Ohio Commander Jim Campbell, 1st District PR/L&O Chairman Karl E. Betz. 2nd row (L-R): Post 262 Commander Bill Oberhaus, 1st Commander Mike Kennedy. Far back on right is Past 1st District Commander Mike Morman, and members of The American Legion Post 262. As we were in a time crunch to get this picture all the names were not recorded, unfortunately.

**POST 441 FLAGS**

Lybarger-Grimm American Legion Post 441 donated over 1300 American Flags to Otsego School. Pictured are Post 441 members, Otsego Principal (Kevin O'Shea) and students receiving over 1300 American Flags. At the Otsego School Veterans Day program, local veterans marched into the Otsego school auditorium to the applause of over 1000 Otsego students. Tontogany Legion members were so moved by their spirit that we thought that it would be great if next year each of the 1000+ students were waving the American Flag. At our January meeting, we voted to donate over 1300 American flags to be used in their next year program (or for any other patriotic school event).

**POST 441 CAKE**

Eighty members of the Lybarger-Grimm American Legion Post 441, the S.A.L., Auxiliary and their families gathered at the Post to celebrate the 97th Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion. The guest speaker was Mary Hanna, Executive Director, Wood County Veterans Assistance Center. A steak dinner was enjoyed by all.

**POST 240 QUILTS**

Quilts were presented to Legion members from Troy-Webster Post 240 in Luckey and Post 183 in Pemberville. The quilts were made and presented by members of the Quilting Eagles. Pictured (L-R) are: James Alexander (183), Willard Brinker (240), Val Cochrane (240), and Joel Davis (240).

**DISTRICT 2**

Allen • Auglaize • Hardin • Henry • Logan • Mercer • Shelby • Van Wert

**CRAYNON**

District two Americanism Chairman Chuck Craynon presented Department of Ohio Certificates to the Department winners of the A&G Test at a Sidney Board of Education meeting. All four students attend Sidney High School. Pictured (L-R) are: Sophomore Gabrielle Rice, Junior Erin Ivey, Senior Heidi Parker, Junior Logan Johnson, and Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon.

**POST 173 SPAGHETTI**

Harold Kerr Post 173 was proud to host the David Spicer Memorial Spaghetti Dinner. This dinner was just one of fund raising events put on by his parents Gary and Sandy Lockwood. The money raised goes to provide for a scholarship for Logan County youths. Gunnery Sergeant David Spicer lost his life in the service of his country. It was his last wish to have a scholarship in his name to help young scholars further their education.



Allen • Auglaize • Hardin • Henry • Logan • Mercer • Shelby • Van Wert

**POST 345 CONTINUOUS**

P 345 Continuous year certificate recipients (L-R): Richard Smith (50 years), Jerome O'Bringer (60 years), Larry Acheson (50 years), Larry Keller (50 years). Not pictured are: Ray Wilson (60 years), Jay Oberlander (60 years), and Louis Grieshop (50 years).

**POST 382 CHARTERED**

The Bluffton American Legion Post 382 was named the Chartered Organization of the Year by the Great Oaks District-Black Swamp Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A plaque was presented by District Chairman Dave Huckeriede to Post members (L-R): Larry Core, Dennis Morrison, and Commander Fred Rodabaugh. The Post would like to Thank Bluffton Boy Scout Troop 256 and the Great Oaks District-Black Swamp Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for this special Honor.

**DISTRICT 3**

Champaign • Clark • Darke • Greene • Miami • Montgomery • Preble

**POST 238 DONATION**

Mechanicsburg's American Legion Donald Cannon Post 238 has donated \$2,265.00 to Mechanicsburg Schools for three students to go on the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip. Pictured are Jim Blanton, Dave Merritt, Mrs. Green, Mr. Marsh and Post Commander Dave Baker.

**POST 238 MMC**

Donald Cannon Post 238 donated \$1,000.00 to Mother's Memorial Circle (MMC) to buy food, clothes and toys to local needy residents. Pictured are SAL Commander Terry Dodds, Chaplain Dave Merritt, MMC President Mary Beedy, Maria McNicol and Post Commander Dave Baker.

**POST 360 DONATIONS**

Clarence Teaford Post 360 was very proud to donate to multiple organizations in 2015. The Post, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders combined to donate over \$23,000. Our members are very excited about having the opportunity to give to our community and to those in need. Pictured here is Post Commander Donald Stokes along with other Legion family officers and members presenting a donation to the local police department.

**POST 776 CHRISTMAS**

During the Christmas holidays, Post 776 visited members that were sick and shut-in, and delivered gifts. Members visited are listed were: Elmer Johnson, Grant Goldsby, James Hardnick, and Vera Hill. Pictured are Post 776 members, Department treasurer Stanley pleasant, and one of the recipients who was also a Tuskegee Airman.



Champaign • Clark • Darke • Greene • Miami • Montgomery • Preble

**POST 586 FLAG**

The American Legion Riders, Post 586, Tipp City, donated a new Post Flag to Commander, Don Williams at a Legion meeting on February 22.

**POST 598 EASTER**

Easter Bunny ready to start the Easter egg hunt at Kettering Post 598.

**FOUR CHAPLAINS**

Third Dist. Cmdr. Dennis Dickey, Dist. Chaplain Jim Vaughan, Dept. Cmdr. Jim Campbell, and Dayton VA Chaplain David Lefavor conducting a Four Chaplains Service held Feb. 3 in the Protestant Chapel at the Dayton VA.

**POST 598 BBQ**

Kettering Post 598 will be hosting the 10th Ohio Veterans BBQ Cook-off on July 9th & 10th. The event pits professional BBQ teams against each another for prize money and chance to go to the national championships. There will be food & craft vendors and two bands. Net proceeds benefit The American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop at the Dayton VA.

**POST 238 T-BALL**

Mechanicsburg's American Legion Donald J. Cannon Post #238 is sponsoring 9 summer T-Ball, Softball, and baseball teams (5 in Mechanicsburg and 4 in North Lewisburg). Pictured accepting and presenting a check is Kristi Conley, Joey Boggs, Maria McNicol, Dave Merritt and Post Commander Dave Baker.

**DISTRICT 4**

Brown • Butler • Clermont • Clinton • Hamilton • Warren

**POST 49 QUILT**

The "The Quilting Guild of Clinton County" donated thirteen handmade quilts to Wilmington Veterans Post 49 in a brief ceremony at the Clinton County Corn Festival. However, the quilts came with a caveat: "They must be given to Clinton County veterans". Accordingly, Post 49 Commander Jim Cook appointed Post Chaplain Dennis Hasz, chairman of the committee that will determine how the quilts are to be distributed. In December eighteen members of the "Post 49 Legion Family" took a road trip to the Ohio Veterans' Home in Georgetown to say Merry Christmas and present "Hero Quilts" to two longtime members of the Post. Irv Wallingford, 31 year member and Leonard Wical, 70 year member (PUFL).

**HAMILTON L&O**

Hamilton County Council had their Law and Order program on February 3rd. Pictured (L-R) are: Aaron Cunningham-District Commander, Greg Elsbernd-County Commander, Jim Campbell-Department Commander, Michael Ritter-Law Officer of the Year, Marvin Conley-Firefighter of the Year, Patrick Mulvaney-Law & Order Chairman, Judge Melissa Powers-Featured Guest Speaker and Henry Knight-County First Vice Commander.



## POST 484 A&G



For the six categories of gender and grade, Miami Valley Christian Academy students achieved top score in the Fourth District for four categories. Those students are pictured here with some of their mentors (L-R): Mt. Washington Legionnaire Glenn Johnson, Sophomore Elizabeth Herbert, Junior Sidney McGuire, Instructor Winifred Clayton, Junior Brad Grosjean, Senior Nicole Wellington, and Social Studies Teacher Jenny Simonuk.

## POST 484 CONTINUOUS



Post 484, honored Jim Howard was presented with a 70 year Continuous Membership Certificate by Dept. Commander Jim Campbell, Dept. 1st Vice Ron Chapman, and Post Commander Charles Sollberger. Jim shared responsibility for the construction of the Post 484 Building in 1962, and it's renovation in 2002. Jim has served as Commander, Boys State Chairperson, Scholarship Chairperson, and Bingo Worker for 40 years. He is married to his wife of 70 years, Lois.

## BROWN JUG



Department Commander James Campbell presenting District 4 Commander Aaron Cunningham with the Dept Brown Jug Award. Also in the photo are Past Department Commander Jerry Wilson, District 4 1st Vice Bob Derr, and Department Adjutant Thomas Simons.

## ORATORICAL WINNERS



District 4 Oratorical Contest 1st and 2nd place winners Amanda Lemhkuhl (1st) and Victoria Wold (2nd) with John Looker center.

## POST 72 DONATIONS



District 4's Mt. Carmel American Legion Post 72 celebrated their Birthday / Awards this year with a record amount of donations that exceeded \$52,000.00...

## DISTRICT 5

## POST 234 MEDALS



Post 234 Commander Bob Prevost holds service medals that will be presented to the family of Walter L. Gawel a Vietnam Veteran who is now deceased. This ceremony was conducted as part of "The Vietnam War & Our History" program. The program was hosted by the Medina County Veterans Service Office and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3505. This program is the first of three that will be held in Medina County in 2016 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

## POST 535 BIRTHDAY



Post 535 hosted a 97th Legion birthday celebration on March 15th. Pictured are Kathy Heichel, Unit #535 Treasurer, Department of Ohio's Poppy Chair and Children & Youth Chair for District; and her grandchildren SAL member Gavin Altman and 5th District Junior President, Samantha Altman.



## POST 405 CONTINUOUS



Post 405 1st Vice Commander Charlie Philbrick presenting Herb Kraft with his 70 continuous year award.



Post 405 1st Vice Commander Charlie Philbrick presenting his brother-in-law, Willard Peck, with his 70 continuous year award.



Post 405 1st Vice Commander Charlie Philbrick presenting Jim Yosick with his 50 continuous years award.

## POST 234 HUGS



Hand Shakes and Hugs, members of Post 234, families of Medina County Vietnam Veterans, and local dignitaries share their memories of their sons - who are being recognized as Medina Counties fallen Vietnam War Heroes.

## POST 234 FOOTBALL



Post 234 Honor Guard Members team up with VFW Post 9520 Honor Guard Members to present the colors before every Brunswick High School Friday night football game. This tradition will be continued for the 2016 season rain or shine!

## POST 234 EVERLASTING



The "Post Everlasting" ceremony honors members who passed away in 2015. Lighting commemorative candles and preparing to greet the families are: Back row - Second Vice Wally Knowles, Adjutant Catherine Owen and Chaplin Clem Belter. Front Row - Past Post 234 and Division Five Commander Roger Mack. Roger has been a member of the American Legion for 65+ years.

## VALENTINE'S DAY



Post 535 hosted a Valentine's Day dinner on February 13th. Post Commander Larry Webb welcomed guests, promoted building funds, and shared upcoming events. Pictured (L-R) are: Commander Larry Webb, 1st Vice Paul Brown, 2nd Vice Don Raver, Trustee Al Beyer, and Adjutant Terry Grimm (sitting).

## POST 292 FALLEN



District 5 Officers, other veterans, and guests participated in reverence during a Memorial Ceremony took place during the 5th District Spring Conference on April 3rd at Post 292. Pictured are Lenny White, 5th District Chaplain and John Longbrake, Past Commander Post #292, and other 5th District Officers, and veterans.

## POST 234 CERTIFICATE



Post 234 Commander Bob Prevost presents a Certificate honoring the memory of Post Member Dennis Bland to Dennis's family. Dennis was also the Post Historian.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Post 535 hosted a St. Patrick's Day party to gather Veterans, members, friends, and families. Pictured are Member John Dodds with his wife Sharon.

## POST 234 EASTER



Post 234 Second-Vice Wally Knowles and Adjutant Catherine Owen don their bunny suits in preparation for an Easter Salute to the veteran patients at three Brunswick, Ohio nursing homes.



Ashland • Crawford • Erie • Huron • Lorain • Medina • Richland • Sandusky • Seneca • Wyandot

## POST 503 COUNCIL



Officers of Shiloh Post #503 gather together as they host the March 2016 County Council meeting on March 24th.

## POST 234 COLORS



Post 234 members Ralph Johnson (Air Force) and Tom Bizzi (Navy) post and retrieve the colors in the same uniforms they wore on their discharge dates over 40 years ago!

## POST 211 CROSS



Battlefield Cross posted at Avon Lake Post 211. Pictured are: Greg Rusnak and Joe Rada.

## **DISTRICT 6**

Delaware • Knox • Licking • Madison • Marion • Morrow • Union

## POST 115 FLAGS



Cory Beam, Student Senate President and 2015 Buckeye Boys' State delegate from Post 115, reached out to Raymond B. Austin Post 115 for assistance in obtaining US flags for each classroom at Rutherford B. Hayes High School. Post 115 membership unanimously voted to support this worthwhile project and a total of 43 US flags were donated to the school. Pictured (L-R) are: Cory Beam, Vice Commander Richard Ray, Post 115 Commander John Norris and Principal Ric Stranges.

## FOUR CHAPLAINS



Members of Johnstown Post 254 received the Four Chaplains Lapel Pins for their participation in the Four Chaplains Memorial Service held on February 7. Back Row (L-R): Jack Walsh, Bruce Tolle, Joe Lindsey, John Leber, Urvin Harksock, Al Norman, Preston Hale. Front Row (L-R): Jim Sponagle, Connie Hale, Lucy Walsh, Karen Norman, Jim Wolf and Commander Rick Petersen.

## BREAKFAST AND GOLF



Johnstown SAL Squadron 254 provides pancakes, sausage and fun at the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Golf Auction.

## POST 457 WWII



American Legion Post 457 recently honored three of their WWII members with certificates thanking them for their service. Pictured (L-R) are: Bob Morris, James Krebs, & Minor McGraw. Morris, who served as an officer in the U.S. Navy was also recognized for 60 years in the American Legion. Krebs and McGraw served in the U.S. Army.

## POST 97 ORATORICAL



District 6 Oratorical Contest participants with District 6 Americanism Chairman Bill Balser. Pictured (L-R) are: 2nd Runner-Up Isabella Smith (River Valley High School), District Winner Hope Hack (Mt. Gilead High School), 1st Runner-Up Andrew Standley (Delaware Christian High School), and District 6 Americanism Chairman Bill Balser.

## POST 254 SOCCER



The Johnstown Girls Soccer Team provided service to the patrons of the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Golf Auction that was held at Johnstown Post 254 on March 12. They did a wonderful service.

## **DISTRICT 7**

Adams • Fayette • Highland • Lawrence • Pickaway  
• Pike • Ross • Scioto

## POST 285 A&G



Post 285 A&G Test Winners. Pictured (L-R) are: Post 285 Adjutant Steve Thorp, the test winners, District 6 Commander Bart Arndt, and District 6 Americanism Chairman Bill Balser.

## POST 115 PANCAKE



Lawrence and Tami Cain, two of the attendees enjoying the Super Pancake Breakfast fundraiser held at Post 115 on February 7th.

## A&G



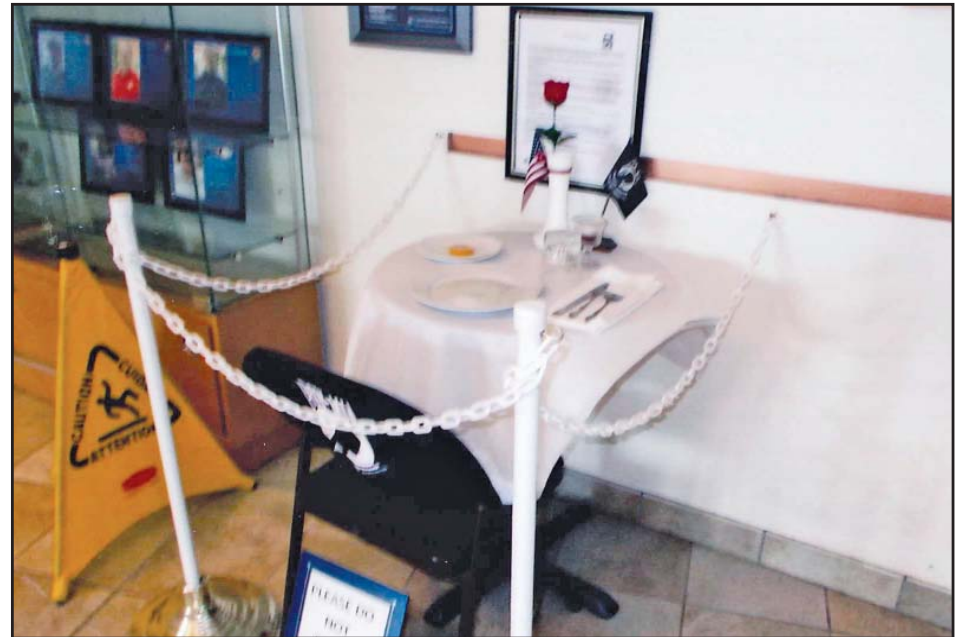
Americanism Director Gerald White at Wheelersburg High School with state winners of the A&G Test. He was in attendance to outline details of the trip to Gettysburg and Washington, DC. Pictured (L-R) are: Jacob Coy (Junior), Tait Nelson (Senior), and Faith Howard (Junior).



Athens • Fairfield • Gallia • Hocking • Jackson • Meigs • Perry • Vinton

**POST 78 EVERLASTING**

Post 78 recently conducted their annual Post Everlasting Ceremony coupled with a presentation of the 13 Folds of the American Flag Program. Pictured (L-R) are: Jeff Kornmiller-1st Vice Commander, Lee Sigler-2nd Vice Commander, William Cunningham-Hocking County Honor Guard, Terry Blackstone-Hocking County Honor Guard, Fred James-Post Commander, James Mock-Hocking County Honor Guard, Jeff Conley-Public Relations Liaison, and Walter Travis (front center) Hocking County Honor Guard.

**POST 283 POW**

David Johnston Memorial Post 283 Honor Guard donated this POW/MIA table to the Chalmers Wylie VA Clinic in Columbus. The Display is in the main lobby for everyone to see.

**POST 283 LUNCH**

David Johnston memorial Post 283 Auxiliary member Tammy Derosier prepares a luncheon for the vets.

**POST 376 HONOR**

Junction City Post 376 honoring Frank Montgomery and Harry Clark for 70 years continuous membership at their March meeting.

**DISTRICT 9**

Ashtabula • Geauga • Lake • Mahoning • Trumbull

**POST 700 QUOTA**

Post 700 has reached a new all-time high and has also attained quota for 2016, having reached its goal before Veterans Day of 2015. Dept. Commander Campbell presented Post Commander Bud Luman with the 9th District Membership Quota Award and a check from the Department. Commander Campbell expressed his appreciation for the work completed by Membership Chairman Dewayne Wells. The Post could not have achieved quota or all-time high Post without Chairman Wells' efforts.

**POST 700 BBS**

Howland Rotary Club helps to sponsor Buckeye Boy and Girl State On March 1. The American Legion Howland Post 700 was presented with a check from the Howland Rotary Club. The donation will be used by the Post and the American Legion Auxiliary to sponsor one young man to Buckeye Boys State and one young woman to Buckeye Girls State. Pictured (L-R) are: Post 700 ALA First Vice President Elaine Harry, Post Commander Bud Luman, Rotary Club Treasurer Dick Lytle and Rotary Club Community Service Officer Ken Abell. Not pictured is Bob Tucker of the Rotary Club.



## HONOR FLIGHT



Edna Corb from Cleveland Honor Flight speaks to members of Jay Wilson Post 112 on up-coming trips to Washington, DC. She spoke of the decreasing number of WWII Veterans who participate and increasing number of Korea and Vietnam Veterans.

## POST 112 CPR



Jay Wilson Post 112 Madison held a CPR Class for post members and community members. Participants attended classes at Post 112 on April 24th and learned up-to-date methods to administer CPR to victims. The class was given by Madison Fire District member Lt. Justin Meister and was a sold out class.

## POST 700 INDUCTION



Members of Howland Post 700 celebrating Sgt. Mealy's induction. Pictured (L-R) are: Chaplain Dave Luther, Comrade Tom McCloskey, Edward Dougherty, Delores Mealy, Honoree Sgt Smitty Mealy, Commander Bud Luman, Public Relations Roger Stanley, 1st Vice President of Post 700 ALA Elaine Harry, and Department Commander Jim Campbell whose home Post is also Post 700.

## DISTRICT 10

## WWII



The Jefferson County Veterans Association, a group for American Legion members in District 10, honored WWII Veterans at the annual Fall Picnic held at Friendship Park. This was in celebration of VE and VJ Days. Holding an Appreciation Cake is Barry Bardone. Standing (not in order) are: Matt Timko, Merle Waltz, Clyde Morelli, Art Panepucci, Dave Buchanan, Bill Smythe, County Veterans Commander Emelio Pastre, Len Mascio, Frank Vallera, Marshall Dalrymple, Joe Settimo, Calvin Mayle, and Dan Wilson.

## POST 740 HONOR GUARD



Post 740 provided an Honor Guard and Firing Squad for the funeral of Frank Bengier (a member of Post 740). Pictured (L-R) are: Bag Piper J.O. Henry, Lucius Zook, Ed Hashbaargler, Jim Peters, Bob Woodwalrd, Mark Clark, Steve Spiewak, Brian Cooley and Bill Burruss. Also in attendance but not photographed was Post Commander Danny Vojvodich.

## POST 44 CONTINUOUS



Brad Teis, Commander Post 44, Canton, Ohio, took a few minutes during the March 17th Post meeting to present Legionnaire Lynn A. Burselson with a "Certificate of Continuous Membership" for 70 years continuous membership.

## POST 290 DINNER



Columbiana Post 290's annual Awards Dinner and Post Everlasting ceremony had an excellent turn out this year with many members and next of kin attending.



Carrol • Columbiana • Coshocton • Harrison • Holmes • Jefferson • Stark • Tuscarawas • Wayne

**POST 244 CONTINUOUS**

David Keeney (Left) and William Schneider (Right) receive their "70 Year Continuous Member" certificate from East Sparta Post 244, Commander Terry Potter.

**POST 290 EASTER**

The children and grandchildren of Columbiana Post 290 scooped up 1400 eggs in 8 minutes at the post annual S.A.L., Easter eggs hunt.

**DISTRICT 11**

Belmont • Guernsey • Monroe • Morgan • Muskingum • Noble • Washington

**POST 52 TOUCHDOWN**

The Big Red Touchdown Club is preparing for the 62nd. Annual Bellaire relays and The Bellaire Girls invitational. The Big Red Touchdown Club is happy to announce a new sponsor for the Bellaire Relays: The American Legion Post 52 on behalf of Jim Johnston, a 22 year Marine Corp Veteran and life member of American Legion Post 52 . Pictured (L-R) are - Dick Johnson, Post Finance Officer, Bill Wilson, Post Adjutant, Ron Parker, Post Commander, Chester Crooks, Relay Chairman and S.A.L Commander, and Freddy Hocker, Post 52 member.

**POST 52 BBS**

American Legion Post 52 sponsors six students from Bellaire High School for Buckeye Boys State. Front row (L-R): Eric Bennington - Brock Decoy - Jerod Crawford - Aaron Ratsiczak - Todd Morris - Jacob Smith (sponsor by Post 77 Neff's ) - Josh Crawford. Back Row (L\_R): Bill Wilson - Ed Parker - Dan Favreau - Chester Crook - Ronald Parker - Dick Johnson.

**POST 750 SALUTE**

Frank Engle of Coal Run Passed away April 3. Frank is a member of Post 750 and S.A.L. member of Squad 389. He a past Commander of Post 750. Pictured is Vic Smith playing Taps and firing squad last honor.

**POST 29 BIRTHDAY**

Zanesville American Legion Post 29 Officers and Executive Committee members celebrate the Post's 97th birthday. The Post's temporary charter was initiated on July 14, 1919, with the permanent charter granted on August 13, 1920.



## POST 312 GRANT



The Belmont Post 312 started a museum at the Post home. In the Photo is the Post Commander Floyd Simpson, members of the Smith-Goshen Rice Enrich Fund, Crystal Lorimor, Kim Kuthy members of the museum committee and Legion member Paul Kuthy receiving a grant towards the museum.

## POST 29 BOWLING



American Legion Zanesville Post 29 Commander Mike Watts and the Post's Color Guard welcome participants and volunteers to the 66th Annual Ohio American Legion Joseph A. Annick Memorial Bowling Tournament, which began at Sunrise Strikes on February 13 and continues through March 6.

## POST 29 POOL



Commander Mike Watts of Zanesville American Legion Post 29 presents Adam Glover of Williamsburg Ohio Post 288 with the State Pool Tournament Singles Champion plaque. The Zanesville Post sponsored the American Legion State Tournament on April 16 and 17.

## POST 52 SCHOOLS



The Bellaire American Legion Post 52 gave a donation to the Bellaire Elementary School and the Bellaire Middle School to buy athletic equipment for their schools. Pictured (L-R) are: Derek Ault, Principal of the elementary school, Dick Johnson, Post Finance Officer, Ron Parker, Post Commander, Bill Wilson, Post Adjutant, Jeff Stolz, S.A.L. officer, and Derrick McAfee.

## **DISTRICT 12**

### Franklin County

## DIVISION 12 RIDERS



American Legion Riders representing Posts, 115, 239 and 486, were present to welcome the returning Honor Flight at Port Columbus April 23rd. Legion Riders began participating in the monthly return welcome ceremonies last year through the organized efforts of Tod Heaton, Post 486.

## POST 614 CONTINUOUS



70 year Continuous Membership award presented to William R. "Bill" Schnug of American Legion Memorial Post 614 by 12th District/Post 614 Commander, Tim Shigley.



## Franklin County

## POST 171 GRAVES



Westerville American Legion Post 171 Commander, Pete Otteson, gave a speech during the April 19 City Council Meeting about Post 171's efforts to identify graves of Veterans not identified in the four Veteran Cemeteries in Westerville. Commander Otteson introduced Boy Scout Chris Lake, a member of Troop 64 in Westerville, who gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout grave identification project that Chris undertook to help him become an Eagle Scout. Chris has been working with Post 171 for about a year now and was given \$100.00 to help with research. We are all very thankful and proud of Chris's project to help us identify all the veteran's graves, some going back to the Civil War, and to help Chris in his desire to become an Eagle Scout. Pictures of Veteran grave markers were displayed on the walls of Westerville City Council. All of us in Post 171 are very proud of Chris and we wish him the best of luck as he prepares to become an Eagle Scout. The grave markers were supplied by the VA.

## POST 490 HOMELESS



Post Commander Terry Wright (Right) of Post 490 presents winter boots and gloves to homeless veteran Joseph Powell.



American Legion Post 490 received a call from the Livingston Commons Director, Delrita Parks, stating that their food storage shelves were empty. Past 12th District Commander James Refinati coordinated with Whitehall Post 490 and raised \$1000 worth of food that was donated to the Livingston Commons. The Livingston Commons is a facility that houses 100 homeless veterans. They rehabilitate these veterans and help veterans to get employment. Pictured (L-R) are: James Refinati, Livingston Commons Director Delrita Parks, and Terry Wright.

## POST 532 L&amp;O



Front (L-R) Grove City Police Dispatcher, Kelley Davidson; Franklin County Sheriff Dispatcher Kelley Davidson, Reynoldsburg Police Officer Nicole Riley. Back (L-R) OSU Retired Chief Paul Denton; Franklin County Special Deputy Mark Pennington; Grove City Police Officer Brandon Judd; Valleyview Police Officer K. Schmidt; Ohio Highway Patrol Sergeant Tiffany Lea Coriell. American Legion Don Gentile Post 532, held their Annual Law Enforcement Community Service Awards and Banquet on Saturday, April 16 at their Post Home. Law & Order Chairman Jerry Bryan started with a Memorial Service for Fallen Columbus Police Swat Officer Steven Smith performed by American Legion Post 532 Color Guard. West High School Army JROTC presented the Colors for the Opening of the Awards Program. Chairman Jerry Bryan presented a Commendation from the Ohio Senate to Cadet Captain Kevin Wolford. All Award Recipients were presented Commendations from Columbus and the Ohio Senate and a plaque from Post 532. Note: Reynoldsburg Police Officer was presented by Reynoldsburg Post 798 Commander Pete Margaritas, he is also a Past 12th District Commander. Greetings were delivered by Post 532 Commander Bernie Brogan, Auxiliary Unit 532 President Jeanne Herderick; Sons of The American Legion Squadron & District Commander Rocky Searles; 12th District American Legion Commander Tim Shigley; 12th Dist. American Legion Aux. President Paula Christman; Dept. of Ohio Auxiliary President Martha Setlock; and American Legion Riders Chapter Director Gary Mack. The Feature Speaker for the evening was American Legion Department of Ohio Commander Jim Campbell.

## District 14

Summit County • Portage County

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Legion Family serving breakfast for Special Olympic Athletes, families, and coaches on February 4th. Pictured are: (Legion) Larry Sharp-803, Reed Gross-803, Bill Vassileff-803, Jim Forsythe-255, (Sons) Bill Towns-281, Keith Bell- 336, John Tepper, (Auxiliary) Michele Sandridge-19, and Becky Sharp-803.

## POST 449 CONTINUOUS



Post 449 Commander Scott Swearinger presenting Dean Markle with his 70 continuous years' service award.





*Ronald L. Chapman*

**Candidate for  
Department Commander**

The Williamsburg American Legion Post 288, Clermont County Council and the "Fabulous 4th District" proudly present and endorse Ronald L. Chapman as a Candidate for Commander of The American Legion Department of Ohio

Ron is a 46 year member of the Williamsburg Post 288 and earned his eligibility for the American Legion through his service in the United States Air Force from 1966-1970. He has served his Post in all elected offices including two terms as a quota Commander. He has served as Commander of the Clermont County Council and as Commander of the "Fabulous 4th District" in 2003. Ron served the Department of Ohio as 2nd Vice Commander in 2013 and most recently as

your Department 1st Vice Commander.

Ron has served his Post, County, District and Department on many committees during his 46 years of service to the American Legion. He has served on the National level as a member of the Americanism Council and Legislative Council as well as several Convention committees.

A retired Letter Carrier, Ron and his wife Karen, a member of Unit 288, reside in Williamsburg, Ohio. They have three children and four grandchildren, all members of the American Legion Family. Ron is a proud Legion member and with your support is looking forward to serving you in 2016-2017 as your Department Commander.



*David L. Jackson*

**Candidate for  
Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**

I earned my eligibility to the American Legion by serving in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. I served from 1968-1977 on active duty attaining the rank of 1st class Engineman. Following that I served two years active reserves @ MCB20 in Columbus, Ohio.

Following my enlistment, I returned home and went to work for Monroe Equipment Company in Cumberland, Ohio, working there from 1977-1985. After 30 years I am now retired from Baker and Son's Equipment Company, Lewisville, Ohio, where I was employed as their Field Service Technician, repairing logging and land clearing equipment.

I am married to my wife of 47 years, Sharon, and have 1 daughter, 1 son and 2 granddaughters, all members of the Legion Family. We reside outside Belle Valley, Ohio. I am currently and have served on the Belle Valley Volunteer Fire Department as a firefighter and first responder for the last 37 years. I am currently and have been a Blue Lodge Mason, 32degree,

Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge.

I am a 34 year member of Belle Valley Post 641. I am also a member of the SAL and ALR. I am supported by my family, my Post, Auxiliary, SAL, ALR and the Elite 11th District. I have served my Post in the offices of Sgt.-at-Arms, Judge Advocate, Adjutant, 2nd Vice, 1st Vice and Commander several times and am an active member of the color guard. I am a Past District Commander of the 11th District from 1998-1999. Served as Department Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms 1999-2000.

I served for 3 years on the Department Finance Committee and 1 year as Department Treasurer (2013-2014), also served on the National Foreign Relations Committee and am presently serving on the National Veterans Employment and Education Council, and serve the 11th District as Judge Advocate and National Security Chairman. I am currently serving the Dept. of Ohio as 2nd Vice Commander.

My favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing.



*Stanley A. Pleasant*

**Candidate for  
Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander**

I earned my eligibility by serving in the United States Air Force from March 1972 to April 1992. My military career covered the Vietnam era, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

I am a Life member of General "Chappie James" American Legion Post 776 in Dayton. As a legionnaire, I have served my Post as a Trustee, Adjutant, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander. I have served the "Thundering" 3rd District as Assistant Sergeant -at-Arms, Finance Officer, 2nd Vice Commander, 1st vice Commander, and Commander (2011-2012).

I am a Life Member of VFW Post 2800 (Dayton). I was a Life Member of VFW Post 3808 until it closed. As a member of VFW Post 3808, I held the offices of Junior vice

Commander, and Adjutant. I am also a member of AMVETS Post 24.

I am currently the Treasurer for the Department of Ohio. I am proud to be a Commissioner of Buckeye Boys State (8 years). Ohio has the finest Boys State program in the American Legion. I serve on the National Americanism Council.

I am a 20 year member of the American Legion. I love the American Legion, and what it represents. I don't like to start a job if I can't give it my all. Throughout my career as a legionnaire, I have lived by one motto "Do what is right for my post, do what is right for the American Legion".

I would appreciate your vote at the upcoming Department of Ohio Convention in Independence OH, June 24-26 2016.



*Harold Krieg*

**Candidate for  
Department Treasurer**

Harold Krieg, Candidate for Department Treasurer, is endorsed by the Second District American Legion, Auglaize County Council, New Bremen Post 241, Auxiliary Unit 241, and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 241.

I became eligible to join The American Legion by serving in the United States Marine Corps for two years, 13 months of which were in Vietnam.

I am a Life Member of Post 241 with 46 years of continuous membership, a member of Western Ohio Detachment 923 Marine Corp League, Life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Life Member of VFW Post 9019, member of Voiture Locale 984 40-8, and a member of Squadron 241 Sons of The American Legion.

I served as District 2 Commander from 1990-

91, and have served in various offices in the Post, County, and District levels. On the Department level, I have served as Asst. Sgt.-At-Arms from 1991-92, Credentials Committee for the last 18 years, Rules and Order of business Committee for the last 4 years, and presently serving on the Finance Committee for the third year as Chairman.

I have been employed at Crown Equipment Corporation for the last 49 years where I work for Engineering Product Design and Development as a Mechanical Technician.

I am married to my wife, Doris, for the last 44 years. We have one daughter, four sons, and eleven grandchildren.

I would appreciate your vote at the Department Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.



*Dennis E. Clausen*

**Candidate for  
National Executive Committee**

Dear Legionnaires and Legion Family,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the hospitality and friendships that were developed with my wife Barbara and I, as I served as your Alternate National Executive Committeeman during the past two years. During my travels across the Great State of Ohio, and the Nation, I have seen the dedication that Legionnaires have to the many programs of this organization. It has been a fantastic educational experience that will only help me to better serve the American Legion.

The 2016 Department Convention is fast approaching and the delegates will select new Officers. I would like to announce that I am a Candidate for the High Office of National Executive Committeeman for the Department of Ohio.

In closing, I would like to say "Thank You" to all the many people whom worked, assisted, advised, and encouraged me over the years. I hope that this will continue, because it is the duty and obligation of all Legionnaires to support our great programs.



*Bob Klostermeier*

**Candidate for Alternate  
National Executive Committee**

BRING ON BOB IS BACK!!!!

That time of year is on us again, as we get ready to elect new leaders for the upcoming year. I've been to almost every district since I started my campaign. If I didn't get to your district I am very sorry. I looked back on the years that I served the legionnaires of the Department of Ohio. I feel that It was a great honor to represent all of you all over the country. Now I would like to represent you again on the Na-

tional level. It is with great pride and honor that I would like to announce my candidacy for the high office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman for the years 2016-2018. I have the full support of my family, my Post-Adams Township Post 553, Lucas County Council, and The Great First District. I hope to see many of you at the convention in Independence, Ohio June 24-26. Thank you in advance for your support.



ORATORICAL

11 Districts compete in 2016 Department Oratorical Finals



District Oratorical Champions representing 11 of the 14 Districts in the Department of Ohio competed in the 2016 Department Oratorical State Finals held on Sunday, March 20, 2016 in the Bishop Griffin Student Center at Ohio Dominican University, Columbus.

The Department Oratorical State Finals was conducted in two rounds of competition.

In the opening round, held on Sunday morning, the eleven District winners were placed in two (2) Semi-Final competitions with six (6) district winners in Semi-Final "A" and five (5) District winners in Semi-Final "B".

Running the Department Semi-final contests in accordance with the National Oratorical Finals, the winners of the two Semi-Finals advanced into the State Finals contest held on Sunday afternoon.

Amanda Lehmkuhl, a Senior from Minster, Ohio (District 2) won the 2016 Department State Finals with Victoria Wold, a Senior from Lebanon (District 4) coming in as the Department runner-up.

Amanda Lehmkuhl advanced into the American Legion Na-

tional Oratorical Finals held in Indianapolis, Indiana April 15-17 where she was eliminated in the quarter finals competition.

Department Commander Jim Campbell was an honored guest at the 2016 Department Oratorical Finals and assisted in the presentation of awards to the contestants in both the Semi-Final and Finals competitions.

Department Chairman John Looker and the Department Oratorical Committee wish to thank everyone in attendance for the Department Oratorical finals, those individuals who served as judges and Contest personnel, and Department Americanism Director Gerald White for his assistance in coordinating the logistics efforts of putting the event together.

Department Chairman Looker especially wishes to thank each and every one of the young men and young ladies who competed in the 2016 Department Oratorical Finals for their willingness and dedication in choosing to learn more about the United States Constitution thru their participation in the American Legion High School Constitutional Speech contest.



2016 State Oratorical Second Place finisher Victoria Wold from Lebanon, OH being presented her plaque by Department Commander James Campbell and Department 1st Vice Commander Ronald Chapman. Victoria was the District 4 Contest Winner.



2016 State Oratorical Contest Winner Amanda Lehmkuhl from Minster, OH being presented her plaque for 1st Place from Department Commander James Campbell and Department 1st Vice Commander Ronald Chapman. Amanda was the District 2 Winner.

TENTATIVE  
98TH DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SCHEDULE

June 23-26, 2016

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MEETING/FUNCTION	DAY/TIME	ROOM	FLOOR
<b>THURSDAY – SUNDAY, June 23rd-26th</b>			
Headquarters Office	DAILY	Valley View	1st
<b>THURSDAY – June 23rd</b>			
Finance Meeting	10:00 AM	Brooklyn	1st
Judging Sub-Committees	12:00 PM	Suite 273	2nd
Executive Committee Meeting	2:00 PM	Broadview Heights	1st
Executive Committee Banquet	5:30–7:30 PM	Ballroom 4	1st
<b>FRIDAY – June 24th</b>			
Registration	10:00 AM – 6:00PM	Ballroom Corridor	1st
Americanism	12:00 PM	Ballroom 3	1st
Child Welfare	12:00 PM	Michaels Private	1st
Constitutional Amendments	12:00 PM	Brooklyn	1st
Legislative	12:00 PM	Ballroom 1	1st
Permanent Organization	12:00 PM	Ballroom 2	1st
Resolutions	12:00 PM	Independence	1st
Rules & Order of Business	12:00 PM	Parma	1st
VA & R	12:00 PM	Broadview Heights	1st
National Security	12:30 PM	Ballroom 2	1st
1 <sup>st</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Michaels Private	1st
2 <sup>nd</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Brooklyn	1st
3 <sup>rd</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Broadview Heights	1st
4 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Parma	1st
5 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Independence	1st
7 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Ballroom 1	1st
8 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Ballroom 2	1st
10 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	2:00 PM	Ballroom 3	1st
6 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3:30 PM	Brooklyn	1st
9 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3:30 PM	Ballroom 2	1st
11 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3:30 PM	Michaels Private	1st
12 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3 30 PM	Independence	1st
13 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3:30 PM	Ballroom 3	1st
14 <sup>th</sup> District Caucus	3:30 PM	Broadview Heights	1st
Credentials	6:00-9:00 PM	Parma	1st
<b>SATURDAY – June 25th</b>			
Registration	8:00 AM until 1/2 hour after session closes	Ballroom Corridor	1st
General Session	8:00 AM	Grand Ballroom	1st
PDC Lunch	1:00 PM	Holiday Inn Michaels Grille	
PDC Wives Lunch	1:00 PM	Embassy Suites Restaurant	
Charities Gaming	Begins at the close of convention Session -4:00 PM	Grand Ballroom	1st
Online Forms and Program Training	2:00-4:00 PM	Broadview Heights	1st
National Convention Cmte.	2:00-4:00 PM	Independence	1st
Credentials	6:00-9:00 PM	Parma	1st
<b>SUNDAY – June 26th</b>			
Protestant Service	8:00 - 8:30 AM	Independence	1st
Catholic Service	8:00 - 8:30 AM	Brooklyn	1st
General Session	9:00 AM	Grand Ballroom	1st
Executive Committee Meeting	1:00 PM	Broadview Heights	1st

2016 LEGION RIDERS  
LEGACY RUN

Brenda McGowan

Department PA Director

The final schedule is still being reviewed for this year's Legacy run into Cincinnati, at National Convention.

The following are a couple of dates and points of interest:

**Saturday, Aug, 20, 2016** – Ohio Riders. Let's start the event early and meet at Department Headquarters at 10:00 A.M. We can ride into Indianapolis together with our OHIO Pride! Further details will follow as they develop and will be listed on the Ohio legion website.

(All day) Registration and check-in for all participants in Indianapolis, Indiana. Emblem Sales table, departure dinner in the evening hosted by Indiana American Legion and INALR, with general fellowship and road captain training. Day riders are welcome and can register along the run. An all riders meeting will be held at Post 64 on Holt Rd., Indianapolis on Sat afternoon

Sunday, Aug, 21, 2016 –

Rider assembly and final check-in. Kickstands up at 7:30 A.M. from Indianapolis Post 64.

A complete schedule of the ride and hotels will be available soon

on National website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

The ride ends at Harrison Post 199 on Thursday, August 25th. The Post is planning several activities and events. Check out the Ohio Legion website at [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com) for information and updates as they occur.

Show your "Buckeye" pride while enjoying the camaraderie with fellow Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and ALR members. Wishing each of you safe travels to the National Convention.







## Who We Are and Who We Were

*The American Legion Weekly, Volume 4, No. 32, August 11, 1922*



### Putting Jack in the Post Till

*The Surest Method Is to Give the Public Its Money's Worth-Then They'll Come Back for More*

Money is as scarce in the northwest as red corpuscles in a turnip. We have it from Charles A. Schwartz, adjutant of James Roberts Post of McClusky, North Dakota. But chickens are still hatching in the springtime, and furthermore, the adjutant informs us that chickens are especially partial to Legionnaires in that section, and that a North Dakota hen sitting on sixteen eggs—if she's doing it in the interests of the Legion—will turn out fifteen chicks every time. Thus the idea of a set-a-hen campaign had its origin.

Instead of asking its farmer friends for money—which they didn't have anyway—the post asked each one to set a hen. At the time Adjutant Schwartz made his report 110 biddies had been set and it looked as though the 200-mark would be easily reached. Well, now, if ten of the fifteen chickens each hen hatches live and grow up they'll be worth seventy-five cents apiece next fall. Two hundred, times ten, times three quarters of a dollar, equals \$1,500—that's assuming 200 eggs are set. Even if no more than 110 are set it would mean \$825, if each hen does her duty the way the adjutant figures she will. What's more, the Legion isn't altogether dependent on the hens of North Dakota, anyway. Some of the post's friends decided that such fickle creatures as hens ought to be supported by a few hogs and sheep, and donated a dozen or so little pigs and lambs.

This fall, when all the chickens and pigs and lambs—yes, and a few goslings and turkeys which we forgot to mention, besides, for all we know, a few guinea hens, ducks, rabbits and colts, which may be included in the "etc." tacked onto the end of the adjutant's summary—well, this fall when they've all grown up and are just straining at the leash to lay eggs, have their heads chopped off, their wool clipped or themselves made into pork, as the case in each instance may be, the Legion is going to hold an auction.

James Roberts Post is so sure that that auction is going to pay up that it's already gone ahead and bought land for a buddy house which is to be a part of its program of aid to the disabled.

That last part sounds sort of solid, doesn't it? But don't think for a minute that we began this article about successful methods of raising money for Legion posts with a description of this set-a-hen campaign put on by James Roberts Post because of the serious object it accomplished. It goes without saying that it had a serious object. Every money-raising campaign worthy of the Legion's name does. No, we didn't choose it because of its seriousness; we chose it deliberately because of its amusing aspect. It is typical of thousands of amusing projects which have brought Legion posts money when they needed it, and with credit to the name of the Legion. A questionnaire sent to all state departments shows this to be true.

When the Legion smiles money comes. The methods which have been most successful, both from the standpoint of raising money and from the standpoint of upholding the Legion's good name, have had a good amount of fun in them, though

not all of the same brand. Some of them have been boxing matches, plays, musical comedies, minstrel shows, dances, bazaars, whist parties, baseball games, field days, carnivals, roundups, water carnivals. We could go on and name others, but we couldn't find a one which has been generally successful where the public hasn't been made to feel somehow or other that it's been given its money's worth in fun and enjoyment.

A report from Minnesota shows that the Gopher Gang has been especially successful in securing money it has needed for club houses, the care of the disabled and other public or semi-public enterprises. And with its youth and its new ideas, its sense of humor and its ability to stir things up and keep them moving, the Gopher gang has managed to give the people of Minnesota their money's worth.

Things which the Legion has done unaided by outside talent have been especially well patronized and well liked in Minnesota. This seems to be true everywhere. For instance, carnivals in which the home folks take the leading parts have been much more successful than similar entertainments put on by outside talent.

The Department of Minnesota has found home-talent plays especially productive of revenue. Each play on the list given below has brought posts from \$50 to \$800:

The Black Heifer  
Blue Bandits  
Man Without a Country  
And Ted Came Home  
Safety First  
Nothing but the Truth  
Spinsters' Convention  
A Cheerful Liar  
Hurdy Gurdy Girl  
Trial of Hearts  
Mrs. Temple's Telegram  
Are You a Mason?  
Jim's Girl  
A Country Girl  
Back to the Farm  
Honeymoon Town  
'Way Down East

Musical comedies have netted Minnesota posts from \$50 to \$400 each, and a performance of "The Belles of Fol-De-Rol," put on with all home talent by the Cloquet Post, netted \$650. Here is the list of musical comedies which have gone best:

Leave It To Me  
Johnny Get Your Gun  
Oh! Oh! Cindy!  
Treasure Hunters  
Windmills of Holland  
Million Dollar Band  
Court of King Cole  
White Hussar Band

Minstrel shows have netted from \$50 to \$250, with the exception of one put on by outside talent which lost \$70.

Pillager Post wrote and produced a vaudeville show picturing the first days of a rookie in camp which made \$60 above expenses in a very small town. "Stop Thief" made \$150 and an American Legion vaudeville \$500. An indoor Legion carnival, with vaudeville and squad drills, and so on, all by home talent, made \$100.

The Department of Virginia reports a musical comedy put on by Richmond Post, entitled "Aye, Aye, Sir," which brought in

more than \$2,000. The cast was entirely local. They have a Legion club at Newport News which puts on subscription dances which are profitable from a financial standpoint and which help Legion and Auxiliary members to become acquainted with each other and with the friends of the Legion in the community.

Oregon falls in line with most other States by laying emphasis on dances as revenue producers. State Adjutant Harry N. Wilson says: "Weekly, semiweekly or monthly dances in the majority of cases have proved very popular and of much benefit to the posts aside from increasing the exchequer."

Home-talent plays have also been popular in Oregon. Frequently a Legion post which presents a play successfully in its own town takes the road and gives productions in nearby places. Experience which the Department of Wisconsin has had, however, points to the possibility of one post's encroaching upon another unless some arrangement about division of profits is made. Wisconsin passed a resolution at its last convention officially discouraging the practice of individual posts' raising funds in statewide campaigns.

Posts in Oregon have worked out a plan for raising a lump sum of money which is an ingenious variation on ordinary methods of borrowing on the future. What might be called entertainment bonds are issued in ten, twenty and fifty-dollar denominations. They bear no interest and are not payable in money but are redeemable as admission to any entertainment, play or dance that the post sponsors. In instances where a post owns its own club rooms and has a hall or banquet room for rent to fraternal and civic organizations many posts have issued these bonds and accepted them as half payment for rental charges, taking the other half in cash.

The Department of Kansas lays strong emphasis on dances as a source of revenue. They have brought in sizeable door receipts and promoted good feeling in the post and community. In connection with dances, several departments have pointed out the impropriety of holding them where local sentiment is against dancing and the importance in every case of proper supervision.

Boxing has been a profitable source of revenue in Kansas. Where state laws are liberal this sport has often been a good revenue producer. Hollywood Post of Hollywood, California, has erected an enormous stadium and paid for it with receipts from boxing matches held there. The need for watchfulness where boxing matches are promoted by the Legion is especially urgent. One department reports that the only instance of unclean sport sponsored by the Legion was a boxing match which was put on without a sufficiently thoroughgoing preliminary investigation. Wrestling matches have also proved financially successful in Kansas and in many other States.

Taking them all together the reports from state departments indicate that dances would probably head the list as a means of raising revenue; next would come entertainments, such as plays, vaudeville, musical comedies and minstrel shows; next bazaars, open-air carnivals and field days; then boxing and wrestling matches, base-

ball, basketball, and other athletic events.

With the Legion Film Service coming along the way it is a good source of revenue for Legion posts is promised in putting on movie shows, in scores of posts that promise has already been realized.

Bright ideas in special stunts have won money for the Legion time and time again. Assistant Adjutant Claude A. Brown of Arkansas tells of a "circus of fakes" which has been successful in his State. All sorts of fake sideshows are a part of these entertainments. For instance, one bearing the sign, "For Men Only," would have some such thing as a pair of suspenders on exhibit. One post in Arkansas put on a fiddlers' contest with prizes for the best playing by old timers.

Idaho posts have been especially fertile in inventing stunts. Twin Falls has an annual festival, a feature of which is a "kangaroo court." This has brought in from \$300 to \$1,500. In Weiser during the annual fair The American Legion gets all concessions. The means to pay for \$4,000 worth of land and \$1,000 besides for a building fund have been made in this way. In Hazelton they hold what is known as an annual bushel drive. The members go out and solicit a bushel of farm produce from the farmers and later these are auctioned off. Five hundred to \$1,000 is usually secured through this event. In Caldwell they put on "The Days of Forty-nine" each year, a takeoff on the old mining days of the West. The members of a post in New Hampshire act as waiters at the Elks' banquets each year, turning over all tips to the post's treasury.

Vroman Post of Casper, Wyoming, presented a wild West show which made a profit of \$1,000 and was considered the most pretentious effort of its kind that had ever been made in the State outside of the annual Frontier Days celebration at Cheyenne. "Miscellaneous sales" where old odds and ends are solicited from the Legion's friends and then auctioned off have proved good fun-makers, besides being profitable.

If a post must have substantial contributions from its community, best results have been obtained in most cases by holding one big annual event rather than pursuing a piecemeal policy of asking for a nickel at a time. It may be a dance, an entertainment or a field day, or it may even be a poppy or a daisy sale day. Whatever form it takes, departments agree that the post should make a special effort to acquaint the public with the purpose for which the money is wanted if generous contributions are asked for. It is essential to arrange for these annual events well in advance and give them extensive publicity. Tag days seem to be defunct. Of course entertainments or events where money is only incidental are an entirely different matter. The more of them the better.

It's difficult to summarize and it's difficult to lay down hard and fast rules in regard to money-making methods for Legion posts. But this much is certain—no case has come to our knowledge where a post went far wrong by giving the public its money's worth. And we might add it is our observation that most posts of the Legion know how to do it.

Interesting times to be sure, much different from today. Or was it?



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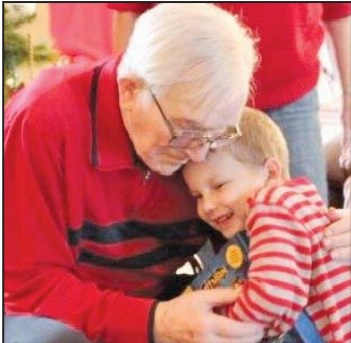
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ELMER FUHRHOP



*Elmer was one of those people who befriended you as soon as you met. His smile was a welcome to anyone. He was a Legionnaire who loved the Legion and would do anything requested of him. He believed in the principles and programs of this great organization. His passions were Boys State and the Child Welfare programs. He loved the challenges and the victories. On February 3rd Elmer passed away. We know that he is in a better place but, he is truly missed by many.*

WILLIAM “BILL” BALSER



Department of Ohio Past NECMAN, Department Commander, Treasurer, Boys State President, and Bowling Chairman Commissioner (also known as Grandpa)

*Bill was one of the Legionnaires who would do anything for the Legion. He truly believed in the principles and programs of this great organization. He carried so many titles as a Legionnaire with just a few mentioned above. Bill was instrumental in the Charter of Melvin Mayfield Post 804 St. Louisville and at the opening of the Post he was the Post Commander. At the time of his departure he was the Post Finance Officer. It still does not seem real that on March 5th Bill Balser passed away unexpectedly. We know that Bill is in a better place but, he is truly missed by many.*



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## How to Submit Photos and Articles to the Ohio Legion News

**Jason Graven**  
Editor in Chief

Those of you who submit pictures are obviously very proud to show off you and your Post's accomplishments. However, there is a correct and incorrect way to submit your stories.

DO: submit a "who, what, when, where, and why" write-up of the event along with Post AND District.

DO NOT: submit more than two to three sentences. Space is very limited and a lengthy submission must be cut down to meet space requirements. While I am a proud Legionnaire, I hate having to cut these down as I may inadvertently leave out information you would rather have included over something else in your submission.

DO: submit ONE photo of the event

DO NOT: submit more than one photo per event. My time is limited just as much as the space in this newsletter and asking me to sift through 3 and 4 pictures (and some cases entire cd's) to find one to meet your write-up can be very time consuming. It also leaves me to decide what it is you want the Legion family of Ohio to see and as in the previous "DO NOT" I do not want to choose the photo that

does not properly show your pride in why you made the submission.

DO: provide your write-ups in legible handwriting or typed if possible.

DO NOT: scribble a write-up and expect me to decipher.

DO: take the time to send in photos and articles.

DO NOT: cut photos and articles out from other publications and submit. There are copyright and intellectual property laws that we must abide by. Submitting an article and picture from another publication can cause myself, and the Legion, to face plagiarism lawsuits that come with very hefty fines.

DO: mail submissions to Attn: Ohio Legion News, 60 Big Run Rd, Delaware, OH, 43015 or email them to [legion@ohiolegion.com](mailto:legion@ohiolegion.com) with the subject line: Ohio Legion News submission.

DO NOT: send in random photos or emails with no reason as to why I am receiving them and expect me to guess as to why. We also have photo contests for the new Legion Calendar and I don't want to mistake one for the other.

Our next OLN Deadline is April 31st. I look forward to receiving your photos and articles!

## 66TH ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 66th Tournament was held at Sunrise Strike Lanes in Zanesville. With the exception of the last weekend when we all encountered the sad loss of a fellow Legionnaire, Bowling Chairman/Commissioner and dear friend, Bill Balser the Tournament was a success. Bill will be forever missed.

Post 29 served as the host Post and did an excellent job providing entertainment, meals and overall hospitality. Commander Campbell attended and opened the Tournament by throwing out a strike on Febru-

ary 13th. 97 teams entered the tournament. Andrew Bauer from Akron District 14, had a perfect 300 game. He received a jacket from the Bowling Commissioners. Prize checks were mailed to those placing in the top 15 events. The 2017 Tournament is hosted by Canton Post 44, at Colonial Lanes.

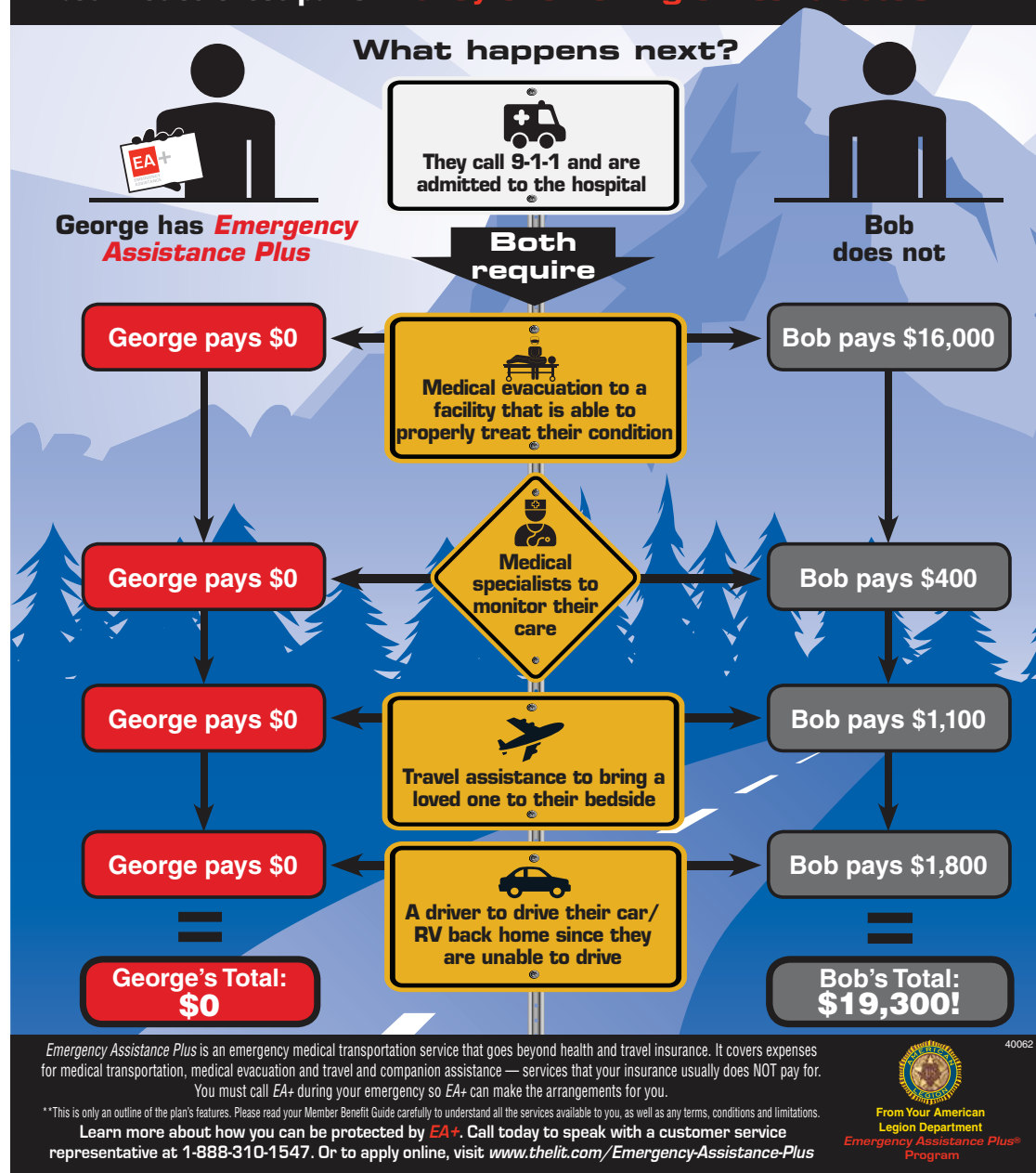
If a Post is interested in hosting the 2018 tournament please contact Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio, 43015, Attn: Brenda McGowan, Tournament Director.

### TOP 15 WINNERS IN EACH EVENT

PLACE	TEAMS	DOUBLES	SINGLES	ALL EVENTS
1	Gary Cisco	Matt Elling/Jay Stephens	Derrick Kerwin	Corey Chatman
2	Beth Wilson	Robin Starkey/Kirk Starkey	Richard Angles	Jerry Murvine
3	Joe Bittner	Jim Geiger/Arnold Fuller	Dylan Johnson	Ryan Jarrett
4	Crystal Wynn	Mike Schmidt/Mike Jones	Dick Gray	Troy Houser
5	James Weaver	Dick Gray/Keith Young	Jerry Murvine	Robin Starkey
6	Mike Bradley	Keith Shrider/Jerry Murvine	Larry Bell	Brandon Manhard
7	Ron Buck	Brenda Schnitker/David Schnitker	Stacy Craig	Ronald Wright
8	Thomas Bradley	Jeff Elder/Darin DeWitt	Arnold Fuller	Jay Stephens
9	Steve Kelch	Beth Wilson/ Ryan Jarrett	Eric Harrison	Kris Brodzinski
10	William Yanis	Amanda Miles/Brandon Manhard	Mike Earach	Mike Jones
11	Dennis Ehlers	Corey Chatman/Orlando Chatman	Troy Houser	Stacy Craig
12	James Maxwell	Gerald Silber/Jeff Coleman	Brandon Manhard	Dick Gray
13	Darin DeWitt	Ron Buck/Jeff Bowersock	Darin DeWitt	Stacy Oakman
14	Lionel Watiker	David Nelson/Ronald Wright	Corey Chatman	Derrick Kerwin
15	Luke Baumgardner	William Yanis/Kris Brodzinski	Gerald Silber	David Schnitker

## What if you were Bob?

George and Bob both go on a solo fishing trip to a beautiful, but remote, town in Alaska every summer. While enjoying the idyllic scenery, they both notice chest pains — **they are having a heart attack!**



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## 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

**Saturday, August 13th & Sunday, August 14th 2016**

**Hosted by American Legion Post #584  
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**KINGSMILL GOLF COURSE**  
2500 Berringer Rd.  
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**Entry & Housing Deadline – July 16, 2016**

**Comfort Inn 1-740-389-5552**  
**Fairfield Inn 1-740-389-6636**  
**Magnuson/Best Western 1-740-389-1998**  
**County Inn & Suites 1-740-386-5451**

**\$80 PER GOLFER**  
**Must be submitted with entry**

## GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

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



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

**Dinner and Entertainment will be available at the Post Friday & Saturday Night.**  
Please indicate how many will be attending each meal.  
Friday Fish Fry \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail entries to:** American Legion Post No. 584 • 142 Olney Ave.  
Marion, OH 43302 • Attn: Doug Collins  
For more information call (740) 225-2487

**Sunday, September 11, 2016**

Held at Cardinal Center • Corner of Interstate 71 North and 61 East - Marengo, Ohio  
Entrance is behind the Homestead Restaurant • Phone (419) 253-0800  
Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. • Event begins at 10:00 a.m. • Entries close at 1:00 p.m.

### LEGION TROPHIES

High 5 man team  
Runner-up 5 man team  
High 2 man team (same Post)  
High Overall  
High Husband and Wife  
High Lady  
High Child under 18

High 18-20 yd Handicap  
High 21-23 yd Handicap  
High 24-27 yd Handicap  
High Veteran 65-70  
High Senior Veteran over 70  
High Parent & Child  
High 16 yd

### NON-LEGION TROPHIES

High 16 yd  
High Handicap  
High Overall  
High Youth 5 person Team  
Runner up Youth 5 person Team

### OPTIONS

Targets – 100- 50 from 16 yd 50 from handicap (using ATA yardage)  
Lewis Class on 100 – paid 50-30-20% 3 classes TBD  
Long Run on 100 from start to miss TBD  
High Gun Purse 60-40% TBD  
16 yd total 50 60-40% TBD  
Handicap each 25 60-40% TBD

**Hosted by  
Johnsville  
Legion  
Post 754**

### ATA SAFETY RULES WILL GOVERN THIS TOURNAMENT

Non-ATA and Non Legion Members welcome • Non established ATA Members subject to 18 yd. Handicap rule

**ATA Members bring both ATA card & Average Card for yardage assessment.**

**American Legion, Auxiliary Members, and SAL Members • Must have current paid up membership card**

**Lunch is available on the grounds.**

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**Practice traps are open Saturday, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

## 2016 DEPARTMENT POOL TOURNAMENT

The Department Pool Tournament was held at Zanesville Post 29, on April 16th and 17th. This Post did a fantastic job with hosting the Tournament, providing meals, raffles and over all hospitality. Many compliments were mentioned in reference to how nice it is to have the tournament at the Post. A great big thank you to Post 29, Post Commander Mike Watts, Larry Shanks and Jason Chapman for organizing the tournament. Well Done! Department 1st Vice Commander Ron Chapman, and George Monroe Post 72 visited the tournament on Sunday. Forty two singles, shot on Saturday. And twenty seven teams on Sunday. This is the best number of entries ever!

**The following placed as reported by the Post**

### SATURDAY SINGLES:

**1st Place** - Adam Clover Post 288  
**2nd Place** - Mike Morgan Post 184

### SUNDAY'S DOUBLES:

**1st Place** - John and Scott George Post 525  
**2nd Place** - Frank Addy and Doug Hill Post 757  
**3rd Place** - Dave Vickers and Mark Lee Post 29

The Host Post determines the rules of the tournament. Zanesville Post 29 will host the Tournament again in 2017 scheduled for the weekend beginning April 21st with a Friday night Post mini tournament. The Department Tournament starts on Saturday, April 22nd. See the Event flier with further details. If a Post is interested in hosting a tournament please contact Director Brenda McGowan at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, 43015.



## 2016 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The 10th annual Department of Ohio American Legion Euchre Tournament was the best ever attended on Saturday, April 23rd at Hamler Post 262.

All forty two teams participating enjoyed the camaraderie along with the hospitality.

Bill Oberhaus along with the Post did an excellent job in hosting the tournament, with great hospitality and good food. First District Commander Mike Kennedy and First District 2nd Vice Commander Stan Oren not only visited the tournament but also participated. Commander Mike gave opening remarks along with the pledge of allegiance and at the end of the tournament he presented the prize money to the winners.

Jim Benson and Pete Everett from

Adams Township Post 553 took first place. Steve and Mike placed second, and Lynne and Nancy placed last.



The 2016 Tournament will be hosted by Pemberville Post 183, currently scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. The Host Post sets the tournament rules either as a Team event or individually and/or by drawing names, or by a timed round or number of rounds played. All entry fees are returned as prize money. This is a great way to have your Post recognized. With the Department and Post promoting and advertising the event your results will be more participation.

The tournament is under the direction of Director Brenda McGowan. If your Post is interested in hosting a Tournament please contact Director McGowan at Department Headquarters, 60 Big Run Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015 or call 740-362-7478 ext 3.

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