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A&G WINNERS TOUR WASHINGTON AND GETTYSBURG

Eighteen State Winners in the 2016-2017 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 D.C. and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, March 6-11.

The March A&G trip was the culmination of the Department's Americanism and Government Test program for 2016-2017 and continues an annual event con-

ducted by the Ohio American Legion every year since 1936.

Highlights of the trip included special tours of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; the Washington Cathedral, viewing the United States Constitution and Declaration of independence at the National Archives, visiting all of the major memorials in Washington D.C., having the group hosted at dinners by Gettysburg American Legion Post #202, and Bedford PA American Legion Post #113, and touring the Gettysburg national battlefield.

Continuing a time honored tradition going back in an unbroken line to 1936, the Ohio American Legion had the honor to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery and to receive a briefing by a member of the Tomb Guard platoon who guard the Tomb of the Unknowns on their responsibility of the Tomb Guard "Sentinels" to guard the Tomb of the Unknowns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year regardless of weather.

While also at Arlington National Cemetery also, the A&G group had a presentation on the history and operation of Arlington National cemetery by Ms. Renea Yates, Deputy Superintendent for Administration at Arlington National cemetery, who is a native of Ohio.

A special opportunity afforded the group was traveling to Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia to be briefed by officers of Marine Helicopter Squadron One which flies the President of the United States aboard the "Marine One" helicopter, members of the White House staff, and distinguished visitors to the United States.

While at Marine Helicopter Squadron One, the Americanism and Government group got "up close and personal" with a Marine MV-22 Osprey flown by the Squadron and one of the Executive "white top" helicopters that flies the President.

Chaperones representing the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary were Department First Vice Commander Stanley Pleasant and Auxiliary First Vice President Shirley Maurer.



2017 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

July 7th-9th • Dayton, Ohio

The American Legion Department of Ohio will conduct its 99th Annual Department Convention in Dayton, July 7, 8, and 9th.

The three-day session of nearly 100,000 members of the Ohio American Legion will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 33 East 5th Street.

Housing reservations can be made online. For the Auxiliary and any District Legion overflow, go to: Marriott.com Dayton Ohio and click on American Legion convention or call 937-223-1000. Past Department Commanders and top Districts Legionnaires placed by membership, you are housed in the headquarters hotel. You should go to: crowneplaza.com Dayton Ohio and click Legion Convention, or call 937-229-9831.

Highlights of the Convention will include addresses by Officers and other dignitaries, the election and installation of the new 2017-2018 Officers, and consideration

of constitutional amendments and resolutions that involve Legion business and policies of state and national interest.

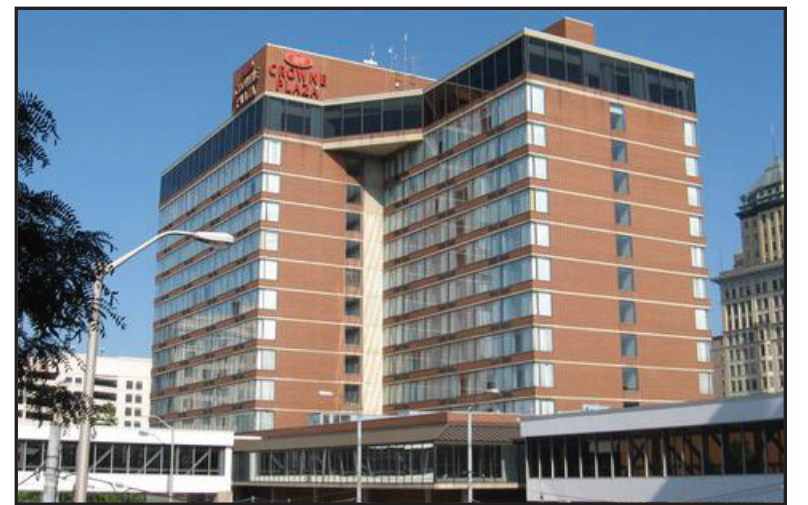
In addition, various Department awards for the year will be given out to those deserving Posts/individuals who have excelled throughout the year.

Delegates of the Legion and Auxiliary will begin arriving in Dayton on Thursday, July 6th for pre-convention meetings, and will occupy 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 on the ground floor, Lobby, of the Crowne hotel 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.

The 2018 Department Convention will be held in Columbus.



2016-2017 Ohio Americanism and Government State Winners

12TH GRADE BOYS

Ian Doemling, Aurora
Adam Lewis, Grand Rapids
Michael Spradlin, Wheelersburg

11TH GRADE BOYS

Jonathan Courtney, Thompson
Puran Kansakar, Mason
Joseph McQuillin, McClure

10TH GRADE BOYS

Cole Durst, Middleport
Evan Hendrickson, Seaman
Taylor Lowmiller, Minerva

12TH GRADE GIRLS

Taylor McQuay, Wheelersburg
Mary Catherine Scarlett, Maumee
Alena Tagle, St Marys

11TH GRADE GIRLS

Dayna Rakoczy, Burton
Zoe Rutledge, Bloomville
Madison Schroeder, Ottawa

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Ronald L. Chapman
Dept. Commander

The time has come for me to thank each and every Legionnaire out there for your support these past three years as I have served as an officer in the Department of Ohio. I can tell you that it has indeed been an honor to represent the Department of Ohio as I traveled the state and country. As Second Vice Commander traveling to see and take part in the annual events of the Department, as First Vice Commander representing the Department as its membership chairman and finally as your Department Commander, it has truly been a joyous and memorable time. A time I will not forget.

This past year has seen the re-dedication of our beautifully renovated headquarters building, the Department of Ohio hosted a

successful National Convention, a membership workshop at our National Headquarters where we presented our revised 5 yr. membership plan, a revised format of the Mid-Winter Conference, the introduction of conference calls to bring our committee members together more often, involvement of our Past Department Commanders, successful revitalizations, and a continued effort to increase our brand awareness throughout Ohio.

Serving you has given me the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to represent our Veterans and their needs to our Senators and Congressmen. I was able this past March to travel to Bend, Oregon and represent Ohio at our National Commander's homecoming.

There too, have been many changes in the way we do business in the Department. Our Adjutant has finished his first year in his leadership role and we have

seen a re-alignment of many of the duties of our Directors. We have a GREAT DEDICATED STAFF and they have adapted to the change well and I thank the Legionnaires of Ohio for making these transitions easier through your co-operation and patience with our staff. It is our hope to free our Directors to be in the field more to assist and train in Districts and Posts. We have recently completed the final stages of hiring a new Americanism/Children and Youth Director to replace Jerry White who announced his retirement at the Mid-Winter Conference in January. This again will bring change to our Department as we know it today. We have been fortunate to have someone as dedicated to the Americanism/Children and Youth Programs as Mr. White. I thank him for his dedication and spirit of Americanism that he has taught many of us throughout the years. His absence will put a lot

more responsibility on our appointed chairmen as we head into a new year as they will be the individuals responsible for the reporting to our Department Executive Committee, and Conventions. He has agreed to stay on as Buckeye Boys State Director for at least one year past his retirement which will certainly help us to prepare for the future of that program as well.

Now, as we prepare to go to Dayton, Ohio, July 7th thru the 9th for our 99th annual Department Convention and then on to Reno, Nevada, for our historic National Convention, we must ask ourselves the question pertaining to this year's National Commander Charles E. Schmidt's motto: "What will I do to help Carry the Legacy Forward?" This is a question upon which we must all reflect if we are to continue as the Nation's largest and most influential Veterans Service Organization. We cannot continue to sustain

losses in membership that we are experiencing and survive. Please elect Officers and leadership at local Posts who are committed to growing the membership and programs of the American Legion and whose interests are not solely in the Canteen. Our focus should always be first and foremost the Four Pillars of the American Legion and its programs.

Once again, it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Commander this past year and as an Officer of the Department of Ohio for the past three years. I look forward to serving the Department in the future and wish nothing but the best to our Posts, Districts, and Department. It is my sincere belief that The American Legion has its best days ahead. See you all at our Conventions. Until then let's all continue to work hard and "Grow The American Legion Family"

For God and Country



1st VICE COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant
1st Vice Commander

We brag about being the largest veteran's service organization in the world. If we do not get our members to renew, and continue to recruit new members, the American Legion will no longer exist. We need all hands on deck. Membership is everyone's responsibility. I received an email confirming, as an organization, the American Legion is 70,000 members behind where we were at this time last year. The American Legion is on the verge of falling below 2,000,000 members. Membership is the life blood of our organization.

For those Posts that are reluctant to transfer 888 members, you are making a mistake. When you transfer a member from 888, you are transferring a member that has already paid their dues in most cases. Those that have not already renewed will renew at your Post. This gives you the opportunity to create a pool of members where you can find someone to mentor for leadership. You are helping your Post and the Department of Ohio. We need members to work our programs.

We are all volunteers in this organization. However, volunteering comes with a certain amount of responsibility. It does not mean that you get to ignore The American Legion policies. We MUST treat our members with respect. This includes processing their membership cards quickly. No member should have

to complain about not receiving their membership card after they have paid their dues. Remember that our post homes are supposed to be places where all veterans/members can feel comfortable.

We are quickly closing in on the end of our membership year. We have missed our last targets, but we have time to do more work. Please DO NOT give up on membership. Continue to beat the bushes. We need every renewal, transfer, and new member we can get.

By the time you receive this edition, many Posts will have already held elections. I hope that you have elected some new members to some of your executive positions. It is important to our organization that we mentor new members into leadership positions. Don't expect them to walk up to you and ask to lead. You may have to be the bigger person and offer them an opportunity to help your Post and our great organization. Don't be afraid to try new things. We can't keep doing things the same way and expect to get different results.

You no longer have to send in your old membership cards to receive your new membership cards for the upcoming year. Each Post is responsible for destroying their old cards. Now you are required to submit your Consolidated Post Report (CPR) and your Officer's Certification Forms. This change is effective immediately. Every Post does at least one thing that can be put on a CPR.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 1st Vice Commander.

For God and Country



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Robert (Bob) Schmitt
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings everyone! As you are reading this issue of the Ohio Legion News Summer will be upon us and the next thing you know we will be talking about Fall. Well before we talk about the future let's talk about the past. During the month of February, we held the 67th Department Bowling Tournament. Post #44 was the host Post and did an excellent job providing entertainment, food and hospitality, a BIG THANK YOU to Post #44. The bowling took place at 77 Colonial Lanes in Canton, Ohio and they did a very nice job for our Tournament and our bowlers. We had a Perfect game bowled by Doug Shroul from Dayton. I do not have all the results, but I believe that Brenda has provided that information in the later portion of this issue. Next year the 2018 Tournament will be held in Sandusky hosted by Post #83 and it will be at Cedar Lanes. Please pass on to all of your bowlers that 99% of the Registration will be online, only a very few Posts will be allowed to register by paper and U.S. mail and that will be by special request. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to see all of you next year.

On April 22, 2017, the Department Euchre Tournament took place at Freedom Post #183 Pemberville, OH. I was there for the opening and they had 26 teams registered which is good,

but we had plenty of room for more teams. My understanding is 24 teams were from the First District and 2 teams from the Fifth District. I would have liked to stick around and socialize with the players but we also had the Department Pool Tournament starting at the same time at Post #29 Zanesville, OH. I have not been able to get the information of who the winners were and Brenda has been off do to having a knee replaced. Please check the Department website ohiolegion.com for the results of the Euchre Tournament.

The Department Pool Tournament was also held on April 22nd at Post 29 in Zanesville. I want to thank Larry Shanks who was the contact person, Jason Chapman who ran the Tournament for doing an outstanding job. Of course, they had many Post, Auxiliary and Sons helping and it takes a good team of people to have a successful event. This year there was a mini tournament on Friday evening Saturdays was the Singles event and Sunday the Doubles event. For the Singles there was 47 players, up from about 37 last year and the doubles were also up this year having 24 double teams. The winner was Joe Wichman from Post #468 Sylvania, Ohio. Second place was Jimmy Southers from Post #11, Third was Greg Canter Post #406, Fourth – Perley Clawson Post #726, tied for Fifth place was Dave Vickers and Tony Evans both from Post #29. The payout was 1st Place \$305, 2nd Place \$200, 3rd Place \$100, 4th Place \$50

and 5th Place tied each received \$25. I don't have the results of the Doubles but we will post the results of the entire tournament on the Department website, so check out ohiolegion.com.

Department Activities that are coming up shortly after the State Convention; Department Trap Shoot and a Department Golf Tournament. The new 2nd Vice Commander for 2017 – 2018 will not have the opportunity to get this information out before these events take place, so I will work on promoting them. The information and registration form for the Golf Tournament is on the website now, however we do not have any information on the Trap Shoot as of this writing. I have not had any success yet, to revive the Horseshoe Tournament, so if anyone is interested please contact me or Brenda McGowan.

I already thanked Post #44, but again I would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to Post #44, Post #183 and Post #29 for hosting these events and helping the participants to have an enjoyable time and hopefully they will bring more with them next year. Your hospitality was great and so was the food.

So, to stay up-to-date on these and other Activities continue checking the Department website for updates. Please be a participant and if not at least stop by these events and support the participants and the Posts that are hosting the Events. Thank you for your time and support. Please stay safe and healthy.

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By Department Co-Chairpersons
Robert (Bob) Schmitt and Melissa Fowle

Hello everyone. As of this writing there is nothing Official to report concerning a Flag Amendment.

Now that the election is somewhat history, hopefully we can get on with the most important issues of this country including getting the Flag Amendment passed. We need to contact our Congress men and women to re-introduce a Bill in either the U. S. House and / or Senate during the 115th Congress.

With both House and Senate being controlled by the republicans and with a President

who is in favor of protecting the Flag from desecration, this is the ideal time.

To look for any additional information between now and our next publication of the Ohio Legion News, go to the Citizens Flag Alliance Website - citizensflagalliance.org.

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SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons
Department Adjutant

Greeting Legionnaires and Legion Family. Your Department Staff continues to work hard to support our Veterans, Families, Posts, and Districts.

Congratulations to 10th District for making your membership quota and winning The American Legion Race-To-The-Top for the Large District Category. This marks the 3rd consecutive year Ohio has won the large category District membership competition. Last year 4th District won the award. My hat is off to Commander Ed Long and 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chair Holly Lewis for your hard work and keeping the Race-To-The-Top in Ohio.

If you are a Post Officer with a MyLegion account, Ohio has been selected as the test Department for a new online membership processing system. You should have received an email from the National organization with instructions on how to participate. This new system has the potential to improve membership processing, reduce delays, and eliminate double payments. I encourage all posts to participate in the program and provide feedback to make the system better so it can be released to the rest of the organization. If you have not received the email or need assistance with your MyLegion account please call the Department Headquarters, we would be happy to assist.

The American Legion Department of Ohio has been heavily involved with the current State budgeting process. The Department Legislative Committee has been working hard with State Legislators to ensure that all budget items that support Ohio Veterans remain intact. Director Suzette Price has been communicating with the District Legislative Chairpersons and keeping them up to date on all actions in Columbus.

The Department has selected a successor for Americanism Director Jerry White. I am pleased to announce Mrs. Tara Henderson of Marion, OH as the next Director of Americanism and Children and Youth for The American Legion Department of Ohio. Tara, a Navy Veteran, comes to the Department with over 10 years of corporate experience in the defense industry.

If you see Tara, please welcome her to the Department of Ohio. We are all very excited that she is on board.

The Department utilized a three-phase plan to select the best qualified candidate. Phases 1 and 2 were executed by a Screening Committee consisting of Commander Ronald Chapman, 1st Vice Commander Stanley Pleasant, 2nd Vice Commander Robert Schmitt, National Executive Committeeman Dennis Clausing, and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Robert Klostermeier. Phase 3 was executed by the Department Adjutant to conduct the final interviews and present the job to a candidate based on his judgement of qualifications, knowledge, and fit within the organization.

Phase 1 (Resume and Cover Letter Review) was executed on 15 March 2017 at the Department Headquarters, the Screening Committee evaluated each resume and cover letter and selected a list of candidates for interviews. Phase 2 (panel interviews) was conducted over a two-day period on 30-31 March 2017 in the Library of the Department Headquarters. After the interviews, the Screening Committee presented the Department Adjutant with the finalists. The Adjutant executed Phase 3 individual interviews over a three-day period from 5-7 April 2017. The Screening Committee and I agreed on the candidate and officially presented Mrs. Henderson to the Department Executive Committee during a special conference call meeting on 20 April 2017.

The Department has been without Director Brenda McGowan for the last four weeks as she is recovering from surgery. Brenda will be back to work in early May. Welcome back Brenda.

The Department has also hired a new Bookkeeper. I am pleased to announce the hiring of Mr. Dan Hessler. Dan is a retired Army NCO and has been a welcome addition to the Department Staff.

We are quickly rolling into summer meaning The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is just around the corner and quickly followed by the Department Convention in Dayton, Ohio. We are currently waiting on our National Convention Delegate Count. Department and National Convention information has been emailed to your

Districts and Posts. If you need a copy please go to <https://www.ohiolegion.com/forms/> under Conferences and Conventions to reserve your room and fill out or download the post and district documents to assign your delegates. If you do not have an access to the website, please call the department and we will forward you the hard copy documents.

I am excited for this year's Convention. We have a great slate of speakers that will include our Department Oratorical Champion, Buckeye Boys State Governor, and Department Eagle Scout of the year. This year's Keynote speaker is Mr. Jake Clark, the Founder and President of Save-A-Warrior. Jake is an Army Veteran, dynamic speaker, and true visionary when it comes to non-clinical treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress. He has been interviewed by national news outlets and his organization has been highlighted in a CNN Special Report. For more information see the Department Convention Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/events/1284343194957038/?active_tab=discussion) or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3m0T6fBBDs>. We also have a contested election for 2nd Vice Commander and many resolutions for the Convention to discuss and decide. Dayton is pulling out all the stops for us this year. There will be trips to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB and many events at local 3rd District Posts in the area. This is going to be a fun convention.

At the April 2017 Department Executive Committee Meeting, new membership card turn-in policy was approved. Effective 1 May 2017, the requirement for Posts to return unused membership cards to the Department is rescinded. Posts are authorized to dispose of unused membership cards at their discretion. Effective 1 May 2017, Posts are required to submit their Consolidated Post Report (CPR), to receive their new membership cards.

You can access the CPRs on your MyLegion account. If you require a hard copy please contact the Department Headquarters and we will happily forward you the documents.

For God and Country...
Airborne!



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 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 July 28, 2017. I look forward to receiving your photos and articles!

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Department Executive Committee meeting held April 1st was blessed to have in attendance the leading candidate for National Commander Denise Rohan from the Department of Wisconsin. Candidate Rohan graced the DEC with a touching story of an eight-year-old child she had met on the campaign trail at an event whose father has been deployed so many times during his childhood that this boy does not miss him when he is gone because the child has experienced more life without him. She used this story to tell of the need of The American Legion. A need greater now than it has ever been.

A resolution was presented by District 11 naming 1st Vice David Jackson, who passed away during his 1st Vice year, as an Honorary Department Commander of the Department of Ohio. A worthy tribute for a person who dedicated so much to this organization.

Adjutant Simons provided an after-action review of the Mid-Winter Conference, introduced the new Department Bookkeeper Dan Hessler, and spoke on the progress of PDC Campbell's Commander Project.

Department 1st Vice Pleasant then briefed the DEC on the successes and failures of this year's Past Department Commander Round-Up and the Department's falling short of the Commander's membership goal.

He presented several resolutions with regards to the membership program. All resolutions were passed. These resolutions made the Department DMS Committee a sub-committee to the Membership Committee, Medal of Honor recipient Chief Edward Byers of Grand Rapids is having his PUFL membership paid for by Department, and two resolutions calling for changes to the National Constitution and By-Laws regarding eligibility requirements were approved and will be forwarded to National Headquarters for review at the National Convention in Reno. These two resolutions call for expansion of the eligibility dates for the Panama/Grenada Era of eligibility and also the Persian Gulf Era.

A policy change was also presented by 1st Vice Pleasant from the membership Committee requiring the

Consolidated Post Reports to be turned in as opposed to the old, unused, unpaid, and blank membership cards. The DEC approved.

A restructured Awards Manual for 2018 was presented and approved (see Mission: Possible for details).

2nd Vice Schmitt then spoke on his attendance at the Department tournaments and activities. He also spoke on the Centennial Committee that he has been named as chairperson and presented a resolution to create said committee. The Centennial Committee will last until November 11, 2019 and will oversee the Department 100 year celebrations of The American Legion.

Parliamentarian Minadeo then addressed the DEC concerning Post quorums and the need to have quorums high enough to allow for members outside of the Post Executive Boards to object to decisions being made as failure to have these quorums opens opportunity for fraud and abuse.


The consolidation of Post 289 into Post 322 was approved.

Past Department Commander Bishop then provided a detailed and in-depth report concerning the Gifts for the Yanks program highlighting the creation of a sub-committee designed to approve of the gifts that are given to those veterans in the homes.

Mary Austin, Chairperson of the Employment Committee then gave a report over the "Boots to Business" event that was hosted at Department Headquarters and put on by the Small Business Administration.

Legislative Chairperson Malcolm Glasgow then gave a report concerning Ohio House Bill 49 and the proposal to change how the funds allocated to the Veteran Service Organizations are divided. He also spoke on the Department Legislative Committee's stance on the "Drug Price Relief Act," which calls for Medicare and Medicaid to receive the same pricing allocated to the VA. A resolution was presented calling for the Department of Ohio to publicly and strongly oppose the "Drug Price Relief Act." Resolution passed.

There was no other official business to come before the committee.



American Legion Department of Ohio

JUST A BIT OF ORDER

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Delegates Carry your Voice - RONR p. 602-607

The Department Annual Convention is coming up July 7-9 in Dayton, Ohio, and your Post's voice on all matters will be vested in the delegates you choose.

The number you are allowed to choose is limited by the size of your Post as designated on the Department Delegate Chart. For instance, a post with a membership of 217 gets 3 delegates. So while anyone can attend the convention, and we do want to get all of our members to the convention, only the delegates are allowed to vote.

All of the convention information is included in the Convention Call packet sent to your Commander and Adjutant this past month. In that packet are forms which must be sent to Department detailing your committee representatives, delegates, and alternates. Your delegates can be

committee reps and vice-versa, but committee reps do not have to be delegates. When your delegates get to Dayton they must register with Department personnel by 11am on the Saturday of the convention or they will not be counted as official and your Post loses a vote.

The check-in needs to be by 11am on Saturday so the delegates have time to caucus (a meeting of delegates) and discuss the various issues which will come on the floor for a vote. We normally caucus by District.

The purpose of the caucus is to give the delegates the chance to hear the committee reports, discuss the issues at hand, and determine how they want to vote on the issues.

CAUTION: while all of the delegates may vote the same way on an issue, no delegate is bound to

the decision of a caucus. Each delegate votes his or her own conscience unless specific direction is given by the Post on how to vote each issue.

Who can be a Delegate? Any member in good standing (defined as current dues are paid) can be a delegate. Some posts have stated in their by-laws who can be delegates and typically those are current and past officers of the Post. Many Posts give the right of first choice to the current Commander and the new Commander and fill in with other interested members. The main reason for this is to be sure the Post gets delegates who understand the issues and the working of a convention; experience is a big benefit. Whoever is nominated for delegate and alternate, the body must vote to confirm the delegates

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)

unless the Post bylaws specifically state otherwise.

Do not forget alternates. Yes, the report you send to Department should have alternates designated so in case the primary cannot show, the alternate can step in to the primary slot. Without alternates, you will lose your vote.

Delegate Duties. Commit to make the committee meetings and especially the District caucus. Ask questions, weigh the issues, and vote for the good of the legion. Voting at convention is where the Blue Caps lead the way!!!

-See you at convention-
BE QUOTA!
and **BE ORDERLY!**

Letters To The Editor

My name is Michael and I was in the Air-Force. I am an OEF/OIF veteran. That is all I wish to be known about my service or career. That is not what is important here, what is important is the sick feeling in my stomach. I would hope that most everyone listening to this statement has at least a fraction of concernment for helping our nation's military during times of peace and war. As well as when they return and struggle to survive in the civilian world. Vietnam veterans, does this sound familiar?

I will never judge anyone's pain as less than my own and I will never doubt that my experiences were easier or harder than anyone else's. We can only go based on facts when it comes to the bureaucratic efforts to support our nation's veterans. I will not educate you on these facts because that's not my place. The number of veterans who are homeless, sick or just having a bad day, cannot get the care they are entitled to and fought for and in some cases died for is staggering.

In November of 2016, I was having a bad day. I had lost all hope because the organizations I was seeking help from (VA, blah blah blah) could not provide any assistance. A food pantry got me through day to day on basics like

milk and bread. I was ashamed but it was what I had to do to survive. I almost killed myself multiple times. My fiancé was 6 months pregnant. I had no money, no food, no car, nowhere to turn. I returned to the VA one last time because I was in crisis mode, I sought immediate intervention because I just could not continue. Little did I know this visit would change my life, not because of the VA, but because of who was visiting that day. A very professional, polite lady from the American Legion approached me. Now, being 28 years old, I had the stereotype that the American Legion was full of WW2 veterans and members of whom I had nothing to give to, because that has been my purpose in life, to serve others. I was in tears, she welcomed me home and started friendly conversation and made me feel very comfortable. She did not know me nor did I know her. She was in the middle of a guided tour with VA representatives and members of the American Legion in Ohio. I didn't feel any less important than them. I expected her to say keep your head up and carry on with her business. Instead, she insisted they continue without her and wanted to hear my story. At this point I was calmed down enough

to communicate. After working for several hours with her that day, I left her office with hope. I left her office looking forward to my baby coming and being successful in life.

I was ready to die and because Suzette Price had the resources, timing and genuine passion and care in her heart to directly fight the impact that is affecting our veterans every day, I got to live. I am a success story now in more aspects than one in my life. I got to feel what it is like to be my families hero again. I could go into finances and business success I have been empowered to do because of this, but you should hear that from me directly. I wouldn't mind an invite next time you want to hear my story.

You don't cut military spending by not giving our troops on the front-line ammo. Don't do it to our troops fighting our civilian front lines helping our veterans. These problems that the American Legion is directly combating for our veterans will only get more abundant and more complex as time goes, to cut their resources is downright unconstitutional. How much is my life worth?

*Respectfully,
Michael Smith*

VETERANS SHOULD SUPPORT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

BY GARY A. MINADEO, happy2help@att.net

Congress has shown an unwillingness to face the looming debt crisis by limiting spending. When they have their backs to the wall and must start cutting they will ask for the active military, retirees and all veterans to do their part first. I know this because the American Legion was founded 100 years ago in response to the neglect of the federal government to meet its obligations to the returning troops with the excuse that there were now greater concerns for the good of the country and the veterans should be willing to pitch in – the nerve. It continues today with the watering down of the retirement package and most recently they floated an idea to charge Veterans using their education benefits a \$100 per month fee. Now the American Legion is millions strong and we cannot let this neglect ever happen again. The Article V Convention of States Project is just the big solution for the even bigger problem.

If the Congress is unable or unwilling to arrest the out of control spending, limit their reach into the business of the states, and to leave office after a reasonable period to allow for new ideas and fresh representation of the people, then the states and the people need to take back their liberty – peacefully – through the amendment process.

The Constitution gives the states the ability to check the business of Congress. As a matter of fact it is the states that are the fourth branch of government in the balance of power – a fact we used to learn in civics class. So how do the states use this balancing power?

Our founding fathers provided in the Constitution under Article V two ways to amend the Constitution. The first and most prominently known way is for two-thirds of both houses to propose and three-fourths of the states must ratify. This has been used twenty-seven times with the first ten amendments being the Bill of Rights in 1791 and the twenty-seventh (addressing Senators and Representatives compensation) being ratified in 1972. The second option is for “an Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several states” to the Congress, to call a Convention for proposing amendments. Those proposals would then go to the state for a three-fourths ratification. This option has never been used but tried many times only failing to meet the high bar of two-thirds of the states agreeing on the application scope.

This “states” amendment option was placed into Article V at the last minute as a check on a federal government that would simply get

so large as to override the liberties of the states and the people. It was not a matter of “would” the federal overreach happen, but rather “when” it would happen. The founders understood the nature of governments to grow out of control as our government today with the looming debt, state budgets that are 80% mandated by the feds, and elected officials, judges, and appointed bureaucrats being allowed to stay in office much longer than necessary.

The time to act is now. The Ohio Congress is considering joining ten other states to ratify the application for an Article V Convention of States to impose fiscal restraint on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and Members of Congress of the United States.

Your mission, if you so choose to accept, is to 1) go to <https://www.conventionofstates.com>, sign the petition, and volunteer, then 2) call your state Senator and Representative to tell them to vote for the Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR1) and House Joint Resolution 2 (HJR2) an Article V Convention of States.

“Defend the Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic”

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Legion Family,

The other day I was at a birthday party luncheon when a 50-year member of The American Legion, close friend and one of my mentors, Irv Marshall made a statement that started me thinking. He said: “The trouble with the Legion today is, the new members today don't know and many of the older members either forgot or don't give a --- that the American Legion is ‘For God and Country.’”

Even though we recite the “Preamble” at most official Legion meetings, proudly declaring the first four words, how many of us have thought about them and why those founding, WWI veterans decided to begin the Preamble of our Constitution with that very direct and meaningful phrase. Maybe it was because in that day, the vast majority of the U.S. population was raised to believe a person's priorities in life should be: God, Family, Country, in that order.

Remember, the first caucus was comprised of members of the American Expeditionary Force, meeting in Paris only four months after the Armistice had been signed. Most of these men were battle tested veterans who had witnessed the horrors and cruelty that one human being could inflict upon another.

Not only had their physical and mental stamina been tested and pushed to the limit, so had their faith. They say: “There are no atheists in a foxhole.” I have never been under fire in a foxhole, so I cannot attest to whether or not this is true. However, I have spent time with young soldiers who have been under fire in the equivalent of a foxhole in Iraq or Afghanistan. After their experiences, they have actually questioned why a loving God would allow such brutality and

without a rock-solid faith in God, based on the foundation of regular prayer and worship, I can understand why they could question His presence.

Prayer and Worship are two practices strongly encouraged by The American Legion. Enumerated in National's “God and Country Programs” are “Attend Church Regularly” and “Daily Family Prayer.” These are programs, that if not communicated to the members, go without practice or awareness thereof.

Without a foundation based on knowledge, our members have no understanding of what our organization actually stands for or does. They don't know about the “Four Pillars” upon which this organization was founded or all the charitable work the Legion Family does. Our members remain ignorant of the REAL American Legion.

I would encourage Posts to always perform the “Initiation Program,” found in the Officer's Manual and provide informational/instructional material for all new members.

It is also critical that each Post have an active Public Relations Chairman. The American Legion will not survive without recruitment and retention. We can no longer accomplish the preceding based on the presumptions of the past. To remain the number one advocate and voice of the veteran, we must inform veterans and the community at large, of our good work and the programs in which our Posts are involved.

Let us remind every member and inform our communities that it is: “For God and Country we associate ourselves.”

*May God Bless,
Dept. Asst. Chaplain Paul*

OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR

Post 454 will host the Ohio Flags of Honor on July 29-30. Opening ceremony is on July 29th at 10:00 am and is open to the public.

Ohio Flags of Honor Memorial is Ohio's traveling memorial to the men and women who have given their lives in Afghanistan, Iraq, and globally in the War on Terrorism. There will be over 290 Flags of Honor as well as an additional 460 tribute flags on display. There will also

be a program featuring Tribute to Troops co-founder and inspirational speaker Rockie Lynne. Also attending will be representatives from Survivor Outreach Services and Honor and Re-member organizations.

The flag display area will be open to the public for silent reflection on Saturday, July 29, 2017 immediately after the opening ceremony until 9:00 pm and on Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm.



Photo from ohioflagsofhonor.com

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

A & G TEST WINNERS



Bert G. Taylor Post 300 Americanism & Government Test winners. Pictured (t) are: Hannah Behm, Lydia Schroeder, Andrea Braun, Conner Bialorucki, Cole Ward, and Charley Bohls.

MEDAL OF HONOR



Pictured (L-R): Dick Conrad, member of Lybarger-Grimm Post 441, Tontogany, OH, Department 2nd Vice Commander Robert Schmitt, Medal of Honor Recipient Senior Chief Edward Byers, Jim Carter, member of Alva N. Sidle Post 232, Grand Rapids, OH, and Hank Zaborniak, member of Lybarger-Grimm Post 441, Tontogany, OH.

ALBERT BOWE RIDERS



The Riders of Albert Bowe Post 338 of Bradner entertained the veterans of the Sandusky Veteran's Home with bingo on March 18th. Pictured is the "crew" of Post 338.

DISTRICT 2

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

IWO JIMA STATUETTE



Post 173 has finished the setting/foundation for the Iwo Jima statuette recently created by the OHHP welding & fabrication students.

BOYS STATE DELEGATES

On Feb 1st Post 323 recognized the 2016 Boys State Delegates. Pictured (L-R): Post Adjutant/Past Boys State President/Boys State Hall of Famer Mr. Jim Dierenger, Austin Smith, Jacob Hollman, Seth Vorhees, William Bayhem, Thomas Mele, Jonathon Peterson, Frank Moots, Keegan Pietrzak, Nick Barrett, Tyler Ness, Derek Jay, and Post Cmdr. Justin Arnold.



CITIZENSHIP CITATIONS

Boys & Girls State Students from the Bluffton High School receiving Citizenship Citations. Pictured (L-R) Chairman Dennis Morrison, Megan Sycks, Trevor Bunch, Connor Dawson, Marley Runk, and Principal Mike Mannig.



A & G TEST WINNERS

Shelby County Commander Steve Lawrence and Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon presented certificates and a monetary award to the county winners of the Dept A&G Test. Pictured (L-R) are: (front) Alena Tagley, Andrew Blackford, Tom Ballas, Ally Ball, Rachel Trudeau, Micah Condon, (back) Craynon and Lawrence. Tagle and Trudeau are also Department winners.



VETS TO DC DINNER



A packed Post 173 for the Vets to DC Chicken Dinner.

AMERICAN FLAG FOLDING



Larry Core and Thom Craig of Post 382 showing over 80 fourth graders how to fold the American Flag.

CHAPLAIN SERVICES



Post 382 held Four Chaplain Services at the St. Johns Church in Bluffton Ohio Sunday February 5.

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

MEMORIAL DEDICATION



WWII Veteran Dale Huber of Post 382 Laying a Wreath for the Dedication of Beaverdam Ohio Veterans Memorial. Invocation was given by Alternate National Executive Committeeman Robert Klostermeier.

FLAG PRESENTATION



John Horton was presented a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol and the Statehouse. Russ Strayer (Finance Officer), Suzy Tapp-Johnson (Adjutant) and Tim Pierce (Commander) are pictured lowering the flag for presentation.

QUILT CLUB



Post 382 members and women from the Bluffton Scrap Artist Quilt Club passed out over 50 quilts and throws to Veterans at the Dayton Ohio VA.

DISTRICT 3

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

3RD DISTRICT PDC ROUND UP TRIP



The Thundering Third District PDC Roundup trip had great weather and a successful collection. Pictured (L-R): Sgt-at-Arms Mike Blackwell, Chaplain Jim Vaughan, Jean Wilson, Past National Executive Committeeman Jerry Wilson, Center, District 1st Vice Commander Melissa Fowle, District Commander Robert Weiler, Department Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Dennis Dickey, District Finance Officer Joe Law, and District Asst Sgt-at-Arms Betsy Law.

MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER FAIR



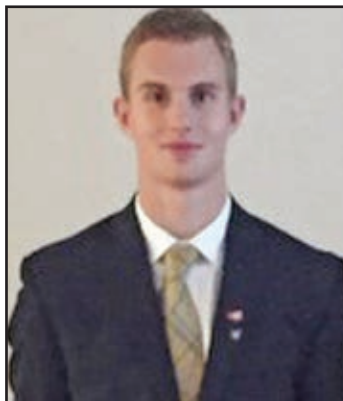
Assisting at The American Legion booth for the Military Spouse Career Fair March 8 & 9 at Wright Patterson AFB. Pictured (L-R): District Commander Robert Weiler, District Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Betsy Law, District Finance Officer Joe Law, District 2nd Vice David Jones, and Asst. Director for Employment & Education Kaitlin Gray and Dayton Department Service Officer Karla Boehm.

70TH ANNIVERSARY



The Tipp City Post #586 celebrated its 70th anniversary. A reception was held at the Post Home on April 7th to commemorate. Guests included three widows of Past Commanders: Lena Heckman, Patti Sprecher, and Betty Kessler. Everyone was entertained by the One-Man Band, Wayne Hobbs. Seated (L-R) are the three Widows of Past Commanders: Lena Heckman, Patti Sprecher and Betty Kessler along with Bob Bartley, Del and Dorothy Prater, and Karen and Jim Clark.

A & G TEST TOP AWARDS



Senior Colin Hurst of Centerville, Ohio was given top awards for the "Americanism and Government Test" this year.

POST 238 AWARDS



Post 238 Commander Dave Baker (R) awards the 2016 Commander's Award to Dave Merritt.



Post 238 Jim Blanton is awarded the Post 2016 Legionnaire of the Year by Post Commander Dave Baker.

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

FLAG RETIREMENT

Post 238 Flag Disposal Ceremony. Pictured are Terry Dodds, Dow Blanton, Carl Campbell, Dave Cordle, Jr, Dave Merritt, Commander Dave Baker.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

District 3 Officers present the Bowling Tournament Trophy to Piqua Post 184. Pictured (L-R): District Commander Bob Weiler, Team Captain Bob Penny, District 2nd Vice Dave Jones, and District 1st Vice Melissa Fowle.

K-9 DONATIONS

Legion Family of Post 238 donated \$1500 towards the training and equipping of a K-9 officer and dog. Pictured (L-R) are Mechanicsburg Police Officer Black being presented a check from Commander Dave Baker with Dow Blanton, Jim Herron, Jr, Thad Cushman and Randy Roach watching.

DISTRICT 4

Brown • Butler • Clermont • Clinton • Hamilton • Warren

LAW & ORDER PROGRAM

Hamilton County Council had their annual Law and Order Program on February 1st. Pictured (L-R): Law Officer Darryn G. Chenault, Firefighter Bradley Baker, Law and Order Chairman Patrick Mulvaney, and Guest Speaker Hamilton County Judge Leslie Ghiz.

HONOR FLIGHT

Arthur West is greeted by Representative Steve Chabot during last September's Honor Flight from Cincinnati to Washington, DC. Arthur is a member of Post 186.

50 YEAR MEMBERS

Post 630 Commander Paul Collett (left) presenting Dean Giacometti (right) the 50 Year Membership Certificate.

Post 630 Commander Paul Collett (right) presenting Joe Rettig (left) the 50 Year Membership Certificate.

**FIRST STATE CHAMPION**

Mason High School is proud to announce its first state champion in the Americanism and Government Test in 20 years! MHS junior Puran Kansakar is one of 18 state winners and has earned an all-expenses paid week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

VETERAN GRADUATION

Michael T. Fetter, a U.S. Marine and Navy veteran of Post 69, graduated on May 30, 2016 from Lockland High School.

PEARL HARBOR COMMEMORATION

Mt. Carmel Post 72 raises a flag flown over the USS Arizona to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Pictured are: WWII POW and Holocaust Survivor Post Sgt-at-Arms Lisa MacVittie, Post 72 Historian Rick Gumbert, Trustees Phil Pfeifer and Jan Nickels, and Post 72 Chaplain Renie Blankenship. Before raising the flag, Tom Maphet read the certificate of presentation: "In tribute to the more than 2,400 lives lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor, the national ensign flies continuously from a flag pole mounted to the battle ship USS Arizona. During the hours of darkness, the ensign is illuminated." Members of Post 72 then unfurled the flag and hoisted it up the flagpole, as the USAF's Band of Flight Wright Brass Quintet performed the "Star Spangled Banner."

BBS/BGS DINNER



Post 170 hosted their annual BBS/BGS dinner. Pictured (L-R) are: Boys State Trustee Chuck Heller, eight of the ten boys sent, and Post Commander Brian Miller.

GIFTS FOR YANKS



Larry Webb presents a check donated from Legionnaires to Gifts for Yanks (\$1,000.00) to Chairman, Holly Helmick-Sprowl.

A & G TEST WINNER



Department Americanism Director Jerry White met with state A & G test winner Zoe Rutledge along with members of New Washington Post 405. Pictured (back row): Commander Jerome Heydinger, Paul Zimmerman, Frank Niedermier, Carl Hoffbauer, (front) Zoe Rutledge, Gerry White, Charlie Philbrick, and Don Heydinger.

MILITARY HONORS



Post 211, Avon Lake, Honor Guard conducting graveside military honors, Saturday, April 1, for Korean War U. S. Army Veteran and Post 211 member, Richard Popp at Resthaven Memory Gardens.

GUN RAFFLE



Many people, organizations, and businesses helped to make the Attica Squadron 260 Gun Raffle a success. Over 50 guns and many various other prizes were awarded Saturday night. Because of this we are able to do many charitable donations and projects for our veterans and our community. We even had 14 Legion and Son's members from Attica NY in attendance. Thanks to all our helpers and those who support us.

VETERANS DONATION



Ashland Post 88 Ronald E. Dull presents a check for \$13,000 to Rosemarie Donley, Executive Director of Associated Charities.

HONORING VETERANS



Honoring Army Veteran John Huml with fellow care center resident and Marine Veteran, Michael Williams with Post 535 Commander Larry Webb; Past Post Commander R. Paul Brown; 1st Vice Commander Al Beyer; Judge Advocate Harry Welshans; and Richland County Joint Veterans Council Chaplain Dennis Hempfield.

ROUND-UP



Spirit of '76 Wellington Post Commander Richard Kwiatkowski and 5th District 1st Vice Commander, Gilbert "Gil" Cole shows their appreciation during the round-up by presenting Post branded coffee mugs and special Spirit of '76 coins to National Vice Commander, Paul Martel; and Department of Ohio Commander Ron Chapman.

DISTRICT 6

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

INSPIRATION



Past 5th District Commander R. Paul Brown of Post #535 has encouraged and inspired former Buckeye Boys State Attendee, John Guisinger IV, to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Guisinger, fulfilling his dream, is a 4th class cadet at United States Air Force Academy, Class of 2020.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Approximately 175 kids attended New Washington Post 405 Easter egg hunt.

BINGO WINNER



Bingo winner! Tammy Piper shows the \$150 she won at the last game of the Johnstown Post 254's weekly "Friday Night Bingo" games.

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



60 YEAR CONTINUOUS

Post 202 Commander David Lofy (right) presenting Leland Coddling with a certificate for 60 continuous year's membership.



WWII MEMBERS

WWII members of Post 39 (L-R) John Tucker, Jack Lewis, Bill King.

GIRLS STATE DELEGATES



Unit 134 Auxiliary awarded certificates to 5 of the 13 Girls State delegates at a recent banquet. Pictured (L-R): Avery DeLong, Bryce Deloing, Kaelean Trapp, Post Coordinator Kathleen Hoffman, Rhianna Lucas, and Kathryn McIlory.

BOYS STATE DELEGATES



Post 134 honored Boys State delegates at a recent banquet. Pictured (L-R) are: Gregg Adams, Garrett Mitchell, Matthew Agosta, Justin Boldoser, and Minor.

FOOTBALL AWARD



Post 134 honors young men with the Commander's Football Award. Pictured (L-R) are: Evan Justice, Bowen McConahay, Tanner Bowling, and Hunter Hopkins.

DISTRICT 8

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

50 YEAR CONTINUOUS



Certificate of 50 Year Continuous Membership being presented to Past Commander of Post 376 William Gilligan (front left) presented by Commander Jim Friesner (front right). Two 50 year continuous members not present are Rodney Householder, and Earl Price. Sadly, Earl passed away the week of our presentation.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR



Post 39 Legionnaire of the Year Donald (Eddy) Wahley.

DISTRICT 9

Ashtabula • Geauga • Lake • Mahoning • Trumbull

A&G WINNERS



Palmer Roberts Post 214 stand with A&G winners from Willoughby South High School. Pictured (L-R) are Sue Fratino Auxiliary President, Bill Smith Program Manager, Amanda Wells, Luke Marino, Shanna Lunar, Douglas Burnett, Emma Norton, Sean King, Alea Doronsky, and Brent Woerner Commander.

INFORMATION DISPLAY



Howland Post 700's information display at the Howland Rotary Club's Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 18. Pictured (L-R): Chaplain Dave Luther, Adjutant Darlene Freer, Past Post Commander Bud Luman and Post Historian Roger Stanley.

BOYS STATE DELEGATES



Howland Post 700 has chosen six delegates to attend Buckeye Boy State. Pictured (L-R): Post Commander Jim Campbell, delegates Jackson Deemer, David Klasovsky, Nathan Spalding, Cameron Sperling, Jack Lambert, Kevin Moamis, and Post 1st Vice Commander Chuck Sayers.

ELECTIONS



On March 14, the Trumbull County Council meeting was held at Howland Post 700. The election for Trumbull County Council Officers was held and all the current officers were re-elected. Pictured (L-R) are: Chaplain Ralph Cartino, 2nd Vice Clarence Johnson, 1st Vice Joe Ball, Commander Stan Gregory, Adjutant Ron Allen Currey, and Finance Officer Jack Ranck.

OFFICERS SWORN IN



Howland Post 700 Officers being sworn in by 9th District Commander William Dittebrand. Pictured (L-R): Sgt-at-Arms Rich Milani, Chaplain Dave Luther, Trustee Smith Mealy, 2nd Vice Commander Albert Lambing, Commander Jim Campbell, 1st Vice Commander Chuck Sayers, Adjutant Darlene Freer, Trustee Ed Daugherty, Finance Officer Pat Ginkinger, Post Service Officer Joann Milani, and Post Historian Roger Stanley.

WAR ERA ARTIFACTS



The Willoughby Historical Society donated 140 war era books, newspapers, uniforms, and other items to the Willoughby Palmer-Roberts Post 214. With help from the Commander, Historian, and the Service Officer, all items were placed in Post 214's new library. Post 214 will have these items on display and available for use at the post for any veteran looking to research Lake County Veterans of previous wars. Archives go back to 1776 to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Items donated to the American Legion Post 214. WW1 151st Artillery helmet, WW1 Navy Serviceman's uniform, Army Vietnam era Spc-5 uniform, WW2 Air Force Captain Bombers Jacket.

PRESENTED DONATION



On March 7, Howland Post 700 was presented with a check from the Howland Rotary Club. The donation will be used by the Post and the Auxiliary to sponsor one young man to Buckeye Boys State and one young woman to Girls State. Pictured is Post 700 1st Vice Commander Chuck Sayers accepting the check from Howland Rotary Club Treasurer Dick Lytle.

HONORS CEREMONY



Post 247 Participated in an Honors Ceremony at Beeghly Oaks Center for Rehabilitation and Healing. The personnel at Beeghly are proud of the veterans they serve and ask the Post to send representatives each quarter when they add residents to their veteran wall of honor. Pictured are: Finance Officer Carmen Franko, Past Commander Everett Oliver, and Commander Roy Oliver with the family members of one of the Honorees.

SCOUT DONATION



Liam McGee, a Boy Scout in Troop 28 in Howland, has for his Eagle Scout project the erection of a Middle East Conflicts Memorial at Trumbull Veterans Memorial Park in Warren, Ohio. On April 4, 2017, through the generous donation received through Howland Post 700 by Ohio Charities Inc., The America Legion Department of Ohio, the Post was privileged to award this donation of \$1000.00 to this Scout for his Eagle project. Pictured (L-R): Post Commander Jim Campbell, Liam McGee, and 1st Vice Commander Chuck Sayers.

DISTRICT 10

VETERANS AWARDS



Post 34 Legionnaire Al Galbreath receiving his award from Post Officers Porky Richards and Ed Long.

70 YEAR CONTINUOUS



Post 44 - 70 Year Award Presented to Donald O. Gamble by Post Commander Brad Teis.

60 YEAR CONTINUOUS



Post 44 - 60 Year Award Presented to Ralph D. Bitler by Post Commander Brad Teis.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING



Post 740 Hosts County Council Meeting at Legion Hall in Richmond, Ohio. Seated (L - R) Dan Wilson (Jefferson County Commander), Holly Lewis (Jefferson County Adjutant), J.O. Henry (Post 740 Commander). Seated Second Row (L - R) Steve Spiewak, Jim Peters. Standing (L - R) Jack Ernst, Dr. Dave Somerville, Buster Zook, Dave DiCicco, Ralph Proffitt, Danny Vojvodich, Ed Hashbarger, and Bill Burruss.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY



Veterans Day Ceremony at Edison High School, Richmond, Ohio. Seated (L-R) Jim Peters, Bryan Cooley, Steve Spiewak, Don Swickard, Bill Burruss and J.O. Henry (Commander). Second Row, Marc Sansone, Jared Smith, Cameron Wadas, Tony Kovalesky, Dani Carroll, Lindsey Clifton, Cayden Clifton, Third row, Matt Morrison (Principal), Bill Beattie (Superintendent) and Paul Baker.

MEDALS AWARDED



After 61 years, Rocco Silvester, center in red sweater, was presented with his service medals at a ceremony held on Veteran's Day at Post 221. The Post coordinated with the "Serving Area Military Center" and Congressman Ranacci's office in obtaining the medals.

WRESTLING DONATION



Members of Columbiana Post 290 presented a check for \$1,500.00 to Brian Pearl Columbian High School assistant wrestling coach to be used as needed for traveling and new equipment. L to R, Ken Allcorn, Dan Bekar, Brian Pearl and Ed Holisky.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



St. Patrick's Day was cold but Roger Zembower (left) and Jerry Angel (right) of Columbiana Post 290 braved the cold to cook 100 pounds of corned beef for the posts holiday dinner.

NITE AT THE RACES



October through April each year, Post 221 hosts a "Nite at the Races" on the first Saturday of the month. The event typically brings in an average of 150 guests.

BOY SCOUTS



Members of Boy Scout Troop 91 shadow members of Post 494 to learn how a meeting is put together and presented.

FLAG PRESENTATION



Squadron 290 presented Joshua Dixon Elementary Principal Kim Sharshan with an American flag. Pictured (L-R) are: Past Post Commander Ken Allcorn, Past SAL District Commander Dan Bekar, Principal Sharshan, and Legion Post Trustee Ed Holisky.

PULL TABS



Pull tabs being dropped off at the Akron Children's Hospital. Tabs were collected by Posts 549 and 160. Approximately 100 pounds of tabs were delivered.

WREATH CEREMONY

March 29 Wreath Ceremony at the Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio honoring the 44th Anniversary of the last U.S. combat troops withdrawal from Vietnam. Pictured (L-R): Post 44 Honor Guard Richard Biedenbach, Jack Barnes.



TOYS FOR TOTS



Post 525 Commander Dirk Harkins presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Lexie Leach, a junior member of Adena's Auxiliary Unit. Lexie has collected over \$100.00 each of the last four years for the Post's annual Toys for Tots program. Also pictured is Mark Anderson, Toys for Tots coordinator and Lexie's grandfather.



POST QUOTA AWARDS

Some of the 18 Post Officers accepting their Post Quota Awards at the District 10 Midwinter Conference. Special thanks to all of them!

DISTRICT 11

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

TRACK MEET



Post 159 raised the flag at the St. Clairsville High School track meet. Raising the flag is Commander Joe Barker with Larry Barnes, Al Hanson, and George Lucas. Photo taken by Auxiliary member Cheryl Barnes.

NATIONAL GUARD HONORED

McConnellsville Post 24 honored local National Guard deploying overseas on April 1st. Post 71 and Post 750 were Honor Guards as the five buses passed through town square. The troops passed under an arch of two ladders of fire trucks and displaying an American flag between the ladders. One fire truck belongs to McConnellsville Fire Department and the other belongs to Finley Fire Department.



BUCKEYE BOYS STATE



Zanesville Post 29 will be sending seven local teens to Buckeye Boys State. The program teaches participants about government in a mock local and federal government structure. Pictured (L-R front) are: Legion Commander Mike Watts, Robert Bruce, First Vice Commander Larry Wheeler, Dakota Wheeler, Zanesville Social Studies Teacher Christopher Miller and Shahjahan Lahuti (L-R back) Logan Miller, Tyler Tompkins, Christian Fleegle, William Jerrells, and Sons of the American Legion Representative Jerry Clark.



WELCOME HOME CEREMONY

Post 159 St. Clairsville, Ohio members and guests celebrate "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans" with a ceremony and a luncheon on March 30th.

BOYS STATE ORIENTATION



Boys State orientation at Post 52 in Bellaire, Ohio. Pictured (L-R): Post 52 Adjutant Bill Wilson, Belmont County Council Commander John Ciesielka, Boys State Staff: Andrew McAninch, Shavarr Price, Mason Ramsay, and Dan Favreau, Post 632 Commander Butch Meager, Post 632 Adjutant Chad Balwanz, Post 52 Boys State Chairman Dick Johnson, and Post 52 Commander Freddie Hocker. Absent is Chase Yoho.

SPRING EXPO



Members of Post 159 in St. Clairsville Ohio spend two days at the spring expo informing and serving veterans in the local area. Members are Adjutant Rick Johnson, Betty Perkins, Auxiliary member Cheryl Barnes, Commander Joe Barker, Auxiliary member Virginia Wilson and Larry Barnes. Not pictured are Gene Kieffer, Marty Martin and Bud Matko.

DISTRICT 12

Franklin

70 YEARS CONTINUOUS



Paul Schuller receives a certificate from Westerville Post 171's Service Officer Tim Dickerson for 70 years of continuous membership. Schuller, 92, was Post Commander three times.

LAW & ORDER AWARDS



On Saturday, April 15th, Post 532 held its annual Law and Order Ceremony. It is given to honor exemplary individuals in the law enforcement community of Central Ohio. This year, twelve such individuals were recognized, and each was awarded a trophy, an American Legion Medal of Merit, and a personal commendation from Ohio Representative Jim Hughes. One of those recognized was the 2016 Reynoldsburg Police Officer of the Year, Patrol Officer Kyle Williams, nominated by Post 798. Pictured with Patrol Officer Williams is his wife Katie.

VETERANS HONORS



Mike Etling shows a certificate honoring his brother, Gary Etling, a Westerville Post 171 member who lives in Hawaii. The U.S. Army awarded the certificate to Gary's grandson for piloting an unmanned aircraft on an anti-terrorist mission; he dedicated the certificate and an accompanying flag to Gary, his grandfather, in honor of Gary's military service. The objects are framed and, with members' consent, now hang in our post.

A & G TEST WINNERS



Young-Budd Post 171 in Westerville recognized its 2016 Americanism and Government test winners at its February business meeting. Pictured are this year's winners (L-R): Senior John Whitesmith (Westerville North H. S.) - 12th District winner, Junior Jordyn Kneice (Westerville North H.S.), Senior Morgan Perryman (Westerville North H.S.) - 12th District winner, Sophomore She' Terria Sparks (Westerville Central H.S.), Junior Trent McFarland (Westerville North H.S.), and Sophomore Cooper Garrett (Westerville Central H.S.). Also pictured is Post 171 A&G Chairman Dr. William Glen Golden.

A & G TEST WINNERS



The 12th District Council recognized its 2016 Americanism and Government test winners at its March 12, 2017 Spring Conference meeting at Bexley Post 430. Pictured above are 12th District Commander Jeff Shipley, Past 12th District Commander Tim Shigley, and 12th District Americanism Chairman Tom Poulton. The 12th District A&G Test winners pictured are Andrew Taylor (Hilliard Davidson H.S.), John Whitesmith (Westerville North H.S.) and Faith Sanchez (Hilliard Davidson H.S.). A&G Test winners not present were Zakaric Hussein (Hilliard Davidson H.S.), Katherine Lybbertt (Hilliard Davidson H.S.), and Morgan Perryman (Westerville North H.S.).

4 CHAPLAINS



Post 572 hosted service for the 4 Chaplains on February 5th. Pictured are Commander Dave Donaldson (at podium) and Tim Leahy addressing those in attendance with a brief history of the event.

MEMBERSHIP QUOTA



Commander Post 385 Joe Croin received a plaque honoring 100% membership at the 13th District Council meeting on February 1st at Post 738.

ORATORICAL CHAMPION



2017 Oratorical Champion Renee Betterson from Berea.



Renee Betterson and Rishi Narahari congratulate each other after their presentations.

LEGION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



St Augustine signing choir provides the entertainment at the 13th District American Legion Birthday Celebration.

A & G TEST WINNERS



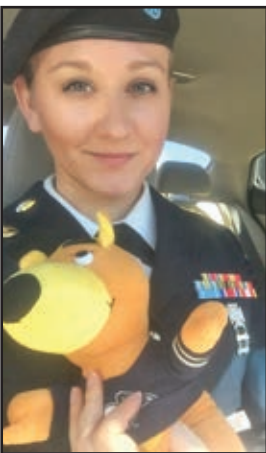
District 13 Commander Donaldson with A&G Test winners. Pictured (L-R): Satya Nayagan, Benjamin Meredyk, Commander Donaldson, Ian Bell, Lauren Gregory, Andrea Sheetz.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION



Nordonia Hills Post 801 is planning a dedication of the above memorial along with three flag poles and plaza (phase one of three) this coming Memorial Day. The Veterans Memorial Park is located on Rt. 82 in Macedonia, Ohio. A drawing of the entire park project along with donation forms may be found at our web site: www.nordoniahillsveteransmemorialpark.com.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Ashley Gorbulja, commander of Post 808, has been chosen to receive the U.S. Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship for the third consecutive year. She accepted on March 8th at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. She serves in the Ohio National Guard, 583rd Military Police Company, works as a Veteran's Initiative Program Assistant at Cuyahoga Community College, and is a VA Work-Study student and peer advisor for veteran's education in U of Akron's Military Services Center.

PTSD AWARENESS MARCH



On Saturday April 15, a group of 25 people from Post 449, marched 11 miles to Wadsworth Post 170 to raise awareness of PTSD. We were able to raise over \$1000 thru t-shirt sales and donations. The donation will be given to an organization named Hometown Battles, a nonprofit that helps veterans with needs.

A & G TEST WINNERS



Nordonia Hills Post #801 conducted their annual Americanism and Government Test at Nordonia High School. Pictured (L-R): Program Chairman J.C. Sullivan, and student winners Kayla Vasarhelyi, Megan Ryan, Daniel Bobay, Michael Kerosky and Daniel Liszka, and Nordonia High School Principal Casey Wright and Auxiliary Unit 801 President Darlene Pristash. Not pictured is student Austin Babb. This was the 5th consecutive year the program has been conducted by Post 801 since being revived by Past Commander Sullivan.

We Oppose the Deceptive Drug Purchase Ballot Issue In Ohio

• We oppose the ballot issue that will appear before Ohio voters in November 2017, which would prohibit the state from entering into contracts to purchase prescription drugs unless the prices are the same or lower than the special discounts provided to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and our nation's veterans.

• This flawed and unworkable proposal could actually increase prescription drug costs and reduce prescription drug availability for veterans, all while costing taxpayers millions more in state bureaucracy, red tape and lawsuits.

• We urge Ohio voters to **VOTE NO.**

On 1 April 2017, The Department of Ohio Executive Committee passed Resolution No. 17-09, Ohio Drug Price Relief Act, which stated the following in the resolve clause:

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Committee session on April 1, 2017, strongly and publicly oppose the passing of the ballot initiative to prevent the passing of the The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department Executive Committee be kept informed and be given consent of any publicity, good or bad, that

may arise as a result of the opposition to this ballot initiative.

To date, there have been commercial tapings of veterans who have agreed to go public on behalf of opposing the issue and these will be made public in the near future. Media in support of those who are proponents, with some being veterans, will also be made public. If you are questioned by any news media regarding the issue, please direct all correspondence to Department Headquarters to the Adjutant, Thomas Simons or Department Commanders Chapman, Pleasant, and Schmitt at 740-362-7478 or email legion@ohiolegion.com.



In November 2017, Ohioans will be asked to vote on a flawed, deceptive ballot issue that could raise prescription drug prices and limit access to needed medications for military veterans. It's bad for veterans and bad for taxpayers. Veterans' organizations should oppose it.

Under federal law, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) receives discounted pricing on prescription medication from drug manufacturers. The ballot issue, put forth by a controversial California activist, proposes a new law that calls for the state of Ohio to pay no more for prescription medications than the lowest price paid by the VA. The proposed law would apply to programs that serve public retirees and state workers, Medicaid beneficiaries, injured workers, prisoners, patients in state university hospitals, and others. It does not apply to the majority of Ohioans with private health coverage.

Experts have concluded this proposal is unworkable and cannot be implemented. An almost identical version of the proposal appeared on the November 2016 California ballot as Proposition 61, and was defeated. More than 30 veterans groups in California were among 200 opposing organizations, including doctors, business, labor and patient groups. Every major newspaper opposed Prop. 61.

Impossible to Implement

The VA is not required to disclose how much it pays for medications. That means state entities would not know what benchmark to meet. But if Ohio voters approve the ballot issue, state officials would be *legally required* to implement the new law, forcing them to challenge the VA for information and taking up resources both the state and the VA could put to better use.

How much the VA pays for any particular drug is a moving target. In addition to specified percentage discounts, the VA frequently gets additional rebates from drug manufacturers, credit for volume purchases and other deals. These change periodically and are not disclosed by either the VA or the manufacturers.

The VA Says the Misleading Rx Proposal Will Raise Costs for Veterans

The VA itself said in a 2016 issue briefing that these additional discounts are likely to be eliminated by pharmaceutical manufacturers if VA pricing is extended to other entities like state governments. The briefing estimates an increase in VA prescription drug costs of \$3.8 billion a year, if the proposal is voted into state law.

The US General Accountability Office (GAO) has on several occasions examined the issue of extending VA discounts to

other programs and warned that a mandatory extension could undermine the VA's ability to obtain favorable pricing for drugs and the limit the availability of some medications to the VA. In 2000, the GAO advised against including Medicare in the VA's pricing structure for this reason.

Military Families are Already Paying More

Already, veterans in Ohio and across the country are seeing rising costs. As part of the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act, Congress voted to increase co-pays that military retirees and dependents of active duty military pay out of pocket by 25%. If the ballot measure passes and VA and DOD drug costs go up, we can expect added pressure to increase prescription drug co-pays that veterans, military retirees and dependents of active duty military have to pay out of pocket. That would affect more than 866,000 veterans, active duty military, and military retirees residing in Ohio, plus 21 million veterans nationwide who have served our country.

Alternatively, the VA and DOD could deal with higher drug costs by deciding to omit certain drugs from their formularies – limiting veterans, military personnel, and retiree access to needed medications.

There's No Benefit for Ohio Taxpayers

Medicaid and other state entities already use percentage discounts and rebates when purchasing medication. Should voters approve the ballot proposal, these existing contracts would cease, with unknown costs and complications for Ohio taxpayers. The administrative costs of trying to implement an unworkable law would fall on Ohio programs that serve vulnerable populations such as people who are developmentally disabled, people with mental illness, newborn infants, injured workers, the elderly and other Ohioans.

The VA's Program is Designed for Veterans

The Veterans Healthcare Act enables the VA to provide medical care including prescription medications to our nation's military veterans in recognition of their service. The discounts mandated in the Act were never intended to be extended to states. The program is also designed to meet the needs of the military population and the drugs included reflect that.

To learn more, and get involved in the campaign to fight this harmful ballot measure, please contact Mitch Given at 614-352-8333 or Mitch@MitchGiven.com.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

By Robert Schmitt
Department
2nd Vice Commander

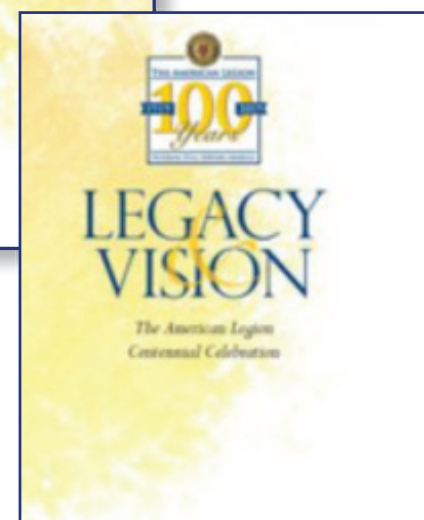
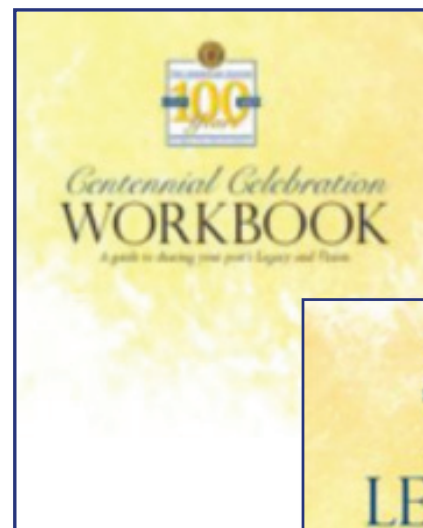
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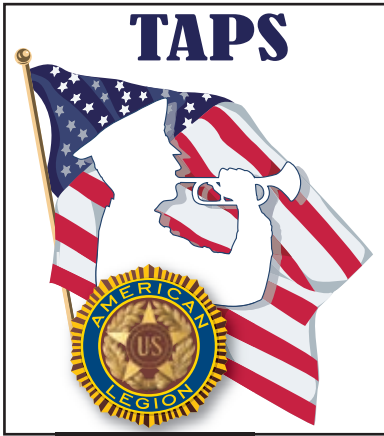
As your Department 2nd Vice Commander I have been charged with setting up an Ad Hoc committee for the Department of Ohio which will include all District 2nd vice Commanders. We are calling on each District Commander to assemble a Centennial Committee in each District to work on the This Celebration will start at the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis, MN August 24 – 30, 2018 and will continue through 2018 and 2019 until Veterans Day November 11, 2019.

The American Legion is asking all of us to be part of this Celebration and we can do that by following the information that I and the Committee will be providing. To start out each Post, County Council and District also needs to form committees and start by gathering the History and recording that history on the National Website, www.centennial.legion.org. There are two publications that can be downloaded from National, they are the "Centennial Celebration Workbook" shown on below and "The Legacy & Vision" also shown on the be-

low. The Workbook helps you to organize your history and the Legacy & Vision will help you understand the website for posting your history. When you go on the Centennial website and "click" on "Post Index" then "click" on "Ohio", if you do not see your Post there then you have to create the Post. To do this you will need to login with your e-mail address and establish a password. You can also create a District or County Council History the same way.

Many of our WWI Posts should really take advantage of this time, many will be Celebrating their 100th Anniversary also. We all need to do everything that we can to let the whole world know that we are the largest War Time Veterans Organization and we are still serving our veterans and our communities, state and Nation. We will never have this opportunity again, so let's do it right. There will be more in the weeks and months ahead as the Committee gets established. Commanders and 1st Vice Commanders, most of you will be through the Chairs but your help is also needed because this Event is bigger than any one person. It will take all of us to make this Celebration to be talked about at the 200th year Celebration. You can contact me at 2ndVice@ohiolegion.com. Thank you and be safe and healthy.



**2 CLEVELAND**

Lloyd A Kibler

3 FINDLAY

Ralph E Bash

Harry G Baughman

Gary L Businger

Reynaldo R Gonzales

Lawrence W Kring

Carl D Ramey

Vincent M Reza

John E Wisner

6 SPRINGFIELD

John E Richard

Willard Sodders

7 WICKLIFFE

Terence J Coates

Jim Mastrangelo

Victor A Mezacapa

Walter D Sherman

John G Sprock

Frank A Urankar

8 WELLINGTON

Jerry S Franklin

Shirley C Kiner

J. C Lawson

James A Mott

James A Starkey

10 EDGERTON

Harlan J Poole

11 LANCASTER

Richard R Babcock

Charles L Pendleton

August R Rausch

Harold R Schorr

Lauren W Shull

12 ELYRIA

Richard A Daidone

William E Davis

Stephan N Docs

John D Eischen

Henry E Engler

Robert T Forthofer

Harold J Foster

William E Kilfoyle

Russell E Sargent

Tillis R Spaulding

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Edward W Webber

14 BAINBRIDGE

Fred L Baird

Charles O Smith

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Richard L Ayers

Edward J Ferenchak

William E O'Hara

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J. H Hunter

Keith L Miller

Marvin R Wetzel

Edwin L Woogerd

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Dale L Balsizer

18 TOLEDO

Stanley J Grove

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Michael L Blair

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21 ATHENS

Mark B Mehr

Richard E Nisley

23 PORTSMOUTH

Alfred L Banister

Earl J Crabtree

Kenneth R Hodge

James H Jarvis

Elmer Kamer

Glen Kizer

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Jerry D Phillips

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Richard J Graef

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Bobby W Poston

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Frank J Sanchez

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Robert M Carpenter

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Ivan Kitchen

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John Deangel

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Keith J Hutchinson

Wilbur D Jenkins

Donald W Stutesman

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Joseph H Lewis

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Ronald P Turner

88 ASHLAND

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John E Maphis

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Don Stockton

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Gordon E VanAllen

105 LONDON

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John D Sample

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Francis D Walters

113 PORT CLINTON

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Richard C Smith

114 OAK HARBOR

Roy A Winterfield

115 DELAWARE

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Gordon Saam

Charles J Serfozo

William E Shaffer

Robert W Thomas

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William B Jones

123 NORWOOD

Harry J Lefker

124 GENEVA

Richard Pruden

Floyd B Starkey

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John B Parrish
Robert G Runkle
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Frank J Monebrake
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Stanley E Myers

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Jack Northrup
Jay L Olsen
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MISSION: POSSIBLE

By Jason Graven
Department Director
of Membership

As we prepare to close out another year it is important to reflect upon the past 12 months. The 2016-2017 year proved to be a whirlwind year complete with many changes, the full effects of which may take a couple years to fully feel. As the saying goes, the only constant in life is change.

This past year saw a rejuvenated Membership Committee. A committee that normally met once a year to approve of the next year’s Award manual, met almost monthly using video conferencing, allowing the members to stay home in their pj’s while also making decisions and saving time and money. These meetings allowed for a quicker reaction time to needed policy changes and/or actions requiring immediate attention. This is a huge advancement and provides a good stepping stone for a trajectory into the future.

A few important changes for the 2018 year are needed to be known by each Post within our borders. The first and most important is the change in policy regarding the return of your unused, unpaid, and blank membership cards. This policy has been discontinued. It is now the Post’s responsibility to properly destroy the membership cards.

Department’s recommendation is to include these cards before or after your Post’s flag retirement ceremony. If your Post does not have such a ceremony, another Post near you very well may. The card requirement has been replaced with the already mandatory but never enforced turn-in of the Consolidated Post Report. If you are unaware of this report, then that is exactly why the policy has been changed. Every year the Department Commander briefs the National Commander on the percentage of Posts who have completed this form. Ohio has traditionally ranked low. This form has a due date to Department Headquarters of July 1st, so by the time you receive this newsletter, you should still have roughly one month to complete and return, complete on your Post’s mylegion account, or contact us to receive the form if you have not received it thus far. The Certification of Post Officers is still required to be turned in as this form tells us where the 2018 cards are to be sent. Both forms can be completed online eliminating the need to pay your local postal worker and saving your Post money.

The past few years each Post should have been hearing Department preach and yell about myLegion.org and the importance and usefulness. Well, it just became a whole lot better. Posts now have the option to renew their members

online, transfer members online, and even sign up new members, without mailing anything to Dept. hq. Why is this important? The posts that use this feature will have significantly less members questioning why they received renewal notices after having paid, the Posts will save money in postage, and their membership numbers will be accurate within 24 hours, not weeks or months. Needless to say, but just in case we should, it is Department’s recommendation that EVERY Post finally sign up for a myLegion.org account, although it is not required. 361 out of our 544 Posts in Ohio already have an account

with 80% signing in every couple of weeks. We thank you and we think you will find the new features of great use.

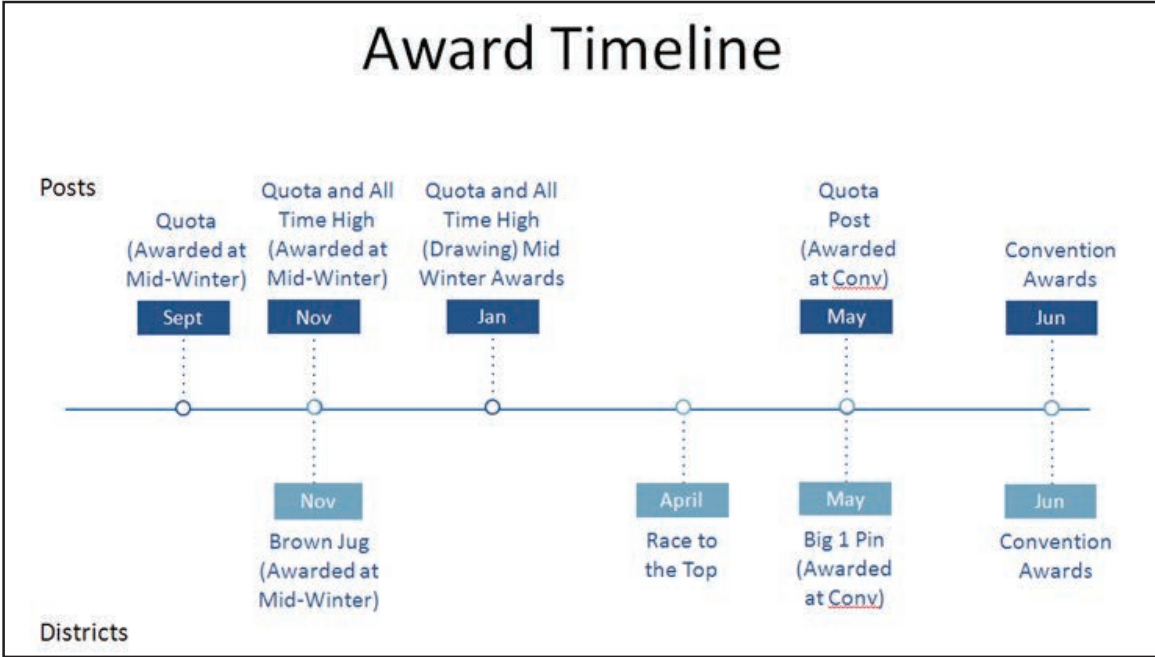
2018 will also bring a revamped Awards Manual which moves away from Departments rewarding only the District levels for accomplishments in membership. You will see in the manual that most award funds are now designated to go to the Posts and frontloaded, rewarding the Posts that meet their targets fastest. Below is a timetable of the awards. Gone are the traditional lap dates of every month. We want your Post sending cards in (paying on myLegion) as quickly as possible

so that the members who have already paid their dues do not receive renewal notices.

We feel confident that once the initial shock of change passes, each Post, and all their members, will see how these changes will positively affect the membership program and/or the posts financial positions. Unfortunately, the Post Office may not be able to say the same.

Of course, at any time, if you have questions regarding the new membership policies, or even the old ones, I am always available.

Change, it will make our mission possible.



Stanley A. Pleasant

Candidate for Department Commander



I earned my eligibility by serving in the United States Air Force. I served from March 28, 1972 through April 1, 1992. My military career covered the Vietnam era, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

I am a Life member of General "Chap-pie James" American Legion Post 776 in Dayton. As a legionnaire, I have served my Post as a Trustee (3 years), Adjutant (5 years), 1st Vice Commander (3 years), and Commander (2 years). 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 also 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 (1 year), and Adjutant (4 years).

I am the Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander. I am proud to be a Trustee of American Legion Buckeye Boys State (8 years). Ohio has the finest Boys State program in the American Legion. I also serve on the National Americanism Council.

I am about to start my 22nd continuous year as a legionnaire. 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".

Thank you in advance for your support at the upcoming Department of Ohio Convention.

STANLEY A. PLEASANT,
Candidate
Department of Ohio Commander

Joyce A. Hannum

Candidate for Department 2nd Vice Commander



My eligibility was earned serving on Active Duty in the U.S. Army June 1980 to June 1983 (Lebanon/Grenada). I also service in the Ohio National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves from 1984 to my retirement from the 112th Combat Engineers in Brookpark, Ohio in 2004. I am supported by the 14th District, Portage County Council and my post.

I am a Past 14th District Quota Commander 2012-2013, Past Post Commander Posts 193 & 496 and have served post and district positions of 2nd Vice Cmdr. and 1st Vice Cmdr., Commander, Executive Committee member and Membership Chairman. I am currently serving my second year as Chairman of the Dept. of Ohio's Child Welfare Committee. While serving as 2nd Vice, 1st Vice & Cmdr., Post 193 was All-Time-High for 7 years in a row.

I am a member the American Legion

Auxiliary and Legion Riders, member of the AMVETS of Ohio and I am on the Advisory Board of Maplewood Career Center in Ravenna, Ohio.

My objective is to integrate within the American Legion of our Gulf War/War on Terrorism Veterans who bring with them new strengths & abilities and encourage the growth of the American Legion to be a stronger voice for all veterans.

These younger veterans have fresh & different ideas. They see the needs & technological skills of their generation as different from the previous generations. Integrating these younger veterans will serve to make the American Legion stronger and see us through the next 100 years.

I respectfully ask for your vote at the 2017 Department Convention in Dayton.

Robert E. Schmill

Candidate for Department 1st Vice Commander



Born in Toledo, Ohio April 1946, graduated from Whitmer high School. Received my Associate Degree in Applied Science from Oakland Community College, Pontiac, MI. Retired Steamfitter / Refrigeration Fitter and HVAC Technician from Local 50 Plumbers & Pipefitters, Mechanical Equipment Service Technicians. I am a dual member with my eligibility for the Sons from my dad having served in the Navy during World War II.

I earned my eligibility from my service in the Air Force 1967 to 1971, attended Munitions School in Denver, CO. stationed at Utopia, Thailand from 1968 to 1969. Upon returning to the States was cross-trained in Security Police and was assigned to the Air Defense Command 94th FIS. Alpena, MI.

I became a member of the American Legion in November of 1983 when my father paid my first year's dues. I started attending Post meetings at the end of January 1984, was elected 3rd Vice in March 1984. I worked my way through the Post chairs and became

Post Commander May 1988, Lucas County Commander 1997 and First District Commander 2000-2001, Department

Assistant Stg-At-Arms 2001-2002. Commander 2001, Department Asst. Sgt-At-Arms 2001 - 2002.

I am currently serving Conn-Weissenberger Post 587 as the Judge Advocate and on the Board of Trustees. I am also serving Lucas County Council as the Judge Advocate and I have been serving the First District as the Americanism Chairman. I have been on staff at The American Legion Buckeye Boys Program and is Section Head for State Government.

I Also serves as the President of the Toledo American Legion Convention Committee, the President of the Toledo Lucas County Memorial Day Association, responsible for the Toledo Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Service. Vice President of the Toledo Soldiers Memorial Association founded in 1879. Board member of the Toledo Chapter of Wreaths Across America. Committee member of the Toledo Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

I am a PUFL member of The American Legion, a Life Member of the VFW and the Catholic War Veterans, I also member of the 40 et 8 Voiture 141, Toledo, OH

Roger Friend

Candidate for Department 2nd Vice Commander

Legionnaires I'm Roger Friend a Candidate for the High office of 2nd Vice Commander of the Dept. of Ohio. My eligibility was accrued from 22+ combined years of active and reserve time in the USN. Listed are past and present positions held.

Past Post, District & Dept. offices and positions held: Post 2nd 1st Vice & Commander District 2nd 1st Vice & Commander. Dept. Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms CHR. National Security Committee Dept. CHR National Security Committee, National Appointment National Security Council

Present Post, District National offices and positions held: Post Adjutant, Sec. Treasure District Judge Advocate, CHR National

Security Committee Dept. CHR National Security Committee, National Appointment National Security Council, and the National Legislative Council.

Program National Emergency Fund Legionnaires we need a change to get our young Vets involved as your 2nd Vice Commander I will promote The American Legion Through Social Media, Face Book and Twitter along with all other tools that can be acquired to show our younger veterans significant reasoning to become members of the greatest veterans origination in the world. We need to Mentor our replacements so our organization can prevail.

Thank You, Roger Friend

William "Bill" Edwards

Candidate for Department Treasurer





Monroeville Sch-Loe-Man Post 547 and the Fighting Fifth District proudly present William "Bill" Edwards as a candidate for Treasurer for the Department of Ohio, 2017-2018. I earned my eligibility for membership in the American Legion by serving in the US Army from 1983-99 during the Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, and Desert Storm war eras. I enlisted as a Vulcan System Mechanic and finished as Chaparral/Vulcan Systems Technician, Chief Warrant Officer 2.

I am a Life Member of Sch-Loe-Man Post 547 in Monroeville. I have served in most positions at the Post and County Council level and several committees and offices in District 5 including Commander 2012-13. At the Department level, I served as Assistant Sgt-at-Arms, three years on the Department Finance Committee and currently

Chairman, and several committees including DMS, POW/MIA, and Scholarship. At the National level I have served since 2008 on the Distinguished Guests and National Security Council where I currently serve. I am a Life member of AMVETS Post 22 in Vermilion, VFW Post 2840 in Port Clinton, Voiture 50 of 40 & 8, and SAL member of Squadron 733 in Bettsville.

I am currently employed by the US Geological Survey as a Fishery Research Technician in Sandusky, OH where I have 26 years service. I've been married to my wife Linda for 24 years. We have 8 children and 22 grandchildren. I'm anxious to see everyone, including YOU, at the Department Convention in Dayton on 6-9 July, where I would appreciate your vote. See you there!



ENTRY FORM

52ND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF OHIO AMERICAN LEGION
GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017
4 Person Scramble

HOST: KETTERING AMERICAN LEGION POST 598
Kettering, Oh. – Phone: 937-433-9327

COURSES: Community Golf Course
(Hills & Dales courses)
2917 Berkley St. Bldg. 2
Dayton, OH. 45409

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PHONE # _____

NAME _____ AGE _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____

ENTRY FEE OF \$80.00 PER GOLFER MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY.
Open to American Legion Dept. of Ohio, Auxiliary and SAL
and must be 21 years and over.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL ENTRIES TO:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 598
5700 Kentshire Dr.
Kettering, Oh. 45440
ATTN: Joe Law/ for more information call (937) 433-9327

HOTELS

Mention American Legion Golf Outing

Holiday Inn Express-\$129/night + tax
(ask about the military discount)
5655 Wilmington Pk, Centerville
937-424-5757

Best Western Plus Dayton South-\$89/night + tax
8099 Old Yankee St, Centerville
937-291-0284

Marriott at UD
1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton
937-223-1000

ENTRY & HOUSING DEADLINE – JULY 15,2017

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE POST
FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS
Please indicate how many will be attending each meal.
_____ Friday _____ Saturday

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ORIENTATION MEETINGS SET

American Legion Buckeye Boys State presents the 2017 Buckeye Boys State District Orientation programs schedule in the Department.

Buckeye Boys State thanks the District Commanders, District Boys State Chairmen, District Americanism Chairmen, and Post Commanders for their help in planning these orientations.

Buckeye Boys State will be held June 11 - 18, 2017, on the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, the new home of Boys State. Over 1,200 of the top high school juniors in the state of Ohio are expected to attend.

All young men selected to attend Buckeye Boys State are invited to attend an Orientation program in their area which are conducted by members of the Buckeye Boys State Staff.

If a young man absolutely cannot attend an Orientation, this will not keep him from attending Buckeye Boys State.

For additional information on the 2017 Boys State program, visit the Boys State website at: www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com or the Department website at: www.ohiolegion.com.



The 11th annual Department of Ohio American Legion Euchre Tournament was held on Saturday, April 22nd at Pemberville Post 183.

All 26 teams participating enjoyed the camaraderie along with the hospitality.

Kenny Rahe along with the Post did an excellent job in hosting the tournament, with great hospitality and good food. Department 2nd Vice Commander Bob Schmitt visited and opened the tournament.

Jim B.B. and Smokey Allen took first place. Pete Everett and Jim Benson placed second, and Iona Snyder and Jim Larkey placed third.

The 2018 Tournament will be hosted by Zanesville Post 29, currently

scheduled for Saturday, April 21st. 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 end with 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.

2017 BOYS STATE ORIENTATION						
DIST.	DATE		DAY	TIME	LOCATION	POST
1	May	9	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Ottawa	63
	May	10	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Wauseon	265
	May	11	Thursday	7:00 PM	Toledo	587
	May	16	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Elmore	279
	May	21	Sunday	2:00 PM	Tontogany	441
2	May	10	Wednesday	7:30 PM	New Bremen	241
	May	17	Wednesday	7:30 PM	St. Marys	323
3	May	3	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Greenville	140
	May	21	Sunday	2:00 PM	Miamisburg	165
4	May	15	Monday	7:00 PM	Mason	194
	May	18	Thursday	7:00 PM	Mt. Carmel	72
	May	19	Friday	7:00 PM	Mt. Washington	484
5	May	3	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Green Springs	295
	May	7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Medina	202
	May	10	Wednesday	7:30 PM	North Fairfield	706
	May	17	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Ashland	88
	May	24	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Elyria	12
6	May	3	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Granville Middle School	
	May	10	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Jefferson	201
	May	17	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Marion	162
7	May	7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Portsmouth	23
	May	11	Thursday	6:30 PM	Chillicothe	62
8	April	23	Sunday	1:00 PM	Pickerington	283
	May	21	Sunday	1:00 PM	Athens	21
9	April	23	Sunday	2:00 PM	Lake Milton	737
	April	23	Sunday	2:00 PM	Orwell	719
	April	27	Thursday	7:30 PM	Newton Falls	236
	May	7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Willowick	678
10	April	30	Sunday	2:00 PM	Steubenville	33
	May	7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Glenmoor	736
	May	28	Sunday	2:00 PM	Foltz Community Center	
	May	31	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Wooster	68
11	April	23	Sunday	1:00 PM	Bellaire	52
	April	30	Sunday	1:00 PM	McConnelsville	24
12	May	13	Saturday	12:00 PM	Westerville	171
	May	21	Sunday	12:00 PM	Grove City	164
13	May	20	Saturday	2:00 PM	FOP Lodge 8 Hall	
14	May	7	Sunday	2:00 PM	Cuyahoga Falls	281

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RESOLUTIONS APPROVED AT 1 APRIL DEC

Below are the Department Resolutions that were approved at the 1 April DEC. The Centennial Committee Creation resolution was very lengthy, therefore, not printed in the Ohio Legion News and available to any Legionnaire requesting. The full resolutions are available at ohiolegion.com on the Legislative Committee Page.

Resolution 17-10: David L. Jackson Honorary Past Department Commander

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in regular session of the Department Executive Committee on Saturday, April 1, 2017 endorse the title of Honorary Past Department Commander to David L. Jackson in appreciation of his 34 years of service to The American Legion.

Resolution 17-03: PUFL MOH Chief Boyers

RESOLVED, That Lucas County Council of the Great First District assembled in Christ-Dunberger Post #537, Oregon, Ohio on November 07, 2016, urge The American Legion Department of Ohio to provide Senior Chief Edward C. Byers with a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership to The American Legion; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio present Senior Chief Edward C. Byers the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership with the official citation stated above, on the floor of the General Assembly at The American Legion Department

of Ohio, Department Convention being held in Dayton, Ohio, on July 7, 8, and 9, 2017.

Resolution 17-04: Membership Process

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Committee on April 1, 2016, recommend to National that they hire a professional business consultant to examine the membership process resulting in recommendations for National to implement the necessary technology that serves to streamline and optimize the membership process.

Resolution 17-05: Department DMS Committee

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Committee Session on April 1, 2017, approve to reorganize the DMS Committee as a sub-committee of the Membership Committee.

Resolution 17-06: Persian Gulf Extension Membership

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Session assembled on April 1, 2017, urge The American Legion National Headquarters Membership and Eligibility Department to extend eligibility for veterans who served in the Persian Gulf from July 24, 1987 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 1, Eligibility, of the Con-

stitution of the American Legion be amended to reflect the same; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article XIII, Auxiliaries, Section 2 of the Constitution of the American Legion be amended to reflect the same; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall not take place until United States Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 217, Section 21703 the American Legion Charter is amended by Congress.

Resolution 17-08: Lebanon/Grenada Extension to Membership

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Committee in regular meeting assembled on April 1, 2017, urge National to extend their membership eligibility for service in Lebanon/Grenada from August 24, 1982 - December 1, 1987; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion amend Article IV, Section 1, Eligibility, of the Constitution of the American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion amend Article XIII, Auxiliaries, Section 2 of the Constitution of the American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall not take place until United States Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 217, Section 21703 the American Legion Charter is amended by Congress.

Resolution 17-07: Centennial Committee Creation


***PLEASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT HQ

Resolution 17-09: Ohio Drug Price Relief Act

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Executive Committee session on April 1, 2017, strongly

and publicly oppose the passing of the ballot initiative to prevent the passing of the The Ohio Drug Price Relief Act; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department Executive Committee be kept informed and be given consent of any publicity, good or bad, that may arise as a result of the opposition to this ballot initiative.



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Who We Are and Who We Were

Biographical Sketch of National Commander John R. McQuigg

From The American Legion News Service

From enlisted man to brigadier general, from farm boy to president of his own bank, from buck private in The American Legion to its national commander - such is the record of "Go Gettum" John Rea McQuigg whom the Omaha convention unanimously elected to lead the Legion for 1925-1926.

Commander McQuigg has been serving the organization in important capacities since its inception seven years ago. He was the first commander of Engineers Post of Cleveland; delegate to the first department convention in 1919; delegate to the first national convention and brought the 1920 convention to Cleveland. Then he was promoted to department commander of Ohio in 1920, a delegate to the second national convention and at this time was appointed a member of the national finance committee in which capacity he has served the organization ever since.

In the Legion's two most important issues - adjusted compensation and the endowment drive for

disabled veterans and war orphans, he toured the county making outstanding speeches. Meantime, he has served on the Ohio department committees, national convention committees and in 1923 was vice-chairman of the Legion's national legislative committee.

In his military record, he has also delivered unusual service. In 1888 he was graduated from Wooster University as cadet captain, and shortly thereafter joined the famous Cleveland Grays, a private military unit. In 1898 when war with Spain was begun, the Grays became a part of the National Guard as an engineer unit and successively McQuigg was a first lieutenant, captain and finally major.

In 1912 he was commissioned a lieutenant colonel of the 112th Engineers (the old Cleveland Grays outfit) and went to the Mexican border.

In 1917 shortly after war was declared he was commissioned a full colonel of the 112th Engineers and made up his mind to go to training camp with a full-recruited unit. He pitched camp in the heart of

Cleveland and began an intensive recruiting campaign. So successful was his effort that when the Engineers moved to Camp Sheridan, Alabama, every company was at full war strength and Colonel McQuigg took a dozen extra men along in case of emergency.

It was at this time that he became known as "Go' Gettum" McQuigg, a title heard universally throughout Ohio.

Somebody said, when he was placed in command of the 112th Engineers, "How are you going to recruit so many men in such a short time?"

McQuigg replied; "Well, I guess I'll have to go get them."

Then he pitched his camp and did just that.

In May, 1918, the regiment moved to Camp Lee and in July sailed for Brest. Led by Colonel McQuigg, the engineers saw active service in the Baccarat sector, in the Argonne and in Belgium.

Recommissioned a colonel of Engineers in 1920, McQuigg was appointed brigadier General of Infantry in 1921 and federally rec-

ognized.

Commander McQuigg is fifty-nine years old and a farm boy who grabbed his education where he could get it.

The only romance of his life began in a little red district school house to which he rode six miles each day on horseback. The now Mrs. McQuigg, then a red-cheeked girl, sat opposite the heavily-built farm boy. Wanting to make her acquaintance, McQuigg hit upon the expedient of borrowing her ruler, then her eraser, then her pencil and whispering to her, The tactics while brave nearly ruined a first class romance, as Gertrude Imgard which was her name, was afraid the teacher would see McQuigg's friendly efforts; and sat on him hard.

Due to the fact that his services were needed on the farm, McQuigg lost a term every spring and always made it up by studying at home. He tells the following story:

"Just about that time," McQuigg said in his precise English, "sulky plows were coming into use. My father bought one. As you know,

about all you have to do on a sulky plow is keep the hoses straight and turn at the end of the row. So I used to copy off my Greek and Latin vocabularies and my trigonometry problems and study them riding that sulky plow. In that way, though I was out a term each year, I never got set back."

After graduation from Wooster College, McQuigg went to Cornell University for one year to study law and then to the National Law School at Washington. He was graduated and admitted to the Ohio bar(?) and settled in Cleveland.

He was elected Mayor of East Cleveland in 1907 and reelected twice. He organized and developed the Windermere Savings and Loan Company (a three million dollar banking corporation) and is still its president.

He has two children, Donald, aged seventeen, and Pauline, aged twenty seven, a teacher in a private girl's school in Maine.

His sole culinary weakness is apple pie and coffee. He never refuses this combination be it breakfast or supper.



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ACCIDENTAL DEATH AD&D	DEATH BENEFITS FOR MEMBER, SPOUSE OR CHILDREN RANGE FROM \$25,000 TO \$250,000 WHEN DUE TO AN ACCIDENT. ACCUMULATION, COMMON CARRIER, PARALYSIS AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE BASED ON THE PLAN SELECTED.	TRANSAMERICA PREMIER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE	UNDERWRITER OF PRODUCT
ELITE DISCOUNT PLANS	MEMBERS AND SPOUSES CAN SAVE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BENEFITS INCLUDING VISION, HEARING AND DIABETES PRODUCT DISCOUNTS. A 24-HOUR NURSE LINE IS ALSO AVAILABLE.	CAREINGTON INTERNATIONAL
WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE	MEMBERS AND SPOUSES HAVE ELECTED LOWER LEVELS OF PERMANENT LIFE INSURANCE FROM \$2,500 TO \$10,000. THIS PLAN IS NOT CURRENTLY OPEN FOR NEW ENROLLMENT.	LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF NORTH AMERICA
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DENTAL PLAN	HELPS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH AFFORDABLE DENTAL CARE. INCLUDES TWICE-ANNUAL CHECKUPS, AND A VARIETY OF BASIC AND MAJOR SERVICES.	KELSEY NATIONAL CORPORATION
MAJOR MEDICAL	OFFERED TO MEMBERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL COVERAGE.	KELSEY NATIONAL CORPORATION

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