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2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Dear Ohio Legion Family,

The Department Executive Committee held a special meeting on Sunday, May 3rd, to review all information in the best interest of our members. The DEC exercised its authority given to them within the Department Constitution, Article V., Section 1., that "in the event it becomes impossible or impracticable to hold a Department Convention in a city selected by previous conventions the Department Executive Committee may change the site and time of any Convention by a three-fourths vote of the said Department Executive Committee. If conditions necessitate said vote may be taken by electronic communication (telephone, e-mail, fax)."

It was unanimously agreed to not have a convention in 2020 and the elections will take place at the 2021 Department Convention being held in Independence, Ohio, July 8th – 11th, 2021. The current Department and National Officers all agreed to stay in place. This

was also "strongly recommended" from National in a resolution also unanimously approved by the NEC in mid-April. Since then, National also cancelled the World Series Baseball Tournament, Boys Nation, Oratorical, Membership Workshop, and Fall NEC.

Ohio District Commanders were informed that if a District or Post chooses to hold a convention and they are within the guidelines of the "Stay Safe Ohio Order" they must make those decisions. However, currently, it still stands that no more than 10 people gathering and must remain 6ft apart. This may be difficult to do and a virtual meeting may be the better choice.

The DEC was informed that the Trustees of Buckeye Boys State is also cancelled to protect the delegates and staff and to comply with the guidelines in the Governor's orders. The DEC also voted to cancel the 2020 Baseball season due to uncertainties of the virus.

These were tough decisions and I feel confident that all the deci-

sions made were with the members health and wellness at the top of the list. As we move forward, Ohio can still be on top. Now is the time to work the "Buddy

Check" program by reaching out to members of your Post to let them know we care and we will get through this.

Thank you all for what you do

and keep checking the website for updates.

*For God and Country,
Roger Friend
Department Commander*



Americanism and Government Trip

The 2020 Americanism and Government Trip has returned from Washington D.C. and was a huge success. 19 of the top winners of the A&G test were selected for this trip to Gettysburg and Washington DC.

The American Legion trip is not

like the typical 8th-grade trip most Ohio teens experience. We have a smaller group of students and focus on history, Americanism, and respect for the men and women who have given their lives for our freedom.

Jean Wilson- Department 1st Vice

Commander, Colleen Phillips-Auxiliary 1st Vice President, and Christie White- Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator accompanied these young leaders as chaperones on this once in a lifetime trip. Our group left bright and early on Monday, March 2nd by visiting Flight 93 in Stoystown, PA. We were welcomed at the memorial by the Adjutant of American Legion Post 911 in Shanksville, PA. After our visit at Flight 93, we headed over to the Gettysburg Military Park. The battlefield tour was a great way to learn the history of Gettysburg in a "hands-on" setting. The views were breathtaking and helped our young leaders' picture what things might have been like during the Civil War. Also, "you can never have too much Abraham Lincoln in Gettysburg."

Tuesday was one of the biggest highlights of the trip. The American Legion has placed a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every year since 1936. This year was no different. Viewing the

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Americanism and Government Winners

12TH GRADE

William Yang
Tyler Hess
Kade Gravenhorst
Jared Wilson
Kyla Fortman
Lea Baldwin
Hailey Blanchard

11TH GRADE

Nathan Hazlett
Preston Grooms
Remy Isenbreg
Jasmine Washburn
Graceanne Reed
Grace Clouse

10TH GRADE

Aiden McDougal
Luke Daniel
Duncan Buckerfield
Morgan Shupert
Cassie Trudeau
Kamry Gravenhorst



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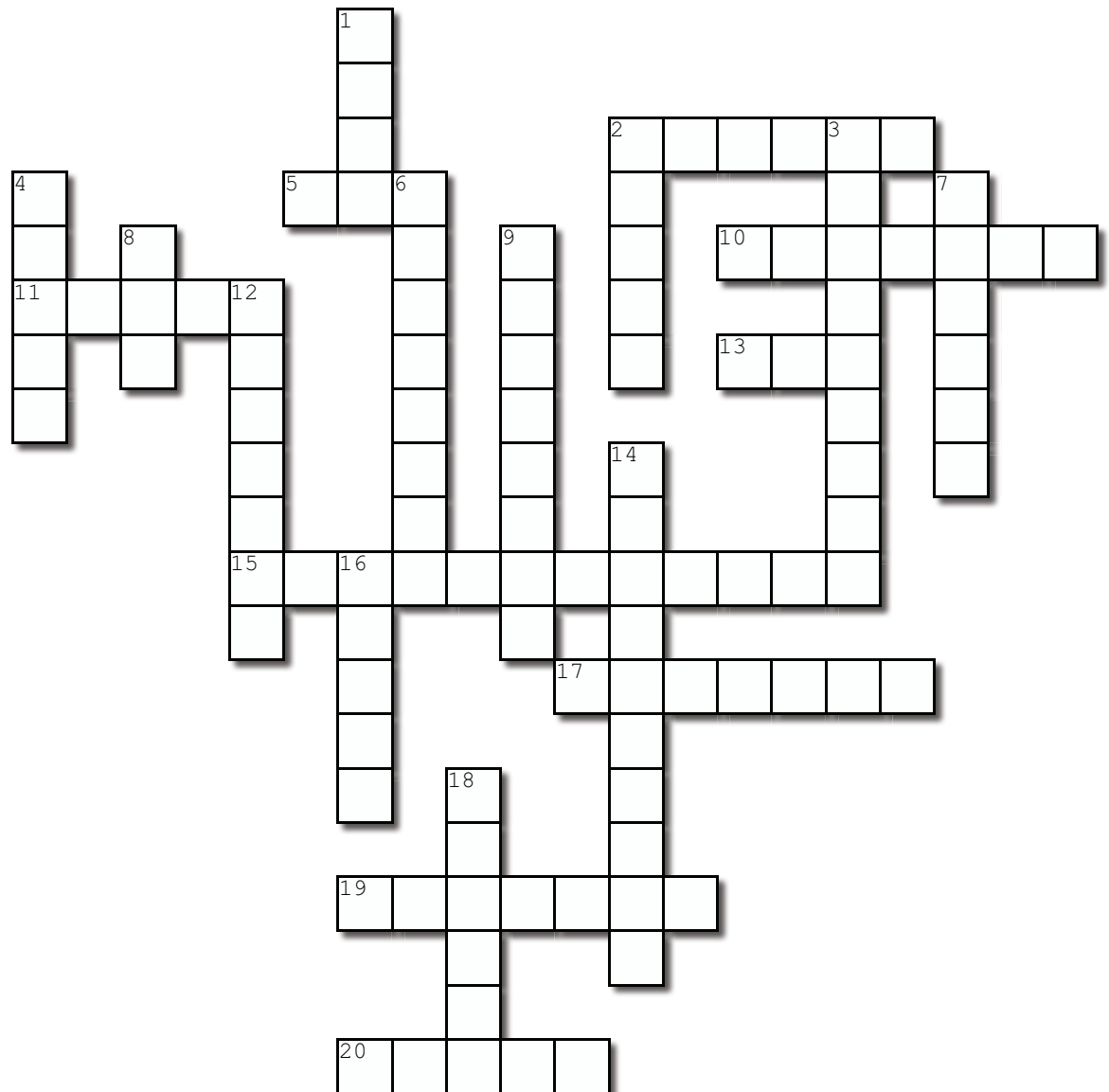
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Across

2. The _____ Machine helped German military to code messages.
5. Francis Scott _____ who wrote the Star Spangled Banner.
10. The shot heard around the world from the battle of _____?
11. First President to graduate college.
13. From sea to shining _____.
15. proclamation issued by President Lincoln.
17. Fort _____ home of the 3rd Infantry Division.
19. Legion Motto For God and _____.
20. Current Vice President Mike _____.

Down

1. How many presidents did we have during the Vietnam War?
2. Current Secretary of Defense _____.
3. _____ Project produced the first nuclear weapon.
4. The attack of _____ Harbor prompted the military to join WW2.
6. Last battle of the Revolutionary War.
7. _____ Tea Party was a political protest that occurred on December 16 1773.
8. Memorial Day takes place in what month?
9. 10th _____ located at Fort Drum, New York.
12. Minority Leader Chuck _____.
14. The Battle of _____ ended the War of 1812.
16. The letter A in the phonetic alphabet.
18. 33 President of the United States.

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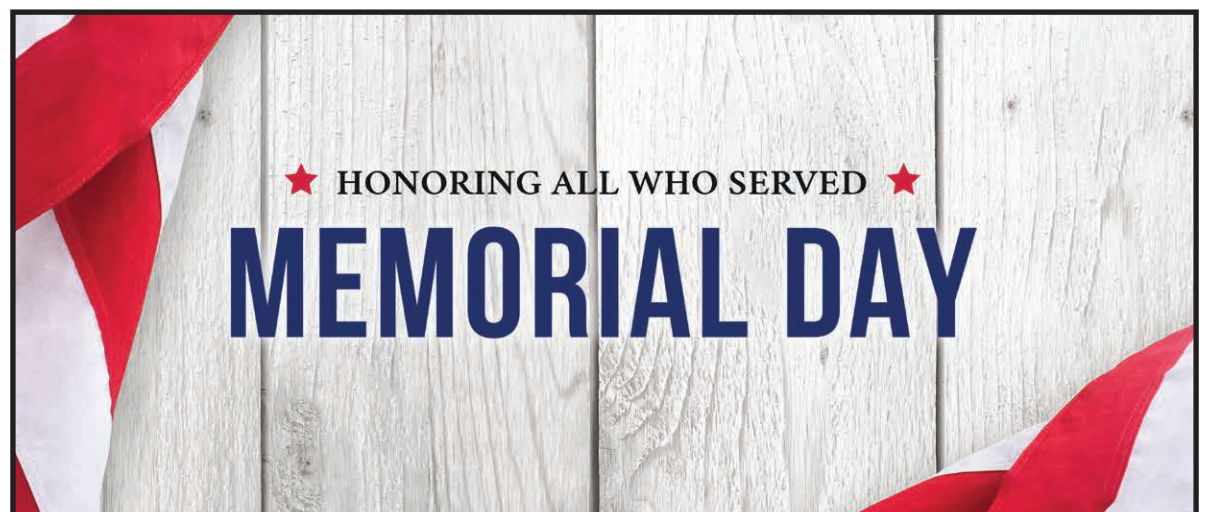
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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires greetings from your Commander. Since our last article we have all been faced with the

coronavirus pandemic which has drastically changed our lives with the various orders issued by the Governor. I commend the Ohio legion family for adhering to those orders. I realize it has placed burdens on our normal lifestyle, but Ohio has showed the country we

can do what is needed to combat this disease. With the recent stay safe order some business will start opening. Please remember the virus is still out there so take the necessary precautions to avoid encountering the virus. On Sunday May 3rd, the Department

DEC exercised their authority to change the location date and time of the Department Convention if deemed necessary to a date and location in 2021. We can still have a good year if we implement the Buddy Check program. Reach out to your members let them know

we care about them. Remember we still must send in our officer's certification forms as well as the CPR report. Ohio as been noticed as a forefront through this pandemic. Let us all continue to be safe and beat this silent villain.

For God and Country



1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
1st Vice Commander

Greetings My American Legion Family,

I hope that everyone has stayed well and safe during the Pandemic.

You have probably heard the news that the Department of Ohio Convention has been postponed until 2021. All your Department Officers will be staying in place to serve the Department of Ohio American Legion and you. Because of the circumstances we are in, unfortunately our programs such as the Buckeye Boys State and American Legion Baseball all had to be canceled. There were extremely hard decisions that had to be made.

Some may agree and some may not, but it is time for us to move forward.

I hope that your Post and your members are doing well. I know these are very tough times for all to be going thru and hopefully very soon all our Posts will be open and we will be able to meet again.

Our Department of Ohio is still trying to obtain quota for 2020. Please contact your members who have not paid. We need all our members more than ever. Very soon the 2021 cards will be arriving. To receive your 2021 cards, you must fill out two important forms that were sent to your Post Adjutant.

1.) CPR – which is the Post Consolidated Post Report- if you did not receive it – you

can go to the Department of Ohio website and download the form.

2.) Post Certification of Officers form- whether your Post held new elections, or your Post kept your 2020 officers you still need to fill out the form. You can either fill it out and mail it or you can get on the website and fill it out online.

There is an additional form that has been mailed out to every Post called the Post Selection Sheet Information page. We are trying to gather information on all our Posts in the Department. If you could fill this out it would be a great help to our Department. If you did not receive one or cannot locate it is also on the website.

I hope that your Post is signed up for MyLegion and if you are

signed up you are processing your membership on the site. If you are not signed up, I encourage every Post to do so. It is once you get signed up is the absolute best way to process your membership. If you have questions or need help on MyLegion please contact me or any Department Officer. We are here to assist.

I believe that right now our members need to hear from us, I hope you are all doing your Buddy Checks. It only takes a few minutes to call someone you know and brighten up someone day. Not only will it make them feel better, but you will too!

I want to thank all the Posts, Auxiliary Units, Sons of the Legion Squads and American Legion Riders who have been so wonderful by providing

masks, cleaning essentials, food, etc. to so many hospitals, First Responders and where ever the need was! That is what we do so well, Service Not Self. Thank you!

I am pledge to every Legion member that I will do my absolute best to serve the Department of Ohio American Legion and you. If you need assistance please reach out to me by my email which is 1stvice@ohiolegion.com or my cell us 513-708-1969. I believe that if we work together, we can accomplish a lot.

In closing please keep all our Troops who serve around the world in your thoughts and prayers. Please remember "Together We Are Better!"

For God and Country



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to all my fellow Legionnaires and Legion family members. I first would like to thank each and

every one of you for continued service and support of our Ohio American Legion and our four pillars during these trying times. We all know it has been hard to be able to do our best work when our hands have been tied but we all are survivors and taught how to adapt to anything that is thrown at us and you have accomplished that task honorably. I feel that we are all going to come out the other side of this pandemic real soon

with the positive attitude that we will be better and stronger to continue our work serving our fellow veterans and their families. We may have to do our best work in a little different manner but we will succeed because we have each other and God on our side. Lets all keep our heads up and this will make all of us stronger in the end.

With the postponement of the department convention and the elections until 2021 I have enjoyed traveling Ohio, making new friends and doing the work you elected me to do and it is my honor to be able to serve you for another year as your department 2ND vice. There were a lot of activities that had to be cancelled but we have hosting posts for all of our department

2021 tournaments except the 2021 golf tournament. Any post interested please contact me.

I would like to thank New Bremen Post 241 for hosting the Euchre Tournament. Due to it snowing that day we did not have the turn out that we were expecting but to those who attended we still had a great time and I thank you.

Next I want to thank all who attended the 2020 Bowling Tournament in Miamisburg and especially all the volunteers who gave their time to make this event such a great success. We had over 80 teams participate this year over the three weekend event. That has been the most attendance in the last three years. Special shout out to Peggy Gross and Post

165 for hosting. The food and entertainment was next to none and please thank Post 165's Legion Baseball team who helped to serve us feel at home.

The department still has the 2020 Golf Tournament coming up July 25-26 at Circling Hill Golf Course in Harrison Ohio and Hosted by Yeager Benson Post 199. We have been in contact with the golf course and they are following all the guidelines handed down from the Governors office. We will keep you all informed and sign up forms will be sent out soon.

In closing I know that this Memorial Day, most if not all Memorial Day activities have been cancelled due to this virus, we cannot meet to be together the way we normally have

done in the past so please take time this year and send a card or letter to someone you know who had a loved one who served and has gone on to our divine Commander and thank them for their loved ones service and that we will never forget their sacrifice. Especially to all gold star mothers and their families and to all of you who have lost a loved one who served my family and I thank you for their service and may God keep his loving hand on them and may God bless each and everyone of you this Memorial Day. "Gone but never forgotten"

Always remember when you look to the sky and smile God is always smiling down on you. Stay safe and lets grow OH-IO "1" veteran at a time. God Bless.



HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

As you have noticed in this OLN, the DEC voted to cancel the Department Convention scheduled for 2020

and postpone the elections to Department Convention 2021, held at the Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio, July 8th – 11th. We are also on track to host Mid-Winter Conference January 21-23, 2021, at the Crowne Plaza, Columbus North

– Worthington. Due to the pandemic of Coronavirus, I pray that that will not be a limitation for fellowship, camaraderie, and the business of The American Legion Department of Ohio, Inc.

Included in this article is a summary of the Department Executive Committee meeting that occurred on Saturday, April 4th. I haven't seen this published in the OLN in quite some time and felt you would all appreciate this information. There will be a summary in the OLN of every formal DEC meeting moving forward. This

is also a great opportunity to polish up our website and begin publishing electronic Department Newsletters to help keep you informed. This OLN will tell you a lot!

What has been heavy on my mind and my heart is our members and Posts. If you are a Post Adjutant reading this, I am talking to you when it comes to making sure the paperwork of the Post continues to flow. We still require your Post Certification of Officers and Consolidated Post Reports for the 2021 Membership cards, of which we have in house,

ready to be distributed. We also have over 10,000 members who did not renew for 2020. That is a concern. That is 10,000 service opportunities that are being missed out on. 10,000 Officers who may learn and be elected to positions in the Post, District, Department, and National. It is 10,000 opportunities that we let slip by.

We are an organization of ceremony, tradition, fellowship, and camaraderie. These are basic principles at the core of our being and the Post, District, Department, National, Committees, Service

Opportunities, etc., is where we "get to" exercise our God given rights! This is going to be a tough year. I am prepared for that and so is your Officers and Staff at Department HQ. Please stay connected. Use this opportunity to learn something about technology, the members of your Post, and most importantly, I believe, is to learn how resilient we really are. My time spent in the US Army is something I will always cherish and reflect upon. My time in The American Legion is just as important. I am here to serve and that I shall do.



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

It's Post Election Season! Or is it? How can we do that? We cannot meet to have an election, so what can we do? A number of Posts have called to ask about this, as our Post Constitutions and By-laws require that they have an election every year. The Ohio Law governing nonprofit corporations requires every post to elect "the persons vested with the authority to conduct the affairs of the corporation"

annually. However, the emergency order limiting gatherings of more than 10 persons only temporarily suspends our ability to meet in person for an election.

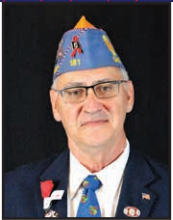
Here is what your Post can do: 1. Postpone the election until the limitation on gathering is lifted and have the current officers continue until then, or 2. Better yet, have an election conducted by "authorized communications equipment, which may include telephone, or any electronic means that accurately reflect the intent of the voter" This could be a virtual meeting using one of the on-line services such as "Zoom" or "Go

to Meeting." It may be technically a violation of the law to just cancel the election. This procedure is permitted under the law and could be combined with physical means such as printing notices, ballots and candidates' statements in a post newsletter, mailing ballots by postal or -e-mail to every post member or even have a drive by hand out and submission of ballots in the post parking lot.

However, you do it, be sure to do it safely and timely file your CPR and Certification of Post Officers to the Department. My best to all of you. We WILL get thought this thing.



DETACHMENT COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler
SAL Commander

As I write what was to be my last article for the OLN, I am finding it hard to believe what the next few months and 2021 will bring.

In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", there is a line by Clarence Odbody, AS2, (Angel Second Class), "Strange isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives." How true this has been for me. The opportunities and wonderful Veterans I have met has been life changing. While I don't believe what we are currently experiencing is a new normal, I look forward to leading the Detachment of Ohio for another year. My Commander's goals will remain the same with

regard to the Four Pillars. We will reset our priorities to attain these goals and work harder to achieve them under the social distancing standards for now.

As life has become slower and more daunting during this crisis, we are reminded how essential The American Legion and other VSO's are for our health and well-being. While canteens and post homes are closed for now, there are many who are performing the Buddy Checks and risking their own health to assure that older Veterans have what they need, paying particular attention to food and medicine. Many Squadrons are willing to assist, if they are not already. All you have to do is ask.

If you are not aware, the National Sons of The American Legion have increased the per

capita cost to them by an additional \$3.00. If you are a dual member or pay the dues of sons and grandsons, please note that Squadrons may need to pass this increase along to their membership. None of us live on the same amount of money we made 25 years ago.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the support you have given me and since I am keeping my office for another year, there may be time for another attempt at a Homecoming dinner this fall.

Stay safe and strong and remember we are all in this together!

...to assist in carrying on
for God and Country.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Kristen Little
Auxiliary President

The 2019-2020 Auxiliary Year is coming to a close. What a year it has been, but wait it is going to continue on! As most of you know by now the Department and National Conventions have been cancelled. National is extending the celebration for another year, so keep on celebrating the Centennial. I look at it as an extended race with a few extra pit stops. Some of the pit crews will have changes this coming year while others will stay the same. The important thing to remember is that the R.A.C.E. for our Veterans and their families will still continue.

Thank you to Buckeye Girl State director Rene' Reese and the board for making the tough decision to cancel this year's session. This was not an easy

decision but a responsible one. Please know that the health and safety of the volunteers and students was our main concern. Please take this time to begin preparing for next year's session. When schools do go back in the fall reach out to them and start recruiting delegates.

I am encouraged by the many notes and phone calls I receive as well as the posts on Facebook showing all the work that members are still doing to help in this time of need. From face masks being sewn by the hundreds and given to hospitals, nursing homes and elderly neighbors to members assisting at food banks. Special thanks for the needed supplies being taken to the V.A. facilities for the Veterans when requested. Our members are still continuing to support the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Remember as my special project I am challenging every unit to increase their giving on the

Donation Designation Form (the purple form). Even though report deadlines have passed donations can still be sent in. Maybe an extra couple dollars to the Community Service Disaster Relief Fund, AEF or Military Assistance Fund. I am sure that these funds are going to be greatly needed in the upcoming months as many are going to be struggling in these difficult times.

This post is from National President Nicole, "Auxiliary members are resilient. I'm impressed by how members are finding ways to help each other and connect. If you haven't already, I encourage you to join me in doing Buddy Checks. A phone call can make a huge difference." Please pick up your phone and make at least one call.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Melissa Fowle
Dept. Chaplain

Hello to you all! This has been a crazy start to 2020, hasn't it? There are so many places closed and events cancelled and we are all to isolate ourselves. We seem to be so closed off from everyone. I, for one, am a hugger so it has been very difficult for me to not hug my parents when I see them or the elderly neighbor lady that I am close to. It's hard to have to stay home and see others only on the computer...really kind of impersonal. We were made for human touch, right? A one-armed hug. A handshake. A kiss on the cheek. Snuggles with our grandchildren. That contact that was once a part of life is now off limits. Makes one feel alone and unloved at times as well as being scared with these uncertain times.

However, I have great news! In Deuteronomy 31:6, it says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you." We don't have to be afraid or feel lonely! In the Bible, the words "fear not" or "don't be afraid" appear 103 times. In Isaiah 41:10 it says, "Fear thou not; for I am

with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God."

So, I encourage you to find a way to hold on to these promises and continue to serve your communities. Perhaps you could make a treat to take over to a neighbor who has several children at home. Or you could take some flags or poppies to place on veterans' graves. You could send cards, uplifting letters, or books to a nursing home or to the VA. You could knit/crochet shawls for infirm members of your post or members of your family, pray over them, and then give them as 'hugs' to help others not feel so lonely and cut off. Cut a neighbor's grass or plant flowers in pots and put them on porches. We could do so much for each other to lift spirits that were otherwise down in the dumps.

I pray that this is only temporary and that we will be out and about soon. That we can have our meetings, our programs, and events – to be social and not afraid of getting sick or being a carrier of the sickness. I pray that we will be strong and lift each other up so that we can continue to take care of our Four Pillars. I pray that God will bless each and every one of you and your families.

It's been an honor to have been your Department Chaplain this year.

For God and Country

American Legion Paschall Post 164 Conducts a Fresh Produce Food Drive

American Legion Paschall Post 164, located in Grove City, Ohio, coordinated with M.A.S.H. Pantry and Resource Center of Central Ohio to distribute fresh produce to veterans who are in need.

In the days leading up to the food distribution, Post Commander Jefferey Shipley and his executive board called nearly 330 members to conduct a "buddy check." American Legion has a sacred responsibility to look out for and to support fellow veterans within their local

communities. Veterans who need assistance may not know where to go or who to ask, especially in times of crisis.

Post Commander Shipley successfully identified members who required fresh produce and arranged times for veterans to pick up or delivered to their place of residence. American Legion Paschall Post 164 and M.A.S.H. Pantry and Resource Center of Central Ohio executed the mission of "veterans serving veterans" in a safe and meaningful manner.





An urgent message about coronavirus

Dear American Legion Family and Friends,

The enemy we are facing isn't hiding in the bush. Nor has it buried a roadside bomb unbeknownst to us. Yet the enemy is just as dangerous and deadly.

The coronavirus has been classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The number of people who will test positive for the potentially fatal COVID-19 remains unknown, but there are steps we can take, and must take, to protect ourselves and help our fellow veterans and citizens.

I encourage you to use extreme caution and adhere to the best practices put forth by the health experts. Namely properly wash your hands frequently, use antibacterial rubs and practice "social distancing."

Coronavirus is particularly dangerous for those over the age of 50 who contract it so please be cognizant of the risks when planning post activities and functions.

At the same time, this is an excellent opportunity to perform Buddy Checks. Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus.

The coronavirus situation will be changing rapidly so, we have to be nimble in our approach to serving our communities, states and nation. Among the best resources to follow are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov) and the World Health Organization (who.int).

Let's also keep our thoughts and prayers with our servicemembers especially those overseas, our National Guardsmen, first responders and others who will be taxed in coming months. They need our support now more than ever.

We have faced down enemies, foreign and domestic, throughout our nation's history. While this threat is ominous, we will once again work together to overcome it.

James W. "Bill" Oxford
National Commander

10 ways to 'act Legion'

By Henry Howard

Reprinted from *The American Legion's website legion.org*

American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford delivered the Commander's Call on March 10 as part of the organization's advocacy efforts later in the day on Capitol Hill. During the annual address, the commander called on American Legion Family members to "act Legion."

It was a play on words, harkening back to last year's monumental passage of the LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act). The new law means that every veteran on duty since Dec. 7, 1941, is now considered to have served during wartime. By closing the loophole, it honors the service of 1,600 veterans killed or wounded during periods previously not sanctioned as war eras. It also means that more than 4 million veterans will now receive the full benefits of their service, including eligibility to join The American Legion.

Oxford implored American Legion members to "act Legion," whether or not they are part of this week's 60th annual Washington Conference. Ten key recommendations:

- Act in a nonpartisan way: "What does act Legion mean?" Oxford asked. "It means being professional, nonpartisan, motivated and knowledgeable. It means reminding your senators, representatives and their staff that they have no higher calling than the care and wellbeing of our America's veterans, our active-military and their families."
- Continue to support and improve the Legion's most important legislative accomplishment, the GI Bill and its descendants. "They all had one purpose in common – that's helping veterans achieve their dream. Higher education, vocational training and home

ownership make dreams possible." Today, some for-profit schools are targeting veterans, Oxford noted. "Acting Legion means passage of the Protect the GI Bill Act. It means passing the Veterans Education and Taxpayer Spending Act to close the 90-10 loophole, which enables schools to count VA and DoD tuition money as 'private dollars,' even though it's really government dollars that came from the taxpayers."

- Protect the American flag. Oxford called for a constitutional amendment to protect "our flag — the flag used to cover the caskets of our fallen military heroes — from desecration."

- Fight against privatizing VA. "The private sector didn't send veterans to war. Uncle Sam did."

- Reduce the suicide rate among veterans. Oxford noted that if the United States can spend billions of dollars fighting the coronavirus, it should be able to financially support efforts to reduce the suicide rate among veterans. He recommended Legion Family members help get at-risk veterans into VA so they don't become a statistic. "We do know that when veterans use the services offered by VA, they are less likely to take their own lives," he said. "And many of those services offered by VA must include options other than opioids. Counseling and alternative therapies are not only healthier, they are often more effective."

- Fight for Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans. The Legion must continue advocating for these veterans and ensuring that their long overdue disability benefits are awarded without further roadblocks, he said.

- Protect veterans who are victims of military sexual trauma. "We must condemn all acts of sexual violence and support the brave

men and women who have been exploited through shameful acts of military sexual trauma."

- Ensure that all servicemembers are paid during government shutdowns. That was a reference to January 2019 when Coast Guardsmen and their families were caught up in the government shutdown. Because the Coast Guard operates under Homeland Security, they were not paid, a loophole the Legion is trying to correct.

- Continue service at home. Oxford cited Legion programs that mentor youth and support veterans in need, as well as the Veterans and Children's Foundation. The foundation "allows us to train service officers and offer temporary financial assistance for veterans with children in need," he said. The goal for V&CF is to raise \$25 million. (Click here to learn more about how the fund supports service officers and families with minor children.)

- Salute the Greatest Generation. "In the early 1940s, millions of Americans committed to winning the bloodiest war the world had ever seen. It was won 75 years ago because Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires, acted Legion," he said.

In conclusion, Oxford connected the organization's first 100 years to the next century of service to community, states and nation.

"Acting Legion means celebrating our past without sacrificing the energy and excitement that we must bring to our second century," he said. "Our foundation is strong. We have four solid pillars – National Defense, Veterans Affairs, Children & Youth and Americanism. All of these offer opportunities in which we can act Legion. All of these can and need to be used to build our foundation for the future."

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"10 Ways to 'Act Legion'"

By Henry Howard

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SAVE THE DATE



2021 Mid-Winter Conference
January 22- 24, 2021
at the Crowne Plaza Worthington

2021 Buckeye Boys State
June 13-20, 2021 at Miami University

2021 Department Convention
July 8-11, 2021
at the Holiday Inn Independence



DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Department Executive Committee Summary - Saturday, April 4th at 10am

The Department Executive Committee has successfully met several times in the last six weeks via conference calling. Below is a summary of the regular meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 4th:

- The Department Commander Roger Friend (6) convened the meeting promptly at 10am with a quorum of members with a couple of guests also on the call. Guests present were the 2nd Vice President of the Auxiliary, Cindy Masowick, and Tammy Puff, Veterans Liaison, to the Office of Governor DeWine, who provide guidance and support of proceeding with business through the pandemic. Greetings were also brought to the DEC from Detachment Commander Bernie Kessler via written correspondence read by the Department Commander, and several PDC's.

- Report from Department Commander Roger Friend (6): Thanked everyone for maintaining the orders issued by Governor DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton.

- Report from 1st Vice Wilson (4): April 8th Target Date and 95% membership. (Currently Department stands at barely 90% of goal with over 10,000 members who have not renewed for 2020). The Fabulous Fourth District holds the green lantern with 98.34 (Currently at 99.31%). Order of membership was: 4th, 8th, 3rd, 7th, 1st, 5th, 9th, 2nd, 13th, 11th, 10th, 6th, 12, and 14th. Discussed RETENTION, CPR's, and Certification of Post Officers for 2021. Concern was elections at Post level (still is). Even if the Posts and Districts keep their officers in place, new forms must be submitted to Department HQ. First Vice Jean also discussed the importance of "Buddy Checks" not just on our members but on the spouses of members who have passed.

- Report from 2nd Vice Commander Bradley Teis (10): All Department sponsored Post Activities were cancelled, at that time. The Department Pool Tournament is scheduled for Zanesville Post, which was postponed until a later date. Golf Tournament is being held in Harrison which is also still being reviewed for possibility. Scheduled for the end of July. Miamisburg will conduct the Bowling Tournament in February of 2021 again and the 2020 Tournament was a success! Brad reported on the membership awards manual being completed for 2021. RETAIN, RECRUIT, RENEW!

- Report from Treasurer Charles Stennis (9): Department 2019-2020 Budget process has been a success with regular profit and loss statements and budget v. actual reports. Department audit for 2019-2020 will be an audited balance sheet and full audit will be conducted in 2020-2021. The Department is proposing to change its Fiscal Year to 1 July to 30 June each year as opposed to 1 August to 31 July. This new budget cycle will provide a more accurate accounting of revenue considering it aligns with the membership cycle. All Posts are being encouraged to set up ACH (direct deposit) with Department that will pay Post credits to the Post each month via direct deposit. This is the most time saving and efficient process to manage post credits monthly. Please email Becky Corbin at Corbin@ohiolegion.com to request the form to be completed and returned to HQ.

- Report from Chaplain Melissa Fowle

(3): The Department Chaplain gave prayers and asked for prayer requests from District Commanders. There were several prayers asked for active members of Post and District Leadership.

- Report from NECMAN Robert Klostermeier (1): Absent (Computer difficulties)

- Report from Alternate NECMAN Steve Masowick (14): Reported for NECMAN Bob Klostermeier mentioning that if any Posts are not complying with COVID19 restrictions they could be at risk of losing their charter. National sent Resolution No. 21 to each Department to remind them of keeping all matters within a resolution germane to our Pillars and Programs.

- Report from Judge Advocate Doug Whitney: Continuing to do Post Constitution and By-Law reviews from requests sent through Department HQ. Posts may want to consider adding language and amending that indicates how they shall proceed in matters such as a "pandemic". A Department Adjutants manual was created for review and approval at the August DEC meeting. The manual is for Post and District Judge Advocates to help them do their job a little better.

- Report from Parliamentarian Bob Ray (4): Technical difficulties – not able to be heard.

- Report from Department Adjutant Suzette Heller (12): Commented on weekly leadership conference calls and the success and progress of DEC members utilizing conference call software to conduct business. Recommended that meetings could be monthly or bi-monthly as opposed to weekly.

- Americanism Report from Christie White, Department Coordinator: Americanism & Government Testing dates for 2020 - 2021 be November 2nd through November 6th for all schools. Alternate dates 11/9 - 11/13. A&G Trip is March 1-5th of 2020, or 3/8 - 3/12. Americanism Committee voted to not accept any tests that are faxed, scanned, photocopied, or emailed, unless the test is being modified for a visually impaired student. Special Olympics Committee is considering dissolving and any Posts who want to donate locally may do so. The Department SO Committee will donate \$10,000 to the state SO and any remaining monies will be distributed at the Summer Games. Baseball Commission was holding to determine National and local decisions first (has since been cancelled both locally and Nationally). Buckeye Boys State was working with Miami University to discuss options and hold out for further state government guidance (BBS has since been cancelled for 2020). Department Oratorical Contest occurred via Zoom conference calling. There were 10 District Winners but only 9 Districts competed. Winner of Department Oratorical Contest was Emily Schutte, 3rd District, a sophomore home-schooled student. 2nd Place was Emma Sedlak, (13). National cancelled Oratorical Contest. Department Scholarship deadline has not been extended and the cut off to receive applications at HQ is April 15th. Convention Corporation selected Independence, Ohio for the 2021 Department Convention with the 13th District hosting. Holiday Inn Independence, Candlewood Suites, and Spring Hill Suites.

- VA&R, National Security, Legislative,

and Gifts for Yanks Report from Jermaine Ferguson, Department Coordinator: National Security Committee will absorb the "Environmental Conservation Committee" and will be revisited to measure Posts participation later. Reviewed and updated the "Ralph Doll Convention Award". POW/MIA program is within the National Security Committee and will sell pins in 2020-2021 year, designed by 5th District, to commemorate the passage of Resolution 19-24, urging the American Legion to take action on protecting the integrity of the POW-MIA flag to not replace it with any other supplemental flag. Resolution for statement of disapproval of Jane Fonda speaking at Kent State University, or any other event within Ohio (has since been cancelled). VA&R Committee met, no quorum. Discussion was met regarding Veteran Treatment Court Program and adding this to the CPR at National. Reviewed the National Suicide Prevention Report, 2019 Annual American Legion Mental Health Survey Executive Summary, and Suicide Prevention Plan for Ohio 2020-2022. Reviewed updates from Washington Conference in March, discussed visits to VA Medical Centers and CBOC's, stressed importance of. Post Service Officer training is scheduled for the 1st Saturday of November, each year. In 2020 it will be Saturday, 11/7. VA&R Awards were also discussed in length and currently, submissions for any VA&R Awards have yet to be received by Department for Convention, or any other time. Ohio Veterans homes and VA facilities are closed to the public until the pandemic is clear. Gifts for Yanks Committee is in its final phase of fundraising for the year. So far, \$110,000 has been raised for 2020-2021. (This is short of the usual \$250,000 raised each year). Legislatively, HB282 is in attempt to get passed to secure electronic bingo for fundraising purposes at the Post level. Ohio Department leadership met with all members of Congress at the Washington Conference. Small Business Association is also offering support for non-profits, including Posts. Red Cross blood drives are being conducted throughout our Posts in Ohio to combat the shortage being discussed. These are being held by appointment only and you must reach out to your local Red Cross to get one scheduled. TFA Grants are for Legionnaires. If they are not a member, the information will be sent to the District Commanders to connect the veteran with a Post in the members District to seek help in securing a membership.

- Report from Bill Genochio, VBA Claims Coordinator: The DSO's have been working successfully from home and due to being set up electronically and off the VA grid since 2017, they are able to work remotely. They are steadily prepping for Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) hearings and processing the electronic faxes coming from County Veteran Service Offices. The DSO's in Cleveland have secured over \$10,187,749.60 for veterans in appellate overturns since 2016, maintaining an over 70% success rate.

- Report from Buckeye American Legion College, Holly Lewis, Chairwoman: At mid-winter in 2020 there were 40 new students making the current enrollment of the BALC program to 127 students. The April session will be held virtually due to COVID-19.

Please email BuckeyeALC@ohiolegion.com for more information.

- Report from Finance, Becky Corbin, Fiscal Secretary/National Convention/Emblem Sales: National Convention is up in the air, but most likely cancelled. Emblem Sales factories have been shut down and they are not placing any orders at this time. A resolution is being proposed to the Ohio General Assembly at Convention (since been cancelled) for emblem sales to print the Ohio burgee on every cap ordered from a member in Ohio. It is either all or nothing, cannot be a few.

- Report from Luther Liggett, Department Licensed Practicing Attorney for Department: Discussed a project with Department Adjutant regarding closures of Posts and taxes. A return with the IRS and state still needs to be filed after someone closes the door. If you do not file the return, the tax department files it for you. The notice will be sent to the last person who is an Officer of the Post. This may or may not be the person who locked the door. There is a deadline to appeal, within 45 days, if not answered, it becomes an assessment. If not paid, the assessment becomes a judgement, under Ohio law. This may then become a lien. The tax department is far reaching, and every individual officer of the Post is personally liable. These are also not dischargeable in a bankruptcy. The Department will put together a check list of closing a Post. Comment from JA Doug Whitney (3): Fully supports this measure.

- Report of Resolutions (See OLN Section):

- o Resolution No. 20-09: National Veterans Memorial and Museum Four Chaplains Display – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-10: To Amend CPR to reflect Veterans Treatment Court – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-11: TAL Ohio Opposes Jane Fonda

- o Resolution No. 20-12: Require Burgee on all Ohio uniform caps – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-13: Support 2027 National Convention to be held in Columbus, Oh

- o Resolution No. 20-14: Amend Article X: Standing Committees - Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-15: Amend Article III and Article IV – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-16: Create Department Finance Operations and Procedures Manual – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-17: Change the Department Fiscal Year – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-18: Amend Article IV: Discipline – Approved

- o Resolution No. 20-19: Exercise Article V, Section 1., Constitution – Approved (Convention Officially Cancelled)

- Good of the Legion: PDC Jerry Wilson asked every District to submit a resolution to grant all veterans access to the VA Health Care System.

- Unfinished Business: None

- New Business: Color Guard Duties, Firing Squad, and Memorial Services. It was mentioned that at that time it was a no-go.

- Benediction & Adjourned



DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Department Resolutions

On April 4th, 2020, The Department Executive Committee (DEC) acted on five Department Resolutions. The DEC also heard six resolutions for Department Constitution and By-Law Changes, which will be at the next Department Convention.

A resolution is a formal expression of opinion, will, or intent voted by an official body or assembled group. Legionnaires at every level are allowed to suggest changes in Legion policies at the Post, County, District, Department, or the National Level.

The resolutions acted on by the Department Executive Committee are as follows:

Department Resolution 20-09

Title: National Veterans Memorial and Museum Four Chaplains Display

Originated by The American Legion Navy-Marine Post 276
Submitted by the Twelfth District
Next Steps: To be sent to the National Executive Committee

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, at the Department Executive Committee Meeting in conference call session on April 4th, 2020, That The American Legion Department of Ohio and The American Legion work with

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum and The National Four Chaplains Foundation in supporting the addition of a display recognizing and telling the story of the Four Chaplains; and, be it finally,

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio and The American Legion support, as part of the display at The National Veterans Memorial and Museum, the story of how Legionnaires reflect on the need for selfless service to our comrades and communities through the annual Four Chaplains Service.

Department Resolution 20-10

Title: To Amend Consolidated Post Reports to Reflect Veterans Treatment Court Donations and Volunteer Hours

Submitted by The Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee
Next Steps: To be submitted to the National Executive Committee

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, at the Department Executive Committee Meeting in conference call session on April 4th, 2020, calls for The American Legion to add three questions in regards to Veterans

Treatment Court activities under the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation section; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the questions inquire the post volunteer hours, monetary donations, and volunteer training events.

Department Resolution 20-11

Title: Statement of Opposition to Jane Fonda's Public Appearance
Submitted by The Department National Security Committee

Next Steps: This Resolution will remain active on the Department Resolution Registry for any future events.

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, at the Department Executive Committee Meeting in conference call session on April 4th, 2020, reaffirms our opposition to accepting Jane Fonda's apology until she proves by her actions in a show of good faith by her aid and comfort to those who even today suffer because of the torture inflicted by the enemy brought on by her dealing with the enemy; and, be further

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio is opposed to Jane Fonda being a speaker at the

Kent State's May 4th 50th Commemoration and that this Resolution be sent to the Kent State Advisory Committee; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio is opposed to Jane Fonda being a speaker, presenter, or recipient of awards or distinguished honors presented at or by any public institutions within the State of Ohio.

Department Resolution 20-12

Title: To Require the Ohio Burgee on all Ohio Legion Uniform Caps
Originated by The American Legion Joe Barr Post 194

Submitted by the Fourth District
Next Steps: Department Adjutant will submit this Resolution to Emblem Sales with the intent to be effective in the 2021-2022 membership year.

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, at the Department Executive Committee Meeting in conference call session on April 4th, 2020, That The American Legion Department of Ohio will require all Legion uniform caps that are ordered by an American Legion Post, County Council, District, and The Department

of Ohio shall have affixed to the front crease the Ohio Burgee Pennant; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio sends a copy of this Resolution to The American Legion National Flag and Emblem Sales.

Department Resolution 20-13

Title: Support 2027 National Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio

Submitted by the Twelfth District
Next Steps: Resolution will be submitted to National Convention Corps

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio, at the Department Executive Committee Meeting in conference call session on April 4th, 2020, That The American Legion Department of Ohio agrees to support the National Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio in the year 2027.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the resolution process or about resolutions adopted by our Department Executive Committee, please contact Jermaine Ferguson, Program Coordinator at ferguson@ohiolegion.com or (740) 815-0765.



NATIONAL SECURITY



American Legion Patriotism Post OH-470 Conducts Red Cross Blood Drive

Coldwater, Ohio (April 13th, 2020) – The American Legion Patriotism Post OH-470 answered the urgent need for blood donors by hosting a community blood drive with the Red Cross.

Ralph Pottkotter, Post Commander, served as the coordinator for the blood drive. Patriotism Post 470 routinely hosts community blood drives quarterly. The COVID-19 public health crisis led to many cancellations of blood drives across the state and nation yet, Commander Pottkotter and the leadership team recognized the need to keep its' commitment to the Red Cross.

Post 470 limited the use of Legionnaire-volunteers to allow the staff of the Red Cross to conduct the blood drive in a safe and socially distant manner. Seventy-five donors contributed to the effort.

The American Legion Department of Ohio is committed to answering the urgent call for blood donations.

It is diligently working with local American Legion Post and the Red Cross to schedule blood drives across the state.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters also held a blood drive Friday, April 17th. We successfully collected over 30 pints of blood.

The American Legion Department of Ohio has identified at least thirteen (13) American Legion Post, who have a combined total of 29 blood drives scheduled for the remainder of the year.

For your Post to host a successful blood drive, you must designate a blood drive coordinator who is

willing and able to successfully recruit qualified donors from the American Legion Family and the local community. Your Post does not have to provide a team of volunteers to assist with the blood drive. The American Red Cross staff will set up and execute the task of the blood drive. The key to a successful blood drive is for the Post to have the proper space to host and can help fill every available blood donor appointment.

For more information about The American Legions' blood drive efforts, please contact Jermaine Ferguson at ferguson@ohiolegion.com or call 740-815-0765.



What is Smart Power?

From global pandemics to catastrophic events, there are a host of challenges that threaten America's national security and go beyond the scope of a military solution. In early February, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Veterans for Smart Power initiative hosted a roundtable at the Ohio Department of the American Legion headquarters to discuss these issues and the importance of development and diplomacy in America's national security.

Retired Lt. Gen. Dennis McCarthy (USMC), one of 200 flag and general officers who comprise USGLC's National Security Advisory Council, touched on these challenges in conversation with a diverse group of Central Ohio veterans. The discussion highlighted

solutions to threats around the world that cannot be solved by uniformed personnel alone— and aimed to get the veterans in the room thinking about how their own military experience connects with the international affairs conversation.

The discussion was part of a nationwide initiative aiming to engage prominent members of the veteran community in a conversation about America's role in the world. The USGLC is a national bipartisan organization has an advisory council of every living Secretary of State, a national security advisory council with over 200 retired three- and four-star generals, and a national coalition of over 500 corporations and non-governmental organizations. For more information, please visit usglc.org.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

The American Legion Last Visitors on Capitol Hill



The American Legion concluded its 60th Washington Conference on March 10th, just days before most States issued "Stay-At-Home" orders to flatten the curve of the Coronavirus.

The Washington Conference includes meetings of The American Legion's Legislative, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, and Veterans Employment and Education commissions. The Conference also included a career planning and hiring event hosted by The American Legion and Hiring Our Heroes and a Veterans Small Business Roundtable.

Department Commander Roger L. Friend, Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson, and Department Adjutant Suzette Heller had the unique opportunity to attend The Diamond Jubilee of the U.S.-Japan Alliance roundtable and reception. This event featured former U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Japanese Ambassador Kazutoshi Aikawa, and former Chief of Staff for the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Admiral Yutaka Murakawa. The event was a time of reflection

and celebration of the U.S.-Japan Alliance.

National Commander Bill Oxford presented The American Legion's legislative agenda to Congress during a joint session of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs. National Commander Bill Oxford reminded the committee of our historical accomplishments and presented a three-step mission, "Implementation. Oversight. Improvement." This three-step mission primarily focuses on the landmark legislation passed in recent years, such as the MISSION Act, the Blue Water Navy Act, and the Harry W. Colmery "Forever" GI Bill.

The delegation from the Department of Ohio held legislative meetings with each of Ohio's U.S. Senators Brown and Portman, and every one of Ohio's U.S. Representatives. The delegation presented the legislative priorities of The American Legion and offered encouragement and advice to our Members of Congress who work diligently on behalf of our veterans.

The American Legions'

Legislative priorities include the following:

Toxic exposures and burn pits

The American Legion has, for decades, fought for service-connected disability benefits for adverse health conditions linked to toxic exposures in service and will continue to do so for this generation. The American Legion supports measures to establish a presumption of exposure as well as advanced studies on the effects of burn pits.

Health care for women veterans

VA must continue to develop and expand healthcare services for the fast-growing population of female veterans, a large percentage of whom do not enroll for VA health care for a number of reasons, according to surveys. Among the factors are limited gender-specific treatment services and awareness of VA benefits. All veterans, regardless of gender, must receive fair and equal VA health-care services.

Support VA's suicide-prevention efforts

An estimated 20 veterans die by suicide every day. Most were not receiving care or support through VA that may have saved them.

The American Legion supports expanding and promoting mental health treatment for veterans and urges Congress to provide VA necessary funds to hire mental health professionals and proper staffing for its Integrative Health and Wellness Program.

Reaffirm commitment to our allies

In a time of rising great power competition, the United States

must maintain a strong alliance system to promote democracy and protect our national interests abroad. Diplomacy is the first line of defense for the United States and must be properly resourced and funded to ensure we put our service members in harm's way only when absolutely necessary. The American Legion supports bills that would provide the State Department necessary resources to maintain and expand our alliance system, ensure aid programs to allies remain properly funded, and promote our national interests abroad.

Fully fund a superior national defense

The American Legion supports a defense budget that complies with the Pentagon's 2018 National Defense Strategy in order to reverse the damaging effects of sequestration, provide fair compensation of military personnel and modernize the U.S. military to protect against any aggression, especially in a time of growing great power competition.

Pay the Coast Guard

On a daily basis, U.S. Coast Guard personnel carry out missions that are vital to national security. The Coast Guard, however, is the only military branch forced to work without pay during a government shutdown. This is unacceptable. The repeated and all too common threat of government shutdowns brings severe hardship on our Coast Guard members and their families. No member of the U.S. military service should ever live in fear of not being paid. The American Legion supports bills and provisions that will ensure the Coast Guard is paid during government shutdowns.

Implement, oversee recent laws

The 115th Congress passed multiple American

Legion supported bills that help veterans and their families, from the backlog-aimed VA Appeals Modernization Act to the omnibus VA MISSION Act. The Legion continues to call on the 116th Congress to ensure these measures are accurately and quickly implemented, as intended.

Protect the GI Bill

With passage of the Forever GI Bill, Congress should now focus on ensuring that student veterans and their families receive the highest quality education when using their GI Bill benefits. The American Legion believes that legislation and federal agency action should be taken to ensure better quality and student outcomes for servicemembers and veterans, by excluding DoD and VA funds from the 90-10 calculation for federal student aid. Also, Congress should create common-sense oversight of schools and give military-connected students the same rights as non-veterans when their schools close, when they face an overpayment, and when a school loses its eligibility to operate.

Help end veteran homelessness

To fully implement VA's pledge to eradicate veteran homelessness, Congress must continue making investments in affordable housing and programs such as Supportive Services for Veteran Families that move veterans and their families off the streets and into stable housing with supportive services.

Support for Gold Star families

The families of our fallen service members forever bear the burden of the losing loved ones who gave their last full measure of devotion in defense of our great nation, security and freedom. The American Legion is dedicated to ensuring Gold Star families receive the absolute best care and services from the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.



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“THE SITREP”

The American Legion Department Service Officer Team hope all our Legionnaires and their families are safe and well during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Being veterans, I know we will all pull through this with our heads held high. The Department Service Officers are all actively working to assist our veterans, spouses and dependents during this time. Adjustments have been made so that our Service Officers can work from home, retrieving voicemails, returning calls, emails, and faxes are being redirected to email. We have full access to the VA network through remote access allowing us to see the veterans file to provide guidance and status checks.

Appeals Update: To date Department Service Officers have secured \$10,187,498.60 in benefits for Ohio veterans \$7,561,196.40 from BVA, \$1,258,642.54 from DRO and \$1,367,659.64 from Remands. These numbers will continue to grow as Decisions and Remands come back. The overall Success Rate since 2016 is 75% at the BVA and 61% at the DRO level. Current year BVA is 83% and DRO is 63% with an overall success rate of 71%. Due to the COVID-19 the VA postponed 41 BVA Hearings at the Cleveland VA Regional Office. The BVA is assuring that the veterans affected will be scheduled first moving forward. Currently the BVA has begun scheduling BVA hearings for June 2, 2020. Veterans will be notified by mail informing them of the date, time and location of the hearing. If you are unable to attend due to health issues and or travel restrictions due to COVID-19 please contact the Department Service Officers to request that the hearing be rescheduled.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER SCHOOL

American Legion National held its annual Washington D.C. DSO School March 10-13, 2020, The American Legion Department of Ohio sent four DSO to attend the training provided by Bergmann &

Moore. William Genochio, Eric Hall, Beth Garino and Shelby Seals all participated in the 3-day seminar which focused on winning claims for the veterans.

VA CHANGES DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTIONNAIRES (DBQ) ACCESS

The Department of Veterans Affairs has decided to remove Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) from the public website. DBQs were designed to assist physicians in capturing the information needed by the VA to properly rate a veteran claim per the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) found in 38 Code of Federal Regulation Part 4. These forms were available to the veteran to download and take to their private doctor to fill out. So why has the VA decided to remove them from the public website?

1. **Modernization:** The VA is currently halfway through the process of updating all body systems in the VASRD this is the 1st update since the 1945 schedule. As the Body systems are updated so are the DBQs. This could affect the veteran since a modified VA form can take up to a year to be accessible to the public causing the outdated form to be submitted to the VA.

2. **Increased capacity conduct C&P Exams:** By supplementing the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) internal ability to conduct exams, the VA has contracted with three primary vendors to conduct C&P Exams. The benefit for the veterans is that the VA can conduct more exams in more places than just the VHA. This includes 33 countries where the vendors can conduct exams where VA hospitals are not located.

3. **Safeguarding against fraud:** There has been a rise in the past few years of a growing industry of individuals and companies marketing the service of completing DBQs for veterans. Although some of these have provided honest and valuable service to the veterans. However, the VA has made hundreds of referrals to the VA Office of Inspector General of individuals and companies who are engaged in questionable, even fraudulent, practices that include charging high prices for completing the DBQs.

4. Will VA Continue to accept evidence from private physicians?

Yes, the VA will continue to accept any evidence a veteran or the accredited representative chooses to submit. Veteran can submit this evidence or request the VA to obtain the records via the VA Form 21-4142 and VA Form 21-4142a.

VA PROPOSES TO ELIMINATE 48-HOUR REVIEW PERIOD

The VA has proposed to eliminate the 48-hour review period afforded to Veteran Service Officers to review veterans rating decision prior to approval or denial from the VA. This review period allowed accredited Service Officer such as the Department of Ohio, Department Service Officer to check rating decisions prior to the Notification that is made to the veteran. Errors that are found can be addressed and corrected by the VA Rater as they are identified. This is beneficial to the veteran and the timeliness of their claim by identifying errors now and alleviating the need to appeal the decision through the appeal process.

There have been actions to request that this decision be postponed due to the current COVID-19 situation. Chairman Mark Takano and Ranking Member David Roe, M.D. from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs, have formally sent a letter to VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. The letter request to postpone the decision until a time that Veteran Service Organizations and Congress can discuss this matter.

GULF WAR ILLNESS

Gulf War veterans may be entitled to compensation for medically unexplained illnesses and or Infectious diseases. Currently Gulf War Illness covers service in the Southwest Asia theater of military operations from August 2, 1990 to present. These presumptive conditions include Medically Unexplained Illnesses

which include unexplained chronic illnesses such as fatigue, headaches, joint pain, indigestion, insomnia, dizziness, respiratory disorders, and memory problems.

Gulf War veterans who meet the below criteria do not need to prove a connection between military service and illness to receive compensation.

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: not relieved by sleep and is not directly caused by other conditions.

Fibromyalgia
Functional gastrointestinal disorder: Examples include irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), functional dyspepsia, and functional abdominal pain syndrome.

Undiagnosed Illnesses: with symptoms that may include but are not limited to abnormal weight loss, fatigue, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

VA presumes the following infectious diseases are related to military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War August 2, 1990 to present and in Afghanistan on or after September 19, 2001. Veterans must have the disease within the timeframe shown and have a current disability as result of the disease in order to receive compensation.

Malaria: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Brucellosis: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Campylobacter Jejuni: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Coxiella Burnetii (Q Fever): at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Nontyphoid Salmonella: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Shigella: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Visceral Leishmaniasis

West Nile Virus: at least 10% disabling within one year from date of separation from military.

Gulf War Illness claims can often be difficult due to the undiagnosed requirement but a recent court case and been decided to further assist veterans seeking Medically unexplained chronic multisymptom illness (MUCMI) this is represented in Stewart v. Wilkie, 30 Vet. App. 383 (2018).

Gulf War veteran can register for the Gulf War Registry health exam and the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry the websites are listed below.

• <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/registry-exam.asp>

• <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home>

THE “AFTER ACTION” REPORT

If there is a specific topic anyone would like to see further explained or answered send those requests to genochio@ohiolegion.com. So that we can provide our veterans with the information that best suits their needs.

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

HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION!



On March 13th, Department Commander Roger L. Friend hosted a celebration of The American Legion's 101st Birthday at Department Headquarters, where he highlighted our Americanism programs. Steve Masowick, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, Bernie Kessler, Commander of the Sons of The American Legion Department of Ohio, Kristen Little, President of The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio, and Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant brought greetings. They also briefly shared how The American Legion has impacted their lives.

Department Commander Roger L. Friend gave the keynote address which reflected on the historical accomplishments and reminded us of National Commander's Bill Oxford's call for us to build a strong foundation for the future.

There were nearly 50 individuals in attendance, despite the COVID-19 and the event being just two days away from the start of the State of Ohio's "Stay-At-Home" Order.

After our celebration, The Department Officers and Headquarters staff participated in National Commander Oxford's buddy check. Over 100 phone calls were made to Legionnaires in the state to see what The American Legion could do for them and their families.



MILITARY HUMOR

General Baldwin had barely arrived in the forward area when a sniper's bullet removed a button from his shirt. He threw himself to the ground in terror. The men stood around with the greatest unconcern. The general yelled at a passing sergeant. "Hey, isn't somebody going to kill that damned sniper?" The sergeant looked down at the general and replied: "I guess not, general. We're scared that if we kill him the enemy will replace him with somebody who really knows how to shoot."

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Americanism and Government Trip

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changing of the guard as well as placing the wreath at the tomb is always a very emotional highlight for The American Legion and the students. This year, Sophomore Aiden McDougal from Post 405 in District 5 and Sophomore Morgan Shupert from Post 633 in District 7 placed the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier along with Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson and Auxiliary 1st Vice President Colleen Phillips. It is a once in a lifetime experience which will be remembered by these two outstanding students. The young leaders also had a private briefing by Sentinel (Tomb Guard) Jake Hammond who was originally from Mansfield, OH. Tuesday's schedule also consisted of visiting the Iwo Jima Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, WWII Memorial, American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, and the Washington Monument. Our group was complimented 3 different times on how professional they looked. A tour guide with another group at Arlington said "You're the best dressed group I have ever seen here. Very respectful" (and the students politely corrected him when he called the Ohio Flag a pennant and not a burgee). Another gentleman at the Vietnam wall mentioned how well dressed, respectful, and nice our young leaders were. Our personal favorite is a woman who said, "You all must be that group from Ohio, you are always so well dressed."

That is why we do it. We represent our Posts, our Districts, our Department, and our futures.

The highlight of Wednesday was a visit to the Capital Building as well as meeting our Ohio Congressmen

Warren Davidson. He was kind enough to meet our group on the steps of The Capitol and speak to our students and allow them to ask some tough questions. After our question and answer session, we had a private Capitol Tour from Representative Davidson's interns. After hearing how much the leaders wanted to visit the Library of Congress, we decided to make a surprise stop after we finished at the Capitol. The highlight for most of them was getting official library cards from the Library of Congress. We also visited the Agriculture Building, Smithsonian Museums-American History and Natural History, Holocaust Museum, MLK Monument, FDR Memorial, and the Jefferson Monument; or as they called it, "T.J.'s House".

Thursday was a visit that is always a favorite... Quantico. Quantico is an active Marine Corps base and FBI Training Academy that is the headquarters of the Presidential Helicopter Squadron also known as HMX-1 or Marine One. Our first stop at Quantico was a K9 Demonstration with Officer Pacheco and his K9 partner Diego. We then met up with Corporal Nutter (originally from Toledo), and he was our escort to the HMX-1 hanger. We were briefed by an HMX-1 Pilot (call sign "Mickey"), that is on the Presidential detail, and she gave us a tour of the base. The trip ended with a stop in the hanger, where the students walked inside and sat in the pilots set of a Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey. It is a tilt-rotor military aircraft with both vertical takeoff and landing. Before leaving Quantico, they had the "chow hall" experience for lunch. After Quantico, we also visited the Marine Corps Museum, The White House, National Archives, and National Law Enforcement

Memorial and Museum.

Our final stop on the way home Friday was the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio.

I would like to take a moment of personal privilege...

I feel like I started to get to know these students before I even met them. Looking at their tests, reading their bios, etc.

Their tests, do not do them justice. Their bios do not do them justice. They are so much more than words on paper. They are smart, so so smart. They are funny, confident, empathetic, caring, and overall amazing individuals. When I say young leaders, I mean that whole heartedly. They are the future, and they WILL make a difference in this world. I promise you that.

My advice for you young leaders... always be kind, be confident in your response even if your response is wrong (the worst thing that can happen is that someone says no. But every no is a learning opportunity) and believe in yourselves.

Keep an eye on these young leaders, they are going places.

John Glenn once said, "The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds." So please go inspire the future generations. I know you have inspired me.

Kamry, Duncan, Cassie, Remy, Grace, Luke, Graceanne, Preston, Morgan, Kyla, Nathan, Jasmine, Lea, Hailey, Tyler, William, Aiden, Kade and Jared... Thank you!

Also, thank you to Department 1st Vice Commander Jean and Auxiliary 1st Vice President Colleen for chaperoning the trip.

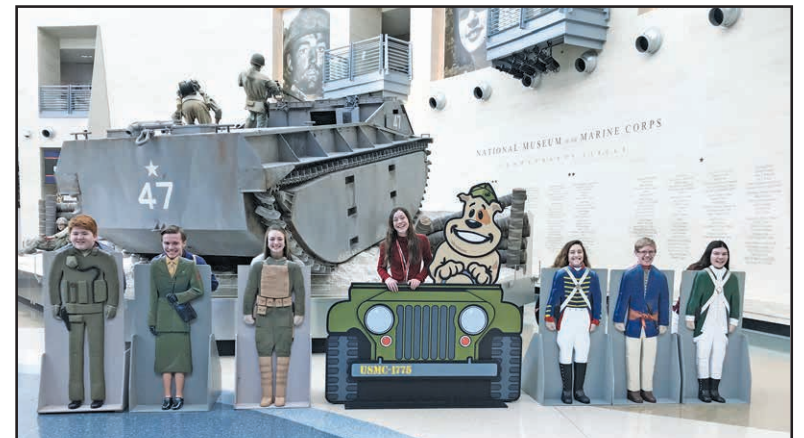
*Christie White
Americanism and Children &
Youth Coordinator*



White House



National Veterans Memorial and Museum



Marine Corps Museum



Arlington

Going on this trip was a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget! I got to meet such amazing people that I now consider friends for life and got to tour our nation's capital which holds so much of our history. I would like to thank everyone at the American Legion for this amazing trip and give a huge thanks to our veterans who put their lives at risk to protect us!

*Miss you all,
Graceanne Reed*



Gettysburg

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A&G Group

This trip to Washington D.C. was a wonderful, once in a lifetime experience that created many lifelong friendships. Everyone on this trip was such a joy to be around and I am thankful that I got to meet them. Of all of the incredible things we did in a mere five days, being able to lay the wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was an experience that I will most definitely not forget. Thank you to everyone at the Ohio Legion for giving us all an amazing trip that we will remember forever!

—Morgan Shupert



Quantico



FDR Memorial

The Americanism and Government trip was an amazing experience. Beyond the history I was able to connect with, I met the most amazing people. I was able to experience once in a lifetime opportunities. I want to thank American Legion Post # 633 in Seaman and the Department of Ohio for allowing me to have such a transformative experience.

Thanks,
Preston Grooms



Quantico Chow Hall

My experience on the D.C. trip with the American Legion will be something I am forever grateful for. The places we went and the people that I met were truly memorable and extraordinary. Thank you to everyone who made this once in a lifetime opportunity possible and a special thanks to post 637!

Sincerely,
Hailey Blanchard



Korean Memorial

My trip to Washington DC with the American Legion is one I will remember forever. Seeing the beautiful dome in the Capital building and getting a library card at the Library of Congress and exploring the Washington National Cathedral are memories I now treasure. More than that, I treasure the many friendships I was able to make along the way. I would like to thank the American Legion for allowing me to go on this trip with an amazing group of leaders. I would also like to thank Christie White for organizing the trip and making it so special.

— Kyla Fortman



BBS Recruiting



Officer Pacheco and K9 Diego



Air Force Memorial



Tomb Guard Jake Hammond



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Capitol



Iwo Jima

"Our trip to DC was an amazing, one of a kind experience. Our group had unique opportunities, such as visiting the Quantico Marine base. I am so lucky that I had the opportunity to go on this once in a lifetime trip with this incredible group of people. I would like to thank the Ohio American Legion for this wonderful experience. I also would like to thank the New Riegel American Legion Post #354 that supported me and continually supports all of the area students. Without you guys, I wouldn't have been able to go, thank you so much! I'm very grateful for the chaperones that took time out of their busy schedules to go on the trip with us and Christie and her staff that put so much time and detail into planning the perfect trip. I would also like to thank the amazing group of students that I was so blessed to meet and spend this week with. I am so grateful for this unforgettable experience!"

Thanks for doing this! Stay healthy!
Grace Clouse



Washington Monument



Arlington National Cemetery



Wreath Security

"We take wreath security very seriously. William from Post 473 in District 14 and Jasmine from Post 681 in District 4 were on wreath duty. They were selected as the security duty for the 2020 Arlington wreath. You see, that wasn't just any wreath... that wreath was a project from Auxiliary President Kristen Little. President Little attended the AEG Trip last year and decided that she wanted the creation of the wreath to be her "project" this year. Every single poppy was made by a veteran at the Sandusky Veterans Home. Each poppy was placed on the wreath by a member of the Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders). This was Ohio's wreath. Our young leaders presented this wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier representing the Legion family, and very proudly".

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2020 ORATORICAL CONTEST

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Due to Covid-19 and restrictions from Governor DeWine on being able to meet, this year's Department Oratorical Contest was a bit of a challenge. For the first year ever, the Department Oratorical Contest was held via Zoom video conferencing. Emily Schutte, a home-schooled student from Beavercreek, Ohio out of the 3rd District is the 2020 winner of the Department of Ohio American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest".

The High School Sophomore

earned \$2,500 in scholarship monies but unfortunately will not be able to compete at the National contest held in Indianapolis, Indiana against winners of contests from the other 52 states and territories of these United States of America. However, since the National Oratorical Contest was cancelled, National is honoring all Department winners by giving them an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

The 2020 Department Oratorical Contest had 9 District winners participate this year. Each contestant delivered a prepared oration as well as an oration on a randomly assigned constitutional topic. Emily Schutte impressed the judges with a speech titled, "The Protection of Our Freedom."

Emma Sedlak, a senior from Russell, Ohio out of the 13th District came in second place earning a \$1,500 scholarship.

A special thanks to all other contestants for representing their districts.

Abigail Bozigar- District 1; Honor Persing- District 4; Micaela Coon- District 5; Zachary Zader- District 6; Mara Kajula- District 9; Lillian Whitcomb- District 10; and Chase Ake- District 11.

Since 1938, The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program has encouraged the nation's high school students to study the U.S. Constitution and to hone their public speaking skills.

ORATORICAL MEMO

John Looker
Oratorical Chairman

First of all, I would like to thank all the contestants who participated in the American Legion Department of Ohio Oratorical Contest. All of you did a fabulous job!

Unfortunately, we can only select one winner to send forward to National. In this case, congratulations go out to Emily Schutte from Ohio's Third American Legion District. While only one candidate will be identified to National as our final winner, Department also recognizes those that place second. In second place is Emma Sedlak from District 13. Congratulations to Emily and Third District Chairs, Bill Carpenter and Melissa Fowle, as well as Emma and Thirteenth District Chair, Dr. John Betterson!

I would also like to thank all of the Judges (Faye Spangler, Judy Pearson, Patric Leedom, Malcolm Glasglow, and John Life), Tabulators (Lynne Bayley, Tony Moore, and Molly Doss) and our Timekeeper (Gary Minado). This contest could not have happened without your help!

I also would like to thank my American Legion Post 194, Mason Commander, David Charpentier. David introduced us to the Zoom application and administered it for testing, for trouble shooting with the Judges and Contestants and for the entire day allow for a successful, first-ever "virtual" Department Oratorical Scholarship Contest.

I would also like to thank our District Chairmen, who went above and beyond in helping make this event discoverable so our young men and women could take advantage of this rare opportunity and had the heavy task of coordinating recent activities amidst a pandemic. Lynne and Tony, you picked up a lot of the behind the scenes work, that also played a major

role in this successful event. Thank you both.

Last but not least I want to thank Christie White for her support, as a member of the Americanism committee, in addition to this vital program, she is juggling a number of other similar programs to ensure they get the attention they deserve while we continue to battle the war against the Corona Virus.

Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Due to the current Covid-19 forced operation directives in Ohio, the consideration of the health of our members, and of future uncertainties, the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees has decided to cancel the 2020 Buckeye Boys State program.

The American Legion National Americanism Commission will discuss allowing 2020 delegates to participate in the 2021 BBS program alongside those delegates at their fall meeting in October.

2020 Samsung American Legion Scholarships will not be awarded this year; however, delegates can still apply for the US

Senate Youth Program (applications can be found at ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com/senate).

Please notify all Delegates of the cancellation and stay in contact with them in order to ensure they are kept up to date on any future program decisions.

Thank you all for your continued support of American Legion Buckeye Boys State through these uncertain times. Your hard work and dedication to the youth in Ohio is appreciated. We will all get through this together and be stronger on the other side.

More information will be disseminated as it is received.

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Cancellation of the 2020 American Legion Department of Ohio Baseball Season

Due to the current Covid-19 forced operation directives in Ohio, the consideration of the health of our members and athletes, and of future uncertainties, the American Legion Department Executive Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 Baseball Season.

With the unpredictability of the current worldwide COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the manner in which the virus spreads, its duration and the resulting public health regulations and restrictions across the nation, The American Legion is facing an improbable situation. The Americanism Commission, in consultation with National Commander James William

"Bill" Oxford, announces cancellation of all 2020 American Legion Baseball national tournaments, inclusive of all eight 2020 Regional Tournaments and the 2020 American Legion World Series.

The awarding of American Legion Baseball scholarships for 2020 have also been completely suspended.

The decision to cancel was extremely difficult but deemed necessary, first and foremost in the interest of health and safety, and in the face of uncertainty.

For up to date information, please visit our website at ohiolegion.com/baseball

More information will be disseminated as it is received.

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POST 29 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Zanesville American Legion Post 29 partnered with the SAL and Women's Auxiliary to host the Post Children's Christmas Party.

POST 229 MILITARY MUSEUM

NELSONVILLE—Legionnaires Ray "White Beaver" Baker and Robert Zimmerman examine the new "Cold War Warriors: 1946-1991" exhibit at the American Legion Glenford Dugan Post 229 Military Museum in Nelsonville. Veterans of all theatres of all conflicts in this period are invited to become a part the museum's permanent history collection. Bring three to six photos of all aspects of military life and copies (originals will be returned undamaged) will be made and mounted in the circa 1970/80s era scrapbook. Photo's subject matter can range from military hardware to barracks shenanigans. The motto "We Gave Peace A Chance" is from the cold war era and is featured often in this new exhibit. Donations of cultural and historical artifacts will also be considered for display. The Military Museum is located at the Glenford Dugan Post 229, 11 September Street, Nelsonville, and is open most Saturday afternoons at 11 AM. There is no admission charge and exhibits are kid friendly. Group "field trips" of all ages are encouraged. (Photo by Denise Harter)



POST 681 AWARD WINNER



Presentation to Jasmine Washburn, District 4 Galato Award Winner for 100% achievement on the A&G Test. The folder contains the certificate for winning the five day trip to Washington D.C. and Gettysburg Battlefield. This was presented to the Junior at Lakota East High School (Liberty Twp., Ohio) in Dr. Tisha Grote's AP Government class on 2/22/2020 by Jerry Nelson, District 4 Americanism Chairman.

POST 586 CHARITABLE DONATIONS



The Tipp City American Legion Post 586 presents \$7,000 in charitable donations to local charities. From left to right: Mia Walthers representing USO of Dayton, Harlan Purves representing Legion Post 586 Scholarships, Heather Bolton representing Miami County Hospice, Robert Steggemann representing American Legion Gifts For Yanks Program, Susan Hemm representing Miami County Hospice. The Tipp City American Legion Post #586 presented \$7,000.00 in donations to four area charities on Tuesday February 25, 2020.

Every year the Tipp City American Legion Post 586 makes donations to local charities that provide services to veterans, individuals and families in our area, along with charitable programs sponsored by the American Legion. This year we selected the American Legion Gifts for Yanks Program, since they provide services, equipment and other amenities needed by our veterans in VA hospitals. The Miami County Hospice was selected, because of the comfort and support they provide to local individuals and families in the most trying of times when comfort and understanding are critical. We also selected the USO of Dayton. Services provided by this organization benefit active military members and veterans as they travel through the area. Food, entertainment and an area to rest and relax are provided at the Dayton Airport for traveling service members. This is the fifth year that our post is sponsoring scholarships for our veteran member's sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, etc. These scholarships will help them to continue their education and become productive members of our communities.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Haley Graham of the Columbiana Rotary Presented a check for \$500 to Columbiana Post 290 to be used towards the Post Wreaths Across America project. L to R; Ken Allcorn Post 290 Commander, Haley Graham and Richard Houp 1st Vice Commander.



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POST 29 VETERANS DINNER



Dr. William McClelland, World War II B-24 Pilot, addressed nearly 100 Veterans at the annual Zanesville American Legion's Veterans dinner. Dr. McClelland piloted B-24 "Liberator" bombers over Germany from late 1944 through war's end in 1945. He flew 18 combat missions.

POST 29 RECEIVING AWARD



Larry Wheeler, Zanesville American Legion Post Commander, receiving a \$250 award for the Post's membership achievements from John Robinson, 1st Vice Commander of District 11. The presentation was made during the American Legion's Spring District meeting hosted by the Zanesville Post.

13TH DISTRICT AUXILIARY 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



To honor the Auxiliary of the 13th District, the Blue caps arranged a birthday celebration for our Auxiliary. 13th District Auxiliary President Louise Ainger and Dept Auxiliary President Kristen Little cut Cake.

POST 29 CLEANING PHOTOS

Zanesville American Legion Post 29 SAL and Legion members practiced social distancing and took the opportunity to repaint, clean carpets, re wax floors; and deep clean the Post. Over 350 volunteer hours have been donated so far.



POST 44 FLAG CEREMONY



Flag retirement and replacement ceremony for Vietnam Veteran and hospice patient Steve Dragomire from Canton Post 44 Accompanied by soon to be Eagle Scout Michael Prince Troop 935.



POST 382 FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE



On Sunday February 2, the Bluffton American Legion Post 382 held a Four Chaplains Service at the St. Johns United Church of Christ in Bluffton, Ohio. Six local Newspapers were sent an announcement about the Service. Also Lima Ohio's WLIO TV station was sent an announcement and they sent a TV crew to film the event. It was aired three different times. Pictured are 14 Veterans who attended the Four Chaplains service. American Legion Members from Bluffton, Ottawa and other surrounding communities attended plus the congregation. We also had a Commander from the Ottawa VFW in attendance.



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POST 405 PRESENT A CHECK



Members of New Washington Post 405 present a check for \$2,000.00 to Kim Turley of the Flag City Honor Flight, raised at the benefit breakfast held on March 1st. Front left to right; Kim Turley, Jerome Heydinger, second row, Daryl Riedel, Frank Niedermier, Tim Heydinger, Louis Niedermier, Delbert Hass, back row, Don Heydinger, Gary Mapstone, and Carl Hoffbauer.

POST 633 STATE WINNERS



Charles H. Eyre Post 633 in Seaman OH. State winners Morgan Shupert and Preston Grooms attended and spoke briefly about the trip they participated in as part of the recognition they received as state winners. They visited Gettysburg and Washington DC on the trip. Morgan scored a 98 on her test, Preston a 96. The Post 633 family is very proud of our winners! L to R, Stacey Humphrey (Americanism Chair), Morgan Shupert, Preston Grooms and Eric Newman (Post Commander).

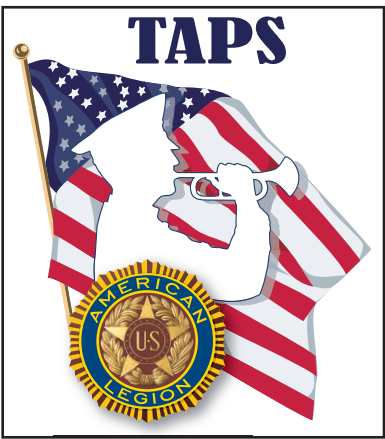
POST 214 AWARDS



Palmer Roberts Post 214 celebrated and gave awards to Willoughby South High school students who were highest scorers for the grade for the American and Government testing American Legion Post 214

POST 798 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

At noon on Saturday, December 14th, a Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at Silent Home cemetery on Lancaster Avenue, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in observance of National Wreaths Across America Day. The ceremony was conducted by the local Civil Air Patrol squadron under the oversight of Road Superintendent Stan Knoderer. Also participating and representing American Legion Reynoldsburg Post 798 was Mindy Margaritis, wife of post commander Pete Margaritis. Large wreaths were set on stands to honor each of the military services. Smaller wreaths were laid at each of the 208 veterans graves. In addition, on behalf of the post, Mrs. Margaritis laid a wreath at the grave of Mrs. Josephine Doney. The "Poppy Lady" and one of the first American Legion Auxiliary members in 1919, she is credited as the originator of the American Legion poppy program in 1920.



POST 1 COLUMBUS
PRICE SNYDER
POST 3 FINDLAY
RAY ALTMAN
CARL LANIER
POST 5 TIPP CITY
EPHRAIM STONEROCK
POST 7 WICKLIFFE
CHARLES JAMBOR
POST 8 WELLINGTON
DEFOREST GARFIELD
DENNIS JACKSON
DAVID JONES
WILLIAM MISCH
TERRENCE OREILLY
LELAND SEELEY
POST 9 PLEASANTVILLE
KARL REEVES
POST 10 EDGERTON

HARRY SANDERS
ROGER STRUP
POST 11 LANCASTER
WILLIAM BROWN
JERRY CAMPBELL
JAMES GRIFFITH
DONALD LEHEW
RONALD SHUE
POST 12 ELYRIA
WAYNE BROMAN
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PAUL SCHOPP
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EARL WITZLER
POST 29 ZANESVILLE
ROBERT BAILEY
JAMES HARRIER
IRWIN MCGEE
JAMES MORGAN
ROBERT NORTH CUTT
RALPH SLETZER
LAWRENCE SOLLER
JOHN TOTH
POST 30 LORAIN
JOSEPH KINTZ
POST 31 EAST PALESTINE
GEORGE COPE
POST 33 STEUBENVILLE
EARL CRAMBLETT
ROBERT DOYLE

ALPHONSE RUGGIERI
WALTER SZYDLOWSKI
POST 38 MARTINS FERRY
FRANK BARTYZEL
THOMAS COLMAN
JULIUS CZAP
POST 41 NORWALK
PHILIP COLAHAN
WALTER EASTMAN
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FRANK LOWERY
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BRENT TOELLER
POST 43 TROY
CHARLES WILLIAMS
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EDEL ADAMS
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MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

Consolidated Post Reports and Officer Certification Forms:

Those 208 Posts that have already completed the CPR as of April 27th, thank you! For those remaining Posts, hopefully your Post Adjutant has received a hard copy CPR sometime in early March. Please be as detailed as possible in reporting all Post involvement this past year (June 1st through May 31st). If you misplace this CPR you can print another from the ‘Forms’ page on the Department website. This form can also be done online if you prefer. Posts can fill out and submit CPR forms online at www.mylegion.org. The forms are located under “Post and Department” options. After completing the form online, click the “submit” button to send the report to National Headquarters. A copy will automatically be sent

to Department. Online submission will be available at www.myLegion.org through July 1st, the cutoff date for receipt of forms at National Headquarters. The CPR is one half of the required forms that need to be completed and returned to Department to receive your 2021 membership cards. The other required form, Certification of Post Officers, will be mailed out mid-May and can also be found online (which close to 10% of Posts have already filled out and submitted – great job!). These online and printable forms can be found through our Department website at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/forms/certification-of-post-officers-form/>

Some things to consider before processing membership whether online or mailing

them into Department:

- Check each member’s card to make sure they haven’t already renewed for the current membership year before submitting. This avoids overpaying dues to Department and discrepancies of expected member numbers between Post and Department.
- The weekly membership report from National (posted on Department’s website) is the most up to date and accurate report to check your membership numbers. This report is updated more frequently while other membership rosters and myLegion.org member information may take 7-10 days to show as updated.
- The membership report only shows 888 member transfer numbers that have first renewed/paid with the 888 and then transfer into a Post – when renewing and

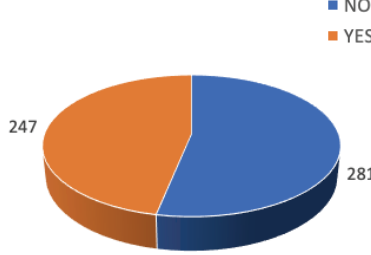
transferring at the same time or transferring before paid, that member count will go under the ‘Traditional renewal’ column in the report.

MyLegion.org Post Membership Online Processing:

A special thank you to all Posts taking advantage of myLegion.org Post membership processing. This gives you control to add new members and renew members more quickly, keep accurate records, and saves on postage costs vs. the traditional mail-in to Department method. To get your myLegion.org sign on access contact National at 1-833-253-9995 (Post Commanders and Adjutants only). Please visit the Department website for a complete guide on all things membership related at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/membership/>

Scroll down to the bottom left of the page and click the link named ‘Post Online (myLegion.org) Membership Manual’ this is the first document under the title ‘Membership Documents’ (card processing instructions begins on page 48). Please don’t hesitate to contact Department and District leadership to assist your Post in setting up your myLegion.org accounts.

Shown below is a graphic of Ohio Posts currently using the online membership processing features



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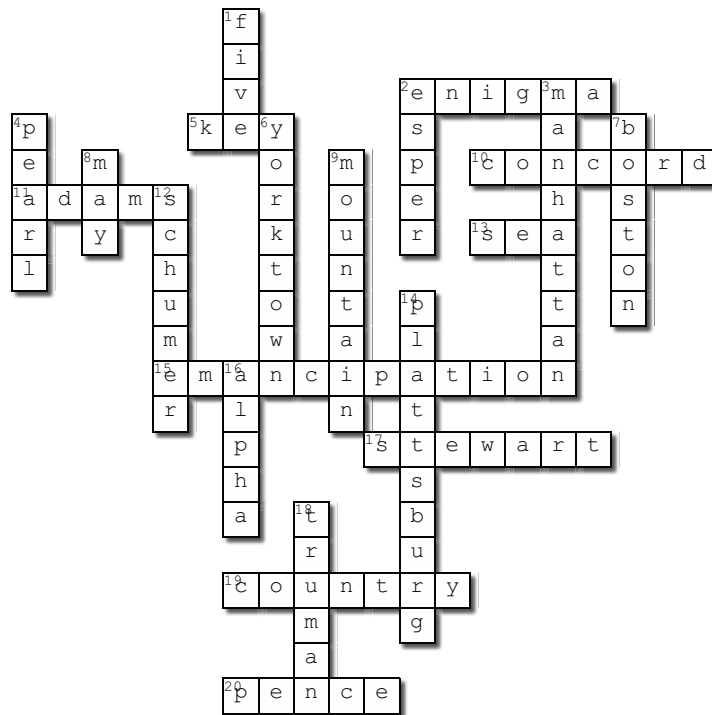
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Americanism Crossword Key



Across

2. The ____ Machine helped German military to code messages. (**enigma**)
5. Francis Scott ____ who wrote the Star Spangled Banner. (**key**)
10. The shot heard around the world from the battle of ____? (**concord**)
11. First President to graduate college. (**adams**)
13. From sea to shining _____. (**sea**)
15. proclamation issued by President Lincoln. (**emancipation**)
17. Fort _____ home of the 3rd Infantry Division. (**stewart**)
19. Legion Motto For God and _____. (**country**)
20. Current Vice President Mike _____. (**pence**)

Down

1. How many presidents did we have during the Vietnam War? (**five**)
2. Current Secretary of Defense _____. (**esper**)
3. _____ Project produced the first nuclear weapon. (**manhattan**)
4. The attack of _____ Harbor prompted the military to join WW2. (**pearl**)
6. Last battle of the Revolutionary War. (**yorktown**)
7. _____ Tea Party was a political protest that occurred on December 16 1773. (**boston**)
8. Memorial Day takes place in what month? (**may**)
9. 10th _____ located at Fort Drum, New York. (**mountain**)
12. Minority Leader Chuck _____. (**schumer**)
14. The Battle of _____ ended the War of 1812. (**plattsburg**)
16. The letter A in the phonetic alphabet. (**alpha**)
18. 33 President of the United States. (**truman**)

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