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2021 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HELD IN COLUMBUS

The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted its annual Mid-Winter Conference from March 12th-14th, 2021 at the Crown Plaza North. Members of the Ohio American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders gathered from around the state to conduct business and gain knowledge of the functions and programs of The American Legion. Once again this year, we teamed up with The American Red Cross to host a blood drive in order to give back to the community and support The American Legion Blood Donor Program. The amount of support and donations

from the Legion family in attendance was extraordinary. We managed to meet 100% of our set goal.

We also featured a full set of Committee and Commission meetings to replace some the traditional Spring meetings to conduct and facilitate Legion business. The Department of Ohio would like to thank the Chairmen, volunteers and coordinators who dedicated their time and knowledge to make these meetings successful. A special thank you to the Department Service Officers for going above and beyond with setting up for the conference, providing assistance with meeting minutes, Emblem Sales aid as well as supporting and

educating our legionnaires during the conference.

The Leadership and Membership awards banquet was a huge success with being able to congregate together in a limited capacity since the Covid-19 pandemic hit. Legionnaires were able to witness over 70 Posts and Districts receive awards, including over \$12,000.00 in award money earned by Posts and Districts. Congratulations to all the Posts and Districts that received membership awards this year and thank you to all that attended the 2021 Mid-Winter Conference. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Department Convention in Independence.



All stand for opening remarks at the Legion Riders session



Leadership and Awards Banquet



Commander Friend being escorted by Auxiliary's Donna Ray



During our Mid-Winter Conference Banquet Awards Dinner 2021 members enjoy the company of each other with (left to right) Aaron Cunningham, John R. Fox Post 631 District 4; Robert "Bob" White, Brecksville Post 196, District 13; John Life, Commander Streetsboro Post 685, District 14; Dave and Pebble Cobb, Post 566, District 14; Donna and Joe Ruland, Parma Post 572, District 13 Commander.



During the Leadership and Membership Awards Banquet: Rick Perales Former Member of the Ohio House of Representatives gives an encouraging acceptance speech for "State Legislature of the Year" with 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson and Adjutant Suzette Heller looking on. Perales recognized our Veterans and 1st Responders, as well as Jermaine Ferguson and Suzette Heller for their continued support in being at every hearing to support the veteran related legislation.



Police Dept Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2020, Sgt Jason D. Lapp and wife Gretchen of Bellefontaine, nominated by Post 173, 2nd District.



Department 1st Vice Commander, Jean Wilson addresses the audience during the Auxiliary session



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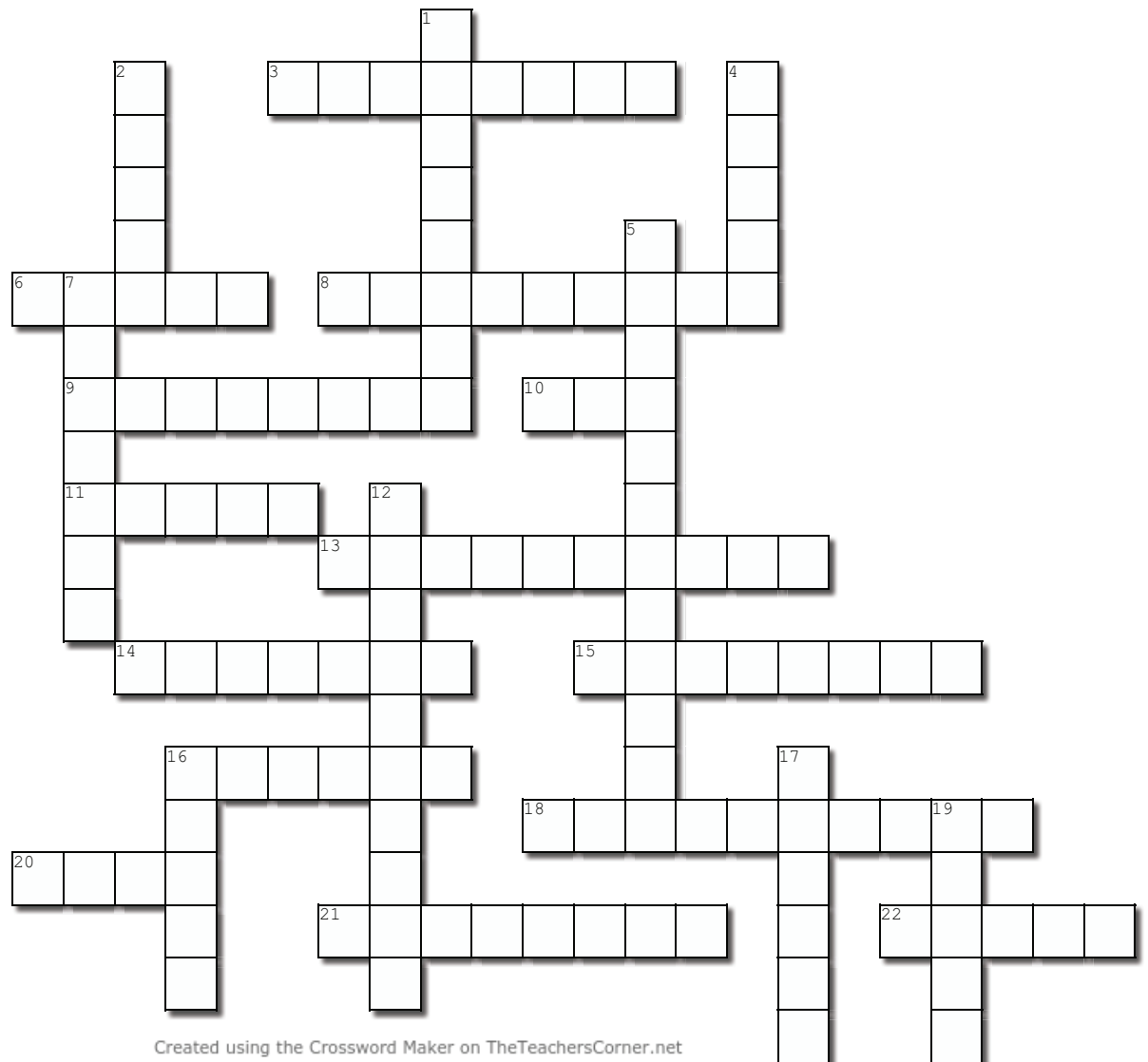
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Spring OLN Crossword



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Across

3. This state is home of the Air Force Academy
6. There are more than 500 American Legion _____ in the state of Ohio.
8. Who was the President during Pearl Harbor?
9. How many Districts are in the American Legion Department of Ohio?
10. How many sides does the American Legion Emblem have?
11. Camp _____ is an Army base located just south of the DMZ.
13. Where was the treaty that ended World War I signed?
14. James _____ was the author of the Bill of Rights.
15. What is a nickname for the Marines?
16. Effective October 2018, Columbus, OH became the home of the National Veterans Memorial & _____.
18. Every year, the American Legion hosts a public speaking competition called the _____.
20. How many Pillars does the American Legion have?
21. What month does Veterans Day take place?
22. The Gifts for _____ program ensures that all veterans living in a VA hospital receive an American Legion gift package.

Down

1. What battle ended the Revolutionary War?
2. The American Legion received its name at the _____ Caucus.
4. How many women are on the Vietnam wall?
5. What state is home to the oldest active military base?
7. A service _____ assists veterans with completing their claims with the VA.
12. A _____ consists of two parts; the preamble, and the resolve clause
16. The American Legion's birthday is celebrated during the month of _____.
17. Henry _____ was General of both the Army and the Air Force, making him the only man to ever hold both titles.
19. John _____ was the first President to not serve in the armed forces.

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Meet our New Employee

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I am John (JD) Robinson the new membership coordinator for the American Legion Department of Ohio. I have both Post and District experience and hope that will help me to help you. I joined the Air Force after high school was stationed at Spangldhem, Germany. I was discharged after finding out that I had

cancer. Upon coming home, I worked in a factory for 23 yrs. I am married to Jacie and have two daughters Samantha and Jaden. I have continued to serve my community by helping coach soccer and track. Also, a volunteer fireman.

My S.A.L. eligibility comes from my father who served during Vietnam. He received two purple hearts.

My passion has always been to help people. This position lets me help all my fellow Legionnaires. Thank you for your support and patience as I learn this position.



John Robinson
Membership – SAL –
Post Activities Coordinator



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires: Greetings from your Commander. As the year is winding down, we can

look back and feel proud. We battled the pandemic and still were able to meet most membership goals. The challenges we faced has made us stronger. Communication was the key to our success.

I am honored that you have

given me the opportunity to represent The American Legion Dept. of Ohio. The support and dedication were second to none and ask that you continue to give that to your next Commander.

Our convention is just around

the corner and with things opening up due to the vaccinations it will be good to see everyone there. Now is the time to reach out to your fellow members (buddy check) so they know that you care, and the American Legion is there

for them. Again thank you for all that you do.

For God and Country



1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
1st Vice Commander

Dear Legion Family,

Greetings to everyone! I hope that you and your family are well. Time is flying by and our

Department Convention is fast approaching! But we still have a lot of unfinished business to accomplish! I hope that you are still working on your Post membership. There are so many of our members who did not renew their dues. Please reach out to those members again and see what the issue is. Did they simply forget? Have they been in the hospital or nursing home? Have they fallen on hard times and cannot afford their dues at this time? Did we fail to keep the member engaged? There is a reason, and I am ask-

ing you to reach out and bring that member back to the American Legion. We need them and believe it or not they need us. We can achieve a lot when we put forth the effort. I know for those who do their membership on MyLegion it has been difficult to say the least, but the issues will be solved, and we will be back to doing our membership quickly, effectively and save time and money. It is hard to ask you to be patient but please do and if you call either National or Department for assistance, please be respectful to the people trying to assist you. Please make sure your Post fills out their Consolidated Post report and Certification of Officers forms. They are particularly important.

I hope you have continued to do your Buddy Checks. It is so very imperative for us to check on our fellow Legion members, relatives,

and neighbors. You are maybe the only person they have checking on them and it means more than you know to them when you do. Please take a minute to call or stop by!

Have you signed up for the 100 Miles of Hope? If you have not it is not too late! Go to the American Legion National website and do it! Proceeds benefit our Veterans and Children Foundation. \$20.00 donation will get you signed up! You can order shirts, caps, pins, coins from Emblem Sales.

In the past two months as things have been opening, I have had the opportunity to travel to several Posts and Districts and I just want you all to know how much seeing everyone has meant to me. It has been wonderful to see members of my Legion Family and to see the determination within Posts and Districts to continue to serve

our American Legion! So many do such great work taking care of our Veterans, their families and our Children and Youth.

As we head for the Department Convention July 09th, 10th and 11th, 2021 in Independence, Ohio, I am overwhelmed that my hopes, dreams, and dedication of wanting to continue to serve our Department of Ohio American Legion are coming to fruition of becoming Department of Ohio American Legion Commander. For those who know me, you know the long journey that I have been on to accomplish this. I want to say that I am thankful for the opportunity that I am about to receive, and I will continue to work hard with my fellow Legion Officers to see that our Department gets back to the top in membership and keep our programs top notched! Our Depart-

ment Adjutant Suzette Heller and Department staff have been working very tirelessly to ensure we have an extraordinarily successful convention while keeping our members safe. I am very thankful that I have had the opportunity to work with Commander Friend, 2nd Vice Teis, Treasurer Stennis, Adjutant Heller, the Department Staff, and the Department Executive Board. It has been very trying at times with the Covid and the issues that have risen due to it, but we are working thru it every day.

I hope to see you at the Department Convention in July but if you are unable to attend, I hope that I see you in my travels very soon. You all are my family members, and I cannot wait to see you!

“Together We Are Better!”

*God Bless,
Jean Wilson*



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings fellow Legionnaires and all Legion Family Members across this great state of Ohio. I hope you and your

families are all safe and well and have been able to get your vaccines if you have elected to. I believe the worst is now behind us and we will soon be back to normal, hopefully by this summer.

With the Department Convention right around the corner I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your sup-

port during the last 2 years as your Department 2nd Vice. I hope, and promise to you, that I will continue to serve you and The Department of Ohio to the best of my ability and will always put our Veterans first.

I have enjoyed traveling around the state to visit Posts, Districts, and especially all of the Department Activities. I want to thank all of the Posts and Districts who have hosted our Department Activities and all of the Volunteers who helped make these events so successful. Without you we would not be able to hold these events. again THANKS.

We have been able to hold all

scheduled Department activities so far. The Bowling Tournament, Hosted by Miamisburg Post 165 and Chairman Peggy Gross, was smaller than in the past but was a total success and all participants still had a great time. The Euchre Tournament Hosted by Hamler Post 262 also was a great success with 44 teams participating and special thanks to Bill Oberhaus for his hard work and for the hospitality. Lastly the Department Pool Tournament was April 16-18 Hosted by Zanesville Post 29 and thanks to Jason Chapman the tournament ran without a hiccup. The food, the hospitality, and the entertainment was fantastic. Fun had by

all especially the “Birthday Boys” from the Streetsboro Post.

The 2021 Department Golf Tournament will be held at Community Golf Course in Dayton Hosted by Kettering Post 598 on July 24-25. Flyer and registration forms are on the Department website under Post Activities. Camping at the Post is being offered up to 40 sites. Contact Post for reservations. Come have some fun with us.

The Department Trap Shoot is the last Activity for this year and it will be held September 12th at Cardinal Center and Hosted by Johnsville Post 754. This information is also on the website under Post Activities.

Finally, keep promoting our Four Pillars and doing our Legion work especially “Buddy Checks” on our older Vets to let them know we and their Posts have not forgotten them. The membership year is not over yet so keep renewing your members. If any assistance is needed please contact me at 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com or my cell at 330-418-7161. I hope to see you all at the Department Convention

With the Pandemic almost behind us remember: As a wise Chaplain once said, Step back, take a deep breath and remember God is in control.

Let's Grow OH-IO “I” Veteran at a time. God Bless you all.



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Dept. Historian

How's it?

Spring and Summer together means Summer, right? Wrong! With covid, it's been a bummer, however,

that did not stop our posts across O-H-I-O from working our programs and making history.

Our Mid-Winter Conference that came late in spring showed the accomplishments of our posts reaching their goals by leaps and bounds. With the closure of posts due to the pandemic, I was still able to get out and visit with posts to help archive their history for the record. And I will continue to

be available to visit your posts.

As historian, I have made it my priority to cover what, who and how you do it with my traveling companion, Mrs. Department Historian, my wife Dayna also the Auxiliary Department Historian. We are proud and honored to represent Department of Ohio.

Thank you to the following posts who submitted their Mid-Year reports.

Post 88 Harry Higgins

District 5: Ronald Dull

Post 447 Plymouth

District 5

Post 236 Newton Falls

District 9: Rick Nelson

Post 421 Clifton Fairview Park

District 13: Steve Toppel

Congratulations to Post 236 Newton Falls Rick Nelson for the best mid-year report, who will receive an Emblem Sales Tie.

Thank you to all posts for submitting your post year books for judging. The best overall Year book for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 will be submitted to national for judging.

I encourage all of you to continue gathering your history as the events, programs and projects happen. Take the pictures, write the stories and post them on your Facebook and or SHARE them on the Facebook page, Legion Historian <https://www.facebook.com/pg/daynabeyer.44813/posts/> and on the department website <https://www.ohiolegion.com/his->

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Thank you Commander Roger and working with Jean, Brad and Suzette and to learn, fellowship and record what you all have

done in 2020-2021.

God speed to all of you, for God and Country -

*In Your Service,
Al Beyer, Department Historian*



While out capturing Legion history, always a good time and great food at the Hillbilly Breakfast at Colonel Crawford Post 181 in Bucyrus, District 5. (L to R) Ty Bowers, Post Chaplain; Ron Lambert SAL 1st Vice Commander; Past 5th District Commander, Denny Teynor, Post Finance Officer; Tony Michelak, Post Commander; and Past 5th District Commander, Al Beyer, Department Historian.



HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

I do hope that all of you are healthy and happy. I know that isn't the case for everyone, and I wish you prayers and peaceful hearts on your journeys, whatever it is you are enduring. It is hard to believe that this past May 2nd, I celebrated ten (10) years of employment with The American Legion, eight of them with Ohio. In hindsight, there has been a lot of progress! I hope you too get to witness that at your Post, especially if you are a longtime Legionnaire. We should all be embracing change as it occurs and

creating it if we can. Change is constant, next to time.

The 2021 Membership Year is coming to a close quickly! We are about to embark upon the 2022 Membership Year in just a few weeks (July 1st). As your Adjutant (Administrator), the information you are required to provide to Department and National is critical to all of our successes. Our data is only as good as the information provided. We should never delay in our duties to take care of these administrative requirements.

I look forward to seeing you all at Department Convention. The "Convention Call" and supporting documents are available on the Department website at www.ohiolegion.com under

the "Events" tab, then "Department Convention." We have made registering delegates and alternates easier by providing an electronic option. PLEASE, SCROLL DOWN to Questions #84, #85, and #86 and CLICK SUBMIT! We will provide an electronic receipt to the person who certifies the delegates/alternates, electronic or otherwise. As the Post Delegate Chairperson, you may be asked to provide the receipt. If you don't have it and we don't have it, your Post delegation will only be allowed to register as guests. Make copies and send certified signed receipt if by mail. Drop off at Department Headquarters if necessary!

See you in JULY!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Kristen McLaughlin
Auxiliary President

The 2020-2021 Auxiliary Year is entering the final laps of the R.A.C.E. and I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members that have continued to work hard on the programs during these challenging times. I hope everyone turned in their end of the year reports to their unit, district and department chairman. I can't wait to see and hear the year end reports at Department Convention.

I was once again honored to chaperone the A&G trip with my husband Keith. It was a great experience for the students. Even though some things were still closed we were able to visit all the monuments in Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Monticello, Mt. Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery and the

Flight 93 Memorial. The students were able to visit Post 8 and enjoy a meal prepared by Post 2. National President Nicole stopped in to visit with the students along with Larry, the National Commanders Aid as they were in town for the Washington Conference. There is so much history in our Nation's Capital and I think everyone on the trip learned something new.

I was asked to help at the Department Oratorical competition that was held in person this year at the Legion's office. Five student from around the state participated. This was another first for me and I was truly impressed at the orations these students presented.

The Cincinnati VA held their annual baby shower for 35 veterans that were either expecting or had recently had a child. What a wonderful event and all the families were so grateful for the baby items they received. I can't thank the volunteers at all

of the VAMC facilities for continuing our mission to serve all of our veterans.

Poppy Shop once again had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. We were able to hold the Department Junior Convention. I congratulate the newly elected officers and ask everyone to support them this coming year.

Buckeye Girl State is just around the corner and we will be celebrating 75 years of this great program. As with everything else the program is going to look a little different this year but I am sure it will be a successful one and the young ladies in attendance will gain valuable hand on experience in how government functions on all levels.

Department Convention is the weekend of July 9th & 10th, 2021. I hope to see many of you in attendance as we drop the checkered flag on this ALA 731 race.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Melissa Fowle
Dept. Chaplain

Have you ever found yourself in a place you didn't want to be in? If you have, did you grumble about being there? I know I have. But now I look back and realize that God put me where He wanted me to be...where I needed to be. That unwanted situation helped me to grow, to have a new perspective, to gain understanding or even compassion.

I know that this past year has presented challenges as well as unbearable circumstances. But perhaps He needed to stretch your limits, to allow you to grow.

I have recently been thinking of a song our church choir sang when I was in high school. It was called 'Bloom Where You're Planted.' The expression "bloom where you're planted" means a person

should take advantage of the opportunities they have in their life and be grateful for the present situation.

Sometimes we are given what we think is a bum hand when life's cards are dealt but if we are able to stop complaining and start looking, we might find that we actually have a really good hand...it just depends on how you play it. And, if you partner with God, you can win at this game we call life.

I have really enjoyed being your Department Chaplain and I thank you for allowing me to do so for the past two years. I pray that you all are able to grow your posts, your programs, and your faith. May our God be mighty in your lives and give you strength and abilities to take care of one another. Bloom where you are planted and see how He can work in your life.

*For God and Country,
Chaplain Melissa*



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

It looks like spring has finally sprung! 'Tis the season for renewal of many great post activities-youth sports, ALR rides, picnics, parades, patriotic celebrations, etc. This does, unfortunately bring to mind a recent conversation I had with the National Judge Advocate about our post insurance. Accidents do happen, and it is important that every post is well covered in the event of a claim for damages. A recently enacted National American Legion policy dictates that the post insurance policy must list the Department of Ohio and the National American Legion listed as additional insured entities. This is

not optional. If a post ALR chapter sponsors an event like a poker run and the post purchases single event insurance to cover liability for that event, the Department of Ohio and National American Legion must also be listed as additional insured entities on those policies.

We have been working on providing our posts with more detailed procedures for disciplinary matters. When you look at your convention call, please carefully look at resolution 20-18. That resolution, if passed at convention, will allow us to get these badly needed detailed procedures approved by the Department Executive Committee. District members of the Convention Constitution and By-Laws committee are welcome to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

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Visit: <https://www.thelit.com/emergency-assistance-plus>

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Good of the Riders

Legion Riders, riding season is finally here in Ohio. Be safe be advised and be aware. After a slow uneventful 2020 riding season a lot of good rides are showing up on Facebook. Please make sure to send your rides to Mindy Hinkle to be added to the Ohio Legion Riders Calendar. If we do not know, we can't show.

Ohio Legacy Ride 2021

Canton Post 44 is hosting the 2021 Ohio Legacy ride June 11, 12 and 13th 2021. The flyer for the ride is available on the American Legion Riders Department of Ohio webpage.

The Legacy Scholarship provides scholarships to children of Post 9/11 veterans who died on active duty. It is also available to children of Post 9/11 veterans with a combined rating of 50% or higher.

New Legion Riders

Post 377 in Camden, Ohio now has Legion Riders. Welcome ALR Post 377 to the Riders Family.

Honoring our Fallen Riders

As a biker, we are unique. The open road is what we seek. The camaraderie of our brothers, our sitters and our friends. Knowing they'll be there 'til the very end. But when we take that final ride. There'll be another by our side and one thing I know, for a fact God will also have my back. For it's in him now We place our trust for this road we travel is a must. So, as we reach this road trips end know in your heart we'll meet again. Someday soon the thunder will roll as we ride down those streets of gold. With wind in our face, we're free at last the troubles here are now all in the past. For my brothers and sisters, we'll meet again and ride for eternal Peace in the wind.

Our Fallen

Michael Phillips,
Portsmouth Post 23

Gary Muster,
Akron Post 556

Robert McCabe,
West Unity Post 669



SAL COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler
SAL Commander

For the sake of the Detachment of Ohio, by the time you read this article, we should have a new Detachment Commander. It is not that I did not enjoy my time as the Commander, but it shows that we have moved on and are getting back to what should be normal.

The past two years have been trying times for all of us. I enjoyed being Detachment Commander, as frustrating as it was at times. Not being able to travel and be involved with activities, both with the Legion Family and Communities, was difficult at best. Not being able to join Commander Roger and President Kristin as often as possible meant that we were not able to share experiences and ideas with one another. So much I could have learned from just being around them more often.

When travel was acceptable and meetings were allowed under State protocols, I tried to share a message of encouragement to those in attendance. I wanted them, and you, to know that we are not just members, but potential. Our identity is our brand and we must put forth a positive image when we participate in American Legion and Community activities. No one wants to be a part of a group that is always fighting

among themselves and not having fun.

I have said from the beginning that The American Legion is like riding a bicycle. You have to work to keep moving forward and if you coast, you are probably going downhill.

I have said this before...The people we surround ourselves with either raise or lower our standards. They either help us to become the best version of ourselves or encourage us to become lesser versions of ourselves. We become like our friends. No man becomes great on his own. The people around us help to make us great. We all need people in our lives who raise our standards, remind us of our purpose, and challenge us to become the best version of ourselves.

Mike Wiswell, Jason Graven, Brenda McGowan, Jared Hickle, Mike Kennedy, Jermaine Ferguson and now John Robinson, have all been a part of my journey since declaring as a candidate for Detachment Chaplain. I have learned something from every one of these Legionnaires. I hope that I was not that difficult on liaisons.

One of the most difficult projects I have had to deal with for the past two years has been getting Squadrons on board with MySAL.org. Processing memberships online and bypassing Department Headquarters can only speed up the process and alleviate some of the frustration many Squadrons are having.

Training new officers to replace current officers has been somewhat difficult. With over 300 Squadrons and at least five officer positions at each Squadron, means we need over 1500 S.A.L. members to know what needs to be done.

Interaction between the Legion, Auxiliary, the Sons, and the Legion riders is essential. I want all Sons to understand that the S.A.L. is a program and we operate at the whim of The American Legion. I want The American Legion to understand that while the Sons raise a great deal of money for many Posts, we are not a 'Golden Goose'. We are here 'to assist in carrying on for God and Country.'

I have met many great people and have made many wonderful friends and in conclusion, I just want to say thank you. I've learned a heck of a lot more than just how to do the job. I have learned what it means to be a brother in the Sons of the American Legion and how you do whatever you can to be there for each other. Now I have left the Commander's position but I have no intention of leaving this American Legion family and I want you to know that most of these past 5 years have been the best time of my life. Don't think for one second that I don't know how lucky I have been. I will never forget that. I hope that I have made you feel as lucky just by having me and Nancy here. Nancy is truly the wind beneath my wings.

OHIO LEGION NEWS AD OPPORTUNITY

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Each issue of the Ohio Legion News is sent to an average of 87,000 households in Ohio, receiving the issue are active members of the Legion and a small surplus to Department of Ohio. Members of The American Legion are made up of currently serving military members, and

veterans who served during war time eras. Our publication is also distributed digitally to those who have requested an electronic version of the Ohio Legion News and also available online at our website www.ohiolegion.com/news/ohio-legion-news/

(*See application for detailed Ad size and pricing options)

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For more information contact Jon Vulgamore, Media, Marketing & Communications Coordinator, The American Legion Department of Ohio at 740-816-7659, or email at vulgamore@ohiolegion.com

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Ohio American Legion District News

13th

By Joe Ruland

Thirteenth District Commander

The Thirteenth District is busy getting ready for the Department Convention in July with many Posts planning events for Friday and Saturday night.

The Department has developed a great meeting agenda but hopefully you will find time to take in all that Cleve-

land has to offer and visit our local posts. We are excited that the District was able to submit an application for Temporary Charter for a new post within the District and we were able to save Post 2, the oldest post in Ohio from closing and it now has a bright future.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



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"THE SITREP"

Hearing data from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

- BVA Hearings conducted: 109
- BVA Hearings Granted: 52
Lost: 11 Win %: 82.5%
- BVA Retro awarded:
\$1,017,674.20.
- BVA Remand Retro Awarded:
\$518,746.74
- Total BVA Retro Granted:
\$1,536,420.94

July 1, 2020 to Present

- BVA Hearings conducted: 65
- BVA Hearings Granted: 8
Lost: 3 Win %: 73%
- BVA Retro awarded:
\$159,222.23.

- BVA Remand Retro Awarded:
\$0
- Total BVA Retro Granted:
\$159,222.23

The Board of Veterans Appeals is seeking veterans to conduct virtual BVA hearings. If you are currently awaiting a BVA hearing and have access to a computer, laptop, or Apple product with microphone and webcam contact your Department Service Officer to request a virtual hearing, you must provide a valid email address to receive your link to the hearing. The virtual option has been used with much success since being implemented due to Covid-19. There are still currently no in person hearings being conducted by the Board of Veterans Appeals. If you do not have the proper equipment reach out to your local County Veteran Service Commission to see if they are able to assist.

NEW VA SUBMISSION POLICY FOR EVIDENCE TO THE BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

Submitting Board of Veterans Appeals evidence has gotten much easier for veterans and advocates. DSOs are now able send evidence in support of BVA hearings directly to the Board of Veterans Affairs through the VA Mail Portal link. This is helpful to veteran because it negates the

need for Regional Office wavier and time delay. Evidence can be emailed directly to the DSO in pdf format for submission.

POST SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

Post Service Officer training will be held September 18, 2021 from 0830 to 1530 at Department Headquarters located at 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. RVSP's need to be made to genochio@ohiolegion.com by September 1, 2021. RSVP's need to include PSO Full name, Post #, email address, contact # and years as a PSO. Classes will cover basic Veterans Benefits available to veterans, spouses, dependents and surviving spouses. All classes are taught by your American Legion Department of Ohio's Department Service Officer team who are highly trained in veteran

benefits available through the Department of Veteran Affairs.

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New VA Director coming to Cleveland VA Regional Office
Cleveland VA Regional Office Director Tony Milons will

be leaving his post as Director at the Regional Office located at the Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal Building. We wish Mr. Molins best of luck and success in his future endeavors assisting veterans in Washington D.C.

VA PROVIDES FREE SUPPORT TO VETERANS WHO SUFFERED FROM MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA (MST)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is launching a national outreach effort program in April which was Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The intent is to inform veterans of free counseling and treatment being offered at VA for mental and physical health conditions related to military sexual trauma (MST). Veterans do not need to have a VA disability rating, have reported MST, or have other documentation of the experience to get this care. These services may also be available to Veterans not eligible for other VA Care.

Military Quotes

"We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf."- George Orwell

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."- George S. Patton Jr.

MILITARY HUMOR

Two Army football players were given a special SAT test to meet their admission requirements to the Military Academy. Soon after the test began the first guy turns to the second guy and asks, "Old MacDonald had a what?"

The other replies, "He had a farm."

The first asks, "How do you spell it?"

To which the second replied, "E-I-E-I-O."

The sailor says, "Nah, I don't want to have to explain it three times."

Spotlight on Department of Ohio Mid-Winter Conference





CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Children & Youth Month Celebrated in April

The American Legion has been actively involved with children's issues since the early 1920s. In many instances, the American Legion has been the driving force on behalf of children on the federal, state and local levels.

In 1938, April was formally designated as Child Welfare Month (now called Children & Youth Month) and has continued on an annual basis.

Today's American Legion is as focused on the welfare of our country's children and the issues facing young people as it has ever been. The structure of this organization is forever supported by the balance that our founding architects envisioned. Therefore, the Children & Youth pillar and its programs remain committed to serving the nation's youth.

Members of The American Legion Americanism Commission's Committee on Children & Youth have been entrusted with the responsibility of upholding this pillar – the one that braces our nation's veterans by caring for their children, and our nation's children.

The purpose of the committee is to formulate, recommend and implement plans, programs and activities designed to:

- Assure care and protection for the children of veterans.
- Improve conditions for all children and youth, with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home.
- Prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible.
- Maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs

Some of these programs are Family Emphasis

The family is the cornerstone of American society; however, modern society places demands on the family that didn't exist in years past. These challenges can chip away at family strength and unity. The family-emphasis programs of The American Legion's Committee on Children & Youth aim to promote the importance of family strength and integrity.

Family Support Network

The American Legion recognizes that families of active-duty and deployed military personnel face unique difficulties

and hardships. With the help of the Family Support Network, these families do not have to shoulder this burden alone. They can connect with American Legion Family members by requesting assistance through the nationwide toll-free number or electronic application. Legionnaires at the post level then provide assistance such as performing minor household chores and repairs, completing a Temporary Financial Assistance application and connecting the family with local programs.

Temporary Financial Assistance

Since 1919, The American Legion has been committed to the health and welfare of our nation's veterans and their families. Born out of this desire to serve, The American Legion established a form of direct aid to veterans' children in 1925: Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA). This landmark program continues to be unique in the field of social work today. Through TFA, an American Legion post can call upon the national organization for cash assistance to help maintain the basic needs of children of active-duty servicemembers or American Legion members. Non-repayable grants are awarded to eligible families with a child in need when all other resources have been exhausted.

Child Safety

The American Legion's Committee on Children & Youth believes that child safety is everyone's concern. Prevention through education remains the best way to keep children safe. To promote child safety, The American Legion publishes several useful brochures to educate children and parents, and supports numerous national initiatives to keep children safe.

Gateway Drugs

Alcohol, tobacco, inhalants and marijuana are often readily available and considered to be an entry point to a life of drug dependency and delinquency. They are called "gateway" drugs because they often lead to drug abuse, addiction, and use of other drugs such as heroin, cocaine and LSD. The commission asks that all members of the American Legion Family educate parents and children in their communities about the dangers of gateway drugs.

Warning Signs

The Committee on Children & Youth recognizes the serious yet often overlooked problem that continues to plague our nation's youth: suicide. Suicide is a tragic and senseless act of desperation. While it can be difficult and unpleasant to talk about suicide, it is important to communicate effectively about the subject, know the facts, dispel misconceptions and learn the warning signs of youth suicide.

Halloween Safety

As long as Halloween activities are sponsored and promoted in our communities by duly appointed and elected officials, the Committee on Children & Youth believes children and parents should know how to make this observance as safe as possible. This publication continues to be one of our most popular.

Missing Children

The American Legion encourages posts to provide or assist in making available child identification activities to give parents a means of providing this information to authorities should need arise. In addition, all levels of the organization are encouraged to increase public awareness of child victimization and its detrimental effects on children and youth, and to cooperate with credible organizations and agencies that seek to locate missing children in their states and communities.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, is "dedicated to the betterment of all

children." Its mission and foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys, projects or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth. The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation accomplishes these goals each year by awarding grants to nonprofit youth-serving organizations for disseminating information that conforms to the foundation's purpose. Since 1954, more than \$17 million has been granted to help deserving organizations produce and distribute current and valuable information.

American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation

After World War I, veterans, widows and children continued to struggle to return to a normal life. The American Legion, aware of the grave responsibilities entrusted to them by those who had served, took action. In 1924, newly elected American Legion National Commander James A. Drain undertook a massive fundraising challenge. His goal was \$5 million – equivalent to \$71 million in today's dollars. The purpose was twofold: to fund service officer training and provide free assistance for disabled veterans and to extend a financial safety net for needy military and veteran families with children.

The American Legion Endowment Fund was born of this twofold purpose. Today, it has a new name illustrative of the

timeless assistance it has provided through the generations – The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. Since its inception, the fund has provided over \$30 million in assistance to veterans, members of the U.S. armed forces and their families.

National Family Week

The American Legion has long recognized the family as the foundation of this nation. A guiding principle of The American Legion's Children & Youth programs continues to be maintaining the integrity of the family. Since 1972, every U.S. president has declared the week of Thanksgiving as National Family Week. All members of The American Legion Family are encouraged to initiate and engage in local activities during National Family Week that promote, encourage and celebrate healthy families and communities.

Special Olympics

The Department of Ohio provides support in donations to the Special Olympics State Winter Games and State Summer Games, and also hosts a breakfast for over 400 Special Olympics athletes and coaches at the Special Olympics State Winter Games.

If you are interested in donating to any of the organizations that the Ohio Children & Youth Committee has chosen to support this year (Fisher House, Ohio Military Kids, The Burn Institute, or Donovan's Kids), please contact your District Children & Youth Chairman.



AMERICANISM

2021 American Legion Americanism and Government Trip

The American Legion Americanism and Government Trip was held March 1st through 5th, 2021. This year the students were chaperoned by Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson, Auxiliary President Kristen McLaughlin, and Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator Christie White.

Day 1 of the trip consisted of visiting Gettysburg Battlefield and the Gettysburg Cyclorama. The battlefield tour never disappoints, and the cyclorama was an amazing experience. There is so much history in Gettysburg.

Day 2 of the A&G Trip was Arlington National Cemetery. Our young leaders visited JFK's grave, as well as Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. One of our students had mentioned that his grandparents were buried in section 32. So, Jeremy kindly invited us to pay our respects to his grandparents with him. We were so grateful to share that moment with him.

Since the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers was closed to the public, we wanted to keep up the 85-year tradition of a wreath laying. We decided on paying our respects to an Ohio native.

Forest E. Everhart Sergeant,

United States Army: born in Bainbridge Ohio on August 28, 1921. Forest earned the Medal of Honor in World War II while serving with Company H, 359th Infantry, 90th Infantry Division near Kerling, France on November 12, 1944. The Medal was awarded on September 10, 1945.

The afternoon consisted of visiting the Iwo Jima Memorial, National Basilica, Albert Einstein, National Cathedral, Capitol (as close as we could get), Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, and Korean Memorial.

Day 3 of our A&G Trip started with visiting Thomas Jefferson's Monticello.

After Monticello, we visited the WWII Memorial, and then went to go visit the Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

That evening, dinner was a special one. USS Jacob Jones Post 2 in Washington DC (the first all-female Post of ANY service organization) offered to feed the young leaders, and Kenneth Nash Post 8 in Washington DC offered to let us use their space to eat. The Department Adjutant Doranette Porter

(UISAF), the Department Assistant Adjutant and Commander of Post 2 Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen (USMC), Ms. World Universe

was unable to attend because he was busy preparing his testimony. However, the National Commander sent his Aide Larry to meet with us, and National Auxiliary President Nicole Clapp snuck away to spend some time with our young leaders as well. That evening was the definition of "Legion Family"! So many people came together to welcome and congratulate our young leaders! It was a beautiful thing to see.

On Day 4, we started the Day at George Washington's Mt. Vernon. The property was HUGE, and the scenery was beautiful. In the afternoon we visited the International Spy Museum. The museum was a hit and taught all the students a thing or two about the history of spying. The FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, Eisenhower Memorial, and Law Enforcement Memorial were the last stops before dinner.

Day 5, The final stop on our 2021 Americanism and Government Trip was the Flight 93 Memorial in Stoystown, PA. Thousands of people died on 9/11, but thousands

more would have died if it weren't for the actions of those 40 passengers aboard Flight 93.

That stop was a good reminder to be grateful. A common field one day. A field of honor forever.

Every year I say that we have a great group of students, and this year I can say the same. These are once again the definition of young leaders!

Ellyana, Thomas, Athena, Garret, Mia, Jeremy, Sophie, Will, Brianna, Ben, Melanie, James, Lydia, Adam, Siara, Trenton and Cody.... all will do great things and we are so glad we got to know them! I'm sure I can speak on behalf of all the chaperones when I say, thanks for making the 2021 trip amazing! You are all very appreciated!

Until next year.
— Christie White,
Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator



Ambassador and Senior Vice Commander of Post 2 Detashia Coleman (USN), Department Americanism Chair and Adjutant of Post 2 Tracie Walls (USA), Commander of Post 8 Jason Secrest, Department Auxiliary President, and Detachment Sons of the American Legion Commander all served us dinner. We also heard the National Commander and National President were in Washington DC as well for some testimony, so we invited them as well. Unfortunately, the National Commander



2021 A & G Winners



Adam Harr- Post 635, District 1
Trenton McCann- Post 633, District 7
Cody Carr- Post 217, District 2
Melanie Clark- Post 196, District 13
Lydia Ackerman- Post 405, District 5
Siara Eggleton- Post 25, District 7
Benjamin Saunders- Post 373, District 1
Will Clouse- Post 354, District 5
James Kelley- Post 681, District 4
Brianna Fitzgerald- Post 493, District 2
Sophie Lin- Post 614, District 12
Mia Hilkowitz- Post 681, District 4
Thomas Sibert- Post 217, District 2
Garret Ault- Post 357, District 10
Jeremy Reynolds- Post 287, District 1
Caitlyn Hopple- Post 357, District 10
Ellyana Zeller- Post 441, District 1
Athena Souder- Post 354, District 5



Washington Monument

For any questions, please contact Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com or Andrew Klingler, Programs Administrator at aklingler@ohiolegion.com



AMERICANISM



FDR Memorial



Arlington National Cemetery



Mt. Vernon



World War II Memorial



USS Jacob Jones Post 2 in Washington DC Provides a Special Dinner at Post 8



Group Photo with Post 2 and National Auxiliary President, Nicole Clapp



Vietnam Wall

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2021 Department Oratorical Contest

Liberty Menke, from New Knoxville Post 444, District 2 is the 2021 winner of the Department of Ohio American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program "A Constitutional Speech Contest".

She 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 2021 Department Oratorical Contest had 5 District winners participate this year. Each contestant delivered a prepared oration as well as an oration on a randomly assigned constitutional topic.

Honor Persing, from Blanchester Post 173, District 4 came in second place earning a \$1,500 scholarship.

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

3rd Place- Emily Schutte, General Dan-



***Liberty Menke, 2021 Winner
Dept. Oratorical Scholarship Program
“A Constitutional Speech Contest”***



Honor Persing, Second Place



Emily Schutte, Third Place



Ron Chajmovic, Forth Place



Ben Saunders, Fifth Place

iel Chapie James Post 776, District 3
4th Place- Ron Chajmovic, Brewer
Tarasco Post 7, District 9

5th Place- Ben Saunders, Delta Post
373, District 1

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.

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Deadline to sponsor is July 16, 2021

Buckeye Boys State

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program will be held June 13th-20th, 2021 on the campus of Miami University. BBS staff has been working diligently with Miami University to ensure there will be a 2021 program. Due to Covid restrictions, we will only

be able to host 670 delegates for 2021. American Legion Buckeye Boys State and Miami University will be following all the CDC and Governor guidelines and mandates. If you are interested in joining the Boys State staff, please email Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com for an application.



2019 Buckeye Boys State Participants

AMERICANISM DATES TO REMEMBER

**DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
GRAVE DECORATING CEREMONY-
May 29, 2021**

**BUCKEYE BOYS STATE-
June 13-20, 2021**

**DEPARTMENT JUNIOR BASEBALL
TOURNAMENT- July 15-18, 2021**

**DEPARTMENT SENIOR BASEBALL
TOURNAMENT- July 27-31, 2021**

2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

JULY 9th - JULY 11th, 2021

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Deadline for Registration is June 7th

To make reservations please call 216-524-8050
extension 298 and reference "The American Legion"
The discounted group rate is \$109.00/night + tax.

The Department Convention Call will be mailed to each
Post in April 2021. All Post Delegates and
Alternates must be registered 15 days prior to Convention.
Delegate and Alternate registration deadline is June 24th!

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

You may also visit the website at
[https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/
departments-conferences-conventions/](https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/departments-conferences-conventions/)

***Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention
and any meetings offered***

**** Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.**



2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tentative

Thursday July 8th, 2021

Membership Table	12:00PM-6:00PM
Charities Meeting	2:00PM- 4:00PM
DEC	3:00PM- 5:00PM
DEC Banquet	7:00PM- 10:00PM

Friday July 9th, 2021

Red Cross Blood Drive	9:00AM-5:00PM
Emblem Sales	9:00AM-6:00PM
Silent Auction Items	9:00AM- 6:00PM
Registration	10:00AM- 6:00PM
Membership Table	10:00PM-6:00PM
Vendors	10:00AM- 6:00PM
Americanism	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Children & Youth	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Constitution and By-Law Amendments	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Legislative	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Permanent Organization	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Resolutions	12:00PM- 2:00PM
Rules & Order of Business	12:00PM- 2:00PM
VA&R	12:00PM- 2:00PM
National Security	12:00PM- 2:00PM
1st District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
2nd District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
3rd District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
4th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
5th District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
6th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
7th District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
8th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
9th District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
10th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
11th District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
12th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
13th District Caucus	2:30PM- 3:30PM
14th District Caucus	3:30PM-4:30PM
Credentials	6:00PM- 9:00PM
Opening Session- Legion	6:00PM
Candidate Hospitality	8:00PM- 12:00AM





Saturday July 10th, 2021

Vendors	10:00AM- 6:00PM
Emblem Sales	9:00AM-5:00PM
Silent Auction Items	9:00AM- 6:00PM
Registration	10:00AM- 30 minutes until close of session
Buckeye American Legion College	9:00AM- 11:00AM
Charities Gaming	10:00AM- 12:00PM
General Session	1:00PM- 4:00PM
National Appointees Meeting	4:30PM- 5:30PM
Credentials	4:30PM- 7:30PM
Candidate Hospitality	8:00PM- 12:00AM

Sunday July 11th, 2021

Vendors	8:30AM- 1:00PM
Protestant Service	7:30AM- 8:30AM
Catholic Service	7:30AM- 8:30AM
Emblem Sales	8:30AM-1:00PM
General Session	9:00AM- 1:00PM
Executive Committee Meeting	2:00PM- 3:00PM

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MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION/TIME
5/31/2021	5/31/2021	Memorial Day – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
6/6/2021	6/6/2021	District 5 Summer Convention	VFW Post 5137, Medina @ 9:30am
6/11/2021	6/13/2021	ALR Ohio Legacy Run	Hosted by Post 44, Canton
6/13/2021	6/20/2021	Buckeye Boys State	Miami University
7/2/2021	7/2/2021	Independence Day Observance-Office Closed	Department Headquarters
7/8/2021	7/11/2021	Department Convention	Holiday Inn, Independence, OH
7/8/2021	7/8/2021	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Independence, OH
7/11/2021	7/11/2021	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Holiday Inn, Independence, OH
7/15/2021	7/18/2021	Junior Baseball Tournament	Beavers Field
7/24/2021	7/24/2021	Standing Committee Meetings	Department Headquarters
7/24/2021	7/25/2021	Department Golf Tournament	Post 598, Kettering
7/26/2021	7/26/2021	Baseball Banquet	Crossroads Church @ 6:00pm
7/27/2021	7/31/2021	Senior Baseball Tournament	Beavers Field
8/3/2021	8/6/2021	Membership Workshop	Virtual
8/3/2021	8/8/2021	National Regional Baseball Tournament	TBD
8/6/2021	8/6/2021	Labor Day-Office Closed	Department Headquarters
8/7/2021	8/7/2021	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
8/12/2021	8/17/2021	National Baseball World Series	Shelby, North Carolina
8/27/2021	9/2/2021	102 nd National Convention	Phoenix, AZ
9/25/2021	9/25/2021	Commander Jean Wilson Homecoming	TBD
10/6/2021	10/7/2021	National Fall Meetings-NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
10/8/2021	10/10/2021	Department Fall Meetings/Membership Convention	Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark, OH
11/11/2021	11/11/2021	Veterans Day - Office Closed	Department Headquarters
11/25/2021	11/26/2021	Thanksgiving – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/23/2021	12/24/2021	Christmas – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/30/2021	12/31/2021	New Year’s Holiday – Office Closed	Department Headquarters
Future Department & National Dates			
2/27/2022	3/2/2022	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
5/4/2022	5/5/2022	National Spring Meeting-NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
7/1/2022	7/3/2022	Department Convention	Hilton Netherlands-Cincinnati
8/26/2022	9/1/2022	104 th National Convention	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
10/12/2022	10/13/2022	National Fall Meetings-NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
1/20/2022	1/22/2022	Department Mid-Winter	Crowne Plaza Columbus-Worthington N

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**56TH ANNUAL
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
AMERICAN LEGION
GOLF OUTING**

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT
will be available at the Post
Friday & Saturday Nights.

-Must be 21-

**If anyone would like to camp at Post 598 during the Tournament there are 40 campsites available that are water/electric ready at \$10.00 per night and \$25.00 for all 3 nights (does not have a dump-site) Contact the Post at the above phone number or email to reserve your spot if interested.

**Saturday, July 24, 2021
and July 25, 2021**

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

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Entry & Housing Deadline – July 15, 2021

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**ENTRY FEE OF \$80 PER GOLFER
MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY**

*Open to American Legion Dept. of Ohio, Auxiliary and SAL
and must be 21 years and over. Each team is allowed to have
one non-Legion member who is eligible for membership.*

Legion Post No. _____

Team Captain: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Name

Age

Membership #

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

**Dinner and Entertainment will be available
at the Post Friday & Saturday Night.**

Please indicate how many will be attending each meal.

Friday _____ Saturday _____

Mail entries to: American Legion Post No. 598 • 5700 Kentshire Dr.
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POST ACTIVITIES

POOL TOURNAMENT WINNERS SINGLES



1st Place Tim Snelling post 29 Zanesville



2nd place James Light post 62 in Chillicothe



3rd place Dan Arthur post 184 in Piqua

DOUBLES



1st place Chris Garey and Jimmy Souther.
Both represent Post 11 in Lancaster



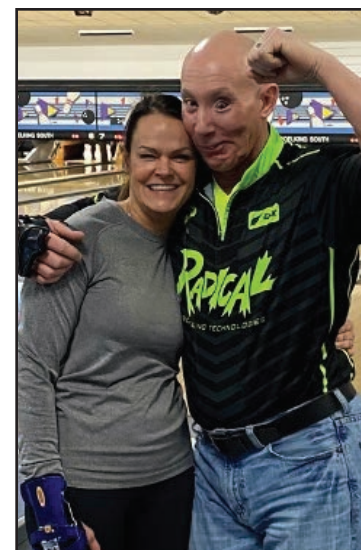
2nd place Mark Lee and David Vickers. Both
represent post 29 in Zanesville.



3rd place James Light and Jonathan Mantel. Both
represent Ross County American Legion post 62

2021 ROGER M. HIGHT BOWLING TOURNAMENT:

The bowling Commissioners would like thank the Legion Family members for making this year's Bowling tournament a success. Good time with good people.



2021 EUCHRE TOURNAMENT





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CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

During the April 5th meeting of the New Riegel American Legion Post 354, Commander Mike Nye presented 50-year continuous membership certificates to Past Commander Ron Clouse, Adjutant Darl Theis, and Robert C. Reinhart. Also, John Metzger, Robert J. Reinhart, Richard Reinhart, Tom Schalk, Lynn Coleman, Howard Meisner and Joseph Daniel achieved their 50-year Certificates but were unable to attend the meeting. Left to right: Nye, Clouse, Theis, and Reinhart.



AUTHOR & ARTIST DISPLAY



Museum Curator Burt Harter has watercolorist Mary Whyte's book "We The People, Portraits of Veterans in America" autographed and dedicated on the final day of her acclaimed exhibit at the National Veterans Museum in Columbus. Whyte painted portraits of veterans capturing dramatic scenes of all walks of life from all 50 states, a journey that took the artist 7 years to complete. The book will be on permanent display at the entrance of the Glenford Dugan Post 229 Military Museum in Nelsonville.

FLAG POLE REPAIR



Pictured above is Dan Gamble holding a ladder while Rick Hale repairs one of the flag poles to prepare raising the military branch flags for the spring season at the Jefferson County Veterans Association Memorial Park. Onlookers, Jay Kolenc and Tom McCain supervise the operation.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



On Tuesday, March 16, 2021 a Certificate of Continuous years membership for 50 years was presented to Dayle Robert "Bob" Elswick of Corning American Legion Post 327. Presenting the certificate is Post Commander Michael Corbett (left) to Bob Elswick (right).

ZANESVILLE POST - ELITE 11 DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION



L to R – Past Commanders, 11th District, - W. "Chink" Ward, Andrew Matheny and Charlie Sands providing support at the Convention.



Eddie Grimes, 2nd Vice Commander, Zanesville Post 29 chatting with Tom Leach, National Security, 11th District.



L – R – Zanesville Post 29, Mike Watts, 1st Vice Commander, Loren Long, Adjutant and Larry Wheeler participating in the Conference.

FEMALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Donna Ray, Chief Representative of Volunteers at the Cincinnati VA, was recognized on April 20th as the Female Volunteer of the Year by the National Administration Committee of the Veterans Administration. Pictured is Chuck Castle, Fourth District SAL Commander, Jerry Perry Fourth District Finance Officer, Steve Foster, Fourth District American Legion Commander, Jean Wilson, Department 1st Vice Commander, Bob Ray, Past Department Commander, Donna Ray, Sue Whitham, Marsha Giehls, Fourth District Auxiliary President and Liz Castle.

SEVENTY YEARS MEMBERSHIP



Drew Webster Post #39 of the American Legion in Pomeroy, OH recently had the honor to present WWII Veteran Paul Kloes of Pomeroy with his 70 year membership pin. At a small ceremony held at his home, Mr. Kloes was presented with a 70 year pin and certificate commemorating his many years of service to the American Legion.

As a young man, Mr. Kloes quit high school and joined the Navy during WWII. Following his military service, he returned to Meigs County and finished his schooling at Pomeroy High School. Legion members in attendance for this presentation included: (left to right) Dan Arnold, Ed Durst, Paul Kloes, Commander John Hood, Wayne Thomas and Ray Kloes.





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POST 229 MILITARY MUSEUM



Post Cmdr. Tom Metcalf presents a trophy to Curator Burt Harter, Letters of Appreciation to Lead Docent Ray "White Beaver" Baker, and Asst. Curator Denise Harter for developing and operating the Glenford Dugan Post 229 Military Museum in Nelsonville, Ohio. The trophy, accepted on behalf of all the support of the Legionnaires of Post 229, will be on permanent display at the museum's entrance. Photo by Robert Zimmerman.

PARADE TO HONOR WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND OLDEST POST MEMBER ON HIS 101ST BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday, January 27, members of American Legion Northeast Post 630 located in Blue Ash, Ohio honored their oldest member on his birthday with a drive-by birthday celebration; Dean Giacometti turned 101 years old. Participants included members of NE Post 630, the DAV, the VFW, first responders from the City of Blue Ash and from Sycamore Township, dignitaries from the City of Blue Ash, Congressman Brad Wenstrup, managers and staff of Dean's apartment complex, and alumni of Walnut Hills High School, where Dean taught after his military service. Parade members made signs and decorated their vehicles. Dean viewed it all from a chair placed in front of his apartment building.

Mr. Giamatti served in the Army Air Corps during World War II from 1942-1945. He interrupted his education and a promising football career at the University of Cincinnati to serve his country. When his service was completed, he returned to UC to finish his education. After graduation, Dean began a teaching career at Walnut Hills High School. He taught social studies and coached varsity football and tennis from 1947 to 1966. He left his teaching career for an administrative position with the Cincinnati Public Schools. He has been inducted into the Walnut Hills High School Hall of Fame and has a scholarship and a building named for him at the school. He is the oldest living UC letterman.



Dean waves to the parade participants

FOUR CHAPLAINS CEREMONY



Bill Pederson, Post Chaplain, assisted by Richard Leister, VFW 4719 Post Commander and Legion 797 member honored the 4 Chaplains at a Memorial Service on Sunday February 7, 2021.



First responders salute Dean

ZANESVILLE POST 102 CELEBRATION AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Certification of Appreciation Winners from 2020:



Loren Long, Adjutant, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 presenting to Jerry Clark



Cody Clark - Zanesville American Legion Post 29



John Moody - Zanesville American Legion Post 29



Celebrated on March 19, 2021



Women's Auxiliary members assisting with the celebration.

5-YEAR SUPPORT AWARD



Tom Smith, representing the Athens County Standown, presented the Five-Year Support Award to the American Legion Glenford Dugan Post 229. The award was presented during the annual election of officers for Post 229. Pictured from left, Smith, reelected Adjutant Kurt Nunnally, past post Commander Thomas Metcalf, recently and unanimously elected new Commander Robert Zimmerman. All officers were active participants in past standowns.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



During the April 5th meeting of the New Riegel American Legion Post 354, Commander Mike Nye presented a 75-year continuous membership certificate to Ralph Weinandy. At 96 years old he still attends most Post meetings.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



POST 535 SPOTLIGHT



SPOTLIGHT ON Jean Wilson Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander who addresses 5th District Commander J. Kenny Estep, 1st Vice Cmdr Ronald Dull, Acting Adjutant Charles Kvochick and Legion members and guests at their Spring Conference hosted by Bellville Post 535 on membership, working hard to serve our veterans and our community, and leaves a reminder, "We are better, together".

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



Alton "Al" Kauffman was presented his 60 continuous year Certificate of Loyalty, Service and Commitment to the American Legion by Commander Troy Brungs and Officers of Post 134.

PDC DARELL BISHOP



PAST DEPARTMENT OF OHIO COMMANDER Darell Bishop and his wife Carol during the 5th District Spring Conference. A member of Amherst Post 118 Darell serves as Department Chairman of the Gifts For Yanks program and is also serving as 5th District 2nd Vice Commander & Judge Advocate. A United States Marine veteran, he is committed to serving his fellow veteran and working the programs of The American Legion.

100 MILES FOR HOPE

Montpelier Post 109 Adjutant, Kevin Motter, 1st District 2nd Vice Commander hit the ground running in the 100 Miles For Hope Challenge 2021, that was kicked off by National Commander James "Bill" Oxford on April 1st to get members moving and to raise funds for the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation, which Kevin already surpassed 400 miles.



DRIVE BY BIRTHDAY

As Veterans we often hear the phrase. "Thank you for your service." Most of us immediately think of our time in uniform, be it two years or twenty, but in truth, a veteran never stops serving. American Legion Post 336 Painesville was recently presented with opportunity to continue serving our community and by extension, our nation. Jeff Clarke, one of our American Legion Riders, lives just down the street from Owen Caswell. In January, Owen was hospitalized for sixteen days with MIS-C, which is a complication from Covid-19. Although he is now home his condition is still precarious because a simple cold could put him back in ICU. Owen's mother reached out to the community and requested a "drive by Birthday" celebration for Owen's 11th birthday and she asked if 1100 people could send Owen a Birthday card. When Jeff learned of his mother's request, his condition, and his love of motorcycles the answer was obvious. Word went out via Facebook, district Rider groups, and the local news media. The birthday parade was composed of approximately 40 bikes, dozens of cars and two huge patriotic decorated trucks. One rider from Indiana was in town for a family event but took time to participate in the parade. It was later learned from local TV that Owen had received over 5000 cards and when asked what else he would like he stated, "I got everything." Truly the veterans who organized and participated in the Birthday ride certainly appreciated one more chance to serve.



POPPY MEMORIAL WREATH



Clifton Post 421, District 13 was presented with a Memorial Wreath made from poppies by Auxiliary Unit 421. The Post will use this for display, for Memorial weekend services and Post Everlasting ceremonies. Pictured above is Post 1st Vice Tom Toppel, 1st Vice Cindy Boehnlein ALA, Commander Kevin Conlan, President Allison Nye, and Post 2nd Vice John Cotleur.

13TH DISTRICT AND DEPARTMENT A&G TEST WINNERS



On March 9th at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, 13th District Dept. Americanism & Government Test Winners were presented with their Winner Certificates. (Left to Right) Marianne Borrelli, Unit #196, Tony Borrelli, Post #196, Melanie Clark 12th Grade 100% both District and Department, Anthony Minatel 12th Grade 82% District, Zachary Petros 10th Grade 70% District, Matthew Petros 11th Grade 98% both District and Department and John C. Murphy, 13th District Americanism Chairman. Not pictured were Anna Shanofski 10th Grade 50% District and Ann Mathew 11th Grade 94% both District and Department. Congratulations to Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School and Brecksville Excelsior Post and Unit # 196.

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POST 586 CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2020



The Tipp City American Legion Post #586 presents charitable donations to local charities. From left to right: Matt Bradshaw and Mia Walthers representing USO of Dayton, Susan Walker-Hemm representing Miami County Hospice, Robert Steggemann representing American Legion Gifts For Yanks Program, Harold Robinson representing the Salvation Army and Harlan Purves representing Legion Post 586 Scholarships.

The Tipp City American Legion Post #586 presented donations to five area charities on Tuesday February 23, 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. The Tipp Troy Salvation Army also received a donation this year for their aid to local families in need. The Salvation Army provides essentials to help families that have fallen on hard times and are in need of support. This is the sixth year that our post is sponsoring scholarships for our veteran member's sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. These scholarships will help them to continue their education and become productive members of our communities.

AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT WINNERS



Minerva American Legion Don V. Cross Post 357, District 10 is proud to announce Garrett Ault and Caitlyn Hopple, both 10th grade students of Mr. Stuart Grunder of Minerva High School, have been selected as part of the 18 Americanism and Government winners across the State of Ohio. District 10, Don V. Cross Post 357, Commander Mike Lee Presenting the Americanism Scholarship to Minerva High School Senior Garrett Ault on Honors Night at the High School on May 3rd, 2021.

MEMBER REGONITION CEREMONY

Members of the American Legion Roy W. Wilson Post 694 in Mowrystown held a special recognition ceremony Monday, May 3 in honor of 50-year member Ted Ruble. The Post 694 business meeting and ceremony were held at the Living Springs Community Church in Mowrystown. According to Post Commander Chuck Emery, Mr. Ruble has a long and significant history with Post 694. "Tonight, we honor Ted Ruble," Emery told Legion members. "Ted is a United States Navy veteran who has served our Post very well for many years. To the best of our knowledge, Ted joins the late Walter A. West as the only 50-year members of Post 694." Emery noted that at one time, Post 694 was down to just about a dozen members, during which time Mr. Ruble fulfilled the responsibilities of commander, adjutant and treasurer. "The American Legion Post 694 began here in 1947," Mr. Ruble noted. "My dad, uncle and cousins were members. When I was young, every Memorial Day they would have a parade and I would march along behind them. That's what got me interested in the service. I've always been proud of the American Legion." Commander Emery and Post 694 organized a



number of special proclamations in Mr. Ruble's honor, including one by fellow veteran Second District Congressman Brad Wenstrup, which was presented by Austin Heller, the congressman's military/veteran liaison. "In the military, we are taught to put country over self, and you have embodied that principle your entire life," Wenstrup said in recognition of Mr. Ruble. "You have touched many lives through your leadership roles in the U.S. Navy as a senior master chief and in American Legion Post 694 as the post adjutant and post finance officer. Your service to our country and your community has truly made a difference. I join your family and friends in congratulating you on this milestone and thank you for your service. I wish you all the best." State Senator and candidate for Congress Bob Peterson also presented a proclamation from the Ohio Senate. After honoring Mr. Ruble, Peterson acknowledged all of the American Legion members, saying: "I admire everything all of you have done for our great country. Thank you."



4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE



The 4 Chaplains service is always held on the first Sunday in February. This year 2021 was going to be a challenge since we could not do our usual Church service due to Covid-19. Our Churches are having a hard time. When a group of dedicated Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of Legionnaires got together at Post 288 in Williamsburg to pay tribute and honor these brave men from WWII. We would like to thank each of these men and women for carrying on this tradition.

"On Feb. 3, 1943, four Army chaplains – Father John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, and the Revs. George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling – gave up their life jackets on a sinking Army transport in the North Atlantic so that others might live. Of the 902 soldiers, Navy armed guard, ship's crew, and civilian passengers on board the Dorchester, only 230 survived. They have told us of the chaplains' efforts to restore calm in a hopeless and chaotic situation, and how they were last seen at the ship's stern, arms linked in prayer.

The survivors' testimony and the chaplains' bravery are enshrined at the Chapel of Four Chaplains in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where the Chapel Memorial Foundation honors acts of selfless service nationwide in memory of the Four Chaplains and crew of USAT Dorchester. "

Written by – Louis A. Cavaliere, retired Navy captain and chairman of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, and Christine Beady, the chapel's executive director.

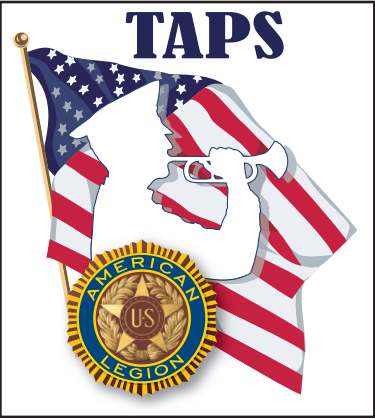
In these troubled times I often wonder who will be the next to step in the footsteps of these brave men. Such a selfless act of Kindness, Bravery, Dedication to duty, to GOD, and Country. I look around and I see there are many that we just don't know of yet. It is my hope that our world will come to a moment to realize All God's Creatures are created Equal and we will all live in peace.

Written by – Jerry E Perry, American Legion Clermont County Communications officer

POST 236 OATH OF NEW OFFICERS



Darlene Freer, 2nd Vice Commander, American Legion 9th District issued the oath of office to the new officers of Newton Falls American Legion Post 236 at the posts monthly meeting held Monday, May 10, 2021. Pictured (L-R): Gary Ruel, 1yr. Trustee, Walt Snyder, 2nd Vice Commander, Darlene Freer, 2nd Vice Commander 9th American Legion District, Bud Becker, Historian, Bob Wujcik, Service Officer, Donna Ball, Finance Officer, Jim Yost, 1st Vice Commander, Joe Nicolino, 3yr Trustee, Darryl Brown, Sgt. at Arms, Russ Mason, Adjutant, Rick Nelson, Commander. Missing from photo: Bob Cameron, 2yr. Trustee and Steve Garcar, Chaplain.



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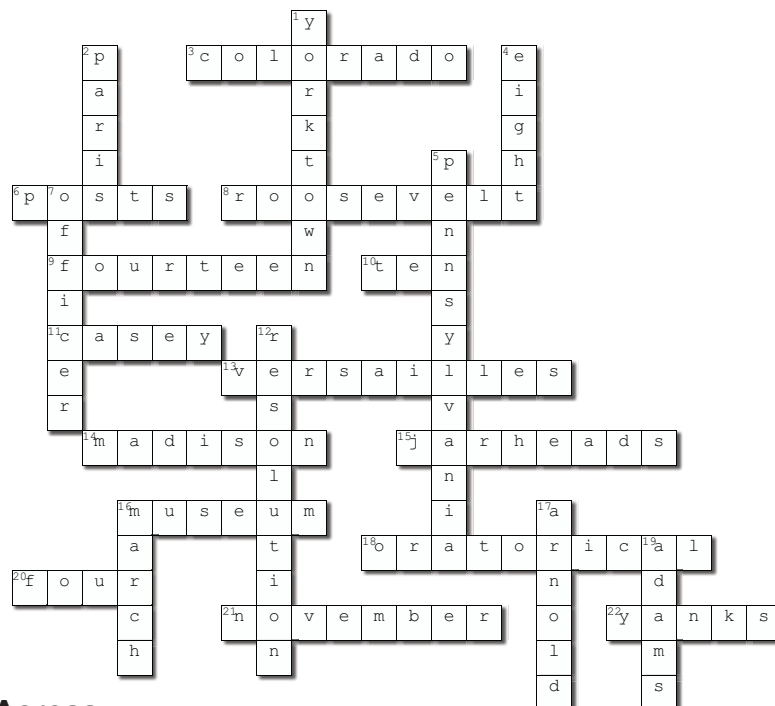
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Americanism Crossword Key



Across

3. This state is home of the Air Force Academy (**colorado**)
6. There are more than 500 American Legion _____ in the state of Ohio. (**posts**)
8. Who was the President during Pearl Harbor? (**roosevelt**)
9. How many Districts are in the American Legion Department of Ohio? (**fourteen**)
10. How many sides does the American Legion Emblem have? (**ten**)
11. Camp _____ is an Army base located just south of the DMZ. (**casey**)
13. Where was the treaty that ended World War I signed? (**versailles**)
14. James _____ was the author of the Bill of Rights. (**madison**)
15. What is a nickname for the Marines? (**jarheads**)
16. Effective October 2018, Columbus, OH became the home of the National Veterans Memorial & _____. (**museum**)
18. Every year, the American Legion hosts a public speaking competition called the _____ (**oratorical**)
20. How many Pillars does the American Legion have? (**four**)
21. What month does Veterans Day take place? (**november**)
22. The Gifts for _____ program ensures that all veterans living in a VA hospital receive an American Legion gift package. (**yanks**)

Down

1. What battle ended the Revolutionary War? (**yorktown**)
2. The American Legion received its name at the _____ Caucus. (**paris**)
4. How many women are on the Vietnam wall? (**eight**)
5. What state is home to the oldest active military base? (**pennsylvania**)
7. A service _____ assists veterans with completing their claims with the VA. (**officer**)
12. A _____ consists of two parts; the preamble, and the resolve clause (**resolution**)
16. The American Legion's birthday is celebrated during the month of _____. (**march**)
17. Henry _____ was General of both the Army and the Air Force, making him the only man to ever hold both titles. (**arnold**)
19. John _____ was the first President to not serve in the armed forces. (**adams**)

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