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AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT TRIP

The American Legion Americanism and Government Trip was held March 6th – March 10th, 2023. This year the students were chaperoned by Department 1st Vice Commander Jason Rue, Americanism Commission District Chairman Stan Oren, Auxiliary 1st Vice President Jane Ridenour, Buckeye Boys State President Dave Ridenour, Department Fiscal Secretary Rebecca Corbin, and Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator Christie White.

Day 1 of the trip consisted of visiting Gettysburg Battlefield and the Gettys-



burg Museum. The battlefield tour never disappoints, and the museum was an amazing experience. There is so much history in Gettysburg.

Day 2 of the A&G Trip, we visited the Air Force Memorial, Eisenhower Memorial, Navy Memorial, Law Enforcement Memorial, National Cathedral, U.S. Capitol, Washington, WWII, Vietnam, Lincoln and Korean monuments/memorials, and stopped at the White House for some pictures.

Day 3, we started off with a visit to the Iwo Jima Memorial, then on to Arlington National Cemetery for our wreath laying ceremony, which is our biggest honor. Our "wreath security" was Joseph

Thompson – Post 25 District 7 and Elyse Pope – Post 405 District 5. Our young leaders selected to place the wreath were Aiden Bryant – Post 450 District 4 and Emma Trimble – Post 25 District 7. *(Continued on page 7)*



2023 Department Convention June 30th – July 2nd, 2023

The American Legion Department of Ohio

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The American Legion Department of Ohio Auxiliary

Marriott – University of Dayton

1414 S Patterson Blvd

Dayton, OH 45409

Deadline for Registration is May 28th.

To make reservations please call 1-800-MARRIOTT or 937-223-1000 and reference "The American Legion Department of Ohio 2023 Convention"

If having trouble with the phone system, book your group rate for American Legion Department of Ohio 2023 Convention online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2cpr327h>

The discounted group rate is \$130.00/night + tax.

The Department Convention Call will be mailed to each Post in late April 2023. All Post Delegates and Alternates must be registered **15 days** prior to Convention.

Delegate and Alternate registration deadline is June 16th!

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/department-conferences-conventions/>.

**Legion Meeting Space
Dayton Convention Center**

**22 E 5th St
Dayton, OH 45402**

**Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention and any meetings offered.*
Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.*

SEE YOU THERE!

Department Service Officer Gary Felver will be onsite at Department Convention Friday, June 30th and Saturday, July 1st from 10am to 6pm to assist veterans with:

- Claims submissions
- Claims status checks
- Board of veterans appeal submissions
- Supplemental claims / higher level review claims
- Dependency claims

Further, Gary can answer your questions pertaining to your Benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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https://www.instagram.com/ohio_legion/





DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Charles Stennis
Department Commander

My fellow Legionnaires,

As we enter the season celebrating the fallen and those who made the final call. Let us again use this time to check on those who we have not seen since before the holidays. A reminder: although we want members, as an organization we are rooted in our service to one another. A Post cannot grow their membership

without establishing rooted functional relationships. Spring is the season several Posts will have leadership changes. As someone who has gone through the leadership chairs, do not be afraid to ask questions at the County, District, and Department level. Each level of leadership exists to support Post leadership, so do not be afraid to reach out and contact someone. No commander, 1st vice commander, adjutant, or finance officer should ever feel that they are doing the work of the American Legion alone.

As new leadership comes on board, make sure your Post's Consolidated Post Reports (CPRs) and Officer Certification forms are being completed and turned in before the stated deadlines. The CPR is a reflection of who we are as an organization and a reflection of each Post's impact in their community. Completing the officer certification forms ensures your Post will receive your 2023-2024 membership cards in a timely manner.

Lastly, I encourage Legionnaires during this Post election season to be engaged

in your Post electoral process. Ask questions upon your leadership and do not accept "Because we always did this way" as an answer. People being a member of an American Legion is more than paying dues or low-cost beverages, it is carrying on the legacy set before us who took the time to sow and ingratiate our lives, so we have the FREEDOM that we have today.

God Bless
Charles Stennis
Department Commander

1ST VICE COMMANDER



Jason Rue
1st Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your 1st Vice Commander. As of the writing of this article we have two Districts over 90%

and only District quota. Congratulations to the Ninth District for attaining quota and qualifying for Race to the Top. The Department is currently in 44th place nationally at 85.20%. Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. If we just renew our current members, we would be at least 90% as a Department. If you need help, do not be afraid to ask. You can request postcards from Department to send out to your members. These have a better than 50% success rate of members renewing.

There are many opportunities to earn extra money through working membership. If you want to see the money available for membership and the dates of the turn-ins, go to the Membership page on the Department Website and scroll down to the Award Manual and click the link. I hope to hand out more awards and checks at Summer Convention. I urge the Posts that make quota by these dates to come and personally receive your awards. Have a great rest of the Membership year and keep working on membership.

Memorial Day is approaching. Celebrate by remembering those who have gone before us. Paying respect for the ultimate sacrifice.

Gratefully yours,
Department 1st Vice Commander
Jason Rue

2ND VICE COMMANDER



Arnold Whatley
2nd Vice Commander

I would like to thank all the Districts and teams who participated in the Department of Ohio annual bowling tournament during the month of February 2023. It was held at Polking Lanes in Dayton, Ohio, hosted by Post 598. The attendance was a little above average, totaling 282 bowlers, 142 doubles, and 68 teams. A total of \$3,000.00 was raised from different activities during the 6 days of bowling for the hosting Post 598, which was presented to them by 2nd Vice Commander at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023.



Shown left to right is Department 2nd Vice Commander, Arnold Whatley, tournament Commissioner and organizer, Peggy Gross, Kenneth Giles (another Roger Hight 300 Club roller), and Gary Cox, Sixth District Commander

outs. One of the highlights of the bowling tournament was three of the bowlers received their jackets for bowling a 300 game — and most important the Department Commander, Charles Stennis, throwing the first ball down the lane.

The commissioners are currently working with Post 72 in Cincinnati to host the 2024 bowling tournament.

We are looking for a Post to host the 2025 bowling tournament as well. Other activities scheduled for the year (Pool tournament: April 14-16, 2023, host Post 29 and Dept. Golf tournament July 29-30, 2023, hosted by Post 598). Please visit the state website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities/> for more information.

Arnold Whatley
Department 2nd Vice Commander

ROBINSON'S RECAP



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Members,

We are heading into the start of the next membership year. We have had a fall off from last year's membership. We are looking at several new ways to help post gain and retain members. The

first one is: We are starting an online video game service for the game Call of Duty. We will have a Discord chat channel to go with it. This will allow our members to talk and build comradeship. The next area is to reach out to posts

that are having trouble retaining members. We have postcards that have been working well to get members to renew. We will work hand in hand with those posts.

Our programs have gone well this year. Thank you for the continued support for them. If you have ideas of other programs for us to look at, please reach out. Thank you all for a great year and we will continue to work hard to make the Department of Ohio the best Department in the American Legion.

John Robinson
Department Adjutant



Gregory Hall on the right and Mike Fahrenholz on the left each received a jacket for the Roger Hight 300 Club

No winners have been released at this time. The bowling commission is currently going through the handicaps and scores to identify the winners and pay-



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

Howzit, Understanding our history will benefit you in many ways, the recording of history will help you understand how and why our American Legion family is the way it is, you can only find answers from history. Why would any Department, District, or Post not want to make sure they have a record of all that goes on within their jurisdiction? Believe me... there are. Because the ones that don't keep records, or a history of events are the ones that have dissention within their ranks. Having knowledge of history can not only reveal where we are coming from and help us understand the present, but it puts grease in the wheel of dissention and perpetuates a better future. It allows us to observe and understand how people and societies behaved.

For example, we can evaluate war, even when a nation is at peace, by looking

back at previous events. History pro-



At The American Legion 2nd District at their Spring Conference hosted by the Orley Scherer Post 493 in Jackson Center Ohio, with Al Beyer, Department Historian to speak on the importance of recording the post history, with Department Post History Book 1st Place Winner from 1972-1974, US Army veteran Ron Leininger 2nd District Sgt-at-Arms, and Squadron 493 Chaplain. Ron also has National achievements of 1st Place in 1974 and 3rd Place in 1973, which is showcased in a wall cabinet display at Post 493 made by his father, Ray Leininger.

vides us with the data that is used to create laws, ... or theories about various aspects of society.

Some Posts just do not think it is important to keep records. Those who do not, are not caring enough. Don't be a part of the "old boys" club and acquiesce to the old lazy way of doing things and expect someone else to do it. Like a pyramid scheme, you'll never sustain. BE THE ONE... to get it done, because if you don't do it, it may never happen



or get done. BE THE ONE!!! Be the one to start keeping a record of all that goes on within your Post (the bad as well as the good), because you are laying the foundation for the next leaders. The bad because future officers must know what not to do, and the good because you not only want to grow but you need to grow. You give the next leaders something to move forward on and a more active Post will happen because you showed you cared. Your community is watching. BE THE ONE... to record as much as humanly possible.

If you decide to BE THE ONE who is interested in submitting a history book, June 25 is the deadline to get it to me. You can send it directly to me at my address. Any questions on putting your Post history book together, you can email me as well. I will be happy to send the .pdf of your history book instructions to you via email.

Godspeed
Department Historian
Al Beyer



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Douglas Whitney
Judge Advocate

What's in a name? American Legion Posts each have a name and a number. Each Post also has several documents that legally establish the post's existence. These are the Post Charter, the Post Ohio

Articles of Incorporation, and the Post Constitution and By-Laws. The Post name and number is set forth in each of these documents, and it is important that the stated name and number be exactly the same in each document. Posts should start with the charter name and number and see that each of the other documents is identical, except that often the Articles on Incorporation will add

the abbreviation "Inc." after the name and number. Posts should review these documents annually to be sure they are current and valid, especially if there has been a post-merger or name change.

Second, as election and convention season is fast approaching, Posts and Districts should take note of the change in delegate numbers authorized in a change to Article V, Section 2, of the Ohio De-

partment Constitution. We should have a great convention in Dayton this year!

"Reminder: amended constitutions and by-laws should be sent to the Department Adjutant's office for tracking purposes, rather than directly to the Judge Advocate for review."

Douglas Whitney,
Department Judge Advocate



CHAPLAIN



James Fast
Department Chaplain

Greetings Ohio Legionnaires,

The weather is starting to be more reliable now and spring is in the air. The daffodils are in bloom and I see buds forming on the trees. The back yard is

occupied with robins and grackles and nest building is in full swing. As I write this, Easter Sunday is tomorrow, the day when we Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. The history of mankind has always noticed this yearly transition to new life

and Christians have the promise of the resurrection to eternal life. The Apostle Peter tells us 1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

Hope is not a wish, hope is something happening and you don't know when the wish may or may not happen. I, like many of you, have been in the ER, OR, ICU and many things the hospital has

to offer. I know of the sadness when the doctor says you have cancer, but now I am cancer free. We all are going to depart this body, we know not when. So what is our hope?

I talk to veterans every week and many are in despair. The American Legion Buddy Check's purpose is to reach out to our brother and sister Legionnaires with the goal to reconnect with veterans who may need assistance but don't know where to go or who to ask. The information you need is located at <https://www.legion.org/publications/252001/buddy-check-toolkit>

I still have a book, SUICIDE: The For-

ever Decision, By Dr. Paul G. Quinnett.

Dr. Quinnett has given this book under public license to all in the world.

If you would like a copy, email me at jofast@hotmail.com, with "free suicide book" in the subject line and I will send the pdf file to you. It is 100 pages. Please get the book and read it, it will prepare you if the situation arises.

PRAYER NEEDS

-Mr. Art Lustig recently fell and broke his hip.

Arthur F. Lustig, 1901 Temblethurst Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121

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CHAPLAIN cont'd.

Jean Wilson Past Department Commander, had an accident in early April. Jean fell and broke her arm.

Jean Wilson, 329 Harmony Dr., Harrison OH, 45030

Now unto him that is able to keep you

from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Department Chaplain
James Fast

**AUXILIARY PRES.**

Cindy Masowick
Auxiliary President

The Department of Ohio Auxiliary has hired a Department Secretary. Please welcome Maria Frame, who is an Air Force Veteran. We had the opportunity to introduce Maria to the

American Legion DEC on Saturday, April 1.

The Auxiliary hosted their Poppy Celebration on Sunday, March 26 at Young-Budd Post 171 in Westerville. Commander Stennis was in attendance. We had 4-Miss Poppy and 1-Master Poppy.

Members who attended bought items to be distributed for Women Veterans in the Columbus area.

Buckeye Girls State is approaching. It looks like we will be close to having 600 delegates this session. We are moving to Bowling Green State University this summer. Don't forget that Buckeye Girls State orientations are mandatory.

I have more planned unit visits between now and Department Convention. Hope to see many of you as I visit your Post homes.

Cindy Masowick
Auxiliary Department President

**DETACHMENT CMDR.**

Dennis Albright
Sons of the American
Legion Detachment
Commander

Good day to you my Legion Family Members. Hard to believe that my term as Detachment Commander is almost at an end. It has been an honor to serve my term with Commander Stennis and President Masowick. In April I visited the 2nd, 5th, and 3rd Districts for their conferences and installed the newly Elected Officers for their Districts. I would like to take this time to thank them all again for their hospitality. April 22nd was the First Annual Central Region Extravaganza (CRE23). Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and New York had representatives present upon this day. There were several great presentations that day and when you see Jeff Vrabel Sr. Be sure to thank him for a job well done with this event. Would like to also thank Squad-

ron 532 for opening their doors for the CRE23 guests and serving dinner that night and suppling the entertainment. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Detachment Convention in Marietta May 19-21. The main hotel is booked, and the overflow hotel is almost booked solid. Good luck to all the Candidates that will be running for election of the respected offices. Department Convention is also coming up soon as well good luck to Legion Candidates and Auxiliary Candidates. Post Commanders if you have not already checked with your Squadrons please do so and make sure they have turned in all their required paperwork. They should have turned in SDR, OCF, CSR, and the form recognizing who the new Post/Squadron Commander is and Post/Squadron Adjutant.

Dennis Albright
Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander

**PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Robert Schmitt
Past Department
Commander

During my term as Commander, I made Veterans' Treatment Court my Project. This Project was different from most other Department Commanders' Projects. This one required that we help get more Veteran's

Treatment Courts created, get us veterans to step up and become mentors for the veterans in veterans' courts, and to raise monies to help the veterans' courts provide incentives for the veterans to complete their required Program and to reduce the recidivism rate.

It was unfortunate that I started having health issues right after becoming commander that prevented me from being more active in advancing my Project, however we were successful at raising monies in an amount in excess of \$25,000, but we were unable to verify the dollars raised until this last month. No monies have been dispensed as of this date, however now that they have been found, my goal is to send each court a check for \$250.00 along with a letter explaining the purpose of the funds. Along with the letter and check

would be a blank form for requesting additional funds for future incentives.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, the number of courts has increased from 21 when my Project started to about 30 or more now (a 2023 verification list is not available at this time). If you have neighbors or friends that are judges, recommend to them that our veterans who developed issues while deployed serving our country need help and that they could be very instrumental to our veterans. We need to be supporting future judges that want to help veterans with their legal issues, get control of their lives and future, as well as to become better members of society. Most veteran issues were caused from multiple deployments as well as the conditions that our troops experience while being deployed.

The following questions and answers will help you understand what the Veterans' Treatment Court is and how it helps our veterans. The American Legion needed to get involved to give more of our brothers and sisters the help that they need to return to a more stable and productive life.

There are three parts to a successful Veterans' Treatment Court:

Part 1) Increase the number of Vet-

erans' Treatment Courts in Ohio. We have eighty-eight counties in Ohio, only twenty-one (21) have Veterans' Treatment Courts.

Part 2) Every court needs mentors to work with the veteran as they transition back to a more stable life. You can learn more about being a mentor from your local Veterans' Treatment Court. Requirements for being a mentor have been reduced. There is a National Organization for mentors called Justice for Vets and their website is justiceforvets.org. This is OPTIONAL unless your local court requires training from Justice for Vets.

Part 3) Fundraising – The monies raised will be used to help provide incentives as the veteran progresses through the three-year program they will also help the mentors with expenses that they may incur while assisting the veteran.

So, how can you help? Make contact with your local Common Pleas or Municipal Court Judges and express the need to help our veterans that end up in the system. Tell them that you are willing to be a mentor for a veteran or two. If you are unable to help in these manners then help with a contribution

to The American Legion Department of Ohio and include the wording Veterans' Court.

Q: What is a veterans' court?

A: The first veterans' treatment court was established in 2008 in Buffalo, New York, in order to respond to the unique needs of veterans whose combat-triggered problems, such as mental illness or substance abuse, have led to criminal behavior. The veterans' court is a hybrid between a drug court and a mental health court. It uses a treatment problem-solving model rather than a traditional court model to assist veterans whose problems can be clearly traced to military service. Ohio, whose population of veterans is sixth among the 50 states, now uses veterans' courts to help deserving war veterans who have become criminal defendants.

Q: How does a veterans' court work?

A: Veterans in the criminal justice system are first identified through evidence-based screening and assessments. They may then be referred to the veterans' treatment court by probation officers, public defenders, defense lawyers

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or judges. Such a veteran defendant also may be referred by a veterans' Justice Outreach Specialist (VJO), whose job is to link veteran defendants with Veterans Affairs services. VJOs.

Veteran defendants who qualify for veterans' court can participate in a court-supervised treatment plan with a court-appointed team of specialists. This team may include court staff, pro bono attorneys, probation officers, health care providers and treatment staff. The team's goal is to help each veteran navigate the system and get necessary help. Veterans' court teams also collaborate with the Veterans Service Commission and the Veterans Affairs office in each county so that veteran defendants can take advantage of the many resources these federal

organizations provide. Volunteer veterans also provide assistance, often serving as mentors to veteran defendants throughout the course of treatment. Veteran defendants who have successfully completed their treatment plans and have met certain criteria may avoid jail or prison terms or even have their charges dismissed.

Q: Do veteran defendants get their crimes excused?

A: No. The goal of the veterans' court is not to excuse a veteran defendant's crime, but to address underlying reasons for the crime in ways that are most likely to prevent repeat criminal behavior.

Q: Where are Ohio's veterans' treatment courts?

A: There are more than 460 veterans'

treatment courts nationwide. Ohio currently has about 30 veterans' treatment courts and more are being added. Check with your county to see if your judge has started one. Even if your county does not yet have a veterans' court, judges in every Ohio court have access to a veterans' justice outreach specialist and can connect a defendant veteran to federal services.

Q: Do veterans' treatment courts work?

A: An old study indicates that they work effectively: recidivism rates are far below the national average of more than 50 percent. In a Cincinnati study, only 10 percent of those referred to veterans' courts were rearrested; 21 percent gained full-time employment, 31 percent moved to stable housing, and 16 percent

enrolled in school or training programs. Youngstown reported 0 percent recidivism, and in Stark County only 5 percent were re-arrested on felony charges.

Thank you for supporting this program that transforms lives and mends families. If you would like to support this program through donations you can make a check out to The American Legion Dept. of Ohio with the word "Veterans Treatment Court" in the memo. The proceeds will be used throughout the year in the form of a documented grant to a Veterans' Treatment Court in support of camaraderie and positively enhancing the process. The funds will be used to benefit the court process and all the veterans in the court and will not be in any way a private inurement to any individual veteran.

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**"The SitRep"**

Board of Veterans Appeals update.

2022: \$2,297,630.59 Success Rate 92%

2021: \$3,118,219.82 Success Rate 92%

2020: \$2,331,260.93 Success Rate 83%

2019: \$2,741,720.23, Success Rate 74%

2018: \$2,307,076.76, Success Rate 75%

2017: \$5,635,796.35 Success Rate 85%

Total Winnings for Veterans:
\$18,431,704.70

**POST SERVICE OFFICER SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023!!!**

The Annual Department Post Service Officer Training is scheduled for September 16, 2023, from 0800 to 1630 at

Department Headquarters. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn the basics pertaining to VA Benefits available to your Post members. Topics covered include Service Connections, Burial Benefits, Survivor Benefits, Presumptive Conditions and many more topics. To register email genochio@ohiolegion.com.

**CLEVELAND VA REGIONAL
OFFICER CHANGE OF LOCATION**

The American Legion Department Service Officer team located at the Cleveland VA Regional Office has moved from room 923 to room 1259 on the 12th floor of the Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal Building, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, OH. 44199. Further, the Office fax number has changed to 215-713-1285. This is correct, 215 is the area code associated with our new fax line.

THE PACT ACT IMPACT

Since the inception of the PACT Act more than 1,432,200 claims have been filed by veterans and their survivors, resulting in a VA claims backlog of 210,207 claims. To date Ohioans have file 15,992 claims pertaining to the new PACT Act.

The VA has actively hired new VA raters to streamline the process while still processing all claims received. The Cleveland VA Regional Office is one of the RO's that are processing these claims. Important reminders about the Pact Act: Much like the Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water, the effective dates are set by the U.S. Government and noted in the Bill. The effective date for the PACT Act is Aug 10, 2022, the date the bill was signed into law regardless of when the veteran filed or when the symptoms / condition began. As things progress the law may change as it did with the Agent Orange presumptive conditions.

DOD ID CARD CHANGES

Veterans in possession of a DOD issued Military ID card issued under VA benefits for being 100% Permanent and Total cards will expire August of this year. Access to Military bases will no longer be allowed with this card. To obtain the new ID card veterans must obtain a VA Commissary letter by calling 1-800-827-1000 or by visiting the Cleveland VA Regional Office Public Contact team located on the 10th floor. After you secure your commissary letter you must sched-

ule an appointment using the Rapids ID center at the following: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>. I would also advise VETERANS to bring a copy of your DD-214 as well. This is a Department of Defense (DOD) change not the VA.

**VA DISABILITY AND
DEPENDANTS**

Veterans that are service connected at 30% or higher are eligible to add dependents to their VA Award entitling them to additional compensation. This can be done utilizing VA Form 21-686C, further, veterans with children reaching the age of 18 who are still in high school, or college must file VA Form 21-674 to have the child remain on the veteran's award. The VA will automatically remove children who turn 18 regardless of school status if not notified. It is also imperative that veterans who become divorced or widowed notify the VA again using the VA Form 21-686C. This is to ensure the veteran does not incur an overpayment of benefits. Assistance can be obtain through your Department Service Officers.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



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As the weather begins to change here in Ohio, the Ohio Legion Riders have dusted off their bikes and are on the road promoting the American Legion Family. Please be mindful and remember to look twice. Riders, there is a bunch of new Legion Riders gear on Emblem Sales. Take a look and help promote the Legion Riders in style: <https://emblem.legion.org/Legion-Riders/departments/11/>

**THE OHIO LEGACY RUN AND
RIDE ON MILITARY PRIDE
(ROMP) July 13th – 16th 2023**

The 2023 Ohio Legacy and ROMP are both being hosted by American Legion

Post 598 Kettering. The event will kick off with registration on July 12, 2023, at Columbiana Post 290 beginning at 5pm. The Legacy officially begins Thursday, July 13, 2023, kickstands up at 8:30 leaving Columbiana Post 290, stopping at Bellaire Post 52 and ending the day 1 run in Logan, Ohio Post 78. Day 2 leaves Logan Post 78 lunch and stops TBD; day 2 ends at Post 598 for the riders to enjoy the ROMP. Day 3 starts with a rider meeting at 8:30 followed by a ride TBD and again ending back at Post 598 for the ROMP. The final day, Riders will leave Post 598 with planned stops at Celina Post 210, the Lima Tank Plant, before finally making the final stop at The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters.

AMERICANISM

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companying them for the honor of placing the wreath was Department 1st Vice Commander Jason Rue and Department Auxiliary 1st Vice President Jane Ride-nour. After lunch, we went to the White House visitor center, National Archives, Smithsonian American History Museum, headed back to Capitol Hill to meet with Congressman Warren Davidson, FDR, MLK and Thomas Jefferson (TJ's house) memorials. Then we finished the night by stopping at the Kennedy Cen-



ter observation deck, Hard Rock Cafe for dinner, and the National American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.

Day 4, we visited the Marine Corps Museum, George Washington's Mt. Vernon, National Museum of the US Army, Pentagon Memorial, and stopped to say hello to Einstein.

That evening, dinner was hosted by USS Jacob Jones Post 2 in Washington DC (the first all-female Post of ANY service organization), and Kenneth Nash Post 8 in Washington DC offered to let us use their space to eat. The Department Adjutant Doranette Porter (USAF), the Department Assistant Adjutant and Commander of Post 2 Tweila-Rochelle Cauthen (USMC), Ms. World Universe Ambassador and Senior Vice Commander of Post 2 Detashia Coleman

(USN). That evening was the definition of "Legion Family!" So many people came together to welcome and congratulate our young leaders!

Day 5, Our final stop was the Flight 93 Memorial in Stoystown, PA. Words can't describe the Flight 93 Memorial. Very emotional. Former Vice President Dick Cheney said it best. "I think an act of heroism just took place on that plane." 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."

These young leaders really are the future and will do great things. John Glenn once said, "The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds." I

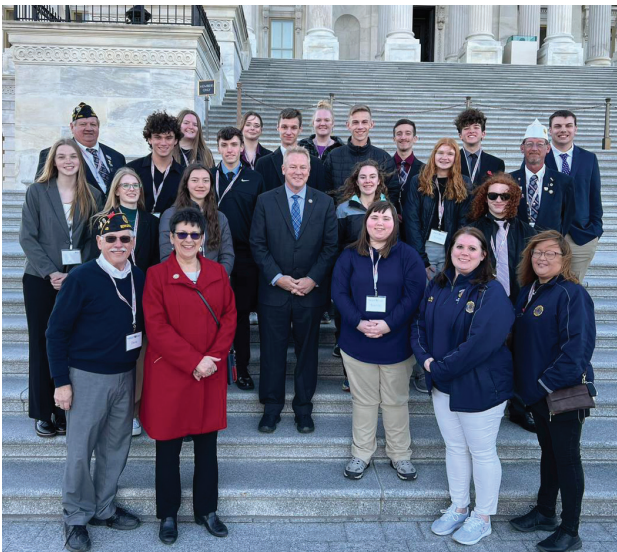


have no doubt these young leaders will inspire future generations.

2023 American Legion Americanism and Government Young Leaders

Ryan Parlin – Post 221 District 10
Aiden Bryant – Post 450 District 4
Sarah Thomas – Post 355 District 2
Hannah Fuller – Post 25 District 7
Elyse Pope – Post 405 District 5
Daniel Cavanagh – Post 28 District 1
Michael Crosby – Post 506 District 9
Luke Santos – Post 161 District 8
Lauren Penrod – Post 188 District 8
Molly O'Brien – Post 506 District
Emily Turner – Post 25 District 7
Joseph Thompson – Post 25 District 7
Nicholas Schroeder – Post 287 District 1
Isaac Haas – Post 357 District 10
Tatum Werntz – Post 217 District 2
Elizabeth Clouse – Post 354 District 5
Emma Trimble – Post 25 District 7

(More photos on next page)





Americanism and Government winner Daniel Cavanagh (Post 28, District 1) was awarded second place at the DECA Internationals Competition. DECA, formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a 501 not-for-profit career and technical student organization with more than 177,000 members in all 50 U.S. states, Washington, DC; Canada, China, Germany, Poland, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. Daniel's category was Personal Financial Literacy, and his win is a first for Perrysburg. He credits his win to his Advisor, Mrs. Byrd. The Legion Family is so proud of you, Daniel!



EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR – LIBBY GREENBAUM

Libby Greenbaum was selected as the Department of Ohio Eagle Scout of the year. Libby is also Union County's first female Eagle Scout. She was sponsored



by Union Legion Post 79 out of Marysville, and was submitted to National HQ to try and win National Eagle Scout of the year.

For her Eagle Scout project, Libby wanted to give back to a community that she was familiar with — veterans. So her father, Lanny, encouraged her to speak with the local American Legion Post 79. Post Commander Mel Cantrell met with Libby in April 2021 and identified that the west side entrance porch of the post home, which faces the parking lot, needed improvement. It's the entrance most people walk through, but it didn't protect from the outdoor elements and wasn't aesthetically appealing. The porch was covered with a ripped canvas awning and thin, broken plexiglass. Libby used SketchUp software to create her design for the porch, which was one that Cantrell "absolutely loved." Pressure treated wood was attached to the existing structure to enclose the porch, new and thicker plexiglass windows were installed, and a new white lattice replaced the old, faded one below the porch along with new rocks. Inside the post home

was deep cleaned and the rose garden was pruned for easier maintenance.

Forty-nine volunteers contributed 479 hours to complete the project last November. "It was really a labor of love," Cantrell said. "I think it came out absolutely wonderful; it has been a great addition to our porch. Honestly, I couldn't be happier with it."

Lanny, who helped with the project, said he was impressed with Libby's ability to successfully create a plan, research it, adjust along the way, and handle challenges. "Opportunities like that, with Libby's leadership at other Scouting events and things of that nature, are going to prepare her for the future and truly help her be a leader moving forward," he said. "We are extremely proud of her."

Libby and her father enjoy woodworking projects together, which is a reason why she went with 2x6 wood slats for the porch walls. Out of wood she has also made a hexagon-shaped shelf, and bird and bat houses for Scouting merit badges.

Heather, Libby's mother, said she has "enjoyed seeing Libby grow as a person in the Scouting program" through the



youth-led model that gives girls "a safe place to learn" leadership.

On May 15, Libby will receive her Eagle Scout merit in a ceremony at American Legion Post 79 where attendees will walk through the newly constructed porch "that we built," Libby said. "I'm really thankful for this program, and for both of my troops for being so supportive of me."

ORATORICAL

The American Legion Department of Ohio held our Department Oratorical Contest on Sunday March 5th, 2023 at Department Headquarters.

The 2023 Contestants were....

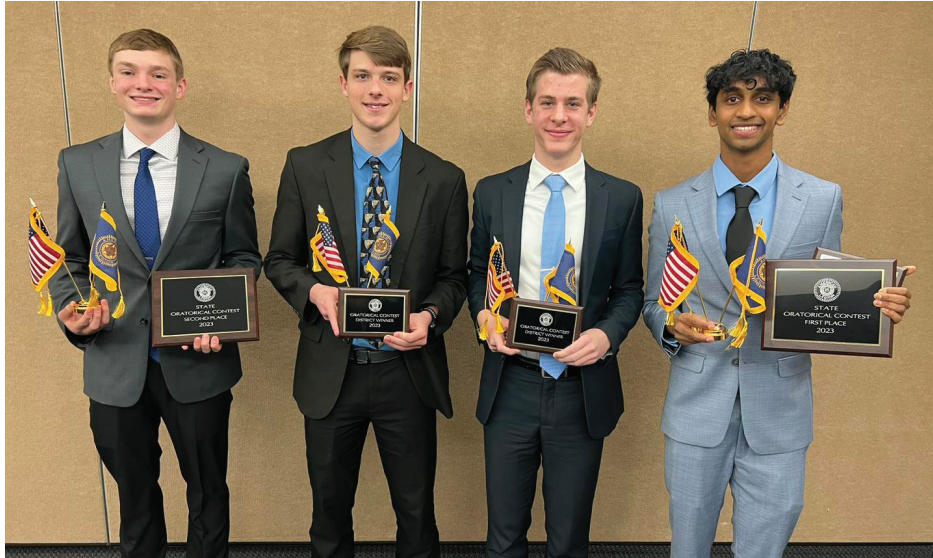
District 1 – Adam Smith
District 2 – Tyler Rowen

District 3 – Gabriel Schutte
District 4 – Guhan Krishnan

First Place was won by District 4 – Guhan Krishnan, and Second Place was won by District 1 – Adam Smith.

We would like to congratulate all the participants of the 2023 Department Oratorical Contest, as well as thank Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary for assisting us with the contest.

Good Luck Guhan! Represent Ohio well at the National Oratorical Contest!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dayton National Cemetery Grave Decorating Ceremony – May 27, 2023
Buckeye Boys State – June 11-18, 2023
Department Junior Baseball Tournament – July 13-16, 2023
Department Senior Baseball Tournament – July 24-28, 2023

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program will be held June 11th-18th, 2023 on the campus of Miami University. If you are interested in joining the Boys State staff, please email Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com for an application.

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



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

APRIL WAS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH!



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 impor-

tance 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 service members 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 publica-

tion 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.

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

1ST DISTRICT *Kevin Motter 1st District Commander*

Greetings from The Great First District! I hope all your Memorial Day programs and ceremonies are well attended and those who come, leave with an increased awareness of the sacrifices made by our service men and women in defense of our liberties.

I'm preparing to attend my fifth session as a staff member of Buckeye Boys State. I truly cannot say enough about the tremendous things this program does in

the lives of our young men who attend. Buckeye Boys State, Inc. is always looking for additional staff volunteers, you need no experience in government, only the desire to be the face of The American Legion and mentor a new generation of leaders. Contact your District Buckeye Boys State Chairman for details.

Please finalize your plans to attend the Department Convention. We have much business to conduct, and your Post only

has a voice in the future of the Department of Ohio if it sends delegates.

Also, as this is read, it's a bittersweet time for me as an elected District officer as my four-year stint, two years as 2nd Vice due to COVID, is rapidly coming to an end. I set many goals for my term as District Commander, and I hit some and missed others. We have a great organization, but it will only stay that way if Legionnaires are willing to step up in

leadership roles.

In closing, always follow the words of our preamble, let them guide us in everything we do at the Post, County, District and State levels.

For God and Country,

Kevin Motter

Commander

The GREAT First District

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

4TH DISTRICT *Jerry Perry 4th District Commander*

Where has this year gone? Fourth district. Everyone is hard at work on the end of the year membership. Remember May 31st sets your delegate strength for Convention it is also your membership total for the year. I do not talk much about me since we are a team, I just wanted to thank the Post that are always there to pitch in no matter when I call them. If I need a color guard I know who to call, if I need an emergency meeting I know who to call, if I need a post with no drama I know where to go. We have had a couple issues this year and I would like to thank the members for stepping up. Post 744 the members saved this Post along with help from family. I was sad to see one resignation from this post. He was a good asset it is my hope once he slows down at work he will be back.

At this time we are in Third place for membership and second in the large District's. We want to congratulate the ninth district for Qualifying for race to the top this year. Good luck. We knew it was going to be hard to make race to the top 3 years in a row, our post stepped up the last two years and worked the DMS members. What we are finding is they are not always the first to renew. These are American legion members we need to treat them as part of our team so let us get them into our post and make them feel welcome.

Remember when you get your membership team do not burn them out. They will be better overall to train new ones.

Thank you all and we will see you soon.
Jerry

10TH DISTRICT *Larry Stottsberry 10th District Commander*

My fellow Legionnaires, as we are starting into the new membership year, we remember the times of enjoying what life had to offer, as we then remember the times of sadness as well.

Times are changing as we experience the new era of the electronic know-how, some operations used for our daily lives at work and in our homes has changed us forever. We must change also; we are uncomfortable with change and doing so; serving in the military we all have had to make changes to our fields of operations. We know what we must do while being involved with the American Legion and the other organizations with veterans and those who have served and are serving.

I believe there are people in my Legion that want to be involved with something and not do nothing. "You know who you are!" Call me or e-mail me that "YOU ARE THE ONE", We have the resources for anyone to learn how to do something new, "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." We all have been brave, be brave again and come to a meeting and meet your fellow Legion members; be involved with something

other than nothing.

It is great to see a brave member join and be involved with the Honor and Color guard, if interested please give post a call.

Please see our calendar of future activities as it gets warmer. We have done our WWII veteran birthday drive-bys again this past March, if you want to participate in the future, call me or e-mail me and I will let you know.

Corn-hole first and third Thursdays 6pm

"We cannot change what we are not aware of, and once we are aware, we cannot help but change." – Sheryl Sandberg
"The degree of responsibility you take for your life determines how much change you can create in it." – Celestine Chua

I tried out for the Marines but fell just short of their requirements. So they put me in the Navy since I was a sub-marine. (Marine Jokes)

"Great" Tenth District Commander
Larry Stottsberry
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6TH DISTRICT *Gary Cox 6th District Commander*

Good day to my fellow Legionnaires, I bring you greetings from the Commander of the Sizzlin' 6th District. I want to take this time and send out thanks to all my fellow Legionnaires and family who have supported me these last 3 years. I have had the great pleasure to have served on the DEC these last 3 years and met and made a tremendous number of friends. Coming out of Covid, the Sizzlin' 6th was a fraction of where we once were. Through the perseverance of the young men that I have as Vice Commanders and the outstanding leadership I have with Past National and Department officers, the Sizzlin' 6th District is recovering. So, thank you to all who have helped resurrect not just the 6th District but all the Districts in the Department of Ohio from the Pan-

demic. Now we have a lot going on in the coming months. April 29th was our Gary Cox Sr Bowling Tournament at Coopers Bowl in Marion held at 12pm. On May 7th was the District Convention at Post 79 Marysville, where we had an election of Officers along with bids for the meetings and Picnic. On May 13th Post 105 London hosted their Unity Ride with kickstands up at noon. Thank you to all in attendance who enjoyed the festivities. I look forward to continuing to serve the Department of Ohio and thank you for the opportunity to serve as the District Commander for the last two years. I look forward to seeing you at the Department Convention in Dayton!

Gary Cox Jr, USMC
6th District Commander 2021-2023

12TH DISTRICT *Brad Beatty 12th District Commander*

Good Day Legionnaires of the Capital Twelfth District of Ohio,

Spring has sprung back and forth and should be evening out here real soon. April has the showers, now looking forward to the spring flowers ... or something like that....

A very busy time for the legion upon us ...

- Membership is not over for this year. We still have a couple of months. Don't stop your efforts to Recruit new members and Retain current members and even Restore expired members. Then go after the 888 brothers and sisters just waiting to be invited to your post and your post activities.

- The District Convention will be held on May 7, 2023. Much business at this meeting.

- ALL 17 POSTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE TO THE MAY 7TH CONVENTION AT POST 144. 3253 S. HIGH ST. Bring as many post members as possible to this meeting.

- We will be nominating and voting on District Officers.

- We will be talking about Department convention and our delegates represent-

ing us.

- Department Convention June 29 – July 2 in Dayton, Ohio. See Department website, OHIOLEGION.COM

- Legion Baseball
- Boys/Girls State
- Mother's Day 5/14/23
- Armed Forces Day 5/20/2023
- Memorial Day 5/29/2023

There is much going on in the American Legion. Share the news and recruit.

Lets be involved in our community ... Get your post in the many parades this spring/summer, host an event and advertise, then set up a recruitment table always.

Let's Be the One, do buddy checks!

Do the work and programs of the four pillars.

Our District, your Post, the American Legion is only as strong as its numbers, and more importantly your participation.

Have a great spring.

For God, Family and Country,
Brad Beatty
Commander
American Legion Department of Ohio
12th "Capitol" District

GOOD OF THE LEGION

DISTRICT 3 – CHECK PRESENTATION

Students from Piqua and Troy High Schools, headed by a senior, Trenton Rudd, and his guiding mentor, Piqua Athletic Director Chip Hare, had raised over \$18,000 for the "Save A Warrior" program. The check presentation was at halftime of the annual rivalry game between the two schools. Piqua Post 184 Honor Guard provided colors for the Na-

tional Anthem before the game as well. Trenton had come to speak at the 3rd District winter meeting, where the District made a donation for this fine young man. 3rd District officers present were; Ken LaVoy, 1st Vice, Brian Fowle, Finance, Melissa Fowle, Chaplain, and Jeff Laack, Historian.



POST 633 - AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TEST WINNER

Charles H. Eyre Post 633 in Seaman is proud to announce that North Adams High School Senior Alex Shupert is a 2022-2023 Americanism and Government Test state winner. Alex is the 7th state winner from North Adams HS in the last 11 years. Due to basketball playoffs Alex missed the Gettysburg/Washington DC trip for state winners but he will be honored at a dinner at the Post in the very near future. Congratulations Alex!



L to R: Karl Boerger (North Adams High School Principal & Post 633 Member) and Alex Shupert (North Adams High School Senior)

POST 586 - ANNUAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Frank E Robinson, American Legion Post 586 out of Tipp City presented donations to three area charities on Tuesday February 28, 2023. Every year 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. This year the Post is again 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.

From left to right: Robert Steggemann representing American Legion Gifts for Yanks Program, Lora Wilcher, Noel Ranft and Carey Short representing Miami County Hospice and Harlan Purves representing Legion Post 586 Scholarships.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 525 - LEGION VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNIZED

Adena American Legion Vietnam Veterans were recognized at a steak dinner for Vietnam Veterans Day on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Twenty-Three Veterans were in attendance at the dinner. The dinner was hosted by Commander Dirk Harkins and the Sons of the Adena American Legion Post 525.

Pictured are Joe Davia kneeling, front left, Joe Scovronski, Tom Trickett, Mark Anderson, Gary DeNoble, Ron Dosen, and Frank Zamski; Second row: Don Bernoski, Sam Bates, Roger Sliva, John George, and Rich Jeskey; Third row: Paul Kalonick, William Kelley, Jim Sobleski, Mike Cottage, and Craig Core; and Back row: Joe Petro, Bob SeEVERS, and John Zamski. Present but not pictured were Curtis Irwin, Larry Bickerstaff, and Tom Sickle.



POST 164 – NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER VISITS



American Legion's National Vice Commander, Kenneth Hylton, shared a brief site visit at Local Paschall Post 164, Grove City, OH on Friday, March 31st. He serves the Central Region's 12th District - which includes Post 164. Accompanied by wife Carol, Hylton was greeted in Grove City by Post Commander Joseph Woodrum and several Executive Board Members. The Vice Commander's entourage included 12th District Commander Brad Beatty, Steve Masowick, National Executive Committeeman; and Ron Chapman, Alternate National Executive Committeeman.

Hylton's city-wide tour included a stopover at The National Military Museum to commemorate Servicemembers. His itinerary to Columbus American Legion Posts consisted of a breakfast meeting at Post 144 and a visit to Post 532. His trip con-

cluded at District Office Post 1, before returning to Indiana.

Kenneth C. Hylton is former Indiana state commander of The American Legion. He was elected national vice commander of the nation's largest veteran's organization during its national convention in Milwaukee. He is one of five vice commanders. Hylton is a life member of American Legion St. Joseph Post 464 in St. Leon, Indiana. Hylton served in the U.S. Army (1970-73). He served with the 301st Army Security Agency Battalion, attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., and later transferred to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado. After military service, Hylton worked for the U.S. Postal Service from 1973 to 2006. He served as commander of the Department of Indiana in 2014, and as department vice commander in 2008. He was appointed as Indiana Commissioner of Veterans Affairs by then Gov. Mike Pence, representing The American Legion for five years. Hylton served as county veterans service officer for Ripley County, Ind., since 2007, raising awareness of veteran services in local areas. He is nationally accredited through The American Legion. He is a dual member of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 464.



National Vice Commander, Kenneth Hylton

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DISTRICT 14 - JOINT HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

District 14 Commander, John Life and District 14 Auxiliary President, Renee Kohl held their joint Homecoming on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 29 - HIGHLIGHTS



The Zanesville American Legion Officers and Executive Committee celebrated with the membership on March 11 to recognize the Post's 104 birthday. The celebration also recognized volunteers of the year from the Legion, Woman's Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion.



Kim Brandfass, Zanesville American Legion Post 29 Adjutant receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Legion Post Commander Eddie Grimes. Brandfass was recognized for her leadership and service to the Post.



Loren Long, second from the right, received The Legionnaire of the Year for 2022 award from 1st Vice Commander Mike Watts, Past 11th District Commander George Bradley and Past Commander Larry Wheeler. Long was recognized for his leadership and service as a member of American Legion Post 29.



The Zanesville Post 29 along with the Post's Women's Auxiliary and Legion Riders made a \$2000 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio. The Agency provides assistance to Veterans with self-reliance through shelter. Left to right - Twila Peck, Legion Women's Auxiliary; Biatta Grimes, Director of Volunteers & Communications for Habitat for Humanity; Eddie Grimes, Commander of Post 29; Melissa Best, Community Director for Habitat for Humanity; and Betty Shanks of the Legion Riders.

POST 112 – YOUTH SPRING CLEANUP



Shown here is the Madison Youth Football League on the M60A3 Tank during spring cleanup at Jay Wilson Legion Post 112 out of Madison.

POST 484 - AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TEST WINNERS

Mt. Washington Inc, Post 484 Auxiliary Unit and Post out of Cincinnati, honored their top A&G Test scorers. Special recognition to Americanism Auxiliary Chairman Vicki Monroe who shared A&G Test duties with Post 484 member Glenn Johnson. Also shown are county top scorers by gender & grade.



Starting left to right are: Americanism Auxiliary Chairman Vicki Monroe, (Soph) Lauren Flax-Miami Valley Christian, (Jr.) Grace Elpers-McNicholas HS, (Jr.) Ty Spitzmiller-McNicholas, & (Soph) Michael Welling-ton-Miami Valley Christian



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POST 238 – SAFETY FORCE POWER DONATION

Donald Cannon Legion Post 238 out of Mechanicsburg in the Third District, recently donated portable generators to the Mechanicsburg Fire Department. The generators will replace their existing antiquated generators that have been in place for several years.

Pictured are Post Commander Jim Blanton, members of Mechanicsburg Posts 238 and the fire department.



POST 112 – COLOR GUARD AT PARALYZED VETERANS EVENT

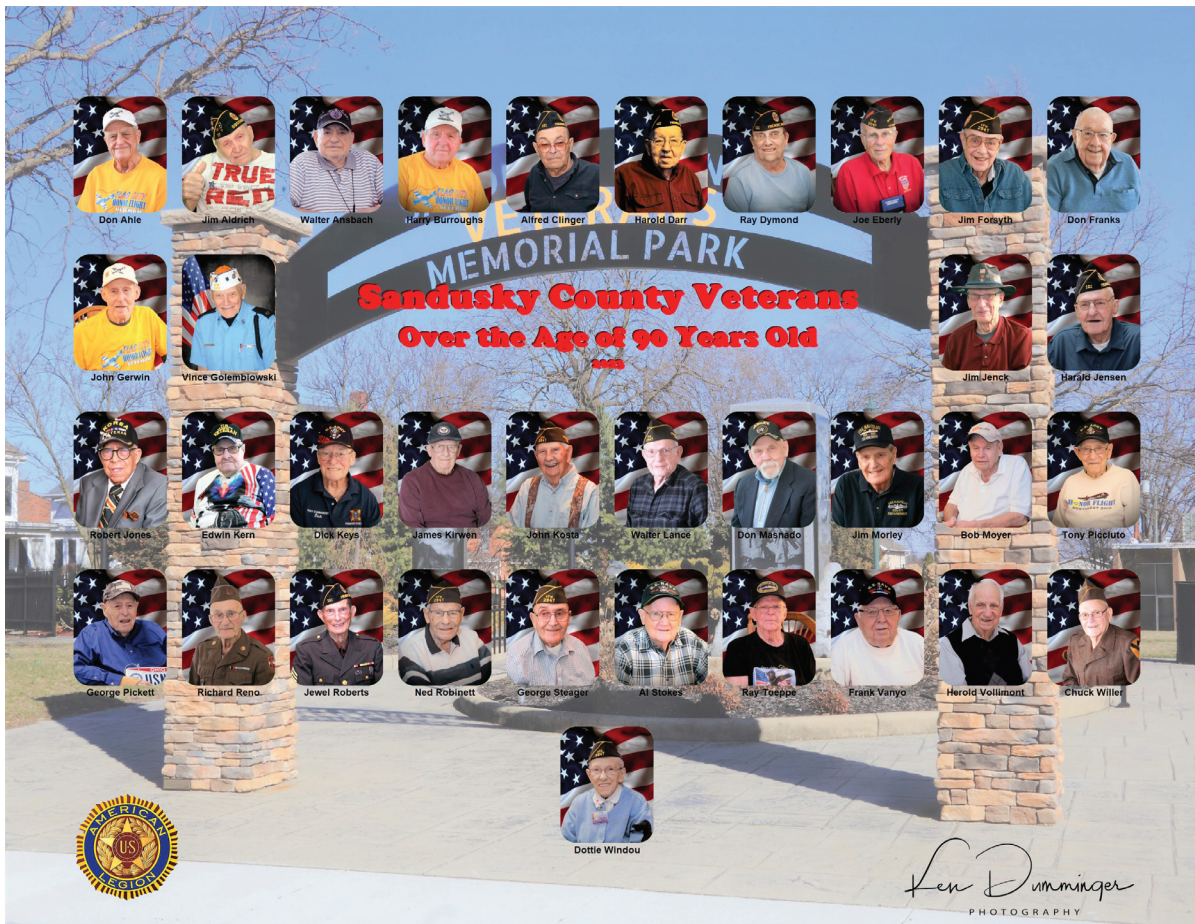


Jay Wilson American Legion Post 112 Color Guard preparing to present Colors to the opening of the Buckeye Wheelchair Games at SPIRE INSTITUTE Genva sponsored by Paralyzed Veterans of America.

POST 608 – SPECIAL PROJECT

Ken Dumminger, member of the Fremont Legion Post, has diligently put together a photography project of Sandusky County veterans who are over 90 years of age in an effort to honor their service and capture their stories for posterity. He plans to

have over 30 vets including two that are over 100 years old participating. Mr. Dumminger is nearing the end of the project but if you wish to contribute to his project, please contact him at 419-355-4403.



Shown here is the composite photo with all the veterans Mr. Dumminger photographed; in the background is the Veterans Park which is across the street from the Sandusky Co. Court House

POST 494 – RED, WHITE, & BLUE AWARD

Homer Weiss American Legion Post 494, of Sugar Creek, recently honored Nancy Schindler with a Department of Ohio "Red, White, & Blue" award and a Post 494 Patriotism Award! Nancy has been very supportive of veterans and flies the flag to honor them.



Shown above is Post Commander Linda Stevanof and County Commander Dan Crenner presenting the awards.

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POST 199 - HONORS HOME DEPOT

On March 9, 2023 at Yeager-Benson Memorial, Post 199 out of Harrison honored Home Depot. Post 199 applied for a grant to replace the ceiling tiles in the Clubroom, Executive Board Room, bathrooms and hallway. They also donated new LED lights for the kitchen and a new washer and dryer as well. They also had volunteers from Home Depot to help the Post's volunteers to install them. Post 199 is so grateful and honored that the Home Depot crew did this project for the Post. In attendance at the meeting was The Legion Family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion).

-Al Buxton & Jean Wilson, contributors of article



Pictured are Nate Peters, Ralph Haynes, Kivan Barger, Tom Fisher, Paula Framke and Jensen McElmeel; Commander Bill Nare presented a plaque and the American Legion Red, White and Blue certificate.



POST 211 – SCHOOL SAFETY DONATION

Avon Lake Post 211 recently donated \$10,000 to the Avon Lake School District to be used to enhance their school safety. One aspect of this donation will go towards more secure doors and the vinyl lettering on all of the school's windows and doors, which provides a quick visual for law enforcement and other first responders in the event of an emergency.



Our Acting Commander, Joe Rada, is on the left and Trustee, Ken Karpy, is pictured on the right. Both serve on their Executive Committee.



OHIO MOC WENSTRUP

Shown below is part of our Ohio Legion delegation to this year's Washington D.C. Conference.



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POST 221 – YOUTH FLAG EDUCATION

On April 11th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, Mark Welden, and Barrett Scott had a ceremony with Her elementary as the kids were told about the flag and what colors mean. The Massillon Post 221 members participated as they also reached the flag at the school.



POST 541 - A&G WINNERS

On April 16th, 2023, Winnow-Arn Legion Post 541 out of Continental recognized their sponsored students with the top Americanism and Government Test scores.



American Legion Dept of Ohio
Great First District

Calendar of Upcoming Events

5/29/2023
Memorial Day
Department Closed

6/11/2023-6/18/2023
Buckeye Boys State
Miami University, Oxford,
OH

6/29/2023
Last DEC 2022-2023
Dayton, OH
3:00PM

6/29/2023-7/2/2023
104th Department
Convention
Dayton, OH

6/29/2023-7/2/2023
National Commander's
Visit to Ohio
Dayton, OH

7/4/2023
Independence Day
Department Closed

7/13/2023-7/16/2023
Junior Baseball
Tournament

7/15/2023
Standing Commission
Meetings
Department HQ
10:00 AM

7/21/2023-7/22/2023
Junior Shooting Sports
Tournament
National HQ

7/23/2023
Senior Baseball Banquet
12:00 PM

7/23/2023-7/26/2023
Boys Nation
National HQ

7/24/2023-7/28/2023
Senior Baseball
Tournament

8/2/2023-8/6/2023
National Regional Baseball
Tournament

8/5/2023
DEC Meeting 2023-2024
Department HQ
10:00 AM

8/10/2023-8/15/2023
National Baseball World
Series
National HQ

8/25/2023-8/31/2023
104th National Convention
Charlotte, North Carolina

9/4/2023
Labor Day
Department Closed

9/16/2023
Post Service Officer School
Department HQ
8:00 AM

10/7/2023
Standing Commission Fall
Meeting
Department HQ
10:00 AM

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THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT

Attending the Department Pool Tournament at American Legion Post No.29 on April 14-16, 2023, were 47 players in the Friday night tournament at the Zanesville Legion. That was their 'cue' for a good time.

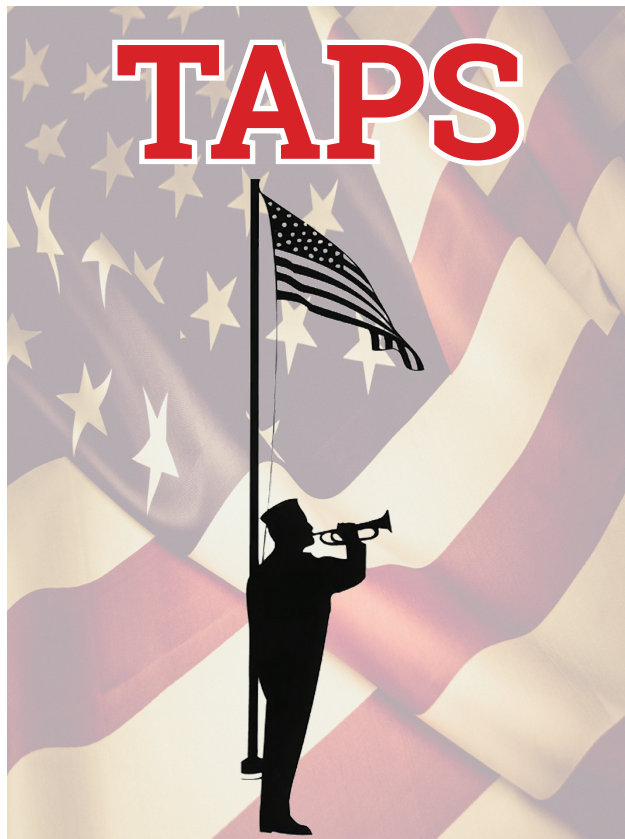


POST 389 – RETIREMENT CEREMONY

The Russell Chadwick Post 389 Color Guard presented the parents of Jeremy and Amber Beebe with US Flags at their combined retirement ceremony.

mony. Both retired as Senior Master Sergeant E8 from the US Air Force in a ceremony.





POST 0002 CLEVELAND HTS
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POST 0003 FINDLAY
GARY BANEY
JOHN RIEKER
GEORGE BJORLING
POST 0007 WICKLIFFE
GEORGE CONWAY
POST 0011 LANCASTER
DALE SHEPPERD
DONALD FUNK
THOMAS JONES
RONALD DILLON
POST 0011 LOGAN
KENNY MALINOWSKI
POST 0012 ELYRIA
WILLIAM RUCKER
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RICHARD MCARTHUR
ZANE BRUSHABER
POST 0015 POLAND
PATRICK BRICELAND
POST 0019 AKRON
CHRISTOPHER CHERPAS
POST 0021 GUYSVILLE
ERNEST MIDKIFF
POST 0021 TUPPERS PLAINS
JOHN HAYES
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FRANK DINSMORE

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- Placement testing preparation
- Provide tutoring assistance
- Course scheduling assistance
- Career counseling

All services through TRIO/Veterans Upward Bound are **FREE** to eligible veterans. Contact us for more information and to see if you qualify for assistance. We are here to help you reach your goals and fullest potential!

Jason Graven

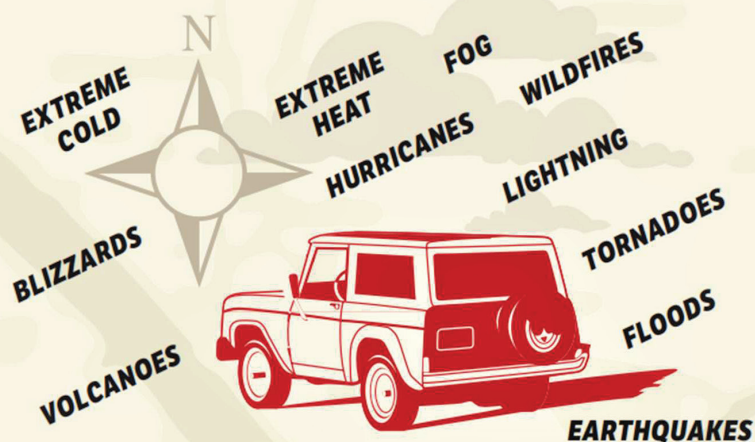
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Post 221 Salvation Army Affiliations

On February 16th, 2023, Larry Stottsberry met with staff of Salvation Army to talk about having a line of communication to provide more help for our local veterans, and service members.



Post 221 Community Food Pantry Donation

On March 7th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, helped pick up and deliver food to the local foodbank, and stayed to then help unload a delivery truck, and help organize the pantry.



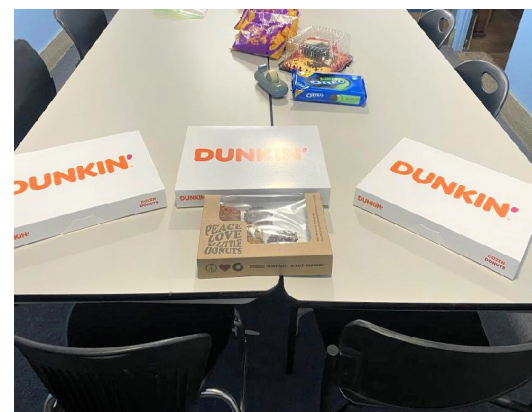
Post 221 Supporting Youth Education

On February 16th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, and Barrett Scott of Massillon Post 221, delivered school supplies and coloring books to students at Whittier Elementary. Donuts were also provided to thank teachers for their hard work.



Post 221 – WWII Vet Birthday Celebration

On February 17th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 held birthday celebration for a WWII veteran, Frank Mandela, pictured below is Massillon fire Department representative of VSC, and Legion members.



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Post 221 – Fellow Post Visitations

On March 1st, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, visited some Posts in the district to honor them for their making quota. First is Warsaw as he visited the Adjutant. Then went onto the Hopedale Post, and visited the Adjutant of the Mineral City Post, later that evening visited Canton Post 44 for their participation with Gifts for Yanks. Then Commander Stottsberry and his wife, Brenda, joined Post 221 with help on getting the post mailings out.



Post 221 – WWII Vet Birthday Celebration

On March 20th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry held a birthday drive by for Mr. Featheringham, a WWII veteran. The police and fire Department from Jackson townships and Stark County VSC, participated.



Post 221 – WWII Vet Birthday Celebration

On March 16th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry along with Howard Marotto; Ohio Highway Patrol, Canal Fulton Police Department, and the VSC - participated in WWII veteran, Guy Atkinson's birthday drive by and party held at Chapel Hill living center.



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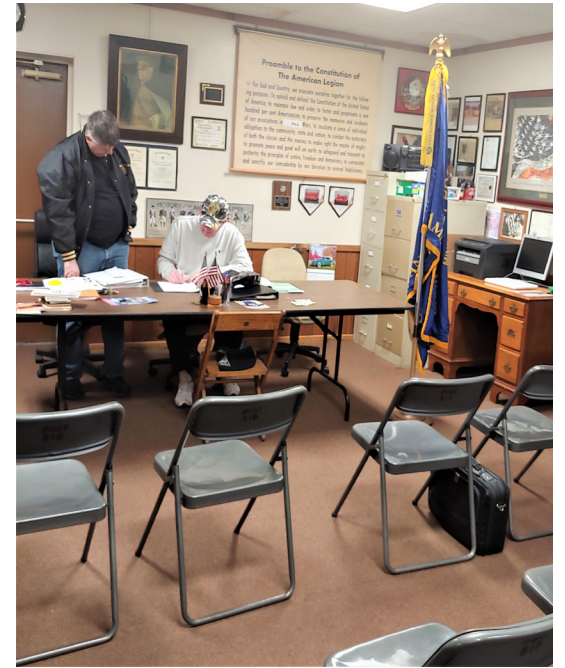
Post 221 – WWII Vet Birthday Celebration

On March 12th, 2023, Department of Ohio Commander, Charles Stennis and Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry along with Howard Marotto, and the Massillon fire Department, and VSC Stark County – participate in a birthday drive by for a WWII veteran at Danbury nursing home with family and other veterans.



Post 221 – Post Visitations

On March 23rd, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry and 2nd Vice, Howard Marotto, visited Mineral City to share news from the conference and told them of the great job they are doing with their Post.



Post 221 – Battling Hunger

On April 19th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, helped out at a local food bank by picking up food from a Menards food drive and delivered the food.



Post 221 – Safety Forces Tour

On March 27th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry took Legion members to Jackson Township's Safety Center and toured. Pictured here are Howard Marotto and Barrett Scott.



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Post 221 – Local Foodbank

On April 11th, 2023, Tenth District Commander, Larry Stottsberry, volunteered at a local foodbank.



Post 134 – Legion Birthday Celebration

PAST DISTRICT 7 COMMANDER PAUL SANDS DELIVERS A MESSAGE TO POST 134 MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT OUR AMERICAN LEGION'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. POST COM-DR. ROGER WARD LISTENS ON IN THE BACKGROUND.



Post 297 – Continuous Membership Awards

The American Legion Certificate of Continuous Membership for 50 years awards were presented to Dick Fige (left) and Joh Overmyer (right) by Reuben J. Smith Post 297 Payne, Ohio. The following members also received 50-year award certificates; John (Jack) Kipfer, William Lawson, and John (Jack) Moore.



Post 161 – Grand Army Bean Dinner Event

The following announcement in the September 11th, 1883 issue of the Gallipolis Bulletin is the documented beginning of the annual Post-Civil War Vinton bean dinner in Gallia county, Ohio.

Corwin Post No. 259, G.A.R.; intends holding a Camp Fire in Holcomb's Grove near Vinton Oct., 13, 1883. All honorably discharged Union soldiers are cordially invited to participate. Bill of fare: Pork, hard-tack, slap jack, beans. ELI G. SHANER Q.M.



(The G.A.R. is short for the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union veteran's organization.)

Between 1500 and 2000 people attended this event in 1883 which attracted larger crowds in the 1890's and early 1900's. Since 1950 [73 years] this annual bean dinner-in honor of the civil war veterans--and now veterans of more recent wars,

has been sponsored by the American Legion (Vinton Post 161, and Auxiliary). (The date of the bean dinner-since 1893-has been the first Saturday in August.) Don't let Ohio's unbroken link with the American Civil War fade away and come out to support the Vinton Legion Post 161 exclusive bean dinner this year on August 5th!

-Article and photos inspired by John Holcomb (Historian-Post 161)



The beans are cooked in two 50-gallon kettles. "Bob" McClaskey and brother Gary (not shown), cook beans at the Vinton bean dinner.



Dinner starts at noon & lasts until 2:30pm



Cadot Blessing Camp #126 Heirs of the G.A.R.



Late comrades "Brad" Fillinger, and Bill Petrie collect donations at the 2010 Vinton bean dinner.



Bingo



Live Music

Within the veteran community, the most cherished and respected can easily be said to be Gold Stars. Mothers, fathers, whole families who have lost a loved one in service to their county.

To commemorate those Gold Star Families, Jim and Leslie Groves (on the right in photo), Kettering, helped raise funds to erect the Gold Star Family Monument in the Memorial Park of the National Museum of the USAF.

Veterans are invited to join this special community at a Gold Star Family Memorial Service at 2pm on Saturday, 3 June 2023.

Keynote speaker is Steve Wyke, volunteer at the Dayton VA with the Dayton National Cemetery Honor Squad, who will share his experiences in service. The service will also feature the Honor Guard from VFW Post 8312 (Beavercreek), The Patriot Guard Riders, with music by Charles Kennedy, Taps by Allan Howie.

Please join us in paying respects to this most special among the veteran community.

To learn more, feel free to reach out to: hrlyjm49@aol.com



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Update on American Legion Programs

Guhan Krishnan was the 4th District Oratorical contest winner. He also was the 1st place winner at the Department of Ohio contest and advanced to the National contest. At the National Oratorical contest there were 49 contestants with nine groups with either five or six Students in each group. In the Quarter Final, group 5 Guhan competed against New Hampshire, Oregon, Connecticut, Montana, and South Dakota and moved on to the Semi Final. In the Semi Final round, he competed against South Carolina, Colorado, Michigan, Idaho and Indiana in his bracket of six who ended up taking first place in the finals. Guhan came in second in that group. Attached is a picture of Guhan with the American Legion National Vice Commander, Ken Hylton and myself.



On May 2nd, John Looker had an American Legion Buckeye Boys State Orientation. There were four Mason High School juniors in the group of 17 Juniors American Legion Post 194, Mason are sending to Miami University for "A week to remember" on June 11-18, 2023. Mason High School students are Mitchell McMillen, Joon-hee Cho, Liam O'Leary and Chris Stackpole.

As an Ambassador for our Military Women's Memorial, my role is twofold:

- Introduce people to the fact that our nation has a major Memorial dedicated to honoring the women who have defended our precious freedom and
- To encourage our women who are currently serving or our veterans (or their families/friends on their behalf) to take their place in recorded history by registering their service and their story on their Memorial.

Distributing this information through Ohio Legion channels is a tremendous opportunity to accomplish those goals!

Once again, thank you most sincerely

-Judy Pearson, COL, USAF (Ret)
Ohio Ambassador, The Military Women's Memorial
Life Member, The American Legion

