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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

The annual Membership Workshop was held in Indianapolis on July 28-30. This 3 day workshop provides training for District 1st Vice Commanders, District Commanders, Department leadership, and Department staff in areas of membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, public relations, amongst others.

For the Department leadership and staff, the highlight of the weekend is the Commander's briefing with the Leading Candidate for National Commander. This year, that Leading Candidate is Charles Schmitt from Oregon. This briefing is where each Department explains their mem-

bership plans for the upcoming year and National then sets a quota they see as reasonable and achievable.

While there is an exact science to how the National quota is derived, each Department is afforded the ability to suggest either a higher or lower quota. Prior to this year's briefing, your Department leadership and staff met and agreed upon what we believed could be attainable. This number was 100,000, 5,000 members over National's proposed quota of 95,000.

You may or may not be asking, "Why would they ask for a higher quota than what was proposed?"

The reason is, we believe that together this is highly achievable. Your Department leadership and membership staff believes in each of you. We believe our Posts and Districts are doing the right things in forging an American Legion for the future, are creating programs and events that will appeal to the remaining 640,000 eligible veterans in Ohio who have yet to belong, and we believe that the work that needs to be done at EVERY level can, and will, be accomplished.

This past membership year was only the second year since 1946 that our membership has been under this 100,000 mark. Membership has been on a downward slide since reaching our all-time high in 1992-1993. In that year, the Department membership was over 167,000 members. Every veteran who has served during this downward slide is an eligible veteran which begs the question, "Why is membership not growing?" There are many different theories that many see as the answer. Each Post and District must evaluate themselves, and we must do the same here at Department Headquarters, to understand why this is. There is no one right answer, there are many, and each geographical region in this state has an answer that can and will work, we must simply act on the issues we find and correct them.

If you are an active Post that makes quota every year, and this year will be no different for you, there is no reason to stop when you hit that mark. Not only can you, and should you, continue to work on membership in your own Post, but why not help the Post in the next town over that is struggling? We are all in this together. We have Districts that hit quota, but not all Posts in that District is a quota Post. EVERY Post needs assistance. EVERY Post can be a quota Post with a little help from our friends. We are an American Legion family and every Post in every town need members just as much as every town NEEDS an American Legion.

The stakes are high, the standards and expectations are high, but our belief in each of you is higher.

## Ronald L. Chapman Elected Department Commander for 2016-2017



*Pictured are (L-R): grandson Nick, son Mike, daughter-in-law Teri, son Jon, wife Karen and Commander Chapman*

Ron Chapman was elected Commander of The American Legion Department of Ohio on Sunday June 26th, 2016 at the 98th Annual Department of Ohio Convention in Independence, Ohio.

Earning his American Legion eligibility serving in the United States Air Force from 1966-1970 as a Crash/Rescue firefighter, Ron is a 47-year member of Williamsburg American Legion Post 288 and is a Paid Up for Life member of Williamsburg Post 288.

He has served his Post in every elected office including two terms as a quota Commander. He continues to serve his Post assisting with membership and as advisor to Squadron 288. He has served as Commander of the Clermont County Council of the American Legion and served as Commander of the "Fabulous Fourth District" in 2003-2004. Ron has served his District as Americanism Chairman, Oratorical Chairman, POW/MIA Chairman, Employment Chairman and served on many other committees.

Prior to his election as Department Commander, Ron

has served the American Legion Department of Ohio on the Americanism committee, Oratorical committee, POW/MIA committee, Employment committee, and Membership committee. Ron has also served our Department on many convention committees.

On the National level Ron has served as a member of the National Americanism Council and currently as a member of the National Legislative Council and has served on several National Convention committees.

A graduate of Thomas More College with a BA in Business Administration Ron resides in Williamsburg, Ohio with his wife of 50 years Karen. They have three children Jon, Mike, Sara and four grandchildren Jacob, Sydney, Justin, and Nick. All are members of the American Legion Family.

Ron is also a member of Clermont County Voiture Locale 105 of the 40 et 8 and served the Grande Du Ohio as it's Nurses Training Directeur for 10 years. He is a member of Batavia VFW Post 3954, and is a Life member of Clermont Chapter 649 of the Viet Nam Veterans of America.



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## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Ronald L. Chapman  
Dept. Commander

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the delegates and the membership of the American Legion Department of Ohio for supporting me as I have moved through the chairs of this great organization. It is truly an honor to serve as your Commander for this year ahead of us, and with your continued support we will continue to push forward with our traditions and programs which support all of our Veteran's, both

active and inactive. I would like to express my appreciation to PDC's Ron Hartman and Lou Dimmerman for their nominating speeches and to my Post, County, and District for their full support as I have made this journey and most importantly to my wife Karen and my family for their support and understanding as I have traveled working for the American Legion causing many disruptions in family scheduling. Without their support this could not have happened.

We heard many times last year about the seriousness of TBI/PTSD, veteran suicide, homelessness, and we were able to

hear many speak of alternative methods treatment and therapy. My Commanders project this year will be just that. TBI/PTSD treatment with an emphasis on alternative methods of treatment. I would also like to see this accomplished in partnership with our local Ohio Comfort Warriors Project. Please send your donations for this worthwhile project to the American Legion Department of Ohio and be sure to note in the memo area of your check Commanders project 2017.

As this year starts to move forward I want to thank all who have volunteered their time and effort to make Ohio's National

Convention in Cincinnati a success. Thank you to all of the Chairman, their committees and to the Convention Corporation for your hard work.

Last year the greatest disappointment to me as a Department Officer is that for the first time since 1959 our membership will dip below the 100,000-member mark. This will be our greatest challenge for the upcoming year. I know it can be done, because we had two Districts this past year exceeded their quota. Don't be afraid to grow your membership! I have all of the confidence in this Department and our Legionnaires that we can ebb this

decline and start moving our numbers up once again.

We experience some changes in our Department last year that should help us to be more productive. Our building is back up and running. We have a new Adjutant in place and in control of the operations. Our award winning web-site is available and user friendly, and there are more changes on the horizon. Please utilize the resources available to you and your Posts, County's, and Districts so that together we can "Grow the Family" as we work hard for our Veteran community.



## 1st VICE COMMANDER



David Jackson  
1st Vice Commander

I would like to start this by thanking everyone for your support and faith in me to elect me to this high office. I promise do the best job I can.

We are just starting the year and this being a new job I don't have a lot to report. The Department of Ohio finished last year in 34th place with 95,619 members with 92.834%, 7,381 below goal of 103,000 members.

By the time you read this, we will have had 1st lap turn-in, all 1st Vices will have been to the Membership Workshop in Indianapolis, and our 2nd Department Executive Committee meeting where all bets and pledges are made.

Membership is everyone's job. We all need to work hard to get new members and even harder to

keep the ones we already have. Too many times someone with 20 or 30 or more years doesn't renew. A lot of the time they are ill, having a hard time, or have been put in a Nursing Home. Please try to contact these people and find out the problem and maybe the Post can help if that is the case. Sometimes a phone call or visit to someone's house is all it takes to let them know someone cares and they'll pay their dues. Please try to contact anyone with over five years and hasn't paid and if there is a reason that can easily taken care of.

The amount of cards turned in at Department Convention, I thought, was good with over 2200 cards.

If there is anything I can help you with please contact me by phone or email. If I can't answer your question I'll do my best to find the answer and I will contact you back.

*For God and Country*



## 2nd VICE COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant  
2nd Vice Commander

I want to start by thanking you for your support and confidence by electing me the Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander. I am extremely proud to be representing all of the Legionnaires of the great Department of Ohio. I truly believe we have the greatest Legionnaires in The American Legion.

I ask that you bear with me as I start this year. I am not perfect, and some mistakes will be made. I hope to keep them to a minimum. As I stated at Department Convention, my smile is genuine, my heart is genuine, and my commitment is genuine. I love all that The American Legion represents. I will do my part to help support

the four pillars of The American Legion. I believe in supporting the Legion family.

Thank you to all of the Posts that sponsor Department activities. Thank you to those that participate in Department activities. If you have any ideas for new Department activities, please contact me.

To you New District 2nd Vice Commanders, you have an important role. Please help your Districts and District Commanders as much as you can. Learn all that can. Remember that in a couple of years you will be the District Commander. If I can assist you in any way, feel free to contact me at 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com.

One thing you will be hearing me say throughout the year is that we should be finding and mentoring people to take our places. We

appreciate the hard work that you have done, and are doing. I am addressing the fact that we have had several great Legionnaires that have passed away. In many cases, taking their experience went with them. You are the life blood of The American Legion. We need to grow people into leadership positions. We need to start mentoring members at the Post level and grow them into Post Officers, County Officers, District Officers, etc. The American Legion will not survive unless members are willing to except leadership roles. We are part of the greatest Veterans Service Organization in the world. We must do all that we can to make it grow.

Thank you again for your support. I look forward to representing you and the Department of Ohio.

*For God and Country*



## SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons  
Department Adjutant

Hello Legionnaires and Legion Family. I hope everyone is having a wonderful Summer. The Department of Ohio continues to work tirelessly for our Veterans, Families, Posts, and Districts. We have had a busy Summer. We successfully completed Buckeye Boys State and our Department Convention. We elected our new Department Officers; Commander Ron "Happy" Chapman, 1st Vice Commander Dave Jackson, 2nd Vice Commander Stanley Pleasant, and Treasurer Harold Krieg. By the time this goes to print, the Ohio American Legion Baseball Tournament will crown its new champion, The Department Commander, Staff, and 1st Vice Commanders will complete the National Membership Workshop, and we will have rededicated our newly completed Department Headquarters. It has been a long year and having the Department Headquar-

ters whole is refreshing.

The American Legion Legacy Run, and the National Convention are quickly approaching. The Legacy Run is riding into the Yeager-Benson Post 199 in Harrison Ohio on August 25, 2016. Let's show The American Legion our Buckeye Pride and be there to greet the ride as it concludes in Harrison. Post 199 is pulling out all the stops to make this year's Legacy Run culmination an overwhelming success. I am organizing a motorcycle ride from the Department Headquarters to Wayne Post 64 in Indianapolis on August 20, 2016 to visit the start of the Legacy Run as it leaves Indianapolis on August 21. If you have not participated in or witnessed the Legacy Run, come on out, it is a spectacle. The Department is wrapping up preparations for the National Convention. The Convention Corporation and the leaders of the Fabulous 4th District are working to make this convention one to remember. Convention Shirts are on sale, check out our website at [www.ohiolegion.com/shop](http://www.ohiolegion.com/shop) for details.

We just completed the 53rd Annual Membership Workshop in Indianapolis. Director Graven has written a great article on the Workshop and the challenge we face this year. I believe we are at a critical time in the history of The American Legion. It is very possible our national numbers will drop to below 2 million members. We cannot stem this tide without your help. We have an opportunity to prove that The American Legion is relevant and vibrant. We must Retain and Recruit our fellow Veterans. The Department of Ohio has risen to meet every challenge and I am confident with hard work and perseverance we can overcome this challenge.

In a perfect American Legion world, every member would be thoroughly conversant about all aspects of the Four Pillars of The American Legion: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children and Youth. Members would know the programs offered under each pillar along with the details of each, how to run them, recruit participants, conduct public relations ac-

tivities to support them and obtain community involvement. Legionnaires would know the legislative positions of the organization and be fully engaged in lobbying local, state and national elected officials to support legislation promoted by The American Legion.

In other words, your average member would be a walking encyclopedia of Legion history and knowledge, able to answer any and all questions that any potential new member might ask, be able to step directly into any chairmanship or officer position and hit the ground running, or speak to any community group with authority about The American Legion. Ok, so not every member is quite there yet. And likely, many are delighted to be the Legion Baseball coordinator or the Americanism chairman and gladly continue to serve effectively in that job without any desire to move.

Yet many would relish the opportunity to expand their leadership capabilities, general knowledge and potential in The American Legion. The Department is taking on the challenge of membership by insti-

tuting a Legion Training Program. We are utilizing the Department Mid-Winter Conference (January 20-22, 2017) to incorporate eight hours of American Legion Training. Teaching our members how to effectively execute the programs and functions of The American Legion is critical to our success. We must mentor our members, whether they are veterans of Vietnam, Korea, WWII or fresh from combat ops in Iraq or Afghanistan. They must know how and why the nation's largest wartime Veterans' organization operates, and be able to lead us into the future. There are training opportunities for Legionnaires of every experience level. The National Commander will join us. We are planning a Membership Awards Banquet in his honor and it will give those attending Legionnaires the opportunity to meet our Commander.

Come join us 20-22 January, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza at 6500 Doubtree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229 for The Department Mid-Winter Conference.

*For God and Country...Airborne!*



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## LAW AND ORDER

By Patrick Mulvaney

The Law and Order awards were given out at the Department Convention in Cleveland. This is a very prestigious honor and recognition for the Law Officer, Firefighter and Civilian Lifesaver that we

selected. This is a program that unites the legion with the local community. This program cannot exist without your participation. Please try to get involved this year. There are a lot of good nominees out there.

Thank you.

## IT'S AN INTERNAL AFFAIR

By Jason Graven

Department Internal Affairs Director

Have you ever looked at something, maybe a car or a house, and thought to yourself, "it sure would be nice to be able to have that?" In economic theory, this is what is known as a "positional good," or a product that gains its value based on desirability; a product that symbolizes a higher social status. Perceiving affluence is more important than actually being affluent. The perception of value in a product or service is what drives the desirability to possess the product or service.

Those of us who belong to The American Legion earned our membership, and not everyone can belong. We earned our membership through sacrifice, through dedication and devotion to our country, and by answering the call to duty. Not all of us served in theater, but we were ready and prepared when our nation needed us the most. There is a certain pride we should all take in that fact.

But are we losing the stature that comes with a membership in The American Legion? Are our communities still looking at The American Legion as a higher class? Unfortunately, those of us that hold a membership card will undoubtedly have a bias opinion so these questions are not for us to answer, but these are certainly questions we need to be asking our communities as our membership continues to lessen.

We need to ask ourselves what inspired each of us to belong. Was it out of philanthropy and the desire to better your community? Was it because you felt lost in a sea of civilians and needed to be around fellow brothers and sisters in arms? Was it out of a family legacy of membership? Did you join because you believed in the cause of a specific program run by The American Legion? Did you want to stand tall wearing a Fort Knox cap emblazoned with The American Legion logo? Whatever your reason for joining was, all of you hold a card that not everyone can.

Whatever value you take out of your membership into The American Legion must be shared throughout our communities and with our fellow veterans of ALL generations who do not currently belong. And if they do not perceive the same value then we must create value for them. We must find out what a nonmember would find worthy enough to pay Post dues to be involved with, and we must give that to them.

I would venture to say that there is not a single Post Constitution and By-Laws in the state that says the Post cannot do something new. There is also nothing on the books that says that by doing something new that you can't continue what is already being done. "Jason, it would be great to do the things you are suggesting, we just don't have anyone that can do it. Our membership is too old, no one is coming to the meetings, and most don't seem to care." If I have heard it once I have heard it a

million times. If the passion is fading amongst your members then it is time to find out what will re-inspire them to put their membership and participation back up at the top of their list of priorities.

You know those communities your Posts have supported for decades? The schools, police departments, other veteran organizations, and countless other entities? Maybe it is time to "cash-in" on some of that. How many times has another organization called, stopped by, or emailed your post asking for money? How many times has someone arrived at your Post asking for a hand-out? How many times has your Post held a fundraiser for another organization? Imagine what your Post could have done or accomplished with the countless dollars given away. We can be more than money movers. We can be difference makers. Those fundraisers your Post is holding, the money being given to other groups, imagine if your Post had a program that directly benefited the VETERANS of your communities. Those schools, police departments, other organizations, etc. would be coming to assist us in our mission, not arriving solely for an in-kind donation.

It will be through THE AMERICAN LEGION's efforts of benefitting the veterans in our communities that will re-establish membership in our organization as a "positional good." Our communities will begin to look at us and desire to belong, to be a part of our mission. It will be through our benefit of veterans that a fellow vet will look at what we are doing and think to himself, "I've been there and I'd like to help."

We can turn membership around, and we can do it soon. We just have to accept that the prestige of membership, the desire to be a part of what we are doing has changed as society and the issues affecting our veterans have changed. We have to be willing to recognize that change, and we have to be willing to accept our responsibility as the world's largest war-time veteran's organization. We need to be at the forefront of every community with the same dedication and devotion we had when we joined the military in helping the veterans of THAT community. We have to be willing to adjust fire with the changing tides and be the cover fire our fellow veterans are needing.

Over this next membership year, I am asking every Post in the state, to hold a fundraiser. Renovate an amputee veteran's home, use the money to purchase groceries for a veteran struggling to pay their bills, start a program that pays for student veteran's to take internships so they don't have to work full-time for pay and miss out on valuable experience that will help them get a job. Use this fundraiser to create a new "value" in American Legion membership. Use this fundraiser to make a difference, not make a dollar, because the value of membership is only limited in cost by the difference we make.



Dan Finnell  
Detachment  
Commander

Without your service the Sons of the American Legion would not be!! Because

of my father's service in the Navy, I was able to join this great organization. Over the course of the past several years I have seen the Ohio Legion family come to together for our Veterans and youth of this nation and what a great site it is. This year my motto for the Detachment is "SERVING OUR VETERANS", I am a firm believer that every-

day should be Veterans Day. My special project this year is the Gift for Yanks program. I have been going to the VA Hospital in Chillicothe on Christmas Day for some time now and I see the need that those Veterans have in the care facilities. The Detachment will be honored at National Convention for the largest monetary donation to the Child

Welfare Foundation; we raised over \$52,000 for the children of our nation. We have received the Garland Murphy Award 16 out the last 19 years and we are very close to reaching the 1 million dollar mark for total donations!! Ohio SONs are working hard on "Serving our Veterans". We look forward to the National Convention down on the Ohio

River and show that the Ohio Legion Family is tops in the Nation. God bless you all and God bless this country.

Dan Finnell  
Detachment Commander



## DETACHMENT COMMANDER

## Veterans Affairs - Discharge Upgrade

Do you know a veteran, or are a veteran, who served their country and made a bad choice which resulted in an unfavorable discharge? Or, do you know a veteran, or are a veteran, who was discharged based on sexuality? If you are or know someone who experienced this, please keep reading. Are these discharges fair? That is not for us to decide. All veterans have earned the right to allow the Military Board of Corrections for each branch of service to review the evidence and argument presented to them.

Since September 2011, the 18 year ban on openly gay and lesbian service personnel was lifted through repealing the "Don't Ask - Don't Tell" policy which was passed by Congress and signed into law in 1993 under President Bill Clinton. This

means there are thousands of service-members who were discharged because of sexual orientation. This type of discharge is listed on their DD-214's and can be a humiliating experience when having to provide an organization, or other entity, a copy of their DD-214 for membership or services.

Another scenario is consequences that resulted due to symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury (PTSD/TBI) either due to combat, deployments, and military sexual trauma which may have contributed to an unfavorable discharge. These consequences tend to follow the veteran and they can sometimes be denied services or assistance within their Counties and the VA.

So, what can be done? The

American Legion is a strong advocate to help all veterans and especially those we are talking about here. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation is the forefront of our Four (4) Pillars of VA&R, Americanism, National Security, and Children & Youth. We can help you determine whether or not a discharge upgrade would be in your favor and expertly prepare a packet to the Military Board of Corrections who will review the evidence and make a determination. Please contact our Department HQ located in Delaware, Ohio and ask for Suzette Price, Service Director, 740-362-7478 x-2, or price@ohiolegion.com. We THANK YOU for your service. For God and Country!

Suzette Price  
Service Director



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## JUST A BIT OF ORDER

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### Wait! Can we reconsider that one? - RONR p. 310-315

Meeting over, a bunch of decisions made for the good of the order, a little bit of socializing and then on the way home. About half the way home you start thinking that one of the decisions just seems like it may have been wrong or you wish you had more information to discuss before the decision was made. You talk to a few other members and they also feel that the discussion seemed rushed and wished to get a do over. YOU CAN - by using one of the "Motions that bring a question again before the assembly", (RONR Chapter IX).

You have four options; 1) *Take from the Table*, 2) *Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted*, 3) *Discharge the Committee*, and 4) *Reconsider*. Now I could use a newsletter for each of these actions, and may do this in the future, but for now let's under-

stand the general use.

**Take from the Table** is used when a motion was voted to "lay on the table," think of a table over in the corner, which moves the motion to a future point in the same session to consider a more important item on the agenda. A motion to *take from the table* must be seconded, is not debatable and must pass with a majority vote for the discussion on the question to continue.

**Reconsider** is used to bring back a previous decision that was approved in the same meeting before adjournment. If you are in a multiple day meeting then the motion to *reconsider* must be brought before the next day's end after the decision. Key to this motion is that it **must be brought by someone who voted for the original motion**. Also, it must be seconded, is debatable if the original

motion was debatable, and needs a majority to pass.

**Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted** is normally used to remove or change a previously approved action or policy. This motion is considered only after the meeting has adjourned or if while in the same multiple day meeting one full day has passed. In other words, an approved policy in day one can be rescinded or amended in day three or greater, otherwise in day two you would *reconsider*. This motion must be seconded, is debatable, and passes with 2/3 rising vote if no prior notification and majority otherwise.

**Discharge a Committee** is used when a body or board has committed (referred) a question to a committee, wants to take the question back for further consideration, and the committee

### Recommended References

- ◆ Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised -RONR (11th Ed) (Emblem Sales - ES)
- ◆ Officers Guide (OG) (ES)
- ◆ Parliamentary Procedure- A Matter of Order (ES)
- ◆ RONR In-Brief (local bookstore or internet)
- ◆ Robert's Rules for Dummies (bookstore or on line)

has not yet reported. This action makes sense when the body learns new information, wants to give it more time on the floor, feels they actually have more expertise than the committee to make this decision, and alike. It is also useful to pull the question back for further discussion and then to form a special committee for this specific question. Bottom line is that the body sent it to committee and can pull it back to itself. The motion must be seconded, is debatable, and requires a 2/3 rising vote for passage if the body was not previously notified, majority vote otherwise.

God and Country

## 2015-2016 Department of Ohio EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The final meeting of the 2015-2016 Department of Ohio Executive Committee was called to order by Department Commander James Campbell on June 23, 2016 at 2PM. The meeting was held in Ballroom 3 of the Holiday Inn, Independence Ohio.

Membership, National Convention and other events were discussed. Particular emphasis was the Resolution re-installing the position of Department Adjutant into the Department Constitution. The committee ruled to create an ad hoc committee to review and rewrite constitutional and by-laws changes that provide provisions for the appointment and hiring of a Department Adjutant and provide a report to the DEC in August 2016.

The Department Commander provided a report to the DEC on the Department Adjutant Evalu-

ation Ad Hoc Committee. He also provided the Americanism report in the stead of Director Jerry White who was excused. Director McGowan gave an overview of the Department Convention schedule. 1st Vice Commander Chapman provided his membership report. NECMAN Robert Kimball provided the NEC report from the Spring Meetings.

The Charities INC. report was given by Chairman Glenn Hickman. Art Lustig was re-elected to the trustee position.

After the final membership report was given, Department Commander Campbell thanked the DEC for all of their hard work over the year and closed the meeting in correct form. Copies of the meeting is on file at the Department Headquarters

## 2016-2017 Department of Ohio EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the 2016-2017 Department of Ohio Executive Committee was called to order by Commander Ronald Chapman. The meeting was held in the Broadview Heights Room in the Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio.

The roll call was taken and the newly elected officers were introduced. Internal Affairs Director Jason Graven, passed our caps, name tags, and ties to the Districts.

Department 1st Vice Commander David Jackson talked about the upcoming membership program.

Department Adjutant Thomas

Simons read the names of the 2016-2017 appointments of Department Commander Ronald Chapman. All were ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

Important dates and events were given to the DEC.

The Department Executive Committee voted to extend the current budget until a new budget can be established.

After the benediction by Department Chaplain Roger Hight the meeting was closed in correct form.

A complete copy of the minutes is on file at the Department Headquarters.



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

Hello everyone. Department Commander Ron Chapman appointed Melissa Fowle and Robert (Bob) Schmitt as Co-Chairpersons of the Citizens Flag Alliance Committee which was approved by the Department Executive Committee on June 26, 2016 following the completion of the 2016 State Convention. The Citizens Flag Alliance liaison for the Department of Ohio is Jerry White.

As of this writing there is nothing to report concerning a Flag Amendment. Depending

on the election results November 8, 2016 will determine what kind of activity we may see regarding the re-introduction of a Bill in either the U. S. House of Reps or Senate next year. If we see any activity we will Post it in the Ohio Legion News. Additional information may be obtained by going to the Citizens Flag Alliance Website: citizensflagalliance.org

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## Letters To The Editor

### Ohio Veterans Home Residents Thank American Legion Post 214 for \$7,000 Donation

#### Legion Members "Rock The Walk" For Ohio Veterans

SANDUSKY, OHIO –

A somewhat arduous but pleasant 71-mile, on-foot journey, impressive views along the southern edge of Lake Erie AND the joy of bettering the lives of veterans – it's safe to say those who participated in "Rock The Walk" May 19-22 had a full and rewarding weekend.

Members of the American Legion Post 214, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 214, and Sons of the American Legion, Squad 214 in Willoughby, Ohio, put themselves through the rigors of the four-day trek to raise money for the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky.

When they arrived, organizers Susan and Bob Frattino presented a large check for \$7,000. The aim: to equip the facility with several new mounted television screens.

"When we came up with the idea, my husband and I thought maybe we could hit \$3,000," said Susan Frattino, 1st Vice President of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 214. "But we received so much support from family and friends and the community. We received corporate

sponsors, pledges.

"To actually finish that walk and enter the Veterans Home was pretty awesome."

The trip began in Willoughby Hills on Thurs., May 19, traversed scenic portions of State Rte. 6, and was completed on Sunday, May 22 with the purpose to support "those American heroes who proudly and selflessly served our great country to preserve all the freedoms that we enjoy today."

The group of 20 or so was joined on part of the walk by Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer and also received congratulations from Sandusky City manager Eric Wobser.

The Veterans Home in Sandusky, which includes a domiciliary, is a 720-bed nursing home and independent living facility. The Sandusky home opened in 1888 to service veterans of the Civil War and today continues to serve Ohio's wartime veterans.

For more information on the Ohio Veterans Homes, please visit OhioVets.gov or call 1-877-OHIO-VETS.

Dear Legionnaires,

Hello Legionnaires of Post #801. I wanted to take some of my time to thank you for making my experience at Buckeye Boys State possible. I have to admit, for the first couple weeks before the program, I wasn't really looking forward to going except for being able to participate in the band. But despite my feelings, I didn't want to disappoint any of you and because of that, I am extremely happy that I went.

At Buckeye Boys State, I was put into Schnug City of Wagonseller County. There were 42 other guys in my city and I became very close to all of them as the week progressed. We loved spending our free time together and relating to one another. Even during the busy work days, we would still check in on each other. There were truly strong bonds formed between us all. The counselors and Legionnaires were some of the most inspiring people I have ever met. For my career (at Boys State), I became the city safety/service director. I recorded many censuses, was in charge of checking everyone in, and helped out in other departments such as Engineer, Law Director, City Council. I also got to leave campus and actually see what an actual Safety/Service Director job entails, such as learning how a windmill and water treatment facility are maintained.

Out of all these great experiences, there is one that really stuck with me. At the first nightly assembly there was a WWII veteran. At the end of the assembly as everyone left the building, I stayed behind to shake his hand and thank him for his service. I've met many veterans before, but never a WWII veteran. That moment of talking to that elder will always stay with me as my grandfather served in WWII in the navy but died when I was only three years old preventing me from being able to grow up with him by my side. Simply seeing someone who went through the same things he did and seeing how he could've been was a gift that I will never forget, nor can I thank you all enough for. I have earned a newfound respect and all men and women who stood for it.

Once again, I cannot thank you all enough for giving me this opportunity. I will continue to speak proudly to others about the program and represent the American Legion with the utmost honor.

Sincerely,

Hunter Daniachew



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Legion Family,

The other day, Chaplain Hight and I were having a phone conversation about our plans and goals for the year ahead and our mutual commitment to the Chaplaincy. As we talked, our conversation turned to our personal relationship with God. No surprise, we have much in common, especially our deeply held belief in the "Power of Prayer."

When thinking about this open letter to the Ohio Legion Family, my thoughts kept going back to that con-

versation and I began to ponder, how often we hear the statement/request: "Pray for...." and, how often we agree to: "Pray for...." and, how often do we actually: "Pray for....."?

Almost every time we open Facebook, we see requests for prayers and in the comments section, individuals have typed the word "prayers". I wonder, even though well intentioned, how many of those typed words were followed with or preceded by actual prayer. The "Power of Prayer" comes through actual prayers.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians (Chapter 4, verse 6): "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known unto God." Even though God already knows each person's needs, He still expects us to make our requests known to Him.

Many of us know all about the "Power of Prayer" from personal experience. Some of us have faced life threatening health issues and our family, friends, and Clergy have "Bombarded the gates of Heaven" with prayers for our recovery and because of those prayers, we came through it.

Today our Nation's leaders are facing enormous challenges. They must make decisions that affect each and every American, on a daily basis. They need our prayers. Our country is facing a constant threat against our way of life. Our

country needs our prayers.

We are a strong, resilient, and blessed people, but we need to make our desire for God's continued blessings, known to Him. Please take just a moment each day to pray for our Nation's leaders, our troops, our law enforcement personnel, our first responders, and especially our country. If everyone does this regularly, we will realize the "Power of Prayer".

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22

For God and Country,  
Paul Butler  
Department Asst. Chaplain



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**ALOHA!**

Aloha from Post 338 in Bradner! Post 338 held a Hawaii themed night in April raising funds for Wounded Warrior and other charities. Pictured are Cindy Stahl, Tamara Knight, Tammy Firsdon, Hazel Krawtzke, Commander Jerry Drake, Teri Swaisgood, and Nicole Gudgel.

**DONATION PRESENTED**

A \$2,000 donation was presented to Mayor of Bradner for the maintenance and painting of the village pool along with two American flags. Pictured (L-R) are: Adjutant George Stahl, Commander Jerry Drake, Mayor Virgil Shall, 1st Vice Tom Amos.

**POST 297 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Members of Post 297 leading the Memorial Day Parade in Payne.

**FLAG BURNING CEREMONY**

Post 338 in Bradner held their annual flag burning ceremony at their Post home. Pictured (L-R) are: Regi Vicary, Harley Tyson, Charlie Kwawetzke, Jim Shank, Tom Amos, Mike O'Donnell, and George Stahl

**DISTRICT 2**

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

**POST 345 A&G TEST WINNERS**

Post 345's A&G Test winners from Ft. Recovery High School. Pictured (L-R) are: Principal Jeff Hobbs, Post Commander Don Link, Evan Link, Grace Gehle, Tony Osterholt, Taylor Thien, Ryan Braun, Bob Smith (Chairman). Not pictured is Emily Alig.

**POST 173 FLAG BURNING**

Alan Galvez and Woody Woodruff present the flag to Commander Tim Pierce for final inspection before disposal. Russ Strayer stands guard with The American Legion flag and Suzie Tapp-Johnston with the American flag. Chaplain Bob McCollough led the prayer.



**COMMEMORATIVE MARKER**

Post 323 members Perry McBride (L) and Past Post Commander/District Commander Larry Dieringer place a wreath at a commemorative marker which is a memorial to all whom have served from this area.

**VETERANS MONUMENT DEDICATION**

Post 345 will hold a formal dedication of the Veteran's Monument in Ft. Recovery on September 11th, 2016 at 2 pm. If attending, please contact Rick Loy (206-703-1910) or Richard Smith (419-852-9281) to ensure seating will be available..

**POST 493 ART**

Willy Metz, Korean vet and member of Post 493 for 35 years, presented a framed 16 x 20 piece of scroll art commemorating the iconic photograph from the Battle of Iwo Jima to the Post. Willy put over 65 hours of work into this single piece of art work and his son Gary, charter member of SAL Squadron 493, constructed the frame. Post 493 will display the art on the west wall of the Post home.

**POST 173 PARADE**

Post 173 Color Guard leading the Memorial Day Parade in West Liberty. Pictured (L-R) are: Commander Tim Pierce, 1st Vice Scott Reier, and Finance officer Russ Strayer.

**SHELBY INSTALLATION**

Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon installed Steve Lawrence as the Shelby County Commander

**GRAVE SIGHT FLAGS**

Long time Legionnaire Philip Meeks has been putting flags on the graves of veterans in his township for Memorial Day for many years. Philip is now 95 so he gets help from one of his sons, granddaughter, and great grandchildren.

**GIFTS FOR YANKS AWARD**

Post 217 Commander Rick Lunsford receiving the Department Gifts for Yanks Award from 2nd District Commander Ken Schutz. Post 217 contributed \$8,500 to the Gifts for Yanks program for 2016.

**MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

Post 330 Chaplain James O. Fast giving the invocation at Memorial Day Service, Veterans Park, Wapakoneta, Ohio.



## VETERANS BANNER PROJECT



On June 14, 2016, Montgomery County Commander, Reck C. Carpenter, attended the council meeting in West Milton, Ohio. Carpenter was there to receive a donation for "Gifts for Yanks" to the tune of \$500.00. Commander Carpenter, and his wife Krista, instituted and have spear headed the Veteran's Banner Project in West Milton for the past three years. The project provides families and businesses the opportunity to purchase a banner with a veteran's name, photo, and brief description of his/her service. To date over 120 banners are on display along Rt. 48. The banners typically remain on display from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. Carpenter said "We have made sure the price of the banners allow for a donation annually to the GFY as well as maintenance for the sign post. The project costs the city nothing. Our little community is mighty proud of its veterans and of this project." Pictured are Vice Mayor Scott Fogle along with Commander Carpenter

## OHIO VETERANS BBQ



Kettering Post 598 was the smoky site of the 10th Annual Ohio Veterans BBQ Cook-off competition on July 8 & 9. Thirty-four competition BBQ teams and several thousand people attended the annual event that pits teams against each another for a chance to win \$6,000 in prize money and a draw to the annual Jack Daniels World Championship Invitational Barbeque competition ("The Jack") in Lynchburg, Tenn., in October to represent the State of Ohio. The winner this year was Blue Chip BBQ from Louisville, KY (pictured) after receiving the Grand Champion Trophy from Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer. The net proceeds benefits homeless veterans through the American Legion Auxiliary Gift Shop at the Dayton VA Medical Center. For more information please visit our website at [OhioVeteransBBQ.com](http://OhioVeteransBBQ.com)

## QUILT DONATION



The ladies quilting club, which meets at the Rossburg United Methodist Church, donated lap quilts to the Auxiliary Gift Shop at the Dayton VA. Pictured are: Judy Rhynard, Linda Brown, Charlotte Threwitts, Lynette Lee, Eleanor Kissinger, Pat Lee, Dennis Dickey Post 353 Third Dist., Mary Fields, and Beverly Stump.

## BOYS STATE



Tyler Blackwell (left) stands with Bob Weiler, 3rd District Commander (right), after Tyler spoke to membership at the July 11th membership meeting in appreciation of Boys State Scholarship.

## "CRUISE INN"



Post 598 held a "Cruise Inn" on July 10th. About 30 antique vehicles were showcased. Pictured is a 1933 Dodge.

## DISTRICT 4

Brown • Butler • Clermont • Clinton • Hamilton • Warren

## AIR FORCE ROTC AWARD WINNERS



2016 University of Cincinnati Air Force ROTC, American Legion Military and Scholastic Excellence Award winners: Pictured (L-R): Nicholas Herfel (Gold), Monica Berling (S), Samuel Mastin (S), 4th District Finance Officer Frank Fails presented for Hamilton County Council, Matthew Fadden(B), Carson Cooper(B), Jordan Sessler(G)

## BOYS/GIRLS STATE RECEPTION



Post 179 Boys/Girls State Reception after their return with Bruce Barricklow-Cmdr. Boys State participants were Alex Bergen, Dakota Penquite, Jacob Fry, and Harbor Lovin (Not pictured). Girls State participants were Brooke Honaker, Carissa Frost, Merri Lindsey, Jessica Fugett, and Miranda Young with Joyce Kelly-Girls State coordinator.



**EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

Bruce Barricklow, Commander of Post 179, presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Jacob Fry

**4TH PLACE!**

Al Buxton presenting check from National to Jerry Wilson for recruiting. Jerry ended the year tied for 4th place in the country

**POST 179 INSTALLATION**

Installation of Post 179 Officers, by Clinton County Cmdr Richard James, Bruce Barricklow-Cmdr, Richard Simpson-2nd Vice Cmdr, Jack Goodall-Adjutant, Dan Slocum-Financial Officer

**POOL TOURNAMENT**

Fourth District Pool Tournament Winners Father/Son team from Williamsburg Post #288, Walt and Pete Shepard. 2nd Vice Commander Mike Bender presented the Award.

**JULY 4TH PARADE**

George Fenner as Abe Lincoln by his Troop Banner on the Post 179 float in the Blanchester "Red, White and Blue" Parade on July 4th

**CHECKS FOR CHARITIES**

PDC Jerry Wilson (P199) passed out Checks from Charities Inc. on Sunday 7/10/16 at The Fourth District Picnic to the following: Joseph House in Cincinnati, Post 69 Needy Families Fund, Fisher House Cincinnati, Fisher House Dayton, and Post 49 for Honor Flight. Members present were: Walt Crosswait, Jerry Wilson, Pat Coburn president of Joseph House Board, Department Commander Ron Chapman, Clermont County Commander Ray Carson, Greg Elsbarn 4th District 2nd Vice, Past Dept. Cmdr Robert Ray, Dept Asst Sgt-at-Arms Aaron Cunningham II, Jean Wilson, Chris Stanley Dayton Fisher House, Al Powell of Post 199, and Paul Butler Dept. Asst Chaplain.

**FLAG RETIREMENT**

Boy Scouts Troop 47 Flag Retirement before Blanchester Marion Post 179 meeting 6/6/16.

**DISTRICT 5****INTERNATIONAL RIDERS ROMP**

Close to 400 Legion Riders from all over the country attended the international riders romp the weekend of July 15, 16, 17 at Post 514.

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

Herb Kraft receives the 5th District Legionnaire of the Year award from Bob Enzor at the 5th District convention. Herb is a seventy year member of New Washington Post 405 and a WW2 Navy Veteran.



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

**MEMORIAL DEDICATION**

Post 234 attended the Flag and Memorial Dedication in Homerville, Ohio on May 29, 2016. The Honor Guard folded and presented the flag to James Westermann Sr., the oldest Veteran present at 102 years of age. (L-R) Jack Freeling, Pat Finn, Dave Hayes, James Westermann Sr., Art Klopfenstein, Catherine Owen, and Tom Bizzi.

**POST 12 CAR SHOW**

Lenny White, Post 12 Commander and 5th District 2nd Vice, hands out trophy for Golf Cart Entry at 5th District / Post 12 Car Show in Elyria.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE

Post 16 awarded five \$1,000 academic scholarships to the following honor students who attended Mansfield Madison Comprehensive High School: McKenna Atterholt, Karlie Baker, Payton Garand, Olivia Rickert, and Tori Warren. Recipients received their award at the May 17, 2016 assembly.

**DISTRICT 6**

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

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Heath Post 771 performed military services at Saint Joseph Cemetery in St. Louisville and Mount Calvary Cemetery in Heath on Memorial Day. Taps were played by students Morgan and Leona Veyon. Pictured are (front L-R): Morgan Veyon (Trumpet from Heath High School), Cledys Henry, Elvira Engle, Gary Weimer, and Lenora Veyon (Trumpet from Indiana Tech) (back row L-R): Jim Watercutter, Al Cain, Bill Sisco, Todd Henry, George Litsch, and Will Kern.

**DIFFERENCE MAKER**

Heath Post 771 performed military services at Saint Joseph Cemetery in St. Louisville and Mount Calvary Cemetery in Heath on Memorial Day. Taps were played by students Morgan and Leona Veyon. Pictured are (front L-R): Morgan Veyon (Trumpet from Heath High School), Cledys Henry, Elvira Engle, Gary Weimer, and Lenora Veyon (Trumpet from Indiana Tech) (back row L-R): Jim Watercutter, Al Cain, Bill Sisco, Todd Henry, George Litsch, and Will Kern.

**POST 457**

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AVAILABLE

Post 457, American Legion in Sunbury was recently notified that post member John R. Ishler was selected as American Legion Ohio District 6 Legionnaire of the Year. John is a retired Columbus Police Officer with 28 years of service. He served in the United States Marine Corp for 4 years of active duty and 4 years of reserve duty. He reached the rank of Corporal and was awarded an honorable discharge. Ishler is very active in the Galena United Methodist Church where he has served as Trustee, Planning Committee member and Building Committee member. John also serves on his church committee that serves meals to the homeless in the Galena/Sunbury area.

**DISTRICT 8**

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

**PARADE**

Parade in Pleasantville with the Fairfield Union Band

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Thornville Post 342 had a very successful 3rd Annual Commander Ron White Memorial Golf Outing on June 11th. Fifteen teams participated with the Mohler Family taking top honors. Proceeds benefited The Moveable Vietnam Wall that will be displayed in New Lexington beginning August 26th.

**POST 78 MEMORIAL DAY**

Post 78 recently participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade conducting two ceremonies on Memorial Day in Logan, Ohio. The first ceremony held at Oak Grove Cemetery and second ceremony was held at Worthington Park. A community picnic was attended by all, following the ceremonies. Pictured Guest Speaker US Army Veteran SFC Brian Daubenmire.



## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Howland Post 700 conducted a Memorial Day Service at the Howland Township Cemetery. Guest speaker for the occasion was Leo H. Connelly, Jr., a Vietnam Veteran and Commander of the Youngstown Disabled American Veterans and Commander of District 7 of the DAV. Pictured (L-R): Post Chaplain Dave Luther, Township Trustee Matthew Vansuch, Leo Connelly, and Past Post 700 Commander Bud Luman.



Mentor Post 352 Memorial Day Participants pictured (L-R): Finance Officer Rob Moore, Judge Advocate Thom Seymour, 2nd Vice Commander Carl Wolff, Commander Doug Koman.



Post 565 members on Memorial Day. Pictured (L-R) are: Don Rasile, Richard Robinson, Ed Onderko, William Guelndner, Mike Theis, and Commander John Spagnola

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Jay Wilson Post 112 Scholarship winners of \$1,000.00 each. Madison High Seniors Alicia Major and Jacob Smith were also winners in the Americanism & Government Test last November. Pictured (L-R) are Post 112 Commander Mike Evangelista, Alicia Major, Jacob Smith and Sgt-At-Arms Frank Magda.

## FLAG PRESENTATION



Members of Jay Wilson Post 112 present the Thompson Township Trustees with a new US Flag and Ohio Flag for their refurbished Thompson Community Center. Pictured (L-R): Commander Mike Evangelista, Tr. Frank Sirna, Tr. Erwin Leffel, Tr. Al Safick, Chaplain Fred Hardesty and Legion member Don McDonnell.

## POST 112 DEDICATES COLD WAR PLAQUE



Members of Jay Wilson Post 112 dedicate a Cold War Plaque honoring all who served and especially those who died in the Cold War. This took place on July 4th at Madison High School's Dick Hamblin Football Field Veteran's Memorial.

## ANNUAL FLAG BURN



Post 76 held their annual flag burning ceremony on June 14th at their Sebring Post home. They burned approximately 500 unserviceable flags.

## FLAG POLE REDEDICATION



Palmer Roberts Post 214 is on hand for the Rededication of the City of Willoughby Flag pole which was reconditioned by the Willoughby Institute of Technology welding students. Mayor David Anderson, Welding teacher Ryan Ubanks, and Post Commander James Trettin addressed the crowd of 150.

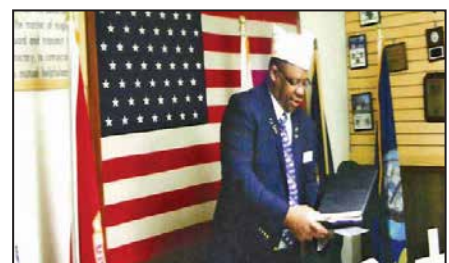
## PHOTOS FROM POST 459 DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION



Ron Laurant, 2nd Vice - Larry Fritinger, SGT-AT-ARMS, Karl Hornung, 1st Vice - Roy Podojil, Commander.



"Skip" Boehnlein, County CMDR presenting certificate "Gifts to Yanks" by Post 459 Members.



Charles Stennis, Past CMDR 9th DIST - Swearing in New Post 459 officer's.



**AWARD DINNER**

Post 221 held their award dinner on June 4th where they handed out their scholastic awards. Pictured (L-R) are: Clayton Thatcher, Mark Eklund (presenter), Ronald Meyer, and Curtis Barnett

**MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT**

Post 221 participated in the Memorial Day Parade and rode their Post float. Pictured are (back row): Ed Lynch, Jeff Runser, Leonard Badertcher, (front row) Mark Eklund, Bob Dunbar

**HONOR GUARD**

Post 290 Honor Guard waiting silently for the arrival of a fallen comrade at his memorial service located at the Columbiana Cemetery Chapel.

**POST 740**

Post 740 supports and donates to Special Olympics at Harding Stadium, Steubenville, Ohio, May 7, 2016. Pictured (L to R): Ed Hashbarger, Danny Vojvodich, Post Commander John Blosco-Special Olympics Representative, and Bill Burruss

**SCOUTS PLACE FLAGS**

Post 740 and representatives for Boy Scout Troop 20 and Cub Scout Pack 141 place nearly 600 flags on veteran's graves on May 21, 2016.

**AUXILIARY UNIT 290**

Auxiliary Unit 290, with the help of some Legionnaires, pack boxes for our service men and women overseas and stateside.

**VA DIRECTOR PRESENTS AWARDS TO VOLUNTEERS**

Louis Stokes VA Director Susan Furrher presented awards to clinic volunteers, all members of Post 44 in Canton. The recipients were: James Lab-Superior Service Award (top left), Richard Biedenbach-Volunteer of the Year (bottom), and Richard Goshorn- Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award (top right).

**47+ YEARS MEMBER**

96 year old Norfolk Oldham was recognized by Post 274 for 47 plus years as a member of the David Walker Post. Pictured (L-R) are: Past Department Commander David Hilliard, Russell Dixon, Donald Harris, Harold Russell and Lionel Lindsey.

**HONORING VETS**

At Post 290's Memorial Day service in the local cemetery, all veterans are called forward so they can be honored.



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

**STATE POOL**

Mike Watts, Zanesville Post 29 Commander, presents Mike Morgan of Post 184, Piqua, Ohio with the State Pool Tournament Singles Runner Up plaque. Post 29 sponsored the State Tournament on April 16th and 17th

**POST 29 FLAGS**

Zanesville Post 29 Chaplain Danny Smith (left) with volunteers Mike Waite and Marcus Prindle of Boy Scout Troop 128 with Ronda Prindle during the Post's Memorial Day cemetery flag placing event.

**GOLF SCRAMBLER**

Zanesville Post 29 Women auxiliary members with their District 11 golf scrambler tournament trophies on May 21.

**HONORING VETERANS**

Post 52 Bellaire, Ohio put flags in two cemetery Saturday May 21. The Post had help from the Legion, S.A.L., Auxiliary, and also students from Bellaire High School. These boys and girls came out to honor our veterans.

**PARADE MARSHALS**

April 30, 2016, American Legion Post 750 members, father Damian Huck and his son Ivan Huck, were parade marshals for Lowell's spring feast. Ivan spent his tour in Afghanistan as recon. Father Damian is a Past Post Commander.

**DONATION TO SCHOOL**

Post 750 Commander Bob McIntyre donating to Ewing school in Marietta, Ohio.

**MARIETTA TIMES**

May 28 Lowell Post 750 had its Memorial Day Program at East Lawn cemetery. Marietta Times gave our program front page coverage. Total pictures took 1/2 of front page. We at Post 750 are extremely proud of the Marietta Times. They have covered our Post many times and we thank them.

**DISTRICT 12**

Franklin County

**OFFICERS INSTALLED**

The Westerville Post 171 Officers were installed during our meeting June 1, 2016. The Officers installed are as follows: Commander - L. Pete Otteson, 1st Vice Commander - Chuck Hurley, 2nd Vice Commander - Richard Bird, 3rd Vice Commander - Dave Bergman, Adjutant - Tom Berg, Finance Officer - Flo Evans, Service Officer - Tim Dickerson, Chaplain - Ron Caudill, Sergeant-At-Arms - Bill Laidley, Historian - Vern Pack, Judge Advocate - Dale Hoover

As Chaplain of Post 171, I would like to lift up our officers in a prayer Father, Bless them with the knowledge of the importance of their office, guide them in the performance of their duties, ever keeping in mind the cardinal program of The American Legion "For God and Country." May they ever be true to you, our God, our country, and our Fellowmen.

**HONOR FLIGHT REVIEW**

Westerville Post 171 member Mike Boone and his wife Linda attend the Honor Flight Review on Sunday June 22, 2016.



## Franklin County

## POST 239 RIDERS



Post 239 Riders presented 6 portable wheelchairs to Honor Flight during the April Post meeting. Chuck Murray (L), Post member and Honor Flight volunteer, accepts them, shaking hands with ALR Treasurer Matt Favret (R). Post Commander David Kelly looks on over their shoulders (blue cap).

## YOUNG MARINES OF CENTRAL OHIO



12th District 1st Vice Commander, Tom Rowe (on right) (Post 614) is presenting a check from Charities Inc. to Susan Daoood, USMC (Retired) the Unit Commander for the Young Marines of Central Ohio. Left of Susan is Roger Bock, Finance Officer for the Young Marines of Central Ohio and then Glenn Hickman, Past National Vice Commander and Chairman of Charities Inc. Susan and Roger indicated that the Young Marines of Central Ohio is a growing unit, now at 31 members. They intend to use these monies for leadership training for these young men and women.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Special Olympics @ Tent Town on the Ohio State University campus. Pictured are Kenny and Yavonne Timmons who are in charge of the ordering of the prizes and awards that are given to the athletes.

## MEMORIAL DAY MARCH



The Westerville Post 171 held their Memorial Day March through Westerville to Otterbein Cemetery then the Color Guard and Firing Squad went on to the Blendon Central Cemetery, Pioneer Cemetery, and finally at Northlawn Cemetery.

## SHOOTER CLASS



The Westerville Post 171 Trustee Tom Poulton introduces Westerville Police Officers John Jeffries and Dan Pignatelli. Post 171 hosted an Active Shooter class at their post on May 10, 2016. Forty five Legion and Auxiliary members, their spouses and friends attended the class presented by the Westerville Police Department. The purpose of the class was to share information of how to better assess what an active shooter or attacker situation is and to better understand what options are available and what steps you should take to survive an attack and avoid becoming a casualty.

## DISTRICT 13

## Cuyahoga County

## FIRST RESPONDERS



Members from all units of Post 572, along with other posts within the district and some local businesses, teamed up to show their local first responders some appreciation by taking 185 firefighters, police, EMT, dispatchers, sheriffs, and their spouses/guests to a night of entertainment. Originally scheduled to be held in the Post, it was quickly determined that a bigger venue was needed, so the event was moved to the Holiday Inn in Independence Ohio. "The First Responders Appreciation Night" was quickly renamed by the media as; "Heroes Honoring Heroes". Total attendance was approximately 225 First responders and Legion Members. Tickets were \$40.00 per person and Legion members and the community contributed nearly \$10,000.00 for tickets for the first responders. City of Parma Mayor, Timothy DeGeeter, presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 20th "First Responders Appreciation Day." Speakers included National Executive Committee Alternate Dennis Clausding, City of Parma Police chief Bob Miller, Parma Fire chief Mike Lasky, Veronica Garey (Miss Greater Cleveland) and Cate Wallhead (Miss Buckeye State) served as official greeters and hostesses, both will be competing this month in Mansfield Ohio for the title of Miss Ohio and a step toward the Miss America crown.

## WAGS FOR VETS



Post 91 Legion Family Commanders Cup softball fundraiser for wags for veterans.

## GOLD STAR MONUMENT



Past Department Judge Advocate Art Lustig presenting a check to the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument.



## HONOR FLIGHT



Post 452 Commander Chuck Lang escorted 93 yr old Battle of the Bulge Silver Star recipient James Dunderdale on Honor Flight to Washington, DC

## DONATION



Earl Count, Commander of Clare Eggleston Post 803, accepted a \$5,000.00 check from Harold Hatridge, Chairman of the Aurora Veterans Memorial Fund, at the Memorial Day ceremony.

## BOYS STATE



In an unusual community cooperative effort, three separate organizations bound together to sponsor three Nordonia High School 11th Graders to send to Bowling Green State University to attend Buckeye Boys State. The \$300.00 tuition for each has been paid by Nordonia Hills American Legion Post #801, Northfield Moose Lodge 256 and Northfield VFW Post 6768.



## Who We Are and Who We Were



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## As The Public Sees the Legion

By Georges D. Romeike

HOW widely are you known? If your name were mentioned before a gathering of Americans anywhere—a Legion post in Aroostook County, Maine, the Thursday Ladies' Bridge Club of Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, or Local No. 2 of the Gravel Roofers' Union, San Diego, Cal.—how many present could say, "Certainly, I've heard of him"? Not many. But don't be crestfallen or cast down. There are others in the same boat—many others. In point of fact, the average American stands about two chances in a million of achieving national fame or identity. Of the 110,000,000 people in the United States not more than 220 are at this moment nationally known, like, say, President Harding, Mary Pickford, General Pershing, Babe Ruth or Henry Ford. Who is Secretary of the Interior? Who is governor of Kentucky? The ranking officer of the Navy? President of Yale? Of Sears-Roebuck and Company? Of the Santa Fe, our longest railroad? Possibly you can answer these questions. If so, you can do more than most people can, yet each individual concerned is a very distinguished personage. Who is National Commander of The American Legion? But I forgot I was addressing a Legion audience. Of course you know. But how many others do? Well, a good many. The National Commander of The American Legion is better known than any of the people referred to in the questions asked in the preceding paragraph. He is one of the two-in-a-million, one of our figures really in the national public eye. He is probably known to more people than most of the women standing highest on the various lists of America's Twelve Most Famous Women which so many feminists have been compiling of late. He is better known than most of our high officials of the Government. But he

is not so well known as a certain manufacturer of chewing gum, several baseball players, prize fighters, statesmen, financiers, actors and actresses (movie and otherwise), and at least one inventor. Fame is a versatile thing. I happen to know these things because it is my business to know them. The statements I have made are not guesses, but facts which can be proved by statistics—statistics based on newspaper clippings. Knowledge is spread, people and things become known, from what other people read, see and hear, but principally by what they read. And the most widely-read thing in the United States is the newspaper. There are more than 20,000 of them. Thus, when we find that by a month-to-month average a certain person is receiving so many columns of newspaper mention the country over, we know to what extent he is known to others. Why do people and organizations get mentioned in the newspapers, and thus become well known? Simply because what they say or do interests others or has some bearing on their lives. What you see in the papers is there because most of that paper's readers want it there. By no other policy can a newspaper be successful and continue to exist. The American Legion, although the youngest of our great national organizations, is one of the best known. The others who rank highest in point of newspaper mention are the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Y. W. C. A. and the Salvation Army. The Legion was born with a great publicity heritage. When the war ended the two best-known organizations in the country were the Army and the Navy. As they disbanded, public interest followed the men who made them. What did these men do? They joined The American Legion, and while your membership figures are unfamiliar to me—enough of them joined

to make the word Legion synonymous with veteran, just as Volstead is synonymous with prohibition and Rockefeller with Standard Oil. But that isn't what has kept the Legion before the public. It has been kept there because its leaders have been outstanding personalities and its activities have been of public interest.

For a generation the most widely known conventions in America were the national conventions of the two principal political parties, held every four years. Organizations and movements came and went but their national gatherings never got an amount of newspaper space that would compare with that given the conventions which met to select men who successively became our "next presidents." The Legion has smashed this precedent. Your last convention at Kansas City received more newspaper space than any other similar gathering in America. It ran a close second to a national political convention. A high mark was set up, and you probably know better than I do the prospects of exceeding it in future conventions. I may say, however, that items bearing on your meeting in New Orleans next fall already are appearing in the papers. The distinguished foreign visitors who came to the United States last year as the guests of the Legion helped your convention publicity and helped impress the Legion on the public mind. Marshal Foch received more publicity than any foreign visitor who ever set foot on United States soil, and this goes back to the visit of the future King Edward VII in the 60's. Our clipping bureau collected one hundred and fifty pounds of clippings on the Legion's guests from only 2,000 principal newspapers. We just took the cream. Few Americans traveling abroad received the publicity that followed the Legion party headed by National Commander

Emery which went to France last summer. It ranked probably next to President Wilson's triumphal tour after the Armistice and Theodore Roosevelt's visit in 1909 when he returned from Africa. I eliminate Pershing and the A. E. F. as unfair competition. Great as is the interest which attached itself to a Legion convention, however, the amount of newspaper space one gets so far has fallen short of what was written about the Jeffries-Johnson fight in 1910 and the Dempsey-Carpentier match last year. World's baseball series also give you a run for your money. My office records show that the Legion's fight for the Adjusted Compensation Bill is establishing a publicity record. The contest has been long drawn out and has received as much publicity as the fight for woman suffrage did in its closing year. It probably has been the most written-about legislative contest since the battle over the League of Nations issue. The amount of space the newspapers devote to a man's death is always an indication of the public interest which attaches to the man and to the cause he represented. When Colonel Galbraith was killed the amount of publicity given that tragic event equaled that which would have been given the death of one of the country's twenty-five most prominent men. Mr. Galbraith had a personality which was particularly interesting to the public. In the minds of newspaper readers he will always be associated with the Legion's efforts in behalf of the disabled, and for what he said to the German propagandist, Von Mach. When Galbraith denounced Von Mach and ordered him from his room the story went around the world. Papers in Paris put it on the front page. The most striking bit of Legion publicity I have seen this year was when Mr. MacNider declined to resign the commandship to consider the United States

senatorship from Iowa. It made people want to know more about a Legion whose commander preferred that job to a senator's seat.

Being in the clipping bureau business enables one to enjoy a peculiar insight into public affairs. We are able to see men and events as others see them. It is quite an asset. It is, in fact, the basis of our business. People want to see themselves as others see them. The easiest way this can be done is to peruse what the newspapers are saying about them. Nearly every man in public life, and every organization which has vital public relations, is a clipping-bureau subscriber. They want to know what the people are reading and saying about them. Praise, of course, is always most acceptable. I have had clients discontinue our service because the clippings we sent them were not sufficiently fulsome in praise. On the other hand we have clients who ask only for adverse criticism. Our clients range from kings and queens down. About a year ago a European monarch requested clippings for one month which should contain any mention of his name. As far as we could learn not a single American newspaper mentioned that ruler's name during the month the order was in effect. It was not renewed. As I said, the clipping bureau business enables one to see others as they are seen through the eye of the American press, which is almost the eye of the American people. I am not a member of the Legion. My knowledge of its affairs has come to me entirely through the channels of my business. The picture I have given you is most incomplete. It is not a picture, only a series of impressions and comparisons, which in a rough way approximate the conception the man in the street has of the Legion. It is distinctly a favorable impression, and I congratulate you.

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



# 2016 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Post 486 Commander Lewis Compton accepting 200% patch for increasing their membership by over 200% in one membership year.



District 9 1st Vice/Commander accepting 200% patches for Posts 51 and 504 for increasing their membership by over 200% in one membership year.



District 4 1st Vice Bob Derr accepting the Department Adjutant's Award for making the Department Quota.



District 9 1st Vice/Commander William Ditebrand accepting the Department Adjutant's Award for making Quota.



District 4 Commander Aaron Cunningham accepting the Al Schaefer Award on behalf of winner Walt Crowwait who is considered the most outstanding in the field of Rehabilitation and Service for 2016.



James Refinati accepting the Alice Friedman Award on behalf of Post 490 which contributed the best program to the benefit of the community for 2016.



Member of Post 283 accepting their certificate for 8 years of consecutive All-Time High membership.



Member of Post 91 accepting their certificate for 19 years of consecutive All-Time High membership.



Member of Post 651 accepting their certificate for 6 years of consecutive All-Time High membership.



Member of Post 700 accepting their certificate for 7 years of consecutive All-Time High membership.



Member of Post 553 accepting their certificate for 47 years of consecutive All-Time High membership.



1st Vice Commander Bob Weiler of District 3 accepting the Big One Pin Award for placing first in their size category as of the end of May membership report (Large Category).



1st Vice Commander Bob Derr of District 4 accepting the Big One Pin Award for placing first in their size category as of the end of May membership report (Medium Category).



1st Vice Commander Jeff Shipley of District 12 accepting the Big One Pin Award for placing first in their size category as of the end of May membership report (Small Category).



Christina Walls of Post 703 accepting the Chaplain of the Year Award who has performed outstanding service by her devoted guidance to the Post to the end that all activities are in keeping with the spirit of "Service to God and Country" Program for 2016.



District 2 1st Vice Commander Kent Long accepting the Child Welfare Award (Category 1/15-99 members) on behalf of Post 648 for largest donation to the Child Welfare program for 2016..



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District 5 1st Vice Commander Molly Doss accepting the Child Welfare Award (Category 2/100-299 members) on behalf of Post 523 for largest donation to the Child Welfare program for 2016.



Member of Post 776 accepting the Child Welfare Award (Category 3/300-499 members) for largest donation to the Child Welfare program for 2016.



Member of Post 178 accepting the Child Welfare Award (Category 4/500+ members) largest donation to the Child Welfare program for 2016.



Joyce Hannum accepting the Child Welfare Honor Award on behalf of winner Colleen Pollard which recognizes the front line civilian warrior on behalf of children for 2016.



PDC Jerry Wilson of Post 199 receiving the Department Commander's Award for reaching quota by February 3rd.



PDC Jerry Wilson of Post 199 receiving the Department Membership recruiter of the Year Award for recruiting the most new members in the Department.



Catherine Zalar accepting the Department VA Award which acknowledges outstanding contributions of an employee by The Department of Veterans Affairs for 2016.



District 13 Commander Richard Wright accepting the Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave Award for the District with the largest amount of contributions to the Gifts for Yanks program for 2016.



District 9 1st Vice/Commander William Dittbrand accepting the National Achievement Award for making quota as a District.



District 4 Commander Aaron Cunningham accepting the National Achievement Award for making quota as a District.



Jennifer Burkholder accepting the Educator of the Year Award which is presented annually to the outstanding Educator of the Year. Nominations made annually by Districts.



District 4 Commander Aaron Cunningham accepting the Eli K. Jensen Award which is awarded to the District showing greatest percentage increase over previous year. District must be quota to qualify.



Representative of Post 553 accepting the Father John E. Duffy Award which is presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding program of "Service to God and Country."



Marvin Conley accepting the Firefighter of the Year Award which is presented annually to the outstanding Firefighter of the Year. Nominations made annually by Districts.



District 9 1st Vice/Commander William Dittbrand accepting the Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave Award on behalf of Post 751 for the largest amount of contributions to the Gifts for Yanks program for 2016.



Member of Post 91 accepting the Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave Award for the largest amount of contributions to the Gifts for Yanks program for 2016.



# 2016 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



PDC Jerry Wilson accepting the Gold Brigade Award presented to Legionnaires who sign up 50 or more new members throughout the year.



Betsy Law accepting the Gold Brigade Award presented to Legionnaires who sign up 50 or more new members throughout the year.



PDC Jerry Wilson accepting the Grand Award Presented annually to the Post first reaching Quota with over 1,000 members.



Representative of Post 72 accepting the Hugh K. Martin Award which is awarded to Post showing greatest increase over previous "All-Time High"



Representative of Post 209 accepting the James A. Cunningham Award which is presented to the Post judged to have performed the most outstanding Legislative Program during the year for 2016.



Representative of Post 318 accepting the Law and Order Award which is presented to the Post which carries out the best Law and Order Program for 2016.



Jeff Meyers of Post 91 accepting the Veteran Service Award awarded to the Post showing the best service to the Veteran Community for 2016.



Patrolman Robert Beveridge accepting the Law Officer of the Year Award which is presented annually to the outstanding Firefighter of the Year. Nominations made annually by Districts.



Mel Baher accepting the inaugural Department Legionnaire of the Year Award.



District 4 Commander Aaron Cunningham accepting the Miceal J. Golato Award on behalf of Post 194 presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding service in Americanism for 2016.



James Refinati accepting the Silver Brigade Award for signing up over 25 new members throughout the year.



Bob Mays receiving the Silver Brigade Award for signing up over 25 new members throughout the year.



Representative of Post 776 accepting the Edward McBane Award which is presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding service in the Youth Activities field for 2016.



Joyce Hannum accepting the Ralph Doll Award on behalf of Post 496 which is presented to the Post which has been judged to have implemented the most outstanding conservation program for 2016.



District 9 1st Vice/Commander William Dittebrand accepting the Dept. 1st Vice Commander's Award which is awarded annually to the Post with Quota between 25 and 750, which attains highest percentage of previous year's membership by February 3.



Chuck heller accepting the Silver Brigade Award for signing up over 25 new members throughout the year.



# AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

## State Tournaments Won by Circleville Post No. 134 and Pickerington Post No. 283

The American Legion Baseball State Junior Tournament was played at Beavers Field in Lancaster July 13-16 with sixteen (16) Junior teams from thru-out the Department vying in a single elimination tournament for the 2016 Junior State Championship.

After four days of great junior baseball, the 2016 State Junior Championship was captured by the Circleville American Legion Post #134 Junior team with a 12-1 victory over the Pickerington American Legion Post #283 Junior team.

Two weeks following the Junior tournament, the American Legion Baseball State Senior Tournament was played at Beavers Field in Lancaster July 27-31 with the eight (8) Regional champion teams in the Department vying for the 2016 Senior State championship crown.

The eight Regional champions playing in the 2016 State Senior

Tournament were:

Region 1: American Legion Post #553, Toledo, Ohio.

Region 2: American Legion Post #217, Sidney, Ohio.

Region 3: American Legion Post #83, Sandusky, Ohio.

Region 4: American Legion Post #92, Utica, Ohio.

Region 5: American Legion Post #134, Circleville, Ohio.

Region 6: American Legion Post #283, Pickerington, Ohio.

Region 7: American Legion Post #65, Coshocton, Ohio.

Region 8: American Legion Post #159, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

The 2016 State Senior championship was captured by American Legion Pickerington Post #283, with a 6-5 win in 12 innings over American Legion Adams Township Post #553, Toledo to bring the curtain down on the eight team/fifteen game/ double elimination Senior State Tournament.

American Legion Pickering-

ton Post #283 advanced into the American Legion Great Lakes Regional in Alton, Illinois where the Ohio American Legion champion was scheduled to play against the state American Legion champions from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Brian Brewer, the Head Baseball Coach at Marietta College in Marietta Ohio was the featured speaker at the Senior State Tour-

namment, "Lead-Off Banquet" held the night before the tournament started.

Department Commander Ron Chapman was in attendance at the Senior State Tournament to throw out the ceremonial 1st pitch to open the State Tournament, accompanied by Lancaster Mayor Brian Kuhn who led the teams in the Code of Sportsmanship.

The American Legion State Baseball Commission salutes all

of the players and coaches on the Junior and senior teams in the Department for a great 2016 season.

2016 marks the 91st anniversary of American Legion Baseball, an enviable record of accomplishment in any field.

For detailed information on the American Legion Baseball Junior and Senior State tournaments please to the Department baseball website: [www.Ohioalbb.org](http://www.Ohioalbb.org)



## American Legion Buckeye Boys State Moving to Miami University

After a thirty nine (39) year tenure which began in 1978 of being held on the campus of Bowling Green State University and in the city of Bowling Green, Ohio, The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program will move to a home and new university beginning with the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program.

By a majority decision of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State board of trustees, Buckeye Boys State will move to the campus of Miami University and

the city of Oxford, Ohio where the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program will be held June 11-18, 2017.

The following statement was issued by The American Legion Buckeye Boys State board of trustees:....."while American Legion Buckeye Boys State is saddened to leave the Bowling Green community and the campus of Bowling Green State University, Buckeye Boys State is excited to look forward to our future partnership with Miami

University and the Oxford Community"..... American Legion Buckeye Boys State is the largest boys state program in the nation, with an annual participation of over 1,200 of the top high school junior young men in the state representing over 500 high schools, the home schooled community, and the online school community in an eight day, "hands on" learning experience into the organization, operation, and principles of government in the state of Ohio.

## Veterans Administration Arithmetic

In olden times, when those dinosaurs of my generation trudged wearily to elementary school (yes, in them thar days wam't no yellow busses) we began the numbers racket by starting with addition. Zero through nine were a must, as they were supposedly the bases for all that was to follow. 1 + 1 is 2. 1 + 2 is 3. 2 + 2 is 4. etc., etc., etc., or so I thought. We had our share of kiddies who thought 2 + 2 = 22 which reminds me of the New York TV Talking Head who while reading the nightly news referred to WW II as World War Eleven. The station quickly sent out a memo that absolutely prohibited the future use of Roman Numerals.

What's all this got to do with the VA? Well, it's like this... a Viet Nam Veteran friend of mine who in retirement spends much of his time counseling veterans, questioned me regarding what he termed, VA

Math. "Never heard of it", was my reply. "Then take a look at 38 CFR\*Book C." I did.

Welcome to the world of VA Multiple Disability Ratings.

First, some basics: When a veteran claims a disability the VA starts with the assumption of 100% efficiency in the performance of daily activities including work. After a claim is processed a percentage of disability may be determined, say 10%. The veteran's efficiency now is 90%. So far, so good; but, what happens when there is more than one injury or illness? Therein lies the mystery of VA Math. For example, a veteran with two disabilities, 60% and 30%, add up to a disability rating of 72%. Don't believe it? Check the Combined Ratings Table 1 at Section 4.25. Here's how it works.

The disabilities are arranged as to their severity, greater disability

first. One finds the magic numbers from Table 1 and add them together. The total will then be converted to the nearest number divisible by 10 and combined numbers ending in 5 will be adjusted upward. Thus, with a disability of 40% and one of 20% the combined value is 52% but the 52% must be converted to the closest number divisible by 10, which is 50%. Does this make any sense to you?

Returning to 38 CFR Book C, Sec. 4.25 (a) let's see what will be the answer when three disabilities occur. "Thus if there are three disabilities ratable at 60 percent, 40 percent and 20 percent, respectively, the combined value for the first two will be found opposite 60\*\* and under 40 and is 76 percent. This 76 will be combined with 20 and the combined value for the three is 81 percent. This combined value will be converted

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**Boys State Mailings to  
Posts and Squadrons in December**

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This is *advance notice* to advise all Posts and Squadrons in the Department the first information mailing on the 2017 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program will be sent to all Post and Squadron Boys State Chairmen on or around December 1, 2016.

The December mailing will contain official enrollment forms to sponsor young men from a community as Delegates to the 2017 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program.

It is recommended and encouraged that all Posts and Squadrons begin making contact with local school administrators and the 2016 - 2017 Junior Class *now* to promote participation in the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program.

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is in competition with many other summer programs for students. The sooner the seed on Boys State can be planted, the better.

*Again, look for the mailing on the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program in December.*

Effective with the 2017 Buckeye Boys State program, Boys State will move to a new home at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Questions on American Legion Buckeye Boys State may be sent to the Director of American Legion Buckeye Boys State at: [white@ohiolegion.com](mailto:white@ohiolegion.com).

*"A week to shape a lifetime"*

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to the nearest degree divisible by 10 which is 80 percent." The same procedure follows for more than three disabilities.

How this began I do not know. Rumor has it that this slight-of-hand arithmetic was a VA development of the early years, after WWII, to cut the disability payments to Korean and Viet Nam Vet-

erans and their families. It would be most interesting to discover the answer.

\* Code of Federal Regulations  
 \*\* Combined Ratings Table 1

(For further information you might check <http://themilitarywallet.com/va-math-combined>

2016 Legionnaire/Military  
Scholarship Recipient



ASHLEY GORBULJA  
Brunswick, OH  
Post 808, Akron

# 2016 American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship Winners



2016 Durward I. Bernhard  
Scholarship Recipient



EMILY EATON  
St. Clairsville, OH  
Great-Granddaughter of Legionnaire  
Francis Warner  
Post 159, St. Clairsville

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School

2016 Don Lanthorn Scholarship Recipient



COLE WILHELM  
Fremont, OH  
Grandson of Deceased  
Legionnaire Virgil Coleman  
Post 354, New Riegel

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



ANNIE MUSSER  
West Chester, OH  
Granddaughter of Deceased Legionnaire Vince Jolly  
Post 330, Wapakoneta

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



BLAKE HALE  
Reading, OH  
Son of Legionnaire Kevin Brown  
Post 288, Williamsburg

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



CATHERINE RARDIN  
Akron, OH  
Daughter of Legionnaire Robert Rardin  
Post 566, Akron

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



EVAN BARCLAY  
Toledo, OH  
Son of Legionnaire Jeremie Barclay  
Post 320, Maumee

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



JENNA WATKINS  
St. Clairsville, OH  
Granddaughter of Deceased Legionnaire John  
Paglialunga  
Post 159, St. Clairsville

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



JOHN BOWEN  
Akron, OH  
Son of Legionnaire Brian Bowen  
Post 19, Akron

2016 Scholarship Recipient – High School



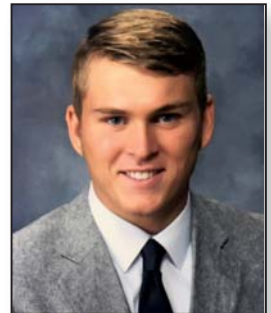
KEIVON GUNN  
Euclid, OH  
Son of Legionnaire David Hilliard II  
Post 274, Steubenville



MARIA FABER  
Fostoria, OH  
Daughter of Legionnaire Jerald Faber  
Post 354, New Riegel

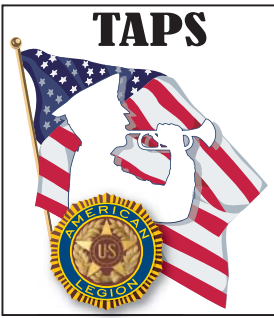


MATTHEW FOX  
Olmsted Falls, OH  
Son of Legionnaire Kenneth Fox  
Post 91, Berea



SCOTT SEYMOUR  
Maumee, OH  
Grandson of Legionnaire Thomas Bensman  
Post 553, Toledo



**POST 3 • FINDLAY**

C. S. Benson  
Robert W Porter  
William Seebon  
Donald S Ziessler  
**POST 6 • SPRINGFIELD**  
Robert D Jenkins  
Alan K Lower  
**POST 7 • WICKLIFFE**  
John A Carozza  
Thomas V Moscovici  
Donald Schmitt  
**POST 11 • LANCASTER**  
Howard Arter  
Neal W Burdette  
James E Calhoun  
Pearl J Dean  
James V Doud  
Thomas F Gill  
Charles T Lunsford  
Richard E McQuiston  
Raymond H Notestone  
Phillip T Pool  
Louis J Sandor  
Harold E Shull  
Richard M Simons  
Frederick L Veverka  
**POST 12 • ELYRIA**  
Robert L Abbott  
Johnny B Carr  
Howard E Codney  
William L Connors  
John F Kopcho  
Joseph N Weber  
Charles E Williams  
**POST 16 • POLAND**  
Carroll W Balser  
William E Bauer  
James H Eldridge  
Dallas F Kaufman  
**POST 21 • ATHENS**

Carol J Buck  
William A Lavelle  
Amos J Weeks  
**POST 23 • PORTSMOUTH**  
Gene Barrett  
Walter W Cooper  
Raymond B Cunningham  
William R Dials  
Jerry L Howe  
Gene Lewis  
John V Reinhardt  
Roger W Shamhart  
Elmer E Shepherd  
Elmo F Smalley  
James L Snyder  
George P Zoellner  
**POST 25 • WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE**  
James L Cooper  
Gene R Donohoe  
Wilbur D Grubb  
Charles Morgan  
**POST 27 • GALLIPOLIS**  
Howard R Waugh  
**POST 28 • PERRYBURG**  
Edward C Hauden  
Ted W Lentz  
Phillip A Whitner  
**POST 29 • ZANESVILLE**  
Arthur H Foltz  
Otis B House  
Gerald Keohlar  
Homer L More  
Patrick C Noe  
Joe C Polk  
Michael F Rutter  
Robert Schmidt  
**POST 33 • STEUBENVILLE**  
William Apesos  
Fred D Barnhart  
Richard A Treglia  
**POST 34 • CADIZ**  
Michael R Bailey  
Wayne O Ferrell  
**POST 38 • MARTINS FERRY**  
Ernest Dull  
**POST 39 • POMEROY**  
Frank Powers  
**POST 40 • RICHWOOD**  
Hubert H Fry  
**POST 41 • NORWALK**  
Charles C Coffman  
James G Meisler  
**POST 43 • TROY**  
John B Busse  
Charles C Carver

William E Ingle  
Larry Lando  
Robert W Pour  
**POST 44 • CANTON**  
Rodney K Harsh  
Wade V Johnson  
Harold M Resnick  
Robert W Swihart  
**POST 49 • WILMINGTON**  
Donald S Canby  
James R Flint  
William Hidy  
Glenn E Kenney  
Mervyn V Wisecup  
Richard Wood  
**POST 58 • SOMERSET**  
James E Beall  
Owen Dupler  
Michael J Schmeltzer  
**POST 62 • CHILLICOTHE**  
A. G Dabbs  
Donald T Hayburn  
Maurice L Vittoe  
**POST 63 • OTTAWA**  
Richard F Bryan  
Paul T Mershman  
Dan E Meyer  
John K Moening  
Michael R Otto  
Alvin F Schulte  
Robert Thompson  
**POST 64 • MARIETTA**  
John E Barnes  
George G Binegar  
Raymond H Hiener  
Edwin J Pryor  
Franklin D Tucker  
Paul R Wenzel  
**POST 65 • COSHOCTON**  
George W Ankrum  
**POST 67 • SHREVE**  
Raymond F Kennedy  
Robert J Sheeter  
**POST 68 • WOOSTER**  
Wilbur S Miller  
James S Parcell  
**POST 69 • READING**  
Carl L Deutsch  
Herman L Kleinfeld  
**POST 70 • WELLSVILLE**  
Maurice Walker  
**POST 72 • MT. CARMEL**  
Monty Erb  
Edward W Roth  
**POST 76 • SEBRING**  
Joseph E Chapelow  
Ray A Mercer  
Joseph F Schwartzhoff  
**POST 77 • NEFFS**  
William Kopyar  
Donald L Padgett  
**POST 78 • LOGAN**  
Ralph L Nelson  
**POST 80 • COVINGTON**  
Joseph A Donahue  
**POST 81 • JACKSON**  
Ralph L Sheets  
**POST 82 • COLUMBUS**  
John C Campbell  
Robert H Conrad  
**POST 83 • SANDUSKY**  
Donald Beerck  
Donald L Goretzki  
Charles J McAllister  
Carroll A Meyer  
Paul B Miller  
Manuel P Narcizo  
**POST 85 • NEWARK**  
Jerry L Bounds  
Forrest L Cunningham  
Charles M Lamb  
James W Lannan  
Stuart S Savage  
**POST 86 • TORONTO**  
George J Hodovanic  
**POST 88 • ASHLAND**

Clarence C Goon  
Donald W Marker  
James E Nelson  
Arthur Poland  
**POST 91 • BEREA**  
Arthur E Boessneck  
Gene F Halter  
Albert W Hand  
William Henry  
Robert S Karaba  
Richard A Magovich  
**POST 92 • UTICA**  
James E Manning  
**POST 95 • XENIA**  
David L Brown  
Stephen K Fletcher  
**POST 96 • LIMA**  
Donald E Ammon  
Walter O Koch  
William A Martin  
Robert W Mayer  
John D Newman  
Howard J Rhinock  
Justin L Taylor  
**POST 97 • CARDINGTON**  
Franklin M Dennis  
**POST 103 • ASHTABULA**  
Chris Ketchum  
**POST 106 • NILES**  
Fred Kubli  
**POST 110 • TOLEDO**  
David J Turner  
**POST 112 • MADISON**  
Thomas R Barry  
Cody R Carder  
Forrest Haines  
Ron L Nighman  
**POST 113 • PORT CLINTON**  
Richard E Jacobs  
Paul N Krofft  
**POST 114 • OAK HARBOR**  
Myron L DeMars  
Ronald N Smith  
**POST 115 • DELAWARE**  
Harry A Humes  
Frank W Otto  
Paul Pinter  
**POST 117 • DEFIANCE**  
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### Jason Graven Editor in Chief

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

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

DO NOT: submit more than two to three sentences. Space is very

limited and a lengthy submission must be cut down to meet space requirements. While I am a proud Legionnaire, I hate having to cut these down as I may inadvertently leave out information you would rather have included over something else in your submission.

DO: submit ONE photo of the event

DO NOT: submit more than one photo per event. My time is limited just as much as the space in this newsletter and asking me to

sift through 3 and 4 pictures (and some cases entire cd's) to find one to meet your write-up can be very time consuming. It also leaves me to decide what it is you want the Legion family of Ohio to see and as in the previous "DO NOT" I do not want to choose the photo that does not properly show your pride in why you made the submission.

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

DO NOT: scribble a write-up and

expect me to decipher.

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

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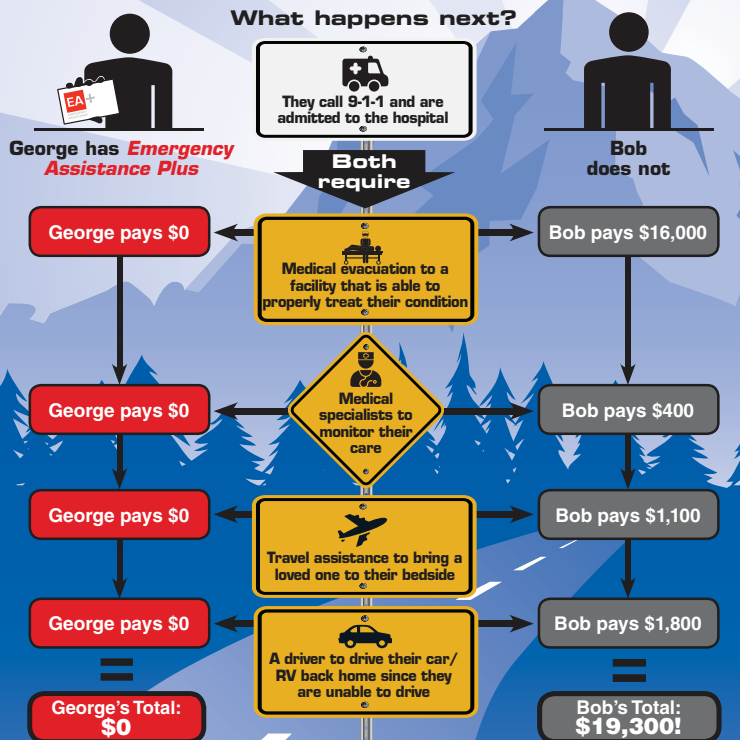
Our next OLN Deadline is October 28th, 2016. I look forward to receiving your photos and articles!

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2.	James Mudrich	\$50.00
3.	James Lowden	\$50.00
4.	Daniel Snyder	\$50.00
5.	Thomas Lynett	\$50.00
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7.	Perry Allen	\$50.00
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9.	Robert Hurst	\$50.00
10.	Olin Ledgerwood	\$50.00
11.	Betsy Law	\$50.00 plus \$250.00
12.	David Yocom	\$50.00
13.	William Hoffman	\$50.00
14.	Richard Pachell	\$50.00
15.	Charles McCulloch	\$50.00
16.	William Jarrett	\$50.00
17.	Claude Lunsford	\$50.00
18.	William Chinni	\$50.00
19.	Michael Oros	\$100.00
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24.	Michael Brass	\$100.00
25.	Michael Coey	\$100.00
26.	Charles Konecny	\$100.00
27.	William Copeland	\$100.00
28.	Dudley Schuler	\$100.00
29.	Richard Donnelly	\$100.00
30.	Luke Brackman	\$100.00
31.	Richard Leiter	\$100.00
32.	Lowell Duerk	\$100.00
33.	Jerry Laird	\$100.00 plus \$250.00
34.	Peter Jones	\$100.00
35.	Richard Feri	\$100.00
36.	Louis Crow	\$100.00
37.	John Batcho	\$100.00
38.	Lawrence Kramer	\$100.00
39.	Charles Coon	\$200.00
40.	James Hinners	\$200.00
41.	Lawrence Kramer	\$200.00
42.	Raymond Fink	\$200.00
43.	Ronald McMahon	\$200.00
44.	Franklin Keels	\$200.00
45.	Ken Schutz	\$200.00 plus \$250.00
46.	Paul Lindquist	\$200.00
47.	Thomas Nichols	\$500.00
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49.	Terry Wingate	\$1,500.00
50.	George Hurbaneck	\$5,000.00

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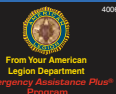


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