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LOOKING AHEAD: A NEW YEAR, NEW LEADERSHIP, AND CHANGE

Stanley A. Pleasant was appointed to the high office of Commander by unanimous vote at the 99th Department Convention in July of this year. As Department Commander of the largest Veteran's organization statewide, Stanley will serve a 1-year term as the lead Ambassador of over 540 locations and 96,000 members.

Stanley graduated from Capital University with a Bachelor's of Arts (B.A.) degree in Business and Information Management, and is a graduate of The American Legion Extension Course Institute (ALEI). He has two daughters (Tiffanie and Tessa), five grandchildren and one great grandson. He resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Service to Veterans

Stanley has an impressive 22-year membership with The American Legion. He is a life member of the Chappie James

Post 776. At National Level, he serves on the National Americanism Council. At Department level, he serves as the Current Commander, served as the 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, and Treasurer. At District level, he serviced as the Thundering 3rd District Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. At Post level, he served the Chappie James Post 776 as Post Commander for two terms, as Post 1st Vice Commander for three terms, as Post Adjutant for five terms, as Post Trustee for three terms, and as Post Historian. In addition, Stanley has served as Finance Committee Chairman, Child Welfare Committee Chairman, 2nd Vice Commander of the Montgomery County Council, and Buckeye Boys State Commissioner and Trustee.



"We must have compassion for our fellow members, and all those we serve. We must serve with integrity. And, we must have the determination to complete the task."

— Stanley A. Pleasant

In addition to his service to The American Legion, Stanley is as a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2800 where he served as an Adjutant and Junior Vice, and is a member of American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 24.

Service to Country

Prior to finding his home at The American Legion, Stanley devoted 37-years to the Department of Defense. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Manpower Management Technician in 1992, and retired from the Department of Defense as a Management Analyst in 2013.



2017 Department Convention Highlights

The American Legion Department of Ohio conducted its 99th Annual Department Convention in Dayton, July 7th, 8th & 9th.

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

Highlights of the Convention included addresses by Officers and other dignitaries, the election and installation of the new 2017-2018 Officers and consideration of constitutional amendments and resolutions that involve Legion business and policies of state and national interest. Membership, VA & R, and Charities sessions were very well attended. The Dragons baseball game was delayed due to rain, but still had a very nice turnout of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members and their families.

The keynote speaker was Ronald "Jake" Clark, President and Founder of Save A Warrior, a non-profit organization dedicated to solving the epidemic of Veteran suicide. Jake is a US Army Vet-

eran of the Cold War era and the California Army National Guard during the Post 9/11 era. In between his military service, Jake worked for the Secret Service, the Los Angeles Police Department, and as a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 2012, as an MBA student at Pepperdine University, Jake interrupted his studies to create Save A Warrior in Malibu, California. The program takes timeless virtues - ideals like compassion, empathy, humility - and presents what is beautiful and good in a powerfully sacred experience. Save a Warrior focused on the whole person and all his/her many pieces with a goal of creating a "war detox" experience is to reduce pain and increase resiliency.

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

The 100th Annual Department Convention will be held in Columbus, June 29 - July 1, 2018.

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Opening Ceremony of the 99th Annual Department Convention.

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...CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
9/2/17 - 9/5/17	Cleveland National Air Show	Burke Lakefront Airshow
9/4/17 - 9/5/17	Office Closed-Labor Day	Dept HQ
9/6/17	Membership Turn-in Deadline 1	Dept HQ
9/10/17	District 13 Fall Conference	Post 703
9/10/17	District 8 Fall Conference	Post 371 Wellston
9/10/17	District 9 Fall Conference	Post 459 Burton
9/17/17	District 12 Fall Conference	Post 144
9/17/17	District 14 Fall Conference	Post 331
9/17/17	District 3 Fall Conference	Post 95
9/23/17	District 10 Fall Conference	Post 431
9/23/17	SAL Commander Evan Mahlman's Homecoming	Bert G. Taylor Post 300 Napoleon
9/24/17	District 4 Fall Conference	Post 180 Georgetown
9/24/17	District 7 Fall Conference	Post 62
9/30/17	Oratorical Committee Meeting	Dept HQ
9/30/17	Special Olympic Committee Meeting	Dept HQ
OCTOBER		
10/1/17	District 6 Fall Conference	Post 79
10/6/17	Buckeye Boys State Fall Meeting	Dept HQ
10/7/17	Buckeye Boys State Fall Meeting	Dept HQ
10/8/17	District 11 Fall Conference	Post 641 Bell Valley
10/8/17	District 5 Fall Conference	Post 547
10/11/17 - 10/12/17	National Fall Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
10/15/17	District 1 Fall Conference	Post 265
10/21/17	Commanders Homecoming	
10/21/17	Finance Meeting	Post 776
10/21/17 - 10/22/17	Pleasant Homecoming	Dayton Wright Patt AFB
10/27/17	Ohio Legion News Deadline	Dept HQ
10/28/17	Post Service Officer Training	Dept HQ
NOVEMBER		
11/4/17	Auxiliary President Homecoming	Lima Ohio
11/4/17	District 7 Winter Conference	Post 23
11/10/17 - 11/11/17	Office Closed-Veteran's Day	Dept HQ
11/15/17 - 11/16/17	Membership Turn-In Deadline 2	Dept HQ
11/23/17 - 11/25/17	Office Closed-Thanksgiving	Dept HQ
DECEMBER		
12/3/17	District 13 Winter Conference	Post 91
12/3/17	District 6 Winter Conference	Post 162
12/3/17	District 8 Winter Conference	Post 376 Junction City
12/9/17	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 719 Orwell
12/25/17 - 12/27/17	Office Closed-Christmas	Dept HQ
JANUARY		
1/1/18 - 1/3/18	Office Closed-New Year's	Dept HQ
1/3/18 - 1/4/18	Membership Turn-In Deadline 3	Department HQ
1/6/18	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 482
1/7/18	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 587
1/7/18	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 532
1/7/18	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 292
1/14/18	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 49 Wilmington
1/19/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Crowne Plaza
1/19/18 - 1/21/18	Mid Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza
1/28/18	District 3 Winter Conference	Post 200
1/28/18	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 750 Lowell
FEBRUARY		
2/7/18 - 2/8/18	DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S AWARD	Dept HQ
2/7/18 - 2/8/18	DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S AWARD	Dept HQ
2/25/18 - 2/28/18	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
MARCH		
3/4/18	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 297
3/4/18	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 610
3/4/18	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85
3/4/18	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 677 Lithopolis
3/10/18	District 9 Spring Conference	Post 700 Howland
3/18/18	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 77 Neffs
3/18/18	District 12 Spring Conference	Post 430
3/18/18	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 450 Milford
3/18/18	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 142
3/24/18	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 682
3/25/18	District 3 Spring Conference	Post 322
3/25/18	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 88

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Mail Date: Last Week in May

2018 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend the

2018 Mid-Winter Conference

The 2018 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH on the weekend of January 19-20th. The Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary are all housed and have meetings in the same hotel. The Conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its programs. Anyone is welcome to attend the Conference or any of the meetings and classes offered. Closer to the event a schedule will be available online.

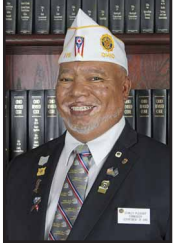
For hotel reservations call: (614) 885-1885.
Deadline is December 31st

For more information on the event contact:
legion@ohiolegion.org or call (740) 362-7478.

SEE YOU THERE!



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant
Dept. Commander

Thank you for electing me as your Department of Ohio Commander. It is a tremendous honor for me to hold this high office. Please be patient with me as I get my feet under me. I am already running.

I believe that membership drives this organization. Without them, we will not continue to exist as the American Legion. Without members, we cannot work the fabulous programs of the American Legion. We need

members to hold leadership positions. There are many Posts and Districts that have executive boards that are not complete. It is essential that these positions be filled. We are a service organization. We should serve with compassion and integrity. Our members, and the community deserve these qualities.

This is a volunteer organization. It is very important that we have compassion for our members and all those we serve. Volunteerism also comes with responsibility. We need members to accept the responsibility of working our programs. We need members to accept the responsi-

bility of leading our Posts with integrity. Each post is guided by their constitution and by-law which should be updated periodically. Every member should have access to the constitution and by-laws.

Many of you have served The American Legion in some capacity for a long time. We appreciate your loyal service. However, we must find and mentor people to take our places. We must pass our knowledge on to someone else. Posts are dying because we are not recruiting new members, and not mentoring future leaders. If membership is unhappy with their lead-

ership, you can change that each year by electing new officers. That means that other members must be willing to step up and accept this responsibility. It is your choice.

We are also making Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention more fun. We have added a recognition dinner at Mid-Winter. We are considering adding a dinner/dance at Department. The dinner/dance is still in the talking stage. And, there is the training piece we continue to improve.

Our membership is on a decline. We must start to turn that around this year. I need your

help to start this change. We are working at the Department to help make things better. We have started having training at Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention to help you understand new concepts, and some old concepts. Please utilize the tools we are providing.

We have several new members on the staff at Department Headquarters. They are aggressively working to learn our processes, and get up to speed. I ask that you please be patient with them. They are all great people.

Thank you for your vote of confidence.

— For God and Country



1st VICE COMMANDER



Robert Schmitt
1st Vice Commander

Hello Legionnaires, Post Officers, County Officers, District Officers,

The American Legion Department of Ohio has embarked on an

NEW Membership Program, everything is new about this year's Program except an individual Legionnaire paying his or her dues online. The Department of Ohio is on a Test Program with National meaning that the Department of Ohio has a lot of input as to how this new Program will work, working out the bugs and making it user friendly. So, all of you also have an opportunity to give us feedback as to your experiences working with MyLegion.org with your Membership. We strongly encourage you to give us your feedback, send your feedback to legion@ohiolegion.com and on Subject Line label it as "Feedback MyLegion".

Legionnaires: To all of us legionnaires I ask that we all pay our dues as soon as possible. As all of you should be aware, your 2018 Membership Dues are due now, the first Dues Notices have been mailed. I highly recommend that you register with MyLegion.org and pay your dues online. This is the most convenient way, you do not have to mail anything, no postage stamps and depending on when you pay your dues it should stop future Dues Renewal Notices coming to you. You could still receive one

additional Dues Renewal Notice IF your dues were not received by National by their cutoff date. We understand that there are many people who do not use a computer.

2017 Dues: Some of you have not paid your 2017 dues as of this writing and we really need them paid now. By the Constitution and By-Laws of the Organization you are delinquent and no longer in good standing and it requires your Post to revoke you back in as a member. This should not be a problem because your Post needs you as a member and the Department of Ohio and the National Organization needs you as a member, so please renew your 2017 and at the same time pay your 2018 dues and keep your continuous years of membership on going.

Exciting Changes Coming: We are looking at introducing some exciting changes to recognize each member over time and to thank you for your membership in The American Legion. We want all of you to know that you are not just a Membership ID Number to us, you are a veteran or military person who has served our Country honorably and earned your membership eligibility in the world's largest War Time Veterans Organization The American Legion. Thank You for your service. To help us recognize each of you as we implement these changes we would like for each you to send us by email at legion@ohiolegion.com or by U.S. Mail your Membership ID Number and your Date of Birth.

Post Officers: The 2017 Membership Year is not over until December 31, 2017, we still need to work on getting those members who have not paid their 2017 dues. They have been enjoying the benefits of being a paid-up member without paying their 2017 dues. We need to make some personal contact and ask them if there is a reason why they have elected to drop their membership and see if we can change their mind. We need them to understand that we are continually helping our veterans all over the world with getting their earned VA benefits and working feverishly to preserve those benefits for them and the veterans of the future such as their sons or daughters or grandsons or granddaughters. Even though they are delinquent we need to get them paid-up and reinstated as members in good standing. They have already been a member and we need to keep them as members. Please be sure to tell them about the other programs that The American Legion has that may help them in the future such as the National Emergency Fund if they were to be struck by a national disaster. About the scholarships that are available for possibly them or their children. WE NEED TO KEEP THEM AS MEMBERS. We can still get the Department of Ohio QUOTA for 2017 by getting the non-renewed members renewed.

In-fact this is the only way we can get the Department QUOTA, any new members now are for 2018. We know that many of the Quota

Post have several if not many members who have not paid their 2017 dues, but you made quota by getting new members. We desperately need these non-renewed members to pay their 2017 dues. Please help!

New Membership Program: As all of you should be aware the Department of Ohio is on the new MyLegion.org membership program that allows each Post to post your paid-up members directly to National. If you register your Post Bank Account directly with National the moneys will transfer automatically. There is NO checks to write, NO cards to mail and NO discrepancies as to how many members you have paid. If you have an issue with National and your Bank Account, you can always establish a separate account just for membership. Because Ohio is on this new Test Program each of you have an opportunity to make suggestions on improvements to how the program can be better, what reports that you would like to be able to generate. We encourage your input.

Awards Manual 2018: With your 2018 Membership Cards came two publications, the 2018 Membership Manual on how to process the membership cards and it should answer most of your questions, if not you can still call into Department and ask for any help that you many need. The second manual is the 2018 Membership Awards Manual. You really need to be familiar with the Awards schedule so that you can get your Post quali-

fied for the various Awards. There is monies to be won by making certain deadlines. The first one is September 6th and \$2000 is available to be shared by every Post that qualifies (\$2000.00 divided by however many Posts). There is another \$2000 for All-Time High Post. DON'T MISS OUT.

District Officers: We want to express to you how important it is to work with the County Officers and Post Officers to still work on the 2017 Membership. As indicated above the only way we can get the Department of Ohio QUOTA is to renew the 2017 members who have not renewed. We need your help we can get this done but it will take all of us to do so. Please Help.

2018 Awards Manual: Each District Officer needs to be totally familiar with the Awards Manual and help each Post to understand what is available out there for their Post to earn. There are District Awards also and all of you need to make sure that your District takes every opportunity to qualify for the District Awards.

To all please watch the ohiolegion.com website for more up-to-date information. Some changes are being made to bring it update the website and make it even more user friendly. After the changes are made I hope to keep you up-to-date with fresh information about membership as we progress through the year. If any of you would like to contact me you can get me by my e-mail 1stvice@ohiolegion.com or by my cell phone at 419-283-2064.

— For God and Country



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Roger Friend
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires from your newly elected 2nd Vice Commander.

First, I would like to thank everyone that came to Dayton

and supported our great organization at the Department Convention. When you are reading this

news letter I'll have had a change to Meet with the current District 2nd Vice Commanders, and receive inputs from them on activities in their respective districts. Currently the Seniors Regional Baseball tournaments are wrapping up. I attended the region #4 finals in Utica where Utica Post #92 defeated Hebron Post #285 and are headed to Lancaster next week in the State. The State Tour-

namment will be held at Beavers Field Lancaster, Ohio July 26th through the 30th. The State Golf Tournament will be August 12th Hosted by Kettering post 598 at the Hills & Dales courses Dayton Ohio. Next will be the State Trap Shoot at Centerburg Post #460 Centerburg Ohio. Hope to see all at these activities.

—For God and Country





SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons
Department Adjutant

Hello Legionnaires and Legion Family. I hope everyone is having a great summer. The Department of Ohio continues to work tirelessly for our Veterans, Families, Posts, and Districts. First I wish to thank Past Department Commander Ron Chapman for a great year as our Commander. I personally want to thank him for his mentorship and patience as I have continued to learn the job and as we started a turnover of staff that the Department has not witnessed in over 30 years. We have had a momentous summer change in the Department.

Buckeye Boys State started two new eras this year. They successfully and seamlessly transition to its new host in Miami University and the retirement of Director Jerry White. The new staff is eager and looking forward to con-

tinuing the legacy of excellence of Buckeye Boys State.

We have just completed a great Convention in Dayton. Stanley Pleasant was elected as our new Commander. I am excited to work with him and see what the year brings. To all of the newly elected officers of the Department, welcome.

By the time of printing The American Legion Department of Ohio Baseball tournament will have crowned a new champion. The Bert G. Taylor Post in Napoleon will have hosted the Great Lakes Regional tournament to select a champion to compete in The American Legion Baseball World Series in Shelby, North Carolina. We are pulling for our teams participating. Good Luck.

We are preparing for the 54th Annual Membership Workshop in Indianapolis. Commander Pleasant with assistance from the staff is setting a plan into motion to improve membership. Our organization has dropped below

2 million members nationwide. The Department currently sits (as of Department Convention in July 2017) just over 92,000 members. The American Legion is relevant and vibrant. The Department will start a marketing campaign to tell our story and drive membership to our ranks. 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.

We are completing preparations for the 99th National Convention in Reno, Nevada 18 through 24 August 2017. The Department will be staying in the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino. This is going to be a historic convention. Stay tuned for details.

The Department of Ohio has a Legionnaire attending The American Legion College in Indianapolis (18 OCT – 3 NOV 2017). Congratulations to Legionnaire Holly Lewis, of the Stevens-

Christian Memorial Post 557 of Wintersville in the 10th District, for her selection to attend this prestigious program. Legionnaire Lewis will spend a week at the National Headquarters with 59 other Legionnaires from across the nation learning leadership techniques, discussing initiatives and gaining an understanding of how The American Legion works in other Departments. Good luck Holly we know you will make Ohio proud.

The staff is currently working on the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference (January 19-21, 2018). We are excited to continue the Legion Training Program that was started in January 2017. We are setting the schedule of training based on the survey results from the 2017 conference. The training is geared to teach our members how to effectively execute the programs and functions of The American Legion, operate Posts, and expand the reach of our great organization. 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 prepared to lead this organization 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 her honor and it will give those attending Legionnaires the opportunity to meet our Commander. We are looking forward to a great weekend of camaraderie and learning.

Come and join us 19-21 January, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43229 for the Department Mid-Winter Conference.

*For God and Country...
Airborne!*



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Jim Vaughan
Department Chaplain

GREETINGS!! I am your new Department of Ohio Chaplain and I am very proud to have been selected by Commander Pleasant to serve

you as your Chaplain. I am not your typical Chaplain, (if there is such a person). I am a Born Again Christian (2010) and feel the need to let you know that. When I introduced myself to the 1st DEC meeting on the last day of the Department Convention I told them I am not a Priest or an Ordained Pastor. I am a retired Air Force Senior NCO that served my last 10 years of a 25-year career as a First Sergeant. I told them that I can't Marry them but I can Bury them.

The article below was submitted

by a member of our Thundering Third District Englewood Post 707. It seemed more appropriate to today's membership than anything I could create. I allow the Lord to lead me in the direction he wants me to go.

*Jim Vaughan, Chaplain
Department of Ohio*

PTSD and our Veterans *Submitted by Michael White*

One of my fellow Senior NCOs went missing last week. He was found yesterday. Suicide appears to be his cause of death. Thank you to my Legion members. I appreciate my extended family.

To my brothers and sisters who have served alongside me in the Armed Forces, the news of CSM Folsom's apparent suicide brings home the simple fact that we are on our own, just as in a firefight.

The VA cannot be there for us, forever paralyzed by bureaucracy. The military has spent untold amounts of resources trying to get us help, but still we are the ones facing the demons of wars fought. Society doesn't know what to think of us, nor are they trying. In fact, our society is the one that is failing to raise our young ones with the necessary coping skills, so when a person enters the stressful world of the military, we inherit a soldier who is often wholly unprepared to handle the stress. And in a basic training environment where we don't wash out the unfit and incapable, the Army fails to prevent the problem.

That leaves the service men and women and veterans only one crutch: each other. The world doesn't know us and the Government doesn't care. Join the

American Legion, IAVA, VFW, DAVA, doesn't matter who. **JUST JOIN, BE ACTIVE, DO NOT LET YOURSELF BE ALONE.**

We cannot afford to be alone, yet membership in these organizations is shrinking.

These old guys don't need you to pour your heart out to them, but they want you to know that they understand even if you don't speak of your demons. The simple comradery is often enough to keep the evil at bay. These guys are your 360° security. These guys can have your back. It's what they are there for. It's the only reason they exist!

No one but fellow veterans are going to watch your six, but we can't do it if you don't let us. Be a part of the solution. Doing 22 pushups doesn't help. Join a veterans group **AND BE ACTIVE.**

Jim Vaughan to Michael White:

Michael, I have a request that I would like to talk to you about. The article you wrote and posted on the Englewood AL Post 707 web site. I don't know if you are aware that I am the 3rd District's Chaplain and since the Department's Convention I am now the Department's Chaplain. The article you wrote was so moving I knew that I couldn't top that. I am asking for your permission to Post it in the summers Online Newsletter. I would post it under your name.

COMMENTS

Michael White: Absolutely Sir! We need to get the message out. Be aware I plagiarized it from one of my former Soldiers after I received his permission but I am sure he will not mind it being published as its intent is for everyone.



NATIONAL EXEC. COMMITTEEMAN



Dennis E. Clausing
National Executive
Committeeman

The American Legion Coin Bill: An Honor Worth Coining

The American Legion has a golden opportunity. Well, silver and gold actually. With your help, we can encourage Congress to mark The American Legion's 2019 Centennial with limited edition, exquisitely crafted commemorative coins. Not only will these coins raise public awareness about the greatest veterans organization in the country, proceeds from their sale will raise funds for our outstanding programs.

A bipartisan group in Congress is now gathering support for The

American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. This legislation, if passed, would honor the Legion for its 100 years of service to our nation's heroes by directing the U.S. Mint to issue a variety of special **limited edition** commemorative coins available for purchase during 2019. Congress only authorizes two coins per year and one has already been awarded for 2019, so there's only one left.

But the Legion has strong competition and we need your help to get this done!

Please ask your representative and senators to join Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind., Sen Joe Donnelly,

D-Ind., Rep Phil Roe, R-Tenn., and Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn., as co-sponsors of this important legislation by sending the prepared message below. The House bill is **H.R. 2519** and the Senate bill is **S. 1182.**

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act provides Congress with a valuable way to thank the Legion for its service to our nation, and to invest in our shared values.

We cannot afford to miss this vital opportunity for Congress to recognize the great work of The American Legion! Please contact your Members of Congress now to become co-sponsors for this important legislation.



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

I am truly honored to have been chosen by Commander Pleasant to be your Department Judge Advocate.

It is my desire to do all can to assist our beloved Legion family to stay on course in all of its missions. While the posts and districts of the department have a great deal of autonomy in their operation, all are subject to the provisions of our national, department, district and post constitutions and bylaws.

These documents provide the foundation for our organization and it is essential that they be carefully followed. From time to time, circumstances arise such that changes to constitutions and bylaws may be needed. The process of amendment is intentionally somewhat rigorous as compared to ordinary operational decisions of our governing bodies.

As your Judge Advocate, I pledge timely reviews of proposed amended documents so that we can continue to provide the needed support for our membership at all levels.

For God and Country



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Elizabeth Kendrick-Creech
Dept. Historian

Our Post histories not only tell the story about us, but help with new recruits/potential members, and the Post's Legion Family understanding the legacy of where the Post has been and the visions of those before. But it also helps those currently serving within the Post to have a perception of what the Post founders envisioned and a way forward to ensure they are accom-

plished. This history provides an understanding of what has been previously accomplished and thus provides a pride in your Post. I encourage all OHIO Posts to share your history on the National Centennial Celebration website www.centennial.legion.org. In writing this I checked the Department of Ohio page and didn't see many posts listed. The web site has downloadable booklets to help you out establishing your Post history: "Centennial Celebration Workbook" along with "The Legacy and Vision". There is even

a power point presentation that can be used in helping recruit/establishing a Post History Committee. These tools are very helpful. I encourage all Ohio Posts if you don't have a Historian, establish one. Have that person create a Post History Committee to help gather the information. I'm confident that your committee in reviewing the Post records and other assets listed in documents mentioned above will find accomplishments within the IV Pillars of the American Legion: I Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation;

II National Security; III Americanisms; IV Children & Youth. A history will let your Post membership, community, city, state, nation, and world know what your American Legion Post has done to encourage Americanism/Patriotism and help others. Review and use the information provided by the website. It will help! One advantage that will come about from gathering and establishing your Post history for the Centennial Celebration web page is not only where you learn about your Post, the information gath-

ered will be of help in your membership drives and public relations campaign. You could publish parts on your web page, Facebook, newspaper articles; provide it to your members and community. Establishing and keeping a Post history has many advantages. I've only mentioned a few in this article. Use your imagination on how this collection of Centennial Celebration Post History can benefit your Post and the American Legion as a whole.

Military Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 1 a fortified place, or position stationed with troops
- 5 a vessel that is capable of staying underwater for a long time
- 7 a portable cannon used to fire bomb shells
- 8 Protects the head. also known as the brain-bucket
- 9 an unpowered device used when dropping from great heights
- 10 a weapon that is fired, dropped, or projected at a target
- 11 a military organization for sea warfare and defense
- 12 a warship of the largest size, and most heavily armored, and has the most artillery on it
- 13 a compartment in some firearms, which holds bullets
- 14 used in all firearms. this substance was found by Chinese philosophers
- 15 a soldier who is deployed from an aircraft and lands on the ground using a parachute
- 17 the first rank in the military
- 18 a gun that fires rapidly and repeatedly
- 21 an aircraft that flies from spinning rotor blades on top of the aircraft
- 22 an escort or an accompaniment by ships or troops
- 23 a small metallic missile in a cartridge, used as a projectile of a gun
- 24 a large armored combat vehicle armed with artillery
- 25 a machine capable of flight, like a helicopter
- 27 to conceal something by the use of disguising something into the natural environment
- 29 something soldiers have to do before entering the military
- 34 a firearm that can be shot using one hand
- 36 a person, organization, group, or nation against yours
- 37 a person who holds a commission in the armed forces

Down

- 2 soldiers wear these to protect their feet from different environments
- 3 a skilled shooter who shoots enemies from far range
- 4 a rank above corporal, and below staff sergeant
- 6 A light-weight, fully automatic gun that uses a cartridge of a pistol
- 8 a rank below major, and above lieutenant
- 14 a metal identification tag worn on a chain by soldiers
- 16 a small durable motor vehicle used by the army
- 19 a company of troops made of 2 squads or sections led by a lieutenant
- 20 a small bomb thrown or shot from a launcher
- 22 a set of buildings used to house soldiers
- 26 when the skin or any external feature of the body is damaged
- 28 a branch of the army made up of units trained to fight on foot
- 30 an underwater projectile fired from a submarine
- 31 large caliber weapons such as cannons
- 32 a physician or surgeon of the army
- 33 an explosive used to destroy enemies by detonation or by contact
- 35 one who serves in an army
- 38 a firearm with a rifle bore, and is designed to be fired from the shoulder

(Answers located on back page)

AMERICANISM

The Ohio American Legion Baseball Junior State Tournament

Held at Beavers Field in Lancaster, Ohio July 12-16, 2017 with 16 teams from throughout Ohio

By: Elise Riggle

Department Program Manager
District 6 • Post 808

The American Legion Baseball Junior State Tournament was played at Beavers Field in Lancaster, Ohio July 12-16, 2017 with 16 teams from throughout Ohio participated in a single-elimination tournament, all vying for the 2017 Junior State Championship. After four days of great baseball – plus one full day of rain delays – the Ohio Bruisers, sponsored by American Legion Post #151, were dubbed State Champs narrowly winning a 1-0 nail biter against Cambridge Post #84 during Sunday's championship game.

Two weeks later, American Legion baseball was back at Beavers Field for the Senior State

Tournament, July 26 – 30, 2017. Annually, the Tournament hosts the eight teams from around the state that win their respective Regions. Teams play in a double-elimination tournament competing for the title of Senior State Champion. Prior to the start of play, teams, families and others are invited to attend the Lead Off Banquet, an annual tradition that acts as the unofficial start of the Tournament. Several members of the Department Executive Committee were on hand, including the Department Commander, Stanley Pleasant, First Vice Commander, Bob Schmitt and Second Vice Commander, Roger Friend. Commander Pleasant also threw out the ceremonial first pitch during Game #1 of Tournament play on

Wednesday. Just as it was with the Junior Tourney, the four day event was extended to five due to rain.

This year the teams represented were:

- Region 1: Napoleon River Bandits, Post 300
- Region 2: Sandusky, Post 83
- Region 3: Circleville, Post 134
- Region 4: Steubenville, Post 33
- Region 5: Sidney, Post 217
- Region 6: Utica, Post 92
- Region 7: Lancaster, Post 11
- Region 8: Beverly/Lowell, Post 389/750

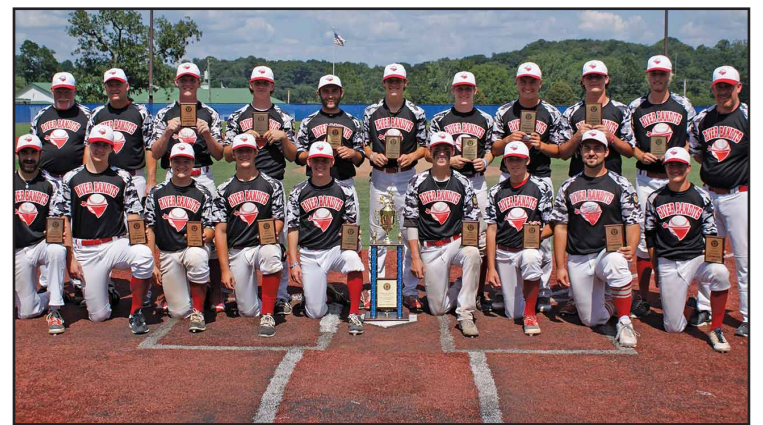
After four days of baseball, the Napoleon River Bandits and the combined Beverly/Lowell teams made it to the final round. Due to the rules of double-elimination

play, the River Bandits' 13-3 victory over Beverly/Lowell was not enough to secure the State championship because that was Beverly/Lowell's first loss of the Tournament. The two teams were forced to face each other again to determine who would take home the title. This final game was the third time these two teams had met during the Tournament. Beverly/Lowell knocked Napoleon into the consolation bracket in a 4-3 victory in their first day of Tournament play, so each team went into their final game with one win against each other. The River Bandits proved to be too much for Beverly/Lowell in their rubber match and won handedly with a score of 8-0 victory to become the 2017 Senior State Champions.

Because Napoleon is the host Post of the 2017 Great Lakes Regional Tournament, the River Bandits have an automatic bid in the Great Lakes Tournament. Because of this, the team from Beverly/Lowell will also represent Ohio in the Great Lakes Regional Tournament in at Mercy Field in Toledo, August 2-6, 2017.

The American Legion State Baseball Commission and Department Staff salute all of the players and coaches who participated in the 2017 Junior and Senior State Tournaments. Congratulations on a great season and two great weeks of State Tournament baseball.

For more information on American Legion baseball, please go to ohiolegion.com.



AMERICANISM

2017 Ohio Buckeye Boys State/Boys Nation

“A week that shapes a lifetime.”

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which nearly 1200 students attend and

become part of the operation of local, county and state government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps.

At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and

responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legisla-

tive sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, individual expenses

are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business or another community-based organization.

For more information or to find a local Post Sponsor email: legion@ohiolegion.com or call 740.362.7478.



AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION ELECTION RESULTS

Vice President American Legion
Boys Nation Senate
Jayson Blackburn, Tennessee
Washington Section
Federalist Party

President American Legion Boys Nation
Darius Thomas, Alabama
Adams Section
Nationalist Party



The week at Boys Nation is going fantastic, what an opportunity! The caliber of the young men is quite inspiring and I have already made lifelong friends from around the nation. The intellectual debate occurring is something you cannot find at any other program worldwide. Yesterday we had the humbling experience of laying a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery, something that brought tears to my eyes. Also, on Sunday we visited the National Mall, specifically the World War II Memorial. Below I have included several pictures of fellow delegate Weston Lindner as well as Senior Counselor and '07 Buckeye Boys State and Boys Nation delegate David Harper. We have a lot to look forward to and I am especially excited as we are scheduled to meet the President tomorrow on our trip to the White House! Once again, thanks so much for believing in me and supporting me as a delegate, none of this would be about without you. This, along with Buckeye Boys State, is truly a week to shape a lifetime. Again, thank you beyond words.

Sincerely,
Jordan Topoleski
(Sponsored by Post 468)

I wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed Buckeye Boys State. The experience was amazing, I learned so much, met some great people and had a ton of fun! I even had the chance to meet Mr. Stockner and hear his ALBBS story! I feel fortunate to have been able to attend, as I was the alternate selection for Canal Winchester High School. I would like to thank the district representative that made my attendance a possibility. I believe her name is Ruthie. Could you share her contact information with me? The other CWHHS delegate, Cole Parker, and I are reaching out to Mr. Benson to express our thanks and to hopefully schedule a time where we can attend a Post meeting and share our experiences. Thanks again for all the American Legion and it's members have done and continue to do for our country, our communities and our youth!!

Very Sincerely Yours,
Robert "Josh" Gilger
2017 Stocker City SD Treasurer
(Sponsored by Post 220)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Department of Ohio Scholarship Committee Awards \$25,000 in Scholarships

Since 1971, The American Legion Department of Ohio has awarded scholarships to deserving students to assist them with the ever-increasing costs associated with higher education.

All scholarship applications mailed to the American Legion Department of Ohio State Headquarters in Delaware, Ohio must be received by or postmarked by APRIL 15 annually.

To get more information on how to apply and eligibility please visit us at: www.ohiolegion.com/programs/scholarships or Email: legion@ohiolegion.com with Scholarship Question in the subject line. Call 740.362.7478



2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CATEGORY	NAME	CITY	POST
Legionnaire/Military	Ashley Gorbulja	Cuyahoga Falls	808
Belmont County	Courtney Storer	St. Clairsville	38
High School Student	Nathan Stratton	New Philadelphia	139
High School Student	Douglas Schlagheck	Centerville	18
High School Student	Cody DeBos	Massillon	221
High School Student	Mitch Gilley	Aurora	803
High School Student	Abbie Parkins	Bluffton	382
High School Student	Gabrielle White	North Royalton	703
High School Student	Jeremy Schmitz	Beavercreek	345
High School Student	Salena Alexander	Weterville	171
High School Student	Morgan Harsh	Hamilton	888
College Student	Cheyenne Keller	Carrollton	475
College Student	Jaclyn Schmitz	Beavercreek	345
Donald L. Lanthorn	Dillon Lanthorn	Centerburg	92

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Veteran's Affairs & Rehabilitation Highlights

Veteran John P. was granted his 100% Service-Connection through the hope, help, and guidance of the staff and Department Service Officers in the Cleveland Office. He began his claim in 2002 and it was completed in 2017, resulting in 15 YEARS from start to finish! Mr. P expresses that the office kept telling him not to give up and had convinced him that he had a case worthy of waiting for.

Mr. P recommends that others use and recommend The American Legion to help navigate the VA system. As a result of the service provided to him he became a member of the organization and will most likely renew each year!

VA&R HIGHLIGHTS!

Veteran Jane Doe from Youngstown had recently called Department HQ in regards to her appeal that was filed in 2012 and died in 2016 because she moved and didn't have a forwarding address until November of 2016. In

March of 2016 the VA mailed to the only known address of record for her, a decision within the appeal process that included a time sensitive document that needed to be returned to the VA within 60 days. This was never received by the veteran and was returned as "undeliverable" to the VA 30 days later.

She called because she was upset that the appeal died and she was under the impression that a former employee of ours had cancelled her case. I reviewed the case and explained to her the legal process of how this claim was cancelled and her options to "re-open" the case, which requires extensive "new and material" evidence. She was ok with that and says she was going to get the evidence needed and call me back.

In the meantime, I called our DSO team in the Cleveland Office and asked Adam, our newest DSO, to inquire to the appeals department in the VA Regional Office if they would be willing

to reopen the appeal, considering they received the returned piece of mail from the postal service within 30 days and there were no further attempts from the VA to locate the veteran. Later that afternoon I received a call from Adam saying that he inquired and they agreed! The appeal was reopened and they will send her the updated time sensitive document and allow her to submit in the proper time frame. If she files accordingly the original claim date of 2012 will not be lost. Thus, if she is granted the case in the appeal process she will receive retroactive monies to 2012.

It isn't just about the money or the disability. What we do for veterans is life changing and provides hope to folks who are up against a system that they may believe or perceive is working against them because they may not have the expert knowledge required to achieve a successful outcome. It is about providing a **top notch** service with an at-

titude that we will go above and beyond what any other organization is willing to do. This is the American Legion that I know and speak of. This is the mindset and the example of what we train our DSO's to do.

KNOW THE LAW!

VA&R Director, Suzette Price-Heller

What does it mean when the VA tells you that in order to "reopen" a previously denied claim that they require "new and material evidence"? This is what the 38 Code of Federal Regulations say: **§ 3.156 New and material evidence.**

(a)General. A claimant may reopen a finally adjudicated **claim** by submitting new and material evidence. New evidence means existing evidence not previously submitted to agency decision makers. Material evidence means existing evidence that, by itself or when considered with previous evidence of record, relates to an

unestablished fact necessary to substantiate the **claim**. New and material evidence can be neither cumulative nor redundant of the evidence of record at the time of the last prior final denial of the **claim** sought to be reopened, and must raise a reasonable possibility of substantiating the **claim**.

In layman's terms, what they are saying is what is being submitted cannot repeat what the evidence at hand already says. New and material evidence could be evidence that already exists in the veterans claims folder but maybe it was not used as evidence in the decision and therefore never listed as evidence. These reasons are why it is important to look at the evidence on the rating decision that was used to make a decision and to sit with an accredited service officer who has access to the veterans claims folder so they too can review the evidence of record and draft a proper reopen or, a reconsideration if within the one year appeal time frame.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Rededication of Veterans Memorial



Members of American Legion Post 436, Greentown, are shown during the re-dedication of the Veterans Memorial in the Greentown Cemetery. Members (L-R) Morris Dingman, Scot Nabors, Carl Tanner, Kevin Myers, Arnold Frank, Gene Walters, Jamie Mullinax, Bob Beasley (Cdr).

A Rededication Ceremony for the Villages Veteran Wall of Honor



American Legion Lowellville Post 247 hosted a re-dedication ceremony for the villages Veteran wall of honor. 115 names were added to the wall of veterans from the village who served during time of war. Eddy Berg performed his song, "My Grandpa's America" as part of the ceremony.

Worthington Post 239 Riders Raise Money for the Koman Run for the Cure



Worthington Post 239 Riders sold breakfast sandwiches and doughnuts at the Koman Run for the Cure. The booth was in conjunction with the Harley Owner's Group (HOG) and AD Farrow. Left to right: Rich Richardson (Director), Doug Biesinger, Doug Ritter, Glenn Luksik (Asst Director), Dave Howell.

Memorial Day Recognition of a 102 Year-Old World War II Veteran



Robert E. Wright, an Army World War II veteran shown with his daughter Charlene Noland, and Zanesville American Legion Post Officers and Executive Committee members. Mr. Wright was awarded a membership to the American Legion on Memorial Day, with a certificate of recognition for his service. Mr. Wright will turn 102 years old in November. Back row, L to R -Mike Watts, Larry Wheeler, Mike Weaver, Gary Keffer and Pat Rush. Front row, L to R- George Bradley, Bill Buzza, Eddie Grimes, Danny Williams and Bill Harrier

Maurice Thatcher Scholarship Receives Donation



Post 633 (Seaman) received a donation for the Maurice Thatcher Memorial Scholarship fund from the Thatcher family. The scholarship was established in 2012 to honor the memory of Maurice Thatcher, a WWII veteran, POW, and local farmer. Pictured: Eric Newman (Post Commander), Carol Thatcher, and Steve Thatcher (son of Maurice Thatcher).

American Legion Donates a United States Flag to Skyvue Elementary School



American Legion Monroe Post 87 and American Legion Auxiliary Monroe Unit 87 donated a United States flag to Skyvue Elementary School on 8 May 2017. Pictured from left are: Bob Welsh, Post 87 commander; Ed Frank, Post 87 finance officer; Chris Caldwell, principal of Skyvue Elementary School; Judy Frank, Unit 87 Auxiliary president; Gene Frank, Post 87 member; and Rose Frank, Unit 87 Auxiliary treasurer.

Honor Flight • John Caipen • April 27, 2017

An Army Veteran, who served in Korea during the Korean War. He loves to tell war stories about his experiences during his time there. To listen to his tales is a Historical glimpse into the life of the person, away from home, in a fight for his country. He served from 1950 until 1952. John is a life member of the American Legion Portage Post 496 (Kent), and has served as its Chaplin forever. He has been Commander of this post and of District 14. He probably has held every position within the American Legion. He has been and still is a very active volunteer in the Veterans Admin-

istration Hospital in Brecksville, Ohio (now closed) and in Ravenna, Ohio. John completed his Army Basic Training, at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky on November 30, 1950.

On November 10, 2011, John was one of twenty veterans inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, by Governor Kasich. To quote from the history of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, "The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is not a military hall of fame. Those veterans selected for the honor of induction are veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and continue to

serve and inspire their fellow citizens with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their life time." This is quite an honor. After the ceremony the names of the inductees are displayed in the building that houses the offices of lawmakers serving in the Ohio House of Representatives.

The Honor Flight Network Program is a "No Cost" program that has operated out of Columbus, Ohio since 2005. It was founded by Earl Morse (retired Air Force, 1998) to provide veterans access to their memorial in Washington, D. C. When John learned about the Honor Flight he completed a Veteran Appli-

cation and submitted it.

After several weeks John was contacted by the Honor Flight that he was selected to go. He was advised that he would be assigned a "Guardian". A Guardian is a person who assists the Veteran during their trip. John's Guardian was Cheryl Link. She is pictured above with John and former Senator Bob Dole. Former Senator Bob Dole was part of the reception committee at Arlington Cemetery. This is a one day trip beginning at 5:30AM and ending at 9:15PM back in Columbus, Ohio, for the closing ceremony and a big welcome home party. John noted

that there were 300 people and a bag piper and High School Bands. John said that they were deluged with souvenirs, one being an embroidered flag. Everything from Columbus, Ohio to Arlington cemetery, Washington D.C. was with a police escort. John said that he "choked-up" at the Korean memorial. They visited all the war memorials. He also mentioned that he saw Audie Murphy's grave site. While at the Korean Memorial, John met a young Korean family touring the memorial. John stated that it was a "remarkable experience, and he encourages everyone to take the trip".

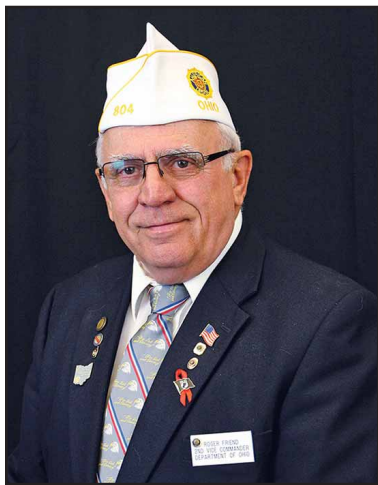
CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



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General Daniel "Chappie" James Post 776



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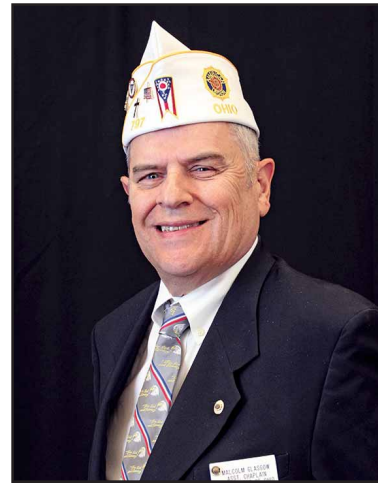
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Melvin Mayfield Post 804



Department Treasurer
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Sch-Loe-Man Post 547



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Department Assistant Chaplain
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ELIZABETH KENDRICK-CREECH
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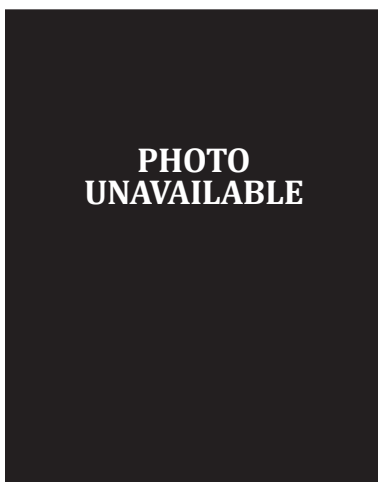
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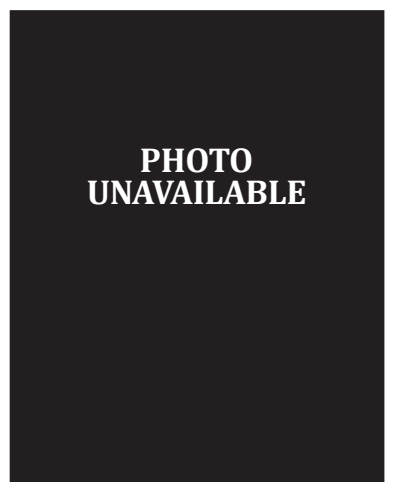
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EDWIN LONG
"Great" 10th District
Cadiz Post 34



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
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Russell Chadwick Post 389



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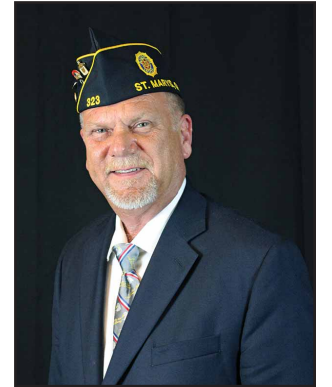
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District Commander
KENT LONG
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1st Vice District Commander
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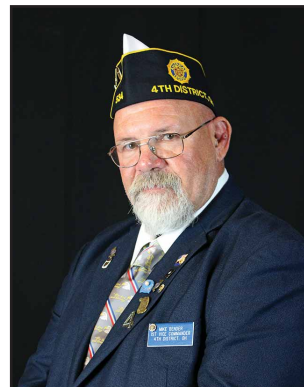


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Post 8



1st Vice District Commander
LENNY WHITE
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2nd Vice District Commander
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2nd Vice District Commander
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Post 433

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District Commander
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1st Vice District Commander
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Post 283

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Post 112



1st Vice District Commander
JOSE RIVERA
Post 7

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Post 700

"GREAT" 10th DISTRICT



District Commander
HOLLY LEWIS
Post 557



1st Vice District Commander
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Post 44

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Post 166

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GEORGE BRADLEY
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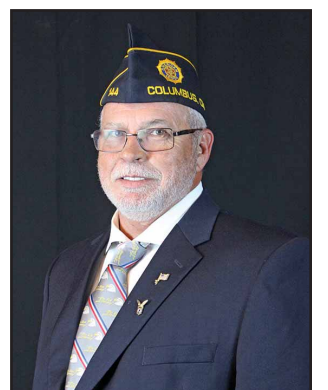
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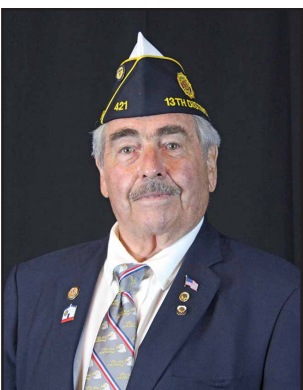


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District Commander
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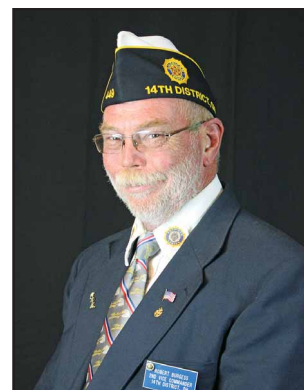
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"PHENOMENAL" 14th DISTRICT



District Commander
JOHN LIFE
Post 449



1st Vice District Commander
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Post 449

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Post 496

2017 – 2018 Department Convention Awards



Educator of the Year
CAROLYN CALLIHAN
Portsmouth



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
RANGER DARRYN CHENAULT
Hamilton County



Firefighter of the Year
BRADLEY BAKER
Anderson Township



Child Welfare Honor Recipient
TARA LATELLA
Buckeye Ranch

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Department Adjutants Award
HOLLY LEWIS
"GREAT" 10th District



Hugh K. Martin Award
STUART LUGINBUHL
Post 72 • "FABULOUS" 4th District



Department First Vice-Commander Award
POST 433, IRONTON



Grand Award
POST 598, KETTERING



Eli Jensen Award
"GREAT" 10TH DISTRICT



Hugh K. Martin Award
STUART LUGINBUHL
Post 72 • "FABULOUS" 4th District



Big One Pin Award (Small)
"MAGNIFICENT" 7TH DISTRICT



Big One Pin Award (Medium)
"GREAT" 10TH DISTRICT



Big One Pin Award (Large)
"FABULOUS" 4TH DISTRICT



National Achievement Award
ED LONG
"GREAT" 10th District



Gold Brigade
JEAN WILSON
Post 199, Yaeger-Bensen
"FABULOUS" 4th District



Gold Brigade
BETSY LAW
Post 598, Kettering
"THUNDERING" 3rd District



Silver Brigade
KEITH EASTMAN
Post 598, Kettering



**Department Membership
Recruiter of the Year**
JEAN WILSON
Post 199, Yaeger-Bensen



DMS AWARD
HOLLY LEWIS AND ED LONG
"GREAT" 10th District



**Mickeal J. Golato Memorial
(Americanism)**
POST 180
"FABULOUS" 4th District

2017 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



EDWARD MCBANE (YOUTH ACTIVITIES)
POST 433
"MAGNIFICENT" 7th District



REVEREND FATHER JOHN E. DUFFY
POST 96
2nd "TO NONE" District



CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR
WILLIE J. SPRINGER
Post 234 • "PHENOMENAL" 14th District



ALICE FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL
POST 8
"FIGHTING" 5th District



COMMUNITY SERVICE
(ALICE FRIEDMAN RUNNER-UP)
POST 376
"GREAT" 8th District



JAMES CUNNINGHAM (LEGISLATIVE)
POST 147
"GREAT" 10th District



LAW AND ORDER
POST 549
"GREAT" 10th District



RALPH DOLL (ENERGY-CONSERVATION)
POST 147
"GREAT" 10th District



CHILD WELFARE CPR WINNERS
CATEGORY #I (15 - 99)
POST 493
2nd "TO NONE" District



CHILD WELFARE CPR WINNERS
CATEGORY #II (100 - 299)
POST 235
"DYNAMIC" 9th District



CHILD WELFARE CPR WINNERS
CATEGORY #III (300 - 499)
POST 776
"THUNDERING" 3rd District



CHILD WELFARE CPR WINNERS
CATEGORY #IV (500 & OVER)
POST 118
"FIGHTING" 5th District

GIFTS FOR YANKS POST AWARDS

Largest Contribution • Category E (1000+)
Post 598, Kettering • 3rd District • \$1,500.00

Largest Contribution • Category D (500-599)
Post 91, Berea • 13th District • \$21,268.91

Largest Contribution • Category C (300-499)
Post 572, Parma • 13th District • \$15,487.06

Largest Contribution • Category B (100-299)
Post 236, Newton Falls • 9th District • \$6,500.00

Largest Contribution • Category A (25-99):
Post 699, Leavittsburg • 9th District • \$3,103.00

Largest Contribution (Post)
Post 91, Berea • 13th District • \$21,268.91

Largest Contribution (District)
"Tenacious" 13th District • \$45,001.72

Largest Percentage of Goal • Category E (1000+)
Post 598, Kettering • 3rd District • 106.76%

Largest Percentage of Goal • Category D (500-599):
Post 91, Berea • 13th District • 3,169.73%

Largest Percentage of Goal • Category C (300-499):
Post 572, Parma • 13th District • 4,022.61%

Largest Percentage of Goal • Category B (100-299):
Post 236, Newton Falls • 9th District • 4,193.55%

Largest Percentage of Goal • Category A (25-99):
Post 699, Leavittsburg • 9th District • 3,830.86%

Largest Percentage of Goal (Post)
Post 236, Newton Falls • 9th District • 4,193.55%

Largest Percentage of Goal (District)
"Tenacious" 13th District • 1,032.62%

GIFTS FOR YANKS DONATIONS EXCEEDING 5K OR MORE:

(D1) Post 587 Toledo \$6,640.00
(D2) Post 217 Sidney \$6,000.00,
(D5) Post 12 Elyria \$10,023.40
(D5) Post 8 Wellington \$7,400.00,
(D7) Post 757 Chillicothe \$5,141.00
(D9) Post 236 Newton Falls \$6,500.00,
(D11) Post 159 St. Clairsville \$5,285.50
(D13) Post 572 Parma \$15,487.06,
(D13) Post 91 Berea \$21,268.91

CONSECUTIVE YEARS ALL-TIME HIGH

7 Year All-Time High • Post 651, "GREAT" 10th District
8 Year All-Time High • Post 700, "DYNAMIC" 9th District
9 Year All-Time High • Post 283, "GREAT" 8th District
20 Year All-Time High • Post 91, "TENACIOUS" 13th District

Summary of Department Convention Resolutions 2017

The following are resolutions that were proposed at Department Convention through the convention committees for action at National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

VA&R:

Resolution #17-13 Titled: Medical Marijuana and VHA

Summary: To allow VHA Physicians to engage in conversation with clients about medical marijuana as an option for alternative pain management options.

Originated: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee.

Action: Resolution Approved

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio at Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That The American Legion urge the United States government to permit VA medical providers to be able to discuss with veterans the use of marijuana for medical purposes and recommend it in those states where medical marijuana laws exist.

Resolutions Committee:

Resolution #17-12 Titled: Title 32 National Guard/Reserve Members

Summary: To acknowledge Title 32 Orders as “active duty” and to change the officer manuals of The American Legion to reflect acceptance of membership.

Originated: Post 1, Columbus

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio at Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio on July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That the guidelines contained in The American Legion Officers Handbooks, specifically Page 120 of the 2017 version, regarding eligibility for membership in the National Guard and Reserves be amended to read: “Under Eligible Codes add National Guard members serving under Active/Guard Reserve duty in accordance with Title 32, US Code”.

Resolution #17-08 Titled: Lebanon/Grenada Membership Extension

Summary: To extend eligibility for membership from August 24, 1982 - December 1, 1987.

Originated: Post 177, Canfield.

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, Urge National to extend membership eligibility for service in Lebanon/Grenada from August 24, 1982 - December 1, 1987; and, be it further

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

RESOLVED, That The American

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

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

Resolution #17-06 Titled: Persian Gulf Membership Extension

Summary: To Extend eligibility for membership beginning July 24, 1987- December 1, 1987.

Originated: Post 177, Canfield.

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, Urge The American Legion National Headquarters Membership and Eligibility Department to extend eligibility for veterans who served in the Persian Gulf from July 24, 1987 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 1, Eligibility, of the Constitution of the American

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

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

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

Resolution #17-14 Titled: Expansion of Vietnam War Era

Summary: To expand the Vietnam War era to November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Originated: Post 194, Mason.

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio at Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That The American Legion urge Congress to recognize the dates of Vietnam War time service to coincide with the dates of eligibility to receive a lapel pin from Congress for the dates served from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

Resolution #17-04 Titled: National HQ to Hire a Professional Business Consultant to Review Membership Process.

Summary: That National HQ hire a professional business consultant to review the membership process and make recommendations to streamline and make efficient.

Originated: Post 557, Wintersville

Action: Resolution Rejected

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, Recommend to The American Legion that they hire a professional business consultant to examine the membership process resulting in recommendations for National to implement the necessary technology that serves to streamline and optimize the membership process.

National Security Committee:

Resolution #17-15: Federal Funding of Sanctuary Cities

Summary: To oppose federal funding to cities that harbor illegal immigrants against federal policies.

Originated: Department Convention National Security Committee

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That The American Legion take a firm stand in opposition of American citizens taxpayer dollars funding “sanctuary cities” that do not cooperate with the federal authorities on reporting the immigration status of those who violate federal, state and local laws.

The following are resolutions proposed that require action by Department HQ only.

Resolutions Committee:

Resolution #17-10 Titled: Endorsing Dave Jackson as Honorary Past Department Commander.

Summary: Due to the untimely death of Dave Jackson when he was 1st Vice that he be endorsed as an honorary Past Department Commander.

Originated: 11th District

Action: Resolution Approved

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017 That The American Legion Department of Ohio endorse the title of Honorary Past Department Commander to David L. Jackson in appreciation of his 34 years of service to The American Legion.

Resolution #17-16 Titled: Thank-

ing the Mayor of the City of Dayton, Nan Whaley

Summary: Thanking the host city of the Department Convention site.

Originated: Department Convention Resolutions Committee

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Ohio, in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That The City of Dayton be commended for its endeavors in providing a site for the 2017 Convention.

Legislative Committee:

Resolution #17-18 Titled: Recognition of Legislators

Summary: To recognize each year one Ohio General Assembly member and one member of Congress with a distinguished Legislative award for actions towards the betterment of veterans.

Originated: Department Convention Legislative Committee

Action: Resolution Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of Ohio honor one member of both the Ohio Congressional delegation and Ohio General Assembly each year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the award be given to a member of Congress during the Washington Conference and a member of the Ohio General Assembly during a Department of Ohio sponsored lobbying event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department Legislative Committee create the guidelines and criteria to nominate those worthy of recognition for efforts on behalf of all issues germane to The American Legion, Active Duty military, veterans, their families and communities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department Legislative Committee establish the criteria and guidelines for these awards by the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference.

The following are changes proposed to the Department Constitution & By-Laws:

Constitution & By-Law Committee:

Resolution #CA17-01A Titled: Department Adjutant

Summary: Amending Article I, Section 3, for DEC to provide for employment of Department Adjutant

Originated: 2016-2017 Department Executive Committee Ad Hoc Committee

Action: Resolution Amended on Floor of General Assembly Approved

The resolve clause reads as follows:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio in Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, amend the By-Laws of The American Legion Department of Ohio Article I, (Executive Committee), Section 3, to read: “Section 3. The Executive Committee shall provide for the appointment or employment of a Department Adjutant, Finance Officer, and such other subordinate officers, and employees as may be needed for administering the affairs of the Department and prescribe their duties and fix their emoluments within the Department budget.”

Resolution #CA17-02 Titled: Department Officers

Summary: Amending Article VI, BL Article II

Originated: 2016-2017 Department Executive Committee Ad Hoc Committee

Action: Resolution Rejected due to formatting (Please contact Department HQ for copy of Resolution as it is highly lengthy)

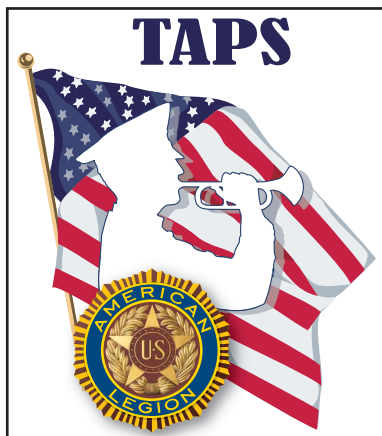
Resolution #CA17-11 Titled: Department Scholarship Committee

Summary: To remove the Service Director as an appointed member of the Scholarship Committee

Originated: Department Scholarship Committee Meeting, May 2017

Action: Resolution Approved

RESOLVED, By The American Legion Department of Ohio at Department Convention assembled in Dayton, Ohio, July 7, 8, 9, 2017, That The American Legion Department of Ohio amend Article X, Standing Committees, Section 6, to read: “Section 6. There is hereby created a Scholarship Screening Committee. The Scholarship Screening Committee shall consist of the following: Commander Department of Ohio, 1st Vice Commander Department of Ohio, 2nd Vice Commander Department of Ohio, Immediate Past Commander Department of Ohio, Adjutant Department of Ohio, A Chairperson appointed by the Department Commander, The Chairperson of the Americanism Committee, The Chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, The Department Treasurer, Three members appointed by the Department Commander, The Scholarship Screening Committee shall each year select and recommend to the Executive Committee a proposed list of scholarship recipients for approval by the Executive Committee.”

**1 COLUMBUS**

RICHARD KRAMER
MICHAEL NYESTE

2 CLEVELAND

LLOYD KIBLER

3 FINDLAY

THOMAS HAMLIN
LAWRENCE KRING
JOHN MCMENAMIN
W SMITH
PHILLIP WARREN

6 SPRINGFIELD

JAMES BANDY
WILLARD SODDERS

7 WICKLIFFE

JOHN DICILLO
FRANK URANKAR

8 WELLINGTON

RICHARD MCHUGH

11 LANCASTER

GARY BURKE
RICHARD CARPER
PATRICK KEELS
HOMER SCHEIN
FRANK WEHRLE
12 ELYRIA
ERVIN CANFIELD
JOHN EISCHEN
RICHARD HADAWAY
ROBERT LISICKY
LOUIS LOPUSHANSKI
THEODORE MAJORAS
LAWRENCE MONSCHEN

14 BAINBRIDGE

FRED BAIRD
DANIEL EVANS
GEORGE YOUNG

15 POLAND

EDWARD FERENCHAK

16 MANSFIELD

EUGENE GOODSON
RICHARD HOSLER
MAX MAGLOTT

KEITH MILLER
CLAUDE NEWTON
DONALD UTT
JERRY WILTROUT

17 GIBSONBURG

DALE BALSIZER
HAROLD HILL
MERLIN SCHLEA

19 TOLEDO

MICHAEL BLAIR
RICHARD HARTMAN
ROBERT LABATE

21 ATHENS

PAUL MACCOMBS

23 PORTSMOUTH

ROBERT HAMMOCK
KENNETH HODGE
FLOYD KRATZER
KENNETH MCCALL

ROBERT PARKER
ROBY POLLARD

24 MC CONNELSVILLE

ROBERT SNODGRASS

25 WASHINGTON C.H.

ROBERT CREAMER
WILLIAM DAVIDSON
JERRY PHILLIPS
WILLIAM STRAIN
JACK WHITE

27 GALLIPOLIS

OLIVER ADKINS
JAMES HOLLEY
JOHN RODGERS

28 PERRYSBURG

JACK SHAFFER
PRYOR WOOD

29 ZANESVILLE

RICK BEAVER
RANDY CASSLEY
JAMES DAWKINS
ERNEST HARRIS
JAMES LEWIS
DONALD MCCLOY
LAWRENCE MCCLAIN
JOHN PAGATH
DON PRICE
CLYDE SHAFFER
RAYMOND STCLAIR
KEITH TILTON

30 LORAIN

WALTER JENKINS
DOMINIC ZELNIK

31 EAST PALESTINE

WILLIAM FULLERTON

33 STEUBENVILLE

HARRY BUCY
WILLIAM COLEMAN
DONALD MASTERS
PAUL ORR

34 CADIZ

JOHN MILLIKEN

MICHAEL TORCHIK

38 MARTINS

FERRY ANGELO KAKOS
WALTER KAVESKY
CHUCK WILLIAMSON

39 POMEROY

CHARLES ALLEN
JOHN ANDERSON
RAYMOND COOK
CARL WILL

41 NORWALK

ROBERT CESARE
CHARLES DILLINGHAM
THOMAS MOCKLER
CARROLL POLING
EDWARD RHOD

FRED SPRINGER

43 TROY

RICHARD HERRON
DONALD LOEWER
ROBERT MADIGAN
JERRY RICHARD

44 CANTON

RONALD ACKLEY
MICHAEL BASILE
HENRY CORBETT
GLEN DIERINGER
DONALD GAMBLE
CHARLES GREENWALT
WILLIAM KUHN
NICHOLAS LANZALOTTA
JAMES LOCKSHIN
KENNETH MAYNARD
ALBERT MEYER
DAVID ROSHONG
ALBERT RUGANI
ROBERT ZAHLER

45 BOWLING GREEN

HENRY KOCH

49 WILMINGTON

JOHN BARTON
CHARLES BROMMUND
VAUGHN BURTON
CHARLES CHILCOAT
ROBERT DECKER
THOMAS HORNEY
ROBERT LAPINE
JAMES MANDRELL
JAMES PRICE
IRVIN WALLINGFORD
LEONARD WICAL

52 BELLAIRE

OLLIE CAMPBELL

60 STRYKER

CLARENCE ZIMMERMAN

62 CHILLICOTHE

ANTHONY CHRISTY
EDWARD COCKRELL
HARRY OYER

63 OTTAWA

ROBERT BRINKMAN

HOWARD DEVORE

ROBERT QUINN
HAROLD SELHORST
ROBERT TENWALDE
GORDON VERHOFF

64 MARIETTA

DALE ELLIS
BILLY FARNSWORTH
CLYDE GRUB
EDWARD HUETTEL
WARREN JOHNSON
ROBERT LEE
CHARLES PANNIER
BARNEY SMITH
W STEPHENS

65 COSHOCTON

JERRY BEBOUT
ROBERT CARPENTER
JAMES HUNT
PAUL MIKESSELL

67 SHREVE

NICHOLAS DENMAN
VIRGIL GRIFFITH

68 WOOSTER

ANTHONY CATANZARITE
FRED RYNEER

69 READING

JEROME HOEPER
JOSEPH SUNDO
PAUL TRAVIS

70 WELLSVILLE

MICHAEL KELLEY

71 ROSEVILLE

JAMES BOETCHER
GAY RHODES
ROY SANDS
CARL WISEMAN

72 MT CARMEL

RICHARD CARR
GARY FRAZEE
RAYMOND VILVENS

76 SEBRING

JOHN DEANGEL

78 LOGAN

DONALD MOORE

79 MARYSVILLE

CHARLES ELLIOTT
GENE JOHNSON
FRED YOUNG

80 COVINGTON

CHARLES DAUGHERTY
MAX HEILMAN

81 JACKSON

WILLIAM ERWIN

82 COLUMBUS

CHARLES FRIEZE
ROBERT WILLARD

83 SANDUSKY

DANIEL BECK
DAVID BLOOMFIELD
TONY BONNER

JERRY CHEVILLOT

JOHN DURBIN
REX EVELSIZER
DONALD HUNTLEY
SOL JOSEN
CARL KUSSER
THOMAS LAYTON
ERNEST LICATA
CHARLES OHARA
BERNARD PALMER
DEAN RENWAND
ARTHUR SUDBRINK
CHARLES WELTON
GARY WYCKOFF

84 CAMBRIDGE

ARTHUR CLEMENSON
THOMAS SCOTT
DANIEL WIGGINS

85 NEWARK

PAULINE BARCH
JAMES BROWN
ERNEST COLE
GORDON CULLISON
GEORGE FUNK
WILLIAM GIVENS
ALAN HOON

KEITH HUTCHINSON

DAVID KNOTTS

JOHN LANNAN

DONALD LATHAM

GEORGE LAWSON

H MASTERS

DANIEL STRICKER

86 TORONTO

DAVID BATES
RUSSELL HODGKISS

88 ASHLAND

DONALD KRUTY
NELSON MCNUTT
ROSCOE PORTER
THURMAN WATKINS
ROBERT WIRTS

91 BERE

AL ALBERGOTTIE
HELEN HARRISON

92 UTICA

RONALD CHERRY

95 CLEVELAND

ARTHUR GILL
HOMER MASSEY
ROBERT STEWART

96 LIMA

GERALD ADAMS
JOHNATHAN DAVIS
LAWRENCE GAETTO
ROBERT GOOD
RAYMOND JUSTICE
EARL KEITH
GERALD MICHAEL
NORMAN PIERCE
JERRY PLACIE

Common Pleas Judge and Buckeye Boys State Giant Passes

Judge Richard E. Parrott, 83, of Marysville died unexpectedly Sunday morning, July 30th at OSU Wexner Hospitals in Columbus.

A native of Union County, he was a 1952 graduate of Leesburg-Magnetic High School, he then did his undergraduate work at Ohio State University and Ohio Northern University where he graduated in 1960 from the College of Law, Juris Doctorate. He was admitted to the practice of law on October 20, 1960 where he began as a lawyer and trial attorney in Union County until 1991 where he represented many clients on a wide variety of legal matters. He was honored by the Ohio and Union County Bar Associations for 50 years as an attorney in October 2010.

In 1963, he became Law Direc-

tor for the Village of Marysville and held that position until December 31, 1964 when he was elected Union County Prosecutor, a position he held from January 4, 1965 to December 31, 1972. He then served as Marysville Municipal Court Judge from January 1, 1982 until February 8, 1991 when he was elected Union County Common Pleas Judge. He was the Common Pleas Judge until his retirement from the bench February 8, 2009.

Judge Parrott was a member of the American Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Union County Bar Association, American Judges Association, Ohio Judicial Conference, Common Pleas Judges Association of Ohio, Domestic Relations Judges Associa-



**Judge
Richard E. Parrott**

tion of Ohio and the American Judicature Society. Over the years, he served on numerous boards and committees, donating many hours to his community. He served in the US Airforce Aviation Cadets where he was trained as a navigator and was past commander of the American Legion Post #79.

Judge Parrott was an active member of the Milford Center United Methodist Church and especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He was born Richard Eugene Parrott May 26, 1934 in Delaware, Ohio to the late Donald D. and Dorothy G. Ballard Parrott.

He is survived by his wife the former May Ballard Worthington whom he married November 17, 1983; their children, Karen Beth

Parrott (Richard) Rausch, Robert William Parrott, Neil Richard (Sarah) Parrott, Angela Kay Parrott (Damon) Osborne, Marsha L. Worthington (Roger) Edwards, Jeffrey B. (Jo) Worthington; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild; a sister, Kathryn Kay Parrott (John) Bishop; a brother William Lee (Sarah) Parrott; and his friends throughout the legal profession, church family, and community.

At his request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions, in Judge Parrott's memory, may be made to the charity of the donor's choice in care of Ingram Funeral Home who is completing arrangements.

ARNOLD SCHNIPKE
ROBERT STEWART
DON STOCKTON
CURTIS TREECE
JAMES WILMOTH
97 CARDINGTON
OMAR SUTHERLAND
98 COLUMBUS
DAVID BARKER
WILLIAM DORN
99 TOLEDO
WILLIAM BOARDMAN
ROLLAND DEJONG
JAMES SCHUTT
100 WEST UNION
ROSCOE DANIELS
103 ASHTABULA
CARMEN CORBISSERO
DURWARD NEWHARD
FRANK VIVO
105 LONDON
TOM MCCORMICK
THOMAS POTTS
112 MADISON
ROBERT KARLOVEC
113 PORT CLINTON
GEORGE BLY
JAMES CARPENTER
GILBERT JANES
114 OAK HARBOR
JACK IHDE
ROY WINTERFIELD
115 DELAWARE
JAMES BARGAR
LAWRENCE BOYCE
PAUL RITTER
117 DEFIANCE
DANIEL DEGLER
RALPH HUTCHINSON
118 AMHERST
ROBIN CANTRELL
JOHN ELLIOTT
DENNIS HEIDER
JOHN JAWORSKI
RONALD LOTERBAUGH
DAVID MOORE
FRANK NEDVESKI
JOSEPH OTTEN
121 FREMONT
STEPHEN KAYS
KENNETH OHMS
DENNIS PATYNKO
GORDON SAAM
WILLIAM SHAFFER
RUSSELL SORG
123 NORWOOD
HARRY LEFKER
124 GENEVA
FLOYD STARKEY
FRANK ZERNIC
128 MIDDLEPORT
DELBERT BLAKE
JAMES YOUNG
131 LEETONIA
EUGENE MACKLIN
EDW MULLEN
132 TOLEDO
JAMES MOCK
134 CIRCLEVILLE
RUSSELL OGAN
GARY ROUSH
135 TOLEDO
ERNEST BOLLINGER
CHARLES BOWES
THEODORE CLEVENZ
CLARENCE GUMP
137 FARMER
ROY COOLMAN
138 HAMILTON
ELDON BURNS
CHARLES HALCOMB
ARNOLD HOLSTEIN
DONALD LICKERT
JOHN SYKES
139 NEW PHILADELPHIA
KENNETH DIETRICH
HAROLD HENSEL
CARL PAULUN
LOUIS TORNABENE

140 GREENVILLE
RON BRUNER
RICHARD BURCH
RUSSELL MCWHINNEY
DANIEL NISONGER
142 WAVERLY
HAROLD COOPER
JOHN NASON
144 COLUMBUS
ROBERT ADAMS
CHARLES BERE CZ
WILLIAM FRUSH
JAMES LYLE
JOHN MARTIN
BILLY SMITH
JOHN WILLIAMS
147 APPLE CREEK
CHARLES YATES
148 ST. PARIS
HAROLD HILL
151 CONNEAUT
DENNIS BUTTS
HOWARD CAMPBELL
SALVADORE MADONNA
159 ST. CLAIRSVILLE
ROGER ARMEL
JAMES VANNEST
LEONARD VICKER
160 BREWSTER
CLARENCE CONLEY
161 VINTON
CHESTER JOHNSON
GEORGE TWYMAN
162 MARION
DONALD COLDWELL
164 GROVE CITY
JACK FRAZEE
165 MIAMISBURG
PHILLIP ARNETT
HOWARD MCELWEE
HAROLD MCQUEEN
JOHN MILLER
RONNIE THOMPSON
EDWARD WALLACE
166 ALLIANCE
RONALD ALFANI
HOWARD BLASIMAN
ROBERT BORING
EARL DAMEWOOD
ROBERT JENKINS
CHARLES KINKAID
HARLEY NUTTER
GLEN RODKEY
THEODORE RUTH
MELVIN VIRDEN
167 CHARDON
WILLIAM ETTENGER
ROBERT REINER
168 BARNESVILLE
HOWARD CARPENTER
ARNOLD TURNER
169 TIFFIN
MICHAEL DURSO
170 WADSWORTH
VINTON JEWELL
GEORGE MANOS
FRANK SCHEID
171 WESTERVILLE
GARY ETLING
172 MILLER CITY
PAUL WESTRICK
173 BELLEFONTAINE
JOHN BAILEY
RICHARD HAYES
PHYLLIP NEWMAN
175 STOW
JAMES AMLUNG
176 S CHARLESTON
CHARLES SHAWVER
DEAN SMITH
177 CANFIELD
HAROLD REED
178 VAN WERT
ELMER CALVELAGE
GARY HARTMAN
DENNIS KEVER
MAX KREISCHER
ROGER VETTER
179 BLANCHESTER

HERBERT DUNKMANN
LAWRENCE RICH
EDWARD WEAVER
180 GEORGETOWN
DONALD POPHAM
181 BUCYRUS
PHILIP BELANGER
WILLIAM BOWSER
HENRY HESSEY
BOYD LONG
DAVID RIOS
183 PEMBERVILLE
LLOYD DIERKER
GLEN GAMBER
LEONARD KRANZ
RONALD LEE
MELVIN NISSEN
184 PIQUA
EDWARD CURTNER
ROBERT FORD
WILLIAM HOUSER
RICHARD LEONARD
CARLTON REED
185 ADA
ROBERT HUBBELL
186 LEBANON
HARRY SEMPLE
WARREN WILDER
188 NEW LEXINGTON
DELMER BURNS
190 BOLIVAR
RICHARD CROPPER
RUSSELL ROSS
191 SPENCERVILLE
HOMER CULVER
KERMIT KINDRED
GLENN YOUNG
192 MILLERSBURG
JAMES BERTSCH
CHARLES HART
DON MILLER
ROBERT SCHAEFER
194 MASON
ROBERT LAYMON
JOHN SCALF
LESLIE SPAETH
JAMES SPAETH
196 BRECKSVILLE
STEPHEN LUKSA
198 KENTON
HARVEY VANSCHOIK
199 HARRISON
CHARLES BARTON
HOMER BROWN
ROBERT BUSALD
ALLEN CORMAN
CECIL DUPREE
FRANK DUZICK
DANIEL GARWITZ
DON GOECKE
CLIFFORD HAHN
WILLIAM HARRISON
LEON JORDAN
EVERETT KENWORTHY
JEROME KRAMER
LLOYD LACHTRUPP
KENNETH LEHN
JAMES LEWIS
PHILIP MADDEN
THOMAS MASON
GILBERT MEEKS
THEODORE MEYER
GEORGE MINGES
FLOYD MOZENA
URBAN NEVILLE
DOUGLAS PLACE
ARTHUR ROEPER
JOHN ROSE
MICHAEL WILSON
200 HUBER
HEIGHTS FRANK CUA
JOHN LYONS
201 WEST JEFFERSON
DELBERT COOK
LEWIS COX
RICHARD FERGUSON
HOWARD ROHRBOUGH
205 DOVER
E BARLOCK

PAUL DEGEN
IVAN DEWITT
CLIFFORD HAGLOCK
LESLIE WILLIAMS
209 AKRON
CLIFFORD DRUMM
DON HOBSON
210 CELINA
DAVID HEPPEAND
RUDOLPH KUHBANDER
ALBERT SCHULZE
MILLIE WERLING
ROGER WILSON
LAWRENCE WOLFRAM
211 AVON LAKE
ROBERT BELANGER
JOHN CARROLL
HAROLD CHRISTMYER
DONALD HUBACH
ROBERT IRELAND
JACOB LUNDY
RICHARD POPP
214 WILLOUGHBY
JOSEPH FELDKAMP
HARRY SIMONIAN
215 EATON
PAUL LAND
217 SIDNEY
KENNETH BALL
ROBERT BORN
PAUL BRANDEWIE
LAWRENCE DEMANGE
DARRELL HENSON
WILLIAM HUFFMAN
MICHAEL PENCE
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