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Meet Roger Friend: 2019-2020 Dept. Commander

Roger Friend was inducted as Department Commander at the 101st Department Convention held in Toledo, Ohio. Commander Friend is a proud member of Post 804 in Newark.

He gained his eligibility into the American Legion by enlisting in the United States Navy in 1968. He served a total of 22 years and 8 months in combined active and reserve time on the following:

EM "A" School; USS Willaim R Ruch DD714; USS Stanley DLG-32 Training Duty; USS John F Kennedy CV-67 Training Duty; ARCO ARDM-5; CRANE Naval Base; Naval Submarine Base Groton Conn.

Commander Friend retired from AcuityBrands Lighting after 44 years in March of 2016.

He has held many offices on the American Legion including Post 804 2nd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Commander and Adjutant, 6th District 2nd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander, Commander, and Judge Advocate, 6th District National Security Committee Chairman, Department of Ohio National Security Committee



**Roger Friend, 2019-2020
Department of Ohio Commander**

Chairman, Department of Ohio Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Department 2nd Vice Commander, and Department 1st Vice Commander. As well as a National appointment to the National Security Council and a National appointment to the National Legislative Council.

Commander Friend is married to his lovely wife Cindy for 50 years and they have two children, Kalani and Felicia.

Every year, the Department Commander selects a different program to support. This year Command-

ers Friends project is the National Emergency Fund. The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

NEF helps those affected by well-known disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy and lesser-publicized tragedies such as flooding in South Dakota or Illinois, or wildfires in the southwest.

The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are:

1. Applicant must have been displaced from their primary residence due to damage sustained during a declared natural disaster.
2. Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs (such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.) during the period immediately following the disaster.
3. Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

Legion Act Signed Into Law

The passage of The Legion Act, Public Law 116-35, results in the amendment of our Federal Charter, Title 36 Chapter 21701-20108, The American Legion, dated September 16th, 1919. At National Convention the National Constitution & By-Laws will also be amended. The Department completed an amendment at Department Convention in Toledo, OH, in June 2019. All Posts should review their Constitution & By-Laws for amendment as well.

The result of PL 116-35 expanded war-time era from December 7th, 1941 to Present. We can begin accepting members IMMEDIATELY into our organization for 2020 membership. To education yourself and other Post members about the Legion Act, please visit www.legion.org and type into the search bar "Legion Act".

Below is 11 things you should know about the Legion Act:

The LEGION Act - Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act — also redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates. The eligibility now span from Dec. 7, 1941, until a time when the U.S.

is no longer at war, as determined by Congress.

Here are answers to 11 key questions about the new law and what it means for The American Legion.

Question: How does this change the eligibility requirements for The American Legion?

Answer: The only change is that Congress has reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Question: What's the impact on veterans who previously were not eligible for American Legion membership?

Answer: Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. To do so, eligible members may sign up at www.legion.org/join.

Question: I am among the veterans who were not allowed to join previously, so why do you want me now?

Answer: The American Legion
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"All the Way!", "Death from Above"

Covering Summit and Portage counties, 14th District Commander, Christopher L. Hawkins, Jr., Ravenna Post 331, spent 22 years in the U.S. Army and served as a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. He shares his experiences amongst the approximately 1200 Active Duty, Retired, and Veteran participants who had the opportunity to parachute into Normandy, France to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 5-9, 2019.

LN: Commander, Congratulations! Besides being excited to get up and running to command the 14th District, are you still in the clouds with a personal milestone you achieved most recently, and can you share with us your experience?

CH: "When I say it exceeded my expectations, that doesn't even come close to describing the experience. What really brought it all home to me was when I visited that cemetery and saw what seemed



D-Day Veteran Paratrooper, Tom Rice, 101st Airborne of Coronado, CA, and I at E'ccauseville on June 4 during the pre-jump for the Carentan jump.

like a sea of tombstones. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, located at Colleville-sur-Mer. It overlooks what has become known as Omaha Beach and is the final resting place for 9,388 American military personnel. I basically stood in the right rear corner of the cemetery and panned, by video, all the way from left to right. The

tombstones go all the way out of view, all the way from here and all the way to there — it really has a profound impact on you, you know? Walking up to the cemetery, going above the heights of Omaha Beach you think back to 1944 when that whole area was full of landing crafts and battleships, tanks and jeeps, and soldiers. The beaches were covered; and there were bodies everywhere. But you look at it now and it's so peaceful, it's so beautiful. Normandy is a beautiful place, an absolutely beautiful place. You contrast that with the history, and it has a profound effect on you. It really makes you think."

LN: So how did you come about being part of the commemoration?

CH: "It really began as just the kernel of an idea. I learned about the upcoming event through one of the numerous Airborne and Veteran's pages I'm on. I then purchased a steerable round parachute and
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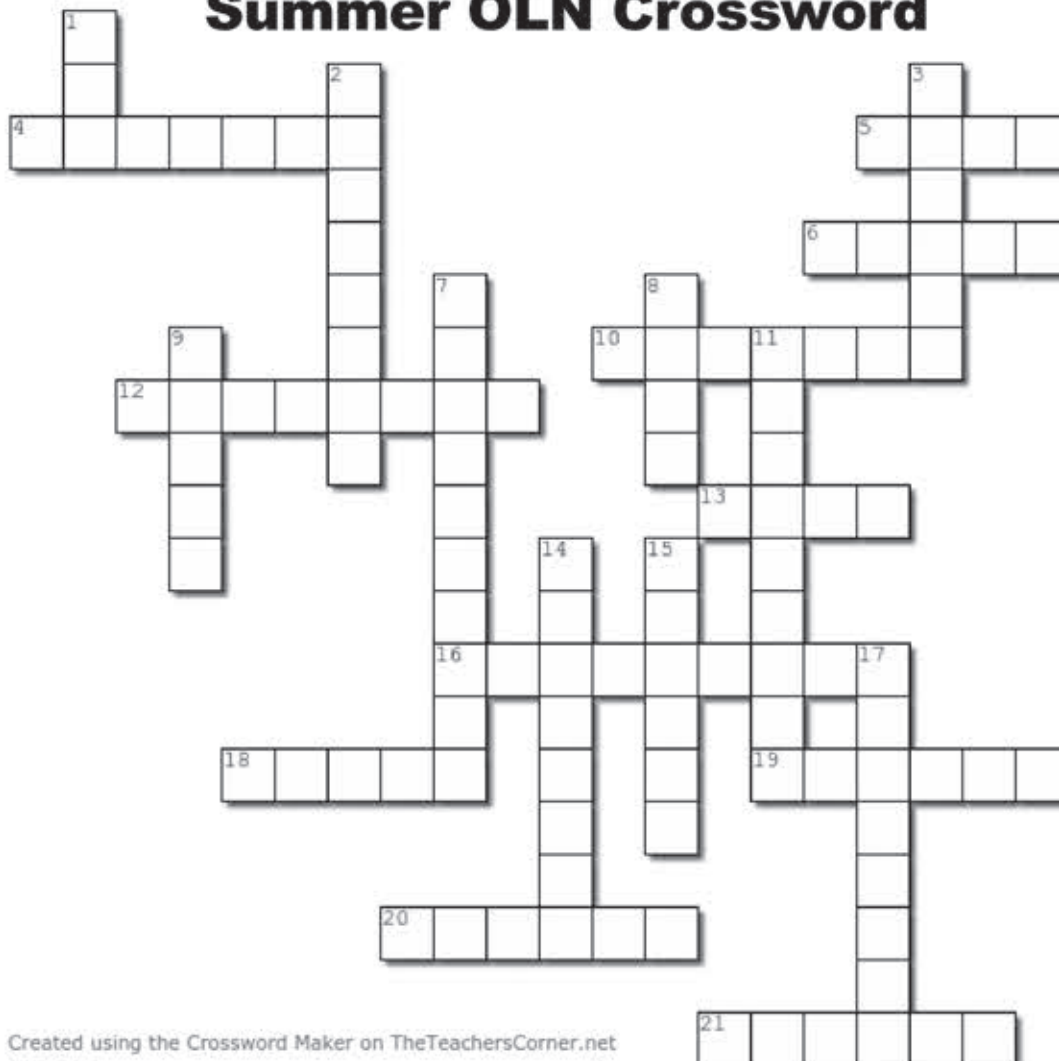
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Summer OLN Crossword



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Across

4. The Jeep has been referred to as the ' _____' limousine.
5. What is the oldest branch in the military?
6. Currently, _____ make up 14.5% of the US Military
10. The US Army uses nearly a _____ gallons of fuel a year
12. The United States Marine Corps was founded by Captain Samuel _____ of the Continental Marines.
13. How many Generals have been promoted to 5 stars?
16. Final resting place for more than 400,000 US active duty veterans.
18. The 3rd US Infantry Regiment, also known as 'The Old _____' is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the army.
19. Code Talkers in the South Pacific in WW2 Used what Native American Dialect?
20. Speaker of the House Nancy _____.
21. phonetic alphabet for the letter s.

Down

1. From sea to shining _____.
2. What building serves as the headquarters of the US Department of Defense?
3. What President Ended WW2?
7. The youngest branch of the military is the _____.
8. How many times have the United States formally declared war?
9. The _____ War was by far the bloodiest war in the history of the US Military with more than 618,000 soldiers losing their lives
11. Where did the shot heard around the world take place?
14. What state is the Air Force Academy Located?
15. What document are rules that apply only in times of armed conflict and seek to protect people who are not or are no longer t
17. armistice day takes place in what month?

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Michael Bardin Canton
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LUCKY SWEEPSTAKES WINNER



Past NVC Jim Morris and
Dean Krance of the Earl
D. McVey Inc. American
Legion Post 16 presenting
a check to Otto Abbott,
one of the top winners in
the recent Charities Inc
Sweepstakes drawing.



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires greetings from your Commander. As we embark on the next 100 years let us reflect our history and the 4 pillars 1.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation 2. National Security 3. Americanism 4. Children & Youth. I will touch on one of the main points of each pillar. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (Access to VA Care), National Security (Strong

National Defense), Americanism (Flag Protection), Children & Youth (Family Integrity). We need to promote what those pillars contain so people understand who we are and why we do what we do. Communication is the key to the success of our American Legion. I plan on using every tool available to keep you informed on our status as well as letting the public know what we have accomplished to benefit our veterans and the youth of our state and nation. There are plans in the works for me to do a broadcast on social media from my

office at Headquarters this will allow us to be more transparent. We have also formed a commission on Marketing, Media and Communications. I will have more information once the committee meets. I want to let everyone know that my project NEF this year has been challenged By the Commander of the SAL whom has the same project. NEF is an extremely viable and important fund to us. To quote our National Commander NEF has provided almost \$9 Million in grants to Legion Family members and posts affected by

natural disasters. This is just one of the many ways our organization is a leader in nearly 13,000 communities across the nation. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) has more than 2,100 ham radio operators standing by to assist in times of emergency when traditional means of communication are down. These are examples we need to promote. Let's discuss membership, we are currently tied with West Virginia in our region at 96.16%. They were ahead of us and are still listed in first place. We need to get

back on top and we can do it with a little effort. We are currently in the 2020 membership year but please don't stop working on 2019 because retention is as important as gaining new members. We want to grow, but we also need to maintain current members. I have a good team and feel confident we will succeed this year in membership. Let's promote our programs as well as maintaining our Legion family relationships. We have had a good year and I would like to thank all of you for confidence in me to become your commander.



1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
1st Vice Commander

I am so excited and honored to have been elected as your Department 1st Vice Commander at the 101st Department of Ohio

American Legion Convention in Toledo, Ohio.

It was a good convention; much work of our Department was accomplished. If you weren't in attendance, we missed you and hope you will be at 102nd American Legion Convention. If you were in attendance you know that the dues increase that was proposed failed; if you weren't and had not heard, you have now. That being said we need your help, first if you haven't already done so please pay your 2020 dues, be an Early Bird! Secondly, I urge to recruit at least one new member to the American Legion. If we all would recruit one new member or reinstate one expired member, we would double our membership would be over 160,000 strong! We wouldn't need a dues increase. I believe we all know someone who is eligible for our organization! They just haven't been asked yet! Our organization is like no other, but we

need more members to be more members to continue to great work that we have been built on. Buckeye Boys State, Oratorical, American Legion Baseball, American & Government program, Gift to the Yanks, and Veterans Rehabilitation are just naming a few. Also, we lobby Congress for Veterans Benefits and Rights we need to show our strength, one way to show strength is thru numbers.

Our Department also needs to improve, our Department Adjutant Heller, the staff and your Department officers are working together to rebuild your trust in our Department of Ohio American Legion. We need to show 100 per cent clarity in everything we do. I hope that we can count on you to help our Department of Ohio achieve our goals and mission.

I am here to help with membership. I can be contacted with your membership questions or problems. Contact me at 1stvice@ohiolegion.com.

I believe that when the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders all work together much can be accomplished. My motto is, "Together We Are Better". For God and Country,



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to all Legionnaires and Legion Family members. I would like to thank all of you that attended The

Department Convention in Toledo this year. This shows your commitment and your desire to see this great organization go forth into the next 100 years.

I want to personally thank all of you for your trust in me and electing me to be your 2nd Vice Commander for The Department of Ohio. I have hit the ground running working with 1st Vice Jean to get your membership cards mailed out and calling District 1st Vices in order to get Districts cleared.

I am really looking forward to this next year and teaming up with Commander Roger Friend and 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson to help get Ohio back to a strong and POSITIVE Department. We cannot achieve this by ourselves. We need each and every one of you to make this happen. Every Legionnaire, no matter what color cap you wear, is responsible for "OUR" member-

ship. So I challenge each and every one of you to go out and get "1" new member this year and if we do this "WE" will reach 100,000 members next year. We also need you to support our Adjutant and Our Staff at Department to ensure that OHIO is one of the best in the Nation.

If we call ourselves a Legion Family, then let's start working together as a Unified Family and go forward from this point on and not dwell on the past. I have always lived by a quote from a teacher I once had; "ONCE YOU REPLACE NEGATIVITY WITH POSITIVITY YOU'LL START HAVING POSITIVE RESULTS." Please let's all try this for the next year. Our new Department Officers are highly motivated and we can see that our Department Staff is excited to see the team work we have shown in just a short time. We as Legionnaires are the Ambassadors to our Districts our Posts and especially to our communities. If we all start to lead from the front there is nothing we cannot accomplish. We all need to work together for the same common goals, Our Department of Ohio and The Four Pillars. I have a few goals I have given

myself. One is I would like put together a Task Force to reach out to our struggling Posts throughout the State and give them our full support and attention so that they can once again thrive and not have to worry from month to month if they can keep their doors open. If we lose a Post, that is like losing many Family Members and that hurts all of us. Another goal I have is to reach out to as many Community Leaders across the State as I can to educate them on what the American Legion stands for and what we really do for their communities.

I plan on trying to attend all Legion Activities that is possible and if you need to contact me for anything, please just email me at 2ndvice@ohiolegion.com or contact Becky Corbin at Department.

As we go into this next year and the next 100 years, I leave you with one more quote I hope we all take this to heart;

"YESTERDAY IS NOT OURS TO RECOVER, BUT TOMORROW IS OURS TO WIN OR LOSE."

God Bless Each and every one of us. For God and Country.



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

A couple of thoughts on a hot summer day:

Another American Legion election season is over, and we have new officers at

every level. How did the election in your post and district go? Was the process orderly and well understood by all members? Your Officers' Guide provides some good information on pages 118-120. It might be a good idea to review this to see if your procedure is current and was properly followed. If your procedure calls for destruction of paper ballots, it would be wise for the motion to do so specify that the ballots are to be

destroyed not less than thirty days after the election, so that they can be available in the event of a formal challenge to the election results.

At our summer convention in Toledo it was apparent that a few of the delegates were not familiar with the basics of Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised and the Convention Rules which govern convention procedure. Post commanders could help with this by asking their delegates to review those rules. Roberts Rules are complex, but a review of the procedure contained on pages 114-118 of the Officers' Guide would be a big help to the delegates. Also, Bob Ray, our Ohio Department Parliamentarian is available for help in this area.

Finally, in reviewing post

Constitutions and By-Laws, I note that many posts do not provide for a post judge advocate. I strongly suggest that you do your best to have some one in that position. The Judge Advocate does not need to be a lawyer, but should be the post parliamentarian, and be familiar with the post, district, department and national constitutions and by-laws. See page 18 of your Officers' Guide. If you cannot find someone for this office, the duties should be assigned to another officer, possibly a vice commander. The Judge Advocate should normally be a member of the post executive committee with voice but without vote, because the Judge Advocate would have to preside as an impartial judge as a post disciplinary trial.

2020 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

You are cordially invited to attend the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference!

The 2020 Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus Ohio on the weekend of January 24th-26th, 2020. The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion 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 through Buckeye American Legion College (BALC). Anyone is welcome to attend the conference or any of the meetings and classes offered. Closer to the event, a schedule will be available.

For hotel reservations call: (614) 885-1885.
Deadline is January 9th

For more information on the event contact: Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

SEE YOU THERE!

★★★ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Melissa Fowle
Dept. Chaplain

I once again have the privilege of being the Department of Ohio's Chaplain. It has been 5 years since I've been a chaplain and I tell you that I have missed it! I am looking forward to serving in this capacity again.

Recently I requested a scholarship from the Department of Ohio so that I could take some college classes needed for my recertification that I need to continue my employment as a Sign Language Interpreter in the schools. My request was granted, and I enrolled in two online Political Science classes during the Summer Semester. These are accelerated classes lasting only 8 weeks. As you can imagine, it was very intense...two chapters to read in each class every week plus 2-3 assignments per class and weekly tests. I finished the one class two weeks early with a 98. By that point I was done, and my brain felt like mush. I calculated that in the other class I could ignore the last 3 assignments and the test and still pass with a C. I didn't want that on my record, so I pressed on and did two assignments and the test. Now I had a 90 without doing the last paper. I asked my Facebook friends if that was good enough, after all I had an A for the class. Everyone said to do the last assignment, that it was the right thing to do. I end the class with a 98 and I'm glad that I finished on a high note.

This reminds me of a couple

verses from the New Testament. First, from Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (New American Standard Bible). Second, "Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20 NLT. So, not only should I have done my best and give glory and honor to God the Father, but I should have given thanks for everything (even political science). I especially need to give thanks to God through Jesus for my encouraging and wonderful friends!

Now I encourage you all to do all that you do and give glory and honor to our Father as well as thanks for being able to accomplish whatever it is that you are doing. Give thanks when mopping the kitchen at your post for you were able to have a tasty meal, served to nourish those who came to eat, and you have a place for people to come and have dinner together. Give glory to God when you are filling out membership cards for now you have members who hold the American Legion in high regard and have paid their dues.

I now thank God for each and every one of you! You are a member of my Legion family. You think enough of this organization to devote your time, talents, and yourselves to fellow veterans and their families, to our nation, and to future generations of Americans.

★★★ HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Dept. Historian

How's it? As your Department Historian, I welcome all historians to a new year of responsibility that is not as forefront like

most positions, however, a role as important for it holds the key to all that we do today and throughout the year. And that is to preserve our history of our posts and districts that include installations, program activities and annual events.

The work of the historian is cumulative and of historical interest. Copies of printed material regarding the post and districts should be deposited in local and state libraries as well as in the post and department archives. This will prevent loss of records through fire or other catastrophe. And will provide source material for those looking for information about The American Legion.

The historian should attend all conferences, as well as the de-

partment convention, and make a note of what historians of nearby posts are doing and have fun!

Submit photos with captions of your post activities and events to the Legion news quarterly, as well as to your local newspapers weekly and on your post Facebook page daily. Share information with other posts and districts to interact with each other, to further preserving information through cross gathering.

I encourage all Historians to participate in the annual contest for the One Year Post Narrative History or the One Year Post Yearbook (deadline to be announced) outlined in The American Legion Officers Guide 2019 page 140-149 for Post Histories to get started. <https://www.legion.org/publications/160963/post-officer-guide-and-manual-ceremonies>

To be placed on the mailing list for updates on contests, state and national resources, AND for a pdf version of pages 140-149 email me at albeyer49@gmail.com.

★★★ HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

As I write this, The American Legion Act was just passed in Congress and we all await the signature of President Donald J. Trump.

This is truly a historic moment for our organization! As the former VA&R/Legislative Director, I have read a lot of resolutions over the last 8 years with intent to expand membership eligibility. I have seen some written simply and others that reflected months, maybe years, of research and evidence in support of expansion. I am certain that we will see a resolution at National Convention in August that amends our membership eligibility and allows us to formally accept new members. Please be mindful of those we have had to turn away over the years. They may not be so apt to join while others may be more eager to finally become a member.

I thank everyone who came out and supported your annual Department Convention. The final voting strength on Saturday was 337. This may be the lowest point in our history of delegates to Department Convention. Even if every Post sent one member our delegate strength would be 522. I know a few reasons why attendance is low, however, I prefer to listen to your reasons. I challenge you to share those reasons with us. You can email

your recommendations and suggestions about ways to improve Department Convention at Legion@OhioLegion.com. Right away, we will discuss what we can implement and improve this coming year. The Department staff spends a lot of time planning and coordinating this event and we realize that this tends to place us at a disadvantage from the perspective of someone attending the event, which is why we would really like to hear from you.

We will be in Toledo again for the 2020 Convention. Some of you may be disappointed by that and I apologize. Let me explain why. First, we didn't have any bids from hotels for 2020 that were able to accommodate us. As a result of, we have revamped the "Request for Proposal" and are sending to every Convention Bureau and Hotel conglomerate in Ohio for 2021, 2022, and 2023. We are seeking Convention Committees within Districts to assist with this endeavor at the local level. Second, both the Auxiliary and Department have new senior and junior leadership which the Convention Corporation felt that having the event in the same location would be a great opportunity to master some of the more narrower aspects of a convention and would be a time saver as well. To wrap up about Department Convention we are planning an overhaul for 2020 that will focus on ease of registration and information. We will

also have the Convention Center where the General Assembly will be held. Commander Roger Friend has encouraged us to return to a Friday evening opening session. The Friday evening session is where key note speakers, awards, and ceremonies will occur. We are seeking entertainment to immediately follow the Friday evening session. On Saturday, the normal business of convention will occur with committee reports and resolutions. Saturday afternoon will be Bingo Training, Buckeye American Legion College, and off-site entertainment (baseball, hospitality, etc.). Sunday will continue to be reserved for elections.

In closing, as we progress through budgets and finances, the Ohio Legion Newspaper (OLN) has become very expensive and the costs associated with it have continued to increase each year. Our dues allocation of \$1.20/member for this newspaper no longer covers the cost to print and mail. We are asking each member to consider the option of receiving an electronic version of the OLN. If you would like to do so, please email us at Legion@OhioLegion.com with your membership ID#, name and address so we can add you to the electronic roster. This will help us tremendously as we plan for the future of communicating with our members. THANK YOU for your time, resources, and membership, for God and Country.

2019 Convention Highlights

The 2019 Department Convention for The American Legion Department of Ohio was held at the Park Inn in Toledo, Ohio from June 27th to June 30th, 2019. Legionnaires from around the state gathered to handle official business of The American Legion Department of Ohio. This year's convention featured American Legion night at the Toledo Mudhens baseball game. We also welcomed special guest speakers, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy and the President and CEO of The National Veterans Memorial and Museum General Michael Ferriter.

Roger Friend was inducted as Department Commander and well as Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson, Department 2nd Vice Commander Brad Teis

and Department Treasurer Charles Stennis. A variety of resolutions as well as Department and Post awards were presented.

Charities Inc hosted a successful Bingo School Training and Buckeye American Legion College had their final training for their first semester of graduates.

The American Legion Department of Ohio would like to thank Legionnaires who attended. A special thank you to Past Department Commander Robert Schmitt for his service during the 2018-2019 membership year. We look forward to seeing you all next year at the 102nd Department Convention. The 2020 Department of Ohio Convention will be held once again in Toledo, Ohio.

Thank you all for your service!





SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler
SAL Commander

It's an honor to represent the Sons of The American Legion as you move into the next century of service to Veterans. I

look forward to working with Commander Friend and his team to grow The American Legion Family.

My theme for this year is "Recognize the Past, Redefine the Future", and while we have spent the past year acknowledging the beginning of our organization, what is its future? The word that comes to my mind more than any other is 'acceptance'.

Accept the fact that many of our WWII, Korea and Viet Nam members are not as tech savvy as our post 9/11 members and our post 9/11 members have to accept being patient with those less savvy. Embrace, with mutual respect, that much can be learned and accomplished by working together.

We are a family. Fathers and mothers teach their children, chil-

dren learn from their parents, and at the same time, teach their parents new and innovative ways of doing things. I have always believed that not all we call progress is progress, but I, personally, have learned a great deal from my involvement with The American Legion Family.

I see in many of the rural areas of our Country, a love of the Military, our Veterans and the Flag. A willingness to get your hands dirty helping others in need locally and getting out of a comfort zone to help those you have never met. This is who we are!

My father, Robert Kessler, was a WWII Veteran with 66 years of continuous membership at Carl A Geiger Post 405 in New Washington until his death a few years ago. As a PUFL member, I referred to him as the 'ultimate blue cap'. In all his time, he never held an office, but never shied away from helping with post activities. My service to the Sons organization is a testament to the work ethic instilled in me by him.

The leadership opportunity only

happens for a few members, but the opportunity for leadership is there for every member. Knowing your strengths and weaknesses allows you to surround yourself with members who can pick each other up and make the Legion Family stronger.

The goals set by the 2020 Detachment of Ohio, Sons of The American Legion are simple and necessary. As a Detachment, we have surpassed the \$1,000,000.00 mark for Child Welfare and received many Garland Murphy Awards for our efforts. While we want to continue at \$1.00 per member for CWF, we are looking at other Legion Charities to channel our money and effort towards.

2020 American Legion Commander Roger Friend and I have both chosen the National Emergency Fund, NEF, as our project for the year. Fires out West, flooding and storms in Ohio and throughout the Midwest have depleted the funds necessary to maintain this vital program.

The 2nd Vice Commander of the SAL, Dennis Albright (Sqd 757,

D-7), has a Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle raffle going on until our fall DEC meeting on October 19. The proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Fisher Houses in Ohio.

I have said before that the most important thing you can give someone is a chance, and we have 3 new chairmen for SAL committees. Children's Miracle Network Committee, Adam Budner (Sqd. 627, D-13), Buckeye Boys State, John Vrzal (Sqd 725, D-1) and the Americanism Commission, Luther L. Liggett Jr., (Sqd. 82, D-12). If there is a fundraising event in your area, they may be involved. I ask that you support the cause and give positive reinforcement to their efforts.

When I speak at meetings and conferences, I try to keep the same message...We are your program. We have dues paying members who become dedicated volunteers in support of your effort in keeping us a free society. We support and raise money for the same charities as you. I have heard it more than once that, "if it weren't for the SAL, our Post would close!" That

is not how it should be! Working side by side to raise the importance of why The American Legion is important to a community is vital. Post homes are more than a canteen and gambling, and while that may be necessary to survive, you also have a community room to host meetings, dinners, and receptions. Get the word out. Host a party for Children and Youth, Special Olympians, BBS & BGS attendees. If you don't tell them, how will they know?

Finally, many of us members of the Sons of The American Legion look forward to being invited to attend the meetings of your Commissions and Committees. We also accept with great anticipation the invitation to attend Buckeye American Legion College (BALC). Our MT&D Committee is putting together a list of areas that need our help in increasing our involvement in The American Legion. We believe that BALC will assist us in accomplishing our goals as a Detachment.

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

STATE OPERATING BUDGET: It's Impact on the Veteran Community



Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 166 – the state operating budget for FY2020-21 into law on July 18th, 2019. The House and Senate chambers in the Ohio General Assembly took an additional seventeen days to reach a budget deal. The House and Senate were both supportive of Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) budget request and initiatives pertaining to the veteran community.

The budget prioritizes our Ohio Veterans Homes. Funding for the Veterans Homes will increase from about \$29.3 million to more than \$41.4 million in FY 2022 and \$45.4 million in FY2021. The Ohio Veterans Homes have faced rising operating cost to keep up with new federal regulations. The Ohio Veteran Home Sandusky is also in need of multiple repairs and facility upgrades. The Ohio Veterans Homes provide care for more than 800 veterans who range in age from 46 to 101.

The budget also secured a \$2,105,256 which is divided among 13 veteran-service organizations. The American Legion Department of Ohio will receive \$385,237 each fiscal year. The American Legion Department of Ohio utilizes its' state appropriation to staff a team of Department Services Officers.

A new allocation of \$3 million per fiscal year to create a transcranial magnetic stimulation pilot program that will be administered by Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) and

ODVS. MHAS and ODVS will contract with a supplier (through a competitive bidding process) to create, implement, operate, and evaluate, choose location the program will operate from. The supplier of the pilot program will provide a quarterly report to the president of the senate, the standing committee of the senate that normally considers legislation regarding veteran's affairs.

MHAS was also allocated \$500,000 per fiscal year to support suicide prevention efforts through a study in coordination with the ODVS which will focus on suicide rates for the previous ten years for the general population as a whole and suicide rates for veterans as a subgroup. The objective of the study is to identify the causes of suicides and recommendations for reducing the rates of suicide in the state of Ohio.

The budget renamed the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship to the Ohio War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship so that the name fits the eligibility requirements to apply for the scholarship.

A new allocation of \$100,000 will go directly to Save a Warrior foundation to be spent in Ohio to assist veterans who reside in Ohio to help address issues related to Post Traumatic Stress.

The budget includes a transfer of \$250,000 each fiscal year from GFR to the Legal Aide Fund to be dispersed by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation for the sole

purpose of providing legal services for veterans.

Other items of pertaining to the veteran community:

- The Ohio Veterans Bonus Fund received an increase of \$37,217
- The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame secured an increase of \$10,000
- Ashland University Military and Veterans Resource Center Project secured \$97,850 in FY2020.
- The Chancellor of Higher Education shall work with the Department of Veterans Services to develop specific veteran's preference guidelines for higher education institutions. These guidelines shall ensure that the institutions hiring practices are in accordance with the intent of Ohio's veteran's preference laws.

• Requires the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles to allow a person who qualifies as a disabled veteran to apply for and receive a license plate that recognizes military service or valor for up to two motor vehicles without the payment of any registration taxes or fees.

The American Legion Department of Ohio is extremely grateful of the support Governor Mike DeWine, The Ohio Senate, and The Ohio House has shown to the veteran community in our state operating budget.

Homecoming Ohio Department Commander Roger L. Friend

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019

Where: Cherry Valley Hotel/Lodge

2299 Cherry Valley Road SE,
Newark, Ohio 43055
740-788-1200 | Room Rate: \$119.00
Reserve by:

Friday, September 6, 2019 (to lock in this rate)

Registration: 5-7 pm

Cash Bar: 6-9 pm

Dinner: 7-8pm

Matt and Troy Band: 8-11 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person

For a night of good food, live music, dancing and fun! The night includes: Buffet Style Dinner. First Course: Garden Salad with Cucumber, Tomato and Herb Vinaigrette. Choose between Grilled Sirloin Filets with Cognac Peppercorn Demi or Roasted Chicken Breast Lemon-Truffle Butter. Sides include: Garlic Parmesan Mashed Potatoes & Lightly Charred Green Beans. Desert: Vanilla Cheesecake with Blackberry Compote and Candied Mint

Reservations

RSVP: By Friday September 20, 2019

For questions: Call 740-877-8019

Mail to: Cynthia Friend, 6146 Marion Rd. Newark, Ohio 43055.

Name _____

Date _____ Post _____

Title _____

Spouse/Significant Other _____

Title _____

Additional Guest _____

(send additional Guest Names and Titles on a Separate Sheet)

Legion Act Signed into Law

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gion's founding fathers believed, "a veteran is a veteran," an axiom that has held true throughout the organization's more than century of service. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

Question: So how does this differentiate The American Legion from AMVETS?

Answer: The American Legion's eligibility criteria states that veterans must have served during "war-time." When Congress decides the U.S. is no longer in a state of war, the Legion's membership eligibility period will close, while AMVETS will still be open to those who served.

Question: How does this affect the Sons of The American Legion (SAL)?

Answer: The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL.

Question: How does this affect the eligibility for the American Legion Auxiliary?

Answer: This follows the same concept as the SAL, as noted previously. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans.

Question: How does this affect

membership for departments, districts and posts?

Answer: This change opens up American Legion membership to thousands more veterans who likely live in your communities. They may become members immediately.

Question: The current membership applications don't address the eligibility change. How do we process those members?

Answer: New membership materials will be developed and provided as quickly as possible. Until then, it is recommended that prospective members from a previously undocumented war era write "Other Conflicts" in the eligibility date section and send it in to their department with the appropriate dues.

Question: What steps should departments, districts and posts focus on?

Answer: A good first step would be to review all recruiting materials to look for eligibility dates. Information on electronic media (websites, social media channels, etc.) should be changed immediately. It is up to departments to decide on the best way to handle printed materials, while updated ones are being produced.

Question: How does this change the Paid Up For Life program?

Answer: There are no changes to the PUFL program, though the newly eligible members would be able to become PUFLs. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.legion.org/PUFL>.

Question: Who can I contact for more information about this change as it applies to membership and recruiting?

Answer: Contact the national Membership Division. Visit this web page to find the representative in your state. <https://www.legion.org/membership/contactus>.

American Legion Riders Hold Successful State ROMP

There were over 120 legion riders and passengers from all around the state. The event sponsored a motorcycle stunt show on Saturday, a ride to Saint Mary's post 323 and Van Wert post 178. There were also free boat rides around Grand Lake.

The summer State Legion rides meeting was held at 10am on Saturday and was very well attended. At the meeting Streetsboro post 685 was awarded a plaque for the largest group in attendance and

Portsmouth post 23 was awarded a plaque for the farthest distance traveled. John Barker and his crew from post 210 did an outstanding job hosting the event with help from post 323 and 178.

Next year's ROM will be Streetsboro post 685 watch for details on the Ohio Legion website and on Facebook.

Mike Kennedy
ALR Coordinator



"All the way!"

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started my training, in February and March, in Dunnellon and Palatka, Florida. I trained using the Army's current steerable round canopy, the MC-6. I got current and certified and then joined a group called the Round Canopy Parachute Team (RCPT). I then went about acquiring all of the appropriate WWII uniform items and getting all of my paperwork in order."

LN: Now tell us about reliving your paratrooper occupation?

CH: "There were 4 jumps scheduled. The first jump, on June 5, was at Carentan, France. Carentan was the 101st Airborne's objective on D-Day. WWII, D-Day Veteran Paratrooper Tom Rice, 101st Airborne, of Coronado, Calif., who is 97 years old now, jumped with us. He didn't do a static line jump this time though. He did a tandem freefall jump. A tandem jump is where the jumper is hooked to a Tandem Jumpmaster and the Jumpmaster controls the entire jump. It was a beautiful landing. After the jump Tom had a security detail of active duty soldiers from the 101st Airborne. They made a circle around him and protected him the whole time. Tom was treated like a Rockstar; the French Love him!"

LN: I can tell with the excitement in your voice it was great for you as well as Tom.

CH: "Absolutely! 19 different nations were broadcasting this live. I've never walked off the drop zone to people clapping and cheering and taking pictures of me before. And all the little French kids coming up, it was absolutely amazing. The 2nd jump, on the 7th, was to be at Pegasus Bridge in the British Sector, but it was canceled due to high winds. Our 3rd jump was at a place called Ecausseville. Ecausseville is the site of a WWI Zeppelin Hangar, a massive reinforced concrete structure. This was also base camp for all of our jump operations. Our last jump was on June 9 at the La Fiere Bridge, west of a town called Sainte-Mere-Eglise. The La Fiere was a key bridge across the Merderet River and a primary objective of the 82nd Airborne on D-Day. This bridge, and the adjoining causeway, was an essential route to and from the invasion beaches and therefore extremely valuable to both the Americans and the Germans. The Germans repeatedly counterattacked but the small handful of 82nd Paratroopers never gave an inch. The battle at La Fiere Bridge is one of the bloodiest battles in all of WWII."

LN: It seems this jump meant a great deal to you.

CH: "Yes, very much so. I am a Proud Veteran of the 82nd Airborne. For this jump we had: 900 active duty 82nd Airborne Paratroopers, jumping from C-130 aircraft painted with invasion stripes; A military freefall (MFF) team from the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), about 12 men that jumped from a much higher



An awesome sight of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day of Normandy, brings many to see paratroopers land at the Carentan drop zone, which is just outside (NW) of Carentan.



This fellow Airborne Finnish paratrooper could not speak English and I did not get his name but the brotherhood we have, and had that day in Normandy will never die, "All the way!", "Death from above".



My daughter and I celebrated our birthdays doing a tandem free fall 14,000 ft jump on July 18, 2019 at Paraclete XP, the drop zone at Raeford, North Carolina.

altitude, and trailed American Flags of varying sizes as they flew into the DZ; A MFF Team from 10th Special Forces Group, about 18 members; Our Team, the RCPT, as well as a number of other WWII Airborne Reenacting Teams totaling about 250 jumpers all together; And then a bunch of retired guys that love to jump. There were a LOT of parachutes in the air. It was a really big deal, and an awesome way to end the week. The day ended with a military parade through the packed streets of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, and then a fireworks display. Another WWII, D-Day Veteran Paratrooper, Vince Sparanza, 82nd Airborne, was also there. He didn't jump this time, but he kept everyone's spirits up as he led our fellow Paratroopers in singing 'Blood upon the Risers'. It's a good thing too, 'cause I couldn't carry a tune if you put a handle on it."

LN: So, what are your plans now that you have leaped to this grand achievement?

CH: "As to my 'Airborne' status, I plan to go back to Florida, later this year, to earn my FAA Senior Parachute Rigger Certification, and to participate in other RCPT activities and events. I would also like to go back to Europe, at some point, to visit the Army Air Force Base my dad was stationed at during WWII. I just recently took my middle daughter, to celebrate her 18th birthday and my 58th, on a 14,000 ft jump. Maybe one day I'll

get her to try a military style static line jump too. And I'm not stopping there. My plans as commander are, first and foremost, to work on membership. I really feel that the future of our organization rests with our ability to reach out to the Post 9-11 Veterans. My second focus is on the current epidemic of Veteran Suicides. We must reach out to our fellow Veterans and let them know we are all here for each other. Meeting so many other veterans over there, through this experience, has given me many ideas, and contacts, to help with that."

"When we were at the La Fiere DZ, on that last day in Normandy, Paratroopers from all the different countries came with their flags – American Flag, French Flag, Israeli Flag, a Finnish Flag, Switzerland, the Canadian flag. Different flags, different languages, but all Paratroopers – that's why we say Airborne is a Brotherhood."

"I'm still kind of amazed that I actually did it. We had nice comfortable jumps. But the guys on D-Day went in at night, they were under fire, the planes were dipping and dodging, planes crashing and Paratroopers getting shot or drowning in flooded DZs. And those that made it through all of that, were in the middle of enemy infested territory, alone, behind enemy lines. I didn't have to deal with any of that. All I had to do was honor them and commemorate what they did, it's just simply amazing."

2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2019-2020 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



Department Commander
ROGER FRIEND



Past Department Commander
BOB SCHMITT



National Executive Committeeman
ROBERT KLOSTERMEIER



Alt. National Exec. Committeeman
STEVE MASOWICK



1st Vice Commander
JEAN WILSON



2nd Vice Commander
BRAD TEIS



Department Treasurer
CHARLES STENNIS



Department Chaplain
MELISSA FOWLE



Department Assistant Chaplain
MALCOLM GLASGOW



Department Judge Advocate
DOUGLAS WHITNEY



Department Historian
AL BEYER



Department Assistant Historian
VIRGIL ARLING



Department Sergeant-At-Arms
ROY TERRY



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
ANDY ATKINS



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
DAVID JONES



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
GEORGE MUSSI



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JOHN MURPHY



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
MARY AUSTIN



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
GREG ELSBERND



Department Parliamentarian
ROBERT RAY

2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2019 – 2020 DISTRICT OFFICERS

“GREAT” 1st DISTRICT



District Commander
JASON RUE



District 1st Vice Commander
FRANK (JOE) NAVARRE JR



District 2nd Vice Commander
KEVIN MOTTER

2nd “TO NONE” DISTRICT



District Commander
WALTER MEHARG



District 1st Vice Commander
MIKE HOMAN



Vacant

“THUNDERING” 3rd DISTRICT



District Commander
JOE LAW



District 1st Vice Commander
BETSY LAW



District 2nd Vice Commander
MICHAEL BLACKWELL

“FABULOUS” 4th DISTRICT



District Commander
JIM JENNINGS



District 1st Vice Commander
STEPHEN FOSTER



District 2nd Vice Commander
GREG NORVELL

“FIGHTING” 5th DISTRICT



District Commander
AL BEYER



District 1st Vice Commander
JARRETT ESTEP



District 2nd Vice Commander
RON DULL

“SIZZLING” 6th DISTRICT



District Commander
STEPHEN THORP



District 1st Vice Commander
SCOTT HORSINGTON



District 2nd Vice Commander
TERRENCE HUMMEL

“MAGNIFICENT” 7th DISTRICT



District Commander
KENNETH CRAWFORD



District 1st Vice Commander
JAMES PINSON



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBERT WAGONER

“GREAT” 8th DISTRICT



District Commander
RICHARD DONOVAN



District 1st Vice Commander
HAROLD SMATHERS



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBERT SCHMOLL

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"DYNAMIC" 9th DISTRICT



District Commander
FRANK ADLEY



District 1st Vice Commander
WILLIAM RUNYAN



District 2nd Vice Commander
JEFFREY TOLL

"GREAT" 10th DISTRICT



District Commander
GARY ICKES



District 1st Vice Commander
LARRY GLASGOW JR



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBERT RHODE

"ELITE" 11th DISTRICT



District Commander
RUSSEL "JOE" PETERS



District 1st Vice Commander
JOHN ROBINSON



District 2nd Vice Commander
CHARLES "CHUCK" CLARK

"CAPITAL" 12th DISTRICT



District Commander
RICK GARREN



District 1st Vice Commander
TOM POULTON



District 2nd Vice Commander
MALCOLM GLASGOW

"TENACIOUS" 13th DISTRICT



District Commander
JOSEPH RULAND



District 1st Vice Commander
RICHARD WRIGHT



District 2nd Vice Commander
JAMES LOCKYER

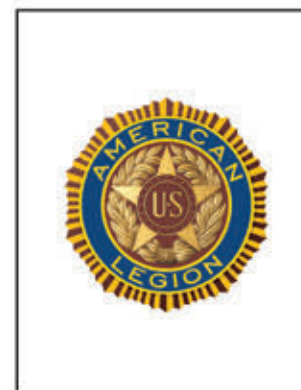
"PHENOMENAL" 14th DISTRICT



District Commander
CHRISTOPHER HAWKINS JR



District 1st Vice Commander
ROBERT CARSON



District 2nd Vice Commander
DARYLL MAUDER

2018 – 2019 Department Convention Awards



Educator of the Year
NATHAN WHALEY



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
ROBERT GOETTKE



Firefighter of the Year
PAUL MITTEN



Social Worker of the Year
SANDRA GORDON

ANY TIME POST AWARD

District 1, Post 468, \$100; District 3, Post 707, \$100; District 4, Post 194, \$100; District 4, Post 318, \$100; District 4, Post 631, \$100; District 10, Post 44, \$500; District 10, Post 557, \$500; District 13, Post 610, \$500; 3 new members, renew 3 expired members, and/or transfer 3 888 members

2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2018 – 2019 Department Convention Awards



Commander's Award
POST 44



Vice Commander's Award
POST 331



Grand Award
POST 199



Eli Jensen Award
"FABULOUS" 4TH DISTRICT



Hugh K. Martin Award
POST 353



Big One Pin Award (Small)
"TENACIOUS" 13TH DISTRICT



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



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



Gold Brigade
BETSY LAW



Gold Brigade
JEAN WILSON



Recruiter of the Year
JEAN WILSON



Mickeal J. Golato Memorial
(Americanism)
POST 144



Edward McBane (Youth Activities)
POST 62



Father John E. Duffy Award
POST 798



Civilian Lifesaver Award
JONNIE MELVIN



Law and Order Award
POST 144

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James Cunningham Award
POST 353



Adjutants Award- 4th District
COMMANDER GREG ELSBERND



Adjutants Award- 10th District 1st
VICE COMMANDER GARY ICKES



Quota District
10TH DISTRICT



Gifts for Yanks - Largest District
13TH DISTRICT



Gifts for Yanks - Largest Post
POST 91



Gifts for Yanks - Largest % of Goal
POST 236



Quota District
4th District

101st Department Convention Resolutions

Fifteen (15) Resolutions that were submitted to Department Headquarters for consideration and two (2) Resolutions were introduced by Convention Committees at the 2019 Department Convention. Resolutions may be approved, rejected, or referred. Resolutions were assigned to Department Convention Committees, if approved, then were presented to the General Assembly for consideration. Here is a summary of all resolutions considered at the 2019 Department Convention.

Constitution & By-Law Resolutions

Resolution NO. 19-13 To Increase Department of Ohio Membership Dues was rejected by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-16 To Amend the Constitution of The American Legion Department of Ohio, Article III, Section 1 was approved by the General Assembly. Resolution NO. 19-16 amends Section 1a which reads, "Eligibility requirements for membership in The American Legion shall be revised in accordance with The American Legion National Headquarters membership and eligibility requirements as stated in Article XV, Section 2."

Resolution NO. 19-17 To Modify Article II, Duties of Officers, Section 2 was approved by the General Assembly. Resolution NO. 19-17

identifies The Department First Vice Commander to be the chairman of the Department Membership Committee and The Department Second Vice Commander as the Chairman of the Department Post Activities Committee during their respective term.

Resolution NO. 19-18 Omnibus Amendment to Department of Ohio Constitution and By-Laws to Amend "Department Finance Officer" to "Department Fiscal Officer" was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-19 To Remove Fiscal Officer from Authorize Check signer was referred to Department Executive Committee with recommendation.

Resolution NO. 19-20 By-Law Amendment to Article II Section 5 was approved by the General Assembly. Article II Section 5. The Department Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Department organization. All checks disbursing the funds of the Department organization shall bear the signature of the Department Treasurer and that of the Department Adjutant. The Department Treasurer, the Department Adjutant, and the Department Finance Officer shall furnish surety bond in an amount fixed by the Department Executive Committee. The Department Treasurer shall make reports upon the condition of the Department

Treasury to the Executive Committee, or when called for by either the Department Commander or the Department Executive Committee. The Department Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. The Department Finance Committee shall invest excess or reserve funds of the Department and sell securities owned and held by the Department, only upon authority of the Department Executive Committee then in office.

Resolutions Committee

Resolution NO. 19-21 To Adopt The American Legion Riders as a Department Level Program was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-23 To Amend SAL Membership To Allow Male Spouses was rejected by Convention Resolution Committee.

Resolution NO. 19-26 To Amend the Preamble of The American Legion Constitution to read, "To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars and all other Wars and Conflicts" was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-34 to Create A Marketing, Communications, and Media Commission was introduced in the Convention Resolutions Committee and referred to Department Finance Committee.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee

Resolution NO. 19-32 The American Legion Opposes Any Change to the Ohio Revised Code That Grants Appointment Authority to Veterans Service Commission by County Commissioners was approved by the General Assembly. Resolution NO. 19-32 was approved by the General Assembly.

National Security Committee

Resolution NO. 19-22 Opioid Epidemic which strongly urges all state governments and the federal government to change the penalties for those charged with crimes involving distribution of illegal drugs to equal the felony of the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree of murder. Resolution NO. 19-22 was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-24 To Protect POW/MIA Flag from Being Replaced By Other Supplemental Flags was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-31 For the Department National Security Committee to adopt the Department POW/MIA Program and to dissolve the Department POW/MIA Committee was approved by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-33 to urge the federal government to criminalize destruction of historical monuments and to develop programs

to educate our citizens of the importance of preserving historical monuments was introduced in the Convention National Security Committee and approved by the General Assembly.

Americanism Committee

Resolution NO. 19-25 To Amend Eagle Scout of the Year Qualifications to remove the qualification that the applicant must be a member of a unit attached to a properly chartered American Legion Post and to remove the qualification that the applicant must be a descendant of a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or SAL was rejected by the General Assembly.

Resolution NO. 19-29 To Modify the Point System of The American Legion Band Competition to include scoring categories for patriotic and religious effect was approved by the General Assembly.

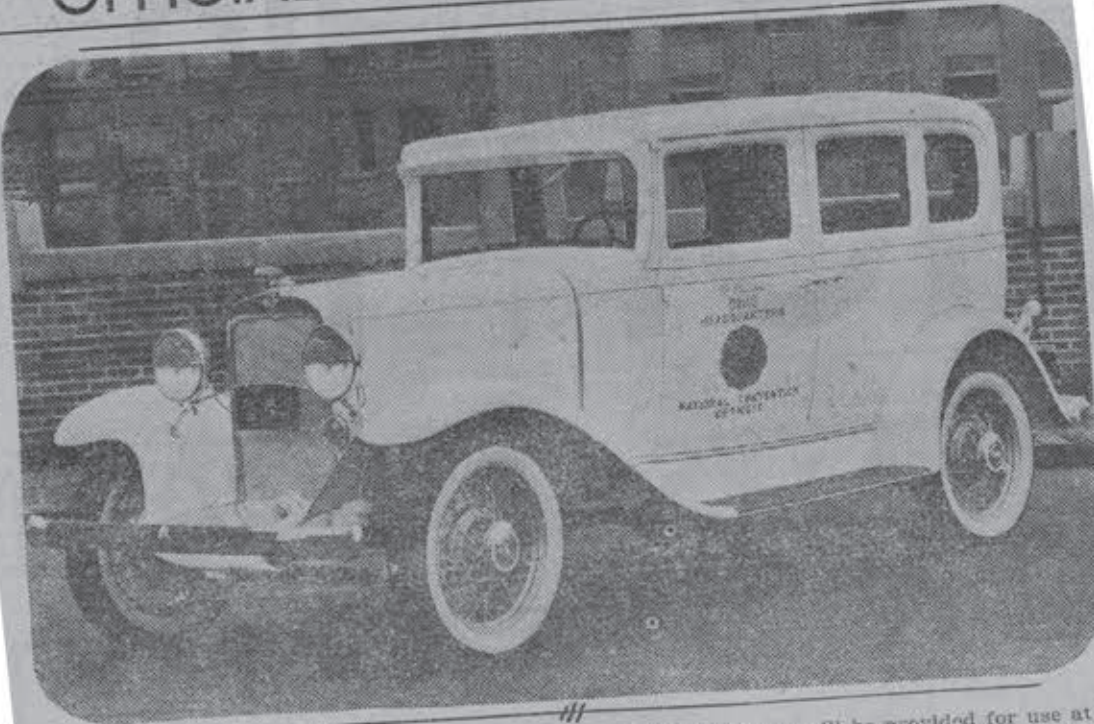
Friendly Reminder

The resolution process is a way for every Legionnaire to suggest policy changes in their local post, districts, department in which we operate as an organization and is also a process that may dictate our legislative agenda on a federal, state, or local level. If any Legionnaire has a question on how to write a resolution, please contact Jermaine Ferguson at ferguson@ohiolegion.com or give us a call at 740-362-7478.



TO PRESERVE THE MEMORIES

OFFICIAL OHIO CAR AT DETROIT



Pictured above is the Official Car of the Department of Ohio which will be provided for use at the National Convention at Detroit. Through the courtesy of General Motors, a Chevrolet Sedan has been prepared for each official Department Headquarters and a uniformed chauffeur will be on duty 24 hours a day with the car to provide quick transportation for all Department officials. It is understood that these cars will be sent back after the convention to the state to which they were assigned.

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Aim high
Men
Let us so live, that
Every
Good deed may be an
Inspiration to all,
Of our great
Nation

A PROGRAM OF SERVICE

The Service Department of The American Legion of Ohio has established a definite program that will be far reaching in rehabilitation of disabled comrades and proper care for their dependents.

The accomplishment of this program requires an active, tireless Service Officer in every community. The responsibility for this lies with the local Post and Department Headquarters must be informed of the name and address of the Service Officer in every instance.

In another article the plan for a survey of every veteran in each county is described as it has been successfully accomplished in several instances. This plan should be adopted by local posts at once as the survey is the only means whereby we may determine the true size of the work that lies ahead.

Our program has always been "Service to our less fortunate comrades, first"—Let's Make Good.

Loyally,

JOHN A. ELLEN,
Department Commander.

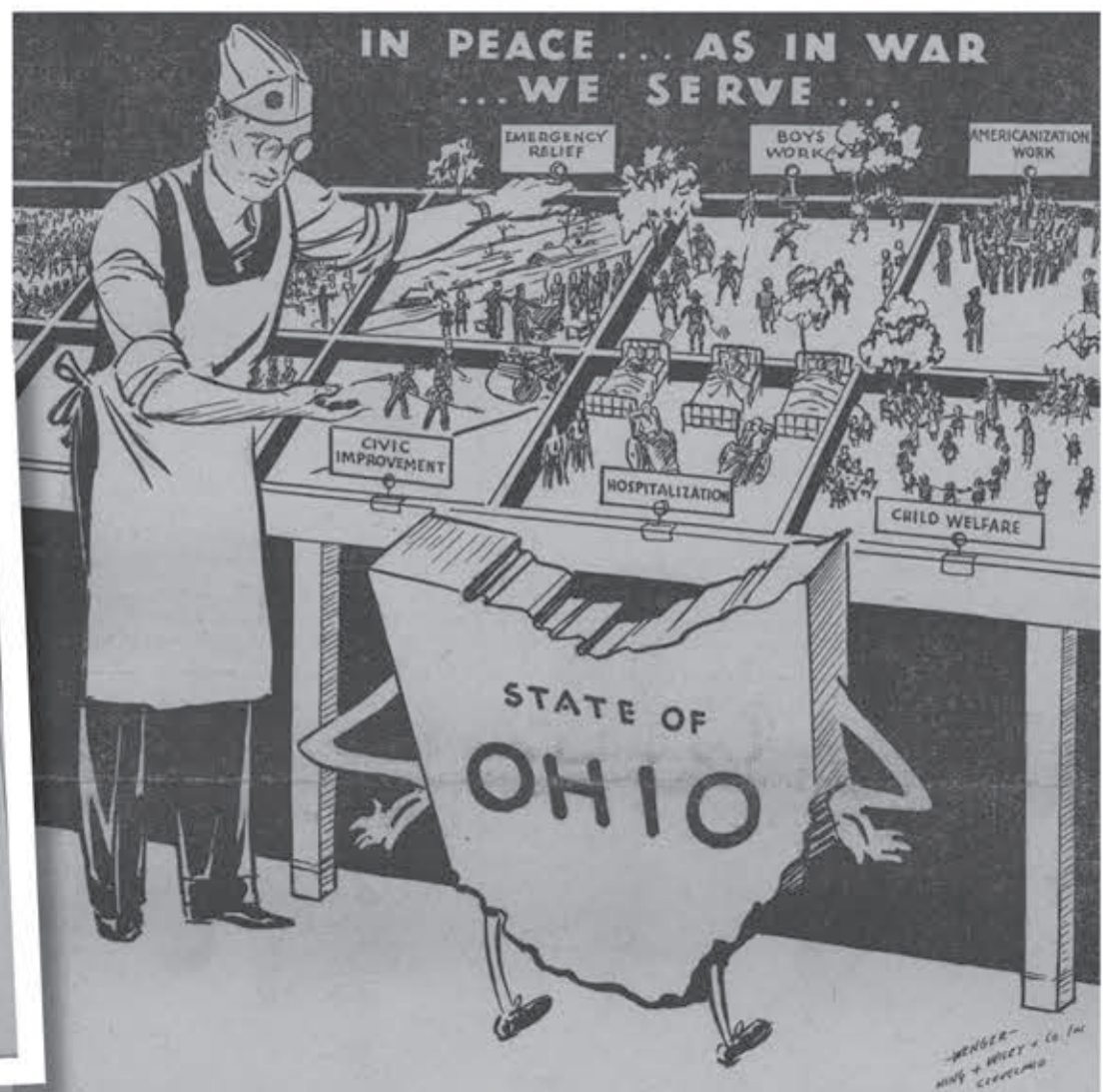
Any Legionnaire — "Head and Shoulders Above Crowd"

A Legionnaire is a bigger man in his community because of his Legion affiliation. His words in behalf of justice have a sincere ring to them, because he is recognized as having participated in the greatest struggle for justice the world has ever known. His words of sympathy for a disabled buddy carry with them an authority of personal experience with the causes of that disability, and he is recognized as knowing whereof he speaks.

An ex-service man knows, as no one else can know, the conditions which confronted a soldier, sailor or marine, when he returned from the war. We know that, even returning strong in mind and body, he had battles enough with the many difficulties which confronted the average ex-service man when he re-entered civilian life. Knowing that, we also know what the difficulties were for a man who returned handicapped by physical or mental disability, because of the very fact that he had lost his health or his full strength, in a service for the flag.

Who knows, but it may be any one of us who tomorrow will need the helping hand of the American Legion? It is little enough for all of us to lend our energy, to the extent, at least, of subscribing to our Legion program of service through our membership, in behalf of those comrades who most need our assistance in procuring the justice and care which is due them, and which Legion service assures them, so long as our organization maintains its strength and virility which its present membership record guarantees.

RALPH T. O'NEIL,
National Commander.





Committee Approves Official Uniform for Ohio Legionnaires

After considerable research the Department Uniform Committee has recommended an official Ohio Legion uniform to be worn by Legionnaires on all Legion occasions and ceremonies, such as Post meetings, initiation ceremonies, funerals and conventions.

Each Post should appoint a Uniform Committee or a Uniform Officer to contract with authorized manufacturers for the purchase of the official uniform. Musical organizations will wear slightly different uniforms from the official uniform in order to differentiate the individual organizations.

The regulation uniform is made of official Legionnaire navy blue wool serge with mohair braid on coat cuffs and side trouser seams. The Post numerals will be on the collar and the Legion emblem on the lapels. The state seal is worked on the left shoulder with the location of Post above the seal and the word Ohio below.

A tan leather belt and regulation Legion coat buttons will be worn. Caps are not included as a part of the uniform and must be purchased from National Headquarters as in the past.

The Brakeman-King Post No. 336 Painesville, has purchased over 100 of the uniforms and at a recent meeting of the Second Division of the Ninth District, 87 uniformed members of the Post were present.

J. B. Yeager Post No. 199, Harrison, has purchased the new official uniform for members of their firing squad.



Legionnaire Insurance Trust

Having coverage for things that happen when unexpected not only contributes a solution to the situation, it can also help with peace of mind. We at the Department of Ohio encourage that if you are a Legionnaire, you should be registered for your free policy that comes with your membership each year. This free policy is \$1,000.00 if on unofficial business and \$5,000.00 for "official business" of The American Legion.

There is also opportunity for District leadership to purchase AD&D for their District Executive Boards for \$3.24/year, per person, for \$25,000 coverage. This goes beyond the \$1K and \$5K free policies. Below are just some examples of other products available on behalf of LIT. We will have an informational booth available at the Department Convention to answer all questions regarding LIT and their products.

The "Emergency Assistance Plus" program is a plan that protects you and your family if you get sick or hurt while traveling in the U.S. or abroad. It gives you access to 24-hour emergency medical services that your primary insurance will typically not cover! The cost is \$114/year and includes medical evacuation, transportation home, return of deceased remains, vehicle return, prescription replacement if lost or stolen, one round-trip airline ticket to bring a loved one by your side, up to date travel restrictions,

alerts, weather, security intelligence, lost luggage, and so much more!

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

LEGIONCARE OVERVIEW

Legioncare no cost to you accidental death insurance protection guaranteed** to legionnaires.

As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation.

\$5,000.00 Accidental death protection member-only benefit:

Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with up to \$1,000.00 cash benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

**The product for Members living in WA differs from the above.

<https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>

ID Resolve: <https://www.thelit.com/idresolve>

In today's world, identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. If you or your spouse fall victim to identity theft what would you do? Where would you turn? With Legionnaire ID Resolve

you'll have 24-hour identity theft resolution that helps protect your money, your time and your financial reputation.

If you haven't fallen victim to identity theft yet, don't think you're safe. Data breaches happen every day, where thieves can steal your name, address, date of birth, credit card information, medical records, and most critically your Social Security number. That's why Your Department of The American Legion has endorsed ID Resolve. A new program to help Legionnaires fight back — instead of being a victim and not knowing where to turn.

ID Resolve helps you eliminate the uncertainty — by putting ID experts on your side to clean up the mess and help restore your good name. You can be confident you're getting the protection you deserve when it comes to your money, your accounts, your credit cards, your financial record and your hard-earned good name. Plus, our no-obligation money-back guarantee allows you a full 30-day examination period in case you change your mind about this identity resolution.

Remember, it doesn't matter how careful you are ... you can't always control where your information goes. Enroll today and gain access to a team who will help restore your identity.



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Buckeye American Legion College Graduates

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Bonnie Adley
Mike Blackwell
Ricky Garren
Terrence Hummel
James Jennings
Kevin Motter
John Murphy
Thomas Poulton
Joe Ruland
Harold Savage
Robert Schmoll Jr
Ken Schutz
Richard Wright
Jason Rue



Buckeye American Legion College Instructors

Holly Lewis
Bob White
Ken LaVoy
Tim Hollo
Aaron Cunningham
Al Buxton
Andy Atkins
Darell Bishop
Doug Whitney
Gary Minadeo
John Looker
John Robinson
Mark Weldon
Marv Shamhart
Christie White
Jermaine Ferguson
William Genochio

Flag Ceremony at Mudhens Game



Prior to the Toledo Mudhens game, a Flag holding ceremony was conducted on the field during the 2019 Department Convention in Toledo, Ohio.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Ohio Department Service Officers Report on Changes and Topics Learned in Washington D.C.

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"The SitRep"

Here is the most up to date information regarding Appeals conducted by the Department Service Officers located at the Cleveland Veterans Affairs Regional Office. I present this report with great pride for the hard work and advocacy ability of our Department Service Officer team. The following data shows the success rate of Decision Review Officer (DSO) Hearings and Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) as well as the monetary amount won for our veterans. The following data is from January 1, 2016 to the present not all cases have been decided and a few have been Remanded for further review.

DRO Hearings: 123 Conducted
84 Won = 68% success rate.

DRO Compensations Received for veterans \$1,158,119.21

DRO Compensations Retro Received for veterans \$76,124.42

BVA Hearings: 165 Conducted
135 BVA Won = 82% success rate.

BVA Compensations Received for veterans \$5,122,207.89

BVA Compensations Retro Received for veterans \$1,045,031.00

Combined Compensation won for Ohio veterans \$7,401,482.52. A combined success rate of 76% of the hearings ends in a favorable result for the veteran. This may not be a full grant but illustrates that the Service Officers are hard at work to provide the best representation to the veterans that place their trust in The American Legion Department of Ohio.

New Addition to the Cleveland VA Regional Office Team

The American Legion Department of Ohio has hired a new Administrative Assistant for the Cleveland VA Regional Office. It is with great pleasure to introduce Cassandra (Sandy) Haskin to the VARO team. Sandy joined The American

Legion Department of Ohio on June 3, 2019, Sandy's father served in the U.S. Army and her Brother served in the U.S. Navy for 17 years as a Signalman with service during Desert Storm. With the hiring of Sandy former Administrative Assistant Eric Hall, has been promoted to Department Service Officer and has begun the transition into his new role at the VARO.

H.R. 299: Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 Approved

As most of you have probably already heard the news President Donald Trump signed the Blue Water Navy act into law on June 25, 2019. In recent news Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a stay of the Blue Water Navy Act until January 1, 2020. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act allows Blue Water Navy veterans who served within 12 nautical miles seaward of the line commencing on the southwestern demarcation line of Vietnam and Cambodia (a chart is provided in the following link). Chapter 11 38 USCS §1116 will be amended to include §1116A Presumptions of service connections for veterans who served offshore of the Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam veterans who served in Vietnam and now with in the 12 Nautical Miles of Vietnam beginning January 9, 1962 and ending May 7, 1975 shall be presumed to have been exposed during such service to an herbicide agent. During the Stay the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Board of Veterans Appeals decisions will be held until the end of the stay January 1, 2020. <https://www.congress.gov/bills/116/congress/house-bill/299/text>

Further information is provided by Eric Hall, Department Service Officer, Cleveland VA Regional Office. Information was provided during a conference with the Director of the VA for the Cleveland VA Regional Office. His contact information is as follows: Eric J Hall

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Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect January 1, 2020. With this getting ready to happen the Veterans Administration (VA) will be hiring 400 people in accordance to the number of claims that will be filed or reopened. The VA has informed all service originations to get the word out to have veterans to either resubmit previous denials or put in a claim for Blue Water Navy.

The goal for the VA is to have the claims processed from the Regional Office (RO) and not through the National Work Que (NWQ).

The VA does not want the veteran to submit an intent to file submit your claim as soon as possible. **Make sure that your contact information is current with the American Legion and the VA.**

Here are some things to know about Blue Water Navy Act 2019. You do not need to show that you came into contact with Agent Orange. There is a list of presumptive conditions that are associated with Agent Orange. As of right now the effective date will be retroactive to the date the VA received your original claim. If you had a previously denied claim and you resubmit your claim it will be determined on a case by case basis. Remember that the Blue Water Navy Act of 2019 will, take effect on January 1, 2020.

If you had an Agent Orange claim with one or more presumptive conditions denied in the past, you are urged to file a new claim, VA form 20-0995. Provide any new and relevant information regarding your claim such as dates you believe your ship traveled within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam or updated medical information.

Claims that are currently in the VA review process or under appeal will be reviewed under the new policy. If the Veteran dies before his

or her claim is decided, a living dependent, such as a spouse or child, may file a request to be substituted as the claimant.

If the Veteran served on a Navy or Coast Guard ship that operated not more than 12 nautical miles from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in the Blue Water Navy Act of 2019 and the cause of death was from a condition related to exposure to Agent Orange, then VA may award entitlement to DIC on that basis. The surviving Spouse of a Blue Water Navy Veteran who passed away from a condition related to Agent Orange exposure who was previously denied compensation can become eligible for DIC. When putting in a claim that was previously denied.

- Go to your local CVSO or The American Legion VARO
- Submit the VA form 20-0995 Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim
- VA Form 4138 Statement in Support of Claim if you have any supporting documents that will support the time frame between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. (Deck Logs and Service Treatment Records)

- The ship deck logs need to show that the ship was within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, and your Service Treatment Records need to verify that the veteran had orders to that ship in that time frame listed above.

When submitting a new claim

- Go to your local CVSO or The American Legion VARO
- Submit the VA form 21-526ez
- VA Form 4138 Statement in Support of Claim if you have any supporting documents that will support the time frame between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. (Deck Logs and Service Treatment Records)

- The ship deck logs need to show that the ship was within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, and your Service Treatment Records need to verify that the vet-

eran had orders to that ship in that time frame listed above.

When submitting for DIC

- Submit 21P-534EZ
- Marriage Certificate
- Death certificate
- DD 214 if filing for the first time

Veterans with questions about benefits or filing a claim can contact the American Legion or visit the VA Agent Orange website www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agentorange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/. **Post Service Officer Coming is November 2, 2019**

Reminder that Post Service Officer School is November 2, 2019 at Department HQ 60 Big Run Rd, Delaware, Ohio 43015. I have received numerous requests already so thank you. If you are interested in attending, please send your info to genochio@ohiolegion.com formal invitations will be sent out later. PSO School will be held the 1st Saturday in November unless otherwise advised. Please feel free to send topic request to the above email as to what you are hearing in the Post. It is our intent to deliver the best possible training to assist our Post Service Officers in aiding our Post members. **Military Humor**

The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, Take the simple phrase "secure the building".

The Army will post guards around the place.

The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors.

The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters.

The Air Force will take out a 5-year lease with an option to buy.

The "After Action" Report

The Department Service Officers will be attending Department Service Officer School August 6 – August 9th in Indianapolis Indiana. Any new and pertaining information learned will use to best assist our veterans here in Ohio.

VA Voluntary Impact Statement

The American Legion Department of Ohio continues to support and actively participate in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. Legionnaires give of their time and resources at our VA medical centers, Community-Based Outpatient Centers, Vet Centers, and Ohio Veterans Homes. In every VA medical center, American Legion VAVS representatives and deputy representatives attend quarterly hospital meetings and coordinate volunteers and donation needs list

with their post. Our Gifts for Yanks Program provides funding for our Legion VAVS representatives to utilize to meet the needs of veterans receiving care at a VA facility.

The Legionnaires efforts are extremely appreciated – especially by the veteran who is receiving care. In 2018-2019, Thomas D. Abruzzino from Post 757 gave over 918 hours at the Chillicothe Medical Center. Thank-you to all our Legion VAVS representatives and deputies.

Across Ohio VA facilities, the greatest need is for shuttle drivers,

Location	# RS Volunteers	# RS Hours	RS Visits	RS Assignments Worked	# Occasional Volunteers	# Occasional Hours	# Occasional Assignments Worked	Monetary Donations
Chillicothe VAMC	47	6,222.75	1,461	323	102	319	35	\$60,808.65
Cincinnati VAMC	25	2,210.25	504	154	125	407.75	35	\$22,871.00
Dayton VAMC	27	2,510.25	502	140	159	470.75	29	\$25,376.05
Cleveland VAMC	24	2,778.5	471	137	230	1,865	27	\$126,359.22
Columbus VA	19	3,236.75	578	121	6	24	1	\$23,921.29
Total	142	16,958.50	3,516	875	622	3,086.5	127	\$259,336.21

Source: Traci Washington, Chief of Voluntary Services for Ohio

Please note: We were unable to collect data from the Ohio Veterans Homes in time for this article to be published.

Please note: This report does not include the impact of our Auxiliary or SAL family members.

However, one can choose assignments such as administrative support, escort volunteers, coffee servers, information desk, companion

therapy, and many more. If you want to volunteer you may contact the chief of voluntary services at your nearest VA medical center,

visit www.volunteer.va.gov, or contact Jermaine Ferguson (ferguson@ohiolegion.com) at Department Headquarters.



CHILDREN & YOUTH



2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD:

- **Victoria Jacobs** of Tipp City, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former participant in the Americanism and Government Test and a former Girl Scout. Victoria will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall.
- **Alexandra Fellie** of Xenia, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Alexandra will be attending Colorado School of Mines in the fall.
- **Grace Jackson** of Dayton, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Grace will be attending The University of Dayton in the fall.
- **Nicole Beck** of St. Clairsville, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Girl Scout. Nicole will be attending Ohio University Eastern in the fall.
- **Kyle Stoner** of St. Clairsville, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State alumni and a former American Legion Baseball participant. Kyle will be attending University of Akron in the fall.
- **Jaret Vincent** of Cambridge, Ohio is a Sons of American Legion member. Jaret will be attending Kent State University in the fall.
- **James Schmitz** of Beavercreek, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. James will be attending Wright State University in the fall.
- **Nathan Bennett** of Marietta, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Boy Scout. Nathan will be attending Washington State Community College in the fall.
- **Julia Nutter** of Bidwell, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni and a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Julia will be attending University of Rio Grande this fall.
- **Cole Durst** of Middleport, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. He is a Buckeye Boys State alumni, a former Americanism and Government Test participant and a former oratorical Participant.

DURWARD I BERNHARD AWARD:

- **Bailey Bauman** of Barnesville, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni and a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Bailey will be attending University of Cincinnati this fall.

DONALD L. LANTHORN AWARD:

- **Hannah Horsington** of Hebron, Ohio and is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girl State Alumni, Former Americanism and Government Test participant and a former oratorical winner. Hannah will be attending Miami University in the fall.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AWARD:

- **Maria Faber** of Fostoria, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Maria is a Buckeye Girl State Alumni and is enrolled at the University of Findlay.
- **Cody Debos** of Massillon, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni and a former Boy Scout. Cody is currently enrolled at University of Mount Union.
- **Makayla Aichholz** of New Washington, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and former participant in the Americanism and Government Test. Makayla is currently enrolled at Bowling Green State University.
- **Alayna Morelock** of Gibsonburg, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni and former Americanism and Government Test participant. Alayna is currently enrolled at Youngstown State University.
- **Jeremy Schmitz** of Beavercreek, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. Jeremy is currently enrolled at Regent University.

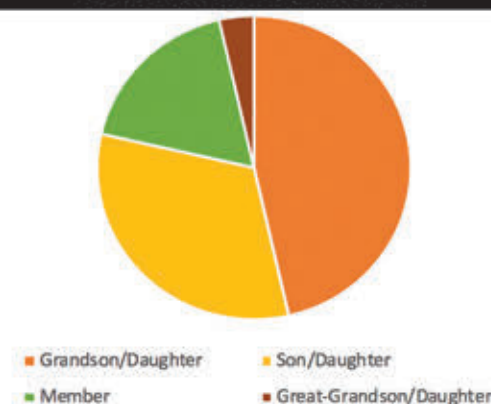
AMERICAN LEGION/ MILITARY MEMBER AWARD:

- **Brian Schultz** of Cleveland, Ohio is an American Legion Member of Post 888 and is a Persian Gulf Navy veteran. Brian will be attending Cleveland State University to pursue his degree.
- **Eric Sowers** of Columbus, Ohio is an American Legion Member of Post 614 is a U.S Army veteran. while Eric is working for Delaware County veteran's court is perusing his Master's in Social Work.
- **Harriet Bomas** of Marion, Ohio is an American Legion Member of Post 888 and is a Persian Gulf U.S Army veteran. Harriet will be attending the Nursing Post Graduate Program at The Ohio State University this fall.
- **Melissa Fowle** of Troy, Ohio is an American Legion Member of Post 586 and is an Air Force Veteran. Melissa is currently enrolled in Wright State University.

PARTIAL AWARDS

- **Cynthia Morris** Of Centerburg, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Cynthia will be attending University of Cincinnati this fall.
- **Hannah Blair** of Plain City, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Hannah will be attending the University of Dayton this fall.
- **Nicholas Telisman** of Wickliffe, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Nicholas will be studying Sports medicine this fall at Baldwin University.
- **Ian Underburger** of Englewood, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Boy Scout. Ian will be attending The Ohio State University this fall.
- **Isabelle Peel** of Princeton, New Jersey is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Isabelle will be attending Dennison University this fall.
- **Zachary Dyer** of Miamisburg, Ohio grandson of a Legionnaire. Zachary will be attending Miami University this fall.
- **Dominic Velasquez** of Canfield, Ohio is the great-grandson of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State alumni. Dominic will be studying Chemistry at The Ohio State University this fall.
- **Alexsandra Nigles** of Elyria, Ohio is a daughter of a Legionnaire. Alexsandra will be attending the College of Pharmacy this fall at the University of Kentucky.

APPLICANTS RELATIONSHIP TO
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SCHOLARSHIP BREAKDOWN FOR 2018

	High School	College	Members	County
# of Applicants	24	16	4	7
Number of Awards	10	4	4	2
Average GPA	4.092	3.861	3.687	4.079
Average ACT	31.25	28.785	-	29.14
Participated in Legion Programs	12/24	7/16	1/4	5/7
Applicants Employed	21/24	14/17	4	5/7
Applicants in Accelerated Programs	11/24	3/16	-	5/7

Child Welfare Foundation

- Albert "Andy" Atkins

First of all, the Children and Youth Committee wants to thank all those who supported our C&Y Pin Project. We sold enough to pay for the pins and had \$1,175 profit as of the last meeting. The C&Y Committee voted to donate this money to the Donovan's Kids Camp. We are asking all Legion posts to send a donation to Dept of Ohio earmarked for Donovan's Kids. Don't forget the other projects we support; COTA, TFA, Military Kids, Ronald McDonald House and the

Child Welfare Foundation. Remember to save your beer and pop tabs. This helps the Ronald McDonald House and can be turned in at any McDonalds. The committee will again have a table set up at the Dept Mid-Winter Conference to give out information about the many programs the American Legion sponsors on behalf of Ohio's children. We were well received last year and gave out a lot of pamphlets and piggy banks. Hope you pay us a visit!

AMERICANISM

2019 Ohio Buckeye Boys State: A Week that Shapes a Lifetime



The 2019 Buckeye Boys State program was held on the campus of Miami University in Oxford Ohio on June 9-16th 2019. Nearly 1,000 young men from over 500 different high schools made up this year's delegates that attended Buckeye Boys State. Buckeye Boys State is the single largest program in the nation and was the 3rd chartered boy's state program when it was established in 1936.

The mission of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to provide an educational and leadership program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to be self-governing citizens. Through a practical, objective, nonpartisan approach, participants in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county, and state elections and government functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American Citizens.

There are many different areas that these delegates become involved. There is state government, elections, finance, legislative, county government, city government, courts, banking and realty, school boards, utilities and the band. Each delegate is required to apply for whichever section interests him and report to that job for the entire week.

The American Legion also has partnered with The Ohio State Highway Patrol since 1936. The troopers assigned to the boys' state detail are the best of the best, and one of them is often the Trooper of the Year. They help create Buckeye Boys State Highway Patrol Cadets who spend the week making sure nobody is breaking the law as standard Troopers would. These cadets also have a chance to attend Junior Cadet Week at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Train-

ing Academy after the end of the Boys State program.

One of the highlights of the week is the Federalists and Nationalists caucuses. Each party will then hold elections to determine the leading candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, among other elected positions. Once the parties have decided on their leading candidates, a debate is held between the two parties. Elections are then conducted to determine the 2019 Buckeye Boys State Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This year's Governor was Jacob Manente sponsored by Post 235 in Girard. The Lieutenant Governor was Andrew Baumeier sponsored by Post 235 in Girard.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State would not be possible without the help from all the staff, counselors, and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a part of the Buckeye Boys State staff, please contact us at programs@ohiolegion.com or 740-362-7478. We would love to have you be a part of the week that shapes these lifetimes.

Christie White

Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator, Dept of Ohio



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

• AMERICANISM UPCOMING EVENTS •

November 4-8, 2019: Americanism and Government test to be given in schools

March 2-6, 2020: Americanism and Government Trip

May 23, 2020: Dayton & Western Reserve National Cemetery Grave Decorating

June 14-21, 2020: 2020 Buckeye Boys State

My week at American Legion Buckeye Boys State was one of the most valuable experiences of my life. Working with so many great people has taught me responsibility, maturity, and to do what's right for the greater good. Specifically, I felt very privileged to be involved with such knowledgeable people as the Legionnaires and staff of Buckeye Boys State. The Legionnaires and counselors all took their jobs with respect and dignity, and that taught me to carry out my duties as Governor with passion and leadership. Being elected Governor is one of the hardest but most rewarding jobs at Buckeye Boys State. It can be difficult to manage all of the different tasks while at the same time pleasing the citizens with your platform. Thankfully, once again, the Legionnaires and staff were there everyday to mentor and help me pass legislation that would be beneficial to the state, despite there being the occasional opposers. I really enjoyed being able to meet so many kids from all over the state and I am sure some of these kids will be my friends for the rest of my life. Everyone, no matter the importance of their job, carried out their duties with pride and dignity, and that is what matters at the end of the day. Once again I would like to thank the American Legion, the veterans, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol for your service and giving young men of Ohio such an amazing opportunity every year. The world needs more men and women like you, and I truly believe that this program shapes people to follow in your footsteps. Leadership, responsibility, passion, patriotism, comradery, respect: It is all taught and implemented with purpose at Boys State. I hope this program never ends as it teaches lessons that everyone should be taught. This program turns boys into young men and I could not be more grateful and privileged to have attended American Legion Buckeye Boys State.

Sincerely,

Jacob Manente
2019 BBS Governor

Introducing Director of American Legion Buckeye Boys State, Jim Koppin

Jim has learned his way through and about Buckeye Boys State by his 27 years on the staff. Working first in elections, then public relations, and finally in the Buckeye Boys State Headquarters office. Also, as having served as President of the Board of Trustees and in two chair positions prior to that time. Jim also had American Legion experience being active in his home post, Post 446 in Anna, and as a Past 2nd District Commander. He



Jim Koppin
Director, BBS

has also held positions in the Post, County, and Department levels. The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Staff is confident Jim will give 100% of his best effort to the board, the staff and the delegates and to do everything in his power to keep our program as the #1 Boys State Program in the Nation.

Jim has the full support of his wife and family. We know he will continue making American Buckeye Boys State a "Week to shape a lifetime". As you can see, it is still shaping his.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

BLUFFTON POST 2020



Bluffton American Legion 2020 New Officers, from Left to right Tom Benroth Judge Adjutant, Larry Core Post Commander, Bob Amstutz 1st Vice, Fred Rodabaugh 2nd Vice, Mike Zimmerman Adjutant/Finance Officer, Basil Meyer Chaplain, Ed Amstutz Sgt. of Arms.

POST 236 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



Ball, Finance Officer, Gary Reul, 2nd Vice Commander, Jim Yost, 2 yr. Trustee, Joe Ball, 3 yr. Trustee. Missing from photo: Arden Baillie, 1 yr. Trustee

Rocco Bowell, Commander, Tri County Council and member of American Legion Post 106, Niles, issued the oath of office to the new officers of Newton Falls American Legion Post 236 at the post meeting held Monday, May 13, 2019. Pictured (L-R) front row: Steve Garcar, Chaplin, Darryl Brown, Sgt. at Arms. Back row (L-R): Russ Mason, Adjutant, Cari Delgado, Service Officer, Joe Nicoline, 1st Vice Commander, Bud Becker, Historian, Richard Nelson, Commander, Donna

POST 159 INSTALLS FLAGS



Members of pack 59 and 66 and their families support members of Post 159 for installing flags at cemeteries for memorial day.

POST 608 INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



On July 15th the second meeting of Fort Stephenson post 608 was held at the VFW in Freemont OH. At that meeting the officers were sworn in by 5th District Commander Al Beyer, Past District Commander Lenny White and District Chaplin Bill Edwards. The following officers were sworn in Commander, Mark King: 1st Vice, Ken Dummering; 2nd Vice, Bill Edwards. Not in the pictures: Adjutant, Steve Oberst; Finance Officer, William Waggoner; Chaplin, Edward Everly; Sgt-at-Arms, Gary Reel; Trustee, Ronald Nissen. Congrats to all of the new officers they are very excited about growing the membership and having a successful post.

POST 382 CELEBRATES



Bluffton American Legion Post 382 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. In the photo with our Legion members is Past Commander Of the Ohio American Legion, Robert E. Schmitt Jr.

POST 743 HONORS MEMORIAL DAY



On May 23, Neal Post 743, North Kingsville traveled to four different cemeteries and placed 900 flags on our veterans graves. On Memorial Day we participated in services at three ceremonies by providing the Honor Guard doing the rifle salute. A World War II Army Veteran and a Korean War Marine raised our flag and at one service and at the second ceremony, two of our Vietnam veterans, one Air Force and one Navy raised our flag. A certificate of appreciation from the township trustees was read honoring Dean Luce, deceased of Post 743 honoring Dean's many years of faithful service to the surrounding communities.

POST 526

Post 526, Dignam-Whitmore showcases their Post/SAL firing squad and Wright Patterson AFB Color Guard during a memorial event.





GOOD OF THE LEGION



POST 542 NEW OFFICERS

Past Commander Dave Frederick will now become adjutant. Dan Skoufos service officer will become the new commander and Ed Hubner becomes our past commander. They are pictured together at Maple Leaf cemetery where the Legion offers a memorial day dedication each year. The post provided a rifle volley for three events on memorial day weekend. The other two were at the local yacht club commemoration and at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial alongside members of the park staff.

CELEBRATION



Larry Shanks, SAL Adjutant and wife Betty Shanks, Legion Riders Treasurer volunteering at the Zanesville American Post 29 July 4th celebration.

POST 318 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE



On May 27, 2019, members of American Legion – Anderson Post 318, conducted their annual Memorial Day Observance. Post 318 Honor Guard rendered Military Rites to deceased Veterans of Post 318, at 9 cemeteries, including 29 grave sites. This included rifle salutes, placing American Flags and Carnations on each grave site, and the playing of Taps. Post 318 then proceeded to the Anderson Township Memorial Day Observance "Bell Ceremony", at the Anderson Center, where they provided a rifle salute and flag detail for this ceremony.

POST 29 ELECTION



Zanesville American Legion Post 29 hosted The District Eleven Spring Convention on March 10. Post 29 Commander Larry Wheeler (left) with Andy Matheny, District 11 Commander, opened the Convention. District 11 Post Officers and Executive Committee members met to discuss the District Post's community projects and membership activities.

POST 771 MEMORIAL DAY



Heath American Legion Post 771 had a busy Memorial Day weekend. They started the weekend on Friday, May 24, 2019 by placing U.S. flags on the graves of all deceased veterans at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Saint Louisville and at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Heath. On Sunday, May 26, 2019, they were at Heath United Methodist Church posting and retrieving the colors and conducting military salute to all deceased veterans. On Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 they performed a military service at St. Joseph Cemetery and again at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. On May 31, 2019 they will pick-up the flags from the veteran's graves. Left to right Jack Gurio, David Shoemaker, Gary Weimer, Dave Engle, and Dave Conner. fire their weapons in a military salute to deceased veterans at Heath United Methodist Church..

POST 29 ELECTS NEW OFFICER TEAM



The Zanesville Post installed new Officers and Executive Committee members during a ceremony on June 3th. The Post is active in mentoring youth, sponsoring programs in the community, and supporting veteran's activities.

VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Macedonia resident Daniel E. Davis was honored with Post 801's 2019 Veteran of the Year Award. Davis has taken a leadership role in developing and building the Macedonia Veterans Park. He is a U.S. Army



101st Airborne Division Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB), Bronze Star and two Air Medals. Davis retired from Case Western Reserve University after thirty years constructing Medical School facilities. A resident of Macedonia since 2011, he and his wife Jean are parents of David, North Carolina, Jennifer Noernberg, Stow and Donald, Macedonia. They are grandparents of three.

Mission Complete for Gifts for Yanks



Mission Accomplished! In the early 2000's The American Legion Department of Ohio Gifts for Yanks Program pledged to contribute \$100,000.00 for The Greater Cleveland Fisher House. On May 23, 2019, Department Commander Robert E. Schmitt, Department Gifts for Yanks Chairman Darell Bishop, and company presented its contribution to the Greater Cleveland Fisher House – fulfilling its' pledge. We thank everyone who made a financial contribution to the Gifts for Yanks Program.

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Gifts for Yanks Program during the 2018-2019 membership year. Together, we raised just over \$190,000. With your contributions we can allocate:

- \$65,000 to provide every veteran in a VA medical centers or at an Ohio Veteran Home with a holiday gift

- \$59,500 to support the efforts of VA Voluntary Services at our VA medical centers, VA CBOCs, and our Ohio Veterans Homes.

- \$24,750 for approved special projects that enhance the quality of life for

our veterans.

- \$20,700 allocated for VA gift shops, canteen books, Christmas cash, and specialized units.

The Gifts for Yanks Program has set a fundraising goal of \$250,000 for the 2019-2020 membership year. We thank you for your continued support. Donations to the Gifts for Yanks Program may be mailed to The American Legion Department of Ohio, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015.



Charities, Inc. Distributes Grants

American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. met at the Department Convention in Toledo, Ohio, in June. Requests are reviewed at the Mid-Winter Conference in January and Department Convention in June or July.

To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs, not repairs and improvements to local Posts. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio.

The American Legion,
Department of Ohio
Charities, Inc.
PO Box 8007
Delaware OH 43015

This year's recipients of more than \$162,000 granted at the Department Convention include:

AL (National) Child Welfare
AL (National) Legacy Scholarship
AL (National) National Emergency Fund
AL (Department) Americanism
AL (Department) Baseball
AL (Department) Oratorical
Benjamin Firestone Post 290
Cleveland VARO
CSW Farms
Dayton Civic Scholars 2019 Cohort
Dept of Ohio-Emergency Fund for Ohio Vets
Home History Fund
Huber Heights Post 200
James Dickey Post 23
Kettering Post 598
LaSalle High School
Milford Class of 1979 Memorial
Painesville Post 336
Parma Post 572
Richland County Joint Veterans Council
Salvation Army
St John the Baptist Church & School
Stockhands Horses for Healing
USO-Wright Patt
Veterans Wall of Honor



Art Lustig, Past Department Judge Advocate, presented a check from Charities, Inc. at the Cleveland VA for their taxi service. Pictured left to right, Dave Donaldson, Past 13th District Commander; Art Lustig; Gerardo Navarro Volunteer Services office manager; June Knowlton & Cesar Emano both Volunteer Service Specialists.

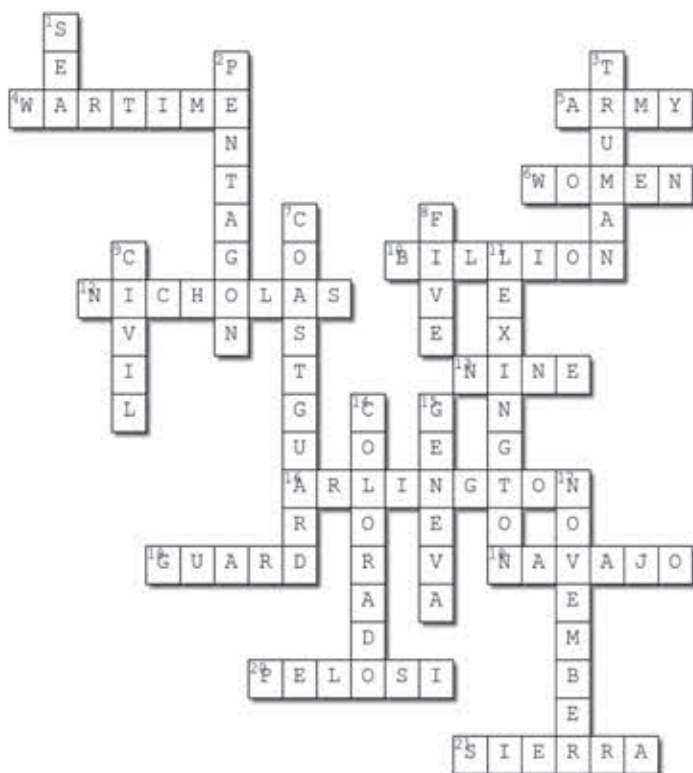


Tim Funk and Lisa Nash-Benton of Stockhand Horses For Healing receiving a check from Department Adjutant Suzette Heller granted at the Charities Inc meeting in Toledo at the end of June.



Dayton Civic Scholars for Five Oaks Neighborhood park improvement. PDC Stanley Pleasant presented the check to Julianne Evans, a student at the University of Dayton representing Dayton Civic Scholars.

Americanism Crossword Key



Across

- The Jeep has been referred to as the '_____ limousine.
- What is the oldest branch in the military?
- Currently, _____ make up 14.5% of the US Military
- The US Army uses nearly a _____ gallons of fuel a year
- The United States Marine Corps was founded by Captain Samuel _____ of the Continental Marines.
- How many Generals have been promoted to 5 stars?
- Final resting place for more than 400,000 US active duty veterans.
- The 3rd US Infantry Regiment, also known as 'The Old _____' is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the army.
- Code Talkers in the South Pacific in WW2 Used what Native American Dialect?
- Speaker of the House Nancy _____.
- phonetic alphabet for the letter s.

Down

- From sea to shining _____.
- What building serves as the headquarters of the US Department of Defense?
- What President Ended WW2?
- The youngest branch of the military is the _____.
- How many times have the United States formally declared war?
- The _____ War was by far the bloodiest war in the history of the US Military with more than 618,000 soldiers losing their lives
- Where did the shot heard around the world take place?
- What state is the Air Force Academy Located?
- What document are rules that apply only in times of armed conflict and seek to protect people who are not or are no longer _____.
- armistice day takes place in what month?

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Milford Class of 1979 memorial, Check presented by Jerry Wilson, trustee Charities, Inc and Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson.



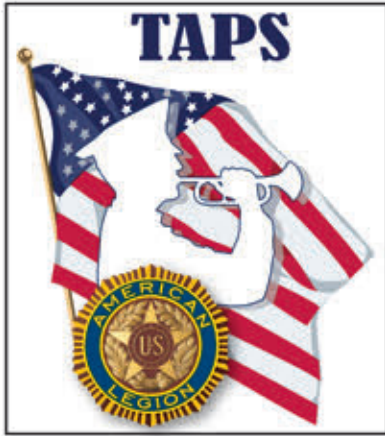
LaSalle High School, Jerry Wilson, Jean Wilson, Matt Dierkers (LaSalle), Bill Rocklin, Cincinnati Post 37 for Veterans Memorial.



St John the Baptist Church & School, Father Kemp receiving a check from Department 1st Vice Commander Jean Wilson and Jerry Wilson, Charities Inc Trustee, toward their elevator and chair lift project.



Kettering Post 598, Check presented to Kettering Post 598 for the honor guard by Charities Inc Trustee Jerry Wilson.



POST 1 COLUMBUS
DANIEL BRAVARD
CLAUDE GILL
CHARLES SAYLOR
SAMUEL SMITH
POST 2 CLEVELAND
RONALD FENNICK
POST 3 FINDLAY
HAROLD BEAMS
JAMES BOWERS
PAUL CAMERON
RONALD DUTTON
EDDIE GOSSMAN
LESLIE HAWKINS
VIRGIL KNERR
HAROLD LARDIE
CHARLES MCDUGALL
GEORGE REHM
BOBBIE ROBERTS
RICHARD SCOTT
WENDELL WOODWARD
POST 5 TIPP CITY
JOHN FERGUSON
POST 6 SPRINGFIELD
CARL AUCKERMAN
IVAN RIDENOUR
ROY STONE
POST 7 WICKLIFFE
ELIZABETH JAMBOR
RAYMOND STOPAR
POST 8 WELLINGTON
RICHARD FOX
MORRIS FURCRON
WILBUR HAAS
EDWARD HABECK
ROBERT HECHT
JERRY KOEHN
POST 10 EDGERTON
DENNIS JOHNSTON
POST 11 LANCASTER
THOMAS BELL
RAYMOND CORNEJO
BOB DEVOL
RONALD FOSTER
JAMES FRESHLEY
THOMAS KUHN
LEROY MOWERY
THOMAS PARKMAN
PHILLIP SCHMELZER
VICTOR SMITH
DAVID TAIT
ALLEN VORHEES
ELZA WEARS
POST 12 ELYRIA
ANDREW ANTUSH
EDWARD DOMINIAC
HOWARD GRENELL
ALVIN HOWDY SHELL
JOHN KING
CHARLES MILLER
SIDNEY RACKOFF
MORRIS SPIKE
DONALD STJOHN
JULIUS VARGO
GEORGE WRIGHT
POST 14 BAINBRIDGE
DAVID JETT
MYRL MORRIS
ERNST SCHNEIDER
POST 15 POLAND
LADDIE FEDOR
MICHAEL LONARDO
POST 16 MANSFIELD
DAVID CONANT
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HERBERT MCBRIDE
FERN MYERS
DANNY STURGIS
POST 17 GIBSONBURG
RAYMOND FAIN
NORMAN NEEB
POST 18 TOLEDO
MELVIN POPLAWSKI
POST 20 BREMEN
GENE QUALLS
POST 21 ATHENS
RICHARD BOBO
CLYDE ELY
THOMAS METTERS
WILLIAM NUZUM
WILLIAM WALKER
POST 23 PORTSMOUTH
JOSHUA ACKERMAN
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ROGER BENNER
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WILLIAM COLLIER
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KERMIT STONE
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CLIFFORD BOWMAN
ROBERT CALENTINE
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CARL LANDERS
CHARLES LEWIS
POST 28 PERRYSBURG
JAMES MCGUIRE
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EARL ROBERTS
DANIEL WEINSTOCK
GEORGE ZWAHLN
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LOUIS REPKO
PAUL SLAVIK
ALOYSIUS TREBONIAK
LEE WELSER
GERALD WESTFALL
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JACK GOULD
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LAWRENCE CHAPPELL
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ANDY DIPALMA
JULIUS PIZZOFERRATO
BRUCE SMITH
JOHN WOODS
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GARY MERRYMAN
FRED PHILLIPPI
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JOHN DECARLO
JOSE MELENDEZ
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BRITT COPE
POST 58 SOMERSET
JERRY BICKEL
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PAUL CAMPBELL
RICHARD CEMAS
ROGER DETILLION
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HOBERT JENKINS
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CHARLES WARD
POST 63 OTTAWA
VICTOR BOCKRATH
WILLIAM EBBESMIER
SIDNEY GOODKIN
MARK HONIGFORT
JOHN KING
DANIEL KUHLMAN
JOHN SCHROEDER
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RUSSELL CASTO
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GLEN ROUDEBUSH
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SCOTT MARCY
THOMAS MCCLINTOCK
RICHARD MCLAUGHLIN
STEPHEN SZILAGYI
EDWARD TAYLOR
RICHARD TESSMER
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CLARENCE GUICE
JOHN HALL
OSBORN MCGEE

SOLOMON SUGGS
CARROLL WOODS
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JOHN BUCHER
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RICHARD CLARK
SAMUEL HUMPHREYS
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FRANCIS BRENNAN
DAVID FLANNIGAN
EUGENE LUIKART
LOUIS SCHULTZ
MARSHALL SCOTT
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AUBURN LONG
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WILLIAM SIMMONS
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DAN ELEY
JAMES JOHNS
JOHN SNYDER
POST 175 STOW
JERRY CROWL
RICHARD HECHT
FRANK LUKENS
JOHN TILLARD
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CHARLES DYSERT
POST 178 VAN WERT
ARNOLD BAKER
CHARLES CRAMER
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WILLIAM STRIBLEN
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JAMES CAMPBELL
JOHN COLE
WILLIAM MONTAGUE
KENNETH NYE
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JOSEPH KASSAY
ROBERT KELLY
DON SCHICK
POST 184 PIQUA
CLARENCE DONNAKER
JAMES HARRIS
JAMES HUELSKAMP
JAMES LEVERING
CYRUS LITTLE
FRANCIS MEYER
RUSSELL SELBY
WALTER SNYDER
RUSSELL STUBBS
ROBERT TEAGUE
HUBERT VULGAMORE
POST 185 ADA
THOMAS GIBSON
POST 186 LEBANON
STEPHEN FISHER
EARL SAMS
POST 188 NEW LEXINGTON
JOHN DOWLING
CURTIS GRIFFITH
LAWRENCE MCBEE
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WALLACE YENTES
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GILBERT MANKE
ROBERT MASON
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HOMER BROWN
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ROBERT KEIFEL
JERRY KOPRIWA
SAUL MARMER
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ROBERT MEANS
THEODORE MEYER
THOMAS NUSSBAUM
JOHN PHELPS
WILLIAM POEHNER
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DARYL SCHLAUBACH
WILLIAM TIBBETTS
LEONARD WAKEMAN
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POST 200 HUBER HEIGHTS
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WILLIAM WRIGHT
POST 207 WILLSHIRE
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POST 209 AKRON
ABRAHAM GILD
LESTER KINSEY
GEORGE OLTEAN
KENNETH SAVAGE
POST 210 CELINA
PAUL CULLERS
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CHARLES MILLER
BOBBY NOLAN
ROBERT PICKERING
POST 211 AVON LAKE
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PETER DEVINE
ANGELO GERRONE
DONALD HANNA
ALEXANDER KATRINCSAK
LLOYD LILES
JAMES MURPHY
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ROBERT SCHLOSS
LES SPIKE
GEOFFREY WILSON
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RONALD EYRING
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GERALD HAGEN
RICHARD JONES
DOROTHY MARINELLA
THOMAS ROSE
DOUGLAS SCHROYER
WAYNE WILLIAMS
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DON TARPLEY
POST 217 SIDNEY
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BILLY FISHER
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DOCK HATFIELD
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JAMES RIGGS
JOSEPH SCHWAIGER
FREDERICK SMITH
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GLENN CASKEY
PAUL GRIFFIN
WILLIAM MILLER
RONALD PHILPOT
JAMES SHILLINGLAW
PAUL SWOPE
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RAYMOND WALKER
POST 221 MASSILLON
WILLIAM FISCUS
ERNEST GAMARY
KENNETH HAGANS
ERNEST HIGHBEN
ROBERT IMMEL
DAVID LEHERE
RAYMOND MATTHEWS
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MARCELENE RANKIN
JOHN WEISZ
CHARLES WHEELER
JESSE WILSON
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POST 228 POWHATAN POINT
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POST 234 BRUNSWICK
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RALPH GRIFFITHS
WILLIAM WTT
POST 237 BATAVIA
CHARLES MILLER
POST 239 WORTHINGTON
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ARTHUR KOSCHNY
THOMAS OBRIEN
JOHN RICHARDSON
JOHN VENEMA
JOHN YUHAS
RONALD YUHAS
POST 241 NEW BREMEN
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BERNARD WAGNER
POST 243 GALION
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CLARENCE BORG
DEAN DION
LESTER DISKOSKY
ROBERT HOLT
DWIGHT SHAW
POST 244 EAST SPARTA
ROBERT EASTERDAY
POST 245 NEW MADISON
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POST 246 DUNCAN FALLS
LLOYD MILLER
POST 247 LOWELLVILLE
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POST 250 SYCAMORE
BEN CHAFFEE
POST 253 ANTWERP
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DALE STAKE
ROBERT TAYLOR
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POST 259 FOREST
RICHARD WILLSON
POST 261 OAK HILL
TERRY HUGHES
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POST 262 HAMLER
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DONALD HAHN
ALBERT JUNGE
POST 265 WAUSEON
MANUEL BELLES
BERT RANDALL
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LOWELL ROTH
POST 268 DELPHOS
BERNARD BELLMANN
WILLIAM KOHLER
POST 272 AKRON
LEVIE GOLDEN
LEROY SMITH
POST 278 WARREN
DUANE CHRISTIAN
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HARRY FILKORN
J ROBERT GAFFEY
POST 281 CUYAHOGA FALLS
JACK BUTLER
JACKSON CASTEEL
FRANK CYPRYLA
DONALD DAVIES
FRANK HOUSLEY
LESLIE HUPP
PAUL KENNEDY
ROBERT MARTENS
FRED PRITCHARD
HENRY SCHNEIDER
DAVID SLADEWSKI
ROBERT YOUNG
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GLENN TSCHANTZ
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DANIEL LAYCOCK
WILLIAM THOMPSON
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OTTO MITTERHOLZER
WILLIAM SCHMIDGALL
POST 288 WILLIAMSBURG
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POST 292 NEW LONDON
ARTHUR LAKE
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ROBERT BAUMLE
THOMAS HOOK
POST 300 NAPOLEON
LEONARD DURHAM
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EDWARD DEUBEL
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POST 309 MAPLE HEIGHTS
DARIO PETRONZIO
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RUSSELL WEST
POST 311 ARCHBOLD
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EVAN HESS
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POST 326 SHELBY
LLOYD BEACH
DANIEL COOPER
WILLIAM LEFFEL
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ROBERT WINCK
MARK WOLFORD
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THOMAS HARK
DENNIS JEANNERET
KEITH NEIGHBORS
BERT SIDEY
ROBERT STAHLER
PAUL WEHRMAN
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ROBERT REED
POST 332 MC CLURE
RHONDA QUILLMAN
POST 334 TOLEDO
GERALD LYVINSON
ROLAND MARTIN
POST 336 PAINESVILLE
JOHN DANIELS
DONALD HOLT
WILLIAM SOBERS
POST 338 BRADNER
LARRY BELL
JOHN BRUBAKER
RICHARD HANSEN
RICHARD SAHS
POST 339 CLEVELAND
JAMES MANGAN
JOHN TOOLIS
POST 343 EUCLID
CARL BUETTNER
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ALLAN STEGAMPER
ROBERT YONOSIK
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ROGER MULLHOLAND
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POST 346 OHIO CITY
TERRILL SNYDER
POST 353 ANSONIA
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KENNETH BARHORST
HARVEY HILDEBRAND
LINUS HOYING
POST 357 MINERVA
DAVID MORRISON
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ROBERT GRACE
HERBERT TURNER
POST 363 LUCASVILLE
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POST 367 RIPLEY
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NATHAN POFF
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DARRELL CARSON
POST 377 CAMDEN
DENNIS ROGERS
POST 382 BLUFFTON
ROBERT MILLAGER
POST 384 WHITEHOUSE
MARVIN LEE
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LAWRENCE YAW
POST 385 WESTLAKE
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JOHN WRIGHT
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POST 399 DRESDEN
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POST 400 MALINTA
RAYMOND RUSSELL
POST 404 REPUBLIC
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POST 405 NEW WASHINGTON
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POST 406 BETHEL
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RAYMOND CANTER
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POST 438 PARMA
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 GEORGE PREBISH
POST 442 SALINEVILLE
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POST 455 WOODVILLE
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POST 459 BURTON
 DONALD COLE
POST 460 CENTERBURG
 RALPH SMITH
POST 464 HUDSON
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 DOUGLAS PLUMMER
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POST 473 COPLEY
 WILLIAM NITZ
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POST 479 SWANTON
 JAMES TAYLOR
POST 482 SCIO
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 GARY CALDWELL
 GARY HAUBER
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 GARY LORTON
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 ANTHONY KOLAKOWSKI
 DONALD MITCHELL
 JACK RAMEY
POST 490 WHITEHALL
 LEWIS DOWNEY
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 WILLIAM NIXON
 FLOYD RICHARDS
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POST 493 JACKSON CENTER
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POST 496 KENT
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 ROBERT PRINDLE
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 PAUL BRYARS
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 HENRY FERGUSON
 GARY HUMPHREYS
 CHARLES STONE
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POST 519 MINERAL CITY
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 RALPH RICHMOND
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POST 525 ADENA
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 THOMAS KIRSCH
 JACK MCCLOUD
 TED MCKELVEY
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 GARY SEBRING
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 JOHN SHOEMAKER
 LONNIE STORMS
 EDWIN TREFETHEN
 JOHN WRIGHT
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 LEROY BEE
 JULIUS DZIEWATKOSKI
POST 530 GREENHILLS
 VICTOR CARMAN
 JOHN GRIGSBY
 NEAL HILS
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 ROBERT LIPPINCOTT
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 HARRY DEAL
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 RICHARD JUSTUS
 JAMES MILLS
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 JACK RAY
 WILLIAM WEINER
POST 533 ROSSFORD
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 THEODORE DILLER
POST 537 OREGON
 JOSEPH EMERSON
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 OTTO HATFIELD
 GEORGE SHANKS
POST 539 NORTH BALTIMORE
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 KENNETH JUDD
 ROBERT LEE
 ROBERT TWINING
 ROBERT WIRT
POST 540 CORTLAND
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 SAMUEL LANZA
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POST 548 LOUISVILLE
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POST 551 HOLMESVILLE
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 JOHN PESTA
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 JAMES TRIMMER
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 EDWARD NESTOR
 JOHN ROZUM
POST 565 YOUNGSTOWN
 EUGENE NAPLES
POST 566 AKRON
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POST 576 TOLEDO
 LAWRENCE CIENIEWSKI
 DAVID KRESZOWSKI
POST 578 BATESVILLE
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POST 584 MARION
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 DAVID HUNTER
 WILLIAM KAUFFMAN
 RAYMOND LANDERS
 THOMAS MCLEFRESH
 ROBERT SHILT
 THOMAS TIDD
 DON TURNER
 ROBERT WILSON
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 ROBERT KNUTSON
 HARRY KRZYNSKI
 RICHARD SCHMICH
 TOM WOJCIWICZ
POST 588 OSGOOD
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 DALE BRAUNSCHWEIGER
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 GEORGE PULOS
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 JACK SHAW
 RAY TAMASKA
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 CHARLES WAGNER
POST 605 WALDO
 JAMES BISHOP
POST 609 KIRTLAND
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 LOUIS KRIVACIC
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 DANIEL REILLY
 LAURENCE REINHARD
 STANTON STOUT
 CHARLES WILLIAMS
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 FELIX HORTON
 PAUL LEHMAN
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 CLEMENT ANDERSON
 EDWARD FLADT
 CLAYTON ROSE
 WILLIE SIZEMORE
 BURT SZALAY
 HERMAN VAHCIC
POST 615 WAYNESVILLE
 LARRY WHIPKEY
POST 619 DAYTON
 HAROLD LITTLE
POST 622 MINFORD
 DONALD BROWN
POST 627 NEWBURGH HTS
 WILLIAM BUZEK
 ARTHUR FITZMARTIN
 LAWRENCE SQUIRES
POST 630 BLUE ASH
 JOHN BUSSE
 FRED OWENS
POST 631 LOCKLAND
 HARRY FORD
 REGINALD HEAD
 HAROLD TRICE
POST 637 JEWELL
 JOHN DUNBAR
 RONALD FINK
 ROBERT JAMES
POST 640 CHESAPEAKE
 WILLIAM WYLIE
POST 642 TOLEDO
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 CHARLES DOWNING
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POST 656 OBERLIN
 JAMES LANCASTER
POST 659 BERLIN HEIGHT
 DONALD WARD
POST 660 SHERRODSVILLE
 RONALD MITCHELL
 EDWIN OSTRANDER
POST 663 NEWBURY
 STEVE VARGO
POST 665 WEST MANCHESTER
 WALTER AYERS
 BONNIE GREEN
POST 667 EAST CANTON
 HAROLD BARLOW
POST 668 VANDALIA
 CHARLES KUHBANDER
 LUTHER PAGE
 PAUL TRZECIAK
POST 674 WINDHAM
 ROBERT FARLEY
 CLIFTON WHITEMORE
POST 675 DAYTON
 NEIL ROACH
POST 677 LITHOPOLIS
 JOHN COONER
 EMANUEL LACKNER
 ROBERT SNYDER
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 ROBERT BUCEY
 WILLIAM DEMYAN
 JOHN DIADDARIO
 THOMAS FRAZER
 JOHN HARMONIC
 ROBERT JOHNSTON
 RAYMOND MCCALL
 GUSTAV PRETZLAFF
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 WAYNE SWARY
POST 681 WEST CHESTER
 DAVID WALKER
POST 682 HOPEDALE
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 JOHN BAKER
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POST 699 LEAVITTSBURG
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POST 700 WARREN
 JAMES CAMPBELL
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 KIM HARTMAN
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 JOHN RIEGER
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 CHARLES CLOCK
 WILLIAM EBINGER
 BERNARD MAERKISCH
POST 707 ENGLEWOOD
 STEPHEN FAIRES
 FREDERICK NEWHALL
POST 713 DEERFIELD
 VIRGIL HOYLE
POST 717 NORTH RIDGEVILLE
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 JOSEPH PRIZZI
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 ROY PATTISON
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 JAMES TRUMBLE
POST 746 DAYTON
 DONALD DEEM
 JOHN DIDIER
 WILLIAM GRAHAM
 HARRY HURST
 JOHN MCCORMICK
 JOHN MCGATHA
 EDWARD MECHENBIER
POST 750 LOWELL
 BRIAN FINKEL
 EARL THIEMAN
POST 751 SOUTHTON
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POST 754 SHAUCK
 RAYMOND SMITH
POST 755 SARDINIA
 CHARLES CREED
 GORDON DUNCAN
 CHARLES GORBY
POST 756 HOPEWELL
 HOWARD PATTERSON
POST 757 CHILLICOTHE
 JAMES BAYES
 LEMUEL CARROLL
 HARVEY MCALLISTER
 WARREN PARK
 BERNARD SKYLES
POST 760 HANNIBAL
 VINCENT DALESSIO
 LEE HARLAN
POST 762 NEW LEBANON
 JEFFERSON EDWARDS
 RALPH GOINS
POST 763 BEAVERCREEK
 JOHN DAVIS
 JAMES JARRETT
 CHARLES KULP
 SAMUEL PORTER
 EARL PRICE
POST 764 NEWARK
 HOWARD HAGA
POST 768 BEALLSVILLE
 JOHN MELLOTT
POST 773 AMELIA
 TERRY HORNSCHMEIER
 THOMAS SCULLY
POST 776 RIVERSIDE
 JAMES HARRIS
 LAMAR SPEARS
 ANDERSON TRAVIS
POST 797 GAHANNA
 DONALD BRUCE
 GEORGE EVANS
 GEORGE GANTZ
 LUCIANO REYES
 DONALD SWIFT
POST 798 REYNOLDSBURG
 CHARLES WARGA
POST 803 AURORA

JOE IVOSKA
POST 804 ST. LOUISVILLE
HAROLD GREGG
POST 806 WILLOW WOOD
RALPH TYO
POST 888 DELAWARE
MICHAEL ABELA
ROBERT ALDRIDGE
GERALD ALLEN
RICHARD ANZALDI
ROBERT ANZELMO
DONALD ARMSTRONG
ALBERT BABORYK
ANDREW BACNIK
PAUL BALCAR
WILLIAM BEBECH
BERNARD BEERS
ROBERT BENDER
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THOMAS CASPARI
CHARLES CAVEY
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ROBERT CRATER
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PETER DUQUIN
JOHN DYER
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JAMES MCLAUGHLIN
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Department POW/MIA Update



The General Assembly of the Department Convention approved Resolution 19-31 which allowed the Department National Security Committee to adopt the Department POW/MIA Program and to dissolve the Department POW/MIA Committee. This transition will lead to a stronger POW/MIA Program. The Department National Security Committee is in the process of designing a new POW/MIA pin and formulating its program guidelines. More updates to come in the fall edition of the OLN.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed on Friday, September 20, 2019. Each Post is strongly encouraged to fly a POW/MIA flag and to engage the local community by holding POW/MIA ceremony at your local post, in your local schools, or at other venues within your community.

A Local Community Rallies to Bring Hometown Hero Back Home

The Union County Veterans Remembrance Committee in conjunction with the City of Marysville (Ohio) has launched of fundraising effort to fund the return of two local World War II hometown heroes for a proper burial and remembrance.

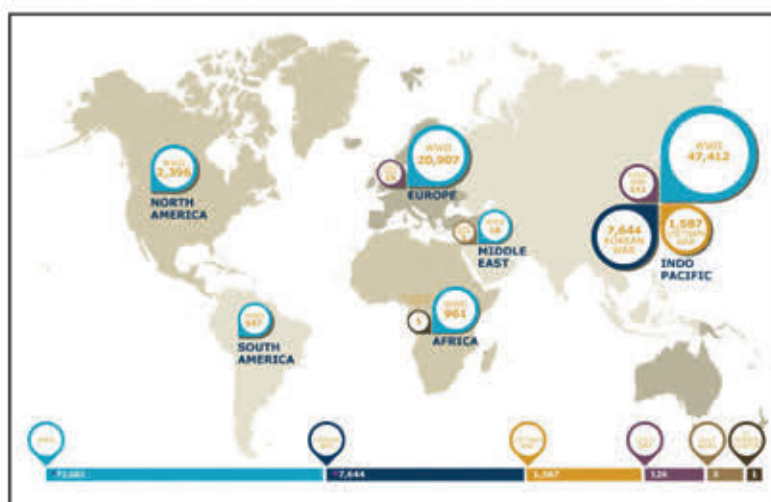
Captain John "Blackie" Porter and Sergeant Harold Kneibler

were shot down while flying "The Hump" over Burma on December 10th, 1943. Known as "Blackie's Gang", Captain Porter's crew is credited with saving the lives of over 100 airmen from 50 crashes in the Eastern Himalayas during the war.

MIA Recoveries, a non-profit contractor, headed by Clayton Kuhles, has located the crash site and is making plans to execute a mission in October 2019 to recover the remains of the crew members. The Union County Veterans Remembrance Committee is collecting funds to support Mr. Kuhles' efforts. \$50,000 is required.

The Union County Veterans Remembrance Committee

invites the veteran community to be a significant part of this important historic project by donating to the Veterans Remembrance Fund. If you would like to contribute, you may please visit www.BlackiesGangRecovery.com. Checks can be mailed to the Union County Foundation at 126 N Main Street, Marysville, with "Blackie's Gang Recovery" in the memo line. Thank you for your support!



Source: www.dpaa.mil/Our-Missing/Past-Conflicts from July 19, 2019

Law & Order Program Announces Awards and Committee Updates

Every Spring, The Department Law and Order Committee accepts nominations from all 14 Districts for Law Officer of the Year Award, Firefighter of the Year Award, and Civilian Lifesaver of the Year Award. The committee selects a worthy recipient to be honored at our Annual Department Convention, during the General Assembly session on Saturday morning.

This year's Law & Order of the Year Awardees are as follows:

LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEPUTY ROBERT GOETTKE

Robert Goettke, a Deputy Sheriff of Hamilton County Ohio and has served in the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for twenty-nine (29) years. Deputy Goettke currently serves as the Forest Hills School District Resource Officer which encompasses 10 schools, including two (2) high schools. Deputy Goettke is known in his community as a positive role model, mentor, and informal counselor to many students within the district. As the District Resource Officer, Deputy Goettke is tasked with the coordination of active shooter training sessions for all ten schools within the district and for Anderson Township businesses. In 2018, Deputy Goettke was recognized by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for his successful completion of active shooter training exercises. Deputy Goettke was nominated by the Anderson Post 318 and the Fourth District.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD - PAUL "ANDY" MITTEN

Paul "Andy" Mitten has

served the Fire Chief of the Harlan Township Fire & Rescue Department for 43 years. Chief Mittens' love for the fire service was fueled by his Uncle David's service as a Fire Chief in his hometown of Towanda, Pennsylvania. Fire Chief Paul "Andy" Mitten was nominated by Marion Post 179 and the Fourth District.

CIVILIAN LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR AWARD - JONNIE MELVIN

Jonnie Melvin, an employee of the Ohio Department of Transportation was inspecting a closed road due to high water when his own truck was hit by another driver who drove around a barrier warning the driver of the road closer due to high water. The driver struck the Mr. Melvin ODOT vehicle and lost control of his own vehicle which rolled into high water. Mr. Melvin rushed out of his vehicle and rescued the trapped driver. The driver and Mr. Melvin suffered injury but without the heroic action of Mr. Melvin, the driver's car would have been overcome by the high waters - eliminating his chance to survive. Mr. Jonnie Melvin was nominated by Kettering Post 598 and the Third District.

CALL TO ACTION

Each Post, County, and District may participate in the Law and Order Program by recognizing distinguished individuals within your communities. A Post may provide their award-ees with a certificate which can be ordered from emblem sales or you may contact Jermaine Ferguson from Department HQ at ferguson@ohiolegion.com. Criteria for the Law and Order Awards may be found by visiting ohiolegion.com.

STATE POOL (BILLIARDS) TOURNAMENT

Zanesville American Legion Post 29 hosted The American Legion State Pool tournament on April 12 -14. Teams from around Ohio participated in a Singles and Doubles competition.

SINGLES WINNERS



Jimmy Southers of Post 11 was the 1st place winner



Mark Conway of Post 38 was the 2nd place winner



Mike Lee of Zanesville Post 29 was the 3rd place winner

DOUBLES WINNERS



Post 29 Commander Larry Wheeler with Doubles 1st place winners Jimmy Southers and Mark Conway of Post 11 along with Mike Kennedy of The American Legion Department of Ohio.



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2019-20 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

START	SUBJECT	LOCATION
8/3/19	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
8/8/19	Membership Workshop	National Headquarters
8/10/19	Department Golf Tournament	Post 598-Kettering
8/18/19	District 7 Fall Conference	Post 134- Circleville
8/23/19	National Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana
9/2/19	Labor Day-Office Closed	Department Headquarters
9/4/19	13th District Fall Conference	Post 703- Parma
9/7/19	Face to Face	Department Headquarters
9/7/19	Public Relations Meeting	Department Headquarters
9/7/19	Gifts for Yanks Meeting	Department Headquarters
9/8/19	2nd District Fall Conference	Post 493- Jackson Center
9/8/19	8th District Fall Conference	Post 637- Millersport
9/15/19	12th District Fall Conference	Southway Post 144- Columbus
9/16/19	American Legion Day	National Observance
9/16/19	14th District Fall Conference	Post 331, Ravenna
9/21/19	Religious Emphasis Meeting	Department Headquarters
9/21/19	9th District Fall Conference	Post 700- Howland
9/21/19	10th District Fall Conference	Post 221- Massillon
9/22/19	3rd District Fall Conference	Post 140- Greenville
9/26/19	National Americanism Conference	National Headquarters
10/6/19	1st District Fall Conference	Post 297- Payne
10/6/19	6th District Fall Conference	Post 162- Marion
10/11/19	Buckeye Boys State Fall Meeting	Department Headquarters
10/13/19	5th District Fall Conference	Post 547- Monroeville
10/16/19	National Fall Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
10/19/19	SAL DEC	Department Headquarters
10/20/19	11th District Fall Conference	Post 641- Bell Valley
10/21/19	Go to Meeting	@6PM
10/23/19	Fall Ohio Legion News Submission Deadline	Department Headquarters
10/27/19	4th District Fall Conference	Post 615- Waynesville
11/2/19	Post Service Officer Training	Department Headquarters
11/4/19	A&G Tests Given in Schools	Department Headquarters
11/11/19	Veteran's Day- Office Closed	Department Headquarters
11/17/19	7th District Winter Conference	Post 142- Waverly
11/18/19	Go to Meeting	@6PM
11/28/19	Thanksgiving Observance-Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/1/19	6th District Winter Conference	Post 584- Marion
12/1/19	8th District Winter Conference	Post 376- Junction City
12/4/19	13th District Winter Conference	Post 91- Berea
12/7/19	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
12/8/19	2nd District Winter Conference	Post 178- Van Wert
12/14/19	9th District Winter Conference	Post 236- Newton Falls
12/15/19	14th District Winter Conference	Post 685 - Streetsboro
12/16/19	Go to Meeting	@6PM
12/23/19	Christmas Observance- Office Closed	Department Headquarters
12/30/19	New Years Observance-Office Closed	Department Headquarters
1/4/20	10th District Winter Conference	Post 86- Toronto
1/5/20	1st District Winter Conference	Post 587- Toledo
1/5/20	5th District Winter Conference	Post 257- Loudonville
1/5/20	12th District Winter Conference	Post 532- Columbus
1/11/20	4th District Winter Conference	Post 69- Cincinnati
1/12/20	11th District Winter Conference	Post 750, Lowell
1/19/20	3rd District Winter Conference	Post 668- Vandalia
1/20/20	Go to Meeting	@6PM
1/21/20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	National Observance
1/23/20	Winter Ohio Legion News Submission Deadline	Department Headquarters
1/24/20	Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza Columbus North-Worthington
1/31/20	Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 1	Miamisburg
2/7/20	Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 2	Miamisburg
2/14/20	Dept. Bowling Tournament Week 3	Miamisburg
2/17/20	President's Day	National Observance
2/22/20	Face to Face	Department Headquarters
3/1/20	6th District Spring Conference	Post 79- Marysville
3/1/20	8th District Spring Conference	Post 476- Wilksville
3/4/20	13th District Spring Conference	Post 421- Fairview
3/8/20	2nd District Spring Conference	Post 345- Ft. Recovery
3/8/20	11th District Spring Conference	Post 29- Zanesville
3/8/20	12th District Spring Conference	NVMM- Columbus
3/8/20	DSO/ Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
3/15/20	Go to Meeting	@6PM
3/15/20	1st District Spring Conference	Post 063- Ottawa
3/15/20	7th District Spring Conference	Washington Court House
3/15/20	14th District Spring Conference	Post 566 - Garfield
3/21/20	9th District Spring Conference	Post 7- Wickliffe