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MEET JEAN L. WILSON 2021-2022 DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Jean L. Wilson was elected to the high office of Commander of The American Legion Department of Ohio by unanimous vote at the 102nd Department Convention on July 11th, 2021. As Department Commander of the largest Veteran's organization statewide, Wilson will serve a 1-year term as the Lead Ambassador of over 520 Posts and 85,000 members. She served in the US Army 1969-1971. Jean is the 1st female Veteran to be elected to Department Commander for Ohio in 102 years.



Jean Wilson
Department Commander

Jean Wilson is a Post awarded life member of both Yeager-Benson Post 199 and Am Vets Post 13 and a Unit awarded life member of Yeager-Benson Auxiliary Unit 199. Jean earned her eligibility in these organizations by serving in the United States Army 1969-1971. Jean has served her American Legion Post in all the offices; she served as Post Commander 1990-1992 and is currently serving her 20th year as Post Finance Officer. She is both a past Hamilton County American Legion Commander and past Fabulous Fourth District American Legion Commander. She was the Big

Brown Jug Commander 2000-2001. Jean has served the National American Legion on the Americanism Committee.

Jean met and married her husband, Jerry while both were serving in Ft Jackson SC, and they have two children, Tammie, and Woody and seven grandchildren.

She served on the Joseph House Board for ten years serving twice as President; she served on the Cincinnati Fisher House for ten years and has served on the Friends of the Fisher House at the Cincinnati VA.

Since 2011 Jean has served on the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission and was appointed by Governor Kasich to the Ohio Women's Task Force. For the past nine years she has served on the Harrison Mayor's Fund and currently serving as the Board President. Recently Jean was recognized by the Xi Eta Lota, Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Harrison as the First Lady of Harrison Community Service award for 2018. The City of Harrison recognized Jean's support of not lonely Veterans and their families but her Community by bestowing the honor of being the Grand Marshall of the City of Harrison.

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2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 102nd Department Convention for The American Legion Department of Ohio was held at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South hotel in Independence, Ohio from July 9th to July 11th, 2021. Legionnaires from around the state gathered to handle official business of The American Legion Department of Ohio. This year's convention featured a night at the Cleveland Indians baseball game and a tour of the facilities at Arrow International, Inc. world headquarters in Cleveland. Friday's General Assembly opening session

was kicked off with Michele T. Wisniewski, a Navy veteran, beautifully singing our National Anthem. We also welcomed distinguished guest speakers; U.S. Congressman Anthony Gonzalez, Past National Commander Denise Rohan, National Headquarters Human Resources Director Rodney Rolland, Executive Director of the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Kirk Lang, Jason Graven and members of the Student Veteran Association out of Bowling Green State University, and U.S. Army Retired Lieutenant Colonel Barnard Kemter

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New Commanding Officers strike a pose



Color Guard presents the Colors during Opening Session



District Officers being sworn in on the Session Floor during the Convention



National HR Director Rodney Rolland speaks on diversity and inclusion to the delegation

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HELLER'S HORIZONS

An Early Farewell



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

This is the last article you will receive from me as your Department Adjutant and as an employee of The American Legion Department of Ohio. At the end of September, I am taking a position with the private sector, specifically, Arrow International, out of the Cleveland area, yet will remain in Central Ohio. Since the legislative passage of "Electronic Instant Bingo", I feel a duty to assist Posts and fraternal at the grassroots level to ensure they receive the best information and service from a reputable Charitable Gaming Company, whom I believe is Arrow International. We know that Posts will conduct Charitable Gaming and it is our way of having fun while supporting programs that mean so much to us. I want to help Posts and Fraternal whose aim is

to be successful for Veterans, Children & Youth, Americanism, and other Charities.

It has been an HONOR and a PRIVILEGE to be your Department Adjutant and to serve The American Legion over the past 10 years. I will remain involved and engaged with all of you, and Department, as best as I can to help the new Department Adjutant and Officers throughout the year. You may see me return as a member of the Department Executive Board or even serving a Department Commission. Whatever it takes to further the mission of The American Legion, I am willing to do.

If you are attending National Convention in Phoenix, I will see you there! If you are not, you are certain to see me along this journey as we work together for the betterment of all! Thank you and don't hesitate to reach out to me by email to stay in touch at Zheller1105@gmail.com!

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AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

1st DISTRICT

Commander Joe Navarre
Great First District

I want to thank everyone for their support and trust in allowing me to serve as the Commander for the Great First District. I look forward to a great year for our District.

What an honor to have PNC Denise Rohan install our newly elected Department Officers along with the District Officers at our recent Department Convention. Installed with me were District 1st Vice Commander Kevin Motter and 2nd Vice Commander Harold Landis.

Our 1st Vice Commander, Kevin, is already working on ways we can accomplish being a Goal District this year. His TEAM consists of the First and Second Vice Commanders of the Counties and Posts in this Dis-

trict. He is already planning Revitalization events. Lets work together and be a Goal District.

2nd Vice Commander Harold Landis is planning various activities and events for the District. Support of your District is very important. All are welcome at our E Board meetings and Conferences.

The District Baseball tournaments took place July 17-20th, The Napoleon River Bandits, sponsored by Napoleon Post 300, won the Tournament, and they went all the way to the State Championship and came in Runner Up in the game vs Harrison Post on July 30 in Lancaster. Congratulations on a great season! In the Junior Baseball Category, the

Black Swamp Raiders, sponsored by Joseph W Diehn Post 468, won the American Legion Junior State Title in Lancaster on July 17. We are extremely proud of both these teams, as well as all the teams who participate in American Legion Baseball in the First District. Many thanks to the Baseball Commissioners, led by Bryce Agner, and everyone who supported Legion Baseball this summer.

Just a Reminder of a Date Change: The Great First District Fall Conference is set for Sunday, October 17, at Toledo Post 512. The meeting starts at 9:30AM.

Follow our Facebook Page "American Legion-The Great First District of Ohio".

4th DISTRICT

Steven Ervin
Fourth District Commander

Over the past months, The Fourth District has been busy working our Team membership program; we are now conducting MyLegion training with Post and County Leaders, to improve knowledge of MyLegion online capabilities, 888 processes and conducting Buddy checks. The 4th District purchased (2) new golf carts with the help of Gifts for Yanks and Clermont County Veterans Commission for Cincinnati VA Hospital for transporting veterans and also raised funds to pur-

chase a Van for the Veterans Community outreach center, this van will be used to transport Veterans to VA medial facility's, Job fairs and delivery food to our veterans. On 9/11/2021, the Fourth District assisted the Association US Army, Tristate War Birds Museum; Cincinnati VAVS with volunteers for 9/11 commemorative's ceremony at Cincinnati Luken Airport to honor those that were killed on 9/11/01 and the swearing in of ROTC cadets of all service branches. The 4th Dis-

trict also celebrated the 100th year anniversary of Mt. Washington Post 484, which was postponed due to COVID, with guest speaker Tom Brinkman House District 27th State Representative. Last but not least, the Fabulous 4TH District is working hard to maintain 1st place in membership within the state of Ohio and winning the Race to the Top and assisting Department Commander Jean Wilson in raising funds for her project, Suicide prevention, education and awareness.

5th DISTRICT

Ronald E. Dull
Fifth District Commander

As we look ahead of another new year, I can't help but not think how far we have come and what we have overcome. My heart goes out to any member who suffered illness or loss during this time. I know we have missed each other. Many thanks to all who attended the planning meeting and picnic held in Ashland, hosted by Post 88. Were looking ahead to coming months when we can continue to conduct business and

connect with those we serve. Several members are planning to attend the national convention.

Our fall conference is October 9 at Bucyrus Post 181. The executive board will meet at 10 a.m. with the conference to being at 12:30 p.m. I hope to see a lot of you there. First Vice Commander Darell Bishop is working on membership. Please keep recruiting members and encourage them to pay their dues. Attica Amer-

ican Legion Post 260 is creating an Attica Area Veterans Memorial, with a tentative date of November 6, 2021, as the dedication. The Post is selling pavers, with the deadline to purchase Labor Day. This project is funded from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Nature Works Grant and private donations raised by the American Legion. May this year bring new inspiration and enthusiasm for serving out mission.

6th DISTRICT

Gary Cox, Jr.
6th District Commander

The Sizzling 6th District got off to a rough start with only having our District Commander Gary Cox, Jr. (Post 79) sworn in at the Department Convention in Independence, Oh. Since the convention, Jermaine Ferguson (Post 79) has agreed to step into the role of 6th District 1st Vice Commander. The District is still in need of a 2nd Vice Com-

mander if anyone is interested in getting more involved in The American Legion. The 2022 Membership Year is barely a month underway, so all of the Posts are low right now in the membership race. Please remember to add 1 to your total paid members as of Department's 30 June 2021 report to determine your Quota for the 2022 Membership

Year. With the new year comes a new round of awards. There were multiple awards that had no submissions at the Department Convention. Please keep the awards in mind as the year progresses. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to attend the District meetings and ask questions or reach out to the District Officers.

9th DISTRICT

Bill Dittebrand
Ninth District Commander

In the past three months the Dynamic Ninth District has had the following Posts; Atwood-Muck Post 459 (Burton), Palmer Roberts Post 214 (Willoughby), and Dewey Howlett Post 103 (Ashtabula) donate to local, veteran only food pantries - feeding hundreds of families. Post 214 was able to fill up half of a twenty-foot box truck with clothes and appliances for needy families with the assistance of VOA. Post 103 built eight handicap ramps for local Veterans. Once a month Post 7 donates

\$500.00 in canteen boxoks at the VA Bingo on the 3rd Sunday of each month with help from post throughout the Ninth District that donate for the books. At Brakeman-King Post 336 (Painesville) one of the members lost their only child at 16 years old, just three days after his 16th birthday. The Post family got together and held a fundraiser for the member's loss, it was attended by many. The funds raised was more than enough to cover expenses and help the member and their family. The post raised

over \$14,000.00. The member was extremely moved by all the outpouring of kindness that the post and the local community provided. Below is a statement that was made by Nathan Haley the Commander of Post 3336.

"This was not a Son's event, or Auxiliary Event, or a Rider's Event. This was a Post event; an American Legion Family event, and we came together like family to support one of ours during her time in need. Could not be prouder to call Brakeman-King Post 336 my home."



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
Department Commander

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and Legion Riders, I was very honored and humbled to be elected as your Department Commander of the Ohio American Legion. It was so wonderful seeing, talking, shaking hands, and hugging so many of you! I want to congratulate the new officers- Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander Brad Teis, 2nd Vice Commander Charles Stennis and Department Treasurer Robert Wilson. To Rick La Valley and David Cobb, I want to congratulate you on your campaign and for your continued service to our organization. To Past Department Commander, Roger Friend thank you for your

leadership these past two years. You are one of a kind and lead us very well. Our Department Staff beginning with our Adjutant Suzette Heller and to the rest of the Department staff thank you for putting together a very well run and successful Convention. Everything did not go exactly as planned but it went well and there was plenty of hard work to make it happen. To the immediate Past 13th District Commander Joe Ruland, the members of the 13th District thank you for being our host and for all your assistance in making the Convention a success! It was incredible to have Past National Commander Denise Rohan do our installation. She is just a great Legionnaire and person and thanks to her husband Mike for being with her. We had many great speakers and I think we all walked away with more knowledge because

they were there!

As I mentioned we have lots of work to do in our American Legion. First and foremost is we need to work on our membership! We need to reinstate members who have slipped away, renew the members that we currently have and recruit and engage new members. It is not just one person's job it is everyone's job if we want to continue to grow and work for our Veterans and our programs. If you were at the Department Convention you know I asked you to help our many programs grow. Every Post is very capable of working on several or all programs. The American Legion has so many great programs such as Gift for Yanks, Buckeye Boys State, Oratorical, Americanism and Government Test, Children and Youth, National Emergency Relief Fund

and so many more. I ask you please help keep our programs stay the top notch they are. If you have questions or need assistance contact me, any Department officer, or the Department staff.

Each year the Department Commander gets to select a "Special Project" for their Commander's year. It is not an easy decision as there are so many worthy causes, but I have selected Suicide prevention, education, and awareness. I have lost my father, and many friends to suicide. Approximately 22 Veterans a day commit suicide, one is too many. I researched many different programs, and it was not an easy decision, but I have selected Save A Warrior to donate any funds raised. It costs approximately \$3,500 for one person to go thru their intense program which in-

cludes Veterans and First Responders, and they are in Hillsboro, Ohio. I ask if you would do a split the pot, fish fry, steak fry, or however you raise your donations to do one extra this year for this program. Please make your check payable to the Department of Ohio American Legion, in memo section please put SAW donation and mail to Department of Ohio PO 8007 Delaware Oh 43015. If we can save one life it will make a difference. No donation is too small or too large.

I am here for each of you, if you need assistance, have a question or if I can help, please reach out to me. My email is Commander@ohiolegion.com or my cell is 513-708-1969. Until next time please keep our service men and service women in your thoughts and prayers. Remember "Together We Are Better"



1st VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
Department
1st Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires and to all Legion Family Members. I am so honored to have been elected as your Department 1st Vice Commander at the Convention in Independence, Ohio on July 11th, 2021. It was so nice to be able to see all of you that attended and to be able to shake a hand, give hugs again, and to see your faces without

a mask. For those that could not attend, for whatever reason, we missed seeing your smiling faces also but hope to see you all again soon.

We have hit the ground running on the 2022 membership year and I urge, each and every one of you, to please get your memberships renewed NOW. Stop in at your Posts and pay, send it in the mail or pay on-line but please don't wait till the end of the year so that your posts can get to quota and receive a monetary award and a plaque from Department, as well as making the De-

partment of Ohio quota for 2022 for Commander Jean. We will be quota!!!

Now that Covid is almost behind us and our posts are back open, please stop in and support them because it has been a long hard year for them and they need your help. Your post needs you so that they can continue to sponsor all of our Legion Programs and also to help serve you and your community better.

Commander Jean and I want to see our Department membership stop declining and start heading in the right direction. If we can stop saying

"We Can't" and start saying "We Can, WE WILL". We have implemented a Team Concept to achieve our goals and we need everyone to work together as a team and when we do this there is nothing to stop us from completing our mission of being quota and maybe even #1 in the Nation.

We will be having many training classes on Membership and My Legion in the near future. One of them will be a membership Training Workshop held October 8th-10th for anyone who wants to attend and

there will be a mailing coming out soon with times and places. If you need training, we can only help if you ask. We are willing to travel to you wherever you want to hold a class. I can be contacted at 1stvice@ohiolegion.com for any questions or help with your membership problems.

"We Will Not Just be a Team Because We Work Together, We Will be a Team Because We Respect, Trust, and Care for Each Other"

Remember my motto is "Grow OH-IO "I" Veteran at a Time"



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Charles Stennis
Department
2nd Vice Commander

Introducing: Charles Stennis Department 2021-2022 2nd Vice Commander.

The Second Vice Commander serves under the 1st Vice Commander and the Commander of the Department of Ohio. His responsibilities include but not limited to being Post Activities Chairman.

Charles M. Stennis Jr. was elected to serve 2021-2022 as the Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander on Sunday July 11th, 2021.

Charles is a 16-year PUFL member of Brakeman-King Post 336 and earned his eligibility for the American Legion through his service in the United States Army from 1986-1991.

Charles has served his post Brake-

man-King Post 336 Painesville in several elected offices such as Commander (2009-2018), 1st Vice Cdr. (2007-2008), and is currently in his 3rd year as Post Finance Officer. He has served as Lake County Commander and Chaplain and as Commander of the Dynamic Ninth District in 2012. Charles has served the Department of Ohio on several different committees as Asst. Department Chaplain and the last two years as the Department of Ohio as Treasurer.

Charles is currently employed with the Henkel Corporation in Mentor, OH as the Distribution Manager where he is a member of the Site leadership team. Charles has worked for other companies in accounting and supply chain management such as Avery Dennison, Johnson & Johnson, and MSC Industrial.

Charles is engaged in community serving on several non-profit boards

in Lake County, Ohio. He is currently Vice-President, past President, Lake County Metropolitan Housing Authority which serves over 3,000 families in Lake County. Charles is also the President of Forbes House, Lake County's only 24hr. domestic violence shelter.

Charles has a bachelor's degree in accounting and an MBA in Business Administration from Cleveland State University.

Charles has been married to his wife Tammy, a member of Auxiliary Unit 336, for 33 years and resides in Concord, Ohio. They have one son Brandon a US Army veteran who served in Afghanistan, and three grandchildren Greyson, Leilani, and Journee.

Charles is a supporter of the programs of the American Legion, and moreover he is a supporter of veterans, in everything he does he seeks to put veterans first.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



John Robinson
Membership &
Post Activities
Coordinator

Ohio membership finished at 78,843 for the 2021 membership year. Therefore, we have kicked off the 2022 membership year as of July 1, 2021.

We are all adjusting to the new MyLegion.org. We are conducting training at department headquarters. Please call or email to schedule for the next upcoming class. National held their membership workshop on July 26-29, 2021, virtually. You can go to Legion.org/training Tuesday and find all the topics and videos. We will be going to the district throughout the state to conduct training. If you would like to host one at your post, please let us know at department.

August is national membership month. We are asking all districts and posts to form membership teams. Membership is not a one-person job. It takes a team effort to help it grow. We need to retain the members we have. Remember to do your buddy checks. Show our mem-

bers how much we care about them.

October 8, 9, and 10, 2021 will be Membership workshops and standing commission meetings. In addition, we will have classes on MyLegion.org and course on post finances. National will be doing a recruitment retention class. Buckeye American Legion College will be hosting a class also.

Remember to look at your awards manuals for the year. Your post or district can win money just by having your members renewed by specific dates.

If you haven't sent your Officer certification form or your Consolidated post report yet, please do so as soon as possible. We need to have these to send posts their membership cards.

Again, if you have any questions, please get in touch with department headquarters. If your officers change throughout the year, please send a new officer certification form into Department HQ.

Thank you for all the hard work each of you do. We at Department are here to help you achieve your goals. If we can help in any way, please let us know.



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Robert Ray
Judge Advocate

HEADS UP all posts, county councils and districts.

At the 2019 national convention the national constitution and by-laws had a complete update.

At the 2021 Department Convention several amendments were approved. This means all groups mentioned above must conform to these changes and update their respective constitutions.

Some changes are minor like changing from "the great wars to all wars" in your preamble.

Others include a national man-

date on proof of bonding/liability insurance. A new disciplinary procedure was passed at the department convention which has a full and clear step by step outline.

More information on these changes will be given to your district commanders so they can assist in completing these changes.



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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Al Buxton
Dept. Chaplain

I am honored to be appointed Chaplain for the Department of Ohio American Legion.

Thank you, Commander Jean.

First off - God Bless our American Legion Department staff and

officers that we can continue the works of serving our veterans, and God Bless our troops wherever they are stationed serving this Great Nation.

This coming year I would like to see every post in Ohio send in nominations for Chaplain of the Year and Father Duffy awards to your districts. It would be great to see 14 nominations from the dis-

tricts for these awards to go over at the next convention, instead of the 2 or 3 we get.

Sick Call: I would appreciate it if you know of anyone ill or hospitalized so we can add them to the prayer list. My Phone number is 513-225-1489 or email asbuxton69@gmail.com

Serving as Assistant Chaplain is Ron Distel from the 1st district.



HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

How's it?

In my travels as Historian for the Department of Ohio American Legion, I see a lot of things that allow me to share with different posts. I

find the Posts that are active in the community, making and recording, and publishing pictures and names in the community news media as well as in the Legion newspaper are also the ones that grow membership or at the very least maintain their numbers and are also the ones that communicate with other Posts... are the ones making history. Unfortunately, losing posts do not make history. It appears that the ones that publish a newsletter for all who want to see what is

going on within their state/district/county and other posts are the ones that are keeping their numbers up. And the others...well...operate as a single unit, do not come to larger functions because they believe it is the same thing over and over, then end up falling behind on needed information that could help them. The Commander has officers within command that can visit, and all can share their findings at the monthly meeting. I find all they need do is visit other posts, communicate, listen, and take back to their post what they learned. Just one potential idea is all one needs. We must remember that with each new Commander comes new ideas. I encourage more posts to get involved with making of a simple yearbook. Have an interest in what legion news they have or what community projects have been go-

ing on. For new members to see what activities your involved in will provide a much better atmosphere for exchanging information. People want to help; they might not do things your way but give them a chance. Sharing your post with the community just might bring more 888 veterans to the post. Make and record more events and moments for the history books...it is a no brainer, when it is seen that someone really cares, membership will grow. Some of us were not fortunate enough to know everything when returning home. If you are having a special function or perhaps a class on something, let me know and we will get the word out. Find them and let them know what you do. Lay a foundation for the future, the post, and most importantly... the veteran.

Thank you and God speed.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Colleen Phillips
Auxiliary President

Blessings to Each of you Amazing American Legion Family Members!

My theme for 2021/2022 is: (American Legion Auxiliary)

ALA Angels Serving Others. Each of you are Angels in your own Way, helping Our Active-Duty Military, Our Veterans, and our Communities. THANK YOU for all you do!!!

We made it through this Covid Pandemic and many Posts were able to continue to make a difference. One thing it taught us is how vital it is to stay connected. Maybe not as much in person but to reach out with a phone call to our members and all our veterans. Let's continue to do that as we move forward. Our members need to know they are important to our organization. Each of you are a vital piece to the American Legion Family puzzle. This past year

has shown us how much we need each other. Remember how important each one of you are to the Post, Unit and Squadron and to American Legion Auxiliary organization.

As we work through this coming year, we need each other to succeed. Our American Legion Family can only continue to make a difference by each of us working together.

Communication is Key was Martha Lee Thatcher's Theme; we need to echo that theme. You are the front lines of information with our members and our American Legion Family. A key that will unlock many doors and nurture relationships moving forward.

It is the vision of National ALA to have a Goodwill Ambassador in each unit meeting. My challenge to each of you, is to be that Ambassador every day. If we treat each other with kindness and respect; many issues will fade away. A respectful attitude and a kind word will help foster a more positive experience. As volunteers we realize the need for

appreciation.

My ALA 2021-2022 Special project is Military Family Assistance. This is an Ohio project, and all the funds stay in Ohio for our Military and Veterans. My passion is to show our military and veterans how much we care and can help. Awards will be given to Units, Posts and Squadrons contributing \$50 \$75 or more, there will be special recognition for the top Contributor! Please let me know of events your post unit or squadron will have to raise money for Military Family Assistance; I will try to attend and give my support. It is important to show our military and veterans how much we care; and raise funds to help in any way we can.

I ask that you keep this Great American Legion Family organization and our leadership in your thoughts and Prayers. So that we can continue to grow stronger, building up and showing pride. Let's continue to work Together to make a Difference!



DETACHMENT COMMANDER



Doug Hancock
Detachment Commander

My travels in my first 3 months as Detachment Commander included speaking at Buckeye Boys State, Gala at Mid-Ohio race track, a parade in Belleville as a guest speak-

er, and in Independence to give greetings to the Auxiliary and Legion.

My Commander's Award program includes, Membership: achieve 87% renewals. Americanism: Sponsor at least 1 delegate to Buckeye Boys State or Girls State and or donate to NEF. Children and youth: CWF donations. VA&R donate to Operation Com-

fort Warriors. Submit 2021- 2022 Consolidated Squadron report form.

My Commander's Project: Donate to HOOVES, Healing of our Veterans Equine services. In my 6th year as a member of the board I can attest to our success rate dealing with PTSD.

All programs require at least \$1.00 per member.

Meet our New Employee

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I am Scott Palider, the new Legislative, VA&R, and National Security Coordinator for the American Legion Department of Ohio. I attended the 2012 Buckeye Boys State program before attending the University of Kentucky. While at the University of Kentucky I utilized the skills in leadership and governance I gained as an attendee of Buckeye Boys State to participate in student government and to obtain my degrees in Political Science and International Studies. Upon graduating, I furthered my education at the University of San Francisco where I focused on Russian hybrid warfare and the implications it has on US and NATO security now and into the future for my Master's thesis topic.

Away from my professional work, I continue to be active in baseball following the end of my

playing career in 2018. I continue to coach young players and develop their skills so they may be successful at the high school and the collegiate level.

I am a S.A.L member and my eligibility comes from my grandfather who served during World War II. He received a purple heart and a bronze star for his actions during the Battle of the Bulge.

My passion has always been politics and national security and I have previously been active in local and national elections in Ohio, California, and Pennsylvania as a campaign coordinator. I believe these political experiences will help me help the American Legion Department of Ohio and its members further impact veteran-based legislation and make Ohio and this great country a better place for veterans and their communities.

2021-2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION/TIME
9/12/21	9/12/21	District 7 Fall Conference	Post 325, Manchester
9/12/21	9/12/21	District 9 Fall Conference	Post 737, Lake Milton
9/18/21	9/18/21	District 10 Fall Conference	Post 34, Cadiz
9/19/21	9/19/21	District 12 Fall Conference	Post 532, Columbus
9/19/21	9/19/21	District 14 Fall Conference	Post 566, Akron
9/21/21	9/21/21	District 8 Fall Conference	Post 11, Lancaster
9/25/21	9/25/21	Commander Jean Wilson Homecoming	Post 199, Harrison
10/3/21	10/3/21	District 6 Fall Conference	Post 584, Marion
10/6/21	10/7/21	Nt'l Fall Meetings-NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis
10/8/21	10/10/21	Department Fall Convention	Cherry Valley Lodge, Newark
10/9/21	10/9/21	District 5 Fall Conference	Post 181, Bucyrus
10/10/21	10/10/21	District 1 Fall Conference	Post 512, Toledo
10/17/21	10/17/21	District 11 Fall Conference	Post 29, Zanesville
10/24/21	10/24/21	District 2 Fall Conference	Post 648, St. Henry
10/24/21	10/24/21	District 4 Fall Conference	Post 199, Harrison
11/11/21	11/11/21	Veterans Day Observance - Closed	Department Headquarters
11/25/21	11/26/21	Thanksgiving Observance - Closed	Department Headquarters
12/4/21	12/4/21	Dept. Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
12/4/21	12/4/21	District 8 Winter Conference	Post 376, Junction City
12/5/21	12/5/21	District 6 Winter Conference	Post 97, Cardington
12/5/21	12/5/21	District 7 Winter Conference	Post 134, Circleville
12/5/21	12/5/21	District 13 Winter Conference	Post 91, Berea
12/11/21	12/11/21	District 9 Winter Conference	Post 700, Warren
12/23/21	12/24/21	Christmas Observance - Closed	Department Headquarters
12/30/21	12/31/21	New Year's Observance - Closed	Department Headquarters
1/8/22	1/8/22	District 5 Winter Conference	Post 118, Amherst
1/9/22	1/9/22	District 1 Winter Conference	Post 553, Toledo
1/9/22	1/9/22	District 2 Winter Conference	Post 648, St. Henry
1/9/22	1/9/22	District 12 Winter Conference	Post 171, Westerville
1/15/22	1/15/22	District 10 Winter Conference	Post 290, Columbiana
1/16/22	1/16/22	District 4 Winter Conference	Post 69, Cincinnati
1/16/22	1/16/22	District 11 Winter Conference	Post 750, Lowell
1/16/22	1/16/22	District 14 Winter Conference	Post 281, Cuyahoga
1/20/22	1/22/22	Dept. Mid-Winter	Crowne Plaza Worthington
2/27/22	3/2/22	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
3/2/22	3/2/22	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 421, Fairview Park
3/5/22	3/5/22	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 78, Logan
3/6/22	3/6/22	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 262, Hamler
3/6/22	3/6/22	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85, Newark
3/6/22	3/6/22	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 62, Chillicothe



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION



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"THE SITREP"

Board of Veterans Appeals update

- 2021: \$319,257.89
Success Rate 95%
- 2020: \$1,444,657.80
Success Rate 83%
- 2019: \$2,084,294.82
Success Rate 74%
- 2018: \$2,307,076.76
Success Rate 74%

The Board of Veterans Appeals is still offering Virtual Hearings to all veterans that have the required access to a computer, laptop or Apple device with camera and microphone. There are also talks of bringing back in person hearings at the Regional Office, this has not been finalized at this time.

POST SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING DATE UPDATE!!!!

Due to a Scheduling conflict the 2021 Post Service Officers School will be moved to September 25, 2021 location Department HQ, time 0830 to 1530.

VETERANS AFFAIRS NEW ONE STOP SHOP PHONE NUMBER

Currently the VA has a several dozen customer service lines, each set to address different issues. The VA has streamlined this issue and has incorporated a new number. The new number is 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411) and provides a single access point to all VA contact centers. Make sure to add the number to your contacts for easy access. The number is available anytime 24/7/365. Currently the new 800-MyVA411 helpline provides information on:

- COVID-19 updates.
- Healthcare eligibility and enrollment details and problems.
- Personal information on VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and memorial benefits.
- Finding the closest VA medical center, or other VA location and connecting callers directly with that office.
- Assistance with paying off debts to the VA.

The Veterans Crisis Line can also still be reached directly at 800-273-8255 or by texting 838255, and the White House VA Hotline is also still available to help veterans or family members with problems at 855-948-2311.

NEW LAWS FOR VETERANS AND SERVICEMEMBERS IN 2021 RESULTING FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 added Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroidism, and

Parkinson's Like Symptoms to the Agent Orange Presumptive list. Decisions on these claims are suspected to begin soon. In addition to these other benefits have been made regarding Service members and veterans such as:

Toxic Exposure, this grants certain veterans' access to VA Burn Pit Registry to help track exposures. Specifically impacting more than 15,000 veterans who served at a secret Soviet-era airbase in Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, and may have been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation and other hazards. This group of veterans is labeled as "K2Veterans". **The Deborah Sampson Act** which provides: Gender Specific health care, mandated sexual harassment policy and training for VA employees, ensure women veterans' primary care is available during regular VA business hours. Establish an Office of Women's Health. Provide more funding for women veteran programs. Expand eligibility for Military Sexual Trauma (MST) counseling.

EXTENDED CARE FOR NEWBORNS

The full Bill is located at the following website <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr3224> DIC Remarriage Age Reduction Previously, the minimum age a spouse would need to be to remarry and preserve the DIC benefits from their marriage to the veteran was 57. However, under the new NDAA bill changes, that age has been adjusted to 55-years old. If a spouse remarries after the age of 55, the DIC benefits from their previous marriage to the veteran will continue with the remarriage, as long as the spouse meets all the other qualifications for DIC benefits. Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) are fillable forms that veterans could provide their private doctors to list details about the veterans disabilities. These were removed from public access until the passing of the 2021 NDAA. This is huge for veterans seeking possible service connection and or ancillary benefits such as aid and attendance. VA Overpayments The Vet-

erans Debt Fairness Act, which is included in the 2021 NDAA, limits VA's authority to collect overpayments of benefits from veterans. This may provide extended relief from veterans and could reduce the number of veterans who receive notices regarding overpayments. Provided here is the link to the NDAA Bill <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6395>

CHANGES TO RATING SCHEDULE FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL DISABILITIES

Effective February 7, 2021 these changes have taken effect. The former rule for a total knee or hip replacement granted a veteran a 100% rating for one year. The new rule reduces that to a 100% rating to four months.

THE "AFTER ACTION" REPORT

If there is a specific topic anyone would like to see further explained or answered send those requests to genochio@ohiolegion.com. So that we can provide our veterans with the information that best suits their needs.

We would like to include success stories regarding the Department Service Officers. If you have a comment or story of how the American Legion help you file a claim, where granted a claim that was on appeal please write a brief statement and send to genochio@ohiolegion.com to be published. Do not include any personal information in the statement.

MILITARY HUMOR

What do you call a soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray? *A seasoned veteran.*

MILITARY QUOTES

"The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country".

George S. Patton Jr.

Heroism doesn't always happen in burst of glory. Sometimes small triumphs and large hearts change the course of history".

Mary Roach



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

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<https://www.ohiolegion.com/programs/legion-riders/>

THE 2021 OHIO LEGACY RIDE IS IN THE BOOKS

The 2021 Ohio Legacy Ride took to the pavement to raise awareness and money for the Legacy Scholarship. The Legacy Scholarship is awarded to children of Post 9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA disability rating of 50% or greater. Twelve Chapters for all over Ohio joined in on the 650-mile ride hosted by Canton Post 44. Together we raised over \$7,000 for the Legacy Fund that will be presented to the National Commander during the National Legacy Run. The 2022 Ohio Legacy Run will be hosted by Avon Lake Post 211. The tentative date is June 24, 25 and 26, 2022.

Honoring our Fallen Riders

As a biker, we are unique. The open road is what we seek.

The camaraderie of our brothers,

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

Our Fallen

Samuel Postlethwait,
Post 221, Massillon ALR

Roger Martin
Post 366, Flushing, Ohio

Pray Request

Rita Adkins, Chaplin, Ohio ALR



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POW/MIA PROGRAM

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is always held on the third Friday of September and the date this year is September 17th. The American Legion is committed to achieving a full accounting of all POW/MIAs from the Gulf War, Vietnam

War, Cold War, Korean War and World War II. This means returning living POWs, the repatriation of their remains, or finding convincing evidence why neither of these is possible. Each year the president signs a proclamation establishing National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This has occurred every year since 1985, when Congress determined that they would no longer consider commemorative days.

OHIO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

• **Ohio SB 160:** Known as the Veterans Information Act; passed the Ohio Senate by a vote of 33-0 on June 9th and has had 1 hearing with the House Armed Service and Veterans Affairs Committee before the summer recess. SB 160: Veteran Information Act would require certain entities to inform veterans about available health care benefits.

• **Ohio SB 59:** Known as the War Relics Bill; passed the Senate on April 28th and has been reported the House Armed Service and Veterans Affairs. SB 59 looks to protect war relics in the state of Ohio from the hands of private collectors who look to hide historical relics from the Ohio public. This bill has already passed the out of the Senate with a vote of 32-0 and will be moved to the House floor for a vote after the General Assembly reconvenes following summer recess.

• **Ohio HB 213:** The Honor and Remember Flag; passed the House and will be headed for the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee after the summer recess. This bill looks to designate the Honor and Remember flag as the symbol of Ohio's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all fallen service members and their families and to

require that the flag be displayed at the statehouse in Columbus on Memorial Day. This flag has had some backlash from other VSO's due to the imagery of the flag resembling the North Vietnamese flag in some viewers eyes.

• **Ohio Fiscal Year 2022 Budget** included the veterans and lodges E-Bingo language in the budget. This means that Ohio American Legion Posts and other veteran organizations are allowed to use electronic instant bingo machines. However, this law does not go into effect until January 1st of 2022. This has put the charitable operations of VSOs in Ohio to a near halt. This is because language in the bill states that in order for veterans or fraternal organizations to be eligible to conduct electronic instant bingo, they need to cease operations of their current gaming programs, i.e., raffles, on or before December 31, 2021. This

stoppage could result in losses for VSO's and Lodges in Ohio totaling over \$1 million per month.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Calling all amateur radio operators! The American Legion Department of Ohio is looking for ham radio operators to help teach and grow the amateur radio club of the American Legion Department of Ohio. If you or someone you know is experienced in ham radio operating practices and are interested in helping others learn, please reach out to your local American Legion Post, and let them know or contact Scott Palider at Department Head Quarters. The Amateur Radio Club program is a key program of the National Security pillar of The American Legion and the Department of Ohio needs your help to grow this program from the ground up.

Additional Highlights from the 2021 Department Convention



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Kemter gave his moving Memorial Day speech uninterrupted.

Jean L. Wilson was inducted as Department Commander as well as Department 1st Vice Commander Bradley A. Teis. After a thorough floor vote, Department 2nd Vice Commander Charles Stennis was



selected, and the newly inaugurated Department Treasurer is Robert E. Wilson Jr. A variety of resolutions as well as Department and Post awards were also presented.

Charities Inc. hosted a successful Bingo School Training and Buckeye American Legion College held their training classes and presented



graduate awards.

The American Legion Department of Ohio would like to thank Legionnaires who attended and thank you to all our members who persevered through the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The unfailing history of the Legion continues on.

A special thank you to Past Department Commander Roger Friend for his service during the 2019-2021 membership years.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at the 103rd Department Convention. The 2022 Department of Ohio Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thank you all for your service!



AMERICANISM

Buckeye Boys State

"A week that shapes a lifetime."



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.

Since we did not have a program in 2020 due to Covid, we were excited to have a 2021 program. We had to cut the program down to 600 in order to comply with Miami University and Governors DeWine's mandates.

Nearly 600 young men from over 500 different high schools 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.

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.

Buckeye Boys State had many impressive speakers this year including Miami University President Gregory Crawford, Representative Warren Davidson, Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, Justice Sharon Kennedy, Secretary of State Frank LaRose,

National Vice Commander Richard Heigert and Auxiliary President Kristen McLaughlin and Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Doug Hancock. We also were visited by Governor Mike DeWine, where he allowed the delegates an hour to have a question-and-answer session with him.

Before the close of the 2021 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program, BBS President William Pennell gave his final speech

as president and welcomed Ronald Chapman as the new 2021-2022 American Legion Buckeye Boys State President.

The 2022 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Program will be held June 12th-19th, 2022 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. For More information, contact Christie White- Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator at 740-513-5199 or programs@ohiolegion.com



2021 Standing Commission Meeting: Americanism

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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

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AMERICANISM



The Ohio American Legion Baseball Senior State Tournament

American Legion Baseball is the finest summer baseball program for high school students in Ohio and the nation today. American Legion Baseball serves as the largest source of talent to major league teams of any youth baseball program. In 2020, over 55% of all players on 30 major league team rosters played American Legion Baseball. 2021 marks the 96th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any

field. For these past 95 years American Legion Baseball has strived to maintain the reputation as the highest regarded youth baseball program in the nation.

This year's senior tournament kicked off on July 27th at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio. Department Commander Jean Wilson threw out the 1st pitch, and Department 1st Vice Commander Brad Teis read the Code of Sportsmanship. This tournament

WINNING TEAMS

Region 1- Napoleon Post 300
Region 2- Sidney Post 217
Region 3- Conneaut Post 151
Region 4- Utica Post 92
Region 5- Harrison Post 199
Region 6- Lancaster Post 11
Region 7- Jefferson County Post 33
Region 8- St. Clairsville Post 159

was an 8 team, double elimination tournament. The eight teams who won each of their regions are listed in the column.

The final game of the tournament started on Friday July 30th at 3:00pm. Conneaut and Harrison faced off for the final game, both teams only having one loss after their games on Thursday and Friday morning wrapped up. Harrison (Yeager-Benson) Post 199 defeated Conneaut 6-0.

They immediately moved on to

the Great Lakes Regional Tournament which was held at Hawley Field in Morgantown, West Virginia.

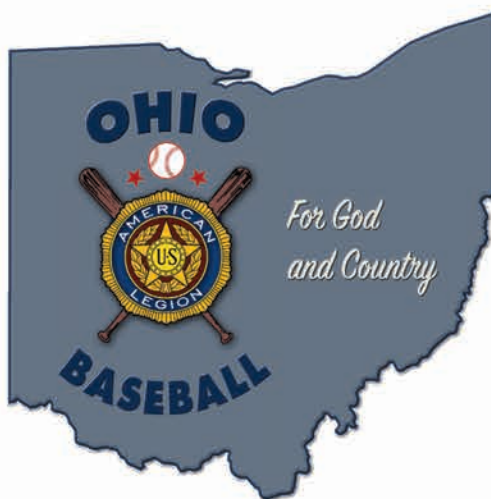
All of these young men on EVERY team played their hearts out and left it all on the field.

They made their community, their Post's, Department, the State of Ohio, and The American Legion so proud. They make us feel grateful that they wear the patch! Great season! Until next year....

REGIONAL WINNERS



REGION 1 • NAPOLEON POST 300



"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up. Every strike brings me closer to the next home run. Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"

-Babe Ruth



REGION 3 • CONNEAUT POST 151



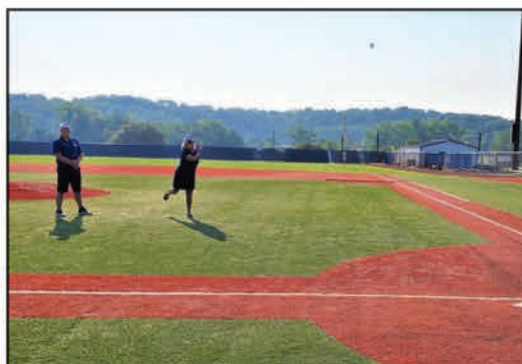
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REGION 4 • UTICA POST 92



REGION 5 • HARRISON POST 199



Commander Jean L. Wilson's Opening Pitch.



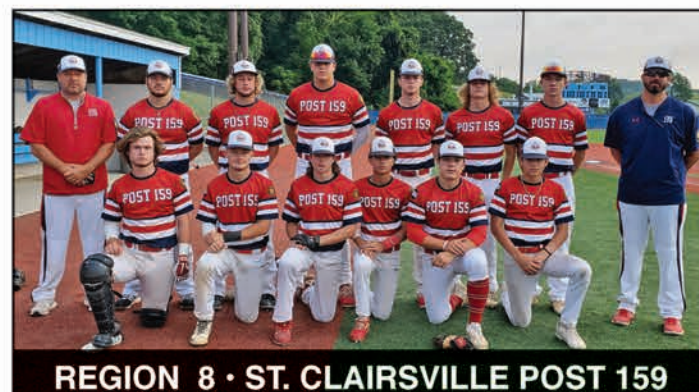
REGION 6 • LANCASTER POST 11



REGION 7 • JEFFERSON COUNTY POST 33



2021 Baseball Commissioners



REGION 8 • ST. CLAIRSVILLE POST 159

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

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children & Youth Commission

The Children and Youth Committee met on Saturday July 24, 2021, to discuss the focus of the committee for the 2021-2022 year. The mission of the Children and Youth Committee is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and their programs. Each year, the committee chooses organizations within Ohio that share the same mission for children and youth.

This year, the Children and

Youth Committee will be supporting Sojourners Care Network.

Sojourners Care Network is a nonprofit youth development organization. They have temporary shelters that serve youth at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The organization provides a variety of programs including: foster care, runaway and homeless youth services, employment training, diploma and GED support, mentoring, leadership training and service learning opportunities.

The Ohio American Legion

is committed to supporting and serving our fellow veterans, active duty service members, and their families through various programs, including Sojourners Care Network.

Education and donations are the only means by which the Department supports these great programs. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, Ohio Children and Youth, or making donations, please contact Christie White at 740-513-5199 or programs@ohiolegion.com



2021 Standing Commission Meeting: Children and Youth

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DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CHARITIES, INC.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Committee met during the American Legion Convention in Independence, Ohio on Saturday, July 10 to review the requests for funds received since the last meeting in March. Nearly \$200,000 was distributed to this year's recipients which include the following:

Buckeye Cruise for Cancer
Camp Lazarus - Simon Kenton Council
Child Welfare Foundation
Cincinnati VA Homeless Outreach Center
Columbus Clippers (Vets Night Out)
Fisher Houses (Statewide)
Harrison Baseball
Legacy Fund
Miami Valley Military History Museum
National Emergency Fund
Ohio American Legion Programs
Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation
Operation Comfort Warrior
Save A Warrior
Stockhands Horses for Healing
TL Baseball Boosters



Harrison Jr. Baseball (Jean Wilson, Terry Grey, and Jerry Wilson). Terry is the president of Harrison Jr. Baseball.



Cincinnati Veterans Homeless Outreach Center (Jerry Perry D4 1VC and Department Commander Jean Wilson)



Miami Valley Military History Museum (Pete Bates, Dan Kirkpatrick, Craig Whitham, and Jerry Wilson)

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. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio.



Department of Ohio Commander's Homecoming

Celebration for

Jean L. Wilson

Saturday – September 25, 2021

5 PM – 11 PM

Yeager-Benson Post 199

Reception Hall

10700 Campbell Road

Harrison, Oh 45030

OPEN BAR – 6PM

DINNER – 7 PM

ROAST BEEF, HAM, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, CORN, MAC & CHEESE, SALAD AND DESERT - \$35.00 PER PERSON

ENTERTAINMENT – MUSIC/KARAOKE – DJ DOCTOR AL

BLOCK OF ROOM HELD AT SUPER 8 BY WYNDHAM, 10900 NEW HAVEN RD, HARRISON, OH, \$62.00 NIGHT PLUS TAXES – MUST CALL HOTEL DIRECT AT 513-367-5200 – DEADLINE FOR RATE AUGUST 25, 2021

DEADLINE FOR RATE IS AUGUST 25, 2021 – GROUP NAME – AMERICAN LEGION/WILSON

ADDITIONAL HOTELS IN HARRISON – NOT OFFERING SPECIAL RATE

BEST WESTERN – 391 COMFORT INN – HARRISON - 513-845-4970

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 10906 NEW HAVEN RD – HARRISON – 513-367-1111

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ POST NO: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOTEL YOU'RE STAYING: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO: JERRY WILSON

329 HARMONY DR.

HARRISON, OHIO 45030

DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

(Meet Jean Wilson: Continued from page 1)

son July 4, 2018, parade.

Jean was elected to serve 2018-2019 as the Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander on Sunday July 1, 2018 and elected to serve 2019-2020 as the Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander on Sunday June 30th, 2019. Due to the Covid-19 she also served in 2020-2021 as the 1st Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio.

Each year the Department Commander has a special project- Jean's is Suicide Prevention, Education and Awareness. Jean lost her father and many friends by suicide. Jean will be working with Save A Warrior. Anyone wanting to donate to her project can do so by sending a check payable to the Department of Ohio American Legion PO 8007 Delaware, Oh 43015. In the memo section note: SAW.



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2021-2022 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



Department Commander
JEAN L. WILSON



Past Department Commander
ROGER FRIEND



National Executive Committeeman
ROBERT KLOSTERMEIER



Alt. National Exec. Committeeman
STEVE MASOWICK



1st Vice Commander
BRAD TEIS



2nd Vice Commander
CHARLES STENNIS



Department Treasurer
ROBERT WILSON



Department Chaplain
AL BUXTON



Department Assistant Chaplain
RON DISTEL



Department Judge Advocate
ROBERT RAY



Department Historian
AL BEYER



Department Assistant Historian
RALPH JACKSON



Department Sergeant-At-Arms
CRAIG WHITHAM



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
FRANK ADLEY



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JASON RUE



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JOE LAW



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
KEN ESTEP



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
RICHARD DONOVAN



Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
STEVE FOSTER



Department Parliamentarian
RONALD HARTMAN



AMERICAN LEGION • DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

2021-2022 DISTRICT OFFICERS

"GREAT" 1ST DISTRICT



District Commander
FRANK (JOE) NAVARRE JR



District 1st Vice Commander
KEVIN MOTTER



2nd Vice Commander
HAROLD LANDIS

2ND "TO NONE" DISTRICT



District Commander
MIKE HOMAN



District 1st Vice Commander
TIMOTHY SHAW



District 2nd Vice Commander
VACANT

"THUNDERING" 3RD DISTRICT



District Commander
BETSY LAW



District 1st Vice Commander
MICHAEL BLACKWELL



District 2nd Vice Commander
KEN LAVOY

"FABULOUS" 4TH DISTRICT



District Commander
STEVE ERVIN



District 1st Vice Commander
JERRY PERRY



District 2nd Vice Commander
AL BUXTON

"FIGHTING" 5TH DISTRICT



District Commander
RON DULL



District 1st Vice Commander
DARREL BISHOP



District 2nd Vice Commander
MARTY MOORE

"SIZZLING" 6TH DISTRICT



District Commander
GARY COX



District 1st Vice Commander
JERMAINE FERGUSON



District 2nd Vice Commander
VACANT

"MAGNIFICENT" 7TH DISTRICT



District Commander
PAUL SANDS



District 1st Vice Commander
PATRICIA DEWEES



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBERT WAGONER

"GREAT" 8TH DISTRICT



District Commander
HAROLD SMATHERS



District 1st Vice Commander
ROBERT SCHMOLL



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBIN JOHNSON

"DYNAMIC" 9TH DISTRICT



District Commander
WILLIAM DITTEBRAND



District 1st Vice Commander
JOYCE HANNUM



District 2nd Vice Commander
DARLENE FREER

"GREAT" 10TH DISTRICT



District Commander
ROBERT RHODE



District 1st Vice Commander
RICHARD BALLUH



District 2nd Vice Commander
LARRY STOTTSBERRY

AMERICAN LEGION · DEPARTMENT OF OHIO 2021-2022 DISTRICT OFFICERS



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District 2nd Vice Commander
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2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



Any Time Post Award
POST 210



Any Time Post Award
POST 134



Any Time Post Award
POST 450



Gold Brigade and Recruiter of the Year
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NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD &
DISTRICT COMMANDER QUOTA
STEVE FOSTER



Big One Pin Award (Small)
DISTRICT 8



Big One Pin Award (Medium)
DISTRICT 4



Big One Pin Award (Large)
DISTRICT 5



Eli A. Jensen Award
DISTRICT 4



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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

2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



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POST 199



Commander's Award
POST 199



VICE COMMANDER'S AWARD
POST 669



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MARY AUSTIN



Law and Order Award
POST 173



Child Welfare Award
CATEGORY I – POST 12



Child Welfare Award
CATEGORY II – POST 417



Child Welfare Award
CATEGORY III – POST 62



Child Welfare Award
CATEGORY IV – POST 336



Child Welfare Award
CATEGORY V – POST 12



Community Service Award
POST 535



Father John E. Duffy Award
POST 8



Alice Friedman Post Award
POST 52



Edward McBane (Youth Activities)
POST 444



James Cunningham Award
POST 1



MICKEAL J. GOLATO MEMORIAL AWARD
POST 485



Gifts for Yanks - Largest % of Goal
POST 236



Gifts for Yanks - Largest % of Goal
7TH DISTRICT



GIFTS FOR YANKS - LARGEST DISTRICT
5TH DISTRICT



GIFTS FOR YANKS - LARGEST POST
POST 181



Veteran Service Award
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POST 71

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The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. runs two sweepstakes programs a year to raise money in support of veterans programs within the state of Ohio. Thank you to all who have participated. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



UPDATING POST 332 INSIDE AND OUT



District 1, Roberts McMillen Post 332, McClure Ohio. The Legionnaire's, The Son's and Auxiliary Members have worked hard updating our Post inside and outside. The Son's have re-landscaped our front and I was able to get a very nice picture with the flags flying on the new poles. Hard work and pride in our Post and the comments from our Community has given the Post members an uplifting feeling in our hearts as we remember those who paid the price of freedom.

SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT 9 POST 336

Hometown celebration at the home post of newly elected Department of Ohio 2nd Vice Commander, Charles Stennis, former Department Treasurer 2019-2021 was post commander about 9 years, who says "there would be no 2nd vice without this post" referring to his supporters of Brakeman-King Legion Family in Painesville, Ohio. Left to right

(front): Nathan Haley - Post Commander, Larry Wright - Post Chaplin, Charles Stennis - Post Financial Officer and Ken Peck - Executive Committee Chair and Post Audit Committee Member Mike Bodnar - Post Service Officer. Left to right (back): Bob Butterfield- Post 3rd Vice Commander, Winston Bailey - Executive Committee Chair, Lew Ballard - Post Adjutant and Post Audit Committee Chair.



POST 366 PRESENTS CHECK TO BASEBALL



Post Commander Ernest 'Pat' Kovacs presenting the check to the team.

American Legion Post 366 out of Flushing Ohio presented a check of \$550 dollars to baseball coach of Egypt Valley Miner Baseball Team to help with expenses. The money was donated by Legion family men and ladies of the Sons of The American Legion and Legion Riders.

BLUFFTON POST 382 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Bluffton American Legion placed nearly 800 Flags on Veterans graves in our area.



Bluffton Legion Post 382 leading our Towns Memorial Day Parade



Two Legion Members, Bob Town & Jimmy Sprunger Honoring those that have fallen this past year.



One of the two F-16's from the Ohio National Guard in Toledo that did a Flyover at our Memorial Day Ceremonies.



Three Honor Guard Members, Past Commander Fred Rodabaugh, Sam Reineke, & Dennis Morrison, Honoring Larry Van Meter, a fellow Classmate of the class of 1965 who was Killed in Action in Vietnam.

POST 398 MEMORIAL DAY

Post 398 planned and conducted its 153rd Memorial Day Parade and ceremony at historic Maple Grove Cemetery along with an official dedication of Granville Veterans Memorial. The event drew a crowd exceeding 1,000 and received considerable coverage from central Ohio TV and print media.



POST 357 FLAG DISPOSAL DAY



Don V. Cross Post and Squadron 357 members assist Minerva Scout Troop 150 with Flag disposal.



Post 357 Commander Mike Lee with Scout Director Gary.



Post 357 Commander Mike Lee with Minerva Troop Members.



Squadron 357 Adjutant Bill Towns with Minerva Troop 150 Members

POST 405 SWEARS IN OFFICERS

Past 5th District Commander, Dennis "Denny" Teynor performs the installation of officers ceremony swearing in Commander to Sgt-at-Arms at Carl A Geiger New Washington Post 405.



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POST 69 MEMORIAL DAY COLOR GUARD

Post 69 Color Guard annually attends 3 cemeteries and participates in our community's annual Memorial Day parade and program. This was the parade's 112th year. After the ceremony a celebration is held with comradeship, food and refreshments at our Post with all being welcome. Post Commander, Bruce Swensen was honored as the 2021 Grand Marshall of the Parade and Ceremonies.

This picture was taken by Post SAL member, Tony Smith.



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Sunday June 13th, 2021, Harold Kerr Post 173 performed a Flag Retirement ceremony at the Post's location on 120 Colton Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Post officers who assisted were Commander Al Waterbeck, 1st Vice Commander Wes Garman, 2nd Vice Commander Joe Messner, Chaplain Robert McCulloch, Bugler Miles Bowers, Sergeant-at-Arms Richard 'Woody' Woodruff, 1st Fireman Ray Stamm, 2nd Fireman Gordon Schellabeger, members of the Harold Kerr Post Color Guard Scott Rierer, Tim Shaw, Russ Strayer and Suzy Tapp. Boy Scout Troop #182 assisted by Scouts Brandon Case, Gabe Ferguson, Paul Gantz and Seth Taylor.

POST 170 DONATION

A surprise donation for \$4,000.00 presented to President Kristen McLaughlin to help American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State cover their insurance increase during 2021 BGS session was greatly appreciated from 5th District Wadsworth Post 170 Past Commander Ron Samic. From left to right SAL Ohio Detachment Commander 2021-2022 Doug Hancock; 1st Lady Cynthia Friend; 5th District Finance Officer, Bruce Phipps; Department of Ohio Commander, Roger Friend; Auxiliary Department President, Kristen McLaughlin; Wadsworth Post 170 Past Post Commander Ron Samic; Past Department President & Buckeye Girls State Public Relations Chairman, Linda Close at Irvin Hiskey Post 535 4th of July Luncheon in Bellville, Ohio.



WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Saturday May 15th, 2021, Harold Kerr Post 173 Color Guard, helped dedicate the Bellefontaine High School War Memorial, listing names of Logan County Ohio military service members who have died in service to their Country since the Civil War. Receiving an American Flag donated by the Post, is Brad Hall, Superintendent of Bellefontaine City Schools. The Flag was presented by Suzy Tapp, a member of the Color Guard.



POST 221 DRIVE BY SURPRISE



On May 15, 2021, the Massillon Post 221 along with members of law enforcement did a drive by birthday parade and flag presentation for Denver Moore, who turned 100 years old. Michael Grossmann of Castle Aviation gave him a two-plane fly over, then took him up in the two-seater to fly himself! Mr. Moore would like to thank everyone involved for making his birthday so special. Left to right Perry police department, Legionnaire Howard Marotto, Larry Stottsberry, Barret Scott, Chip Stark, 2 police officers, and Jeff Runser. Pictured center is Denver Moore WW II veteran.

POST 290'S NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

(L to R) Ken Allcorn, Past Commander and Sergeant-at-Arms, Doug Russell 10th District Judge Advocate, Richard Houpp Commander, Howard Stouffer 1st Vice Commander, Erika Zahndt 2nd Vice Commander, Mike Curl Past Adjutant, Rick May 3-year Trustee, Randy Miller 2-year Trustee, Les Brode Adjutant, and Ed Holisky Trustee.



SOLDIER RETURNS HOME AFTER 77 YEARS

On Saturday, June 12, 2021, PFC James W White was returned home to Meigs County, Ohio after 77 years of being listed as an unknown from WWII. He had been a member of the famous Merrill's Marauders in Burma. Veterans from Meigs County honored PFC White and his family after he was identified and returned home. Among those honoring PFC White were Honor Guards from the U.S. Army, the Ohio National Guard, the Commander of the Ohio V.F.W. and American Legion Posts from Pomeroy, Middleport, Racine and Wilkesville and representatives from Ohio American Legion District 8. V.F.W. posts from Tupper Plains, Ohio and Mason WV completed the area veterans' units honoring PFC White. The ceremonies began with the military and veterans' units filing past PFC White and giving him a final salute. After the funeral, PFC White was placed in a horse-drawn hearse and the parade of veterans and service persons proceeded to the Meigs County Court House and after remarks from local officials, the procession proceeded through downtown Pomeroy to the extreme upper end of town. It was here where PFC White was transferred to a motorized hearse to be taken to the gravesite.

At the gravesite, a long line of veterans formed a double line as the casket, accompanied by the Ohio National Guard Honor Guard, was carried from the hearse to the gravesite for the remaining ceremonies.



FLAG CEREMONY



On June 13th 2021 Sons of The American Legion Post 297 Payne, held a ceremony for unserviceable flags.

POST 236 CELEBRATES U.S. ARMY'S BIRTHDAY

U. S. Army veterans from American Legion Post 236, Newton Falls, celebrate the U. S. Army's 246th birthday at the monthly legion meeting held Monday June 14, 2021. Pictured (L-R): James Hash, Duncan Shetterly, Sr., Lenny Williams and Steve Garcar.



BBS DELEGATES HONORED

American Legion Northeast Post 630 honored their 2021 Buckeye Boys State delegates at their business meeting on August 3, 2021. The delegates were Teddy Bissmeyer, Ben Schleiff, and Niclas Johnson; each attended the meeting with members of their family. The boys talked to Post members about their experiences at the convention and what insights they gained. Their comments about the program were very positive and saw it as a life-learning opportunity. They each received a framed certificate to commemorate their participation in the program.





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COMMANDER'S BANQUET

During the state convention at Roger Friend's Commander's Banquet with fellow Legionnaires whom gave their time to serve veterans, community, children & youth take a moment for themselves after a two year term in their district and state roles to further the mission of The American Legion and its programs. From left to right Past District 3 Commander, David Jones of Post 184; and District 13 members - Child & Welfare committee member and Past District Commander Bob White of Post 196; Auxiliary members Vicky Wright and Donna Ruland and husband District 13 Commander Joe Ruland, and 1st Vice Richard L. Wright of Post 703.



ZANESVILLE POST 29 CEREMONY



Zanesville American Legion Post 29 Officers and Executive Committee Initiation – June 7, 2021. Incoming Post Commander Eddie Grimes (Left) receiving the gavel from Past Commander Larry Wheeler



Zanesville Post 29 Sons of American Legion Initiation – June 7, 2021. L to R – Rich Hutchison, 2nd Vice Commander; Jim Garrett, Chaplin; Larry Shanks, Adjutant; Thad Andrews, Sgt of Arms; David Dilts, 2nd Vice Commander, Ohio; Front – Bill Fleming, 1st Vice Commander. Zanesville American Legion Post 29 Legion Riders Officers Initiation – June 7, 2021. L to R – Erin Tuttle, Secretary; Jason Chapman, Sgt of Arms; Larry Shanks, Commander; Betty Shanks, Finance Officer; and Gary Roberts, Chaplin. Not pictured – George Bradley, 1st Vice Commander.



Post 29 Memorial Day flag ceremony with volunteers. Larry Wheeler, the Post Commander speaking during the Memorial Day service.



POST 598 FLAG DAY

On May 29th, the Victory Oak Knoll in Dayton, Ohio celebrated its 100th Anniversary of the initial dedication to memorialize residents of Montgomery County that lost their lives in WWI. From L to R, members of Boy Scout Troop 193, MSgt Richter, USAF, Post 598 Commander Neil Dunnington, Post 598 SAL Commander Doug Spisak, Officers from SAL, and special guest Brendan McClain, Montgomery County Recorder. Not pictured is Erica Kubea, Post 598 Auxiliary President.



Post 598 Commander, Neil Dunnington, is standing with the American Legion / VFW Combined Honor Guard, after they performed the ceremony for Flag Day, on June 14th, 2021.



POST 62 FLAG RETIREMENT

Post 62 & SAL Squadron 62 conduct flag retirement ceremonies June 14th, with participation from the Greenfield McClain High School ROTC Cadets, and the Ross County Veterans Honor Guard.



POST 470 NEW OFFICERS

Coldwater Post 470 newly installed 2021-2022 Officers: 2nd Vice Mike Bettinger, Adjutant Martha Brannon, 1st Vice Patti Depweg, Commander Mike Braun



POST 476 PARADE

The American Legion Post 476, Auxiliary Unit 476, and Sons of The American Legion Squadron 476 march in the 4th of July parade in Wilkesville, Ohio. (left to right) Post Finance officer, Dave Jones and Post Adjutant, Jack Farley organizing the Independence Day parade line up for Wilkesville. Pictured in the background is Sons Commander Ernest Jones.



POST & UNIT 421 FUNDRAISER

District 13, Clifton Post and Unit 421 supported Auxiliary member, 1st Vice Cindy Boehnlein, in her 100 Miles for Hope fundraiser for Veterans Health. \$1,035.00 was raised to purchase 12 Joy for All Companion pets. Eleven robotic cats were donated to the 5th floor Dementia unit in the Cares Tower at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA, on July 28th, and one to a Legionnaire's wife who is in a permanent dementia unit. These cats bring joy and calmness to our dear veterans as they live out their lives with dementia. As of this photo, Cindy has completed 776 miles on her bicycle.



POST 610 WINNERS

Back row: Rich Spangler 1st vice, Joe Haggerty commander, Doug Shinn Adjutant; front row: Tyler Brosky, Emily Morelli, Dakota Kotlin, Michael Balles, Devan Kotlin; Julianna Jugler (not pictured). All 6 received a \$1,000 scholarship on July 13, 2021



GOOD OF THE LEGION

A DEBT OF HONOR - LEST WE FORGET!

On Sunday, May 23rd, American Legion Post 605 of Waldo, Ohio participated in an annual ceremony honoring those who have served the United States in military uniform. On this day members of the Post along with members of the Sons of the American Legion, conducted a ceremony in each of the Waldo Township's ten cemeteries. This ceremony was to honor those who served our country including those who gave their 'last full measure of devotion' that is, who were killed in action. Led by Post Commander, Ed Paulus, along with Ralph Miley, Color Guard Commander, Ernie Lyons, Post Chaplain, and Dick McDaniel, Post Bugler, a total of thirteen members of the Post participated. The ceremony included a graveside prayer, a rifle salute, and the playing of Taps. Of note, in one cemetery which was located on a hill overlooking the Olentangy River, the dedication honored thirteen men interred in graves marked Unknown Soldier, men who had lost their



POST 633 TEST & CEREMONY

Post 633 Americanism Test 2021 students: Left to right, Stacy Humphrey, Americanism Committee Chair, Alexander Shupert (10th grade), Laney Ruckel (10th grade), Jessie Crawford (12th grade), Trenton McCann, State Winner (12th grade), Eric Newman, Post Commander.



Post 633 Memorial Day 2021 Flag ceremonies: Back row, left to right, Doris Bailey, Robin Lunsford, Margaret Edwards, Rebecca Rickey, Gary Embrey, George Biely, Tom Putnam, Eric Newman, Dan Raines, Cindy Raines, Kathy Knaff, Maria Newman, Erin Newman. Front row, left to right, Stacy Humphrey, Xyla Scott, Cora Moore, Mona Edwards, Johnie Edwards, Kloe Edwards, Jessica Oney.

POST 586 OFFICER & SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Frank E. Robinson American Legion Post 586 held their installation of officers on June 26th at the Post home. Tuesday June 22nd, 2021, the Tipp City American Legion Post 586 Family awarded \$11,000.00 in scholarships to 18 members or children or grandchildren of members. The Legion issued eight \$750.00 scholarships, the Auxiliary awarded three \$500.00 scholarships, the Legion Riders awarded four \$500.00 scholarships and the Sons of the American Legion awarded three \$500.00 scholarships. These scholarships were awarded based on need, academic achievements, community involvement and leadership attributes.



Pictured from left to right are Bob Steggeman, Commander; Melissa Fowle, First Vice Commander, Sherri Matthews, 2nd Vice Commander; Brian Fowle, Adjutant; Harlan Purves, Finance Officer; Frank March, Chaplain; Tina McNamara, Service Officer; Don Williams, Historian; Del Prator, Sgt-at-Arms; and Chuck Colby, Trustee.

Scholarship recipients front row - Cora Purves, Emily Burleson, Kayla Mullen, Chace Trent, and Caleb Steggemann. Back Row Legion sponsors, Harlan Purves, Don Williams, Frank March, Larry Seaton, Bob Steggemann and Ray Krebs. Not pictured recipients are Mackenzie Weaver, Daniel Trimbach, Jonathan Trimbach, Brandy Williams and Payton Willis.



STUDENTS PLACE FLAGS

Nine East Canton Middle School students, with their teacher, Mrs. Lindsay Crawford, assisted Lowell D. Oberly Post 667 American Legion in placing American Flags on veterans' graves prior to 2021 Memorial Day. Bob Morrison, Post 667 Commander, instructed these members of the school's Student Council why we have Memorial Day, why we place flags on the graves, and proper respect for the American flag.



MEMORIAL DAY WREATHS



American Legion Howland Post 700, of the dynamic 9th district, conducted a Memorial Day ceremony at the Howland Township Cemetery on May 31, 2021. Pictured placing a wreath to honor our military men and women who died in the service of our country are 1st Vice Don Winkelman and 2nd Vice John Turner.

POST 798 DEDICATION

At 11 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 31st, under Mayor Joe Begeny, the American Legion took part in the dedication of Reynoldsburg's new Veterans Memorial Plaza on E. Main Street. Reynoldsburg Post 798's commander, George Mussi Jr. (pictured), who is on the city's military commission and was chief organizer of the event, gave a stirring speech. Invocation and benediction were given by Dept. of Ohio Asst. Chaplain Mary Austin. Keynote speaker at the event was Dept. of Ohio Adjutant Suzette Heller (pictured). Color Guard was provided by Columbus South High School Army JROTC Bulldog Battalion. On Saturday morning, July 3rd, at 10 a.m., officers of Post 798 participated in the Reynoldsburg 4th of July Parade. Turnout was great, and a good time was had by all. Pictured left-right: Post 798 commander George Mussi Jr., Chaplain Carl Bradley Jr., and 2VC Jerry Schultz.



POST 681 FLAG RETIREMENT

Nine East Canton Middle School students, with their teacher, Mrs. Lindsay Crawford, assisted Lowell D. Oberly Post 667 American Legion in placing American Flags on veterans' graves prior to 2021 Memorial Day. Bob Morrison, Post 667 Commander, instructed these members of the school's Student Council why we have Memorial Day, why we place flags on the graves, and proper respect for the American flag.



POST 630 LEADS 4TH OF JULY PARADE

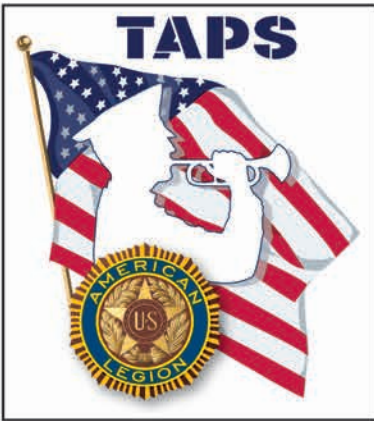
The City of Montgomery, Ohio held their traditional 4th of July Parade this year and Northeast Post 630 helped them to celebrate. The Color Guard led the parade and looked sharp as the flag and rifle bearers marched along the route. NE Post 630 had a large float that members rode on as they waved to the crowd. Onlookers filled every available space to view the parade. NE Post 630 set up a booth in the park where festivalgoers, particularly veterans, could stop by and find out what the American Legion was all about. Decorative stickers were handed out to everyone, especially the kids, and American Legion information brochures were available to all. A flag collection barrel was available to anyone who wanted to dispose of an old, worn out flag.



POST 776 CONVENTION

Past Commander Holis Saul-Wooten and Post 776 Brothers & Sisters feeding and sheltering convention attendees like they do in their post for veterans & the community, rocked the ribs during the 102nd State Convention in Independence, Ohio. From left to right, L Damon Smith, Historian; Past Post Commander, Holis Saul-Wooten; Wanda Smith, VA&R Chairman; Crystal Melcher, Adjutant; and Gary Melcher, Trustee.



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 RALPH HILLIER
 WILBERT SHIBKO
 PAT DELGUYD
 JOHN TIDEMAN
POST 8 WELLINGTON
 CHARLES WELCH
 RONALD ZIMMERMAN
POST 11 LANCASTER
 JOHN CRAIGLOW
 JERRY LEHMAN
 WILLIAM VANALMSICK
 ROGER PRIMMER
 TIMOTHY WALTER
 G DAUBENMIRE
 CHARLES REED
POST 12 ELYRIA
 BRUCE MCCAFFERTY
 RALPH CAPASSO
 RUSSELL SCHANBACHER
 ROBERT GUSTIS
 RAYMOND BURGER
POST 16 MANSFIELD
 MELVIN SWITZER
 HOWARD DYSON
 JAMES BITTINGER
 WILLIAM TAYLOR
 CLAUDIE HILL
POST 18 TOLEDO
 SHAWN SCARROTT
POST 21 ATHENS
 PAUL CARTER
 CRAIG WHITE
POST 23 PORTSMOUTH
 CRAIG WHITE
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 LEONARD WHITE
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 FRANK GIBSON
 MICHAEL LUTSCH
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 WALTER MERROW
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 MARK CONNOLLY
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 ROBERT WARK
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 LARRY PRITCHARD
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 NORMAN PYLES
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 PAUL SHRIVER
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 MELVIN CREEGER
 JAMES NUSSE
 DARYL SALDAUSKY
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 JOHN CRISS
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 ROBERT WILKIN
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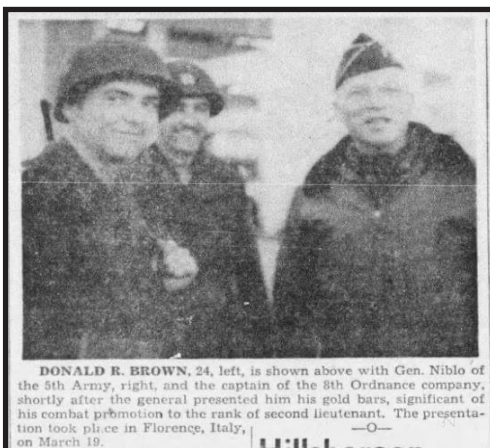
The Coast Guard Group, "BUCKEYE COASTIES", is made up of members who live, have been stationed in Ohio and/or the CG District 9, or in close proximity to Ohio, at some time during their Coast Guard tenure and/or life. Established in 2008, the Buckeye Coasties has evolved into a Group of dozens of members, and still growing.

This picture was taken at a recent (June) Coast Guard Luncheon of "Buckeye Coasties". Pictured above are Legion members: Steve Porter Post 266, John LeClair Post 326, Andy Kacsanek Post 83, Don Janicki Post 246, and not pictured Bob Posar Post 801.

PAST POST 62 COMMANDER LAID TO REST



OPERATION "SHOW YOUR COLORS" program gained the backing of Mayor Charles H. Fair as he received a miniature flag Wednesday from Commander Donald R. Brown, American Legion Post 62. Looking on is the Post's executive officer, Robert Krick. Commander Brown expressed the sentiments of the Legion when he said, "the chips are down. Let's show the world we Americans believe in this country and it is 'My country right or wrong - but my country.'" The legionnaires will be handing out the miniature flags from now through Veterans' Day and Nov. 27 - "the day beatniks and anti-Vietnamers are to march on Washington."



DONALD R. BROWN, 24, left, is shown above with Gen. Niblo of the 8th Army, right, and the captain of the 8th Ordnance company, shortly after the general presented him his gold bars, significant of his combat promotion to the rank of second lieutenant. The presentation took place in Florence, Italy, on March 19.

Former Post 62 Commander Donald R. Brown's cremated remains were recently interred at Greenlawn Cemetery in Chillicothe. The Ross County Honor Guard paid their respects with a program beforehand. Brown was a Veteran of WWII, serving as 2Lt., US Army.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

On Tuesday, June 15th, 2021, a certificate of continuous year membership for 50 years was presented to John Hall of Payne American Legion Post 297. Presenting the certificate is Post Commander Tim Baumle (left) to John Hall (right).



POST 62 RECOGNIZES YOUTH



NORTHEAST POST 630 HONORS WWII VETERAN



American Legion Northeast Post 630 annually participates in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio. This year the parade was canceled but the Memorial Ceremony on the Town Square was held. The ceremony was very special to members of NE Post 630. They had the opportunity to pay honor and respect to a former Blue Ash resident and veteran, Billy Hoeb, who served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Billy was a tail gunner on a B26 and on DDay his plane was involved in an aerial accident. All the men on board were killed. Through the efforts of Scott Kube, a NE Post 630 member, with an assist from Commander Jim Meyers, the city administrators of the City of Blue Ash were made aware of Mr. Hoeb's service. The City of Blue Ash took immediate action and had his name engraved on the Memorial Monument at their Bicentennial Memorial Park. The Memorial Monument bears the names of those residents of Blue Ash who paid the ultimate price for their country. Due to the efforts of Mr. Kube, Billy Hoeb will forever be remembered in the history of the City of Blue Ash along with the others whose names are on the Memorial Monument.

WWII
Daniel J. Murphy
Melvin C. Roat
Billy Hoeb

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MEMBERSHIP AWARD



On May 31st, 2021, at the Memorial Day lunch, a Certificate of Continuous Years Membership for 50 years was presented to David Yenser of Payne American Legion Post 297. Presenting the Certificate is Post 1st Vice Commander John Overmyer (left) to Dave Yenser (right).

HOWLAND POST 700 INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022



On June 1, 2021, Past Commander Jim Campbell swore in officers for Howland American Legion Post 700 for 2021-2022. Pictured left to right: Finance Officer Ed Dougherty, Adjutant Roger Stanley, Commander Chuck Sayers, 1st Vice Don Winkleman, 2nd Vice John Turner and up front is Jim Campbell (with back toward camera). Officers not present were Chaplain Dave Luther, Sgt-at-Arms Bill Lewis, and Trustee Smitty Mealy.



REYNOLDSBURG POST 798 CONDUCTS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

At 6 p.m. on Friday, May 28th, American Legion Reynoldsburg Post 798 conducted its annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Silent Home Cemetery in Truro Township. In attendance were members of the Truro Township Council. During the service, the annual custom of replacing the cemetery's flag occurred. The color guard for the event was provided by the Civil Air Patrol cadets of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Composite Squadron GR-115. Following the ceremony, the Legionnaires, assisted by the Civil Air Patrol cadets and the Boy Scouts of Troop 276, decorated the graves of all the veterans laid there. In addition, the post officers decorated the grave of Mrs. Josephine Doney (1893-1980), who rests at Silent Home. Mrs. Doney, known as "the Poppy Lady," was one of the first American Legion Auxiliary members in 1919 and is credited as the originator of the American Legion poppy program in 1920.



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The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Committee met during the American Legion Convention in Independence, Ohio on Saturday, July 10 to review the requests for funds received since the last meeting in March. Nearly \$200,000 was distributed to this year's recipients which include the following:

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Cincinnati VA Homeless Outreach Center
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Miami Valley Military History Museum
National Emergency Fund
Ohio American Legion Programs
Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation
Operation Comfort Warrior
Save A Warrior
Stockhands Horses for Healing
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Miami Valley Military History Museum (Pete Bates, Dan Kirkpatrick, Craig Whitham, and Jerry Wilson)

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. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio.

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Each issue of the Ohio Legion News is sent to an average of 87,000 households in Ohio, receiving the issue are active members of the Legion and a small surplus to Department of Ohio. Members of The American Legion are made up of currently serving military members, and veterans who served during war time eras. Our publication is also distributed digitally to those who have requested an electronic version of the Ohio Legion News and also available online at our website www.ohiolegion.com/news/ohio-legion-news/ (*See application for detailed Ad size and pricing options)

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2021 Fall Conference October 8th – October 10th, 2021

The American Legion Department of Ohio

Cherry Valley Lodge
 2299 Cherry Valley Rd SE
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Deadline for Registration is September 14th.

To make reservations please call 740-788-1200 and reference "The American Legion of Ohio Fall Conference Group"
The discounted group rate is \$100.00/night + tax.

The Department Fall Conference will consist of Commission Meetings, Membership Training, and Buckeye American Legion College Classes. We will also be hosting a "Of the Year" Award Banquet to honor all of the Of the Year award winners.

Commission members are required to attend.

For more information, contact Christie White at Programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478. You may also visit the website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/departments-conferences-conventions/>.

Members and non-members are welcome to attend the fall conference and any meetings offered

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Celebration for

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Saturday – September 25, 2021

5 PM – 11 PM

Yeager-Benson Post 199
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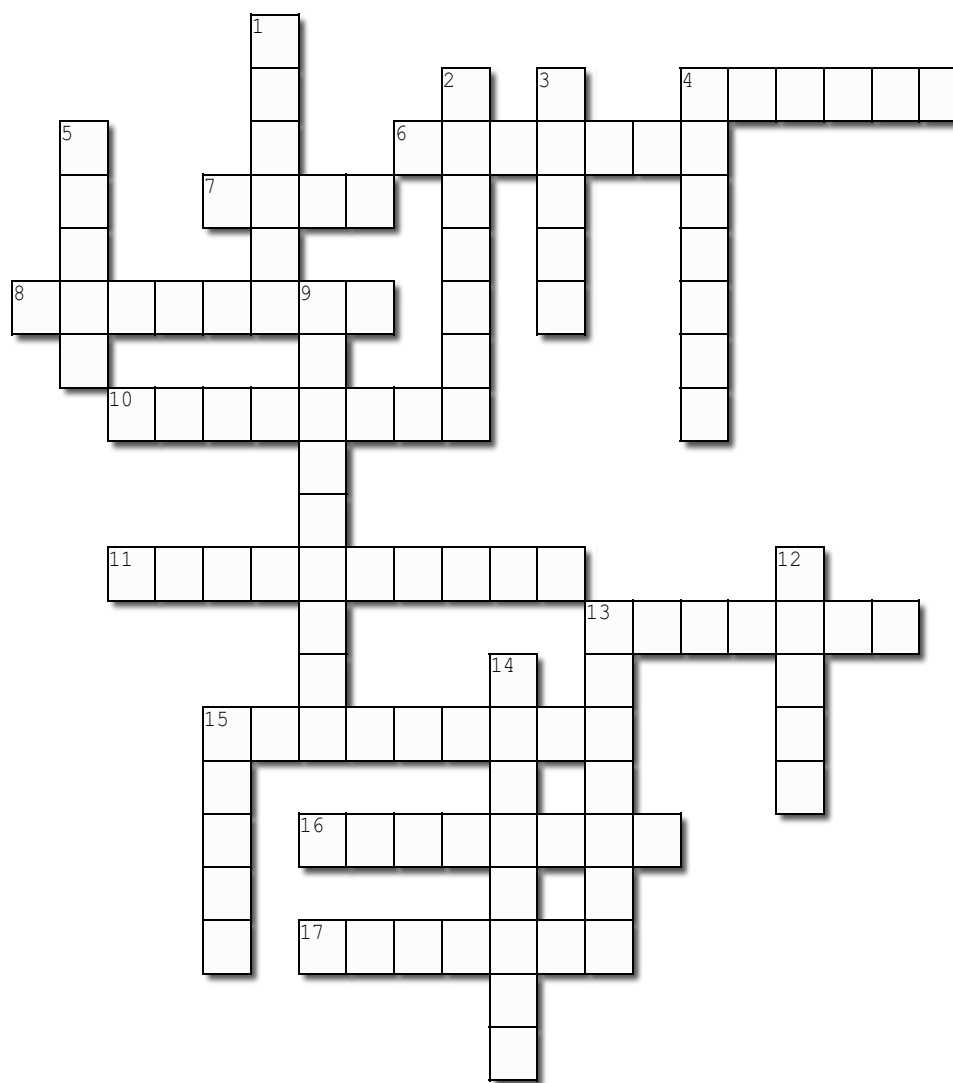
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Fall Conference 2021 Schedule

Fall Meetings		
Friday October 8th, 2021		
3:00PM	Americanism Commission	Dennison
3:00PM	Legislative Commission	Woodhall D & E
5:00PM	Children & Youth Commission	Dennison
5:00PM	VA&R Commission	Woodhall D & E
8:00PM	Officers Hospitality Room	Homestead Barrel Room
Saturday October 9th, 2021		
8:00AM	MyLegion.org Training	Woodhall A & B
8:00AM	Leadership Training- Buckeye American Legion College	Woodhall C
10:00AM	Post Finance Training	Woodhall C
10:00AM	Recruitment and Retention Training- National Membership Team	Woodhall A & B
11:00AM	Resolution Writing	Woodhall D & E
12:00PM	Lunch	
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7:30AM	Catholic Services	Woodhall A & B
7:30AM	Protestant Services	Woodhall C
9:00AM	Membership/Post Activities Commission	Woodhall A & B
9:00AM	Post Operations Training	Woodhall C
10:00AM	National Security Commission	Woodhall D & E
10:00AM	Media, Marketing, & Communications Commission	Dennison
11:00AM	Internal Affairs Commission	Woodhall D & E

Americanism Crossword

Complete the Crossword Puzzle below



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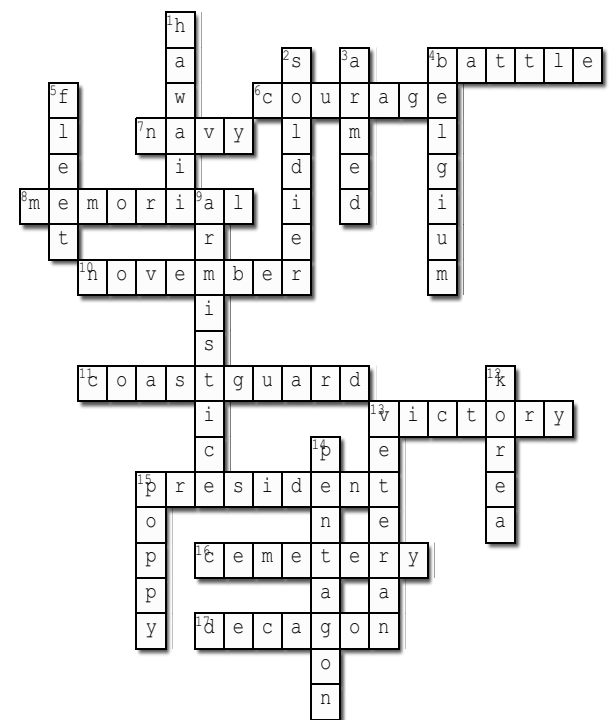
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