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2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The 104th Department Convention for The American Legion Department of Ohio was held at the Dayton Convention Center in Dayton, Ohio from June 30th to July 2nd, 2023. Legionnaires from around the state gathered to handle official business of The American Legion Department of Ohio. This year's Convention featured Platinum level sponsor; Arrow International, Inc. as well as Silver level sponsors; Powerhouse OH Gaming, Grover Gaming, and Awareness 22, also our Bronze level sponsors; Humana, Western Governors University, Veteran Companion Animal Services, and Advocate Health Advisors. Also being showcased were Vendors; Dedicated Senior Medical Center, Josh Brown Attorney at Law, Legionnaire Insurance

Trust, Sons of the American Legion Ohio Detachment, and Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. A sincere thank you to all our sponsors and vendors, without your support this year's Convention would not be as successful.

Friday's General Assembly opening session was kicked off with the Color Guard from Piqua Post 184, who posted the colors of our Nation and with Payton Jackson, who sang the National Anthem powerfully. Next were poignant speeches from attending distinguished guests. First up was Jeff Mims, the Mayor of the city of Dayton, giving welcoming remarks and delivering the convention proclamation. Following Mr. Mims was The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio President Cindy Maso-



Commander Stennis presents LaRaun Clayton of Harpers Village with a sizable donation from his project this year.

accounts of her judicious accounts on her policies on dealing with veteran offenders with consideration of what the affects their service had on their actions.

Continuing on to Saturday's session Americanism Programs video greetings were given by Nathan Malone, Buckeye Boys State Governor; Guhan Krishnan, Department Oratorical Contest Winner and National Oratorical Contest participant; as well as Daniel Cavanagh, Americanism & Government Trip participant. Remarkable distinguished guest greetings from LaRaun Clayton, representative from Harper Village to support the Commander's Project for this past year which brought in a total of \$30,684.54 to help battle female veteran homelessness. Also speaking was Dr. Nicole Armitage, Women Veterans Program Manager at the Dayton VA Medical Center who detailed her experiences providing direct care to thousands of military women and veterans. Following this were the various Membership, Convention, and Buckeye American Legion College awards, congratulations to all for your notable achievements! Next, Convention Committee and Officer reports were presented, and Saturday's session closed with the ratification of newly elected District leadership.

The final Assembly session on Sunday kicked off with a moving final report from Commander Stennis. Credentials Com-

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BALC Dean Ken LaVoy leading the class at the 2023 Department Convention.

wick, and newly elected Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Dave Dilts, giving welcoming greetings and introducing their attending entourages. Legionnaire Insurance Trust representative, Mike Ayers spoke next, outlining LIT's important benefits and programs that benefit our membership body. Following was National Commander, Jim Troiola, who took time out of his busy schedule to attend and speak on his past years experiences and also honored our Department Commander and Legionnaire Mike Blackwell for their outstanding accomplishments this past year. Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice, Sharon L. Kennedy, followed next and honored the convention delegation with yet another riveting speech honoring veterans and giving personal



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



★★★★ DEPT. COMMANDER ★★★★★



Jason Rue
Department Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Department Commander. Convention has come and gone. I hope you had as good a time as I did this year. I look forward to a great year working with my Vice Commanders, the staff, and all of you as we move through this year.

I hope you will all support my Commander's Program charity this year -

Stockhands, Horses Healing Veterans. They use horse therapy to aid Veterans and autistic children. They also work with the Veterans Treatment Court in Delaware County to give Veterans a place to work through their probation. They are looking to add another horse arena for the riders. They are also looking to add a building to help homeless Veterans get back on their feet for a 60- to 90-day stint.

I hope to see you at my Homecoming on September 16th.

Gratefully yours,
Commander Jason Rue

★★★★ 2ND VICE COMMANDER ★★★★★



Stan Oren
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings, Fellow Legionnaires! I would like to thank everyone for their support in my run for Department 2nd Vice Commander. I really enjoyed crisscrossing the state, visiting many Legionnaires at Post and

District meetings. I have met many wonderful people in the Legion and Legion Family. I plan on jumping in right away starting on the Department activities to make sure that we have them in place

and ready to go. The American Legion Department Golf Tournament was held at the Community Golf Course in Dayton on Saturday July 29 – July 30. A big Thank You to Kettering Post 598, phone 937-433-9327, for hosting this event. I will be working with the Department Staff to put together details for Department Bowling (February 2024), Euchre and Billiards tournaments (March 2024).

Thank you and God bless,
Stan Oren, Department 2nd Vice Commander

★★★★ DEPT. HISTORIAN ★★★★★



Al Beyer
Department Historian

Howzit!

It's been a long summer, so it seems. Our history sure goes by fast when we are having fun. The year went by with so many memories starting off with the election and swearing in of Department Commander Brad Teis. All of his past accomplishments prior to his election year were outstanding. He had worked hard, pushed for membership with vim and vigor, and promised to move mountains once elected. God certainly had a higher calling for Brad. We will never forget Brad and how he made us feel as fellow members, brother and sister veterans, and serving alongside him in The American Legion.

Across the great state of Ohio, are

many of you moving mountains and making history on your very own. In a little village called Fredericktown, is a member of The American Legion Joe Cocanour Post 500 in District 6. U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran, Jim Singrey



Keynote speaker, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran Jim Singrey (right) with Post 500 Commander Joshia Leist, U.S. Air Force at the Fredericktown Memorial Day Parade and Program.

Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Dayna Beyer

★★★★ 1ST VICE COMMANDER ★★★★★



Arnold Whatley
2nd Vice Commander

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING. I congratulate all current Department and District officers for the membership year 2023-2024. I am looking forward to working with all of you as a

team striving to place the buckeye state within the top 10 Departments in the United States. We need to come together

as a team to conquer this feat being at least 95% quota membership across the board for each District. This past membership year Department of Ohio finished #43 with 88% membership, that's only 7% more total membership to obtain this goal of 95% for 2024. RETAIN, RECRUIT, REINSTATE. I am asking for all your support to reach this goal set forth for the Department of Ohio.

Thank you in advance,
Arnold Whatley 1st Vice Commander

★★★★ ROBINSON'S RECAP ★★★★★



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Dear Members,

We have started a new year; we had our Department Convention in Dayton Ohio. We elected Jason Rue as our Commander to lead the way this year. Jason's Commanders Project is Stock

hands for Healing, and it is in Delaware, Ohio. They work with children and veterans to help mental and physical health and wellness. We had a great year under Commander Stennis, I want to give him a great big THANK YOU again for all the mentorship and leadership you brought to the Department during your Commander year. We look forward to seeing what you do next. We have started a new program through the Department of Ohio. We are offering a veterans only platform to play the video game, Call of Duty. You can look on our website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/gaming/> to find out more. We have directions on how to get logged in and spend time with likeminded individuals. Please give us feedback on how we can

grow this platform and make it serve you better. We are also looking to ramp up our membership efforts this year; one tool the Department can help with is renewal post cards tailored to your Post's information. Email Jon Vulgamore at vulgamore@ohiolegion.com. Please let him know what details you wish to have printed to best serve your membership efforts. Some Districts have had great success with them. Good luck, your hard work will keep us at the top. If your Post has questions on any topic of the American Legion, please reach out to your Department Staff and we will be happy to help. I say each time I speak to a Legion body - You don't have to work on every program we have; if you pick out a program your members wants to work on, make it the best it can be, then you can add another and another. Just start with one program and grow from there.

Thank you for your time and your membership, We are here to support you.

V/R,
John D. Robinson
Department Adjutant

honors his fellow veterans with a story as if it came out of a "Life" magazine article. Singrey, a humble and caring gentleman, writes these stories about veterans, who served and made the ultimate sacrifice. Recognizing Singrey for the great work he does as a historian, he says, "They are the heroes, not me, and they deserve to be remembered for the sacrifice they made for us." Truly a tribute to All Gave Some, and Some Gave

All, Singrey memorializes these heroes on Facebook, where you will read many former classmates learn about their beloved friend whose military history and sacrifice touched their lives.

As years of service come to pass, there is a post that lines their history books each month with a significant event. The Thundering Third District's Randolph Post 707 in Englewood celebrated their

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HISTORIAN cont'd

75th Birthday Celebration with a huge



Left to right, back row: Seamus Nicholson, Joe Bar, Tim Steiner, Sue Slemker, Steve Carrico, Billy Hutton, Lee Hutton, Gordon Goines, Chris Emmons, Ed Smyers
Left to right, front row: Rita Ling, Peggy McCall, Lisa Carrico, Terri Maruca, Cathy Hutton, Pam Steiner, Michelle Emmons, Kathy O'malley, Glenna Hanson and Ginny Smyers.

Photo Courtesy of Mrs. Dayna Beyer

bang, when local business, Kindred Funeral Home made a generous donation of a huge digital sign in front of their post building. On behalf of Post Commander Michael White who was unable to attend, Past Post Commander and District 3's current 1st Vice Commander Chris Emmons made opening announcements as Post 707 Legion Family celebrates in a "Go Big or Go Home" fashion when they do post activities, membership, and community events. Auxiliary President, Cathy Hutton and SAL Commander Gordon Goines co-chaired this celebration with burgers, hotdogs and cake.

Post 707 Legion Family celebrates 75 years.

District Commander, Ken Lavoy, was recognized and addressed the post family, and along with my wife Auxiliary Department Historian Dayna Beyer, and me to cover the event as promised, rain or shine.

Thank you with special thanks to Past Commander Charles Stennis in serving with him and my assistant, Keith Whid-don of Post 139, District 10 2022-2023.

Respectfully for God and Country,
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A Quorum for Protection - RONR p. 348, lines 16-23

Without a quorum a meeting is not official and no decision is binding to the organization, but rather, the decisions are binding only to those who made the decisions.

Yep, if you do not have a quorum as stated in your by-laws, any decision made to take action or spend money is legally on the head of those in the meet-

ing not the Post.

Now we all have done this, especially when the ladies room toilet had to be fixed, or the air conditioning went out in the hottest week of the summer and you have a party coming up soon; so what to do?

Well, an emergency meeting can be called to ratify the decision with a quorum present. If an emergency meeting is not called, then, at the next scheduled meeting the first order of business should be to have those decisions ratified by a quorum.

Once ratified then the Post now incurs responsibility for financial obligation and legal matters. IF NOT RATIFIED, those who made the decision "without a

quorum" can be made legally to pay the bills and shoulder the legal responsibility for the decisions.

GET A QUORUM

Recommended References:

- Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12th Ed (Emblem Sales - ES))
- Officers Guide (ES)
- Parliamentary Procedure- A Matter of Order (ES)
- RONR In-Brief (ES)
- Robert's Rules for Dummies (bookstore or on line)

Get Your Quorum Right - RONR p. 348, lines 3-13

It is quite frustrating to have 200 members but you cannot get your quorum of 11 at your meetings. Essentially your membership is placing you in legal peril as stated in the above article.

So what can you do?

First, if your by-laws state a quorum that this is a good number to ensure you have proper representation of the body, then you need to educate all officers,

committee chairs, and past officers that they are the base pool for the quorum and thus provide the guarantee that business can always be conducted appropriately.

Second, shaking hands of members and personally asking them to commit to coming to the meetings is always good.

Third, call all officers, committee chairs, and past officers in a roll call fashion to determine if they are coming to the next meeting. If you run short of the quorum, call other members. It might be good to have sort of "reserve force" of member for this purpose.

Fourth, if you feel the quorum established in the by-laws is too large, you can start proceedings to amend the by-laws to a lower number that is more realistic while maintaining representation of the membership. WARNING the quorum cannot be changed any other way— you must amend the by-laws according to the procedures stated in your by-laws.

**CHAPLAIN**

Ron Distel
 Department Chaplain

Hello Legionnaires;
 My name is Ron Distel, I am out of The Great 1st District. I have the privilege of being "Your" American Legion Dept. of Ohio Chaplain 2023/2024.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Commander Jason Rue for allowing me to be of service to all of you this year. I would also like to Congratulate A.J. Whatley and Stan Oren on their elections to the positions as 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders of The Dept. of Ohio.

As "Your" Chaplain if you know someone who needs mentioned in caring or in a Memorial Service program, please let me know. If you would like me to attend

a Memorial function, I will do my best to be available. I cannot promise 100%, however, I will make every attempt to be where I need to be.

Now I don't want to bore you with a long article right out of the gate, so I will leave you this to ponder: I never say "Goodbye" to anyone. It sounds way too final. I say "See ya later."

You know when our body wears out in this world called the Earth - it is buried or honorably cared for in other manners. Our "Spirit" is lifted into a "Paradise" that has been specially prepared just for us where "We" will dwell in Peace and Happiness Forever. It is there where "WE" will all meet once again.

So for now, "See Ya Later."

For God and Country

Ron Distel, Department Chaplain

**DETACHMENT CMDR.**

David L. Dilts
 Sons of the American
 Legion Detachment
 Commander

I'm here to represent the 30,000 plus members of the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio. The Detachment is looking forward to having a great year and working together to have 100% membership. We will be working our special projects, one of which is my project this year is Task Force 20. For more information, please

inquire at Taskforce20.org.

My theme for this year is "Making a Difference". This is so our Legion can communicate and work together to assist our Veterans any way possible, to make the Ohio Legion family the best in the country.

I'm looking forward to working with Legion Commander, Jason Rue and Auxiliary President Jane Ridenour.

Detachment S.A.L. Commander
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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Jane Ridenour
Auxiliary President

It's the beginning of a new year! Congratulations to all of the newly elected American Legion Family Officers, DEC and Chairmen! I look forward to working with you and I know we will achieve great things! My theme this year is "Our Heroes Inspiring Others" with a focus on what more we can do for our veterans. My special project will focus on the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

program and obtaining donations that will benefit our veterans' needs. A percentage of those donations will be given to a project near and dear to my heart: H.O.O.V.E.S. (Healing of our Veterans Equine Service) located in Swanton, Ohio. Their emphasis is on helping veterans with PTSD overcome that stigma and I'd like to see what we can do help them in that mission.

Another goal is to encourage the participation of our younger members. While there are a lot of us who are young at heart, we need to recognize that our

shoes will need to be filled at some point. So now is the time to engage those younger members at our meetings, in our projects and in our mission. Be receptive to their ideas. Let's do away with the phrase, "but we've always done it this way!" Let's put into practice those words of the Preamble that we recite "We associate ourselves together for the following purposes:" so that our organizations will live on for years to come!

The Auxiliary Fall School of Instructions will be held September 23-24 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin, Ohio. I look

forward to seeing many Auxiliary members attend. We have a new format to the program this year that I think you will find exciting.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, general conversation, or a good laugh! I'm here to serve and I have every faith and confidence that this will be an outstanding year for the Department of Ohio and our Legion Family!!

Jane Ridenour, President
Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary



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MEMBERSHIP AND POST ACTIVITIES

I am sure many of you already know but if you have not yet heard **MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE HERE!** The Department mails out cards every single day and when yours arrive be sure to look at all the added goodies included. If your Post would like to have your cards now rather than waiting on "snail mail", they are available for pick-up at Department.

If you intend to pick up your cards there are a few things to keep in mind. District officers have picked up cards for Posts who have been cleared, so reach out to them and see if they have picked yours up. Also, please contact the Department prior to picking up your cards so we can ensure they are ready to go out the door with you upon your arrival. We are working very hard to update the Cleared List every day, you can find this list on ohiolegion.com or you can con-

tact your district 1st Vice or Commander to see if your Post has been cleared to receive your cards. For a Post to be cleared, Department must have your Consolidated Post Report (CPR) and Officer Certification. These can be found at ohiolegion.com under the Forms tab. If you have any questions regarding membership cards, please feel free to reach out to myself at the contact info below or Department.

Lastly for membership, if any Post or District would like MyLegion training, again please contact me at the information below to schedule a training date and time.

As we advance through the summer, I hope you have been able to take some strokes off that golf game of yours, as our yearly golf tournament took place on July 29th-30th. This year's golf tournament was held at the Community Golf Course 2917 Berkley St. Dayton, OH 45409. With the Host Post being Post 598 in Kettering. For more information on the golf tournament please contact Joe Law at: 937-572-1431.

Where are my bowling fanatics at, its time for an update for this year's bowling tournament. This year's Host Post for the bowling tournament will be Post 72.

Dates for the bowling tournament will be the following: Feb. 10&11, 17&18th, 24&25. The tournament will be located at Cherry Grove Lanes 4005 Hopper Hill Rd. Cincinnati, OH, 45255. With the hotel being the Holiday Inn +Suits Cincinnati Eastgate. As always, we will keep you updated as we move forward in the planning stages. As always we are looking for Post willing to host Golf, Euchre, Pool, and Bowling tournaments, let's have a great year!

ONLINE GAMING PROGRAM UPDATE

The American Legion Department of Ohio is proud to present our Online Gaming program. The currently featured game is Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare. This is offered to our veteran membership looking for a private server to play and fellowship. This can be accessed on a multi-platform (PlayStation, Xbox, PC) venue and the Ohio Legion Server is located on our Discord voice and chat server.

Our Discord is more than just voice chat for when you are gaming together but somewhere to chat with friends, post upcoming events, or even just some great military humor. The truth is we are set apart, this discord is a space built

specifically for the veteran, active, guard and reserve member to be who they are, tell their stories, and make memories with individuals who truly understand. I digress, to gain access to the Ohio Legion served named, Battalion 17 in discord you will need to send proof of your Legion membership to my email address listed below, along with your Discord username of choice. Once your membership has been verified, you will receive an invitation to join the Discord Battalion 17 from myself or other admin. The link will expire after 2 days, so please act promptly. Should your membership become expired, allow non-members into the server, or commit any behavior deemed inappropriate by Department admin – your discord access/server access will be suspended or removed. Once you have access to the Ohio Legion Discord Battalion 17 channel, all instructions to properly run and enter the gaming server for Call of Duty 4 will be found in the #game-info! Chat. This program truly opens a new chapter for the Ohio Legion; let us write it together.

-Hunter R. Woods
Membership & P.A. Coordinator
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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

"The SitRep"

Board of Veterans Appeals update.
2022: \$3,347,343 Success Rate 84%
2021: \$3,270,437 Success Rate 92%
2020: \$2,331,260.93 Success Rate 83%

2019: \$2,741,720.23, Success Rate 74%
2018: \$2,307,076.76, Success Rate 75%
2017: \$5,635,796.35 Success Rate 85%
Total Winnings for Veterans: \$17,999,165

BVA Success Since 2017 – Present 572 Decisions 475 Wins for a combined success rate of 83%

POST SERVICE OFFICER SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023!!!

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

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

WADE PARK VAMC DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER

The American Legion Department and

DSO Team are proud to announce that the new DSO for the Wade Park VAMC will be Darell Bishop. Darell Served in both the United States Marine Corps and the U.S. Army and is currently a member of the American Legion Post 118 Amhurst. Darell is a 48-year member of the American Legion and has held various positions throughout his Legion journey. He has served as the Post Commander for three years, Finance officer three times, 1st Vice, 2nd vice Commander. At the District level Darell served as a District Commander for three years, 1st Vice and 2nd Vice Commander, District Finance Officer, and District Judge Advocate. At the Department Level Darell ran the Department chairs and was the Department Commander in 1996-1997. He served 10 years as the Chairman for the Gift for Yanks program, VA&R committee for nine years as well as many other various roles. Darell has also served at the National Level as to years on the Foreign Relation, National Cemetery, twenty years on the Americanism Commission, and the Legislative Coun-

cil. Darell has been married to his wife Carol for fifty years together they have three children and three grandchildren. Darell will be at the Wade Park VAMC Mon – Thurs from 0800-1600 beginning August 1, 2023.

VA NOW OFFERING BIRTH CONTROL

The VA is now offering most birth controls that your local doctors are offering: Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives, Hormonal methods, Barrier methods, Sterilization, and same day emergency contraception. How to decide the best method, VA primary care providers and equipped to discuss these options about the different birth control options with you. If enrolled in VA health care, you are eligible to receive contraception care and prescriptions. The first step is to contact your Primary Care manger to schedule an appointment.

HOW TO APPEAL VA HEALTH DECISIONS

There are two kinds of appeals at the Veterans Health Administration (VHA)

medical determinations and health benefits decisions. A medical determination is a decision made by your care team about your health. Like prescribing a certain medication, treatment, or physical therapy this can also mean a decision to refer the veteran to a community provider for care. How to appeal a medical determination: file a clinical appeal which allows other medical professionals to review your medical records and decide whether the determination was correct, to file contact the patient advocate at your VA medical facility. A health benefit is a decision whether the veteran is eligible for VA health care benefits like VA health care, VA nursing home, and domiciliary care reimbursement for non-VA emergency care and certain medical devices. If you disagree with a health benefit there are three types of appeals: High-Level review, Supplemental review, or Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Be sure to attach the VHA decision notice letter with any of the above appeal options.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS****William Genochio**
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The 2023 Ohio Legacy Run is in the Books

American Legion Riders gathered at Columbiana Post 290, Wednesday July 12, 2023, to make the 3rd annual Ohio



Legacy Run. Department Commander Jason Rue was present to send the riders off on Thursday July 13th. Riders enjoyed comradery, winding roads, highways, and various sights while traveling around Ohio, collecting money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. This year's Run generated \$27,760. Thank you too all the Post that donated. It is also not



to late to submit donations to the 2023 Ohio Legacy checks can be made payable to the Ohio Legacy run and sent to Department HQ at 60 Big Run Rd. Delaware, Ohio 43015. Also, a huge thank you to Kettering Post 598 for hosting this years Legacy Run.

The 2023 Ride on Military Pride (ROMP)

This year's ROMP was hosted by Kettering Post 598. A great time was had by all that attended. The event offered rides and live entertainment for the riders in attendance. Saturday was unfortunate due to rain, yet the riders made the best of it and still enjoyed activities and fellowship.

National is Making Change to the National Legacy Ride

2023 is the last National Legacy Ride hosted and run by the American Legion at the National level. The Ride will continue in 2024 but with a different focus for gathering funds. The coming National Run will raise money and awareness for Veterans and Children Foundations. Discussion on the 2024 Ohio Run will take place at the Riders Meeting at Mid-Winter Conference January 19, 2024 to January 21, 2024.



Larry Sullivan
OHALR Director

Greetings Riders and Friends,

I am pleased to report that we have completed another successful annual Legacy Run and annual State ROMP. Thank you to all those that orga-

nized and participated in these events.

At this year's ROMP conference several members were awarded the Unity Patch for their efforts in working with other Chapters. We also issued new Charters to Athens, London and Marion.

In the past year we have seen growth in our membership and chapters. We ad-

opted a State Guidebook and fielded an OHALR challenge coin. We are currently working on an OHALR web page and reviewing proposals for the 2024 ROMP location. We have coordinated with the Department of Ohio to schedule the 2024 OHALR Charitable motorcycle run on the first weekend in June. There is a tremendous amount of planning to organize a successful run and we would like to form a committee to help with the coordination of this event. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee please contact me, ASAP.

This year and as in years past, we have diligently strived to fund the Legacy Foundation Scholarship for deceased or

disabled post 911 veterans. Although the National Advisory Committee has decided to redirect the cause of our charity run, there has been some misleading information disseminated that would suggest the scholarship is fully funded, which has impacted our efforts to receive donations. I can assure you this is not the case. Please search your heart and send the needed funds to the Dept. of Ohio with the word Legacy in the memo line by August 20th, 2023. If your Post has charitable gaming you may even seek their help with a donation since this is a worthy, legitimate charity.

At this year's conference there was a conversation regarding the funds the

OHALR raises in our state and where these funds end up. It was suggested that we as OHALR continue our charitable efforts but find an in-State cause to support. This will be a main topic at our Mid-Winter Conference.

Please continue your efforts to Recruit, Retain and Reinstate members to our family and the OHALR.

As always Legion Family First, Riders Second!

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Sullivan
OHALR Director

NATIONAL SECURITY

A bill that the Ohio American Legion could potentially be in support of has recently been introduced in Congress that would ensure that Coast Guard members receive their pay during a government shutdown, a key legislative priority of The American Legion. HR 2693, the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023, has been introduced in the House by Rep. Hillary Scholten, D-Mich. You can track this bill's progress by visiting: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/2693?s=1&r=4>

The legislation specifies that Chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, would

be updated to ensure that Coasties are paid during any lapse in appropriations funding. Coast Guard personnel are vital to national security, but they serve in the only military branch working without pay during government shutdowns. The Department of Homeland Security, not the Department of Defense, oversees the Coast Guard. That means that during shutdowns Homeland Security employees — Coasties and others — are not paid. In January 2019, during the longest government shutdown, members of the Coast Guard continued to serve their nation even as their paychecks stopped.

We could also possibly be facing another shutdown early next year. The American Legion stepped in to support the Coast Guard, raising and distributing more than \$1 million to Coasties who were financially strapped. National HQ has also actively been in support of this bill. To support this legislation reach out to your Congressman seeking their co-sponsorship to call for passage of the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act by navigating to: <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns/105330/Respond> For a listing of your district region's member of Congress please view

the Department online newsletter with additional contact information and Congressional map. However, the American Legion's Grassroots Action Center does offer information to stay informed on the issues and tools to communicate online with lawmakers and the media about the organization's priorities at the link above.

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Buckeye Boys State

"A Week to Shape a Lifetime"

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 responsibili-



ties, and the love for God and Country necessary to be self-governing citizens. Through a practical, objective, nonpartisan approach, participants in the Ameri-

can 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.

Nearly 700 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.

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BBS cont'd

Buckeye Boys State had many impressive speakers this year including Miami University President Gregory Crawford, Representative Warren Davidson, Justice Sharon Kennedy, Secretary of State Frank LaRose, Major Chris Ballard-Ohio National Guard, State Treasurer Robert Sprague, a representative from Senator Sharrod Brown's office, Ohio Representative Haraz Ghanbari, Auxiliary President Cindy Masowick and



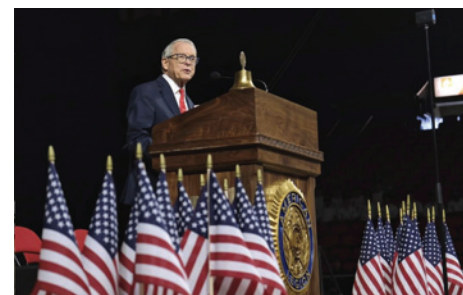
Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Dave Dilts. We also were visited by Governor Mike DeWine, where he allowed the delegates an hour to have a question-and-answer session with him, as well as Colonel Charles Jones- Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Nathan Malone was elected as the 2023 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Governor. Governor Malone was sponsored by Post 235 in Girard.



Our 2023 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame Inductee was State Treasurer Robert Sprague. Treasurer Sprague was a 2005 BBS delegate.

Before the close of the 2023 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program, BBS President Dave Ridenour gave his final speech as president and welcomed Melissa Fowle as the new 2023-2024



American Legion Buckeye Boys State President, and first female president for the program.

The 2024 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Program will be held June 9th-16th, 2024 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

**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**

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 2022, over 55% of all players on 30 major league team rosters played American Legion Baseball. 2023 marks the 98th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any field. For these past 98 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 24th at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio and Department Commander Jason Rue threw out the 1st pitch. The Department Senior Tournament was an 8 team, double elimination tournament. The 8 teams who won each of their regions were the following.

Region 1-Napoleon Post 300
Region 2-Sidney Post 217
Region 3-Wayne County Post 68
Region 4-Utica Post 92
Region 5-Harrison Post 199
Region 6-Pickerington Post 283
Region 7-New Philadelphia Post 139
Region 8-Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750

The final game of the tournament started on Thursday July 27th at 1:30pm. Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 and Harrison Post 199 faced off for the final game, both teams only having one loss prior to the Championship Game.

Harrison Post 199 defeated Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750, 6-5 in the 10th inning.

They immediately moved on to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament which will be held at Dale Miller 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...

"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 1-Napoleon Post 300



Region 2-Sidney Post 217



Region 3-Wayne County Post 68



Region 4-Utica Post 92



Region 5-Harrison Post 199



Region 6-Pickerington Post 283



Region 7-New Philadelphia Post 139



Region 8-Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750

Calendar of Upcoming Events

8/25/2023- 8/31/2023104th National
Convention
Charlotte, North
Carolina**9/3/2023**District 13 Fall
Conference
Parma Heights Post
703
10:00 AM**9/4/2023**Labor Day
Department Closed**9/10/2023**District 8 Fall
Conference
Poland Post 15
10:00 AM**9/16/2023**Post Service Officer
School
Department HQ
8:00 AM**9/17/2023**District 12 Fall
Conference
Columbus Post 490
1:00 PM**9/25/2023**District 14 Fall
Conference
Kent Post 496
1:30 PM**10/1/2023**District 6 Fall
Conference
Newark Post 85
9:00 AM**10/1/2023**District 11 Fall
Conference
Lowell Post 750
10:00 AM**10/1/2023**District 7 Fall
Conference
Chillicothe Post 62
10:00 AM**10/1/2023**District 4 Fall
Conference
Lebanon Post 186
10:00 AM**10/7/2023**Standing Commission
Fall Meeting
Department HQ
10:00 AM**10/8/2023**District 3 Fall
Conference
Tipp City Post 586
1:00 PM**10/9/2023-10/12/2023**National Fall Meetings
Sheraton Indianapolis
City Center**10/14/2023**Buckeye Boys State Fall
Meeting
Department HQ
10:00 AM**10/14/2023**District 9 Fall
Conference
Burton Post 719
10:00 AM**10/15/2023**District 1 Fall
Conference
TBD
12:30 PM**10/21/2023**District 10 Fall
Conference
Orrville Post 282
10:00 AM**10/22/2023**District 2 Fall
Conference
Anna Post 446
9:00 AM**11/10/2023**Veterans Day Holiday
Department Closed**11/23/2023-
11/24/2023**Thanksgiving Holiday
Department Closed**12/2/2023**DEC Meeting 2023-2024
Department HQ
10:00 AM*****Future Department
& National Dates*******8/23/2024- 8/29/2024**105th Annual National
Convention
New Orleans, Louisiana**10/7/2024-
10/10/2024**National Fall Meetings
Sheraton Indianapolis
City Centre

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

The Children and Youth Commission met at the 2023-2024 Standing Commission Meetings to discuss the focus of the commission for the 2023-2024 year. The mission of the Children and Youth Commission 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 commission chooses organizations within Ohio that share the same mission for children and youth.

This year, the Children and Youth

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CHILDREN & YOUTH cont'd.

Commission will be supporting Stockhands Horses for Healing, which is also the Commander's Project.

Stockhands Horses for Healing is a veteran created 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing therapeutic equine

assisted services to veterans, adults and children with developmental and physical disabilities, and children diagnosed with Autism or spectrum related challenges. Their mission is to facilitate a positive and non-judgmental environment for participants and their families. Stockhands is a place for belonging

within the community. More information on Stockhands Horses for Healing can be found at stockhands.org

The Ohio American Legion is committed to supporting and serving our fellow veterans, active duty service members, and their families through various programs, including Stockahnds.

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

For any questions, contact Christie White, Americanism/Children & Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com

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2023-2024 DISTRICT OFFICERS

"GREAT" 1ST DISTRICT



District Commander
HAROLD LANDIS



District 1st Vice Commander
MARK MAHLMAN



District 2nd Vice Commander
DEAN BOYERS

2ND "TO NONE" DISTRICT



District Commander
THOMAS TIERNEY



District 1st Vice Commander
VACANT



District 2nd Vice Commander
MIKE HOMAN

"THUNDERING" 3RD DISTRICT



District Commander
KEN LAVOY



District 1st Vice Commander
CHRIS EMONS



District 2nd Vice Commander
BRIAN FOWLE

"FABULOUS" 4TH DISTRICT



District Commander
AL BUXTON



District 1st Vice Commander
ROBERT WILSON



District 2nd Vice Commander
VACANT

"FIGHTING" 5TH DISTRICT



District Commander
MARTIN MOORE



District 1st Vice Commander
BOB MASON



District 2nd Vice Commander
MELISSA RODGERS

"SIZZLIN" 6TH DISTRICT



District Commander
SHANE EATON



District 1st Vice Commander
CHRISTOPHER MILLER



District 2nd Vice Commander
DAN GOODMAN

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2023-2024 DISTRICT OFFICERS

"MAGNIFICENT" 7TH DISTRICT



District Commander
LORENA NICHOLS



District 1st Vice Commander
JOHNNY CONLEY



District 2nd Vice Commander
ROBERT WAGONER

"GREAT" 8TH DISTRICT



District Commander
DONALD CAPPS



District 1st Vice Commander
LARRY SULLIVAN



District 2nd Vice Commander
MIKE LINCOLN

"DYNAMIC" 9TH DISTRICT



District Commander
WILLIAM DITTEBRAND



District 1st Vice Commander
JACQUELINE WHETSTONE



District 2nd Vice Commander
SAMUEL SWOGER III

"GREAT" 10TH DISTRICT



District Commander
WESLEY CROTHERS



District 1st Vice Commander
HOWARD MAROTTO



District 2nd Vice Commander
RALPH VANKIRK

"ELITE" 11TH DISTRICT



District Commander
THOM STAN



District 1st Vice Commander
LEE PRICE



District 2nd Vice Commander
DAVID TAYLOR

"CAPITAL" 12TH DISTRICT



District Commander
BRAD BEATTY



District 1st Vice Commander
MIKE HIGGINS



District 2nd Vice Commander
SUZETTE HELLER

"TENACIOUS" 13TH DISTRICT



District Commander
BERT BOYD

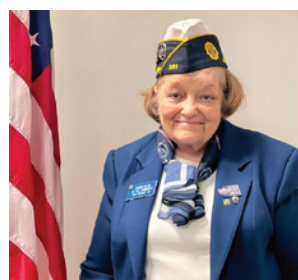


District 1st Vice Commander
RICHARD WENGATZ



District 2nd Vice Commander
RICHARD WRIGHT

"PHENOMENAL" 14TH DISTRICT



District Commander
SHARON MCCLAIN



District 1st Vice Commander
RODGER WIAANT



District 2nd Vice Commander
HOWARD MCCLAIN

AMERICAN LEGION • DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

2023-2024 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS



Department Commander
JASON RUE



Immediate Past Department Commander
CHARLES STENNIS



National Executive Committeeman
STEVE MASOWICK



Alt. National Exec. Committeeman
RON CHAPMAN



1st Vice Commander
ARNOLD WHATLEY



2nd Vice Commander
STAN OREN



Department Treasurer
JOSE RIVERA



Department Chaplain
RON DISTEL



Department Assistant Chaplain
JAMES FAST



Department Judge Advocate
JOSH BROWN



Department Assistant Judge Advocate
DOUGLAS RUSSELL



Department Historian
AL BEYER



Department Assistant Historian
ROBERT WHITE



Department Sergeant-At-Arms
DEAN BOYERS



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JERRY PERRY



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JOHN LIFE



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
ROBERT SCHMOLL



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
JOYCE HANNUM



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
KEVIN MOTTER



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
LARRY STOTTSBERRY



Department Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
MIKE BLACKWELL



Department Parliamentarian
GARY MINADEO

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



2023 Department Legionnaire of the Year
RONALD DULL



Department Adjutant's Award
D9 BILL DITTEBRAND & JOYCE HANNUM



Gold Brigade Award
SHANE EATON



Gold Brigade Award
JERRY WILSON ON BEHALF OF JEAN WILSON



Eli A. Jensen Award
DISTRICT 9



Recruiter of the Year Award
JERRY WILSON ON BEHALF OF JEAN WILSON



National Achievement Award & Race To The Top Award
D9 JOYCE HANNUM



District Commander Quota Award
JOYCE HANNUM



Post Quota Award
D1 HAROLD LANDIS



Post Quota Award
D3 KEN LAVOY



Post Quota Award
D4 AL BUXTON



Post Quota Award
D5 MARTY MOORE



Post Quota Award
D6 SHANE EATON



Post Quota Award
D7 LORENA NICHOLS



Post Quota Award
D9 BILL DITTEBRAND



Post Quota Award
D10 WESLEY CROTHERS



Post Quota Award
D11 THOM STAN



Post Quota Award
D12 GEORGE MUSSI



Post Quota Award
D13 BERT BOYD



Big One Pin Award (Small)
DISTRICT 7



Big One Pin Award (Medium)
DISTRICT 9



Big One Pin Award (Large)
DISTRICT 3



Grand Award
POST 199



Department Commander's Award
POST 199

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



Department 1st Vice Commander's Award
POST 565



Dept. 2nd Vice Commander Award (Small)
DISTRICT 12



Dept. 2nd Vice Commander
Award (Medium)
DISTRICT 9



Dept. 2nd Vice Commander Award (Large)
DISTRICT 10



Alice Friedman Post Award
POST 417



Alice Friedman Community Service Award
POST 105



Category I – Child Welfare Award
POST 2



Category II – Child Welfare Award
POST 196



Category III – Child Welfare Award
POST 587



Category I V– Child Welfare Award
POST 12



James Cunningham Award
POST 12



Mickeal J. Golato Memorial
(Americanism) Award
POST 105



Law and Order Award
POST 162



Edward McBane (Youth Activities) Award
POST 493



Gifts for Yanks - Largest Contribution by
Post Award
POST 181



Gifts for Yanks - Largest % of Goal Post
Award
POST 427



Gifts for Yanks - Largest
Contribution District Award
DISTRICT 5



Gifts for Yanks - Largest % of Goal
District Award
DISTRICT 5

ANYTIME POST AWARDS



Reverend Father John E. Duffy Award
POST 105



POST 7



POST 23



POST 72



POST 83



POST 103

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS

ANYTIME POST AWARDS



POSTS 112, 151, 76, 235, 743,
697 & 751



POST 214



POST 288



POST 459



POST 468



POST 610

2023 BUCKEYE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE GRADUATES



AL BEYER



BARBARA BRANDON



BRAD BEATTY



BRIAN FOWLE



DOUG MEYERS



HAROLD LANDIS



JOHN DERNBERGER



JOHN LIFE



JOHN PRIZNER



MEL CANTREL



MELISSA FOWLE



THOMAS TIERNEY

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

David Adams North Olmsted, OH	Michael Everson Cincinnati, OH	Thomas Leufkens Mansfield, OH	Louis Simmons Wauseon, OH
Arthur Armstrong Garfield Heights, OH	Christine Fox Longwood, FL	Brynn McKee Ashland, OH	Donald Stemen Van Wert, OH
Thomas Bish Troy, OH	Gerald Fox Warsaw, OH	Philip Miller Galloway, OH	Kevin Sullivan Cincinnati, OH
Barry Blank Columbus, OH	Roger Fox Stockport, OH	Ronald Moore Gahanna, OH	Robert Sweede Waterville, OH
Clifford Borges Cincinnati, OH	Bruce Godwin Toledo, OH	Daniel Nagy Warren, OH	David Sword Wadsworth, OH
Larry Burns Wadsworth, OH	Frank Greenland Cleveland, OH	Hector Pantojas Pickerington, OH	Robert Veres Euclid, OH
Daniel Chmielewski Parma, OH	Joseph Hendricks Lancaster, OH	Daniel Pope Cincinnati, OH	Fred Vogt Canton, OH
John Colopy Hebron, OH	Theodore Hospodar Loveland, OH	Robert Rickey Fairborn, OH	David Wallace Perrysburg, OH
Kenneth Coutcher Toledo, OH	Mitchell Kuster Cambridge, OH	Catherine Sabatino New Lexington, OH	Robert Wert Greenville, OH
David Dickson Beaver Creek, OH	Thomas Lafaie Creston, OH	Frank Shepherd Shadyside, OH	Richard Wesley Wheelersburg, OH
Albert Dudzik Jacksonville, OH	Billy Lawhun Mansfield, OH	William Sike Northfield, OH	Charles Wiggs Atwater, OH
Timothy Enright Middletown, OH	Frank Lee East Liberty, OH	Richard Silver Cleveland, OH	Ken Zaremba Chippewa Lake, OH

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mittee Chair, Mel Baher gave the final Convention delegation strength report, which transitioned to the Nominations and Elections of Department officers for this upcoming year. After some inspirational demonstrations by all candidates, a rare Post delegation floor vote was so close that all representing Posts in attendance cast their choice for Department 2nd Vice Commander. The 2023-2024 Department officers inducted were Jason Rue for Department Commander, Arnold Whatley for Department 1st Vice Commander, Stan Oren for Department 2nd Vice Commander, and Jose Rivera for Department Treasurer. After this great display of Ohio Legion democracy, the installation and swearing in of officers was recited by Past Department Commander Bob Schmitt. The General Assembly session was closed with membership recruiter card and Charities sweepstakes drawings.

Other Convention highlights include Sunday's 4 Chaplain religious service, membership card/resource & Service Officer tables, the Emblem Sales shop, a successful training class by Charities Inc., classes hosted by the Buckeye American Legion College team, and some superbly hosted hospitality gatherings at the housing hotel.

The American Legion Department of Ohio would like to thank all the Legion Family who attended. The unfailing history of the Legion continues on.

A special thank you to Past Department Commander Charles Stennis and his wife Tammy, for their dedication during the 2022-2023 membership year.

We look forward to seeing you all next

year at the 105th Department Convention. The 2024 Department of Ohio Convention will be held in Independence, Ohio.

Thank you all for your service!



National Commander Jim Troiola addresses the 2023 Convention body with poignant remarks.



The 2023 Department Convention Sponsors and Vendors setting up for this year's event.



Platinum level sponsor Arrow displaying their merch for the 2023 Convention delegation.



Delivering her speech was distinguished guest, Dr. Nicole Armitage, Women Veterans Program Manager at the Dayton VA Medical Center.



Legionnaire Insurance Trust representative, Mike Ayers outlines LIT's important benefits and programs.



The 2023 Convention attendees look on during Friday's session.



Commander Stennis opens with a joke at the 2023 Convention DEC banquet.

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

4TH DISTRICT

Al Buxton
4th District Commander

Greetings to all the members of the Fabulous Fourth District, we are now in the new membership year. I hope that you have received your cards and that you are processing them as your Post renewals come in the mail. I am asking for your help and support. Our District over the last several years has won the Brown Jug in membership in their category. I would love to see this tradition of excellence continue.

I ask you to join the Fabulous Fourth District team. I ask that we all work together as a Team so we can accom-

plish more. Not only are we going to be working on membership, but I would like us to work hard on the Programs of the American Legion – Gifts for Yanks, American Legion Buckeye Boys State, American Legion Government test, Oratorical contest, and American Legion baseball. Unfortunately, most of our programs have been on a downside over the last few years, let us stop the slide and get back to work on the programs of the American Legion. I am here to help you and your Post. If you have problems, questions, or concerns please reach out

to me- my phone number is 513-225-1489 or email me at asbuxton69@gmail.com.

I also encourage you and your members to attend our District meetings. There is a lot of incredibly valuable information that comes out at meetings, and we would love to hear what your Post may have planned. Our District has several different District activities each year - bowling, golf, euchre, and pool just to name a few. The district will be sending out the dates and locations for our meetings and we will also send out

information about where and when the district activity will take place.

We have a great district to be proud of in the Fabulous Fourth District, let us continue to accomplish a lot by working together!

I am here for you. Remember- "BE THE ONE!"

For God and Country,
Fabulous Fourth District Commander,
Al Buxton

6TH DISTRICT

Shane Eaton
6th District Commander

Dear fellow Legionnaires,
I am deeply honored and humbled to be elected as the Sizzlin' Sixth District Commander. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for entrusting me with this great responsibility.

As we all know, the American Legion is more than just an organization. It is a community of veterans who have served our country with honor and distinction. It is a brotherhood and sisterhood that transcends generations, branches of service, and backgrounds.

As the Sixth District Commander, I am committed to upholding the values and principles that define the American Legion. We are a service organization dedicated to serving our fellow veterans, our communities and our country.

Service is at the heart of everything we do. It is what motivates us to volunteer our time, skills, and resources to help those in need. It is what drives us to advocate for the rights and benefits of veterans, and to honor the sacrifices of those who have served before us.

As the Sixth District Commander, I will work tirelessly to strengthen our commitment to service. I will encourage all of our members to get involved in our community service projects and to support our programs that benefit veterans and their families.

I will also work to ensure that the American Legion remains a strong and effective advocate for veterans' issues.

We will continue to work with our elected officials to improve access to health care, education, and job opportunities for veterans. We will also continue to fight for the benefits and services that our veterans have earned through their service and sacrifice.

Finally, I want to emphasize the importance of unity within our organization. The American Legion is a diverse organization, with members from all walks of life and backgrounds. But we are all united in our shared commitment to service and our love for our country.

I encourage all of you to work together, to build bridges across our differences, and to focus on what unites us. Together, we can achieve great things for our communities, our veterans, and our country.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as the Sizzlin' Sixth District Commander. I look forward to working with all of you in the months and years ahead.

Chris Miller, 1st Vice Commander

The concepts of 'family' and 'team' are pivotal in building a thriving membership within The American Legion. They create a sense of belonging that encourages member retention and active participation. By treating members as family, The American Legion can show a deep level of care, connection, and mutual support. On the other hand, the team concept fosters collaboration, coordination, and a shared pursuit of common objectives. This article will

Chris Miller
1st Vice Commander

explore how to integrate these two concepts into your membership strategy to create a robust, dynamic, and engaging membership base.

Dan Goodman, 2nd Vice Commander

Post Activities play a critical role in membership growth within Posts, Districts, and Departments. Here are some reasons why:

1. ****Engagement****: Activities provide an opportunity for existing members to engage with the organization beyond simple membership. This strengthens their connection and commitment to the organization.

2. ****Visibility****: Regular activities increase the visibility of the organization within the larger community. This can attract new members who are interested in the activities the organization is involved in.

3. ****Value Addition****: Activities often provide value to members, whether in the form of networking opportunities, skills development, or simply enjoyment. This added value can make membership more appealing to potential new members.

4. ****Retention****: By providing regular activities for members to participate in, organizations can increase member satisfaction and retention. When members see their membership as beneficial and enjoyable, they are more likely to remain involved.

5. ****Community Building****: Activi-

Dan Goodman
2nd Vice Commander

ties foster a sense of community among members. They provide a platform for members to interact, build relationships, and work towards common goals. A strong community is attractive to potential members.

6. ****Promotion****: Activities can serve as promotional events where the organization's purpose, goals, and values are showcased. This can attract like-minded individuals to join.

7. ****Membership Incentive****: Some activities might be exclusive to members or offer members benefits. These exclusivities and benefits can serve as incentives for people to join the organization.

8. ****Partnerships and Collaborations****: Activities can lead to partnerships with other organizations, businesses, or groups. These partnerships can increase The American Legion's reach and attract new members.

By strategically planning and executing post activities, Post can ensure they provide value to their current members while attracting new ones. It's crucial to consider the interests and needs of the target membership demographic when planning these activities.

-In Your Service,
Shane Eaton

The American Legion Department of Ohio Sizzlin' Sixth District Commander
Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Ohio Asst. Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

9TH DISTRICT *Bill Dittebrand 9th District Commander*

The Ninth District had another great year in Membership reaching quota in May and winning Race to the Top for the second year in a row. Past District Commander Joyce Hannum will be receiving a plaque, a new cap signifying her accomplishment along with a white shirt for winning. She will also receive a free trip to the National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina in Sept. We had 32 posts that achieved quota this year congratulations to them and I am looking forward to exceeding that number this membership year.

At the state convention we were recognized as the only quota district. Board-

man Memorial Post 565 received the Dep. Of Ohio Vice Commanders Award, and the Hugh K. Martin award for highest increase in membership for a quota post between 25 and 749, that attains highest percentage of previous year's membership by Feb 3rd, 2023.

Received the Eli K. Jensen award for having the showing the greatest percentage increase over the previous year. District must be quota to qualify.

First Vice Commander William Dittebrand Received the Departments Adjutant Award for being a quota district.

Commander Joyce Hannum received the District Commander quota award a

patch for her cap.

Commander Hannum was appointed by Newly elected Department Commander Jason Rue as an Assistant Sergeant at arms.

Numerous posts received the anytime post award for having 6 new or expired members and three transfers from the 888 list. Congratulations to all the winners.

Congratulations to our newly elected Frist Vice Commander Jacquelin Wheatstone from Nile Post 106 and the Trumbull County Commander. Second Vice Commander Samuel Swoger III from Austintown Post 301 and Mahoning

County Commander. You will be seeing them around visiting post throughout the year. If your post is having a function and you would like one of us to attend feel free to contact us. I can be reached at 440-897-8014 or 440-975-8281 and Jacquelin can be reached at 330-397-1427 and Samuel at 330-509-5269.

Congratulations to Jose Rivera from Wickliffe Post 7 as being elected Department Treasurer.

Bill Dittebrand
Commander
Dynamic Ninth District
Department of Ohio American Legion

12TH DISTRICT *Brad Beatty 12th District Commander*

Greetings and Salutations,

Wow ... 100+ degree weather, thunderstorms to remember ... and just good old summer living ... if you don't look, time flies right by you ... How in the heck is your summer going ... this and that event, travel here and there ... and then there is the projects, some wanted, most probably not ... either way ... movement is the key to living strong ... keep moving ...

Even though Department Convention ended recently, along with our District Officers installment, it has been a while since we have met as a district.

Mike Higgins will speak on the 12th district baseball program from this summer ... Legion programs have been happening all over the state... Be prepared to talk about your programs at our District

Meeting on 9/17 at post 490. National Convention will convene in August, go to National website for details. There is a 12th District budget meeting on 8/17 at post 1 @ 7pm. Mike and I attended the first Department Executive Committee meeting (outside of state convention) at Department HQ in Delaware. We presented information from that meeting when we meet in September.

So, let me say a heartfelt thank you for your vote of confidence to represent the Capital Twelfth District this Legion year. This is the 2nd year, hopefully I am a little wiser and will be that much more suited to assist the posts in a manner deserving. I am happy to have Mike Higgins as 1st Vice. Mike is also the Commander of Post 98. Hopefully you and all have already signed up for next member-

ship year. The earlier your post can get to Retention+1 or Quota, your post will make money ... that's a very good incentive. Next, at 2nd Vice is a familiar one, Suzette Heller is again our 2nd Vice. A few years ago, she implemented our now annual Easter event which is held at post 171. She also instituted the district bowling event. I think she has a new twist to add to that. More from Suzette, I am sure.

I am happy to also report that at Department level, Mr. Josh Brown from William R Schnug Memorial Post 614 in Hilliard, is the Department. Judge Advocate. He assisted with a training from last year on accountability. Congratulations Josh.

We have other elected officers and appointments that I believe will assist our

district in continuing moving forward in the right direction.

A couple of Constitution and By-Laws issues. By now, all posts hopefully have added in the recent requirements for American Legion membership. A new add-on is one of Post Discipline. All posts will be given direction as to adding those to your C&BL.

As you can see, much going on in the Ohio American Legion.

As you enjoy the rest of the summer, be safe, enjoy, be with family and friends.

We hope to see you soon

For God, Country and Family,

Brad Beatty
Commander
American Legion Department of Ohio
12th "Capitol" District



GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 221 – SAFETY FORCES APPRECIATION

On June 13th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry visited Massillon Library, Jackson Townships' Police and Fire Departments, Canal Fulton Fire Department, Ohio Highway Patrol, and Perry Township Police Department to give them letters of appreciation.



POST 518 – ASHLEY CORN SHOW

'Sizzlin' 6th District's 1st Vice Commander, Chris Miller and District Commander, Shane Eaton showing support for Clyde C Keltner Inc Post 518 in Ashley, Ohio annual Corn Show festival. All in attendance enjoyed playing cornhole, riding the bull, and other merriments.



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DISTRICT 3 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP ACCOLADES

During this year's Department Convention in Dayton, Ohio - and for the third year in a row, the 3rd District 1st Vice Commander has been awarded the Department's "Big One" pin award for highest quota percentage during the membership year for the large District category. This year the 'Thundering' 3rd District was also recognized by receiving the Department's 2nd Vice Award for having the most quota Posts for its category as well. The Third District's primary focus has and will continue to be membership and retention for the coming year.



3rd District Command Team 2022-2023

(L to R): Rec Carpenter - Sergeant at Arms, Crystal Melchor - Adjutant, Doug Whitney - Judge Advocate, Mike Blackwell - Commander, Ken LaVoy - 1st Vice, Chris Emmons - 2nd Vice, Brian Fowle - Finance Officer, Melissa Fowle - Chaplain.



POST 221 – TEACHERS APPRECIATION WEEK

On May 11th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry visited schools in surrounding areas for teachers' appreciation week and delivered thank you letters from the Legion.



Washington High School pictured with teacher, Dan Studer



Perry High School principal, Bill Hildebrand



Franklin Elementary pictured with principal, Mike Medure



Genoa Elementary pictured with principal, Mandy Gardinsky

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POST 228 – “LEGION OF HONOR” AWARD

On July 16th, 2023, at 1300hrs, 100 year old WWII Veteran, Joseph Binni out of Saner Post 228 in Powhatan Point Ohio, was awarded the French “Legion of Honor” French Consul-General of the Midwest Yannick Tagland informed Mr. Binni that by decree, the President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron has named him “Knight of the Legion of Honor”. Joe served as a T/Sgt with the US Army 264th Artillery Battalion from FEB1943 through DEC1945 in northern France and central Europe. He is also the former Mayor and Postmaster of Powhatan Point.



Pictured here District 11 Commander, Thom Stan presented the medal to Joe in a ceremony 16JUL2023 at the Post

POST 586 – INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Frank E Robinson American Legion Post 586 out of Tipp City held their installation of the new 2023-2024 Officers on Tuesday May 6th, 2023. The installation ceremony was conducted by Third District Commander Mike Blackwell and Third District First Vice Commander Chris Emmons. Melissa Fowle was installed as the Post Commander for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Her most recent assignment was Post First Vice Commander, responsible for Post Membership among other duties. Brian Fowle was installed as the Post First Vice Commander for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. His most recent assignment was Post Adjutant, responsible for Post information and communications. Michael Brenner was installed as the Post Second Vice Commander, for the 2023/2023 Fiscal Year. His most recent assignment was Post Chaplain, responsible for the Spiritual well-being of the Post membership. Bob Steggemann was installed as

the Post Adjutant, for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Bob is the recent Past Commander of the Post, a position that he has held for many years. He was recognized for his leadership and devotion to the Post with a gift of an American Legion watch. Harlan Purves was installed as the Post Financial Officer, for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Harlan has been the Post Finance Officer for the past twelve years and is responsible for the Post finances. Julie Durka was installed as the Post Chaplain, for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Julie is a new Officer and will be responsible for the Spiritual guidance of the Post membership. Ralph Avey Jr. was installed as a Post Trustee for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. Ralph has been involved with the Post for the past couple of years as an acting Trustee, working on maintenance projects and assisting the Post Manager.



Tipp City American Legion Post 586 presents its newly installed Officers. From left to right: Ralph Avey, Trustee; Julie Durka, Chaplain; Harlan Purves, Finance Officer; Mike Brenner, Second Vice Commander; Brian Fowle, First Vice Commander; Bob Steggemann Adjutant and outgoing Commander; and Melissa Fowle, Commander.

POST 385 – FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

During the June membership meeting, members of Bay Village Post 385 prepared flags for their Flag Retirement Ceremony. At this ceremony 329 large flags and approximately 2000 small flags were retired. Twice a year American Legion Post 385 conducts flag retirement ceremonies, once in June close to Flag Day and once in November close to Veterans Day. The Post has a drop off box where people can deposit any used and worn flags.



POST 750 – DISTRICT 11 DONATION

At Lowell Post 750, the 'Elite' 11th District of the Ohio American Legion donated \$5,000.00 to share with Zanesville & Marietta Boys Scouts for civil projects. WTAP TV covered the ceremony.



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POST 366 – ANNUAL GUN BASH

The Flushing Ohio American Legion Post 366 in District 11 held their annual Gun Bash on November 5th, 2022. This is an annual fund raiser for all Legion family donations to support the Flushing community.



From left to right in the front row is Aux. President Audrey Kovacs, Trina Carrel, and Kathy Stewart. In the back row is Jr Rider, Mike Barto, Mike Stewart, and Ron Stewart, Commander of the Sons. On edge of picture is Bruce Harris Director of the Riders.



Fire house hall and some of the persons at the Bash -Article and photos by Historian Shorty Wehr

POST 399 – 50 YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

Two members from Charles M Mitchell Post 399 out of Dresden recently received their 50 years American Legion continuous membership award/certificate.



Charles R. Freshwater (age, 90 on the right) is a WWII veteran and is pictured (with the Veterans Hall of Fame hat on) with Post 399 Chaplain, Rich Stafford



Thomas J. Miller (age, 74) is a Vietnam veteran, (with American Legion cap on the right) and is pictured with Post 399 Chaplain, Rich Stafford

POST 342 – MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Edgar A Orr Post 342 out of Thornville paid for the expansion of the Veterans Monument to ensure recognition of 21st century deceased servicemembers. Boy Scouts assisted in the posting of the Flag and three 5th graders from Thornville Elementary read their essays on "What Is A Veteran to Me?"



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POST 482 – HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, July 29th, 2023, will be the 29th Anniversary of the Scio American Legion/Scio Sportsman's Club annual kids fishing tournament held at the four-acre pond at the Scio Legion. The tournament is for kids 15 and under and is open to the public. Each child is provided a new pole to keep, bait and tackle. All contestants receive a tournament T-shirt, and 11 trophies are given for different age boy/girl groups as well as first fish caught, largest fish, and greatest number of fish caught. Parents are allowed to bait hooks, cast out, and remove hooks but the child had to set the hook and reel in. After the two-hour closing of the tournament parents and kids are all treated to hamburgers, hot dogs, pop, and chips. Last year was the largest turnout ever with 169 kids registered to fish. At the conclusion there was a drawing for each boy/girl age group for a chance to win 1 of 16 bicycles for each group. The annual event costs the club around \$6000.00 a year to sponsor. We are looking for any donations to help defray the costs of holding this annual event and provide a wonderful experience for the youth and families in the surrounding area. Donors will be listed on a large display banner hung at the event and welcome any displays or advertising items from their organization. Thank You.

-Robert Bower, Post 482 Finance Officer

Scio American Legion 482 displays proper way to burn flags

By JD LONG

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SCIO – One wouldn't think such sophistication would take place just to burn a bunch of flags but these flags were not the ordinary kind. These were American Stars and Stripes and Scio American Legion 482 put on display last Friday the proper way to dispose of the worn and tattered ones.

Sergeant at Arms Dave Rose gave the introductions and Chaplain Bill Beatty led the group in prayer. The Boy Scouts of America Troop 117 assisted in the ceremony along with the American Legion's Mike Bower (financial officer). Mark Zantene provided the formal reading for the burning of the flags, which were all the unserviceable flags over the past few years, and even longer.

Many of the flags were of the smaller version attached to sticks where they had been weather-worn while on display at the cemetery. One large flag burned had been at the Custer Museum

where Rose brought it over as its time was up as well. There was even a Polish flag and a State of Ohio flag burned too. Several black garbage bags sat around

the large steel bin and then they were dumped. And that was it. All the salutes, 21-gun and by the hand would be no longer but they served their purpose in

all kinds of weather for many veterans. "This is the usual service" for flags that served "in a worthy cause," Zantene said.

Flags of flags were burned in a barrel behind the Scio American Legion last Friday.



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POST 707 – 75TH BIRTHDAY AND MARQUEE SIGN UNVEILING

The American Legion Randolph Post 707 in Englewood has been in need of a new sign for some time; thanks to the hard work of our ALA Unit President, Cathy Hutton and SAL Commander, Gordon Goines and their work with the Northmont Chamber Commerce - they went on the hunt. Luckily Post 707 is an integral part of a strong community and the search ended with the first meeting. Kindred Funeral Home, located at 400 Union Blvd, Englewood, Ohio 45322 stepped up to the challenge and covered 100% of the cost of the new digital sign! Kindred Funeral Home has been a loyal supporter of veterans and our community



Post 707 ALA Unit members

for decades, and we are humbled by their generosity. The celebration of the new digital sign was held in conjunction with the Post's 75th Birthday. A celebration attended by the current and Past 3rd District Commanders, Department Historian, Post ALA, Legionnaires, and the SAL with entertainment from the 3rd District Adjutant, Doug Myers.



Chris Emmons (MC for the Sign Dedication and 75th Birthday)



Doug Myers (Adjutant - 3rd Dist playing guitar)



Post 707 Guests look onward during the celebration

POST 610 – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

American Legion Post 610 out of Brook Park held its annual Memorial Day parade on May 29th, 2023. Pictured below is the Grand Marshall, Rich Spangler (1st vice).



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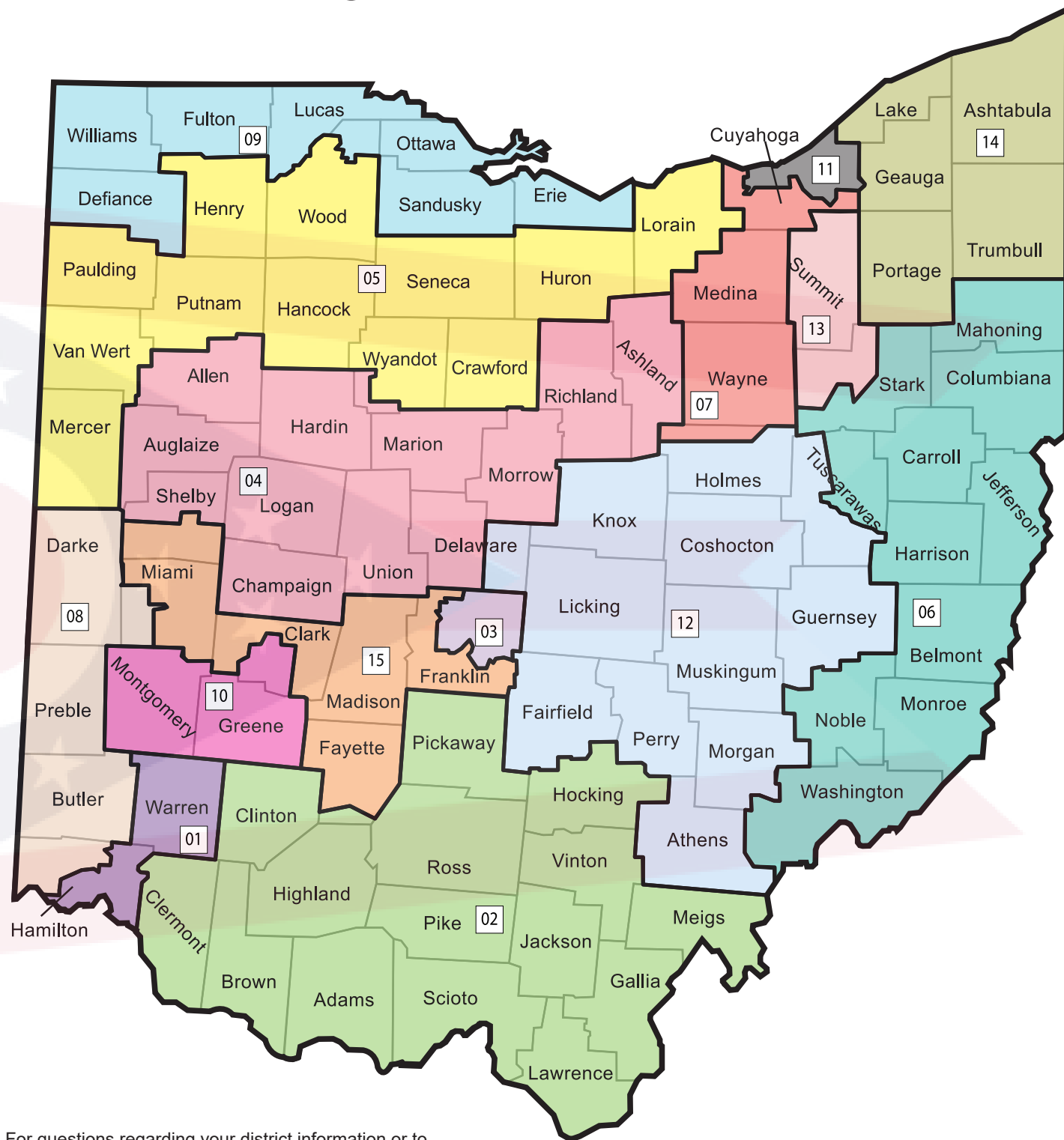
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Congressional Districts



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(cont. from page 7) [HR 2693](#), the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023, has recently been introduced in the House. To show support that would ensure that Coast Guard members receive their pay during a government shutdown, a key legislative priority of The American Legion, navigate to:

<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns/105330/Respond>

You can also track this bill's progress by visiting:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/2693?s=1&r=4>

*-feature suggested by Ken Karpy, Avon Lake American Legion Post 211
Kennethkarpy@gmail.com*

POST 0001 - BARRY BISHOP - WESTERVILLE
 POST 0001 - E GALLAGHER - CARROLL
 POST 0003 - GARY BANEY - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - PAUL ELLIS - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - JOSEPH SARNA - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - RICHARD DAY - VANLUE
 POST 0003 - JIM AMBURGEY - FINDLAY
 POST 0007 - JOE OBOCZKY - WICKLIFFE
 POST 0007 - RAYMOND GRUBISS - WICKLIFFE
 POST 0008 - CARLON GIVEN - WELLINGTON
 POST 0011 - STEVE COLLINS - LANCASTER
 POST 0011 - JAMES DAUBENMIRE - LANCASTER
 POST 0011 - JERRY COOK - LANCASTER
 POST 0011 - JOHN NUNGESSER - LANCASTER
 POST 0011 - CRAIG BIDLE - LANCASTER
 POST 0012 - ARTHUR KETCHUM - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - DAVID NOREN - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - BASIL MOORE - AMHERST
 POST 0012 - ROY HOLYKO - ELYRIA
 POST 0015 - JOHN KOPCSOS - POLAND
 POST 0015 - FRANKLIN DAY - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0015 - AJ LEETCH - POLAND
 POST 0016 - DALE WILLIAMS - MANSFIELD
 POST 0016 - OTTO ABBOTT - ONTARIO
 POST 0016 - PHILLIP ENTLER - MANSFIELD
 POST 0016 - LLOYD MULLEN - MANSFIELD
 POST 0016 - DALE TREACE - MANSFIELD
 POST 0016 - CLYDE HARDMAN - ALLEGAN
 POST 0016 - CARL ZODY - LUCAS
 POST 0021 - GERALD HANN - ATHENS
 POST 0021 - WILLIAM MARTIN - THE PLAINS
 POST 0023 - DONALD ZEMPTER - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - DAVID LESTER - WEST PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - JAMES LAYNE - MC DERMOTT
 POST 0023 - LARRY DRAKE - WHEELERSBURG
 POST 0023 - JACK HUGHES - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - RAYMOND HORSLEY - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - TOMMY DAVIS - WYOMING
 POST 0024 - THOMAS EVANS - MECHANICSBURG
 POST 0024 - ARTHUR LANGERMAN - MCCONNELLSVILLE
 POST 0025 - JAMES JOHNSON - LIMA
 POST 0027 - RICHARD VALENTINE - GALLIPOLIS
 POST 0027 - CHARLES MAYES - GALLIPOLIS
 POST 0028 - WILLIAM OHLS - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0029 - ANDREW KOLOMETZ - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0029 - RALPH MOOREHEAD - ZANESVILLE
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 POST 0029 - LARRY TURK - NEW CONCORD
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 POST 0030 - EDWARD LORENTZ - LORAIN
 POST 0030 - REGINALD SULLIVAN - LORAIN
 POST 0030 - CARL NAU - ELYRIA
 POST 0031 - WILLIAM EARLY - EAST PALESTINE
 POST 0031 - JAMES LYNCH - COLLEGE STATION
 POST 0034 - ALLEN CARTER - DOVER
 POST 0034 - DONALD JOHNSTON - STEUBENVILLE
 POST 0039 - JAMES FRY - POMEROY
 POST 0041 - DAVID BALLARD - NORWALK

POST 0041 - FRANK WECHTER - NORWALK
 POST 0044 - ROSS RIGGS - LOUISVILLE
 POST 0045 - GALEN ASH - BOWLING GREEN
 POST 0045 - CARROLL HAGERTY - BOWLING GREEN
 POST 0049 - MICHAEL GALLAGHER - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - DEAN WADDELL - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - SAMUEL WILSON - SABINA
 POST 0049 - MICHAEL SPURGEON - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - EARLE WILLISON - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - SANFORD SOUDER - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - ELTON SHOEMAKER - WILMINGTON
 POST 0051 - HARRY BOVEE - GIRARD
 POST 0051 - LOUIS WHITE - HUBBARD
 POST 0051 - JOHN MACKEY - HUBBARD
 POST 0051 - HARRY MCFALL - HUBBARD
 POST 0051 - FRANK SHUGARTS - BROOKFIELD
 POST 0058 - PAUL OURS - SOMERSET
 POST 0062 - JOHN BARNHART - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - ROBERT BARR - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - MARSHALL EBLIN - CHILLICOTHE
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 POST 0078 - ROGER LYTLE - LOGAN
 POST 0079 - JOHN SCHOBY - MARYSVILLE
 POST 0079 - WALLACE DOEBERT - MARYSVILLE
 POST 0079 - RICHARD HARPER - MARYSVILLE
 POST 0082 - LAWRENCE MCCAULEY - LEWIS CENTER
 POST 0082 - CHRISTOPHER SMITH - DELAWARE
 POST 0083 - ALBERT HANZLICK - MENTOR
 POST 0083 - JAMES MCINTIRE - ELYRIA
 POST 0083 - KENNETH POSS - GALLOWAY
 POST 0083 - LEON COCHENET - PORT CLINTON
 POST 0083 - JOHN GEIMAN - CLYDE
 POST 0083 - LLOYD KELLY - MARBLEHEAD
 POST 0084 - JACK CARTNER - CAMBRIDGE
 POST 0085 - ORIS FARABEE - HEBRON
 POST 0085 - RUDOLPH SASKO - NEWARK

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 POST 0085 - RICHARD WADE - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - RICHARD WAGENHEIM - NEWARK
 POST 0088 - BOYD HILL - ASHLAND
 POST 0088 - CARL URBAN - ASHLAND
 POST 0091 - ROBERT KIEFER - OLMSTED FALLS
 POST 0091 - RICHARD OHM - VALLEY CITY
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 POST 0103 - LEO MARCHAND - ASHTABULA
 POST 0103 - DON REUSCHLING - ANDOVER
 POST 0103 - RAYMOND URCH - KINGSVILLE
 POST 0103 - RONALD MCNAMARA - MARCO ISLAND
 POST 0103 - DONALD OTTO - ASHTABULA
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 POST 0110 - CLEMENT CYBULSKI - ERIE
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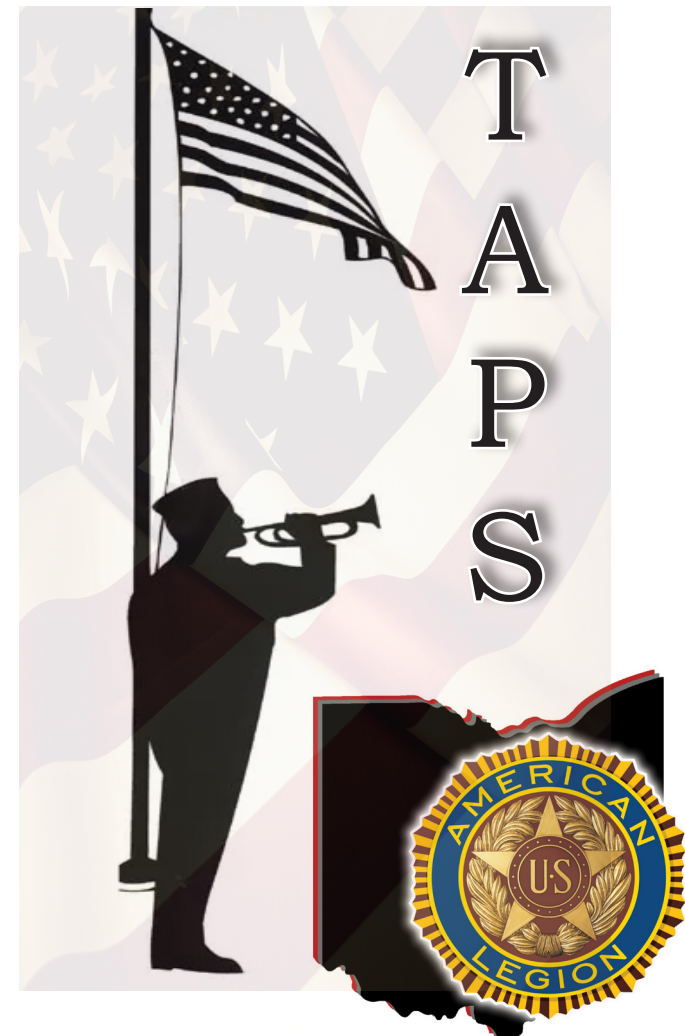
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 POST 0633 - WAYNE FERGUSON - MILFORD
 POST 0640 - LEE RAINES - SOUTH POINT
 POST 0648 - LEON LINN - SAINT HENRY
 POST 0651 - DARRELL DETTY - PORTSMOUTH

POST 0651 - WILLARD SCHOOLCRAFT - WOOSTER
 POST 0651 - GARY MCCOMAS - SHREVE
 POST 0652 - HOLMES BELL - QUINCY
 POST 0656 - EUGENE BUFORD - OBERLIN
 POST 0656 - WILLIAM GAYTON - OBERLIN
 POST 0662 - KARL MAUERHAN - EDON
 POST 0662 - JAMES BRIGLE - EDON
 POST 0663 - BILL MANSFIELD - NEWBURY
 POST 0665 - KENNETH ROOT - LEWISBURG
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 POST 0678 - DONALD SCHEID - EASTLAKE
 POST 0681 - CHARLES KING - WEST CHESTER
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 POST 0682 - MICHAEL ABEL - JEWETT
 POST 0682 - KARL BIGLER - JEWETT
 POST 0682 - JAY KOLENC - HOPEDALE
 POST 0682 - RONALD STONE - EAST SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0685 - CARL LASH - STREETSBORO
 POST 0685 - STEPHEN PROBST - SUGAR GROVE
 POST 0694 - DONALD FENDER - HILLSBORO
 POST 0694 - ROBERT HODSON - WSHNGTN CT HS
 POST 0694 - JIMMIE CUMMINGS - WILLIAMSBURG
 POST 0697 - CHARLES WHITE - PERRY
 POST 0699 - R LEE SANZENBACHER - WARREN
 POST 0703 - TIMOTHY GUDIN - SOLON
 POST 0703 - ROBERT HAHNER - BROOKPARK
 POST 0703 - STANLEY GONET - SPRINGFIELD
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 POST 0703 - THEODORE ONDRISH - PARMA HEIGHTS
 POST 0703 - RUSSELL SOMMERFELD - PARMA
 POST 0703 - JAMES NEEDHAM - CLEVELAND
 POST 0706 - FRED FRISCH - NORWALK
 POST 0707 - JAMES KOPP - ENGLEWOOD
 POST 0707 - ROGER STRADER - DAYTON
 POST 0707 - WILLIAM ALLEN - ENGLEWOOD
 POST 0717 - LARRY THOMPSON - AVON LAKE
 POST 0717 - GARY YANO - NORTH RIDGEVILLE
 POST 0717 - JOHN HOMOLA - NORTH RIDGEVILLE
 POST 0719 - DAVID MERSEK - ASHTABULA
 POST 0719 - NORMAN TILTON - ROCK CREEK
 POST 0719 - CARL PLICKERT - ORWELL
 POST 0726 - EARL SIMS - PHILO
 POST 0735 - CHARLES GREENE - DILLONVALE
 POST 0737 - LARRY GUMP - LAKE MILTON
 POST 0737 - JACK UTLEY - LAKE MILTON
 POST 0737 - RONALD FORCE - DEERFIELD
 POST 0738 - ROBERT WAITKUS - NORTH OLMSTED
 POST 0740 - LARRY DENNIS - RICHMOND
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 POST 0746 - PAUL CHILDS - DAYTON
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 POST 0762 - JAMES INGRAM - NEW LEBANON
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 POST 0768 - JAMES LONG - BEALLSVILLE
 POST 0768 - RAY WILLIAMSON - BEALLSVILLE

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 POST 0776 - JIMMIE COLLINS - BEAVERCREEK
 POST 0787 - DEAN HAZELTON - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0790 - STEPHEN HOSKINS - CINCINNATI
 POST 0797 - BRYANT STUART - LOWELL
 POST 0797 - GEORGE BRANTCH - COLUMBUS
 POST 0803 - CLAYTON PREISING - AURORA
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 POST 0888 - ROBERT GAULT - POLK
 POST 0888 - FRANKLIN COHRS - MARION
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 POST 0888 - DAVID PETERS - LONDON
 POST 0888 - WILLIAM LANE - SEVEN HILLS
 POST 0888 - ROBERT LAIRD - CANAL WNCSTR
 POST 0888 - PHILLIP TACKETT - JOHNSTOWN
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 POST 0888 - ROBERT WINEMILLER - AKRON
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GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 221 – Teachers Appreciation Week

On May 18th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry visited schools for teachers' appreciation.



Post 221

Nurses Appreciation Week

On May 8th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry, and 1st Vice Commander, Howard Marotto, visited the VA clinic in Canton to honor nurses' appreciation week. Donuts were delivered for the nurses and were thanked for them taking care of our veterans.



Post 221 – Nurses Appreciation Week

On May 10th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 let the nurses at Danbury, Rose Lane, and Legend nursing homes know how they are appreciated for taking care of our veterans, during nurse's appreciation week.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 221 Gives A Helping Hand

On June 17th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 members helped a veteran by removing their old wooden fence.



(left to right); Commander Larry Stottsberry, 2nd Vice Barrett Scott, Veteran Terry Pyles, & Chaplin Howard Marotto



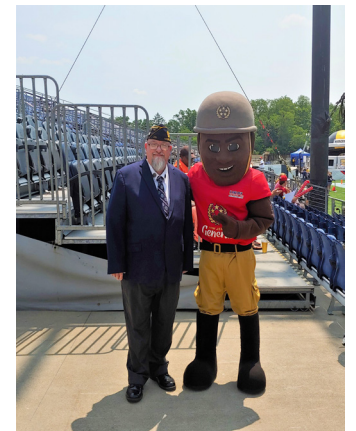
Post 221 School Supplies Collection

On July 20th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 helped collect school supplies with the Salvation Army of Massillon.



Post 221 USFL Honors Legionnaire

On June 4th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry was the veteran of the game, where he was honored by USFL.



Post 221 – WWII Veteran Birthday

On May 15th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 had a birthday drive by for WWII veteran, Denver Moore. Pictured below are law enforcement, fire trucks, Riders from Post 221 and Post 44, Legion members from Post 221, and other veterans and their families joining in the event.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



Department Commander's Homecoming

Homecoming celebration for

Commander Jason Rue

Saturday, September 16, 2023

American Legion Post 541
109 S 5th St, Continental, OH 45831

Open Bar starting at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost per person \$45.00

Menu includes:

Pork Loin, Chicken, Vegetable, Roll, and Dessert

Entertainment will be provided

*A block of rooms is being held at the Quality Inn, Defiance, OH, for the night of September 16, 2023 under Group Name American Legion. Rooms \$138 tax included. Call 419-784-4900 by **Saturday September 1, 2023** Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided. Please note if you will need transportation.*

Cut along this line and send your reservation in today.



Department Commander Jason Rue's Homecoming September 16, 2023, 5:00 p.m., Continental Post 541

Name _____ Post No. _____

No. Attending _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

BEEF _____ Chicken _____

Transportation needed _____

Send reservations to: Mindi Rue, P.O. Box 10, Dupont, OH 45837

If you have questions, call Jason at 419-890-3717 or Mindi at 419-439-2950

RSVP by 9/1/2023



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The American Legion Department of Ohio 2024 Mid-Winter Conference

Marriott Columbus Northwest
5605 Blazer Pkwy
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on

Friday, January 19, 2024 – Sunday, January 21, 2024

This is an American Legion Family event for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders.

The conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its offices/ programs through Buckeye American Legion College.

Anyone is welcome to attend the conference and any meetings and classes offered.

To make reservations please call 1-800-228-9290 to receive the discounted group rate of \$122.00 plus tax, or make reservations online at [Book Your Group/Corporate Rate | Marriott International](#). Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter" when making reservations.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> and fill out the registration link.

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Award Banquet can be downloaded and mailed to Department or filled out on-line. E-mail confirmations will be sent to verify your banquet ticket purchase. If you do not receive an email after purchasing a ticket, please contact Department Headquarters.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

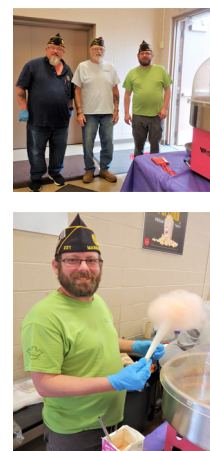
Deadline for hotel reservations is **December 22nd**. For more information on the event contact Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

SEE YOU THERE!

If there are any Covid-19 mandates, we will publish them on [ohiolegion.com](https://www.ohiolegion.com)

Post 221 – Back to School Bash

On August 4th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 helped along with the Salvation Army during the back-to-school bash. Legion members helped families through the stations getting school supplies and others helped with making cotton candy. Post Commander Larry Stottsberry, Rich, John, and Howard attended with Brenda and Happy of the Auxiliary Unit. Over 700 kids got supplies and over 700 bags of cotton candy were enjoyed!



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 221 – Membership Card Deliveries

On July 8th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry visited Fredericksburg, Holmsville, Millersburg, and Beach City Posts to deliver membership cards.



Post 221 – WWII Veteran Birthday Celebration

On July 9th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 celebrated WWII veteran, David Loeffler's 98th birthday, with a drive by with Jackson twp. police and fire departments, Stark County VSC, and Legion members, Cmdr Stottsberry, 1st vice-John Ward, Randy Dunbar, and 1st vice 10th District Cmdr Howard Marotto. Also members of Post 221 Auxillary were present; Brenda, Carole, and Jean.



Post 221 Concert Recruitment

On August 10th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 was allowed to set up a table with Legion publications at the Massillon concert series. Post Commander Larry Stottsberry, 1st Vice John Ward, pictured below, also in attendance was 2nd Vice Barrett Scott.



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**AMERICAN
LEGION**

The American Legion Media Alliance (TALMA) is proud to announce the winners of its 2023 contest. There were a record 103 contest entries submitted for the seven categories. The winners were selected by a panel of judges and approved by the Media & Communications Commission. Below is the award-winning submission by our very own Cynthia Boehnlein in the category of EDITORIAL/NEWS for Department/District.



The American Legion team manually putting the boat in the water.

Submitted by: Cynthia Boehnlein, Unit 421, District 13, Dept. of Ohio Legislative chairman American Legion Department of Ohio ([story submission here](http://www.legiontown.org/other/9708/veterans-compete-26th-annual-head-cuyahoga-regatta)) <http://www.legiontown.org/other/9708/veterans-compete-26th-annual-head-cuyahoga-regatta>

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEDIA ALLIANCE



Veterans compete in 26th annual Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta

**Cleveland, OH
October 21, 2022**

The Cleveland Rowing Foundation, located at 1003 British St., Cleveland, held the 26th annual Head of the Cuyahoga Regatta on Sept. 17, 2022. Sixteen veterans competed in this prestigious head race. Two teams of eight rowers represented the Western Reserve Rowing Association's Freedom Rows Veteran Teams. The two boats, The American Legion and Freedom Rows, were manned by veterans and TAL members.

This race is one of the country's top-10 largest single-day head races. The day was sunny; however, the heat was grueling in the mid-80s with high humidity. The course is 2.5 miles long, 2,000 rowers, seven bridges and five challenging turns. It is a qualifying event for the "Head of the Charles Regatta" in Boston, where time qualifiers will compete against Olympic hopefuls.

Veteran Jim Ryan, Army Staff Sgt. E6 (ret.) and member of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Post 383, is the U.S. Rowing representative to the Western Reserve Rowing Assoc. He stated that this program for veterans has been running for six years, and they currently have 26 participants in their boathouse. This activity is truly therapeutic for the veterans. It's all about teamwork, self-confidence, exercise and the competitive spirit. They learn to trust their teammates and build their self-worth. He is hoping to extend the program to the Cleveland VAMC for inpatient and outpatient therapies for post-traumatic stress treatment.

This year the winning veteran boat was Freedom Rows, with The American Legion coming in sec-

ond. The trophy was presented by Department of Ohio Commander Charles Stennis. Medals were also awarded for first and second place. The American Legion made this boat possible through the Operation Comfort Warriors fund. This is a true team sport which depends on full cooperation and trust of your teammates. The hope for the future is to form more teams across the nation to increase the field of competitors.



Dept. of Ohio Cmdr. Charles Stennis with both teams. White team - Freedom Rows, Blue team - American Legion.



Left- Jim Ryan, member Post 383, U.S. rowing representative for the Western Reserve Rowing Assoc. Right- Brian Luther, veteran.



Oars donated by The American Legion.



Dept. of Ohio Cmdr. Charles Stennis presenting the trophy to Jim Ryan. The winning team, Freedom Rows in white.



Team American Legion approaching the finish line. Far right on the bow - Michelle Kozelka, Patricia Leebove, Jim Ryan, Kevin Kilbane, Brian Luther, Pete Rauche, Katrina Taylor, Melissa Bach, and their coxain McKensie Schumacher.