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## SPOTLIGHT ON 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 106th Department Convention for The American Legion Department of Ohio was held at the Holiday Inn Cleveland South in Independence, Ohio from July 11th to July 13th, 2025. 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 Gold sponsor, Grover Gaming and Silver level sponsor, Cuyahoga County Veterans. Clear Captions, Wellcare, Advocate Health Advisors, Save A Warrior, Cleveland VA and Humana comprised of our Bronze level sponsors and Vendor contributors; Legionnaire Insurance Trust, Sons of the American Legion Ohio Detachment, and Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. were represented. A sincere thank you to all our sponsors and vendors, without your support this year's Convention would not be as successful.

Friday's Joint Assembly opening session was kicked off with the Color Guard from The Greater Cleveland Young Marines, who posted the colors of our Nation. Special musical accompaniment by award-winning Bagpiper, Brody Alexander as well as Danielle Rebon, guest vocalist, who proudly sang the National Anthem and select patriotic songs for all to enjoy. Next were poignant speeches from attending distinguished guests. First up was James Trakas, Councilman of the City of Independence, giving welcoming remarks and delivering the convention proclamation. Following Mr. Trakas was The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Ohio former President Louise Smerk and newly elected Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Jeff Vrabel Jr., bringing greetings and introducing their attending officer entourages. Next Americanism Programs video greetings were given by Dajeun Dickerson Jr., Buckeye Boys State Governor; Patience Pershing, Department Oratorical Contest Winner and National Oratorical Contest participant; as well as Abigail Matos, Kateri Sherman, Edward DeLoye, Noah

Reardon, Iris Weisstein and Justin Thompson - Americanism & Government Trip participants. These bright youth leaders certainly give hope for the future of our great country. Rounding out Friday's joint session was the introduction and elevator speeches of the high Department office candidates. At close Bagpiper, Brody Alexander gave a special thank you message to all veterans and their families in the audience. Brody's presence is unforgettable, every note he plays carries pride, purpose, and power.



**Bagpiper, Brody Alexander expertly plays 'God Bless America' during Friday's Opening Session.**

Continuing on to the start of Saturday's General Session, all Past Department Commanders stood to be recognized. A remarkable distinguished guest speech from the Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Major General John Harris Jr. detailed his personal experiences and the importance of life saving programs such as the Be The One initiative. Following this Veterans Outreach Consultant of Oracle, Essam Attia gave his presentation of how veteran medical records are being improved. Next up were the various Membership, Convention, Gifts for Yanks, Of the Year, 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 incoming elected District leadership.

The final Assembly session on Sunday kicked off with a moving final report from Past Department Commander Whatley. He emphasized the past year's successes - attrib-

uting it to teamwork and thanked everyone for a remarkable year. Next, Credentials Committee 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 an inspirational demonstration by newly elected Commander, Stan Oren - the 2025-2026 Department of Ohio candidates were inducted; Stan Oren for Department Commander, Gary Cox Jr. for Department 1st Vice Commander, Holly Lewis for Department 2nd Vice Commander, and Ken LaVoy for Department Treasurer. The installation and swearing in of officers followed and leading the recitation was Past Department Commander Robert Schmitt. The General Assembly session was closed with membership recruiter card and Charities sweepstakes drawings - congratulations to all winners.

Other Convention highlights include Sunday's religious services, membership card/resource & Service Officer tables, the Emblem Sales shop, a record attendance Charities gaming training class, informational classes hosted by the Buckeye American Legion College team, and some superbly hosted evening hospitality gatherings!

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 Arnold 'AJ' Whatley, for his dedication and service during the 2024-2025 membership year.

We look forward to seeing you all next year at the 107th Department Convention. The 2026 Department of Ohio Convention will be held in Toledo, Ohio.

Thank you all for your service!

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## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



**Stan Oren**  
Department Commander

Legionnaires, First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the tremendous honor of electing me as your Commander. I look forward to serving our great Department with dedication and pride.

### Raising Revenue for Our Mission

Supporting the American Le-

gion's vital work across Ohio requires creative and practical solutions. This year, we are excited to announce new fundraising initiatives:

- **American Legion Ohio Blanket Sales:** These high-quality blankets are perfect for showing your Legion pride or as gifts for family and friends. Every purchase directly supports our programs and activities across the state.
- **Pet Care Insurance:** We recognize the importance of protecting our furry family members. That's why we are pleased to offer Pet Care Insurance for your cats and dogs. A portion of every policy sold benefits the American Legion, so you can care for your pets while supporting our mission.

### Growing Our Family: Membership Matters

A strong membership is the backbone of our organization. To reach more veterans and their families, we are launching a new advertising campaign with iHeart Radio. These ads will showcase the benefits of being a part of the American Legion and encourage new members to join our ranks. Let's all do our part to welcome new faces and strengthen our family.

### 2025 Of The Year Awards

It's time once again to recognize the outstanding individuals that make a difference every day. Nominations for the 2025 Of The Year Awards are due at Department Headquarters by September 15th. All necessary forms are

available on our website. Please take the time to submit deserving candidates and help us honor excellence in our ranks.

### Commander's Project: Challenged Champions

This year, my Commander's Project is dedicated to supporting Challenged Champions, an inspiring organization located in Putnam County, Ohio. Challenged Champions provides therapeutic programs and services for veterans and individuals facing physical, developmental, or emotional challenges. Your support for this project will help us make a real difference in the lives of countless Ohioans.

*For God and Country,*  
-Stan Oren  
Department Commander



## 1ST VICE COMMANDER



**Gary Cox Jr.**  
1st Vice Commander

I want to thank everyone who attended Department Convention. It was an outstanding event and that couldn't have happened without all of you. We have plenty of events upcoming and I want to point out that the Membership meeting on August 2nd went well and I want to see Post

1st Vices as we are having upcoming monthly meeting to help in the membership numbers for this year. We also have Membership workshop for all District 1st vices August 8-9 and we will get our numbers from National. I look forward to serving you this upcoming year.

-Gary Cox Jr.  
Department of Ohio  
1st Vice Commander

**BE THE ONE**



## 2ND VICE COMMANDER



**Holly Lewis**  
2nd Vice Commander

### Connection Starts with an Invitation

In the American Legion, we often talk about service, sacrifice, and support. But there's one word that sometimes gets lost in the shuffle and that is connection.

Connection is what brings us together, keeps our Posts strong, and saves lives. And it doesn't require a big budget, a new initiative, or a perfect plan. It starts with a simple act: an invitation.

Every event you host, whether it's a pancake breakfast, a flag retirement ceremony, or a Friday night gathering is more than just an activity. It's a doorway. A chance for a Veteran who's been feeling isolated, unseen, or unsure to step back into community. But they won't walk through that doorway unless someone opens it.

You know who I'm talking about. The member who hasn't shown up in a while. The neighbor who served but never joined. The spouse who always says, "Maybe next time." That next time is now and you could be the reason they finally say yes.

This year, as your Second Vice Commander, my focus is on helping Posts turn everyday activities into intentional tools for connection. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. Just look at what you're already doing and ask, Who else could be here? Who else needs this? Bring a +1 to your next event.

Follow up with a quick call or text. Extend the hand that reminds someone they belong. You never know what difference that single gesture might make. Connection doesn't happen by accident. It happens when we choose to show up for one another and when we create space for those who aren't sure where they fit. Let's make this the year we see and hear each other. Let's lead with connection. One invitation at a time.

-Holly Lewis,  
Second Vice Commander,  
Department of Ohio



## DEPARTMENT TREASURER



**Ken LaVoy**  
Department Treasurer

have placed in me as your Treasurer. As we begin our new fiscal year, I want to confirm that our finances are in good order. The Department's Finance Commission is committed to ensuring that our funds are managed wisely and with transparency. We have made significant strides this past year to ensure that our budget for this coming year is an accurate representation of our planned expenses. Our finance

team continually monitors adherence to the budget so we can continue to support the programs that matter most to our members. As mentioned during the summer convention, we need to continue to explore options to increase revenue as membership alone will not be able to keep the budget balanced in the coming years. We've taken the right steps with fiscal responsibility and our recent partnerships, but more

revenue streams are required to ensure our fiscal health. Your insights, ideas and partnership recommendations could play a key role in shaping the future of the Department of Ohio. Thank you for your continued support and dedication!

Respectfully,  
-Ken LaVoy,  
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Legionnaires, thank you for the trust and confidence you



## DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



**Kevin Motter**  
Department Historian

naires,

Please bear with me as I am getting acclimated to a new assignment. I have started a virtual history for the 106th year of our American Legion Department of Ohio. If your Post or District has held or attended an event that you believe is of historical significance based on the Four Pillars of our organization, please do not hesitate to send me

photos along with a caption for each as to where the photo was taken, when taken, who and or what is in the photo for possible inclusion. It is of prime importance that we tell the story of exactly what we do particularly at the Post level. This is where our members do the best work, within our communities and potential members see these very necessary things being done. Please

send your submissions to:  
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I will share more information as it becomes available, until then I hope to see you as I travel throughout the state with Department Commander Stan Oren.

For God and Country,  
-Kevin Motter,  
Department Historian

Greetings my fellow Legion-



*Ruth Oren placing the Department Commander's Cap on Stan Oren on the final day of the Department Convention in Independence, Ohio*



*Past Commander A.J. Whatley and Stan Oren at the Department Golf Tournament at Twin Base Golf Course, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio*



*The Under Secretary for Veterans Affairs Dr. Paul Lawrence and Department Commander Stan Oren at Kettering Post 598 on July 22nd*



## DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



**Ron Distel**  
Department Chaplain

Everything went so smoothly. Our Sunday Chaplains Service was the best attended that I have been part of. Assistant Chaplain Dr. Robert White supplied "our" religious message. "WE" also had a Memorial service for family members in attendance who had lost a family member or friend this past year. There was a total of seven person's memories shared. Thanks to all who attended. Now for the "BAD" news. I hope that I haven't bored you too

much this past couple of years - - - because I've been asked by Commander Oren to stick around another year as "YOUR" Dept Chaplain. I am looking forward to serving another year for all of you. I hope to have a positive, productive year. PLEASE!!!!!! remember that I need your help- - - -if you know of anyone that needs comfort or attention -- - you need to let me know -- - -without you informing me -- - I will not be able to send a card of well wish-

es----- make a caring phone call - - - - or make a visit at their home or stop by and lift their spirits at a hospital.- - - Please don't hesitate---I will respond. "OUR" families need the attention that they deserve. GOD BLESS you all - - - - Take care and Stay Safe.

Respectfully,  
-Ron Distel,  
Department of Ohio Chaplain

Greetings Comrades;  
Congratulations Past Dept Commander Whatley on a Great year and a wonderful Convention.





## DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN



**Gary Minadeo**  
Department Parliamentarian

### Just a Bit of Order

#### Wait! Can we reconsider that one? - RONR Section 37

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

You have four options; 1) *Take*

*from the Table*, 2) *Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted*, 3) *Discharge the Committee*, and 4) *Reconsider*. Now I could use a newsletter for each of these actions, and may do this in the future, but for now let's understand the general use.

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

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

original motion was debatable, and needs a majority to pass.

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

**Discharge a Committee** is used when a body or board has committed (referred) a question to a committee, wants to take the question back for further consideration, and the committee has not yet reported. This action makes sense when the body learns new information, wants to give it more time on the floor, feels they actually have more expertise than the committee to

make this decision, and alike. It is also useful to pull the question back for further discussion and then to form a special committee for this specific question. Bottom line is that the body sent it to committee and can pull it back to itself. The motion must be seconded, is debatable, and requires a 2/3 rising vote for passage if the body was not previously notified, majority vote otherwise.

### God and Country

#### Recommended References

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

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## AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



**Renee C Kohl**  
Auxiliary President

Hello American Legion Family,

A new year is underway, and I'm honored to serve as your 2025-2026 Department Auxiliary President. Representing Ohio and each one of you is a true privilege, and I thank you for your trust and support.

Let's extend a warm welcome to our newly elected officers:

- 1st Vice President:

*Mindi Rue*

- 2nd Vice President:

*Rebecca Long*

I'd also like to express heartfelt thanks to Lee-Bishop Unit 464, District 14, and our entire Legion Family for your encouragement throughout this journey.

This year's theme is **GNOME: Giving Necessities to Our Military Everywhere**. From supporting veterans in hospitals to aiding active-duty members and their families, our mission ex-

tends far and wide. Let's also remember that our youth are part of this family too—they need to know we're here for them.

My special project this is the **Creative Arts Festival** and I'm looking forward to sharing more information with you via the Buckeye Messenger and Bulk Mailings.

**The Auxiliary School of Instructions** will be held on **Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21, 2025**, at: **Marriott Columbus Northwest 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH**

Let's all make this year one of generosity, unity, and unwavering support for those who serve.

I'm excited to work alongside you!

-Renee Kohl, President  
American Legion Auxiliary,  
Department of Ohio



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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER



**Sherry Yockey**

Membership & P.A. Manager

Greetings, Fantastic news!

We've been awarded the **Retention Award in Category 1** for an impressive retention rate of **91.317%** for the 2025 Membership Year. Special congratulations go out to the **Great Tenth District** for hitting their quota for the 2024-2025 Membership Year! Your dedication is truly commendable. We're currently at 93% for 2025 overall, placing us 23rd nationally. While this is an outstanding achievement, I'm confident we can do even better

in 2026. Let's make a strong start and get the Buckeyes into the Top Ten where we truly belong! Remember the three R's: **Retain, Recruit, and Reinstate.**

Renewal notices for 2026 have already been delivered. Please review them carefully. If you notice any discrepancies with the dues amount or mailing addresses on these notices, contact your Post immediately. Post, please complete the **Post Data Report** and submit any necessary changes promptly.

Our first major milestone for the 2026 Membership Year is approaching fast: **September 10, 2025.** Our goal is to reach **50% of our quota** by this date. To motivate our collective efforts, any Post that successfully hits its quota by September 10th will **split a prize of \$4,000!** This is a fantastic opportunity to secure additional funds for your Post.

Posts: Please ensure you connect with your District. Any questions, concerns, or comments can be discussed with them. They are there for direction and clarity. Please attend your district meetings so that your Post will be in the know. Information is available if you show up.

We had a highly successful series of Department Tournaments this past year, thanks to the incredible hospitality of our host Posts!

A huge thank you to:

- Bowling Tournament: Hosted by Maumee Post 320, providing a fantastic experience with dinner, entertainment, and convenient shuttles between the Post and the hotel. (February)
- Department Pool Tournament: Hosted by Zanesville Post 29. (April)
- Department Corn-Hole Tournament: Hosted by Massillon Post 221. (April)

•Department Euchre Tournament: Hosted by Hamler Post 262. (May)

•Department Golf Tournament: Hosted by Kettering Post 598. (July)

And coming soon, join us for the Trapshoot Tournament, hosted by Johnsville Post 754 at the Cardinal Center in Marengo, OH! September 7, 2025.

**Join the fun! Spread the word and post the flyers!**

Details for next year's tournaments will be listed soon, so keep an eye out! To view tournaments and dates, and prepare for more exciting competitions, visit the Ohio Department Website at [OhioLegion.com](http://OhioLegion.com) and navigate to the "Events" section.

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities/>

Thank you,  
-Sherry Yockey, Membership

## ROBINSON'S RECAP



**John Robinson**

Department Adjutant

**Team Ohio,**

Welcome to the start of a new year!

Membership renewals for 2026 are now open. It's a great time to reflect on how you're supporting your local post and what you can do to add more value to your membership.

Take a moment to visit [Legion.org/benefits](http://Legion.org/benefits) to explore the many discounts and programs available exclusively to members. There's more than you might realize—make sure you're tak-

ing full advantage of what your membership offers.

Look into the activities your post is currently doing—see what interests you and where you might want to get involved. If your post isn't offering something you'd like to see, maybe another post nearby is. Visit them, see how they do it, and bring that energy and those ideas back to your own post.

Take time to walk through your post building. Many posts are rich in the history of your community and have stood strong for 60, 70, or even over 100 years. That legacy is something to be proud of and preserved.

We all know a veteran—reach out and share what brought you to The American Legion. Ask them if they've used the VA or taken advantage of the

GI Bill—then remind them it was *The American Legion* that helped create those benefits. Our strength is in our numbers. Every year, we go before Congress to advocate for the needs of our active duty and veteran communities. The more members we have, the stronger our voice.

Want to learn more about the Legion? Head to [Legion.org/BasicTraining](http://Legion.org/BasicTraining). It's a self-paced course covering the history, mission, and programs of The American Legion.

Also, consider attending Buckeye American Legion College. We offer classes at both the Mid-Winter Conference and the Summer Convention, covering a range of topics to help you grow and better support your post and community.

**P.S.**

Don't forget to make your

**Buddy Checks.** These check-ins are a vital way to stay connected. Veterans understand one another—through these calls, we build trust, offer support, and strengthen our community.

For God and Country,  
-J.D. Robinson,  
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The State officers for the American Legion Riders Program would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak about the ALR. As many may know the American Legion Riders mission is supporting the American Legion through motorcycle riding, promoting safety, providing social opportunities, and participating in events and charities to benefit veterans, their family and our community.

What some may not know is that the Ohio ALR Program is one of the fastest growing programs under a non-profit organization. The Ohio ALR has an active 131 chapters with an average of two new charters each year. I have a goal to have the average of 5 new chapters each year. The over all total of Ohio ALR members is 2000 and continues to grow each year. The ALR members are made up of Legionaries, The Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary all coming together to embrace a stronger family bond as brothers and sisters.

The ALR come together at Mid-Winter and each year in the summer to have an event in the

called The ROMP (Ride on Military Pride) at this event money is raised for a non-profit veterans' origination that the hosting ALR Chapter decides on. For 2025 the ROMP raised \$9200.00 for SAW (Save A Warrior) organization.

The Ohio American Legion Riders take part in riders that raise money for the National Legacy Ride for 2025 at Mid-Winter the challenge with the District Directors to go back to their districts and ask for a pledge of \$500.00 if possible, from each post. This would have the potential to bring in \$65,000.00 for the National Legacy Run. This challenge fell short in truth for the lack of participation from the District Directors to get the word out in their areas.

One of the hurdles and struggles is communication through the chains. The Ohio ALR has 14 districts, and each district is assigned by the District Commanders a District Director, this is where the State ALR is needing the DEC support. Out of 14 District Directors only half every come to Mid-Winter or the State ROMP. These riders in these Districts are missing important information given at the StateALR

meetings and the State ALR is missing important information on the Rider posts in those districts, from officer list, by-laws, to functions and events. Getting each District Director involved in person or on TEAMS is a must to bridge the gap to united the Ohio for success.

*(Have page for District Directors responsibilities from Handbook for District Commanders to see what's needed from this position)*

The Ohio American Legion Riders look forward in our continued program growth and making positive visual awareness to the American Legion and our veterans.

Thank you and God Bless,

Candace Messer

OH ALR State Director



For additional information visit the Department Legion Riders WebPage at:

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



## LEGISLATIVE

David Root's E-newsletter  
CLICK HERE



Jacob Brault

Dept. Legislative Liaison

Some bills working through the statehouse currently:

HB 1 Enact Ohio Property Protection Act

HB 22 Authorize homestead exemption for surviving military

spouses

HB 40 Increase disabled veteran enhanced homestead exemption

HB 61 Modify homestead exemption, owner-occupancy tax credit amount

HB 95 Support members of Ohio Veterans Education Council

HB 204 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day

HCR 7 To support the work of the Am. Leg. Buckeye Boys State and the Am. Leg. Aux. Buckeye Girls State

SB 17 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day

SB 21 Designate Rutherford B. Hayes Day

SB 39 Provide for informational poster on veteran benefits and services

SB 88 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act

SB 92 Authorize total property tax exemption-totally disabled veterans

SB 179 Verify veteran status of imprisoned individuals

SCR 7 Urge Congress reissue DoD Civilian Retiree Identification Cards

SR 21 Urge Congress support military, veteran mental health

treatment

SR 22 Urge federal govt reduce processing time-veteran disability claim

SR 97 Observing April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio

-Jacob Brault,  
Legislative - National Security - VE&E Coordinator

Get involved with The American Legion **GrassRoots Action Center** where you can contact your Congressional Representatives.

»<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

# VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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### "The SitRep"

#### Board of Veterans Appeals update:

2024: \$1,328,321.13, S/Rate 79%  
2023: \$3,415,893.07, S/Rate 77%  
2022: \$7,174,870.47, S/Rate 84%  
2021: \$8,814,618.86, S/Rate 91%  
2020: \$2,386,283.09, S/Rate 84%  
2019: \$2,879,602.90, S/Rate 77%  
2018: \$3,229,365.06, S/Rate 78%  
2017: \$5,647,713.73, S/Rate 85%

Total Winnings for Veterans  
\$34,876,667.47

### Post Service Officer School

The Department hosted Post Service Officer School will be held September 20, 2025, at 0800 – 1600 American Legion Department of Ohio DEC Room, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH. 43015 RVSP to [genochio@ohiolegion.com](mailto:genochio@ohiolegion.com) by September 10th to secure your seat.

### Federal Electronic Health Records

The Federal Electronic Health Records (EHR) System is being rolled out to all VA facilities as soon as 2031. The purpose is to make transition from military to civilian life easier as the vet-

erans records will already to in the new system. This streamlines the process of veterans leaving the military and seeking care at a VA facility. Another key point is allowing Doctor more time to speak with patient's vice looking through records on the computer. It also reduces repeated tests like imaging and diagnostic testing due to results from the military and community care providers already in the system. Allowing Doctor to review test that have already been done.

### Expanded Burial Benefits for Veterans receiving Hospice Care

The VA announced July 10, 2025, a temporary expanded

burial benefit per the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act. The new Law allows eligible veterans that are discharged from VA care facilities and receive VA provided hospice care at home and pass between July 1, 2025, and October 1, 2026. To receive the full burial benefit allowance. Previously veterans may not have been entitled to the full amount.



# NATIONAL SECURITY

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The National Security Commission is responsible for reviewing items pertaining to various security issues that involve such items as cyber security, security of our borders, our armed forces, their equipment and numbers so we don't get into a position where we can't maintain our presence in areas needed to ensure our safety. The Commission is also involved in military benefits and quality of life items that face our armed forces as well as the veterans that have served. These issues are addressed by either creating Resolutions to address the items or approve submitted resolutions by other committees or individuals. These resolutions are presented at the department convention to

be accepted and once accepted, move on to the national convention. If the resolution is passed at the national level, it will then be presented to congress for possible action.

*National Security Commission is responsible for maintaining are:*

### Operation Comfort Warriors

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

### National Emergency Fund

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

### POW/MIA

#### Advocacy-Empty Chair

The American Legion is committed to achieving a full accounting of all POW/MIAs from the Gulf Wars, Vietnam War, Cold War, Korean War and World War II.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency is a website that you can go to in order to get a list of all POW/MIAs in your area, read stories about their current recovery efforts, and updates on bringing our brothers and sisters' home. <https://www.dpaa.mil/>

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States.

### Department Law and Order Awards Program

Well-rounded public service candidates for public recognition. A Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Life Saver of the Year.

The Department National Security Commission encourages every Post and District to recognize a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Lifesaver of the Year for a record of commendable service.

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/national-security/>



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## Buckeye Boys State 87th Session

### *"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 responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to be self-governing citizens. Through a practical, objective, nonpartisan approach, participants in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county, and state elections and government functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American Citizens.

Nearly 800 young men from over 500 different high schools attended Buckeye Boys State. Buckeye Boys State is the single largest program in the nation and was the 3rd chartered boy's state program when it was established in 1936.

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



Buckeye Boys State had many impressive speakers this year including Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Miami University President Gregory Crawford, Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy, Lt. Colonel Chris Ballard- Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, State Treasurer Robert Sprague, Ohio Representative Haraz Ghanbari, Medal of Honor Recipient Kenneth David, American Legion National Vice Commander Roger Mathison, Auxiliary President Louise Smerk, Sons of the American

Legion Detachment Commander Jeff Vrabel Jr and 40/8 Chef Du Gare Todd McIlgrath. We also were visited by Colonel Charles Jones - Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Lt. Colonel Joshua Swindell.



Dejeun Dickerson was elected as the 2025 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Governor. Governor Dickerson was sponsored by Post 221 in Massillon.



Our 2025 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame Inductee was Dr. Gregory Postel, BBS 1979.



Before the close of the 2025 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program, BBS President Steve Masowick gave his final speech as president and wel-

comed Robert Schmitt as the new 2025-2026 American Legion Buckeye Boys State President.



The 2026 American Legion Buckeye Boys State Program will be held June 14th-21st, 2026 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. For More information or if you are interested in joining the Boys State staff, please contact Christie White at 740-513-5199 or [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) for an application.



American Legion Buckeye Boys State also created QR codes to educate students and schools that are unfamiliar with BBS. These codes are for educational and recruitment purposes only and are not delegate applications.







## Buckeye Boys State (cont.)



### Buckeye Boys State "A Week to Shape a Lifetime"

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is proud to share that Clarence Hill, a 1967 Buckeye Boys State delegate, has been appointed the new Director of The American Legion Boys Nation in Arlington, Virginia.

Hill's journey in civic education began right here in Ohio. As a delegate to Buckeye Boys State in 1967, he gained firsthand experience in leadership, public service, and government—a foundation that shaped a lifelong commitment to The American Legion's youth programs.

Since 1997, Hill has been a fixture at Florida Boys State, serving as city and party counselor for more than a decade and chairing

the Boys State scholarship selection committee. His dedication has impacted thousands of students, offering them opportunities to grow in confidence, leadership, and civic understanding.

Now, after more than two decades of service at the state level, Hill steps onto the national stage. Over the next week, he will guide 100 high school students representing 49 states and the District of Columbia through the Boys Nation experience, where they will learn the workings of the federal government, debate legislation, and visit historic and civic landmarks around Washington, D.C.

Reflecting on his appointment, Hill shared: "I was shocked and humbled to be offered this opportunity. It truly is a dream job, and I'm honored to continue helping shape the next generation of leaders."

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Past National Commander Clarence Hill (center) is in his first year as Boys Nation director. (Photo by Jennifer Blohm)



From L-R: Junior Counselor Ronald "Scottie" Spears II (BBS '23), Delegate Duncan Haas (BBS '25), Past National Commander & Boys Nation Director Clarence Hill (BBS '67), Delegate Joseph Beauchesne (BBS '25), and Deputy Legislative Director Joe Bjorkman (BBS '19).



## 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 2024, over 55% of all players on 30 major league team rosters played American Legion Baseball. 2025 marks the 100th year for American Legion Baseball, an enviable anniversary in any field. For these past 100 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 25th at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio and Department Commander Stan

Oren threw out the 1st pitch. The Department Senior Tournament was a 6 team, double elimination tournament. The winners of the four region tournaments automatically qualify for the state tournament. The runner-up from each region tournament advances to the State Tournament and play one of the other Region Runner-Ups in a single elimination game. The two winners of each game complete the six team bracket for the Tournament. The 6 teams that played in the Senior Tournament were...

### Region 1 - Ottawa Post 63



### R/U, Region 1 - Pemberville Post 183



### Region 2 - Sidney Post 217



### R/U, Region 2 - Greenville Post 140



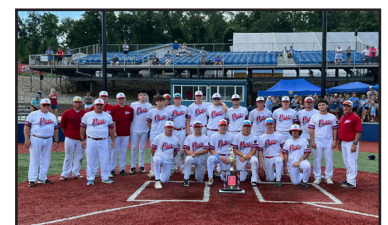
### Region 3 - Yeager Benson Post 199



### Region 4 - Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750



The final game of the tournament was on Monday July 28th with Yeager Benson Post 199 and Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 facing off for the final game, both teams only having one loss prior to the Championship Game.



Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 defeated Yeager Benson Post 199, 6-4.



They move on to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament which is held at Lee Pfund Stadium in Carol Stream, Illinois.

All of these young men on EV-



**Baseball cont'd**

ERY team played their hearts out and left it all on the field.

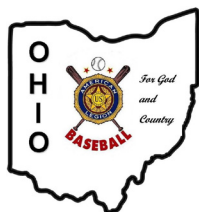


They made their community, their Post's, Department, the State of Ohio, and The American Legion so proud. They make us feel grateful that they wear the patch! Great season! Until next

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



For any questions, contact Christie White, Americanism/Children & Youth Coordinator at [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)

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The American Legion's commitment to veterans is also a commitment to their children, in every difficulty or hardship.

### Special Olympics

Special Olympics is celebrating their 50th Anniversary!

The American Legion Department of Ohio has been an active supporter of Special Olympics for over 35 years, and we are the premier sponsor for Special Olympics Ohio!

The Department of Ohio provides support by providing donations to the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, Polar Plunge, and many other events.

We are encouraging all legionnaires to volunteer and donate to your local Special Olympics chapters. To find local regions and events, please visit [sooh.org](http://sooh.org) or contact Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator, Christie White at 740-362-7478 or [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)

### Upcoming Events

- 2025 LETR Cleveland Plane Pull: August 16th at the IX Center/Cleveland Hopkins Airport – This event is open to anyone and everyone, with three pull divisions: Corporate, Open, and Public Safety. The fundraising site is [CLEPlanePull.org](http://CLEPlanePull.org)

- Inaugural LETR Truck Convoy: September 13th in Hebron, Oh at Lakewood High School – This event has two registration types: \$150/truck for semis, truck/trailer combos, dump trucks, flat beds, buses, tow trucks, large box trucks, etc., or \$100 for cruisers, fire trucks, or other public safety vehicles. Registration includes an event shirt, window flag, breakfast, and lunch. All event information can be found out: [OhioTruckConvoy.org](http://OhioTruckConvoy.org)

### 4th Grade Flag Education Program

The Department of Ohio is pleased to present the 4th Grade Flag Education Program. This is a brand new program to Ohio.

The 4th Grade Flag Education consists of the "Our Country's Flag" comic book from National Headquarters and a test with 20 questions – both multiple-choice and true/false – and a short es-

say, which is used as a tiebreaker.

The Flag Education Test is given in participating elementary schools during the month of November to coincide with Veterans Day.

The test is open to 4th Grade elementary students in all public, private, and home schools.

Each student participating in the Flag Education Test Program takes the same test. The answers on the test are scored against a standardized answer sheet.

Students are given one hour to complete the test at school. No part of it is to be taken home. Also, students MAY NOT use their comic book, notes, or other materials to assist while taking the test.

Tests and comic books may be ordered by contacting your local American Legion Post. The sponsoring Post will provide the test to the applicable school officials. If desired, the Post may also participate in administering and grading the test.

There will be a male and female District winner. Each winner will be invited to attend the District Conference to be awarded.

### Family Support Network

Through the American Legion's

Family Support Network (FSN), Legionnaires assist families of deployed military personnel in various ways: childcare, yard work, car repairs, grocery shopping and routine household jobs.

The National American Legion established a toll-free telephone number for families to call for assistance, and local posts responded to their needs.

Requests are referred to the department, which in turn refers calls to local American Legion posts. The posts contact the families and, if able, provide assistance.

### Child Welfare Foundation

Every year, The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (CWF) awards hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to help nonprofit youth service organizations to improve the lives of children and youth.

CWF has granted more than \$14 million, to hundreds of deserving organizations.

These include the Children's Organ Transplant Association, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the National Children's Cancer Society, the National Autism Association, the MY HERO Project, and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and

**Children and Youth cont'd**  
many more.



**Temporary Financial Assistance**

Established in 1925, the purpose of Temporary Financial Assistance is to help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food,

utilities and health expenses.

Through the American Veteran & Children Foundation, Veterans with minor children can apply for a one-time grant upwards of \$1500. This grant is designed

to prevent children of veterans from experiencing homelessness and/or lack of utilities such as heat, water, and electric. Applicants must first exhaust all local and State resources.

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## AMERICAN LEGION › DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS

**2025 Scholarship Recipients**

**High School Awards:**



*Kiernan Pfenning* of Waynesville, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. Kiernan will be attending Miami University.



*Alexander Diaz* of Hilliard, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and participates in Boys Scouts. Alexander will be attending The Ohio State University.



*Reagan Henry* of Wilmington, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Reagan will be attending Ashland University.



*Ian Rotruck* of Grove City, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and participates in Boy Scouts. Ian will be attending The Ohio State University.

**2025 Scholarship Recipients**

**High School Awards:**

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**High School Awards:**



*Mara McDougal* of Washington, Ohio is the granddaughter and is a former Americanism and Government participant. Mara will be attending Wheeling University.



*Lauren Esterline* of Crestline, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Lauren will be attending N. Central State College.



*Addison McCormick* of Englewood, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Addison will be attending the University of Dayton.



*Carter Wooddell* of Sidney, Ohio is the great grandson of a Legionnaire and is former Americanism and Government participant as well as a member of the Sons of the American Legion. Carter will be attending Anderson University.





## Children and Youth | Scholarships cont'd

### 2025 Scholarship Recipients

#### High School Award:



*Mary Cunningham* of Holland, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Mary will be attending Bowling Green State University.

### 2025 Scholarship Recipients

#### College/University Award:



*Jillian George* of Lorain, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Jillian is currently enrolled at Bowling Green State University.

### 2025 Scholarship Recipient

#### Donald L Lanthorn Award:



*Nash Williams* of Dublin, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is involved in Boys Scouts, having earned his Eagle Scout. Nash will be attending The Ohio State University.

### 2025 Scholarship Recipients

#### College/University Award:



*Nathaniel Byler* of Millersburg, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. Nathaniel is currently enrolled at the University of Akron.

### 2025 Scholarship Recipient

#### Legion Member Award:



*Xena Humphrey* of Galion, Ohio is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran and member of Post 243. Xena is currently enrolled at Tiffin University.

### 2025 Scholarship Recipient

#### Durward I Bernhard Award:



*Ava Hanson* of Bridgeport, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Ava will be attending The Ohio State University.



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# AMERICAN LEGION · DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

## 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS



Department 1st Vice Commander's Award  
**Post 656**



Department 2nd Vice Commander's Award  
**District 6 (small cat.)**



Department 2nd Vice Commander's Award  
**District 1 (medium cat.)**



Department 2nd Vice Commander's Award  
**District 10 (large cat.)**



Grand Award  
**Post 83**



Hugh K. Martin Award  
**Post 809**



Big One Pin Award  
**District 12 (small cat.)**



Big One Pin Award  
**District 1 (medium cat.)**



Big One Pin Award  
**District 10 (large cat.)**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 3**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 587**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 210**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 450**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 717**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 23**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 7**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 214**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 459**



Anytime Post Award  
**Post 436**



Gold Brigade Award  
**Joyce A Hannum**



Post Quota Award  
**D1 - V.C. Dean Boyers**



Post Quota Award  
**D2 - V.C. Tim Shaw**



Post Quota Award  
**D3 - V.C. Brain Fowle**



Post Quota Award  
**D4 - C. Champ Brown**



Post Quota Award  
**D5 - V.C. Melissa Rodgers**



Post Quota Award  
**D6 - V.C. William Little**



Post Quota Award  
**D7 - C. Johnny Conley**



Post Quota Award  
**D8 - V.C. Scott Conn**



Post Quota Award  
**D9 - V.C. Sam Swoger**



Post Quota Award  
**D10 - V.C. Tom Barnett**

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Post Quota Award  
**D11 - V.C. David Taylor**



Post Quota Award  
**D12 - V.C. Suzette Heller**



Post Quota Award  
**D13 - V.C. James Lockyer**



Post Quota Award  
**D14 - V.C. John Life**

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## Department Convention Awards cont'd



Gifts for Yanks  
Largest Contribution by Post Award  
**Post 397**



Gifts for Yanks  
Largest Contribution District Award  
**District 5**



Gifts for Yanks  
Largest % of Goal Post Award  
**Post 397**



Gifts for Yanks  
Largest % of Goal District Award  
**District 5**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest % of Goal Post Award  
**Post 228 (small cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest Contribution by Post Award  
**Post 236 (small cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest % of Goal Post Award  
**Post 397 (medium cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest Contribution by Post Award  
**Post 397 (medium cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest % of Goal Post Award  
**Post 587 (large cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Highest Contribution by Post Award  
**Post 598 (large cat.)**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D1 - Post 587**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D2 - Post 217**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D2 - Post 323**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D3 - Post 184**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D3 - Post 598**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D3 - Post 707**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 8**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 83**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 118**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 181**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 211**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 225**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D5 - Post 397**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D7 - Post 62**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D8 - Post 677**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D9 - Post 236**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D11 - Post 228**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D13 - Post 91**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D13 - Post 196**



Gifts for Yanks  
Crystal Eagle Donation Award  
**D13 - Post 610**



Mickeal J. Golato Memorial  
(Americanism) Award  
**Post 181**



Alice Friedman Memorial Post  
Award  
**Post 118**



Alice Friedman Memorial  
Community Service Award  
**Post 200**



James Cunningham (Legislative)  
Award  
**Post 389**



Law and Order Award  
**Post 199**



Edward McBane Award  
**Post 2**



## Department Convention Awards cont'd



Department Chaplain of the Year Award  
**John Murphy**



Children and Youth Donation  
Award (Category I)  
**Post 417**



Children and Youth Donation  
Award (Category II)  
**Post 196**



Children and Youth Donation  
Award (Category III)  
**Post 12**



Children and Youth Donation  
Award (Category V)  
**Post 196**



**Darell Bishop announces the Gifts For Yanks Awards during Saturday's Convention session along with table of officers Cox Jr. & Oren and (GFY Chair) Holly Lewis**



**General Session attendees look on patiently as Membership Awards were given out during Saturday's assembly.**



**A remarkable distinguished guest speech from the Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Major General John Harris Jr. was enjoyed by all.**



**The AG's office sent some knowledgeable instructors out to support the Charities Inc. gaming seminar, attendance was at an all time high!**



**Saturday's Buckeye American Legion College classes arms our members with vital organizational tools and know-how!**

## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CHARITIES, INC. DONATES TO VETERANS' CAUSES

The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Committee met prior to the start of 2025 Department Convention in Independence. The following are the latest recipients of grants totaling nearly \$500,000...

### RECIPIENTS

Alpha 11 Veterans Logistics, Inc	Lutheran Social Services
American Legion Department of Ohio	Mercer Co. Fair (Jessical Lynch POW)
Buckeye Girls State	Mom's Food Pantry
Camp Lazarus	Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
Chillicothe VA	Ohio Veterans Memorial Park
Clermont Housing Corporation	Putnam County YMCA
Coldwater Boy Scouts (Supplies for Training)	Richland Co. 2025 Honor Bus Trip
Eagle Scout Project (Memorial for Col Gordon Roberts)	Toledo/Lucas Co. Memorial Day Association
Federal City Associates	Vet Ohio Expo
Irreverant Warriors	Veterans First Initiative

### Post Home Improvement Grant Update:

We're pleased to share that 12 Posts applied for and received grants to support repairs and improvements to their Post homes. These enhancements help ensure our facilities remain safe, welcoming, and functional for our members and communities.

**Please note: The grant program is now suspended, and we are no longer accepting new applications at this time.**

We appreciate everyone who participated and look forward to future opportunities to support our Posts.

Charities, Inc. considers requests for funds twice a year, Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs and is either a charity, civic organization or community service. Submit by mail or email to: [espenshade@ohiolegion.com](mailto:espenshade@ohiolegion.com) or American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. PO Box 8007, Delaware, OH 43015



## Department Convention cont'd



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Ted Cwiok**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Robyn Ladson**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Jerry Martinez**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Jose Natal Jr.**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Jack Pederson**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Burnell C Rau**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Thomas M Romito**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Mindi Rue**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**John Stabler**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**Sylvia Thweatt**



Buckeye American Legion  
College Graduate  
**John Watson**



## 2025 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION CHARITIES, INC. SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

### Congratulations to Our Winners!

We are pleased to announce the winners of the Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. sweepstakes drawing held in Independence, Ohio.

The drawing took place after the American Legion Convention.

A total of \$13,500 was paid out which included an additional \$250 to each in attendance.

Arthur Allio.....Warren, OH  
Robert Baker.....Barberton, OH  
Richard Barnes.....Berlin Center, OH  
Mickey Blanton.....Middletown, OH  
Philip Borger.....Franklin, OH  
Stanley Byczkiewicz.....Madison, OH  
Clyde Card.....Westerville, OH  
Carla Cavanagh.....Sagamore Hills, OH  
Oliver Christian.....Talcott, WV  
Richard Davis.....Bay Village, OH  
Steve Ferry.....Wapakoneta, OH  
Charles Fredricks.....Amelia, OH  
Paul Gardocki.....Pickerington, OH  
Larry Hamsher.....Dalton, OH  
Joyce Hannum.....Chagrin Falls, OH  
Donald Hull.....Duncan Falls, OH

I J Larter.....Wheelersburg, OH  
Robert Kaulig.....Bonita Springs, FL  
Donald King, Sr.....Canton, OH  
Jay Korte.....Celina, OH  
Lewis Kramer.....Marion, OH  
Jerald Lange.....Cleves, OH  
Thomas Long.....McArthur, OH  
James Love.....Worthington, OH  
John McCloud.....Bellaire, OH  
Charles McFarland.....Butler, OH  
Rex Mellott.....Tiffin, OH  
Richard Meredith.....Lima, OH  
Kenneth Meyers.....Broadview Hts, OH  
Gary Miller.....Lancaster, OH  
James Mohr.....Harrison, OH  
Jose Natal.....Cleveland, OH

Paul Novak.....Olmsted Twp, OH  
Anrew Osagie-Erese.....Eastlake, OH  
Michael Otcasek.....Cleveland, OH  
Alfred Parker.....Cleveland, OH  
Jason Patterson.....Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
Terence Phillips.....Massillon, OH  
John Schaefer.....Sylvania, OH  
Richard Schindler.....Bryan, OH  
Daniel Schutt.....Antwerp, OH  
Tom Shaw.....Mount Vernon, OH  
Chris Shaw.....Venice, FL  
David Taylor.....Beallsville, OH  
Richard Vogelsong.....Heath, OH  
Robert White.....Montpelier, OH  
Kyle Wolter.....Akron, OH



former Auxiliary President Louise Smerk takes center stage giving greetings and reflecting on this past years activities and achievements.



newly elected Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander, Jeff Vrabel Jr. and officer entourage are introduced, looking forward to this coming year.



Past Department Commander Bob Schmitt swears in the Department and District officers for the upcoming membership year. Thanks for your service.



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 166 – Youth Award

On May 8th, 2025, D10 Chaplain, Frank Barnes of Charles C Weybrecht Post 166 out of Alliance presents their 'Outstanding High School Female Senior' Award to Jenne Heslop.



## Post 470 – Investing in Our Youth



**Patriotism American Legion Post 470 and Sons of American Legion Squadron 470 out of Coldwater, recently awarded 12 scholarships totaling \$9,000 to 2025 local high school seniors. Presenting the scholarships are Adjutant, Martha Brannon and First Vice Commander, Patti Depweg. (pictured above)**

**Also, Patriotism American Legion Post 470 recently donated \$2500 to Coldwater, Ohio Police department for the "Save a Life Tour". This program trains young drivers about improper driver behavior, safety restraints, impaired driving, and distracted driving. Pictured here is Mike Braun, Post Commander; Pete Dembowski, Post Chaplin; and Kevin Wynk, Coldwater Police Chief.**



## Post 27 – W.A.A. Commitment

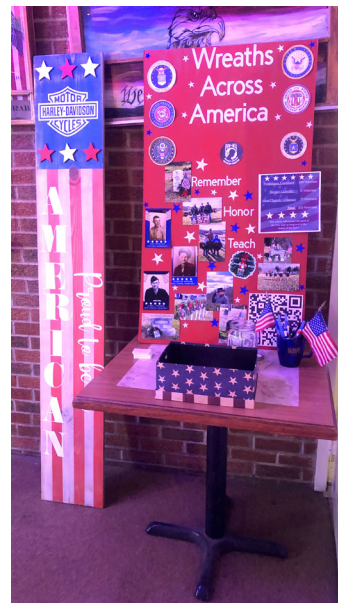
Gallipolis, Ohio — May 28, 2025— National nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) announced today that Providence, Victory and Mina Cemeteries in Gallipolis, Ohio has once again joined in the yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, as an official location for 2025. This is the fourth year that these cemeteries will participate in this national program. They honor 223 Veterans each December at three locations ~ Providence, Victory and Mina Cemeteries.



THE CEMETERY WILL JOIN THE MORE THAN 4,900 PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO REMEMBER, HONOR AND TEACH ON SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 2025

Wreaths Across America started as a simple gesture of thanks that has grown into a national, yearlong movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the value of freedom. This year, there will be more than 4,900 participating locations placing veterans' wreaths on National Wreaths Across America Day – Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 – with more than three million volunteers coming together.

Fundraising efforts have been kicked off at American Legion Lafayette Inc. Post 27 out of Gallipolis, along with the Legion Riders #27 post at their latest Poker Run. The American Legion Riders participate in events in support of the Legion/ceremonies and parades and other military events. A 6-foot-tall custom painted sign was raffled off and is pictured with our winner, Acee Rowley. More signs will be available throughout the season.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 771 – Observes Memorial Day

Heath American Legion Post 771 was honored to perform three Memorial Day services in the Newark and Heath areas this weekend. It began by posting flags by each veteran's grave marker at St. Joseph's and Mt. Calvary Cemeteries on Saturday May 24th. On Sunday, May 25th, around 11:30, immediately following the Heath United Methodist Church's service, the Post performed the first ceremony. On Memorial Day, Monday May 26th, Post 771 performed two more services. The first service was performed directly after Catholic Mass at Saint Josephs Cemetery at 09:30, followed by the Post's final service at 11:00 at Mount Cavalry Cemetery. Both services were well attended, which reflects a deep reverence and appreciation in our local communities.



*"I have no illusions about what little I can add now to the silent testimony of those who gave their lives willingly for their country. Words are even more feeble on this Memorial Day, for the site before us is that of a strong and good nation that stands in silence and remembers those who were loved and who in return loved their countrymen enough to die for them. Yet, we must try to honor them, not for their sakes alone, but for our own. And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions, we must strive to keep faith with them and with a vision that led them to battle and a final sacrifice. The willingness of some to give their lives so that others might live never fails to evoke in us a sense of wonder and mystery. I have known that same poignant feeling as I looked out across the rows of white crosses and Stars of David in Europe, in the Philippines, in the military cemeteries here in our own land. Each one marks the resting place of an American hero. They span several generations of young Americans, all different and yet all alike, like the markers above their resting places. All alike in a truly meaningful way. As we honor their memory today, let us pledge that their lives, their sacrifices, their valor, shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this nation."*

*~President Ronald Regan 1982*



## Post 211 – Patriotic Packages

What a great way to start a weekend in early June! American Legion Riders of Post 211 out of Avon Lake, OH sent boxes to let our Heroes in harms way know that we love them and appreciate their keeping our homeland safe. The boxes arrived and were opened this week. Pictured here are some of the soldiers enjoying the goodies.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 221 – Makes a ‘Corny’ Donation

Legion member Kirkpatrick and Past Commander Stottsberry of Massillon Post 221 visited the new Stark County Sheriff during mid-July and presented a set of new corn hole boards made by the Washington high school wood class! The sheriff mentioned of his deputies having more training on helping veterans they encounter and was ready to work with the Legion on future events.



## Post 539 – Snaps 30-year Drought

North Baltimore Post 539 U16 baseball team won the All American Tournament, Diamond Dream held June 14-15, 2025, in Kenton, Ohio. This is the first American Legion team Post 539 has had in over 30 years!



## Post 171 – Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

Westerville Young-Budd Post 171 and partner Ellis E. Woodrow Memorial VFW Post 7883 conducted the Fourth annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing fundraiser on Monday June 2nd, 2025. A four-person best ball scramble began with a shotgun start at 0900 with twenty-seven foursomes on a beautiful sunny day at the Wyandot Golf Course near Centerburg, Ohio. The winning team played really well and was 20 under par. Second place was 11 under par. The rest of the field had a good time. An excellent lunch was catered by Kim Mann and Kreations Katering. This year, Post 171 raised nearly \$15,000 from golf fees, hole sponsorships, corporate donations, a gun raffle, silent auctions for play at various central Ohio golf courses, mulligans and a 50-50 raffle and will be equally divided by the two posts to support various veteran benefit charities. Over four years, our golf fund-raiser has generated over \$32,000 for numerous veterans benefit programs.

-submission by: Tom Poulton, Westerville Post 171

## Post 566 - Grand Marshal Selected

Commander John Kamm from Garfield Memorial Post 566 out of Akron, Ohio was chosen as the National Soapbox Derby SuperKids Grand Marshal for this year's event. He was driven down Derby Downs Track by Post Trustee Dave Hawkins.

-Article submitted by, Bob Carson



-Photo submitted by, Elizabeth Hawkins



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 450 – Honors the Fallen

Shown here is a photo of the newly formed Victor Stier Post 450 Rifle Squad awaiting orders to "Honor the Dead" at Greenlawn Cemetery in Milford, Ohio on Memorial Day, May 26, 2025. They also fired three Volleys at St. Andrew Cemetery in Milford shortly after the Ceremony at Greenlawn. -submission by: John S. Shondel



## Post 610 – Unveils Adoption of New Commanders Certificate

On August 12th, 2025, Brook Park Commander Elder presented Tom Diamond of Post 610 with a Commander's Certificate for his continuous service in Post 610. Tom Diamond has held all of the officer positions and is currently finance officer and chairman of our Charity Committee. He is responsible for donating half of our income to charities in Ohio this year, which we are working on currently. Pictured here is Commander Elder presenting a certificate to Tom Diamond and also Commander Elder presenting Mary Jo Grabe with the new Commander's Certificate as well.

The resolution that was written (shown below) as a BALC practical was the inspiration for Post 610's streamlined process for honoring those with outstanding service to Brook Park's Post.

### Resolution No. 1: Adoption of a Commander's Certificate.

#### Submitted by: Tom Romito, Post 610 Legionnaire

WHEREAS, It is standard practice in military organizations for the commander to recognize outstanding service of unit members; and

WHEREAS, Award of a Commander's Certificate to members for outstanding service to Post 610 will raise and maintain pride in the recipient and inspire other members to strive to earn one themselves; and

WHEREAS, No cost will incur to anyone for the production or presentation of a Commander's Certificate; and

WHEREAS, All members of the American Legion, Riders, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary in Post 610 are members in good standing and eligible to receive a Commander's Certificate; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the Executive Board of American Legion Brook Park Post 610 in regular meetings assembled in Brook Park, Ohio on June 10, 2025, that the Post Commander may issue a Commander's Certificate to any member of Post 610 upon nomination by any other member for outstanding service to the post, subject to approval by the Executive Board.**

(The Post 610 E-Board passed the resolution on June 10)

-article submission by: Tom Romito, Post 610





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 598 - National Commander Visit

On July 2nd, 2025, James LaCoursier, American Legion National Commander, visited Kettering Post 598 and was welcomed with a delicious meatloaf dinner and an appreciative crowd. Pictured here is Commander LaCoursier posing with the Post Officers, the Post Legion Riders, and the Combined Honor Guard.



## Post 211 – Awards Scholarships

Avon Lake American Legion Post 211 has awarded \$40,000 in annual scholarships to ten high school seniors and first year college students whose parents/grandparents are members of the Post. Recipients were decided not be named but they live in Avon Lake, Avon and Fairview Park and will attend colleges in Ohio, New York and Virginia.

This continues with Post 211's long term commitment of continuing to support the local community.

## Post 210 – Hometown Heroes Host Youth Event

During early August 2025, Celina Post 210 hosted troops in town and added a fun and educational tactical exercise (beach landing) event for kids to participate in. Here's to our future soldiers!



## Post 288 - Supports 'National Night Out' Safety Program

Members of Williamsburg Inc American Legion Post 288, participated in National Night Out on Aug 5th, 2025. Along with the Williamsburg Police Dept, the Williamsburg Fire/EMS and several of the community businesses were on hand to make the program a huge success. The SAL and the Legion gave away six bikes to local kids during the National Night Out program.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION



Bluffton American Legion Post 382 Memorial Day Honor Guard

## Post 382 – Summer 2025 Highlights

Bluffton American Legion Post 382 had a busy summer with events such as; Memorial Day observance, Post Golf Outing, 180th Fighter Wing National Guard Unit from Toledo, Ohio site visit, and local community Donations. Well done!



Bluffton Legion Post 382 Visited the 180 Fighter Wing Ohio National Guard Unit near Toledo, Ohio



Master Sgt Smith describes the Pilots Helmets. The one on the far left costs a 1/4 of a million dollars!



F-16's two of these took off while there!



Bluffton American Legion Post 382 Fred Arnold Charitable Golf Outing

Past Department of Ohio American Legion Commander Jason Rue was also in attendance

Members L-R Fred Rodabaugh, Ed Amstutz, Sam Reineke, Bob Amstutz, Pat Arnold, Tom Benroth, Larry Core, Commander Kurt Emans, Mike Zimmerman, & Dennis Morrison



frt. L-R Dennis Morrison, Commander Kurt Emans, Tom Benroth, Norm Reichenbach, Mike Zimmerman, Fred Rodabaugh, Larry Core, Ed Amstutz, Driver: Sam Reineke, GPS: Larry Kinn



Sgt York was the Tour guide for the day



Bluffton Post 382 Sgt of Arms Ed Amstutz with his grandchildren

\$9,000 Dollars in checks were distributed to 14 various Local Organizations, they are as follows: Bluffton Boy Scout Troop 256, American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior, Bluffton Food Pantry, Veterans Food Pantry of NW Ohio, Bluffton Diamond Sports, Children's Developmental Center, Bluffton Scrap Artists, Flag City Honor Flight, Bluffton Family YMCA, Bittersweet at Betty's Farm, Equestrian Center, Department of Ohio Gifts for Yanks



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Department Golf Outing Hosted by Kettering American Legion Post 598

The Department of Ohio Golf Outing, hosted by Kettering American Legion Post 598, was held on July 19 & 20, 2025, at Twin Base Golf Course. A total of 17 teams from around the state participated. There were two 1st place teams, both from Post 541. The teams were made up of Chris Hoeffel, Mark Brecht, Joe Kirk, Mark Young and Jason Rue, Mindi Rue, Katie Unverferth-Smith, and Shawn Smith. The payout structure was 1st place, last place & middle place. Congratulations to all the winners, skins winners and proximity winners. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the rain held off until finished on Sunday-barely! Thanks to everyone who participated and to all the Department, District and Post officers and all the volunteers who made the outing a success!

**1st place: \$200 score: 126**

**Post 541: Chris Hoeffel, Mark Brecht, Joe Kirk, Mark Young**

**Post 541: Jason Rue, Mindi Rue, Katie Unverferth-Smith, Shawn Smith**

**8th place: \$100 score: 135**

**Post 598: Joe Law, Betsy Law, Randy Huffman, Rick St. Pierre**

**Last place: \$100 score: 142**

**Post 776: Ron McKenstry, Frank Harris, Will Gray, Jimmie Killper**

**Skins winners:**

**Saturday: \$220 3 winning teams**

**Sunday: \$220 2 winning teams**

**Proximity winners:**

**Saturday:**

**Men's closest to the pin: Chris Hoeffel (541)**

**Men's longest drive: Robert Grutzmacher (69)**

**Women's closest to the pin: Katie Unverferth (541)**

**Women's longest drive: Katie Unverferth (541)**

**Sunday:**

**Men's closest to the pin: Jeff Hill (598)**

**Men's longest drive: Dave Battle (776)**

**Women's closest to the pin: Katie Unverferth (541)**

**Women's longest drive: Katie Unverferth (541)**

**Guests:**

**Past Dept. Commander: Jason Rue**

**Dept. Commander: Stan Oren**

**Dept. Treasurer: Ken LaVoy**

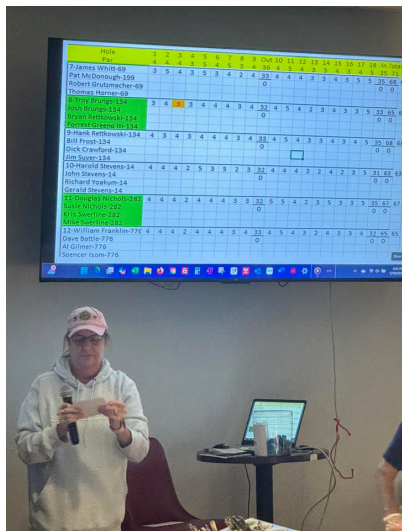
**District Commander: Brian Fowle**

**District 2nd Vice Commander: Robyn Ladson**

**Aux. Dept. 1st Vice President: Mindi Rue**



**Final instructions**



**Betsy Law reading the first day results.**



**Third District's 2nd Vice Commander Robyn Ladson**



**Frank and Jimmy eyeing the next shot!**







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# TAPS

POST 0001 - WARREN THOMPSON - COLUMBUS	POST 0025 - WILLIAM BENSON - WSHNGTN CT HS
POST 0003 - JAMES FLETCHER - FINDLAY	POST 0025 - KENNETH RUTH - GREENFIELD
POST 0003 - JOSEPH SEAR - FINDLAY	POST 0025 - LARRY DAVISON - BEDFORD
POST 0003 - GEORGE SEPELAK - FINDLAY	POST 0025 - OTIS NOBLE - WSHNGTN CT HS
POST 0003 - ROBERT ZELLERS - FINDLAY	POST 0027 - JOHN JACKSON - GALLIPOLIS
POST 0007 - RAYMOND MCGUINNESS - PAINESVILLE	POST 0029 - THOMAS FORKER - ZANESVILLE
POST 0008 - ROBERT RUNDLE - OBERLIN	POST 0029 - PATRICK RUSH - ZANESVILLE
POST 0009 - DAVID COON - PLEASANTVILLE	POST 0029 - JAMES WARFIELD - ZANESVILLE
POST 0009 - JAMES ENGLE - PLEASANTVILLE	POST 0029 - GEORGE SHAW - ZANESVILLE
POST 0012 - JOHN GRASKA - ELYRIA	POST 0029 - KENNETH WINLAND - ZANESVILLE
POST 0012 - RICHARD HERMAN - ELYRIA	POST 0029 - DONALD HARTLEY - BLUE ROCK
POST 0012 - THOMAS KOVACH - ELYRIA	POST 0030 - MICHAEL DECARLO - VERMILION
POST 0012 - ALBERT FATH - ELYRIA	POST 0030 - MANUEL ABRIGO - LORAIN
POST 0012 - DAVID GEORGE - ELYRIA	POST 0033 - JAMES MORRISSEY - STEUBENVILLE
POST 0014 - KENNETH BOND - GREENFIELD	POST 0039 - JAMES STEWART - LANGSVILLE
POST 0014 - JOSEPH KARNES - ARCADIA	POST 0040 - RICHARD PACKER - RADNOR
POST 0014 - SAMUEL MILLER - GREENFIELD	POST 0040 - JOHN BELL - RICHWOOD
POST 0014 - THOMAS NEWLAND - HILLSBORO	POST 0043 - ROBERT RAHLF - TROY
POST 0014 - DAVID NICHOLS - PEEBLES	POST 0044 - CALVIN SIMPSON - CANTON
POST 0014 - ROY RUMFIELD - HOUSTON	POST 0044 - DAVID AKERS - CANTON
POST 0014 - WILLIAM SCHNEIDER - CLINTON	POST 0044 - MELVIN LLOYD - NORTH CANTON
POST 0014 - PAUL FERNEAU - CYNTHIANA	POST 0044 - STEVEN WILLIAMS - CANTON
POST 0015 - JACK FITHIAN - CANTON	POST 0044 - JACK BARNES - CANTON
POST 0015 - THOMAS JACOBS - YOUNGSTOWN	POST 0044 - BARBARA LEY - CANTON
POST 0016 - LARRY SHAFFER - MANSFIELD	POST 0044 - WALTER MCGREW - CANTON
POST 0016 - JAMES HENSON - MANSFIELD	POST 0044 - MARK SCHILLINGER - CANTON
POST 0017 - FRANK BRACKEN - GIBSONBURG	POST 0044 - PETE RESANOVICH - BOLIVAR
POST 0018 - BENNY DUDEK - HOLLAND	POST 0049 - MAX HEWITT - WILMINGTON
POST 0018 - JOSEPH LENKAY - HOLLAND	POST 0051 - EMANUAL MAGEROS - HUBBARD
POST 0021 - MARLIN KRIEMBIHL - ATHENS	POST 0058 - NOEL DUPLER - JUNCTION CITY
POST 0021 - LINDA SURBER - MILLFIELD	POST 0062 - MICHAEL ENGELMAN - CHILLICOTHE
POST 0021 - ROBERT MULLIGAN - ALBANY	POST 0062 - JACK LEE - CHILLICOTHE
POST 0023 - RICHARD POWELL - WHEELERSBURG	POST 0062 - RANDY WOEHLE - CHILLICOTHE
POST 0023 - WILLARD CLAY - LUCASVILLE	POST 0062 - JERRY PRESTON - CHILLICOTHE
POST 0023 - HOWARD SPARKS - ASHLAND	POST 0062 - DANIEL ALTHOUSE - CHILLICOTHE
POST 0023 - PAUL PARKER - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0064 - BARB HANDSCHUMACHER - MARIETTA
POST 0023 - NORMAN WELTY - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0064 - LAWRENCE MILLER - MARIETTA
POST 0023 - LARRY COMBS - IRONTON	POST 0064 - FLOYD MORROW - MARIETTA
POST 0023 - MITCHELL WESTERVELT - W PORTSMOUTH	POST 0064 - MARION MORROW - MARIETTA
POST 0023 - ROY DIXON - IRONTON	POST 0064 - LLOYD COWELL - VINCENT
POST 0023 - ROBERT NICHOLS - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0064 - ROBERT HANNAHS - MARIETTA
POST 0023 - BARNEY PHILLIPS - OTWAY	POST 0065 - STEVEN WYMER - ZANESVILLE
POST 0023 - CHESTER SETTY - SCIOTOVILLE	POST 0065 - JEFFERY SHAW - WILLIAMSBURG
POST 0023 - MICHAEL SPRADLIN - LUCASVILLE	POST 0065 - JAMES AYERS - COSHOCTON
POST 0023 - SAMUEL VENTURINO - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0068 - WILLIAM BRAUCHER - WOOSTER
POST 0023 - JERRY WADKINS - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0072 - WILLIAM RODGERS - BATAVIA
POST 0023 - LARRY WRIGHT - WHEELERSBURG	POST 0072 - STANLEY PENSACK - CINCINNATI
POST 0023 - WILLIAM QUESTEL - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0072 - EDMOND MEYER - MILFORD
POST 0023 - CHARLES SEYMORE - PORTSMOUTH	POST 0072 - ROBERT FRANCA - MILFORD
POST 0023 - JACK GEE - WHEELERSBURG	POST 0072 - RICHARD ROAT - CINCINNATI
POST 0023 - WALTER FLOREK - WHEELERSBURG	POST 0073 - FRANCIS TOBIN - FOSTORIA
POST 0024 - MIKE SOUTHARD - MCCONNELLSVILLE	POST 0076 - DONALD LANNING - CHAPEL HILL
POST 0024 - DAN FAVREAU - WILLIAMSTOWN	POST 0077 - GARY FIELDS - NEFFS



POST 0078 - CARL ARNETT - LOGAN  
POST 0078 - RONALD JOHNSON - S BLOOMINGVIL  
POST 0079 - RAY PACK - MARYSVILLE  
POST 0083 - LA'MOINE DILLON - WAKEMAN  
POST 0083 - RICHARD AFFOLTER - NORWALK  
POST 0083 - JERRY BERGER - HURON  
POST 0083 - MELVIN BERRY - SANDUSKY  
POST 0083 - WILLIAM BORDEN - HURON  
POST 0083 - DANIEL BRINDLEY - CASTALIA  
POST 0083 - VICTOR MAJESTIC - HURON  
POST 0083 - DOMINIC MAJOY - HURON  
POST 0083 - CARL WALSKI - HURON  
POST 0083 - FRANK BAHNSEN - SANDUSKY  
POST 0083 - DANIEL CANTU - SANDUSKY  
POST 0083 - CHARLES DAVID - SANDUSKY  
POST 0083 - LESTER HAWK - CLYDE  
POST 0083 - RAYMOND LYKINS - HURON  
POST 0083 - WILLIAM JANOWICH - HURON  
POST 0083 - WARD DELAMATRE - HURON  
POST 0083 - JAY BICKLEY - SANDUSKY  
POST 0083 - JOSEPH CATRI - HURON  
POST 0083 - ALEX PASQUALINE - SAN MARCOS  
POST 0083 - MARK CHARLTON - OAK HARBOR  
POST 0083 - LOREN PUGH - BELLEVUE  
POST 0084 - RALPH MASON - CAMBRIDGE  
POST 0085 - DAVID MECKLEY - HEATH  
POST 0086 - FRANK FEIST - TORONTO  
POST 0086 - PAUL KINEMOND - TORONTO  
POST 0086 - WILLIAM SWICK - TORONTO  
POST 0086 - JOHN WHERRY - TORONTO  
POST 0088 - CHARLES HACKWORTH - ASHLAND  
POST 0090 - PAUL SCHAFER - BETHESDA  
POST 0091 - RICHARD MEKIC - BROOKPARK  
POST 0091 - ROGER ROE - STRONGSVILLE  
POST 0091 - JOHN VISCOMI - STRONGSVILLE  
POST 0091 - JULIUS NICHOLS - STRONGSVILLE  
POST 0091 - BRIAN BURK - ELYRIA  
POST 0091 - DAVID MCCOLLUM - SHEFFIELD VILLAGE  
POST 0091 - CHARLES KASKEY - BERE  
POST 0091 - EDWARD LEOPOLD - BROOKPARK  
POST 0096 - THOMAS KEIFFER - LIMA  
POST 0097 - ROLF DIGEL - COLUMBUS  
POST 0097 - DUANE CAMPBELL - MOUNT GILEAD  
POST 0097 - ROBERT PARTLOW - CARDINGTON  
POST 0097 - PHILLIP PETERS - EDISON  
POST 0098 - FREDERICK STALTER - COLUMBUS  
POST 0103 - ALEX DIMITROFF - ASHTABULA  
POST 0104 - RICHARD KUCHAR - BRECKSVILLE  
POST 0106 - RICHARD NATALE - NILES  
POST 0107 - DONALD SLANCZKA - HEBRON  
POST 0112 - GERALD KRAUTER - MADISON  
POST 0115 - GARY TAGG - DELAWARE  
POST 0118 - DALE KOEPP - AMHERST  
POST 0118 - BRUNO MEADE - AMHERST  
POST 0118 - JON VEARD - AMHERST  
POST 0118 - FRANK WASELESKI - WARREN  
POST 0122 - WILLIAM BROWN - CLYDE  
POST 0123 - DARYL CALDEMEYER - CINCINNATI  
POST 0123 - ROBERT HUELSMAN - CINCINNATI  
POST 0123 - JOHN JONES - LABELLE  
POST 0123 - CHUCK OSBORNE - CINCINNATI  
POST 0123 - LAWRENCE PING - CINCINNATI  
POST 0124 - RICK KIMMY - GENEVA  
POST 0128 - STEPHEN HOUCHINS - POMEROY  
POST 0131 - GEORGE KOSKO - LISBON  
POST 0131 - MARY GEIST - SALEM  
POST 0131 - ROBERT ESKAY - LEETONIA  
POST 0134 - JOHN BARNHART - ORIENT  
POST 0134 - RONALD ERTTEL - CIRCLEVILLE  
POST 0134 - RICHARD FULLEN - BELLEVUE  
POST 0134 - DANIEL MOORE - CIRCLEVILLE  
POST 0138 - JAMES WHEELER - HAMILTON  
POST 0138 - RALPH BUSHELMAN - HAMILTON  
POST 0139 - DALE DINDO - NEW PHILADELPHIA  
POST 0139 - EDWARD STREB - DOVER  
POST 0140 - JACK BYRAM - BRADFORD  
POST 0140 - DAVID ROWLAND - GREENVILLE  
POST 0140 - DONALD PALME - SAINT LOUIS  
POST 0140 - WALTER BROMAGEM - GREENVILLE  
POST 0144 - RAYMOND GILLENWATER - LANCASTER  
POST 0147 - WALTER SCITZS - GLENMONT  
POST 0147 - EDWARD CHRISTENSEN - ANDREWS  
POST 0149 - HENRY ROBINSON - KANNAPOLIS  
POST 0149 - RAYMOND TRAVIS - SPRINGBORO  
POST 0159 - ROBERT GRUSE - BRIDGEPORT  
POST 0159 - JOSEPH COSTAIN - ST CLAIRSVLE  
POST 0159 - THOMAS THOMPSON - ST CLAIRSVLE  
POST 0160 - LOUIS CARROLL - BREWSTER  
POST 0160 - WARREN CHRISTMAN - NAVARRE  
POST 0160 - DALE MAYFIELD - MINERVA  
POST 0160 - ROBERT LUCKRING - BREWSTER  
POST 0160 - DONALD HALL - NAVARRE  
POST 0162 - CHARLES HILLIER - MARION  
POST 0162 - RONALD DUNHAM - MARION  
POST 0162 - JERRY CLONINGER - MARION  
POST 0162 - TERRANCE WEBER - MARION  
POST 0162 - BRADLEY MCGINNISS - MARION  
POST 0165 - DALE SCHRAM - MIAMISBURG  
POST 0165 - BERT LAKES - CARLISLE  
POST 0165 - JOSEPH WOOLF - MIAMISBURG  
POST 0165 - BRUCE MESSIER - DAYTON  
POST 0165 - THOMAS CASE - DAYTON  
POST 0166 - HAROLD WILLIAMS - ALLIANCE  
POST 0166 - HENRY LEASURE - ALLIANCE  
POST 0166 - CLYDE STANGA - AVON  
POST 0168 - JAMES HANLON - BARNESVILLE  
POST 0168 - BILL MANN - BARNESVILLE  
POST 0170 - RONALD WEST - RITTMAN  
POST 0170 - WAYNE WALTERS - WADSWORTH  
POST 0171 - CHARLES MERS - NEW ALBANY



POST 0171 - JAMES VEACH - WESTERVILLE  
POST 0173 - ARTHUR KEMP - BELLEFONTAINE  
POST 0173 - RICHARD PRICE - BALTIMORE  
POST 0175 - DONALD SWARTOUT - COVENTRY TNSHP  
POST 0177 - KENNETH CRAIG - ORMOND BEACH  
POST 0178 - LARRY KIRACOFE - VAN WERT  
POST 0178 - JERRY MIRACLE - VAN WERT  
POST 0178 - CURTIS EDDINS - VAN WERT  
POST 0178 - KENNETH MENDERINK - GROVE CITY  
POST 0179 - RONALD JUSTICE - PLEASANT PLN  
POST 0179 - ROBERT KNUEVEN - CAMP DENNISON  
POST 0180 - EDGAR TUCKER - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0180 - EARL MYERS - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0180 - LEROY LOUDERBACK - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0180 - H KISKADEN - RUSSELLVILLE  
POST 0180 - DAVID GESCHWIND - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0180 - FRANKIE CARRINGTON - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0180 - JAMES HANSELMAN - GEORGETOWN  
POST 0181 - CLAUDE GIBSON - BUCYRUS  
POST 0181 - LINN WARING - BUCYRUS  
POST 0183 - ALTON BEEKER - BOWLING GREEN  
POST 0183 - HAROLD MCARTHUR - PEMBERVILLE  
POST 0183 - ROBERT DONALDSON - GIBSONBURG  
POST 0183 - RONALD COX - PEMBERVILLE  
POST 0184 - RICHARD TROWBRIDGE - PIQUA  
POST 0184 - JOHN MOORE - PIQUA  
POST 0184 - DAVID PIERSON - PIQUA  
POST 0186 - GERALD JONES - LEBANON  
POST 0186 - SHARON SMITH - MILTON FREEWATER  
POST 0186 - JOHN TABB - SPRINGBORO  
POST 0188 - ROBERT HOLYCROSS - LA LUZ  
POST 0191 - POLLY WELKER - LIMA  
POST 0193 - RUSSELL WORKMAN - RAVENNA  
POST 0193 - RICHARD WASKIEWICZ - GARRETTSVILLE  
POST 0199 - ELMER FERGUSON - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - ROBERT TEWART - TRENTON  
POST 0199 - RICHARD DAVIS - FAIRFIELD  
POST 0199 - WILLIAM MURPHY - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - GEORGE PHILLIPS - HARRISON  
POST 0199 - DAVID EVANS - BLUE ASH  
POST 0199 - CARROLL CALDWELL - HARRISON  
POST 0199 - DONALD BARNHART - OXFORD  
POST 0199 - THOMAS EPPINGHOFF - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - LOWELL MILLER - TRENTON  
POST 0199 - ROBERT PERRY - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - DENNIS SAMSON - HARRISON  
POST 0199 - RICHARD GREER - HAMILTON  
POST 0199 - HERBERT LEE - MORROW  
POST 0199 - JAMES ALLABEN - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - WILLIAM BOETTCHER - CINCINNATI  
POST 0199 - JEROME INSKO - LAWRENCEBURG  
POST 0200 - CHARLES ATALLAH - DAYTON  
POST 0200 - VICTOR SUMMEY - DAYTON  
POST 0200 - GUY GIFFORD - DAYTON  
POST 0201 - KENNETH WISEMAN - LONDON  
POST 0209 - BERNARD HABERMAN - NEW FRANKLIN  
POST 0210 - DWIGHT STRASBURG - SAINT MARYS  
POST 0210 - DALE MILLER - CELINA  
POST 0210 - DAVID PUTHOFF - CELINA  
POST 0210 - JOHN BAKER - GREENWOOD  
POST 0210 - RALPH BECKSTEDT - CELINA  
POST 0211 - STEVEN ZATROCH - COCOA BEACH  
POST 0214 - DAVID GREENE - MENTOR ON THE LAKE  
POST 0214 - CHRISTOPHER BOULTON - WILLOUGHBY  
POST 0214 - ELMER KEREZSI - MADISON  
POST 0214 - DALE BURNS - WILLOWICK  
POST 0215 - MARTIN SIKORA - HAMILTON  
POST 0217 - DANIEL BRAUN - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - JOHN VORDEMARK - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - RICHARD ROTH - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - MICHAEL WEBER - PRT JEFFERSON  
POST 0217 - ROBERT SIBERT - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - RICHARD READING - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - WILBUR HUGHES - SIDNEY  
POST 0217 - CLARENCE CECIL - JACKSON CENTER  
POST 0217 - JOSEPH COPELAND - YUMA  
POST 0218 - JEROME CLARK - SUN CITY CTR  
POST 0218 - RUDOLPH PRINGLE - MIDDLETOWN  
POST 0218 - CARL EDWARDS - FRANKLIN  
POST 0218 - BILLY WAYNE REEVES - HAMILTON  
POST 0218 - DAVID MYNHIER - GERMANTOWN  
POST 0221 - JOHN ROSE - BREWSTER  
POST 0221 - JAMES SKELLY - WADSWORTH  
POST 0221 - FRANK MOESLE - CANTON  
POST 0228 - JOSEPH BINNI - POWHATAN POINT  
POST 0228 - RICHARD VALLELONGA - PWTN. POINT  
POST 0238 - EUGENE LEITER - N LEWISBURG  
POST 0238 - RAYMOND LOGAN - MECHANICSBURG  
POST 0238 - JAMES BLANTON - MECHANICSBURG  
POST 0241 - CARL HOEHNE - NEW BREMEN  
POST 0242 - JAMES HILL - WEST UNION  
POST 0244 - GENE SCHLIMM - MALVERN  
POST 0244 - WALTER PETRIME - MAGNOLIA  
POST 0244 - GARY GRAY - EAST SPARTA  
POST 0246 - ELDEN HUDSON - ZANESVILLE  
POST 0247 - RONALD SEMAN - YOUNGSTOWN  
POST 0247 - LOUIS MIRICH - YOUNGSTOWN  
POST 0247 - SAM TULLIO - POLAND  
POST 0247 - LLOYD DURBIN - NORTH LIMA  
POST 0248 - RICHARD BULL - UPPER ARLINGTON  
POST 0248 - GENE DOUGHERTY - PLAIN CITY  
POST 0256 - EDWARD MCINTOSH - LOVELAND  
POST 0257 - JACK SNYDER - SPENCERVILLE  
POST 0257 - ROGER HENRY - MILLERSBURG  
POST 0257 - DAVID STAKE - LOUDONVILLE  
POST 0259 - DAVID BOLENBAUGH - FOREST  
POST 0261 - RONALD LATHROP - OAK HILL  
POST 0265 - THOMAS BUCKENMEYER - WAUSEON  
POST 0265 - THOMAS MOSSING - WAUSEON  
POST 0265 - RONALD RAY - WAUSEON



POST 0265 - LAWRENCE VOSS - LIBERTY CENTER  
POST 0268 - ALFRED GERMAN - DELPHOS  
POST 0276 - ERNEST EADENS - COLUMBUS  
POST 0276 - JAMES UPPER - DUBLIN  
POST 0281 - KENNETH HARRINGTON - AKRON  
POST 0281 - GLEN WITSAMAN - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
POST 0281 - CHARLES WHITE - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
POST 0281 - FRANCIS MOLES - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
POST 0283 - JAMES WOOD - COLUMBUS  
POST 0283 - RONALD EBRIGHT - COLUMBUS  
POST 0284 - MARY OLIVER - BRYAN  
POST 0284 - WILLIAM BURNS - BRYAN  
POST 0284 - RONALD LEWIS - BRYAN  
POST 0287 - LARRY PLACE - LEIPSIC  
POST 0288 - DAVID WALKER - FAYETTEVILLE  
POST 0290 - BARRY RUSSELL - BOARDMAN  
POST 0291 - JOHN HALL - CHILLICOTHE  
POST 0292 - KENNETH RATLIFF - GREENWICH  
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POST 0295 - RICHARD NORRIS - FREMONT  
POST 0300 - ROGER WEAVER - WAUSEON  
POST 0300 - LARRY BRINKMAN - NAPOLEON  
POST 0300 - KEITH SONNENBERG - NAPOLEON  
POST 0309 - BENNIE JACKSON - MAPLE HEIGHTS  
POST 0309 - ELWOOD DEVAUL - REMINDERVILLE  
POST 0312 - TERRY PUPERI - BELMONT  
POST 0318 - RICHARD REED - CINCINNATI  
POST 0323 - EDDIE FISHBAUGH - CELINA  
POST 0323 - LOUIS BORGER - SAINT MARYS  
POST 0323 - ROBERT KOHLHORST - SAINT MARYS  
POST 0326 - DON ROBERTS - SHELBY  
POST 0330 - LARRY MCLEAN - WAPAKONETA  
POST 0330 - ERNEST RISNER - WAPAKONETA  
POST 0330 - PAUL BRACKNEY - WAPAKONETA  
POST 0335 - ROBERT FINKEL - OTTAWA HILLS  
POST 0336 - JOE KISH - PAINESVILLE  
POST 0336 - RALPH SALVATORE - ASHTABULA  
POST 0338 - BILLIE HAMMONDS - TERRELL  
POST 0338 - KENNETH DEITER - WAYNE  
POST 0340 - HERBERT FRUTH - NAPOLEON  
POST 0343 - JAMES GIPSON - DECHERD  
POST 0344 - FREDERICK KACHENMEISTER - VANLUE  
POST 0344 - PAUL RISNER - CAREY  
POST 0353 - LOWELL HAWKINS - VERSAILLES  
POST 0353 - MICHEAL JOHNSON - GREENVILLE  
POST 0353 - CHRISTIAN PRICE - ARCANUM  
POST 0360 - GEORGE BOULEY - NEW PARIS  
POST 0360 - RONALD DELK - NEW PARIS  
POST 0360 - RICHARD HOSIER - NEW PARIS  
POST 0362 - DAVID HOBSON - SPRINGFIELD  
POST 0366 - DARREL CARRUTHERS - BELMONT  
POST 0371 - MARVIN MACE - MC ARTHUR  
POST 0373 - LARRY HENRICKS - SWANTON  
POST 0374 - LARRY LIPSCOMB - BONITA SPRINGS  
POST 0374 - WILLIAM SEVEY - E LIVERPOOL

POST 0375 - DEWIGHT FRIEND - MALVERN  
POST 0375 - DANIEL ARTZNER - SUNBURY  
POST 0375 - HAROLD DAVIS - CARROLLTON  
POST 0375 - NORMAN MITCHELL - MINERVA  
POST 0375 - DAVID WEESE - MINERVA  
POST 0376 - THOMAS FINCK - JUNCTION CITY  
POST 0377 - PAUL FIELDS - SOMERVILLE  
POST 0377 - EDWARD STINER - CAMDEN  
POST 0382 - JAMES OPPERMAN - RICHMOND HTS  
POST 0382 - JOHN HARRIS - BLUFFTON  
POST 0384 - KENNETH CONKLIN - BROOKLYN  
POST 0384 - WILLIAM KRAUSS - SWANTON  
POST 0385 - WILLIAM GREASER - COLUMBIA STA  
POST 0385 - EDWARD KUS - CLEVELAND  
POST 0387 - LAWRENCE BAKER - MINSTER  
POST 0389 - KENNETH BROOKS - STRONGSVILLE  
POST 0389 - PETE CARBONE - MEDINA  
POST 0389 - GEORGE COLGIN - WATERFORD  
POST 0395 - THOMAS CLARKE - BUTLER  
POST 0397 - PAUL HABERMEHL - VERMILION  
POST 0397 - ROBERT CORWIN - MULBERRY  
POST 0397 - ROSS HOFF - VERMILION  
POST 0397 - WILLIAM EDWARDS - VERMILION  
POST 0397 - LOUIS DENNIS - BERLIN HEIGHTS  
POST 0397 - ROBERT DAVIS - VERMILION  
POST 0398 - ROBERT GREEN - MARYSVILLE  
POST 0399 - DONALD WOLFORD - ZANESVILLE  
POST 0401 - RICHARD PETRY - CARDINGTON  
POST 0401 - GEORGE KASOTIS - MARION  
POST 0407 - JOHN OLSON - RITTMAN  
POST 0417 - CARL MCCLARY - MOUNT STERLING  
POST 0417 - VERL WILSON - MOUNT STERLING  
POST 0434 - WILLIAM FLEET - HAYMARKET  
POST 0434 - STEVEN PHILLIPS - BLOOMVILLE  
POST 0434 - CARL OVERMIER - NEW RIEGEL  
POST 0434 - JACOB MAXHIMER - BLOOMVILLE  
POST 0436 - EDWARD MURRAY - NORTH CANTON  
POST 0441 - A ARING - BOWLING GREEN  
POST 0441 - DEAN AUGENSTEIN - WASHINGTON  
POST 0441 - DALE JOHNSTON - RUDOLPH  
POST 0441 - LOUIS PAUFF - TONTOGANY  
POST 0441 - JAMES WINTERS - WESTON  
POST 0446 - JOHN HUECKER - ANNA  
POST 0449 - RICHARD BRUMBELOW - AKRON  
POST 0451 - JOHN SABAL - ROCKY RIVER  
POST 0452 - STEPHEN LEDGER - MOGADORE  
POST 0452 - CARL RADABAUGH - AKRON  
POST 0452 - FOREST THORN - MOGADORE  
POST 0457 - RUSSELL LIGHT - SUNBURY  
POST 0459 - JAMES KVORIAK - MIDDLEFIELD  
POST 0459 - ANTHONY STALTARI - SOLON  
POST 0462 - FREDDY BRYANT - UPPER SANDSKY  
POST 0468 - JUDSON FREDERICK - TOLEDO  
POST 0469 - GEORGE KOZICKIE - BROOKLYN  
POST 0471 - LARRY TRACY - SARASOTA



POST 0471 - CHESTER PORTER - PORTSMOUTH  
POST 0471 - ANDY LUTE - WEST PORTSMOUTH  
POST 0471 - ROBERT NEAL - LUCASVILLE  
POST 0473 - GEORGE BELL - AKRON  
POST 0473 - FRANK SMITH - NORTON  
POST 0473 - EDWARD STEINKERCHNER - AKRON  
POST 0479 - JOHN SEXTON - SWANTON  
POST 0482 - WILLIAM PALMER - DENNISON  
POST 0484 - ERNEST JOHNSON - BATAVIA  
POST 0484 - NEAL FAULKNER - CINCINNATI  
POST 0486 - JACK OSBORNE - OCALA  
POST 0490 - RAYMOND RODENFELS - COLUMBUS  
POST 0492 - WILLIAM WESTHOVEN - LIBERTY CENTER  
POST 0493 - RONALD LEININGER - JACKSON CENTER  
POST 0499 - DAVID VIDOVIC - BEREA  
POST 0508 - JOHN HOERSTEN - OHIO CITY  
POST 0512 - WALTER ZALE - TOLEDO  
POST 0512 - CALVIN BANKS - TOLEDO  
POST 0513 - WILLIAM MCCAULEY - MOUNT HEALTHY  
POST 0513 - ARTHUR FLOWERS - PARKERSBURG  
POST 0513 - JO ANNE FOX - CINCINNATI  
POST 0514 - LAWRENCE HERSHISER - WILLARD  
POST 0516 - ELMER LANGHALS - COLUMBUS GROVE  
POST 0516 - WILLIAM MAYBERRY - COLUMBUS GROVE  
POST 0516 - JAMES GRIGSBY - COLUMBUS GROVE  
POST 0519 - TIMOTHY STONE - ZOARVILLE  
POST 0522 - LYNN ZEHNDER - STRASBURG  
POST 0525 - ALFRED GREAVES - ADENA  
POST 0525 - ROBERT SMITH - ST CLAIRSVILLE  
POST 0525 - JOHN PARKINSON - ADENA  
POST 0525 - EDWARD SMITH - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
POST 0526 - KENNETH HERR - BEAVERCREEK  
POST 0526 - JOE RAYBURN - FAIRBORN  
POST 0527 - RONALD MCCARTHY - MILAN  
POST 0529 - WILBUR BAKER - ADENA  
POST 0529 - MATTHEW TIMKO - ADENA  
POST 0530 - DENNIS REINHART - CINCINNATI  
POST 0530 - ROBERT RICHARDSON - CINCINNATI  
POST 0532 - JOSEPH MOORE - MOUNT STERLING  
POST 0532 - PHILLIP HENDRIX - MECHANICSBURG  
POST 0532 - JAMES BARBER - COLUMBUS  
POST 0532 - PAUL ODUM - GROVE CITY  
POST 0532 - DAVID HALLEY - GALLOWAY  
POST 0532 - LEWIS MCCREARY - GALLOWAY  
POST 0532 - CHARLES MCCOMAS - COLUMBUS  
POST 0532 - DIRK SPEAKMAN - COLUMBUS  
POST 0532 - WILLIAM REHBECK - COLUMBUS  
POST 0532 - SANDRA TAYLOR - COLUMBUS  
POST 0534 - EDWARD COLE - CINCINNATI  
POST 0534 - FRANK CAMPISANO - CINCINNATI  
POST 0535 - FRANCIS WORNER - BELLVILLE  
POST 0535 - DENNIS BALLIETT - FREDERICKTOWN  
POST 0536 - HERMAN HILTY - PANDORA  
POST 0537 - KENNETH FULLENLOVE - NORTHWOOD  
POST 0539 - EUGENE KELLEY - N BALTIMORE

POST 0541 - RANDAL HERR - CONTINENTAL  
POST 0547 - LOWELL SPARKS - TACNA  
POST 0548 - JAMES MENEGAY - LOUISVILLE  
POST 0548 - VIRGIL PANDREA - LOUISVILLE  
POST 0548 - DOMINICK PETRACK - LOUISVILLE  
POST 0550 - CHARLES JONES - CINCINNATI  
POST 0551 - ROBERT JAYNOR - SHREVE  
POST 0553 - PAUL BROOKS - TOLEDO  
POST 0553 - FRANCIS LENDECKER - MAUMEE  
POST 0555 - DONALD KORTAN - SANDUSKY  
POST 0557 - PAUL FUNDERSOL - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
POST 0571 - DELBERT THOBE - MARIA STEIN  
POST 0571 - LLOYD SCHWEITERMAN - CELINA  
POST 0571 - LOUIS OVERMAN - MARIA STEIN  
POST 0571 - LEANDER MOEDER - MARIA STEIN  
POST 0571 - STEPHEN MCCLURG - CHICKASAW  
POST 0571 - WALTER BRAUN - COLDWATER  
POST 0571 - THOMAS BERTKE - CELINA  
POST 0571 - LUKE GRIESDORN - SAINT HENRY  
POST 0571 - JEROME KEMPER - OSGOOD  
POST 0571 - RALPH LIETTE - CELINA  
POST 0571 - ELMER RUTSCHILLING - SIDNEY  
POST 0572 - EUGENE SMITH - PARMA  
POST 0572 - LOUIS HESS - SEVEN HILLS  
POST 0572 - RICHARD STOKER - CLEVELAND  
POST 0572 - MATTHEW LOUCKS - PARMA  
POST 0576 - JAMES PUDLICKI - TOLEDO  
POST 0584 - DAMON MONNETTE - MARION  
POST 0586 - OSCAR JONES - VANDALIA  
POST 0586 - PAUL STRUEWING - TIPP CITY  
POST 0587 - PAUL STACEY - TOLEDO  
POST 0598 - THOMAS MEIER - CENTERVILLE  
POST 0598 - ROBERT DUES - MORAINES  
POST 0598 - THOMAS LEES - CENTERVILLE  
POST 0598 - ROBERT BAUMAN - XENIA  
POST 0598 - DUANE BROWN - DAYTON  
POST 0598 - JOSEPH GILLILAND - BEAVERCREEK  
POST 0598 - SAM LONGO - KETTERING  
POST 0598 - JOHN LUSA - DAYTON  
POST 0598 - CURT MCGUIGAN - DAYTON  
POST 0598 - LAWRENCE MILLER - SPRINGBORO  
POST 0598 - THOMAS NYHAN - KETTERING  
POST 0598 - EDWARD TOLLE - KETTERING  
POST 0598 - GLEN TONINI - SARASOTA  
POST 0598 - JOHN ZECHAR - DAYTON  
POST 0601 - KENNETH WESSOLLEK - GARDNER  
POST 0603 - THOMAS HARTRANFT - W MANSFIELD  
POST 0605 - ROBERT REDMON - RICHWOOD  
POST 0608 - RICHARD ADAMS - GLENDALE  
POST 0608 - BEN HORN - FREMONT  
POST 0610 - JOSEPH GARMBACK - BROOKPARK  
POST 0610 - JAMES MCILWEE - BROOKPARK  
POST 0610 - BOBBIE GRIFFIN - BROOKLYN  
POST 0610 - DONALD BARNACK - BROOKPARK  
POST 0610 - ROBERT TREVISANUTTO - BROOKPARK



POST 0610 - EDWARD MUELLER - STRONGSVILLE  
POST 0610 - RICHARD ROSKOPH - BROOKPARK  
POST 0613 - RUSSELL FRANKLIN - DAYTON  
POST 0619 - JOHN HAZELTON - MAINEVILLE  
POST 0619 - KENNETH YOUNG - MIAMISBURG  
POST 0622 - WILLARD FENTON - SOUTH WEBSTER  
POST 0627 - JOSEPH MARTIN - NEWBURGH HEIGHTS  
POST 0627 - JACK BARANOWSKI - CLEVELAND  
POST 0630 - RALPH LOWENSTEIN - GREENSBORO  
POST 0630 - RICHARD BRYAN - CINCINNATI  
POST 0630 - HAROLD MARSHALL - BLUE ASH  
POST 0630 - CARL REESE - LOVELAND  
POST 0640 - FRANK CHAPMAN - CHESAPEAKE  
POST 0641 - WAYNE BATES - SUMMERFIELD  
POST 0641 - FRED GINN - CUMBERLAND  
POST 0641 - JOHN SKLENAR - BELLE VALLEY  
POST 0641 - CHARLES GOULD - CAMBRIDGE  
POST 0651 - GEORGE SPENCER - DALTON  
POST 0652 - PAUL HEATH - QUINCY  
POST 0659 - DARRELL REXROAD - BERLIN HEIGHTS  
POST 0659 - THOMAS WARD - BERLIN HEIGHTS  
POST 0667 - HOWARD IRWIN - EAST CANTON  
POST 0667 - RALPH WELLENDOFF - CANTON  
POST 0668 - ANTHONY MONNIN - RUSSIA  
POST 0668 - MICHAEL GILLESPIE - TIPP CITY  
POST 0669 - TED STONER - WINTER HAVEN  
POST 0669 - JAMES OBERLIN - SYLVANIA  
POST 0675 - ROBERT KELLEY - DAYTON  
POST 0677 - GREGORY WILLIAMSON - C. WINCHESTER  
POST 0678 - RALPH SMEARMAN - EASTLAKE  
POST 0678 - NORMAN KUCHARSKI - WILLOWICK  
POST 0678 - ROBERT MACKINNON - FT LAUDERDALE  
POST 0681 - VIRGIL PERRIGO - MASON  
POST 0697 - JOHN SENER - PERRY  
POST 0699 - WILLIAM ADDISON - WARREN  
POST 0699 - LEO DELGARIBINO - GIRARD  
POST 0700 - DAVID LAWRENCE - ZEPHYRHILLS  
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POST 0703 - DENNIS CATLIN - MEDINA  
POST 0703 - DON HINTE - NORTH ROYALTON  
POST 0703 - ALEXANDER DERISO - NORTH ROYALTON  
POST 0703 - WAYNE WHITED - PARMA  
POST 0707 - GEORGE MENKER - DAYTON  
POST 0707 - THOMAS WRAY - WEST MILTON  
POST 0707 - LARRY WALLACE - ENGLEWOOD  
POST 0707 - EDDIE EVANS - UNION  
POST 0707 - RICHARD JAMES - ENGLEWOOD  
POST 0710 - WILLIAM PECK - BLACKLICK  
POST 0715 - GALE ELWER - TRACY  
POST 0717 - GARY MCCORT - GRAFTON  
POST 0717 - ALEX VISNYAI - ELYRIA  
POST 0719 - DENNIS BALDWIN - WINDSOR  
POST 0719 - PAUL BELUS - MORELAND HLS  
POST 0719 - WILLIAM EDELMAN - ROME

POST 0719 - RICHARD MOTYLEWICZ - ORWELL  
POST 0726 - JACK ERWINE - SPRINGFIELD  
POST 0726 - DELBERT KIRKBRIDE - ZANESVILLE  
POST 0733 - RODGER YATES - CLYDE  
POST 0737 - DONALD BOOTH - LAKE MILTON  
POST 0737 - VAN SINGLETON - DIAMOND  
POST 0743 - GARY HEWITT - N KINGSVILLE  
POST 0746 - WILLIAM DAVIDSON - DAYTON  
POST 0746 - WALTER LOUGH - DAYTON  
POST 0746 - ANTHONY MAXWELL - DAYTON  
POST 0749 - DAVID LEEDY - SPRINGFIELD  
POST 0749 - RICHARD CLINE - JEROMESVILLE  
POST 0751 - CARROLL WOOSTER - TALLMADGE  
POST 0763 - WILLIAM KELLER - BEAVERCREEK  
POST 0763 - JACK SHISLER - BEAVERCREEK  
POST 0764 - MICHAEL EWING - NEWARK  
POST 0768 - MARTIN ECKELBERRY - CAMBRIDGE  
POST 0776 - CURTIS JOHNSON - DAYTON  
POST 0790 - HERMAN PREWITT - CINCINNATI  
POST 0790 - JOHN SEECK - CINCINNATI  
POST 0797 - RONALD WEEKS - COLUMBUS  
POST 0798 - GEORGE MUSSI - WESTERVILLE  
POST 0798 - HANS ROLF BAUER - REYNOLDSBURG  
POST 0798 - DONALD BELL - REYNOLDSBURG  
POST 0798 - CARL LECKRONE - REYNOLDSBURG  
POST 0798 - BILL MILLER - REYNOLDSBURG  
POST 0799 - DAVID TRENT - COLUMBUS  
POST 0801 - FRANK GAMBOSI - SAGAMORE HILLS  
POST 0888 - LESLIE ALLEN - LIMA  
POST 0888 - HAROLD GRAHAM - WELLSTON  
POST 0888 - DONN ALSPACH - GRANVILLE  
POST 0888 - GEORGE GOODRICH - AKRON  
POST 0888 - DONALD CARGOULD - PENINSULA  
POST 0888 - DON JONAS - NELSONVILLE  
POST 0888 - RAYMOND HETZ - COLUMBIA STATION  
POST 0888 - JOHN KERR - BUTTE  
POST 0888 - JOHN RUCKER - POWELL  
POST 0888 - ROBERT SLOAN - SOUTH POINT  
POST 0888 - JOSEPH PINKERTON - SEAMAN  
POST 0888 - DANIEL TAYLOR - PATRIOT  
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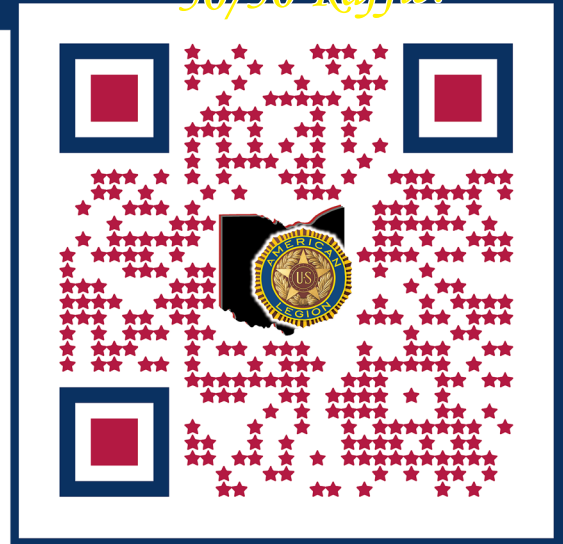


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Get in on this month's Department  
**SCAN ME**  
50/50 Raffle!



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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**9/1/2025**

Labor Day  
Dept & Natl Closed

**9/7/2025**

Trapshoot Tournament  
Post 754  
9:00AM

**9/7/2025**

District 8 Fall Conference  
Post 78 Logan, OH  
10:00 AM

**9/7/2025**

District 13 Fall Conference  
Post 703 Parma Heights, OH  
10:00 AM

**9/14/2025**

District 14 Fall Conference  
Post 281 Cuyahoga Falls, OH  
11:00 AM

**9/20/2025**

DSO sponsored PSO School  
Department HQ  
8:00 AM

**9/21/2025**

District 4 Fall Conference  
Post 194 Mason, OH  
10:00 AM

**10/4/2025**

Fall Standing Commissions  
Department HQ  
10:00 AM

**10/5/2025**

District 6 Fall Conference  
Post 85 Newark, OH  
10:00 AM

**10/6/2025 - 10/9/2025**

National Fall Meetings  
Sheraton / Indianapolis C.C.

**10/11/2025**

District 9 Fall Conference  
Post 737 Lake Milton, OH  
10:00 AM

**10/11/2025**

District 11 Fall Conference  
Post 750 Lowell, OH  
10:00 AM

**10/12/2025**

District 1 Fall Conference  
Post 587 Toledo, OH  
2:00 PM

**10/12/2025**

District 5 Fall Conference  
Post 404 New Washington, OH  
1:00 PM

**10/19/2025**

District 3 Fall Conference  
Post 140 Greenville, OH  
1:00 PM

**10/25/2025**

District 10 Fall Conference  
Post 282 Orrville, OH  
8:00 AM

**10/26/2025**

District 2 Fall Conference  
Post 446 Anna, OH  
9:00 AM

**11/11/2025**

Veterans Day  
Dept and Natl Closed

**11/15/2025**

Winter DEC Meeting  
Department HQ  
10:00 AM

**11/27/2025 - 11/28/2025**

Thanksgiving  
Dept & Natl  
Closed

**12/7/2025**

District 6 Winter Conference  
Post 584 Marion, OH  
10:00 AM

**12/7/2025**

District 8 Winter Conference  
Post 420 Murray City  
10:00 AM

**12/13/2025**

District 4 Winter Conference  
Post 69 Reading, OH  
10:00 AM

**12/14/2025**

District 13 Winter Conference  
Post 91 Berea, OH  
10:00 AM

**12/14/2025**

District 14 Winter Conference  
Post 685 Streetsboro, OH  
10:00 AM

**12/24/2025 - 12/26/2025**

Christmas  
Dept & Natl  
Closed

**12/31/2025 - 1/2/2026**

New Years  
Dept & Natl  
Closed



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## USS Cleveland Commissioning Set for Erie Shores



The future USS Cleveland is moving full steam ahead towards commissioning on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie. Although there have been three U.S. Navy warships named "Cleveland" in the past, and over 80 named for the state of Ohio or its cities, this will mark the first time in history a Navy ship has begun its service life in the Buckeye state.

About the Future USS Cleveland (LCS 31):

- *A Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship—fast, flexible, and mission-tailored for near-shore and open-ocean operations.*
- *Built in Wisconsin, USA and made with Cleveland steel and parts from various companies based in Northeast Ohio.*
- *378 feet long; top speed 47 knots; crew of 95.*

• *Designed to perform intelligence gathering, mine hunting, coastal patrol, and more.*

• *Ship Motto: "Forge a Legacy" — celebrating Cleveland's industrial past and bright future.*

• *Will be homeported in Mayport, Florida.*

• *A key part of America's modern Navy focused on security, readiness, and innovation.*

The USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation (USSCLF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to supporting the sailors and family members of the future USS Cleveland (LCS 31). We aim to foster a lifelong bond between the ship and the people of Cleveland and Northeast Ohio.

The Foundation will be hosting the ship for a weeklong series of events to celebrate this historic,

once-in-a-generation occasion. One keynote event will be Community Day held at the North Coast Yard near Cleveland Browns Stadium. It will feature live music, local vendors, Cleveland-style food trucks, and free public tours of the ship.

### How to Get Involved:

1. Donate: Every dollar raised supports our mission.
2. Volunteer: Gift your time and represent our Foundation at key events.
3. Spread the Word: Follow online, attend events, and share the mission.

Our website:

<https://www.usscleveland.org/>

For more information, please contact Laura Gray, Director of Development

440-796-5970

[lgray@usscleveland.org](mailto:lgray@usscleveland.org)

### LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST TRAVEL ACCIDENT PROTECTION

THE LEGIONNAIRE INSURANCE TRUST "ON-THE-MOVE" COVERAGE STANDS BY YOU —  
AROUND THE CORNER OR THE WORLD

[WWW.THELIT.COM/TRAVEL-ACCIDENT](http://WWW.THELIT.COM/TRAVEL-ACCIDENT)

### Please visit our official Department Social Media Channels:



<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionDepartmentOfOhio/>



[https://www.instagram.com/ohio\\_legion/](https://www.instagram.com/ohio_legion/)



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG5DACPf0uyfSa4ErKHOH\\_g?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG5DACPf0uyfSa4ErKHOH_g?view_as=subscriber)



[https://x.com/Ohio\\_Legion](https://x.com/Ohio_Legion)





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**UPDATE  
YOUR  
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TODAY!**

**BE THE  
ONE**

[www.BeTheOne.org](http://www.BeTheOne.org)

### Digital Ready Posts Campaign: "Operation: Stay Connected"

#### Roll call: Is your email up to date?

Are you getting the latest from The American Legion? If we don't have your email, you're out of the loop.

Scan the QR code to fill out a quick form to have Department staff update your contact information for you.

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Let's keep our Legion family connected.  
#StayLegion #OperationStayConnected

### Digital Ready Posts Campaign: "Operation: Stay Connected"

<https://mylegion.org/personifyebusiness/>

If you have not already created an online account with [MyLegion.org](http://MyLegion.org) this is a great opportunity to get registered with your current email. Registered members of course have the option of logging on to [MyLegion.org](http://MyLegion.org), click on your profile, and update/validate/confirm your current email. Receive important updates, Stay in the loop on events and benefits, and Strengthen the network of veterans.

*We served together. We stand together. Let's stay connected.  
Update your email today.*



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## 2026 Department Convention July 10th – July 12th, 2026



Hilton Garden Inn Toledo Downtown  
101 North Summit St. Toledo, OH 43604

Deadline for Registration is June 6<sup>th</sup>

To make reservations please call 419-464-9220 and reference **"The American Legion Department of Ohio Convention"**

The discounted group rate is \$169.00/night + tax.

All Post Delegates and Alternates must be registered 15 days prior to Convention.

Delegate and Alternate registration deadline is June 26<sup>th</sup>!

For more information, contact Christie White at [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com) or call (740) 362-7478.

You may also visit the website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-conferences-conventions/>.

*\*Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention and any meetings offered\**  
*\*\* Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.*

## THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

Visit us at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/>





## THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Male ☐ Female

Membership ID# former member

Post #

Phone #

Email

Gender

### Please check war era and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check [www.legion.org/join](http://www.legion.org/join) for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at [legion.org](http://legion.org).

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### DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date

Received from

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's name

Recruiter's signature

Recruiter's phone #



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit [legion.org](http://legion.org).

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Squadron No.

Department of



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

/ / ☐ Birth - 17 ☐ 18 and older

Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, fill in below, **if known**.)

Previous Unit City/State \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18)

Date

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due.

**Membership pending approval of application.**

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)

If Living:

American Legion Member ID # (Required) Post # City State

☐ Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

### Veteran served: (check all that apply)

☐ WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea           |  |

### Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter    | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother      | <input type="checkbox"/> Self          |

### To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification

Date

ALA 05/2021

### DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

Date

Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ dues

Recruiter's Name

Recruiter's Signature

Recruiter's Phone #





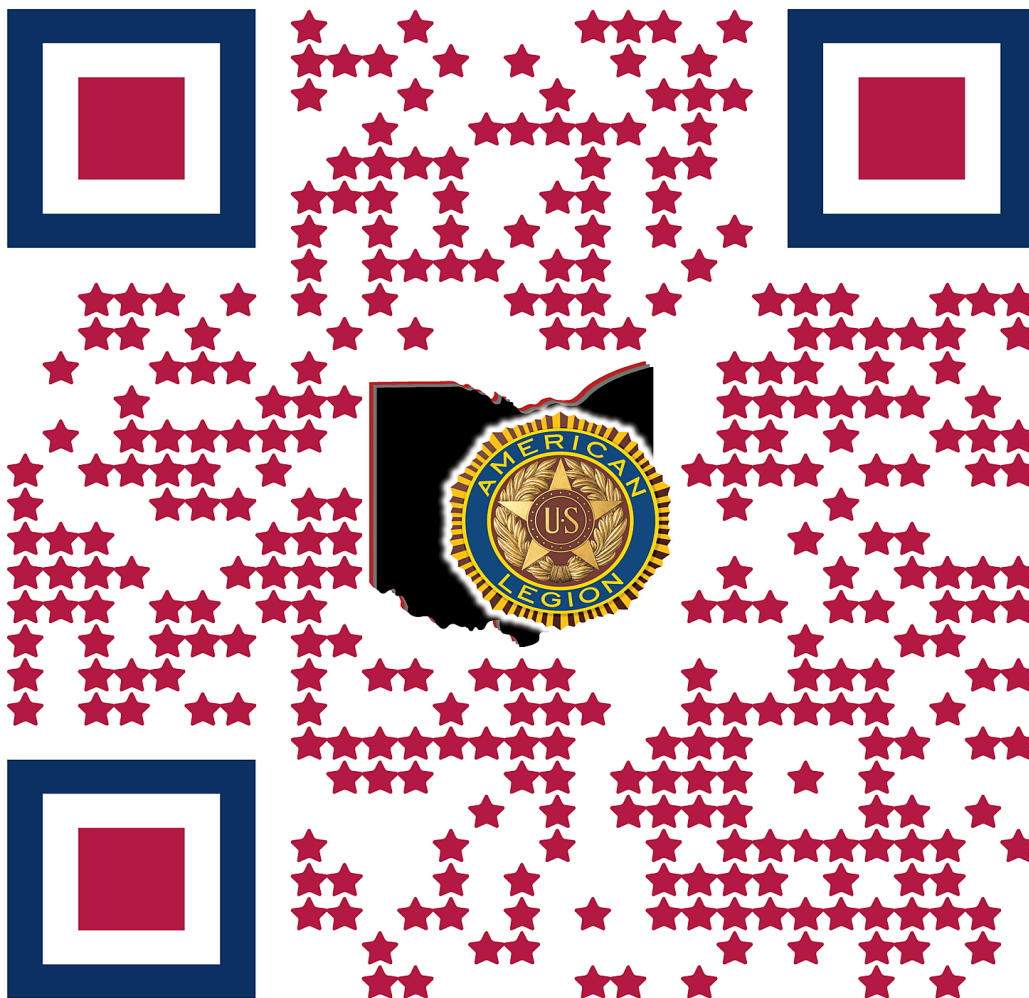
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**50/50 RAFFLE PROGRAM**  
[ohiolegion.5050raffle.org](http://ohiolegion.5050raffle.org)

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# The American Legion Department of Ohio 2026 Mid-Winter Conference

Marriott Columbus Northwest

5605 Blazer Pkwy

Dublin, OH 43017

on

Friday, January 16, 2026 – Sunday, January 18, 2026

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 \$ 131.00 plus  
tax, or make reservations online at:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link>

Please reference “**American Legion  
Mid-Winter**” when making  
reservations.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> for more information.

Deadline for hotel reservations is

**December 26th**

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

## Of the Year Awards Banquet Saturday January 17, 2026

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor outstanding members of our communities and Legionnaires at Mid-Winter Conference.

Social hour starts at 5:00PM in the foyer with a cash bar.

Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Commander Oren will be presenting awards to the members of your communities who have won various “of the year” awards.

Members, Posts, and Districts are encouraged to attend and support those being recognized.

Formal attire is required.

Reservation cutoff is January 12th, 2026.

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Please return this form with payment

**\*\*All banquet tickets must be reserved in advance\*\***

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**\*\*Tickets reserved will be handed out at the event\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets at \$40.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Beef \_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (\*Required\*): \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Department of Ohio • 60 Big Run Rd. • Delaware, OH