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## INAUGURAL "LOBBYDAY" HOSTED

By Suzette Price

Department Service Director

On Wednesday the 25th of January, The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted an inaugural "Lobby Day" for 2017. The purpose of this day was to connect with the 132nd Ohio General Assembly and to visit

our House and Senate Representatives who have served in the Armed Forces and whom make up the "Veterans Caucus." We had a very successful day and I would like to thank Department Commander Ron Chapman, 1st Vice Commander Stanley Pleasant, 2nd Vice Commander Rob-

ert Schmitt, Department Adjutant Tom Simons, Legislative Chairman Malcolm Glasgow, Membership & Marketing Director Jason Graven, and Past 4th District Commander Gary Tarvin, for attending.

The members of the Veterans Caucus were very welcoming of the Ohio Legion. Representative Rick Perales is the Chairman of that Committee this General Assembly. After meeting with Representative Perales, he invited us to address the Veteran Caucus meeting in March to educate those attending what The American Legion Department of Ohio is and all we are doing for our veterans. Another legislator who made himself available to us was Representative Terry Johnson, the Chairman of the new "House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee." In addition to these fine Representatives, we met in the Bush Office of House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger and discussed veterans and The American Legion with his aide, Air Force Veteran, Ryan Lehman.

We stayed to witness the 5th day of the House Session and afterwards we were able to network with several Representatives pictured here. We have worked on House Bills in the past, for example, Representative Anne Gonzales was very instrumental in getting passed the increase of Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Veterans who are 100% Disabled, as well as, Protection of the American Flag from residential laws that violate the display of Old Glory.

This is the beginning of a renewed involvement with the Ohio House and Senate and we encourage all Legionnaires to participate in the political process by continuing to foster relationships with city, county, and state government employees, elected or not, so we can educate everyone on who we are and what we do. It is imperative to the survival of our organization to pass on what has been so freely given to us by our predecessors. Besides, you never know who may qualify for membership into the Legion Family.

## A LIFETIME THAT SHAPED LIFETIMES

Gerald White, Americanism Director for the Department of Ohio for 26 years, has decided to hang it up. As of July 1st, "Jerry" as many of you know him, will join the ranks of the retired, joining Mike Wiswell, Roger Hight, Don Lanthorn, and Len Gucwa. All the experience of these individuals have been, and surely will continue to be, missed. Before Jerry goes, we decided to sit with him and get some of his thoughts.

I asked him about his proudest moments in life and his career:

"Being married for 45 years to my wife Claudia and seeing our daughter Christie and our son Patrick; grow up healthy and have successful careers and families of their own is the proudest personal moment of my life.

Claudia, Christie, and Patrick have done a great deal over the years to support me in what I do and have gone above and beyond.

The fact that both Christie and Patrick have chosen careers that have both been partly shaped by each of their experiences with The American Legion is another proud moment as a parent.

The American Legion has provided each of us many valuable opportunities.

As a Legionnaire in my home state of Indiana, being chosen for a series of increased responsibilities in my home post, district and department including becoming Indiana Department Adjutant and

Associate Director of American Legion Hoosier Boys State by leaders I respected were proud moments.

On the professional side, also, having the opportunity to become

the director of the #1 boys state program in the nation from my dear friends; Pat Hone and William R. Welsh and inherit the directorship of the finest Americanism programs of The American Legion is a proud moment.

Having the Americanism programs of The Ohio American

Legion recognized (6) times during my tenure as Department Americanism Director by The National American Legion at National Convention by the presentation of the Daniel O'Connor Americanism Award to The Department of Ohio for having the best Americanism programs in the nation ranks as a proud professional moment.

Recognition by your peers that you have done a good job is a great feeling."

I then followed up by asking him what he considers to be his biggest accomplishments in his career with The American Legion:

"This is a tough question to answer. There have been so many, but a few come to mind.

When I was with The Indiana American Legion Headquarters, I was able, thru the National Run-away Hotline and The Indianapolis

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Pictured from Left to Right: House Representative Robert Sprague, Dept. Adjutant Tom Simons, Legislative Chairman Malcolm Glasgow, Jason Graven, Suzette Price, House Representative Anne Gonzales, Dale Lyons, House Representative Terry Johnson.

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## High School Diplomas Awarded



Members of Community Post 279 in Elmore who left school before graduation to serve in the military were awarded diplomas by Woodmore High School on Veterans Day, 2016. Pictured (L-R) are: Lowell "Skip" Geldien, Gailard Bach, and Donald Avers. A diploma was also awarded posthumously to Oscar "Bud" Chasteen.



## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Ronald L. Chapman  
Dept. Commander

Our Mid-Winter Conference is now behind us and we are half way through the 2017 membership year. There were many changes in the format of the conference this year. A membership awards dinner with the National Commander, a leadership breakfast, and many training sessions were available for all of our new and older Legionnaires to attend and learn or refresh their knowledge of our great organization.

It was an honor for me to present, alongside our National Commander Charles E. Schmidt, certificates and a lapel pin to all of our Vietnam veterans in attendance. Our National Commander thanked every recipient, shook their hands, and welcomed them home. He also spoke about membership in the American Legion and the slide being experienced since 1993, and challenged each of us to recruit one new member this year. It was indeed a pleasure to have Commander Schmidt with us at our Mid-Winter Conference this year.

Ohio dropped below 100,000 members (traditional, not in-

cluding DMS) for the first time since 1945 when we had 72,949 members and then after WWII jumped over the 100,000 mark for the first time to 149,227 members. That then peaked in 1993 at 169,746 members and we have been sliding since. When we were given the chance to lower our membership quota this year to 95,400, I respectfully declined because it is my belief that if we continue to lower the bar we will never stem the decline in our membership. I have confidence in the leadership of our Districts, Counties, and Posts that we can reach our goal of 100,000 members this year. What we end up

with is up to all of us. Currently we have met each of our membership goals at the Department level this year. Thank you for that! We need to continue to push, utilizing the DMS (888) transfer program, revitalizations both local and national, and most importantly re-activation and renewals. It is important to work those renewals this time of the year. Anyone who is not carrying a 2017 membership card is delinquent. Let's have a good finish to an already good year here in the Department of Ohio.

One of my goals this year has been to bring more awareness to TBI/PTSD and alternative treat-

ment of the condition. Too many times our Veterans and friends are treated with drugs. I want to bring attention to the alternative methods of therapy. Donations can be forwarded to the Department of Ohio Charities Inc., Commanders Project, or Ohio Comfort Warriors.

I want to thank each of you for your membership in the American Legion this year and thank those of you who continue to deliver the message of The American Legion and our Four Pillars to your community's. Together we can "Grow the Family".

*For God and Country*



## 1st VICE COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant  
1st Vice Commander

I want to thank everyone for all of your hard work on membership. Every district is over 80%. Membership is the life blood of our organization. We must make every milestone. We need all hands on deck to make this happen.

Our membership has not been below 100,000 in several years. Last year we dropped to 95,000 plus members. Commander Chapman has committed The Department of Ohio to a goal of 100,000. We can do this. We just need to keep working. DO NOT QUIT.

A few districts have had, or are having, revitalizations. The 10th District had a very successful revitalization. Assistant Membership Director Paul Brown, from National Head-

quarters, came in and brought lists of 888 members to be transferred. District 10 transferred 397 members from the 888 active and expired lists. This has catapulted the 10th District into first place in membership in the Department of Ohio. Each Post that received these new members should welcome these members, and get them involved in any post activity that may interest them.

Our great organization cannot exist without membership. I am so proud of those that have accepted leadership roles. Many have been in leadership roles for several years. Hopefully, some of these members will become active members and be mentored to become future leaders of our organization.

Please continue to do the good things you are doing. Membership is everyone's responsibility. I am so appreciative of all of you.

*For God and Country*



## 2nd VICE COMMANDER



Robert (Bob) Schmitt  
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to each of you! For those of you who do not know me, I am your new Department 2nd Vice Commander, Robert E. (Bob) Schmitt from The Great First District. I started my campaign for Department 2nd Vice Commander at the end of the State Convention in Independence, OH.

As most of you know we lost an outstanding Legionnaire, Department 1st Vice Commander Dave Jackson. As a result, 2nd Vice Commander Stanley Pleasant was moved up to 1st Vice and the Department Executive Committee was called into a special meeting to vote on a replacement for 2nd Vice. I was the only candidate for Department 2nd Vice so the Executive Committee voted me in as your new 2nd Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio. I am a dedicated and proud Legionnaire. I became active within the first couple of months after joining The American Legion. I hold positions at my Post #587 Con-

Weissenberger, Lucas County Council, and The Great First District. I have served on the Department Convention Corp., Americanism, and Credentials Committees. I am honored to serve as your Department 2nd Vice Commander and will work hard for The American Legion Department of Ohio and all of you. All I ask of each of you is the same; work hard for The American Legion Department of Ohio and for each other. If we all do this, Ohio will exceed all of it's goals.

Now for the Department activities that are coming up. We have two activities remaining before the State Convention. The Department Euchre Tournament is April 22, 2017 at Freedom Post 183 in Pemberville. Registration is onsite starting at 11:00 A.M., tournament starts at noon. The other event is the Department Pool Tournament on April 22nd and 23rd at Post 29 in Zanesville. The registration form is on the Department website under "FORMS." Additional information for these various activities can be found under Post Activities on the "Forms" page. Later

this year after the State Convention, we will have a Department Trapshoot and a Department Golf Tournament. The new 2nd Vice Commander for 2017 - 2018 will not have the opportunity to get this information out before these events take place, so I will work on promoting them. The information and registration form for the Golf Tournament is on the website now, however, we do not have any information on the Trapshoot as of this writing. We would like to get the Horseshoe Tournament going again if anyone is interested. It was dropped due to lack of participation. So, if we could get another Post to host, it would be nice but what we really need is a commitment for participation in the Tournament.

To stay up-to-date on these and other activities, continue checking the Department website for updates. Please be a participant and if not at least stop by these events and support the participants and the Posts that are hosting the Events. Thank you for your time and support. Please stay safe and healthy.

*For God and Country*



## SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons  
Department Adjutant

Greeting Legionnaires and Legion Family. January marks my one-year anniversary serving as your Department Adjutant. What a whirlwind the last year has been. I am excited to start year two. Your Department Staff continues to work hard to support our Veterans, Families, Posts, and Districts.

The American Legion Department of Ohio, Mid-Winter Conference was an enormous success. I would like to thank everyone that came to Columbus for a fun weekend of learning about our organization and meeting with National Commander Charles

Schmidt. I especially wish to thank the Legionnaires and staff who developed and presented this year's training courses. According to the survey sheets each of you did a masterful job presenting your training topics, well done. To my fellow Legionnaires who were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Department Convention, in Dayton or at the 2018 Mid-Winter Conference.

Our very own Executive Assistant Ms. Shirley Espenshade has officially retired from The American Legion Department of Ohio after a wonderful 15-year career. Shirley has been a delight to know and work beside. She is always ready with an easy smile and her knowledge of The American Legion has made her the perfect tutor for officers and staff.

We will miss Shirley's presence, but she will always be a valued member of this organization.

Other Staff news includes the retirement announcement of Americanism Director Jerry White. Jerry has dedicated the majority of his adult life in the service of The American Legion. He will be leaving the Department Staff following The American Buckeye Boys State this June after 39 years of service. Jerry has been instrumental in every major success this Department has enjoyed the past 26 years. He leaves us with a secured legacy of excellence that is instilled in every Department Americanism program.

With these vacancies, the Headquarters is in the process of a moderate personnel turnover. We have hired Mr. Dale Lyons, a Navy Vet-

eran, as the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Administrative Assistant to Director Suzette Price. The job postings for Director of Americanism and Department Bookkeeper are published in this issue of Ohio Legion News.

The Department Staff is ramping up plans for the 2017 Department Convention scheduled 6-9 July at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dayton. Mailings will be forthcoming providing details of not only registration forms, but also the names of this year's Speakers, Resolutions, and Candidates on the ballot. We are working to make this event informative and above all else, fun. We hope to see you there.

We are very close to our 2017 membership goals. I know our Districts and Posts have been

working hard to gain every membership. As of 27 January 2017, the Department has over 20,000 members who have not paid their 2017 dues. I am not going to get into the statistics, we are past that point. It is time to act. We have established a work station at the Department Headquarters for volunteers to call delinquent members in order to renew their memberships. Additionally, starting February 1st, 2017, I will dedicate 1 hour of my work day until the end of the May to contacting delinquent members. It is essential that we call, meet, and touch every delinquent member and reintroduce them to The American Legion. The future of this organization depends on it.

*For God and Country...  
Airborne!*



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## EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

### Boots to Business REBOOT

On Thursday, 30 March 2017, Department HQ and the Employment & Education Committee will be hosting a "Boots to Business REBOOT" for Veterans and Military Service Members. The class is being taught by VETBIZ and the Small Business Association.

Boots to Business Reboot is a two part training program that provides participants with an overview of business ownership

as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and introduction to public and private sector resources.

Part one is a one day session titled, Introduction to Entrepreneurship that is eligible to Veterans of all service areas. This course will be facilitated by the SBA and its partners who are skilled business advisors.

Part two is an eight week online Foundations Entrepreneur course instructed by a consortium of professors and practitioners led by the Institute for Veterans and Military families at Syracuse University. A participant must complete the one-day course to be eligible for the eight week course.

The sign up for this event will be posted on the Department website and social media soon.

## The Miller-Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Act

The Miller-Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Act was passed by Congress in the lame duck sessions of the 114th Congress. The changes set forth are to improve veterans access to health care, disability benefits, education and homelessness assistance, among other important benefits. There are 76 provisions that are broad in scope and scale and can be found at the following website: <https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/blumenthal-leads-senate-passage-of-bipartisan-veterans-reform-package>

Specifically, the Miller-Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Act will:

- Streamline portions of the process for veterans, their families and their survivors to obtain disability compensation and benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
- Expand the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims from seven to nine judges to help address the large backlog of veterans'

appeals that may soon arrive at the court;

- Make changes to the VA's burial benefits and interment policies, including expanding eligibility for presidential memorial certificates to certain individuals who served in reserve units of the Armed Forces, among others;

- Provide a much-needed extension of education benefits for surviving spouses who lost a loved one on September 11, 2001, or during the early years of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq;

- Improve how the VA administers and approves education benefits for veterans and allow mobilized reservists to keep their GI Bill eligibility when a deployment interrupts their schooling;

- Modify ownership requirements for small businesses participating in the VA contract assistance programs and require the Department of Labor to conduct a five-year study of job counseling, training, and placement service for veterans;

- Make improvements to the VA's health care services and benefits to

include:

- Ensuring preventative health services for veterans include access to adult immunizations for veterans who wish to receive them;
- Prioritizing access to care for medal of honor recipients;
- Ensuring veterans who served in classified missions can access mental health care without disclosing classified information;
- Requiring the VA to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the provision of hospital care, medical services and nursing home care by the Veterans Health Administration;
- Expanding the qualification criteria to make it easier to hire qualified mental health care professionals;
- Enhancing research on the potential health effects from toxic exposures to veterans and their descendants.

Please call Department HQ with any questions: 740-362-7478 x-2 or email: [price@ohiolegion.com](mailto:price@ohiolegion.com).

## Veteran Status of National Guard and Reserve

Out of the Miller-Blumenthal Act recently passed by the 114th Congress is the acknowledgement of "VETERAN" status of National Guard and Reserve members of the Armed Forces. Until now, Guard and Reserve personnel were considered veterans only if they served in a federalized capacity for more than

179 days other than training. Even a reservist who attended regular training and drill for two decades, but never was federalized, could not claim to be a veteran. Now, Guard and Reserve members will be recognized as veterans if they serve honorably for 20 years. The status change does not provide an increase in

veterans' benefits. It does, however, offer pride of identity. The good news is The American Legion has acknowledged these folks as veterans and members into our organization due to only requiring one day of active duty during a war-time era. We have considered them veterans all along!

## DEADLINES

### Gifts For Yanks Donation Deadline

The deadline for donating to funding the Gifts For Yanks program for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year is 3 April 2017. Considering the 1st of April is a Saturday, we will count donations received at Department HQ on Monday, 3 April, towards the 2017-2018 year. The GFY Committee will meet later that month to set the budget and review Special Projects from local VA facilities and the Veterans Homes that partner with Legionnaires to perform Voluntary Service Projects. Full details of the GFY meetings will be available in early May.

### Resolutions

All resolutions stemming from Posts and Districts need to be submitted to HQ for review by the Department Adjutant and Department Executive Committee

which meets Saturday, 1 April 2017. These will then be adopted by HQ and moved to the appropriate Convention Committees for July 2017.

### Award Nominations for Department Convention

The Department Convention is fast approaching and scheduled for July 2017. Please remember to submit nominations for Legionnaire of the Year, VA&R Award, and the Al Schaefer Award. Remember, the awards mentioned here relate only to VA&R. Please see the Department website at [ohiolegion.com](http://ohiolegion.com) for further details.

If you have questions about any of the information provided here, please contact Service Director Suzette Price at Department Headquarters or email at [price@ohiolegion.com](mailto:price@ohiolegion.com).

### Lifetime (continued from page 1)

his Police Department, to reunite a young man who had runaway with his parents.

When I became Director of Americanism for The Ohio American Legion in 1991, American Legion Buckeye Boys State and The Americanism and Government Test Program were the two leading programs of the entire American Legion Organization. Twenty – six years later, each of these programs are still the #1 programs of their type in our organization. Being able to maintain the suc-

cess of these programs has not been an easy task, but an accomplishment I am proud of, with much of the credit needing to go to the people who work these programs."

And what will Legionnaire White miss most:

"The people, both inside and outside of The American Legion, I have met and worked with during my career. I have met, worked with, and known some of the most dedicated people I have ever known who have motivated and

inspired me to do the best job I could with them and for them."

Don't expect Mr. White to simply step aside, chances are he won't be going far:

"There are some volunteer opportunities in the Columbus area I am interested in and I still would like to maintain some involvement in American Legion Buckeye Boys State after I step down as Director if the Boys State Board of Trustees feels I still have value to the program."

## THE 2017 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

Thank you to everyone who made the Mid-Winter Conference a success. Many good comments were received.

On Saturday, a few of the Committees conducted meetings. This year the Conference was focused on training and education about The American Legion.

National Internal Affairs Assistant Director Dave Elmore taught an ALEI course and later a leadership class.

Different classes were held on many subjects of interest. Some classes were packed while others had low attendance. A survey was conducted by administration and will be closely reviewed for comments and suggestions for next year's conference. Thank you to ALL the instructors who taught classes. Job well done!

The National Commanders Banquet was a big success with 240 tickets sold. Many good comments were received.

Sunday morning began early with a National Commanders breakfast for the Past Department Commanders and District Commanders. A Protestant service and a Catholic service was held later.

National Commander Charles Schmidt, his wife Linda, and his aide Dirk Levy visited the Conference. Commander Schmidt was the featured speaker. Detachment Commander Dan Finnell and SAL National Vice Commander Michael Lawler, along with SAL National Candidate Danny Smith, and Auxiliary President Denise Conrad visited the Conference. President Conrad and Command-

er Finnell brought greetings Sunday morning.

A special recognition to "Thank and Welcome Home" the Vietnam Veterans was held. A big thank you to Dick Houpp, Past Department Sergeant-At-Arms, for obtaining the pins. National Commander Schmidt and Department Commander Chapman shook each Veteran's hand, welcomed them home, and handed them a certificate and a pin.

The Charities Inc. drawing finished out the weekend events of the Conference.

Next year's Mid-Winter Conference is January 20th & 21st, 2018.

*Brenda McGowan  
Conference Director*

## MIDWINTER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Robert Altmire .....	Mantua
Maria Armadeo .....	Tiffin
Tom Black .....	Toledo
David Bonner .....	Hebron
John Cassidy .....	Cleveland
Dominic Coladangelo .....	Painesville
Robyn Cooper .....	Piqua
Robert Curtis .....	Middletown
G W Daubenmire .....	Lancaster
Charles Dazey .....	Louisville
Leslie Drummond .....	Cincinnati
William DuBois .....	Columbus
Russell Figert .....	Antwerp
David Gamble .....	N. Ft. Myers, FL
Marvin Garrett .....	Lehigh Acres, FL
Michael Gerl .....	Painesville
William Gundlach .....	Lucasville
Charles Heller .....	Seville
Richard Hughes .....	London
John Hyland .....	N. Ridgeville
Ronnie Jenkins .....	Bloomingtonburg
Thomas Kinder .....	Middletown
Joseph Kope .....	Austintown
James Kotmel .....	Maple Heights
Donald Lacko .....	New Matamoras
Michael Lanter .....	Canal Winchester
John Looker .....	Mason
Stephen Masowick .....	Streetsboro
Rick Mattox .....	East Fultonham
Francis Miller .....	Beaver
William Miller .....	Greer, SC
Fred Paisley .....	Loudonville
Kenneth Paulson .....	Columbus
William Phythyon .....	Westerville
Edward Rabbit .....	Cleveland
Larry Rettig .....	Findlay
Robert Rudloff .....	Cincinnati
Richard Scarnati .....	Columbus
Ken Schutz .....	Van Wert
Paul Seifert .....	Cincinnati
Walter Shimshock .....	Garfield Heights
James Simpson .....	Westerville
James Sizemore .....	Felicity
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## JUST A BIT OF ORDER

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### Do We Need to Discuss This Now - RONR p. 100-125

A motion (or resolution) is a call to action. This is the only way we can make decisions in our Posts if we are going to do it fairly. We actually make motions daily in our personal lives like deciding where to dine. Mom says "Let's all go to a nice sit down restaurant. The daughter agrees, but Dad and the two boys want to go to a sports restaurant and the discussion is on! Eventually a decision is made and typically not all are happy, but they are at least somewhat satisfied with the agreement.

So goes our Posts, but with many decisions to make and a little time to do it, we need a logical process based on respect for the opinions and time of all in good standing within our Posts. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is our guideline.

Now RONR has over 100 pages about motions, but what we

learn today can be found in pages 100-125 where RONR discusses THE MAIN MOTION. In particular, we will discuss how to dispose of the main motion

The main motion is the one on the floor, and the only one on the floor that started "I move to..." When this statement is seconded the discussion begins.

Now most of the time we have a great discussion about the motion (also called "the question" since we are deciding upon what to do).

Sometimes the discussion goes a bit long and there are a few more important issues to bring to the body so someone rises to TABLE the motion, "Commander I move to table this motion as we must address..." The Commander immediately takes a vote as this is not debatable. A ma-

jority passes TO TABLE and the motion is set aside until the more pressing business is conducted, and then should be brought back to the floor with a motion to TAKE FROM THE TABLE. If this is not done prior to adjournment then the motion evaporates for this meeting, but can be brought up again freshly at the next meeting.

So the big revelation here is that TABLE does not kill the motion, only postpones its discussion to later in the meeting.

If one wants to push the motion to the future, the motion can be COMMITTED or REFERRED to a committee for review and recommendation back to the body at a set time in the future. This motion must be seconded, discussed and needs a majority vote.

A motion can also

### Recommended References

- ◆ Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised - RONR (11th Ed)  
(Emblem Sales - ES)
- ◆ Officers Guide (OG) (ES)
- ◆ Parliamentary Procedure - A Matter of Order (ES)
- ◆ RONR In-Brief (local bookstore or internet)
- ◆ Robert's Rules for Dummies (bookstore or on line)

be POSTPONED DEFINITELY to a future meeting under unfinished business with a second, discussion, and a majority vote.

Finally, for at least this article, one can POSTPONE INDEFINITELY which essentially kills the motion not to be brought up again in the same form. This should almost never be done if the officers of the post help members form good productive motions. This action must be seconded, debated, and passed with a majority vote.

That's enough for now. Was great seeing all of you at Mid-Winter training.

**BE QUOTA!  
and BE ORDERLY!**

## 2017 Department Convention

In case you haven't heard, the 99th annual Convention of the Department of Ohio American Legion will be held in Dayton, July 7-9th. Dayton hasn't hosted our Convention since 2009 and much has changed since then.

The surrounding area and downtown offers:

- Cultural, culinary, entertainment and historical attractions.
- A downtown that is compact, vibrant, and safe.
- Carillon Historical Park.
- 2nd Street Public Market.
- Dayton Art Institute.
- Wright Patterson Air Force Base.
- National Museum of the United States Air Force.
- Dayton Mall.
- Some of the finest museums in the U.S.

- Great restaurants - from five star dining to great fish & chips.

- A variety of sports activities.
- Home of the Dayton Dragons Baseball Team.
- Huffman Flying Field/Wright Memorial

This year's Convention has all the ingredients to be very successful and memorable. Improvements have been made to the Convention schedule.

All that is missing is YOU! Start making your plans now to attend the 99th annual Convention in Dayton, and watch for the important details and reservation forms in this year's Convention Call available on line and mailed to Post Adjutants.

*Submitted by  
Brenda McGowan  
Convention Director*



## THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

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### Director of Americanism and Children and Youth The American Legion Department of Ohio

The American Legion Department of Ohio seeks a Director to spearhead the Americanism and Children and Youth programs.

**Job Description:** Directs and oversees Americanism and Children and Youth Activities for The American Legion Department of Ohio. Reports to the Adjutant of The American Legion, Department of Ohio. Administers programs and initiatives developed by the Americanism Committee and Sub-Committees, the Department's Children and Youth Committee, and all Department Scholarship programs. Responsible for collecting, investigating, and vetting all requests for National Emergency Fund (NEF) requests.

#### Position Responsibilities:

- Responsible for planning, coordinating, and organizing the Department Americanism Programs.
  - Budget preparation and fiscal oversight of the Americanism Committee.
  - Advise the Department Adjutant on policy matters of the Department Americanism committees and programs.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Americanism Committee.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Ohio State Patrol and to the Ohio State Patrol Auxiliary.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of the Department Americanism and Government Test Program.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of the Department Americanism and Government Trip.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of the Department Scouting Program.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Citizens Flag Alliance Program.
  - Provide staff liaison to The American Legion Department of Ohio Baseball Program.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of The American Legion Department of Ohio Baseball Program and Senior Tournament.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Special Olympics Committee.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of the Department Special Olympics Program.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Oratorical Committee.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of the Department Oratorical Contest.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Dayton and Ohio Western Reserve VA Cemetery Decorating Programs.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Religious Emphasis Committee.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Law and Order Committee.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department POW/MIA Committee.
  - Provide staff liaison to the National American Legion Americanism Division.
- Responsible for planning, coordinating, organizing, and execution of the program that serves The American Legion Buckeye Boys State.
  - Budget preparation and fiscal oversight of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State.
  - Advise the Department Adjutant on policy matters of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State.
  - Provide staff liaison to The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees.
  - Administer the planning, coordination, and execution of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State.
  - Administer the Planning, coordination, and execution of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Alumni Association.
- Responsible for planning, coordinating, and organizing the Department Children and Youth Programs.
  - Budget preparation and fiscal oversight of the Children and Youth Committee Budget.
  - Advise the Department Adjutant on policy matters of the Department Children and Youth committees and programs.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Child Welfare Committee.
  - Provide staff liaison to the Department Scholarship Committee.
- Interpretation of program objectives and American Legion Department of Ohio policies involving Americanism and Children & Youth to staff and volunteers by:
  - Correspondence
  - Preparation of articles for publication
  - Public speaking
  - Preparation of legislative testimony
  - Planning and participation in various annual program conferences
  - Facilitation of training opportunities.
- Represent The American Legion Department of Ohio and participate on committees and boards of other State level organizations whose goals are akin to Americanism and Children & Youth programs of The American Legion Department of Ohio.
- Direct supervision of an Administrative Assistant; monitors employee performance and provides timely feedback on an on-going basis.
- Other duties as assigned.
- For more information on programs offered by The American Legion Department of Ohio visit [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com).

#### Qualifications:

- Be a veteran eligible for membership in The American Legion.
- Excellent public speaking, creative writing, managerial and interpersonal skills.
- Proficiency in computer use to include Microsoft Word, Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Internet Explorer and Sales Force database.
- Ability to travel extensively by air and other means.
- Knowledge of the programs and the policies of The American Legion.

**Deadline:** 28 February 2017

**Tentative Start Date:** on or about 3 April 2017

**To Apply:** Please email or mail your cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to:

The American Legion Department of Ohio  
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### Bookkeeper and Human Resource Assistant The American Legion Department of Ohio

#### Job Description

Assist the Department Finance Officer by conducting routine bookkeeping duties, paying special attention to accounts payable and receivable. Handle general ledgers and major account reconciliations along with managing journal entry postings and creating financial quality reports. Resolve financial issues and handle daily monitoring of cash flow. Assist in the management of employee benefits and compensation.

#### Areas of Responsibilities

- Bookkeeping
- Payroll
- Reconciliation
- Special financial projects
- Management of employee benefits and compensation

#### Education and Qualifications Required

- Be a veteran eligible for membership in The American Legion.
- Experience in Accounting or Finance for a non-profit organization.
- Knowledge of developing systems for handling financial transactions and complying with federal, state and local legal requirements
- Experience with QuickBooks and Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Sociable personality with ability to work on own initiative with little day to day oversight.
- Ability to handle office communication orally and in writing.
- General knowledge of The American Legion and its programs.

**Deadline:** 28 February 2017

**Tentative Start Date:** Negotiable

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## VIETNAM WAR

- by Josie Fuller

*Crawling through the forest floor  
Looking through the trees  
Everything everywhere  
Trying to kill me  
Looking at the enemy  
Square in the eye  
Ready to shoot  
At the right time  
Ready to escape  
With all my friends  
Ready to go home  
Before the year ends*

*Through the bars  
Out the door  
Down to find  
The forest floor  
When I'm done  
With my quest  
I go to the jet  
To find my rest*

*On the way home  
The floor rumbles  
So I fall off my bed  
With a tumble*

*With a shout  
I wake up  
To the captain  
Landing us*

*We got off the jet  
With a hurry*

*But loud noises scare us  
So we get down, everyone scurries*

*When we get home  
The wives sleeping in bed  
We head to sleep  
To rest our heads*



## Welcome Dale Lyons VA&R Assistant



Dale Lyons was born in Urbana, OH, December 1984, and graduated from Urbana High School. Dale received his Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership from Wright State University, Dayton, OH. Dale's Great Uncle lost his father in WWII while fighting in the Philippines.

Dale served in the Navy from 2005 to 2009, attended training in Illinois at Great Lakes, stationed at Lemoore Naval Air Station, CA. Dale Deployed several times on short trips to support new naval aviators as a ground crewman. Dale deployed to the Persian Gulf in 2008 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dale became a member of The American Legion immediately after leaving active duty service on the advice of his Great Uncle. Dale has been active in volunteering in various capacities to serve veterans past and present. Dale is currently a member of the Pierce-Kerns Post 120 of Urbana, OH.

Dale is also a volunteer of Team Red, White, and Blue-Dayton, the American Veterans Heritage Center, and Champaign County Habitat for Humanity.

## OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEEKING RECRUITS FOR TROOPER POSITIONS

The Ohio State Highway Patrol will begin accepting applications for trooper positions on February 1 from men and women interested in joining the force.

Trooper Crystal Evans, who recruits for Cuyahoga, Lorain, Geauga, Lake and other nearby counties, said applicants must be:

- 20 to 34 years old

- Have a valid driver's license with no more than five points on your record

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of Ohio now or by the time the six-month training ends

The state will recruit 100 of the applicants for training in Columbus, which begins

in the fall. During training, recruits will be paid \$18.66 an hour with benefits. Training is Monday through Friday, with housing and food paid for. Recruits go home on weekends. Starting salary after graduation is about \$54,000 a year, Evans said.

You can see application instructions now at [statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit](http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/recruit).

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**BRRRRRRRR**

Wood County Honor Guard

**CHILDREN'S PARTY**

Post and Unit 63 hosted the annual Veteran's Children Christmas Party on Dec 4th. The event features activities and a visit from Santa. One particular event is the face painting. Thank you to all who donated

**A & G CERTIFICATE**

Pictured are Dick Conrad, Commander Post 441, Tontogany, Ohio; Zach Tussing; Jeff Dever, Principal and Jeffrey Nichols, Social Studies Teacher. Zach received a \$50 from Tontogany Legion, A & G Certificate and a Medal.

**POST 388 PRESENTS DONATIONS**

On the October 28th, Post 338 presented the following checks: \$1,000 to Elmwood HS, \$1,000 to Lakota HS, \$1,000 to Risington Fire Chief, \$1,000 to Bradner Fire Chief, \$291 each to the Bradner Boys and Cub Scout leaders. Pictured: Elmwood HS Principal, Adjutant George Stahl presenting, 2nd Vice Randy Pollard, and Finance Officer Michael P. O'Donnell.

**MISS POPPY VETERANS TRIBUTE**

Unit 63 sponsored a Veteran's Day event at the Post providing free dinner to all veterans. Miss Poppy Carlie Crawfis gave a veteran tribute and is pictured here with the veterans in attendance.

**DISTRICT 2**

Allen • Auglaize • Hardin • Henry • Logan • Mercer • Shelby • Van Wert

**50 YEAR MEMBERSHIP**

Ron Stachler receiving a certificate for 50 continuous years from Post Commander Gene Brunswick at the Veteran's Day banquet. Also receiving certificates that day but not available for photo were: Dennis Brunswick, Larry Knapke, Larry Obringer, Roman Meyer, George Fisher, and Ted Denbowski.

**POST CHICKEN DINNER**

Post 470 Commander Lavern Stammen purchases the first chicken dinner ticket for the chicken fry held in June. Pictured (L-R) are: Co-chairman of dinner Doug Drosch, Commander Stammen, and Ron Stchler

**SCHOOL FLAG RAISING**

Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon and three active duty recruiters raised the flag at Sidney High School and addressed the government class students. Pictured (L-R): Cpl Jacob Kilpatrick (USMC), SFC David Altihizer (Army), Post 217 Commander Larry Spence, SSGT Ian Setilli (USMC), and Craynon.



**POST 444 BANQUET**

Post 444 held their annual Veteran's Banquet with the Boys State and Girls State students attending.

**MARINE CORPS**

District Americanism Chairperson Chuck Craynon (Center) presented Red, White, and Blue Awards to Marine Corps recruiters Ian Setilli(L) and Cpl Jacob Kilpatrick(R). Both are members of Post 217 and use much of their free time and days off assisting the Post in different projects.

**FLAG RETIREMENT**

Members of Boy Scout Troop 97 in Sidney removed flags from the cemetery on November 12th and a modified ceremony was held by Post 217 to respectfully retire the approximately 4,000 worn and tattered flags.

**POST 470 BOYS STATE**

Post 470 Boys State Chair Ron Stachler (back left), Post 470 Commander Vern Stammen (back right) pose with the selected Boys State participants from Coldwater High School. Students are (L-R): Adam Stall, Martin Wagner, and Trent Meyer.

**MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

Post 217 Commander Larry Spence salutes after placing a wreath at a memorial on the courthouse square. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony conducted by Post 217.

**A & G TEST WINNERS**

Post 217 Commander Larry Spence (rear left) and Past Department Treasurer Chuck Craynon (rear right) presented certificates and checks to Post Americanism and Govt Test winners. Students pictured (L-R): Ally Ball (Junior), Rachel Trudeau (Sophomore), and Andrew Blackford (Junior).

**POST 217 CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIPS**

Post 217 continuous year membership award Pictured (L-R): Commander Eric Lunsford (60 years), Chaplain Carl Zimmerman, Norris "Pug" Cromes (70 years), Lawrence DeMange (60 years), Jim Meyers (50 years), and Vice Commander Tom Clay.

**HIGH SCHOOL VETERANS BREAKFAST**

On November 12th, Waynesfield-Goshen High School presented all area veterans with a breakfast in honor of their service. Joseph Carter received special recognition in honor of his 70 continuous years of membership in The American Legion. Pictured (L-R): Joseph's son Brian Carter, Mr. Carter, Joseph's son-in-law Steve Shepherd, teacher Tom Bogan, and teacher Jim Epperly.



**50 CONTINUOUS YEARS**

Post 286 presents a 50 years of membership pin and plaque to WW2 veteran Ted Chapman. Mr. Chapman is a charter member of Post 286. Pictured (L-R): Terry Estepp, Post Commander Keith Sage, Dave Flook, Dave Suther, and Francis Webb.

**VIETNAM VETS**

Post 776 Vietnam vets are humbled as they received their Vietnam lapel pin and certificate during a ceremony at the VA in Dayton OH. Post 776 1st Vice Hollis Carr proudly supports (standing).

**HONOR FLIGHT**

On September 3rd, Victor Frantz was among 99 veterans who made the Honor Flight Dayton to Washington, DC trip to the WWII Memorial. On the trip Mr. Frantz was able to meet Bob Dole and visit the grave site of Audie Murphy.

**COLORS PRESENTED**

On October 28, 2016, Post 487 members Al Daum, Dennis Albaugh, Leroy Applegate and Paul Diehl prepare to present The Colors at the Milton-Union vs. Waynesville High School Football game at Milton-Union Veterans' Memorial Stadium in West Milton, Ohio. The Post has been proudly performing this service for the community for well over 50 years.

**POST 66 CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Post 586 presents \$10,000 in charitable donations to local charities. Pictured (L-R): Doug Whitney for Dayton USO, Pastor Brian Reinicke for Salvation Army, Robert Steggemann for Gifts For Yanks Program, Heather Bolton for Miami County Hospice, Harlan Purves for Post 586 Scholarships, and Post 586 Commander Don Williams.

**POST 665 FOOD BANK DONATION**

Post 665 presented \$1,000 to Monroe Township food bank. Joy Dearth and Shirley Hundley accepted check from Jerry Hoover.

**VANDALLA 668 RIDERS**

Vandalia 668 Riders had an eventful 2016. While the Riders' held several rides in 2016, highlights include The American Legion National Convention Parade in Cincinnati, Memorial Day services, Veteran's Day ceremony, New Carlisle Flag Day Retirement, and the annual Children's Toy Ride hosted by the Hill Side Hikers. Two of our members participated in The American Legion Legacy Ride. The Riders have plans to join the Legacy Ride to Reno NV in 2017, as well as, ride in Rolling Thunder 2017.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS**

Children greeting Santa as he arrives at the Children's Christmas Party at Kettering Post 598.

**POST 776 HOLIDAY EVENT**

Post 776 in Dayton show their pride during an annual holiday event on Dec 17. Legion family members and volunteers packs boxes for 60 families in need each year. Each family received 1 box with meals to last two weeks during the Christmas holidays.



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**YOUTH FOOTBALL**

PDC Jerry Wilson presenting a \$5,000 check from Charities, Inc. of The American Legion Department of Ohio to Jeff Gerhardt, President of Harrison Youth Football.

**VOICE OF AMERICA**

One of the goals of Post 630, is to find educational opportunities for its members and guests. Recently, 1st Vice Commander Jim Meyers arranged for a guided tour of the National Voice of American Museum (VOA) located in Butler County, Ohio about 25 miles north of Cincinnati.

**SOARING EAGLE AWARD**

At the Post 630 Christmas Party, with approximately 100 people in attendance, Commander Paul Collett presented Joe Rettig the "Soaring Eagle" Award for taking the Post to a higher level. The award reads "In grateful appreciation for years of outstanding service to American Legion NE Post 630."

**VOICE OF AMERICA MUSEUM**

Joe Rettig, Past Commander and Finance Officer of Post 630 (Blue Ash) was recently awarded the Veteran of the Year Award by Blue Ash Mayor Lee Czerwonka. The award was presented at the Blue Ash Veteran's Day Ceremony and Luncheon.

**AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TEST**

Pictured (L-R) are the Sponsors and Winners of the Post 484 Americanism & Government Test: Americanism Chairman Glenn Johnson, Sr. Trinity Shaya, Soph. Amanda Herbert, Jr. Nathan Cox, Soph. Cooper Scanlon, Jr. Cassidy Ficker, and Auxiliary Chairman Vicki Monroe. Not pictured is Nathaniel Arlington, who was top Sr. Score achiever for boys.

**DISTRICT 5**

Ashland • Crawford • Erie • Huron • Lorain • Medina • Richland • Sandusky • Seneca • Wyandot

**BURIAL SQUAD**

Post 326 of Shelby has four members that serve on the Richland County Joint Burial Squad. The four were honored in The Shelby Daily Globe newspaper for their dedication and service Veteran's Day week. Pictured (L-R) are Edward Schumacher, James McCormick, Robert Payne, and Jim Artz.

**MID WINTER CERTIFICATE**

Arden "Skip" Craun, Member Post 733, stands with Department of Ohio Adjutant Thomas Simons, and 5th District Commander Molly Doss at the Mid-Winter Conference. A Certificate was presented to "Skip" by Thomas Simons on behalf of Department Commander Ron Chapman.



## NEW REIGEL HIGH SCHOOL



Legion and Auxiliary members of Edward Grine Post 354 attended the Nov 11th Veteran's Day program at New Riegel High School. Students prepared breakfast for the veterans after the program.

## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



Legion Family Irvin Hiskey Post, SAL, Auxiliary & Juniors #535 from left to right Kathy Heichel, Department of Ohio 2nd Vice President; Sandy Oyster VanHouten, V A & R Chairman; Deborah Altman, Auxiliary Member; Jean Webb, Aux 2nd Vice President; Larry Webb, Post Commander; Beverly Flynn, Unit Secretary; Samantha Altman, 5th District Junior President; Ron Flynn, Color Guard member; Gavin Altman, SAL member; Richard "Dickie" Carns, 2nd Vice Commander; Reece Hayes, SAL member; Craig Smith, Squadron Treasurer; R. Paul Brown, Past Post Commander; Harry Welshans, Color Guard member; John Garber, Squadron Commander; and Alec Kuhn, Squadron Historian at the Veteran's Day Program at the Country Meadows Care Center in Bellville.

## THANK YOU



On Dec. 22, members of Post 211 extended a hearty THANK YOU to all of the employees of Walmart in Avon for their generosity with the Lap Blankets and Christmas cards they donated to the residents of Ohio Veterans Home (OVH), Sandusky. Pictured (L-R): Meredith Starman, Walmart; Bill Russell- Acting Commander with Grandson Joe, and Al Pina-Service Officer.

## HONORING A VETERAN



Henry C. McCowan, Age 95, was an Army/Air Force Veteran of WWII and flew 52 missions as a waist gunner. Also a POW in Stalag. He was laid to rest Oct. 31 at St. Teresa of Avila Cemetery in Sheffield Lake. Post 211 Honor Guard rendered graveside full military honors.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



Five member's children of Post 354 received \$25.00 in a random drawing at the Dec 18th Christmas party. Pictured with the children are Children and Youth Chairperson Herman Kimmert and Post Commander Ron Clouse.

## MILITARY HONORS



Post 211 Honor Guard conducting Graveside Military Honors on Dec. 3 for ALP211 WWII Marine Jack Gianonni at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Avon Lake.

## 5TH DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNEY



Mark Tonger, member of Squadron 83, bowled 600 at the 5th District Bowling Tournament.



Jeff Gibson of Post 344 in Carey and serves on the 5th District Bowling Commission, bowled a 662 and a 660 series.



Missy Sheets of Unit 397 in Vermilion bowled a 694 series, 205 pins over average, at the 5th District tournament in Sandusky on December 3rd and 4th.

## TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION



On December 23, 2016, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation of New York, presented a totally handicapped accessible home to Sgt. Joshua Stahl, U.S. Army, of Hartville, Oh. The Honor Guard of Courtney Lawrence Post 202 of Medina was present for the presentation.

## DONATIONS FOR POLICE CAMERA



Post 326 of Shelby presented a \$1,000 check to the Shelby Police Department on November 21 for body cameras. Post Financial Officer Richard Shuler handed the check to SPD Chief Lance Combs. Also pictured on left is Officer Keith Swisher, center Officer John Magers and Post Commander John Terry on the right.



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**BARN MEETINGS**

Post 219 meets in a barn because the older members can no longer climb the stairs to the regular meeting place. They believe they are the only Post that meets in a barn. Pictured (clockwise from left): Vice Commander Browning, Ken Baird, Adjutant Dan Gee, Commander John Calhoun

**FLAG FOLDING DETAIL**

Post 535 Flag Folding Detail Veterans Gerry Dillon, Howard Grimmett, and back row John Dodds at the Veteran's Day Breakfast hosted by Ashley Furniture Store on Saturday, November 12 in Mansfield.

**NEW MEMBER**

Pictured (L-R): Bill Genochio newest member of Post 211 and visitors Will Brown, Michelle Jones, Adam Zabest, Albert Mitchell. All are Department Service officers for the Department of Ohio. Missing from photo is State Service Director Suzette Price who also was in attendance.

**DISTRICT 6**

Delaware • Knox • Licking • Madison • Marion • Morrow • Union

**WWII VETERANS HONORED**

World War II Veterans were honored Friday at Swasey Chapel at Denison University. Post 398 marked Veterans Day with a stirring, often emotional tribute to its surviving World War II heroes. A convoy of WWII-era Jeeps carried Granville's members up the hill at Denison. Friday's ceremony centered on the awarding of the Legion d'Honneur – "The highest award that the government of France can bestow for military or civil merit" – to Dr. Andrew Sterrett. Pictured (Front L-R): Gil Plute and Jack Heller, (Middle L-R) Jim Gordon, Pete Ullman, Fred Palmer, Harold Attebery, Andy Sterrett, Anne Cappel (Honorary French Consul, Ohio) and Trig Gamble, (Back L-R) Arnie Joseph, John Cassell, Jim Siegel.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Elaine Mitchell is shown accepting a "Teacher of the Year" certificate from Commander Preston Hale of Post 254 as Legion member Dave Hunnicut looks on. Mrs. Mitchell arranged for the Legion to present a "Flag History" program for the students at Searfoss Elementary School. The program shows the flags and traces the evolution of flags from the 1200's all the way up to the American flag we use today. Mrs. Mitchell also organized a drive to collect gifts for the Legionnaires to take to the Chillicothe VA on Christmas morning for the veterans hospitalized there. Some of the packages of gifts can be seen in the background.

**LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

American Legion Post 457 in Sunbury, Ohio has awarded their Post 457 Legionnaire of The Year Award to Vietnam Veteran Thomas Mills of Delaware, Ohio. Thomas Mills is one of the most active members of Post 457. He has worked as a volunteer at Grady Hospital for many years. He also volunteers for the Delaware County Meals on Wheels Program. Mills presently serves as Captain of the Delaware County Veterans Association Funeral Honor Guard. Pictured (L-R): Gene Fuller, American Legion Post 457 Adjutant, Dick Morris, Post 457 Vice Commander, Thomas Mills, Post 457 Legionnaire Of The Year, and Scott Bloch, Post 457 Commander.

**VETERANS DAY**

Wendy Ayers and Steve Rowdy Victor at the Veteran's Day Program. Both Wendy and Steve are Past Post Commanders of Post 162.

**PEARL HARBOR**

Post 254 members honored on Pearl Harbor Day: (L-R) Jack Walsh, Donald Jakeway, Carl Strout, and Charles Harger. Missing from the evening commemoration: Smith Clark and Willard Saylor. All these men served in the United States military during World War Two. Most were just teenagers at that time. We are here today because of the brave and loyal actions of these men and men like them.

**LEGION OF HONOR**

Dr. Andrew Sterrett (center) receiving the Legion of Honor from French Consulate Ann Cappel, escorted by Post 398 member and Licking County Commissioner Art Morrow at our Veteran's Day Ceremony.



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**SANTA VISITS JOHNSTOWN**

10 year old Amanda Thomas gets a hug from Santa at the Johnstown monthly community breakfast held December 17th. Amanda is the daughter of Allan and Anne Thomas, members of the Legion and the Auxiliary, respectively.

**DISTRICT 7**Adams • Fayette • Highland • Lawrence  
Pickaway • Pike • Ross • Scioto**70 YEAR CONTINUOUS**

Arnold Foster of the Winchester Post 242 is shown along with his family and friends receiving his 70th continuous year in The American Legion. Arnold served in WWII and now resides at the Georgetown Ohio Veterans Home.

**DISTRICT 8****CHRISTMAS GIVING**

(Left) Post 342 gives a Christmas gift for the children and families of their community. Treasurer Richard Harris presents a \$250 check to Virginia Bozgar. (Right) A check was also presented to Chris Lofton of the Thornville Health and Rehab Center to benefit residents this holiday season.



Post 39 Legionnaires and Auxiliary prepare gifts and fruit baskets to be delivered to veterans in rest homes and homebound.

**70 YEARS CONTINUOUS**

Donald Lowe and Robert Hamilton were honored at Post 79's Veteran's Day dinner for their 70 years of membership with The American Legion. We thank them for the years of continued service to The American Legion and our community. Congratulations!

**1945 WILLY'S JEEP**

Dave Shoemaker of post 398 transporting WWII veterans Trig Gamble, Fred Palmer, and Jim Gordon to a Veteran's Day ceremony in his 1945 Willy's military Jeep.

**DISTRICT 8**

Athens • Fairfield • Gallia • Hocking • Jackson • Meigs • Perry • Vinton

**VETERAN'S DAY**

Thornville Post 342 Commander Ron Combs with officers and guest veterans were honored at their hometown Elementary school by Principal Rhodes and students for Veterans Day 2016.

**TABLE FOR ONE**

"Table for One" in the lobby of the Chalmers Wylie Veteran's Clinic in Columbus. Display was donated by Post 283's Honor Guard.

**GIFT TO K-9 UNIT**

Post 342 Commander Ron Combs and officers presented an end of the year gift to Perry County Sheriff William Barker and deputies for the K-9 unit.

**4TH OF JULY PARADE**

Boys Scouts from Pickerington lead the Fourth of July Parade. Post 283 is a sponsor of the troop.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PAINT TRIBUTE TO VETERANS**

This painting is on the east side of Post 283 and was painted by six girls from the local high school.



## APPRECIATION



Jay Wilson Post 112 2nd Vice Commander Ray Meister (R) presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Madison Funeral Team Director Jeff Lynn (L) for the outstanding work honoring our deceased veterans with graveside honors.

## DINNER



Volunteers from Post & Unit 737 host dinner for Wade Park veterans. This annual event includes an evening of dinner, karaoke, and fellowship. Auxiliary VA&R Chair Mary Ann Hughes, Joyce Street, Kathy Rutushin and others planned and prepared the event.

## FOOD BANK DONATION



Ron Shesko, Post 737, with Stephanie Montgomery, University Hospital Portage Medical Center, Volunteer Services, receiving a check for \$500 for the Veterans Visitation Program from Post 737. This program offers visits to hospitalized veterans who also receive a flag lapel pin, American flag, and an information booklet outlining services available to veterans in Portage County. Other volunteers are Ray Reedy (Navy) Post 888, Charlie Connelly (Army) Past AL member, Bob Matson (Marine) & Karen Shesko, ALA 737.

## MADISON COUNTY FOOD BANK DONATION



Post Commander Mike Evangelista (L) and 9th District 1st Vice Commander Bill Keller (R) of Jay Wilson Post 112 present Madison Food Bank with a check for Thanksgiving Dinners for Madison Community.

## 18 VETERANS



On Dec. 16, to show their appreciation for the military service of eighteen veterans who are residents of Signature Nursing Home, several members of Post 700 went to the home where they visited the veterans and gave them Christmas presents, cake, ice cream, and sang Christmas carols. Pictured (L-R) are the visitors: (Rear) Tim McCall, Joanne Lambing, Bernie Orfanos, Rich Milani, Joann Milani, Smitty Mealy, Darlene Freer, Dave Luther, Al Lambing, Chuck Sayers, John Turner, and Ed Dougherty, (Front) Chris Campbell, Jim Campbell and Lou Szuch. Not pictured is Roger Stanley.

## CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Howland Post 700 held their Christmas Dinner Party at DiLucia's Banquet Center on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. Several Post members were recognized with plaques of appreciation for their service to the Post: Past Commander Bud Luman, Past 1st Vice Commander Dewayne Wells, Past Adjutant Ed Pretot, and Jamie Nezbeth for her work as the secretary of the Legion Riders. Sergeant-at-Arms Rich Milani was presented with a new nameplate. Smitty Mealy & Rick Ginkinger were both given copies of the History of "The Big Red One." Both men served with this division in Vietnam. Pictured are: Post Commander Jim Campbell, Adjutant Darlene Freer, 1st Vice Commander Chuck Sayers and Financial Officer Pat Ginkinger.

## CROSSBOW BUILD



Rick Ginkinger demonstrated to Post 700 members the use of a Montagnard (mountain yard) crossbow. Rick is a U.S. Army Veteran who served in Vietnam where he became familiar with this type of crossbow. He recently purchased it at a yard sale from someone who had no idea what it was. Pictured on right is Ed Pretot assisting Rick Ginkinger who is standing on the left.

## AR-15



Lake County Council Commander Bill Dittebrand, Raffle Winner Richard Miklaucic, Point Blank Range Store Manager Cody Paul, Richard Miklaucic, a member of the Painesville American Legion Post #336, held the winning ticket for the Lake County Council's AR-15 Raffle at the drawing held on Thursday, January 19. The AR-15 Prize Package was provided by Point Blank Range & Gun Shop on Heisley Road in Mentor. Point Blank celebrated their two year anniversary in October 2014. It's owner, David Holz, is a U. S. Army Veteran and graduate of the University of Dayton.



**BELL RINGERS**

Post 740 participated in the Bell Ringing Ceremony at the Richmond Historical Society's Crew House. In Attendance were (L-R): Don Swickard, Bryan Cooley, Danny Vojvodich, Steve Spiewakk, Bill Burruss, and Tom Grimm. Ralph Proffit was unavailable for photo.

**BUCKEYE BOYS & GIRLS**

Post 740 Supports Boys and Girls State. Pictured (L-R): J.O. Henry (Commander), Abby Arbogast, Eligh (Stone) Burchfield. Not available for photo was Hunter Howel.

**LIONS CLUB**

Howard Stouffer post 290 commander presents a donation of \$1200.00 to Ron Simons of the NewWaterford Lions Club to be used as needed.

**RIBBON CUTTING**

At the request of the Village of East Palestine, Post 31 Honor Guard was on hand to dedicate a new veteran mural at The Veteran Outlook in the downtown area of East Palestine. The mural was painted by Gina Hampson and sponsored by The Chevy All-Star and Britton Motors. The Guest of Honor was Mr. Art Cozza, a World War 2 Veteran and a member Post 31 located at 140 North Walnut St. East Palestine. Also with Art (L-R): Alan Cohan Councilman, Mayor Margo Zuch, Tom Brittan Village Manager Pete Monelone, East Palestine Police Chief Kevin Dickey, and Art Cozza kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Post 31 provided full honors ceremony for the dedication.

**TOY DONATIONS**

Legion and Auxiliary of Post 375 recently donated hundreds of toys for its Toys for Christmas program as well as hundreds of veteran donations for Wade Park. Toys for Christmas were handed out to local children in need, including kids who visited Santa Claus at the Great Trail Fire Department South Station Dec. 14. Packages were also donated to veterans at Wade Park in Cleveland that included toiletry and stationary items. Post 375 thanks all who donated and helped distribute gifts. Pictured are Lynnette Cavelli and Alan Artzner of Post 375 showing off several of the toys donated.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS**

On Sunday evening November 13, Post 31 in East Palestine donated to East Palestine Social Concerns \$5,605.05 for the needy families in the East Palestine, Ohio area. Pictured (L-R) are: Commander David L Beachler, Past Commander William Cunningham, East Palestine Social Concern President Barbara Lynch, Post 31 Finance Officer George Cope.

**USS ARIZONA ENSIGN**

Post 491 honors Ensign James Havenfield with memorial on Dec 7th on the 75th Anniversary of his death aboard the USS Arizona

**WREATHS**

Brothers John and Frank Zamski placing a wreath on the resting place of their friend Andrew (Sonny) Koran of Dillonvale during the Wreaths Across America event at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA. All three are Vietnam veterans.

**RECOGNITION**

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons of post 274 turned out to recognize Lafayette Byrom, one of the oldest Post members, on Veteran's Day.

**BROWNS/STEELERS**

Members of Post 290 are a happy group as they pose for photos before the departing to the Cleveland for a Browns/Steelers game that was sponsored by the post

**LEGION FIELD**

Members of the Columbiana Post 290 present a check for \$1000.00 to Ryan Wolf of the Columbiana school to be used for needed improvements to the Legion Field in Columbiana's Firestone park. L to R: Post Officers Ed Holisky, Ken Allecorn, Ryan Wolf and Post SAL Dan Bekar.



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**CANTON VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

Richard Biedenbach was awarded the Greater Canton Veterans Council Veteran of the Year. Dick is also very active in Stark County serving our veterans.

**VETERAN OF THE YEAR**

Edward Waldman was named Veteran of the Year at a service with the Jefferson County Veterans Service Commission in Steubenville in November. He served in Korea from April 9, 1951 - Aug. 6, 1952, fighting as both a combat engineer and infantryman. He is a member of Piney Fork Post 735, was active in military funeral services for Smithfield Post 396, Dillonvale Post 529 and the Piney Fork post. He was one of the members who founded Fort Friendship at Friendship Park in Smithfield and the Jefferson County Veterans Association, where he serves as military officer.

**DISTRICT 11**

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**VETERANS DAY**

Post 29, Zanesville - World War II veterans departing the Post's Veteran's Day Parade float on November 5, 2016.

**VETERANS DINNER**

American Legion Post 29, News - Zanesville, Ohio The Mitchell brothers Bernie, Bob, and George of Zanesville, Ohio, attending Post 29's second annual veterans dinner on November 13.

**NURSING HOME VISITS**

Post 52 (Bellaire) visited two nursing homes on Veteran's Day; Cumberland nursing home and Belmont Manor nursing home. In the picture are members William Wilson, Richard Johnson, Troy Amie, and Kevin West.

**VETERANS DAY PARADE**

Post 750 took part in Marietta Veteran's Day program. Post 64 was in-charge of the program.

**SALVATION ARMY GIVING TREE**

Post 159 St. Clairsville donated Christmas gifts to the Salvation Army giving tree at the Ohio Valley Mall. Pictured are Legion members Gene Kieffer, Betty Perkins, Rick Johnson, Auxiliary member Cheryl Barnes, and Legion member Larry Barnes

**DISTRICT 12**

Franklin

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

Officers of Post 798 took part in a Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 17th at the Silent Home cemetery in Reynoldsburg in observance of National Wreaths Across America Day. Large wreaths were set on stands to honor each of the five military services and the Merchant Marine. After the ceremony, a small wreath was laid by the cadets at each veteran grave at Silent Home. In addition, the cadets spoke the name of the veteran as the wreath was laid and thanked him or her for their service to this country. Shown are (L-R) Robert McPherson (1st VC and former Mayor of Reynoldsburg), 2VC Bob Mayberry, PPC Carl Bradley, and Finance Officer George Mussi. The post helped provide funding for the cost of the wreaths.

**HOG POLAR BEAR RUN BREAKFAST**

For a fourth year, members of ALR 239 hosted breakfast for the HOG Polar Bear Run and raised over \$2,500 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. The annual HOG New Year's Day Polar Bear Run breakfast hosted nearly 200 bikers.



## Cuyahoga County

## REMEMBRANCE DAY



Members of Post 738 in Fairview Park conduct Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Post home on December 7.

## VETERANS HALL OF FAME



Cleveland resident John Szapansky was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on Nov. 3 at the Lincoln Theatre in downtown Columbus. Here he is flanked by Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, who presented him with the honor during the Hall's annual induction ceremony. He is a life member of Post 469.

## PEARL HARBOR



On December 7, District 13 Commander Dave Donaldson paid tribute to those we lost during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

## DISTRICT 14

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## UNIVERSITY OF AKRON



This was a luncheon sponsored by Post 808 at the Crystal Room Bistro, home of the University of Akron Hospitality Management Department. This group of freshmen student veterans were members of the Akron Experience freshman orientation class for veterans, a credit course. This group has developed into a very motivated group of friends who were very enthusiastic about what the Legion would do for them. Post 808 Commander Ashley Gorbujla, Adjutant Jay Musson, and Executive Board President Brad Harvey presented information and answered questions about the post.

## How to Submit Photos and Articles to the Ohio Legion News

## Jason Graven

## Editor in Chief

Those of you who submit pictures are obviously very proud to show off you and your Post's accomplishments. However, there is a correct and incorrect way to submit your stories.

DO: submit a "who, what, when, where, and why" write-up of the event along with Post AND District.

DO NOT: submit more than two to three sentences. Space is very limited and a lengthy submission must be cut down to meet space requirements. While I am a proud Legionnaire, I hate having to cut these down as I may inadvertently leave out information you would rather have included over something else in your submission.

DO: submit ONE photo of the event.

DO NOT: submit more than one photo per event. My time is limited just as much as the space in this newsletter and asking me to sift through 3 and 4 pictures (and some cases entire cd's) to find one to meet your write-up can be very time consuming. It also leaves me to decide what it is you want the Legion family of Ohio to see and as in the previous "DO NOT" I do not want to choose the photo that does not properly show your pride in why you made the submission.

DO: provide your write-ups in legible handwriting or typed if possible.

DO NOT: scribble a write-up and expect me to decipher.

DO: take the time to send in photos and articles.

DO NOT: cut photos and articles out from other publications

and submit. There are copyright and intellectual property laws that we must abide by. Submitting an article and picture from another publication can cause myself, and the Legion, to face plagiarism lawsuits that come with very hefty fines.

DO: mail submissions to "Attn: Ohio Legion News, 60 Big Run Rd, Delaware, OH, 43015" or email them to legion@ohiolegion.com with the subject line: Ohio Legion News submission.

DO NOT: send in random photos or emails with no reason as to why I am receiving them and expect me to guess as to why. We also have photo contests for the new Legion Calendar and I don't want to mistake one for the other.

Our next OLN Deadline is April 28, 2017. I look forward to receiving your photos and articles!



## Who We Are and Who We Were

The American Legion Weekly, Volume 7, No. 39, September 25, 1925



## Enforcing the Prohibition Law

The new and vigorous steps the Government is taking to enforce the Volstead Act appear to meet with fairly general approval. This, by itself, is a triumph—when one considers the sharp antagonisms this law has engendered.

True, dissatisfaction over the new program has been expressed by some of those who are opposed to prohibition. But on the other hand certain ardent disbelievers in the national dry law favor the new effort and are contributing their support to its success. The believers in prohibition support it as a matter of course. So there is a more nearly unanimous agreement in the matter than we have had for a long time on anything touching the prohibition question.

Drys favor the remodeled enforcement policy because they favor the law and want it applied rigorously. Certain wets favor the new policy because they say it will

make for a showdown on prohibition. They say this is the thing most needed in that entire ugly, knotty, and highly expensive problem. A determined and intelligent effort to keep liquor from being sold in the United States, they say, will reveal whether this country really wants prohibition.

It is nigh impossible to say anything about what the country "wants" in this connection without starting an unprofitable argument. The partisans of both sides talk bitterly and inaccurately. Facts are hopelessly obscured in a fog of absurd propaganda, which, sifted down, discloses something like the following contentions:

The wets say the country does not want national prohibition, never wanted it and that a minority of drys put it over during the war when so many other Americans had their attention fixed on more vital concerns. The drys say nothing is farther from the truth than

this. They point to the states which were dry by choice of a majority of their voters before the war. They point to the saloon as an element in corrupt politics.

The wets generally concede the principle of local option or States' rights. If some States wish to be dry, let them be dry. If others wish to be wet, let them be wet. The wets ask if politics is any purer now than before prohibition. They point to the political scandals of the past five years and ask if they do not grade up fairly well with any examples in the days of the open saloon. The open saloon has few defenders even among the wets. Whisky and other hard stuff have fewer proponents than wine and beer.

Both sides argue their contentions with such bluster and vehemence, substituting rhetoric for reason, that it is impossible to determine anything for certain. One way to determine what the people

want, of course, would be to vote on the question. But that is not possible. So we have left as a practical proposition only the Government's new drive against the illicit liquor traffic. It may give the most trustworthy indications yet whether the country really wants a continuation of national prohibition in its present form.

It would seem that if a majority of Americans are satisfied with the present law then the present enforcement drive will succeed. With the money that is being spent and the brains and organization which are behind the program it seems bound to succeed if it has the moral support of a majority of citizens.

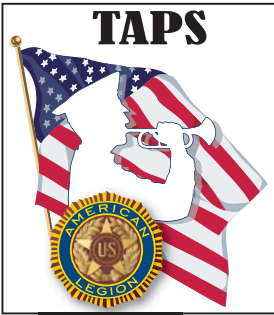
But if the Government's new effort does not succeed after some thirty million dollars are spent in a year of whole-hearted effort to curb the hooch trade, the wets will have some argument to support their claim that the country does not desire the present law, and as

a self-governing nation we ought to change it.

To achieve success, the present effort does not need to make the country bone dry. It needs only to bring the illicit sale of liquor within reasonable compass. It is not within such compass now. The liquor commerce has reached astounding proportions. It has reached in five years the proportion some legitimate industries have struggled for fifty years to attain. And it has done this under the handicap of operating entirely outside of the law. This does not prove that the country repudiates the law. Prohibition enforcement has been so loosely and incompetently managed that the drys have not had a fair run for their money. They have not had a fair test of their cause. The Government's present effort should constitute that test.

Interesting times to be sure, much different from today. Or was it?



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**12:00 (Noon) - 4:00 P.M.**



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**Contact Person: Kenny Rahe**  
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By Jason Graven

Department Director of Membership

**I Guess They Just Aren't Going To Renew...**

We are now 3 months into the calendar year. On one hand this means that spring is just days away, Post elections will be occurring soon and Posts are/should be setting their agenda's for the next membership year. On the other hand, this means that members from the 2017 membership year who have not paid their dues are now over 2 months delinquent. National has sent renewal notice after renewal notice, presumably your Post has as well, and Department has given away membership awards and winnings. Was your Post one of them? Are you holding a 2017 card but still receiving renewal notices? Does your Post know who has renewed and who has not?

Did you know that we lose more members due to failure to renew than we do to death? Statistically, it has been by a factor of 3 times as many!

I had the opportunity to participate in District 10's revitalization effort prior to this issue. It was quite the learning experience and I am glad I got the opportunity to see how much of a difference a small group of individuals can make in a short time. While the revitalizations focus primarily on transferring of members, I think a valuable lesson can be taken away and transcended into the renewal issue. That lesson is, most of our members are just looking to hear from somebody.

We use the term camaraderie, but are we living it? When Billy Bob, or Steve, or Frank, or Susan go missing from our rosters, or have failed to renew, are we taking the time to find out why? Most have heard the number 22 in correlation to veteran suicide but did you know that 65% of those veterans are from the Vietnam generation? I am certainly not trying to paint a grave image into your mind by any means, but if we aren't taking the time to reach out to a fellow veteran, regardless of their war era, are we truly living up to what we claim? A phone call or a visit may very well uncover an issue with a Post decision that could easily be corrected with little effort, an issue you didn't even know was an issue. A phone

call or visit may uncover that your fellow veteran and member is having financial or other personal issues that the Post can easily help fix, and isn't taking care of our veterans what we are about? A call or a visit, most times, will actually lead to a renewal, because all they wanted to hear was that someone noticed they weren't around, someone cared that they weren't around, and someone cared enough to ask them to come back.

Because of the suicide rate, several veteran specific Facebook groups/pages have started "buddy check" reminders. Seeing these reminded me that when I was in basic, you had "battle buddies," or someone to travel with you wherever you went. After graduating basic and AIT, we are then assigned to a unit and assigned to a team and your team leader is responsible for your every action. Now, I am NOT asking our Posts to assign team leaders or other forms of "watchdogs" to members. What I am suggesting is that after we leave the military, that brotherhood, that looking after one another, that camaraderie is gone, and that is partially why we join veteran organizations, to be reminded of how that feels to know someone is looking out for you and notices when you are not around.

These members not renewing are not National's members, nor Department's, nor your District's members. No, they are YOUR members. So, don't be scared to call them and check in on them. They joined for a reason. They were looking for The American Legion to fill a need or want so, maybe, ask them what that need or want was and see if your post is fulfilling it. Ask them to attend your next event or ask them what kind of event they WOULD attend if they aren't interested. Our organization relies on the free exchange of ideas but

if you aren't asking for them, or actively ignoring them, then maybe there is a reason meetings and events aren't well attended. Ask your members who have not renewed what their experience has been like at your Post through THEIR eyes. Ask them if they know of a need or concern in town that they feel the Post should address.

Most importantly, by the end of the conversation, ask them to renew.

Asking, it will make our mission possible...

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1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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