

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The Department of Ohio conducted its 2018 Mid-Winter Conference from 19-21 January 2018 at the Crown Plaza North in Columbus, OH.

Legionnaires from The Department of Ohio American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of the American Legion came from all over the state to celebrate many of The American Legion's great traditions.

Continued learning, Americanism, Community Outreach and camaraderie were just a few of the themes displayed at the conference year.

Department Commander Stanley Pleasant organized a successful fundraiser for his 2017-2018 Veteran Assistance and Rehabilitation project. Many Legionnaires placed generous bids to ultimately win a chance to put a

"pie in the face " to the Department of Ohio Leadership and Staff.

Throughout the full weekend, numerous meetings and trainings were held which resulted in a lot of positive feedback. Membership, Programs, Veteran Assistance and Rehabilitation, Post Operations and Basic Training were among the highly at-

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2018 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE



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Pie in the Face!!

1st Vice Commander Bob Schmitt, Department Adjutant Tom Simons and Commander Stanley Pleasant getting a pie in the face for Charity at the 2018 Midwinter Conference.



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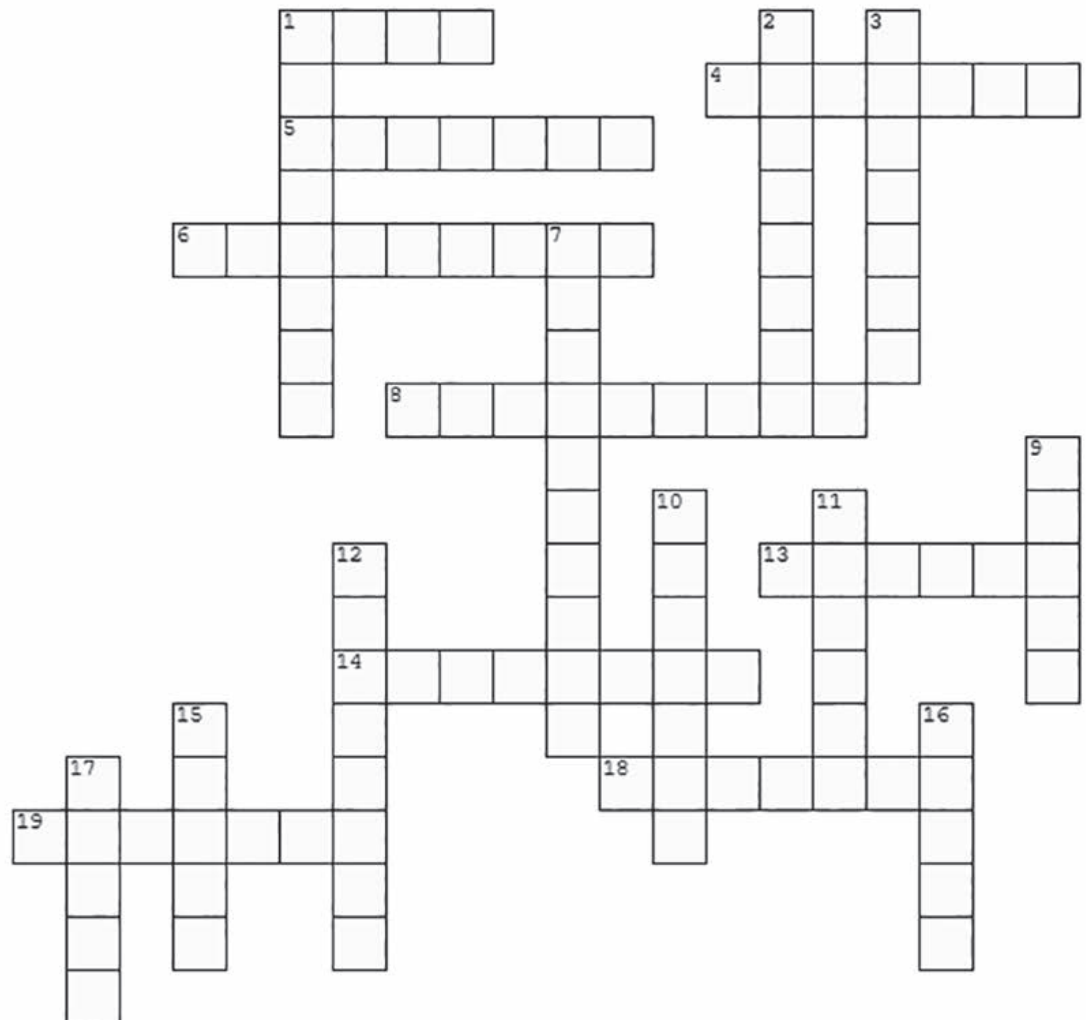
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Need Dates

Americanism Crossword

Complete the crossword below



ACROSS

1. the part of a nation's military organization that is concerned with warfare on or over the sea.
4. a person who was formerly part of the armed forces, esp. during a war.
5. Defeat of an enemy
6. Veterans Day was originally called _____ Day.
8. Who is the Commander-in-chief of all the United States Armed Forces?
13. A fight between two opposing forces.
14. a ceremony, custom, or public structure to honor a dead person or past event.
18. Veterans Day is observed as _____ Day in many parts of Europe.
19. the quality of will that enables a person to confront fear or danger regardless of the consequences; bravery.

DOWN

1. Veterans Day is observed on _____ 11.
2. This command branch of the U.S. military is housed in this huge complex in Washington, D.C.
3. The poem 'In Flanders Field' was written in the midst of intense fighting in this European country
7. Their motto is 'Semper Paratus' (Always Ready)
9. a group of naval ships under one command or grouped for one purpose.
10. The Shape of the American Legion Emblem. (It is a polygon with 10 sides.)
11. The U.S. officially entered World War II following a bloody attack on Pearl Harbor in this state.
12. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is located in Arlington National _____.
15. U.S. troops fought in this country from 1950-1953.
16. holding or bearing weapons.
17. This flower is closely associated with Veterans Day

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tended trainings provided. The Department Full-Time Staff would like to specifically thank the volunteers that stepped up and to provide training and education during the weekend. The preparation and execution were very well done. Thank You for your time! We were honored to have National Commander, Denise Rohan, attend the conference this year. She brought positive and inspiring comments to the National Commander's Membership Banquet and Department Executive Committee. Commander Rohan highlighted the meaning and implication of The American Legion's family-like structure and encouraged members to help comrades in need. Additionally, she discussed the adjustments that the organization has made in order to accom-

modate the first female National Commander in The American Legion history. We would like to thank her for taking the time to present awards to all the Membership Quota winners. It was truly a great honor for those receiving awards. Her final stop was to the Department Headquarters to personally give thanks to the Department of Ohio full time staff for all the hard work that was done which resulted in the success of 2018 Mid-Winter Conference.

We would like to thank all of the Legionnaires that attended the conference and actively participated in its success. We all know as a volunteer you care and contribute much to this organization. Thank you for your service, leadership, guidance and knowledge. This is just a small amount of what you bring to The American Legion.

MIDWINTER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Don Addis.....	Greenville	Richard Krauss.....	Pigeon Forge, TN
Tony Anaya.....	Fort Myers, FL	Roland Lehman.....	Orrville
Henry Bows.....	Ashtabula	John Looker.....	Mason
David Brown.....	Haskins	Paul Maurer.....	New Knoxville
Louis Buttitta.....	Hinckley	Ronald McElhaney.....	Massillon
Thomas Drummer.....	Wauseon	John McJunkin.....	Saint Marys
George Dujanovic.....	Barberton	George Mills.....	Washington, CH
Randy Ellis.....	Canton	Andrew Ogurchak.....	Stow
Charles Farmer.....	Hamilton	Roger Panek.....	Toledo
Ernest Ferguson.....	Cincinnati	Charles Riffle.....	Louisville
Clifford Franks.....	Seaman	Christopher Rotondo.....	Malvern
Raymond Fretz.....	San Diego, CA	Robert Rudloff.....	Cincinnati
Larry Hall.....	Cincinnati	Thomas Salzman.....	Cincinnati
Don Hartley.....	Bellevue	Ronald Sample.....	Middletown
Homer Hatcher.....	Williamsburg	George Satalina.....	Dayton
Gary Heiman.....	West Jefferson	Lorenzo Scott.....	Alliance
Jay Hertel.....	Rancho Paolos Ver, CA	Robert Spillman.....	Waynesfield
Michael Homan.....	Anna	Karl Thacker.....	Bidwell
Harry Hutten.....	Hamilton	Charles Vancs.....	Toledo, OH
Donald Judisch.....	Canton	Patrick Vandervort.....	Clinton
Arthur Keller.....	Maineville	Jeffrey Verbus.....	Massillon
John Kertesz.....	Maumee	Janet Weiler.....	Englewood
John Kirkpatrick.....	Wintersville	Timothy Weltin.....	Maumee
Reginald Kraft.....	Dayton	Arnold Whatley.....	Centerville
		David Young.....	Tiffin, OH



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Stanley A. Pleasant
Dept. Commander

I want to commend the districts and posts on their hard work on membership. So far, we have met all of National's percentages. Congratulations to all of the membership award winners. We need to continue this effort through the second half of the year. Our quota is 94,000 members. If we continue to work hard, we can do it. Please don't quit.

Myself and several officers from 3rd District attended a luncheon at Synchrony Financial in

Kettering Ohio. There were several Veteran Service Organizations invited. Synchrony Financial is part of Synchrony Bank. Synchrony Financial wants to hire veterans. They are the second largest employer in Kettering. The purpose of the luncheon was to brief us on their benefits and show us their facility. If you know of any veterans seeking employment, steer them to Synchrony Financial in Kettering Ohio.

I have visited the Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown. I was pleasantly surprised at the care our veterans receive. The staff at these facilities have

genuine compassion for the veterans that live in these facilities. One of the administrators had worked at other nursing home facilities. She felt that the care at these facilities was far superior to other nursing homes. What a tribute to the staffs at these facilities.

I saw some amazing things on my visits to the VA Hospitals. The Tele-ICU at Cincinnati was amazing. The work I saw at the Cleveland VA with neurology, and prosthetics and orthotics was mind blowing. Each facility had its own area of pride. Thanks to all of the legionnaires, SAL, and auxiliary members that volunteer

and the VA Hospitals. The VA Hospitals are not perfect. There will always be some complaints that will need to be addressed. I did see a legitimate concern from management to eliminate problems, and minimize complaints.

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the Gift for Yanks Christmas gift distribution at all of our VA facilities. The veterans really appreciate the gifts. For some, we may be the only visitors they receive that day. Again, thank you for giving your time.

In December we celebrated the remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day. I attended the Clermont

County Pearl Harbor remembrance in the 4th District. There was a Pearl Harbor survivor being honored, Joe Whitt. It was an honor to be in his presence. Pearl Harbor marked the beginning of World War II (WWII). Joe managed to survive WWII with only a scratch he received at Pearl Harbor.

Please continue to make donations to my project VA&R. This is vital to the support we give veterans and their families. We almost lost our support from the State of Ohio last year. It will surely be challenged again. Thank you for all of the donations received to date.



1st VICE COMMANDER



Robert Schmitt
1st Vice Commander

Well, 2018 is upon us, and all of us in The Ohio American Legion hope that everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. We

also hope that everyone health is good or getting better.

Before I get started with the Congratulations of Posts and Districts, I need to make a very important statement to all Legionnaires that HAVE NOT PAID their 2018 dues. Effective January 1, 2018, your membership is now DELINQUENT! If your membership dues were not paid by February 1, your membership is considered suspended. To correct this, you should pay your dues immediately.

The Membership Year runs on the Calendar Year, from January 1 until December 31 each year. I know that it gets a little confusing when we start collecting dues in July, the reason for this is we humans procrastinate, and we do not pay our dues on time. There is a simple fix to this; you can go online to legion.org and renew your dues and then set it up to automatically charge your credit card every year in July. By doing this it will also stop all Dues Renewal Notices, your dues will always be current. There is one additional point to paying your dues on time if you have the free Accidental Death Insurance from LIT (Legionnaires Insurance Trust) that I talked about in the last Ohio Legion News they will not pay the claim if your dues were not current. So, please pay your dues your membership is important to us when we fight for veterans benefits and other political issues about veterans and children.

So, now to Congratulate the following Districts and Posts that qualified as winners in their respective categories; Brown Jug, Quota, and All-Time-High by November 15, 2017, for the 2018

Membership Year. They Are;

District Brown Jug

District #2 "Second to None"
Medium Brown Jug

All-Time-High Post

District 4 Post 681 Havelock D. Nelson, West Chester

Quota Posts

District 1 • Post 143
John Dale, Fayette

District 1 • Post 334
Arthur Daly, Toledo

District 2 • Post 346
Harvey Lewis, Ohio City

District 2 • Post 395
Wayne, Waynesfield

District 2 • Post 493
Scherer, Jackson Center

District 2 • Post 603
West Mansfield, West Mansfield

District 3 • Post 174
Buckeye, North Star

District 3 • Post 787
Roger L. Vickers, Springfield

District 4 • Post 681
Havelock D. Nelson, West Chester

District 5 • Post 434
Caufield, Bloomville

District 5 • Post 659
Berlin Heights, Berlin Heights

District 7 • Post 730
Ashville Community, Ashville

District 7 • Post 694
Roy W. Wilson, Mowrystown

District 8 • Post 303
Robert Wyckoff, McArthur

District 9 • Post 51
Hubbard, Hubbard

District 9 • Post 247
Lowellville, Lowellville

District 9 • Post 609
Barber Williams, Kirtland

District 10 • Post 56
Charles H. Carey, Salem

District 10 • Post 351
Mingo Junction, Mingo Junction

District 10 • Post 519
Carr-Bailey, Mineral City

District 11 • Post 90
Epworth, Bethesda

District 11 • Post 312
Belmont, Belmont

District 12 • Post 1
Franklin Inc., Columbus

District 12 • Post 486
Robert Dutro, Groveport

District 13 • Post 572
Joseph J. Jacubic Inc., Parma

The Department has continued to meet all of the Membership Turn-in Target percentages thanks to all of you who have paid your dues, THANK YOU!

As a member you have two options to pay your dues;

- 1) Send your dues, and renewal card to your Post or
- 2) Go to legion.org and click on the RENEW button and follow the prompts, you will be required to add your birthdate and email address. You can only use a credit card; you can opt to make a one-time payment or set-up an automatic annual renewal of your dues every year if it would be more convenient for you. They will also give you the current price of a PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE membership. The National Organization is currently offering a \$100 discount on all Paid-Up-For-Life memberships. For those of you who did not pay their 2016 or 2017 dues and would like to have your continuous years carried on, you must pay up your dues through your Post. The Post has to submit a Member Data Form to bring you up-to-date. Please consider an automatic Renewal option or a Paid-Up-For-Life option.

Post Officers: We still need you and your Post Membership Team to continue contacting your Expired Members, those members who did not pay for 2016 and 2017 membership years. These members are very important to your Post and The American Legion. Your Post worked hard to get these members to join or transfer in, spend a little time to get them

back, let them know how important they are to the Post and The American Legion. Take a look at how many years they have been a member, some of them have 10, 20, 30 or more years, Why did they stop paying their dues? Are they sick? Are they in a nursing home? The Post Chaplain can help if they are sick or confined to an assisted living or nursing home. Let your members know that the Post does care about every member; The American Legion cares about every member. Remember that each of them served our Country the same as we did, give them the respect that they deserve and get them back. WE CARE!

I have found that many Posts have registered with MyLegion.org, but only a small fraction are processing the Membership Cards online at MyLegion.org. For those of you who are not using MyLegion.org, please call the Department Membership Chairman Rob Hail, he will help you understand the process and help you get set-up to use MyLegion.org. I have not heard of any Post using MyLegion.org, reverting to the old way of sending cards to Department. Give it a try, and if you don't like it, you can revert to the old way. Remember NO checks to write and NO postage to mail the membership cards to Department.

In the last issue of the Ohio Legion News, I reported that we needed to continue working on the 2017 Membership year and that is was not over until December 31st. Well that was Commander Chapman's Membership Year, and he committed to the National Commander Charles Schmidt that Ohio would reach 100,000 members, well Ohio was close, we reached 99,940 members. Well, 2017 is over, and that is the official membership strength of the Department of Ohio for 2017. Thank you for all of your efforts. But now we have 2018, and Commander Pleasant committed Ohio to 94,000 members, with 99,940 paid members for 2017 we should be able to make Com-

mander Pleasant look good by not only reaching his goal of 94,000, but we should continue to strive for the 100,000 members. We not only need to do this to make Commander Pleasant look good but to make ourselves look good and have a sense of Pride in ourselves and our Department. So, let's get the current membership Renewed, Reinstate the Expired and get New members to replace those who pass away on us. As Past Department Commander Ed Anderson campaign slogan said "WE CAN," so let's go get them and let's have PRIDE.

Part of our membership benefits is the various Discounts that we get at various places for various necessities. There is one benefit that goes with our membership that can be very beneficial to all of us or I should say to our beneficiaries, and that is the Legionnaires Insurance Trust Legion Care insurance. Each of us is entitled to it through our membership, and it costs us nothing, that means FREE. However, we must sign up for it to have it if needed. The benefit is \$1000.00 for non-Legion business accidents resulting in death or \$5000.00 when traveling to and from Legion meetings or activities. You can sign up online at <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>. LIT or Legionnaire Insurance Trust has other insurance products that are available at a cost such as Cancer Insurance, Long Term Care insurance, Emergency Assistance Insurance if needed. I am not suggesting that anyone purchase any additional products but you our membership needs to know what is available. Purchasing additional products from LIT is beneficial to the Department of Ohio so that you should know that if you purchase additional products you are helping the Department of Ohio financially.

Please Pay your dues if you have not done so and sign up for your free insurance.

For God and Country



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Roger Friend
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires from your 2nd Vice Commander. I expect everyone had a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Mid-Winter Conference was the Department's latest event held on Jan. 19th, 20th and 21st. I

hope you all were able to attend. There was some excellent training available along with some good camaraderie in the Candidates Hospitality Room. The next upcoming event will be the State Bowling Tournament held in Sandusky Ohio beginning Friday February 9th, 10th and 11th; 16th, 17th and 18th and finishing up on the 23rd, 24th and 25th. Next will be Americanism and

Government trip to DC for the selected winners beginning on March 4th through March 10th, following that will be the State Oratorical Completion on March 25th @ Department HDQ. Then in April will be the State Pool and Euchre Tournament @ Post 29 Zanesville Ohio. Hope to see everyone at these events.

For God and Country



SIMONS SITREP



Thomas Simons
Department Adjutant

Greetings Legionnaires and Legion Family. The Department of Ohio is coming off a very successful Mid-Winter Conference and our introduction to the National Commander Denise Rohan and another Past Department Commander's Round-up.

I wish to thank everyone who joined in the fun and education at the Mid-Winter Conference. We strive to improve training and activities each year. This year we introduced the Department Commander's Reception. It was intended to bring additional camaraderie and fellowship to the conference while raising money for the Commander's Program (VA&R). Department Officers lined up to take a pie in the face to the highest bidder. You know, Legionnaires did what they do best and pooled their resources and helped the Commander raise over \$2500.

January has also been a month of sadness for the Department. We lost our Past Department Adjutant Roger Hight to a long bout of illness. Roger leaves an incredible legacy within The American Legion that will always be remembered. We also lost Past Department Commander David Cropper (1973-1974) from the Magnificent 7th

District and Post 23 in Portsmouth. Our hearts and sympathies go out to their families and many friends across our Department. Their memories will live on...

Winter marks a transition within the Department and National. 2017 memberships have expired and we are concentrating on those members who have not renewed for 2018. Part of this transition also marks an increase in Legionnaires erroneously receiving renewal notices from National or Department. It is imperative that Posts send their paid memberships to Department regularly. Renewal mailing lists are compiled approximately 30 days prior to mailing. Get those cards in!

Another area of issue is the increase in incorrect membership dues payments coming into the Department Headquarters. Portions of each member's dues are paid to National, Department, and sometimes Districts and Counties. Many times, the amounts of membership checks coming to the headquarters are inaccurate. Membership processing is described in the Department Membership Manual, Section 2, Pages 8 through 15. The manual is mailed to each Post at the beginning of each year. It can also be downloaded from the Department website at [https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/2018-](https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/2018-Membership-Manual.pdf)

Membership-Manual.pdf. If you do not have internet access please call the Department Headquarters and we will mail one to you.

The policy for processing memberships at the headquarters is simple. If a post sends an inaccurate membership check to the Department Headquarters, one of two things happen. If the check amount exceeds the payment needed, the membership cards will be processed and the surplus will be mailed to the Post once the books are closed at the end of the month. If the check amount is less than the payment needed, the staff will attempt to contact the Commander, Adjutant, or Membership Chair to quickly solve the discrepancy. If the Staff is unsuccessful in reaching the Post leadership, the membership cards and check will be returned to the Post for correction. This policy is in place to improve membership processing times and to reduce inaccuracies in the Department's bookkeeping.

It is imperative that memberships are processed regularly and accurately. It improves the accuracy of Post's populations, reduces complaints, and shows our members that Legion leadership from the Post to National truly cares about them.

*For God and Country...
Airborne!*



JUDGE ADVOCATE



Doug Whitney
Judge Advocate

The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion sets forth ten important purposes for our fellowship. Immediately after the most important, that of "upholding and defending the constitution on" of our nation, we are pledged to "Maintain Law and Order." We are duty bound, by our preamble, our very citizenship, and reinforced by the oath we took at the beginning of our military service, to be law abiding both individu-

ally and collectively, as members of our American Legion posts. Our post homes are places to gather safely in comradeship. Many of our post homes are places where we can enjoy charitable gaming, refreshing beverages and delicious meals. In order to lawfully engage in these activities, it is important that we set the example for our members and our communities in maintaining law and order, by careful compliance with the laws or our state and communities which govern sanitation, food handling, alcoholic beverage service, charitable gaming and smoking. As we prepare to



celebrate the centennial of our organization, I urge every post to review its performance in this area, so that the American Legion of Ohio can march into our next century of existence leading the way to a safe and well ordered society.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Jim Vaughan
Department Chaplain

As you read this letter we have completed the 2017 year and are beginning the 2018 year with an all new set of challenges. We are planning the Mid-Winter Conference and we will also be conducting another Four Chaplains ceremony on Saturday Feb 3. It has been scheduled to be held at the Grace Communion Tipp City Church, 18 East Broadway Tipp City. Chaplains I have sent you an invitation to join in and help perform the ceremony. If I haven't contacted you personally yet it's probably because I don't have your email. I sent you the invitation via email along with a Seasons Greetings. If you haven't seen this ceremony you should attend, it is a truly emotional experience. It lasts about one hour. We will have snacks after the program. Details will be sent out once we have it all planned.

I am submitting the following prayer;

"For Brotherhood"

Father, you have made me and all of us your children

Red, yellow, brown, black and white!

Tall and short, fat and thin, rich and poor, young and old;

*All of us are your children in the same family;
Teach us to cooperate rather than compete,
To respect rather than to revile
Teach us to share your divine love rather than to hate;
Teach us to forgive rather than to condemn;
Especially since your son turned from no one.*

You have implanted into all human beings

The unseen image of yourself and may it reflect

In our love for one another day after day.

May we all forge a bond that will make

A living reality the brotherhood and sisterhood

In which we all believe under your divine fatherhood.

Amen.

(Christopher Prayer book)

We are beginning the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of The American Legion and there will be many opportunities to get your Post recognized and if In your Post history you have a member or members that were recognized for Bravery in action you should include them in your history. Get your Post on The American Legion National Website.

*We associate ourselves together
for God and Country*



GOOD REASONS TO HIRE A VETERAN

1. Leadership skills
2. Works well independently or on a team
3. Diverse
4. Integrity
5. Loyalty
6. Well-organized while performing under pressure
7. Respect for rules, regulations and procedures
8. Cognizant of health and safety standards
9. Succeeds over difficulties'
10. Faster learning curve
11. Results- Oriented
12. Resilient
13. Structured and Disciplined



VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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Your VA&R staff has been working diligently on helping the veterans in the state of Ohio. At the end of December 2017 they have done the following:

- Submitted over 10,000 pieces of mail to the Veterans Benefits Administration from County Veteran Service Offices
- Secured more than 3658 new veterans for representation from our field offices
- Filed nearly 1000 new claims from our field offices
- Filed nearly 300 claims for "Intent" to file
- Drafted over 200 briefs to the Veterans Benefits Administration
- Filed nearly 250 appeals from the field offices
- Documented over 2,291 phone calls from veterans and CVSO's
- Represented over 580 veterans within the appellate process in hearings to the VBA/BVA
- Returned to veterans over \$1M within the appellate process during this time
- Collaboratively brought back over \$300M to veterans in the state of Ohio

None of this can happen without our Department Service Officers located throughout the state in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, Delaware, and Toledo. Currently, we have been approved for a part-time DSO for the Chillicothe VAMC location and are yet to be certain we will be able to fill that role. Funding from the State of Ohio and the Legionnaires Insurance Trust play an important role in the work that we do to help veterans. If we are ever at risk of losing this funding, or receiving a decrease in funding, this could directly have an impact on the veterans we serve. We thank you for all that you do to support VA&R and we look forward to your support legislatively, through donations, and awareness of benefits from our Post Service Officers to continue our mission.



Allow me to introduce to you the DSO Staff of The American Legion:

SUZETTE HELLER
VA&R/Legislative Director
Department HQ Office

Mrs. Suzette Heller is a US Army veteran who served from 1993-2005 in both active duty and Michigan Army National Guard. She graduated from The University of Michigan – Dearborn with a double major in Psychology, Women & Gender Studies, and a minor in Political Science. She is currently enrolled in a masters program with Trinity Law School working on a Masters of Legal Studies with a concentration in the non-profit field. Suzette was heavily engaged and worked grassroots with Student Veterans of America, working closely with the co-founders of the organization. As she became the State Director and Outreach Coordinator for SVA, she also served the Governors Advisory Committee regarding Women Veterans, Student Veterans, and Homeless Veterans. She was mentored by The American Legion Department of Michigan and many other Veteran Service Organizations, quickly learning that our Nations veterans are an under-served population. Her passion led her to advocate and lobby on behalf of veterans and policy change for veterans and higher education. She became employed as a Department Service Officer with The American Legion and worked in the VA Regional Office Downtown Detroit. In January of 2013 she became employed with The American Legion Department of Ohio as the Service Director, currently overseeing the claims operations for The Ohio Legion. Suzettes responsibilities at Department HQ also includes Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Legislation, Employment, Gifts For Yanks, and National Security, to include being a representative for the Department at the Veterans Advisory Committee for Governor Kasich.

BILL GENOCHIO
Supervisor of the
Cleveland Office

Mr. William Genochio, is an honorably discharged U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Mr. Genochio served as an organizational automotive mechanic and Maintenance Chief with overseas deployments to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Port-a-Prince Haiti for Operation Secure Tomorrow and Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. MR. Genochio was awarded the Navy Commendation medal, Navy Achievement Medal w/1 gold star and the Combat Action Ribbon. Mr. Genochio was medically retired

from the Marines in April of 2015, although originally from Independence Missouri he and his family moved to Northeast Ohio. Mr. Genochio became a Department Service Officer for the American Legion Department of Ohio in March of 2016. Mr. Genochio was appointed as the Office Supervisor for the Cleveland VARO office. Mr. Genochio is an eager, hard charging and motivated Service officer. He is passionate about serving our Nations Hero's, surviving spouse, orphans and dependents in all areas offered by the Veteran Benefits Administration, by assisting veterans, widows in the seeking, tracking and the appellate process for obtaining VA benefits. Mr. Genochio is married to his wife of 13 years Lindsay and together they have three children Anthony 12, Austin 10 and Ashlyn 8. Mr. Genochio is a member of the Avon Lake Post 211, The Greater Cleveland Young Marines where he serves Training Officer and the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council.

WILL BROWN
Senior Advocate and
23 Year Employee of
The American Legion

Mr. Will H. Brown, Jr. is an honorably discharged veteran of the US Army. He served faithfully as an anti-armor infantryman and senior intelligence analyst with military action in Panama during Operation Just Cause, and deployments on the DMZ in Korea. After about nine years of military service, Mr. Brown became a Department Service Officer with the American Legion Department of Ohio in May 1994 where he currently enjoys over 20 years of selfless service to God and Country. As Senior Advocate serving in the Cleveland VARO, Mr. Brown is a staunch catalyst for veterans, widow, orphans and dependents with a vast array of expertise and knowledge; representing clients at hearings at all levels, writing legal briefs and arguments, and educating veterans on strategies to win claims at the Appellate Board. Moreover, he is a subject matter expert at claims for total disability based upon individual unemployability, and nervous conditions secondary to military sexual trauma. Mr. Brown holds a bachelor's degree from Cleveland State University in political science with a major in legal studies, Mr. Brown is a very integral asset to The American Legion. He has also completed Master's degree work at the University of Oklahoma-Youngs, Korea international Affairs and International Law with emphasis on Counter Terrorism.

MICHELLE JONES
DSO and 15 year Employee of
The American Legion

Ms. Michelle Jones, Mother – Stepmother-Grandmother, she has a daughter who is serving in the United State Army. Her daughter has been in for 14 years and done several tours of duty overseas. Michelle started with The American Legion 15 years ago on the administrative side of the office. With hard work and dedication, she became a Department Service Officer in 2016. She is very thorough and passionate when representing veterans on the DRO and BVA levels. She exhibits outstanding organizational skills. She is also a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91. You can find her assisting veterans at The Cleveland Veteran Affairs Regional Office and The Wade Park Hospital Legion office.

ADAM ZAEBST
DSO and former VA Work
Study Student for The Legion
from 2014-2016

Mr. Adam R. Zaebs is an honorably discharged veteran of the US Army and the US Air Force. During his eight years as a medic in the Army he was deployed twice to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His first deployment he was a platoon medic assigned to a Sapper Company which conducted route clearance patrols in Kandahar and Helmand Province. For his second deployment, he was the Company Senior Medic assigned to a Military Police Company that conducted Detainee Operations at the Parwan Detention Facility in Parwan Province. Prior to his time in the Army, he was a weapons load crew team chief on the A-10 Thunderbolt II at Nellis AFB, NV for four years. While there, he supported both the USAF Weapons School and Red Flag multinational aerial combat training exercises. After participating in a yearlong VA work study program, he was hired as a Department Service Officer at the American Legion in January 2017. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Cleveland State University.

ERIC HALL
Admin/DSO and former VA
Work Study Student for
The Legion from 2016-2017

Mr. Eric Hall is retired from the U.S. Navy, and started with The American Legion through the Cleveland State University veterans work study program in the Spring of 2017. Mr. Hall came on board after graduation in November of 2017. Mr. Hall is married to Diane and have two daughters. His oldest is married to a Marine and they have

one child. Mr. Hall served 20 years in the United States Navy. Mr. Hall served at various commands both overseas and in the United States. This has prepared him to assist the veterans from all military branches. With his knowledge and leadership skills, He is looking forward to assisting with the Department Service Officers, in providing the finest customer service to all veterans in the great state of Ohio.

KARLA BOEHM
DSO, Dayton VAMC Office and
Past District Commander

Ms. Karla Boehm is a long-time Legionnaire who came to us with 10 years of experience with the Dayton VAMC in Voluntary Services. She has been with us as an employee since March of 2015 and has assisted over 850 Veterans since. She is at WPAFB every Friday helping transitioning veterans with their claims processing as well. Karla has had the privilege of serving in the American Legion in the following positions:

- Member of The American Legion (21 yrs)
- Post 763 and Post 586
- Post Commander-Post 763 (2 yrs)
- Post 1st Vice Commander (5 yrs)
- Post Service Officer (4 yrs)
- Greene County Commander (3 yrs)
- Greene County Adjutant (4 yrs)
- Greene County Finance Officer (8 yrs)
- Greene County Sgt.-at-Arms (2 yrs)
- District Commander (1 yr)
- District 1st Vice Commander (1 yr)
- District 2nd Vice Commander (1 yr)
- District Finance Officer (1 yr)
- District Adjutant (6 yrs)
- District Sgt.-at-Arms (1 yr)
- District Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms (3 yrs)
- District Gifts for Yanks Chairman (8 yrs)
- District VAVS Representative (6 yrs)
- Auxiliary Member (22 yrs)
- Auxiliary Unit President-Unit 763 (4 yrs)
- Auxiliary Unit 1st Vice (4 yrs)
- Auxiliary Unit Treasurer (7 yrs)
- District Juniors Chairman (2 yrs)
- Terri Croswait, DSO, Cincinnati VAMC Office since May 2015
- Cindy Weasner, MSG (Ret.), USANG, DSO since June 2016

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

County Veterans Service Officers Policy

In early Winter of 2017, the VA&R Team implemented a new policy with the County Veteran Service Offices. Currently, there are over 200 accredited CVSO's with The American Legion. From 2016-2017, our Cleveland Office received nearly 700 new appeals and over 11,000 claims to submit to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This became a daunting task for 5 Department Service Officers in the Cleveland Office. Not to mention, representing 15-30 veterans a week on behalf of appeals, to include, researching cases and issues. We realized that by having the CVSO's send us claims that veterans have chosen the American Legion to advocate directly, we were contributing to the overall time it takes for a claim to be processed. In order to streamline the process, it became obviously NECESSARY that CVSO's send claims directly to the VA Evidence Claims Intake Center and courtesy copy to our Cleveland Office what was sent so we have awareness of quality and inventory control. This change will also support the implementation of the Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP), discussed in another article in this issue, that VA began in January 2018. The RAMP status will require our DSO's to do more research in order to help veterans make the right decision. This program is not good for every veteran.

In December 2017, we provided every CVSO Executive Director a formal copy of the policy. They also received a copy of The American Legion "Service Officer Code of Procedure" which expounds on the legal aspect of the claims process and the relationship with the veteran, CVSO, and The American Legion. So far, we have received great feedback from the CVSO's and DSO's in Cleveland. Below is a quick bullet point of the new claims submission policy for every accredited American Legion CVSO:

Purpose:

Understanding of the parties involved and who will carry out the policy along with the expectations.

Roles/Responsibilities:

We ensured each CVSO Office received the Code of Procedure and that we expect the standards to be adhered to.

VA Form 21-22, Appointment of Advocacy

We expressed how the accredited American Legion CVSO will complete the document and to ensure they forward to our Cleveland Office, in addition to the VA, every new 21-22 completed on behalf of The American Legion – CVSO's MUST sign the 21-22 – IF ACCREDITED!

New Claims and Supporting Evidence:

We expressed that all new claims and evidence will be faxed or mailed directly to the VA Evidence Intake Center in Janesville, WI.

Upon completion of that, the CVSO cover sheet with details of what was submitted, along with proof of submission to the VA, is then faxed or mailed directly to the AL Cleveland Office with the word "COURTESY" stamped or written on the sheet.

Appeals and RAMP OPT-IN Notices:

All documents relating to appeals will be sent DIRECTLY to the Cleveland VARO for our DSO's to review. The CVSO can sign the appeal on the 21-0958, however, they CANNOT submit to the VA.

Due to the overwhelmingly amount of appeals on inventory, it is imperative that our DSO's make the final decision on the submission of the 21-0958, VA Form 9, and RAMP OPT-IN Notice.

Training:

We recognize the need for training and make ourselves available for such training.

If you would like to review the Service Officer Code of Procedure, you can find it here: <https://www.legion.org/publications/236325/service-officer-code-procedure>.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICERS



Left to Right: William Genochio, Eric Hall, Adam Zaebs, Will Brown and Michelle Jones

Appeals Modernization Act (AMA)

Rapid Appeals Modernization Act (RAMP)

**SO
NOW?
WHAT**

Some of you may have already begun seeing the letters from the VA regarding your pending appeal. The American Legion worked diligently on getting the AMA approved and this past August, the AMA Bill was signed by President Trump at the National Convention in Reno, NV.

So now what? If you are asking, that is a good question! Below is what it means to "opt-in" to the RAMP program. However, we ask you to do so with caution and NEVER without the guidance of a DSO or CVSO! While it may sound appealing, the fact is this isn't a perfect solution and sometimes this is NOT the best choice for the Veteran!

Below is information regarding the Appeals Modernization that you can find on the VA website, links provided, as well as in the November 2017 Legion Magazine.

<https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp>

Option 1: A Higher-Level Review

This review is done at the VA office that made the original decision. Here's what is involved:

- A reviewer will conduct a higher-level de novo review (or new look) of the decision based on the same evidence of record.
- The higher-level review consists of a closed record, therefore there is no submission of new evidence.
- A reviewer can overturn previous decisions based on a difference of opinion, or based on clear and unmistakable error.
- A reviewer who identifies or learns of a duty to assist

error, can return the claim for correction of the error.

- You or your representative (such as your VSO) can request a telephonic informal conference to identify specific issues or errors with your case.

Option 2: A Supplemental Claim Lane

This review is done at the VA agency that made the original decision. It allows you to submit new evidence to support your claim. We will provide assistance in developing the evidence.

Option 3: An Appeal Lane for Appeals to the Board

This lane provides you with the ability to appeal directly to the VA Board of Veterans' Appeals (the "Board"). You'll have the ability to choose between three options for review at the Board:

- Direct review: Choose this option if you do not have additional evidence to submit and you do not want a hearing.
- Evidence submission: Choose this option if you don't want a hearing, but you do have additional evidence to submit.
- Hearing: Choose this option if you want to testify before a Veterans Law Judge, and submit additional evidence.

Link to the actual Bill in Congress:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2288>

AMERICANISM

Legion Donates \$40,000 to Boys Scouts



American Legion, Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Recently donated \$40,000 to the Boys Scouts in order to purchase the cabins at Camp Lazarus, in Delaware, Ohio. This will help improve the camper experience for the boy scouts as The American Legion takes a leadership position to support the programs, facilities and strategies of the scouts. (L to R) Tom Simons, Phil Smith, Ryan Bauman, Stanley Pleasant, Glenn Hickman, John Tepper.

Legionnaire Speaks to Rotary Club

By Angie Klosterman
Managing Editor

ST. MARYS - "I'm always honored when I get to speak on behalf of the American veterans who've served and protected the American dream and our way of life for the present and for the future," said John McJunkin, a 1967 graduate of Memorial High School, when he spoke to Rotarians of Wednesday at the Eagles. "Veterans also now serve the world."

McJunkin joined American Legion St. Marys Post 323 after serving 20 months in the Vietnam War. He was asked to serve as a Post officer, to which he said no, but he did attend meetings. He eventually agreed and worked his way up at the American Legion. He has been a member of the Post for 47 years and served as a post commander seven times.

"The American Legion is a group of veterans working for veterans," McJunkin noted. "The Legion is a patriotic veterans organization that believes in God, flag and country and also in the future of our country."

He discussed the different parts of the American Legion such as the Auxiliary and Sons and noted the Legion believes all Americans should uphold all and defend the U.S. Constitution, believes all past wars and conflicts should be remembered and taught in schools and live with the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

The American Legion was chartered as the first, U.S. wartime veterans' organization Sept. 16, 1919. Post 323, he noted, was chartered on Jan. 15, 1920.

McJunkin also noted the American Legion's programs, and they contributed to summer youth sporting programs, as well as Boy State, Girls State, Boys Nation and the Post's scholarship programs.

They also give out the American-

ism and Government test and have a national oratorical contest.

McJunkin also noted the law enforcement officer of the year, teacher of the year and firefighter of the year awards, as well.

"We're really proud of where we're going with that, we've got plaques for each one, so those people will be part of our Post forever," he said of the year awards.

"That's always great, and they seem to enjoy when they receive that award."

McJunkin said they try to concentrate on the local efforts at the Post level. McJunkin also serves as the public relations chairman for the state, as well as for the Post and district level. Previously, he served on the Legislative Committee.

McJunkin also spoke about his time in the service. His grandfather was a World War I Army veteran, and his father was a World War II Army veteran.

"I followed those footsteps, and I enlisted thinking that would keep me out of the war zone, but it didn't," he said.

In Vietnam, McJunkin served the U.S. Army 1st Air Cavalry Division, Company B 227 AHB, where they served the majority of their time on the Cambodian border.

"We had Huey helicopters, we had 20 in my company and we moved troops," he said. "We'd pick them up and we'd take them to other places where we were supposed to."

McJunkin said he was proud to have served with so many brave and dedicated Americans and that time. He also noted statistics from the Vietnam War, such as the timeline as to when America pulled out its troops to the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. He said the average Infantryman saw 240 days of combat in one year during the Vietnam War, compared to World War I and World War II, where they saw



John McJunkin with American Legion St. Marys Post 323 spoke to the St. Marys Rotary Club on Wednesday.

closer to 40 days.

"During the era of the Vietnam War 9,087,000 people served in the military, there were 2,709,000 American that served in Vietnam, 58,148 were killed, 75,000 were disabled and 23,000 were 100 percent disabled," McJunkin said.

"As of April 14, 2017, there are still 1,611 MIAs - Missing in Action Americans - Still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War."

He said they now have enough funds to organize drives to try to recover those still missing.

McJunkin also noted the nationally recognized days to honor those who served, and he spoke about Veterans Day in particular and the national ceremony with the wreath laying on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery.

"Remember your veterans...We also must remember our police departments and our fire departments for protecting our families here at home," he added.

Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Thanks Commander Pleasant



I wanted to personally thank you for your incredible donation to the Grove City High School NJROTC Program. Your gift has already had a tremendous impact on the overall cost of the trip for each cadet traveling to Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL. The reduction in cost has allowed cadets that did not have the funds to travel, to now be part of the trip.

As you may know, JROTC programs require thousands of dollars in fundraising, donations, bake sales, etc. to participate in all of the required drill, rifle, PT, academic team events, field trips and summer leadership training academies. The U.S. Navy provides a small amount of yearly funding, requiring the cadets to put in the extra effort to raise money so they can participate and grow as future citizens.

Additionally, thank you for

inviting our Drill Team to be part of your event. The team, led by Cadet Commander Alexis Robison, was proud to be part of your Mid-Winter Conference. They also enjoyed speaking with many veterans as all four of the color guard is joining the military service after high school. Cadet Robison and Cadet Connor Garrett have already completed Basic Training in the Ohio National Guard and will attend Advanced Individual Training this summer. Cadet Emily Bunsey and Cadet Summer Messer are both leaving for U.S. Navy Basic Training after graduation.

Thank you again from all of the cadets and instructors of Grove City High School NJROTC.

*Dustin Martin NJROTC
Senior Naval Science
Instructor CDR, USN (Ret)*

Post 201 Tour of Motts Military Museum



A few members of West Jefferson American Legion Post 201 were given a tour of the Motts Military Museum. Mr. Motts is on the far left.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



Post 743 Veterans Day



Neal Post 743, North Kingsville, Held their Veteran's Day program that was open to the public at the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Northkingsville. Participating in the program were Will Runyan, Duane Hatch and Joan Lee. The program was well attended and ended with our honor guard firing the rifle salute and taps played. Following the public program the Post met at Water's Catering Hall for the Post meeting. Members participated in setting the missing person's table. Readings were given by Will Runyan, Duane Hatch, and Joan Lee. A new sounds system donated by our late Comrade Richard Mead's wife was dedicated. Mrs. Joanne Mead and children were guests. Seventeen Post members and their guests attended and enjoyed a great dinner and a time of visiting. Military decorations were provided by Chaplain Duane Hatch.

Post 169 Check Presented



In October a check for \$300 was presented to the Mercy Hospital Mission services for their veterans flag pins by The American Legion Post 169 Tiffin, Ohio. Commander Dennis Murphy presented the check to Julie Landoll, Mission Services, Connie Foster R.N. from Pallitave Care, and Tina Mira Chaplain in Mission Services. Mercy has a program where every veteran patient is recognized on discharge from their hospital in Tiffin and Willard, Ohio. A veteran will receive a flag pin to wear on their discharge from the hospital, all employees who are veterans themselves line in the hallway to salute them leaving, other employees line up in quiet solitude with hands over their hearts. This is just a small token of appreciation for the veteran selfless acts of courage in defending our freedoms. The American Legion 169 has teamed up with Mercy in this show of gratitude since 2014. The auxiliary has donated to buy the pins from 2014 when the program started to 2016 and the Tiffin Post 169 is donating the year. A humble act of thankfulness.

Post 525 Wreaths Across America



The Adena American Legion Post 525 Auxiliary and S.A.L. participated in the Wreaths Across America at the National Cemetery of The Alleghany. 1st row: Marcy Zamski, Joyce Sawko, Libby Core, Le Ann Hopkins, Cheryl Zamski. 2nd row: John Zamki, Bernie Jeskey, Rockie Filius, Frank Nameth, George Hopkins, Mark Anderson, Rich Scouronski, Frank Zamski.

Post 201 Tour of The Richenbacher Air Force Base



Some members of West Jefferson American Legion Post 201 took a tour of The Richenbacher Air Force Base. Some also got to try the Boom Refueling Simulator. This is used to teach how to refuel other planes in flight. Behind the group is one of the refueling tanker planes (KC135) which is the same as a 707.

Post 354 Veterans Day Assembly



Nine members of Edward Grine Post 354 of New Riegel attended the Veterans Day Assembly at New Riegel High Highschool (pictured front row left to right) Commander Dennis Nye, Jim Brickner, Ralph Weinandy, Lewis Reinhart and Darl Theis. (Back row left to right) James Kelbey, Justin Elchert, Don Piper and Mike Nye.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



Post 354 Family Christmas Party



At the December 17th Family Christmas Part of Edward Grine Post 354 of New Riegel, Five \$25 gifts of cash were given to members children in a random drawing. In the picture are the winning children along with Post Commander Dennis Nye along with Children and Youth Chairman Herman Kimmet.

Post 614 Raise the Flag



Members of Post 614 in Hilliard, raise the flag at all home football games at Davidson High School. Shown are Chuck Buck, Barbra Cash, and Wallace Cash holding the flag, and awaiting their cue, the beginning of "The Star Spangled Banner".

Post 290's Christmas Story



Post 290's Chaplain, Ken Rambo reads a Christmas story to veterans and other residents at the annual visit to this and other assisted livings homes.

Post 290 Children's Christmas Party



The children and grandchildren of 290 sit quietly waiting for entertainment and Santa at the post S.A.L. children's Christmas party.

Post 290 Annual Christmas Party



Santa and his Post 290 helpers are all smiles as they pose for a photo after the post annual Christmas Party.

Post 173 New Commissioner



Harold Kerr Post 173, In Bellefontaine, Ohio being sworn in as a Commissioner, to serve on the Logan County Veteran's Service Commission for a period of five years. In the photo with Ray, is his wife, Linda, and Judge William Goslpe - this event took place on January 4, 2018.

'A True American & French Hero'

Dover American Legion Post 205 Commander presented Distinguished Flying Cross Medal and the French Legion of Honor Medal

Jesse A. "Jack" Reese was drafted into the Army Air corps in 1943, at the age of 18, while he was a junior at Alliance High School in Stark County. After basic training, he was shipped overseas, landing in England on June 30, 1944. He became a member of the 337th Bomb Group and went on his first mission on Aug. 6th. Reese was a tail gunner in a B-17 bomber which completed 35 missions over Europe during World War II. On his last mission on Dec. 31, 1944, his B-17 bomber "Ole Skatterflak" came under repeated attack as it re-

turned home from a raid on Germany. Four of the crew had been wounded during the raid, but the two remaining gunners, including Reese, maintained their positions and fought off the attacks on the vulnerable aircraft, which lacked fighter support.

Reese received many awards for his military service during WWII. For his actions on Dec. 31st, Reese was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, though he didn't receive it until 2015 because of a bureaucratic mistake.

On November 20, 2017, Guil-

laume Lacroix, head of the French Consulate in Chicago, came to the Dover, Ohio St. Joseph Church Family Life Center to award the French Legion of Honor Medal to Jack Reese. Many distinguished local and state persons plus family members were present for this award. While presenting the medal, Guillaume Lacroix said "He's an American hero, but he's a French hero because without him, without his companions - without these great men and women - my country would not exist. You saved us from the Nazis, not the Germans.

The Germans are our friends now. But you saved us from the Nazis, who wanted to destroy our country, destroy our values, destroy our families. And without the assistance of America, the French flag would not be flying." He said "It is a great honor for me as a grandson of a World War II veteran of France to be here with you and being the one who on behalf of the French Republic, will pin the Legion of Honor, which is the highest-ranking distinction in France. The French Legion of Honor was created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and given out

to people who have carried out actions of great value." Lacroix concluded by saying to Reese "You are really a true American hero, and France is grateful. France will never forget." Reese also received numerous other honors at this ceremony.

Reese is former teacher in the Dover City Schools. He has been a member of The American Legion for 11 years and has served as the Dover Post 205 Commander since 2010. The American Legion is proud that Jesse "Jack" Reese, is an active member.



The American Legion 100th Anniversary Coin Act of 2017

At long last it is official. The Congress has passed and the President signed into law, "The American Legion 100th Anniversary Coin Act of 2017."

National Commander Denise H. Rohan and Legionnaires representing every American Legion Department met in Indianapolis at the Fall Meetings and were joined by one of the Indiana senators who sponsored the Legion coin bill in that body, Senator Todd Young. He stated:

"Before it was passed, the House version of The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 2519), had garnered more cosponsors (385) than any other coin bill authorized in the past decade.

That kind of support for the legislation, which was signed into law by President Donald Trump, is proof to U.S. Senator Todd Young of the respect members of Congress have for the Legion.

This commemorative coin bill, like all commemorative coin bills, is not exactly easy to get through Congress," Young told Legionnaires and the media at the Legion's National Headquarters in Indianapolis. "Commemorative coin bills require at least 67 senators to cosponsor, and at least 290 members of the House of Representatives to cosponsor before they can be considered before either chamber.

When's the last time you saw 67 senators agree on anything? Or 290 members of the House? That really tells you something about

how highly regarded the Legion is on Capitol Hill."

Without the momentous effort of every member of the American Legion family, this bill would not have happened so quickly. With YOUR hard work and dedication, not only did this bill become law, we broke and established a new record in the process. (Everyone did such wonderful work).

The coin is now in the planning, design, and marketing stages with further information forthcoming.

But, ultimately it speaks to what the entire Legion family has done since the beginning of this great organization in 1919. We are PROUD of this accomplishment.

THANKS to all of you, and especially to all of them.



4th District Donation



Past Department Treasurer Don Chandler, Past Department Commander Ron Chapman and District Finance Officer Steve Foster present a \$500 donation from the Fabulous Fourth District to the Joseph House in Cincinnati.

Brown Jug Award



Second "to none" District won the Brown Jug Award for the turn-in on November 15th.

MIDWINTER HIGHLIGHTS



MIDWINTER HIGHLIGHTS



Dist.	Post	Post Legal Name	Post/Dist. CMDR	Post City
02	0395	Wayne	Thomas S Clarke	Waynesfield
07	0730	Ashville Community	Ronald L Clifton	Ashville
10	0351	Mingo Junction	Robert Smith	Mingo Junction
10	0056	Charles H. Carey	Daryal L Emelo	Salem
10	0519	Carr-Bailey	Randie L McRobie	Mineral City
03	0787	Roger L. Vickers	Larry H Derr	Springfield
08	0303	Robert Wyckoff	Thomas D Neal	MC Arthur
11	0312	Belmont	Clair E Blon	Belmont
09	0609	Barber Williams	Keith McCrory	Kirtland
11	0090	Epworth	Bruce E Miller	Bethesda
12	0486	Robert Dutro	Lewis E Comton Jr.	Groveport
07	0694	Roy W. Wilson	Charles P Emery	Mowrystown
05	0434	Caufield	Douglas E Bollinger	Bloomville
09	0247	Lowellville	Roy N Oliver Sr.	Lowellville
09	0051	Hubbard	John T Raica	Hubbard
12	0001	Frankli, INC.	David W Stockham	Columbus
05	0659	Berlin Heights	Chuck Knight	Berlin Heights
04	0681	Havelock D. Nelson	Mark D Riesenber	West Chester
13	0572	Joseph J. Jacubic, INC.	Henry J Kessler	Parma
01	0143	John Dale	Dean F Reinking	Fayette
01	0334	Arthur Daly	Sylvester J Lantz	Toledo
02	0346	Harvey Lewis	William R Evans II	Ohio City
02	0493	Scherer	Harry G Noah	Jackson Center
02	0603	West Mansfield	Joel Vanwinkle	West Mansfield
03	0174	Buckeye	James E Bergman	North Star
01	0018	Tony Wroblewski, INC.	Richard D Hendrix	Toledo
01	0536	Harter-Williams	Roy L Sutter	Gilboa
03	0353	Eck Ary-Douglas Dickey	David R Webb	Ansonia
05	0102	Karl Wilson Locke	Michael D Ives	Wellington
09	0352	Mentor	Geoffrey F Hoff	Mentor
10	0466	West Lafatette	Jack L Patterson	West Lafatette
10	0634	Walhoning Valley	Gerald H Fox	Warsaw
13	0002	Cleveland	Paul D Zeiak	Strongsville



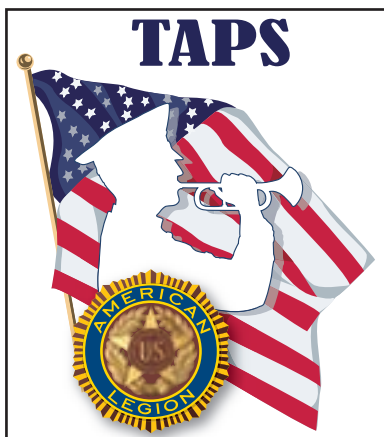
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**POST 3 FINDLAY**

CLAIR BISHOP
JAMES BROWN
ROBERT HILKERT
KEITH STOOKSBERRY
RALPH WOLERY
MICHAEL YOUNG
JOHN ZITKOVIC

POST 6 SPRINGFIELD

DAVID FORD
JOHN FRESHOUR

POST 7 WICKLIFFE

DAVID ROBINSON

POST 8 WELLINGTON

GERALD CAMP
ROBERT DUPEE
DELBERT MOHRMAN

POST 11 LANCASTER

RICHARD FETTERS
THOMAS JONES

RONALD MOORE
EDWARD POLING

JAMES SADDLER
MICHAEL SHANNON

WALTER STAMBAUGH
JACK STILLINGER

DONALD VANHORN

POST 12 ELYRIA

ROY BARTHOLOMEW
GLENN DILLS

JARED HARRISON
ALLEN LEDYARD

HUBERT MEREDITH
KENNETH MIMS

HAROLD MUDGE
MONTY RATLIFF

JOHN RICKS
CHARLES SLUSHER

ROBERT SMITH
GEORGE VINCENT

DELBERT YOUNGLESS

POST 16 MANSFIELD

ROBERT DENIG
EUGENE FLORO

RICHARD HECHT
EARL LOCKE

BARBARA SAUNDERS
JAMES SECREST

POST 19 AKRON

LEE DAVIES
20 BREMEN

PAUL SCHMELTZER

POST 23 PORTSMOUTH

MICHAEL BENNETT
CARL GREGORY

WALTER SHEETS

POST 24 Mc CONNELSVILLE

HOWARD COX

POST 28 PERRYSBURG

ALFRED HILT
ALLYN ROLLO

DELOY SCHRAMM

POST 29 ZANESVILLE

WILLIAM ASHWORTH
RUSSELL BATEMAN

RALPH BLAND
BUDDY BROWN

ANTHONY COLES
ROBERT DAVIS

WILLIAM DEAL
JOHN FLYNN

PHILLIP KELTON
WILLIAM MAUTZ

THOMAS NASH
BARBARA WEST

RICHARD WEST

BRYAN WILLIAMS
ROBERT WRIGHT

POST 30 LORAIN

ROBERT LINKOUS
PAUL STAVESKY

POST 31 EAST PALESTINE

JAMES MC LAUGHLIN

POST 33 STEUBENVILLE

JOSEPH ANDRESEN
WILLIAM MARKER

D JAMES PHILLIPPI
NORMAN POTENZINA

POST 39 POMEROY

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WILLIAM OHLINGER

JIM SHEETS
LEONARD VANMETER

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ERNEST PISKO

FRANK SLOCUM

POST 44 CANTON

DONALD COLLINS
ROBERT DOVIDIO

GLENN HERDLICK
JAMES HONE

DONALD MACHAN
PAUL OVERDORF

ROBERT PAONE
EDWARD PELLEGRENE

POST 46 BELLEVUE

HAROLD NOTTKE

POST 49 WILMINGTON

JAMES FOLAND
RICHARD SPINKS

THOMAS URTON
JOHN WALTERS

POST 51 HUBBARD

FRANCIS CREA
CHARLES MALIN

POST 52 BELLAIRE

ESTHER BOOTH
JAMES KLEE

FREDA PHILLIPS
PAUL STROPE

POST 60 STRYKER

JOHN OPDYCKE
VERNON SLOAN

POST 62 CHILLICOTHE

RICHARD PAYNE

POST 63 OTTAWA

THOMAS GREVE
CHARLES KIDD

MARCUS ROOF
THEODORE SEALTS

POST 64 MARIETTA

DAVID CARPENTER
PHILLIP CASTO

JAMES CLINE
LYLE DEMING

JOHN PHILLIPS
DALE WAGNER

CHARLES WHITING

POST 67 SHREVE

TEDDY MCCLARAN

POST 69 READING

WILLIAM FUERSICH
PAUL KREINER

RONALD SWENSEN

POST 72 MT CARMEL

EDWARD BEISER
PAUL FERENC

POST 73 FOSTORIA

RICHARD COPPLER
RONALD HAYNES

ROLAND HUTCHINS
HAROLD LOGSDON

CECIL VAUGHN

POST 76 SEBRING

SHEPHARD HILL

POST 77 NEFFS

THOMAS COMINSKY
AMOS KARKOWSKI

POST 79 MARYSVILLE

WALTER HARBOLD
LELAND NICOL

POST 81 JACKSON

RALPH WHITE

POST 83 SANDUSKY

ROLLAND BERTSCH

JOSEPH CAMELLA
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In Memoriam

ROGER HIGHT

"It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Honorary Past Department Commander and Past Department Adjutant Roger Hight.

The American Legion has lost a special person and an icon whose presence is felt in every facet of our organization. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Roger have lost a dear friend and Legionnaire. Roger leaves behind a legacy

of service and love of both his personal family and his Legion family. His spirit will forever be part of our lives.

No words can adequately express our sadness at Roger's death or our gratitude for the time we were able to spend with him. We will honor his memory by dedicating ourselves to continuing the work of The American Legion that he loved so much."



In Memoriam

DAVID CROPPER



It is with our deepest sympathies that we announce the passing of Past Department Commander David Cropper.

Commander Cropper was a Life Member of

the James Dickey Post 23 in Portsmouth, OH. He served as our Department Commander in 1973-1974. A World War II Army Veteran, Commander Cropper served in the Pacific theater and was a recipient of the Pacific Campaign Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

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By Venetia Green
Special Olympics Chairman

An awesome event, the 2018 Winter Special Olympics were held at Brandywine Ski Resort in Richfield Ohio on 7-8 February. Legionnaire’s worked jointly with the Special Olympics Ohio Program Director Marty S. Allen to make the event a resounding success for everyone. The American Legion volunteers assisted coaches with Alpine and Nordic skiing, serving breakfast to the Olympians and proudly awarding the athletes their medals and ribbons. My husband Comrade LeNard ‘LG’ Green was the photographer.

Department of Ohio American Legion is requesting participation in the upcoming Summer Special Olympics Department events 22-24 June 2018. The major part of Legionnaire participation is distributing ribbons and medals to the Olympians/Athletes (very rewarding as shown in the photos). Other things that are done is serving breakfast and possibly assisting with a sport. The athletes are amazing, the events are well organized with high school, college, American Legion and community leaders as volunteers. I am as humbled as I was some 35 years ago when I first got involved with Special Olympics.



COMRADES NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE AWARDS TO OLYMPIANS:

VOLLEYBALL	5	CYCLING	5
TENNIS	5	BOWLING	15
SOCCER	5	BOCCE	5
ROLLER-SKATING	5	AQUATICS	5
POWER LIFTING	5	TRACK	25
GYMNASTICS	5		



...CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
FEBRUARY		
2/16/18 - 2/18/18	Department Bowling Tournament	Sandusky
2/19/18	Presidents Day	Department Headquarters Closed
2/23/18 - 2/25/18	Department Bowling Tournament	Sandusky
2/25/18 - 2/28/18	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
MARCH		
3/4/18	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 297
3/4/18	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 610
3/4/18	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 85
3/4/18	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 677 Lithopolis
3/5/18 - 3/9/18	A&G Trip	Washington DC
3/10/18	District 9 Spring Conference	Post 700 Howland
3/10/18	District 2 Spring Conference	Post 217
3/16/18	American Legion Birthday	Department Headquarters
3/18/18	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 77 Neffs
3/18/18	District 12 Spring Conference	Post 430
3/18/18	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 450 Milford
3/18/18	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 142
3/24/18	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 682
3/25/18	District 3 Spring Conference	Post 322
3/25/18	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 88
3/25/18	Department Oratorical Contest	Department Headquarters
3/30/18	Good Friday	Department Headquarters Closed
APRIL		
4/1/18	Easter	
4/2/18	Office Closed	Department Headquarters
4/13/18	Buckeye Boys State Spring Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/14/18	Buckeye Boys State Spring Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/7/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/8/18	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 685
MAY		
5/6/18	District 11 Summer Convention	Post 29 Zanesville
5/6/18	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 465
5/6/18	District 6 Summer Convention	Post 97
5/6/18	District 7 Summer Convention	Post 433
5/9/18 - 5/10/18	National Spring Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
5/18/18 - 5/20/18	SAL Detachment Convention	Double Tree, Independence
5/19/18	District 10 Summer Convention	Post 166 Alliance, OH
5/20/18	District 1 Summer Convention	Post 553 Toledo, OH
5/20/18	District 14 Summer Convention	Post 175
5/20/18	District 2 Summer Convention	Post 444
5/20/18	District 8 Summer Convention	Post 39 Pomeroy
5/20/18	District 9 Summer Convention	Post 737 Lake Milton
5/25/18	Office Closed	Department Headquarters
5/28/18	Memorial Day	Department Headquarters Closed
5/30/18 - 5/31/18	Membership Turn-In Deadline 5	Department Headquarters
JUNE		
6/3/18	District 13 Summer Convention	Post 421
6/3/18	District 3 Summer Convention	Post 586
6/3/18	District 4 Summer Convention	Post 199 Harrison
6/3/18	District 5 Summer Convention	Post 83
6/10/18 - 6/17/18	Buckeye Boys State	Miami University
6/28/18 - 6/28/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Columbus
6/29/18 - 7/1/18	Department Convention	Columbus
JULY		
7/4/18	Independence Day	Department Headquarters Closed
7/14/18	Standing Committees	Department Headquarters
7/15/18 - 7/21/18	Jr. Legion Baseball Tourament	Lancaster
7/21/18	Finance Meeting	Department Headquarters
AUGUST		
8/4/18	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
8/24/18 - 8/30/18	100th Annual National Convention	Minneapolis, Minnesota
SEPTEMBER		
9/3/18	Labor Day	Department Headquarters Closed
OCTOBER		
10/5/18 - 10/7/18	Buckeye Boys State Fall Meeting	Department Headquarters
10/8/18	Columbus Day	Department Headquarters Closed
10/17/18 - 10/18/18	National Fall Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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APRIL 20TH - 22ND 2018

AMERICAN LEGION • POST 29
27 South 3rd St. • Zanesville, OH 43701

Friday Mini Tournament Starts at 7:00 P.M. with buy in	Saturday Doors Open at Noon Tournament Starts at 1:00 P.M.	Sunday Doors Open at 9:00 AM Tournament Starts at 11:00 A.M.
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ENTRY FORM

SINGLES - \$15

Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

DOUBLES - \$40

Team Captain _____

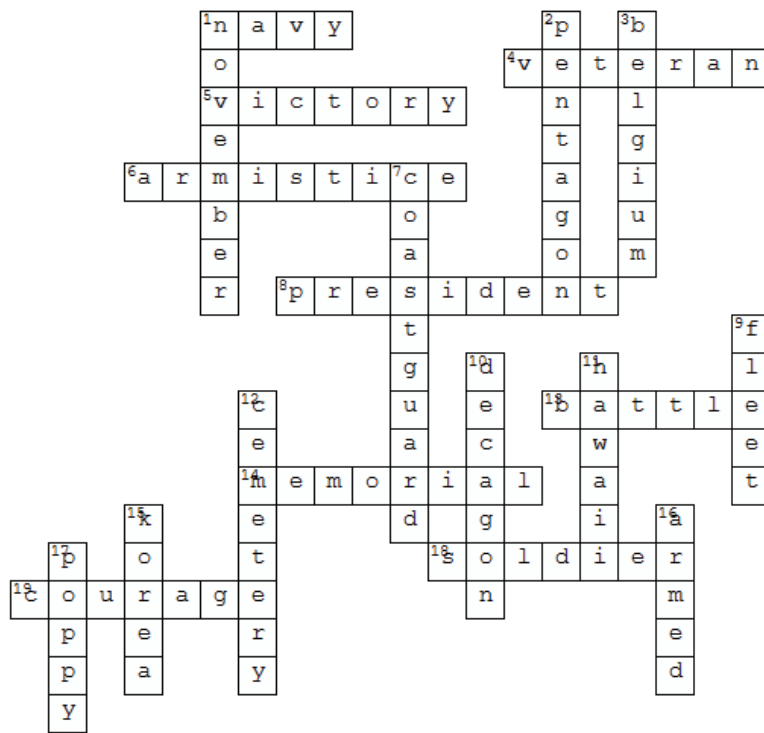
Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

Contact Person is: Jake Chapman (740) 624-5718
Mail Entry Form and Check to: American Legion Post 29
27 South 3rd Street • Zanesville, OH 43701 (No Refunds)

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THERE IS NO COST TO YOU

- Coverage has been arranged on your behalf by Your American Legion Department.
- This coverage is Underwritten by Transamerica Premier Life Insurance Company, (Cedar Rapids, IA), and paid for by The Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

YOUR COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE WHILE YOU ARE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL LEGION FAMILY BUSINESS

- Regardless of your age, health or occupation, your acceptance is guaranteed.**
- Your coverage will become effective the date your Enrollment is received by the Administrator.

YOUR COVERAGE IS VALUABLE

We want you to know too, LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and

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YOUR COVERAGE IS APPROVED AND ENDORSED

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- Your Department has arranged this coverage at No Cost to you because of the need for this type of protection and the recognition that many Members may not have enough protection.

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