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The American Legion Department of Ohio Hosts Midwinter Conference

The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted its annual Midwinter Conference from January 25th- 27th 2019 at the Crown Plaza North in Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Ohio American Legion, Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, and Ohio Sons of The American Legion, gathered from around the State to conduct business and gain knowledge of the

functions of The American Legion.

This year's Midwinter Conference featured the inaugural Buckeye American Legion College, which consisted of both Membership and Programs Training. The conference also featured a host of vendors that support veterans' organizations and other distinguished guests. The Department of

Ohio Staff would like to thank the volunteers and coordinators who dedicated their time and resources to make these trainings successful. Centennial Department Commander Robert Schmitt organized a successful fundraiser for his 2018-2019 Commander's Project which focuses on the Ohio Veterans Treatment Court Program. Legionnaires placed generous

bids to win a chance to put a pie in the face of our Department of Ohio leaders at The Legion Family gathering.

We were honored to have National Vice Commander James E. Wallace join the Department of Ohio by attending and speaking at our yearly membership banquet. National Legion Riders Representative Bob Sussan attended in ad-

dition to National representatives for the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Congratulations to all the posts that received membership awards this year and thank you to all that attended the 2019 Midwinter Conference. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Centennial Department Convention in Toledo.



Department Commander Bob Schmitt gets a pie in the face for Charity at Midwinter Conference in Columbus, Ohio.



Department Adjutant gets a pie in the face at the 2019 Midwinter Conference held on January 25-27, 2019.



Department 1st Vice Commander Roger Friend gets pied in the face based on generous bids to win during a fundraiser.

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National Commander Visits Membership Event

Brett Reistad, National Commander of The American Legion, visits The American Legion, Department of Ohio for their membership roundup on February 8th, 9th and 10th 2019. Thank you National Commander for your service and leadership and thank you to the Ohio State Highway Patrol for escorting Commander Reistad from the airport to The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters.



Ohio State Highway Patrol fleet arrives at Dept. Headquarters after escorting National Commander Brett Reistad.



National Commander Brett P. Reistad takes a photo with Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers.



Ohio State Highway Patrol Troopers take a photo with Robert Klostermeier, National Exec. Committeeman, Brett Reistad, National Commander and Robert Schmitt, Department Commander.

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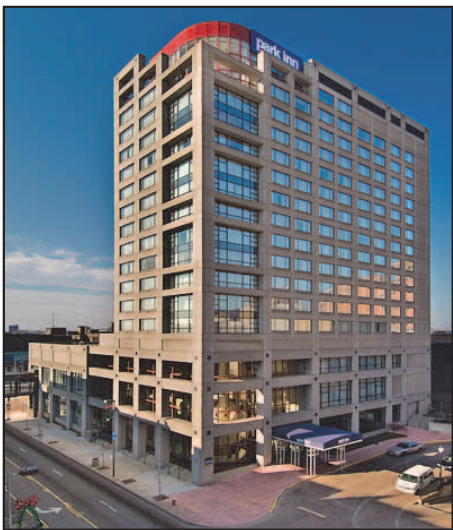
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SAVE THE DATE
June 28-30, 2019
Dept. Convention

The 2019 Department of Ohio Convention will be held at the Park Inn Radisson: 101 North Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio, 43604. To reserve your room contact 419-241-3000 and use block code: 1906AMELEG. Convention will run from Friday June 28, through Sunday June 30, 2019. Hope to see you all there!

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION
2/24/19	2/27/19	Washington Conference	Hilton Washington Hotel
3/3/19	3/3/19	13th District Spring Conference	Post 421 -Fairpark
3/3/19	3/3/19	1st District Spring Conference	Post 479- Swanton
3/3/19	3/19/19	6th District Spring Conference	Post 85-Newark
3/3/19	3/3/19	8th District Spring Conference	Post 283 -Pickerington
3/4/19	3/8/19	A&G Trip	Washington DC
3/9/19	3/9/19	Finance Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
3/9/19	3/9/19	VA&R Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
3/10/19	3/10/19	Oratorical Contest	Department Headquarters
3/10/19	3/10/19	11th District Spring Conference	Post 29- Zanesville
3/10/19	3/10/19	12th District Spring Conference	Post 430 -Columbus
3/10/19	3/10/19	2nd District Spring Conference	Post 210- Celina
3/10/19	3/10/19	7th District Spring Meetings	Post 142 -Waverly
3/15/19	3/15/19	Ohio American Legion Centennial Ball	Villa Milano- Columbus
3/16/19	3/16/19	9th District Spring Conference	Post 112- Madison
3/17/19	3/17/19	4th District Spring Convention	Post 49- Wilmington
3/23/19	3/23/19	10th District Spring Conference	Post 374- East Liverpool
3/24/19	3/24/19	3rd District Spring Conference	Post 165- Miamisburg
3/24/19	3/24/19	5th District Spring Conference	Post 535- Bellville
3/30/19	3/30/19	Department Euchre Tournament	Winnow-Arn Post 541
3/31/19	3/31/19	Membership Turn In	Department Headquarters
4/5/19	4/6/19	Buckeye Boys State Spring Meetings	Department Headquarters
4/6/19	4/6/19	Dept. Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
4/12/19	4/14/19	Department Pool Tournament	Post 29- Zanesville
4/14/19	4/14/19	14th District Spring Conference	Post 685- Streetsboro
5/5/19	5/5/19	11th District Summer Convention	Post 750- Lowell
5/5/19	5/5/19	12th District Summer Convention	Post 465- Columbus
5/5/19	5/5/19	5th District Summer Convention	Post 717-North Ridgeville
5/5/19	5/5/19	6th District Summer Convention	Post 285- Hebron
5/5/19	5/5/19	7th District Summer Convention	Post 134- Circleville
5/8/19	5/9/19	National Spring Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
5/11/19	5/11/19	10th District Summer Convention	Post 548- Louisville
5/17/19	5/19/19	SAL Detachment Convention	Mansfield
5/18/19	5/18/19	8th District Summer Convention	Post 78- Logan
5/18/19	5/18/19	9th District Summer Convention	Post 236- Newton Falls
5/19/19	5/19/19	14th District Summer Convention	Post 175- Stow
5/19/19	5/19/19	1st District Summer Convention	Post 541- Continental
5/19/19	5/19/19	3rd District Summer Convention	Post 184 Piqua
5/19/19	5/19/19	4th District Summer Convention	Post 194 Mason
5/19/19	5/19/18	2nd District Summer Convention	Post 323- St Marys
5/25/19	5/25/19	Dayton Western Reserve Grave Decorating	Dayton National Cemetery
5/29/19	5/29/19	Membership Turn In	Department Headquarters
6/2/19	6/2/19	13th District Summer Convention	Post 610 -Brookpark
6/9/19	6/16/19	Buckeye Boys State	Miami University
6/28/19	6/30/19	Department Convention	Toledo
7/11/19	7/14/19	Junior Baseball Tournament	Beaver's Field-Lancaster
7/13/19	7/13/19	Standing Committee Meetings	Department Headquarters
7/30/19	7/30/19	Senior Baseball Showcase Banquet	Crossroads- Lancaster
7/31/19	8/4/19	Senior Baseball Tournament	Beaver's Field-Lancaster
8/3/19	8/3/19	Dept. Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters
8/10/19	8/11/19	Department Golf Tournament	Post 598-Kettering
8/23/19	8/29/19	National Convention	Indianapolis, Indiana
9/16/19	9/16/19	American Legion Day 5k	TBD
10/16/19	10/17/19	National Fall Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
12/7/19	12/7/19	Dept. Executive Committee Meeting	Department Headquarters

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Robert (Bob) Schmitt
Dept. Commander

Hope that you all had a joyous Christmas and that your New Year is off to a great start! I hope that all of you are taking care of yourselves with the up and down weather we have been having (-10 one day and 60 the next day). I know that Father Louie Schmit is offering prayers for all of you who are in need.

A lot has happened since the last issue! Suzette Heller became our permanent Adjutant. She is very well versed on many aspects that are required for the Adjutant's position and is doing an outstanding job but bear with her. She does not have 20 plus years' experience, and she is learning new areas every day. I had major surgery that is taking a lot longer to get back to normal than I had planned, but I am getting better. We held the Winter DEC in December and made more progress toward getting the Department operating smoother.

The young staff that we have has been working hard to do a better job for all of us Legionnaires, Post and District Officers. Most of the staff just experienced their first Midwinter Conference, and they were excited to be there and helping all of you who attended. I believe that we had an increase in attendance which is great. We had many good comments and suggestions as to what you would

like to see at future conferences. Holly Lewis, Ken LaVoy, Bob White and a few others did a substantial amount of Training. Those attending this Training are asking for more in-depth training is some of the areas. I believe that Hollie Lewis named the Training, Ohio Buckeye Legion College and is modeling our program after National's. I am hoping that we will be able to find time to have additional Training at the Convention in Toledo June 28-30, 2019.

I want to thank all of you who paid your dues for the 2019 Membership Year. The Department of Ohio has been making all of its required goals this Membership Year and Ohio had been #1 in our Central Region of seven Departments several times, and we made it to the #4 ranking out of 55 Departments. We need to keep going and for us to do that we need all of you who have not paid your dues to do so immediately. Every one of you not paid is SUSPENDED and are no longer members in good standing. The Posts are required to vote you back in to put you in good standing once again. The Actual Membership year works on the calendar year, January 1 through December 31. We start collecting Dues July 1 to have everyone paid up by January 1. We continue collecting Dues for the current year until June 30 when we start all over for the next year. If you continue the balance of the year without paying your Dues, you will be considered EXPIRED. PLEASE DO NOT BECOME EXPIRED!

PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES. If you are unhappy about something with The American Legion or how your Post is being run, please let us know. We care about all of our members, not just those who show up at the Post, if you feel as though we only want your dues money, you are wrong. You earned the right to be a member, and we want you to be satisfied with being a member. If you have a complaint, please send your complaint(s) to membership@ohiolegion.com or commander@ohiolegion.com

For you, members that are a member of our Post #888, every one of you is welcome to go to any Post for their activities. You might find a local Post were you feel comfortable. Just because you are in Post #888 doesn't mean that you cannot go to any event or activity at any Post. Please check out the local Posts near you. Check the Department website for upcoming events. The State Convention will be in Toledo June 28-30, 2019 you are welcome to come. You never know who you may meet there.

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 ben-

efit is \$1000.00 for non-Legion business accidents resulting in death or \$5000.00 when traveling to and from Legion meetings or activities. We have some of the Insurance brochures with applications in the Department Supply Room, or 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 members need 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.

The State Convention is in Toledo this year, June 28-30, 2019 and everyone is invited. However, you will not have a vote unless you are a Delegate for your Post. We do charge a minimum fee of \$5 to register as a guest or Delegate. Come and have some fun and comradery with fellow veterans and members.

I also would like to mention the importance of our "Buddy Check" initiative. This is something that we have done in the past, but never had a name for it. It is important that you reach out to fellow members, especially if you haven't heard from them in an extended amount of time. For all

we know these members could be in hospice, or in a nursing home, and their relatives are no longer paying their dues because they are unaware of how important the membership and continuous years are to the legionnaire. Reach out to members of the post and ensure their wellbeing. Ensure that they are getting the help that they need and that their membership is up to date.

Our Department Treasurer Dick Staley has been working on reviewing the status of our Ohio Life Members. Some of these members are deceased and Department has been paying their dues, without knowing. It is vital that this information is reported to the Post, so that it can reach Department.

One last thing, if you are a Paid Up for Life member please ensure that your address and contact information is up to date with our National Headquarters. Some of you may have noticed that you haven't received any information in the mail from National in quite some time. This is because your address is marked as undeliverable, which will result in National marking you as deceased and cancelling your PUFL membership. Please take the initiative to contact them with your most updated address information if you have not received any information from them this past membership year. Their phone number is 317-630-1200.

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1st VICE COMMANDER



Roger Friend
1st Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires from your 1st Vice Commander. There was a lot of valuable information put

out at the membership workshop in August. If you were able to attend the National Convention in Minneapolis, the opening ceremony was one of the best I've seen. I would like to thank all of those who attended our first face to face

where we approved the schedule for the monthly GO-TO call in meetings on Wednesday the 10th of October. The meeting got off to a rough start, but we were able to accomplish some good things. We recently returned from the fall meetings

at National Headquarters and were informed that Ohio was one of 5 Departments ahead of last year's numbers in membership as well in second place. We met and exceeded the 55% of quota goal and the next goal of 65% is vastly approaching on

November 7th. We are currently at 62% we have about 2&1/2 weeks to get the 3% needed to meet or beat that goal. Kudos to everyone for your hard work. I truly believe we can achieve this goal and get Ohio noticed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings to My Ohio Legion Family, I just returned from a very informative, fun and productive Midwinter Conference in

Columbus. It was very evident how much hard work that was put into this by Department Adjutant Suzette, Department Staff, Holly Lewis and all the facilitators that presented the first Ohio Legion College. I heard a lot of positive feedback! What an honor to have National Vice Commander Jim Wallace and his lovely wife, Linda with us all weekend. If you missed this year's Midwinter, we hope you will make plans to make it next year and don't forget the

Department Convention in Toledo is right around the corner on June 28-30, 2019.

The next three months is jammed packed with Department of Ohio events. March 15, 2019 will be the Ohio American Legion Centennial Ball from 6 PM to 10:30 PM at Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, OH. A fantastic dinner of Filet Mignon or Vegetarian Pasta will be offered. Dinner, dancing, celebrating 100 years of our American Legion and raise funds for American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$100. Legion dress or business attire is requested. For tickets contact Parris Hopson at: hopsont@ohiolegion.com. For Hotel accommodations contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel North located at 6500

Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229. Call 614.885.1885 and reference the Legion Centennial Ball to receive our group discount of \$95.00 plus tax.

The Department Euchre Tournament will be held on March 30, 2019 at Winnow-Arn Post 541 Continental, OH, 109 South Fifth Street, Continental, OH. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration starts at Noon and cards at 1:00 PM. If you have questions, contact Mike Kennedy at Department Headquarters 1-740-816-7552 or email him at membership@ohiolegion.com.

The Department Pool Tournament will be held on Friday April 12-April 14, 2019 at American Legion Post 29 located at 27 South 3rd Steet, Zanesville, OH 43701. Singles and team events. The

kitchen will be open Friday and Saturday night and a breakfast buffet on Sunday. Friday night starts at 7 PM, \$15.00 buy in plus \$5.00 green fee. This is open to the public. Saturday April 13 begins at 7 PM, \$15.00 buy in for singles is \$15 plus \$5.00 green fee and must be a Legion family member. Sunday April 14, two-person team is a \$40.00 entry fee plus \$5.00 green fee per person and must be a Legion family member. Sign up is 15 minutes before time of play. Calcutta pays Saturday and Sunday top 3 teams. Races 3 winners and 2 losers. Hotel accommodations: Holiday Inn Express 740.297.4751. Questions contact Larry Shanks at 740.815.4066 or Jason Chapman at 740.624.5718.

I hope that you will be able to attend one, two or all three of

events. I think when we share in comradeship, we are all able to learn from each other. We build friendships that last a lifetime. I can assure you that I have built friendships and mentors thru my involvement with the American Legion that mean so much to me. Our American Legion family- Legion, Auxiliary, Son and ALR is like no other. Remember we have each other backs and when we unite no one can stop us reaching our goals to help other Veterans, Children and Youth, National Security and Americanism. After all we are TEAM 100!

I hope to see you very soon. Please remember all our Troops serving all around the World! Don't forget to be a Buddy and check on a Buddy!

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HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

As your Department Adjutant, I am learning A LOT! There is never a shortage of work to be done in The American Legion. We are accomplishing many things internally and I hope you are able to see the results as we approach the 2019-2020 Membership year. A lot has happened since the last issue of the Ohio Legion News in December 2018.

If you didn't get an opportunity to attend Midwinter then you are probably not aware of the newly created "BUCKEYE AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE" (BALC). This resolution was adopted at the Executive Board Meeting in December. (One of three resolutions so far this year). The curriculum of BALC thus far is Membership, Post Operations, and Programs. I am probably preaching to the choir here about how these things should be done. However, I challenge you to participate in BALC, nonetheless. Holly Lewis has written an article available in this issue of OLN about how to enroll and participate and we hope to see you at a BALC event in the future!

The Past Department Com-

mander Round-Up which was held the weekend of February 8th thru the 10th was OUTSTANDING! THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU – Ohio Legionnaires for coming out to support your local Posts and show true Buckeye Spirit to the National Commander. Every Post along the way was a CLASS ACT in support of #Team100! The event kicked off at Adams Township Post 553 in Toledo on Friday evening. The next morning we went to Avon Lake Post 211 where they hosted breakfast with support from Districts 5 & 9 with support from the ENTIRE American Legion Family. We then moved to Streetsboro Post 285 in Hudson, then onto Canton Post 44, with a final stop on Saturday at Zanesville Post 29. We wrapped up Sunday at Don Gentile Post 532 in Columbus. There were at least 500 Legionnaires, SAL, Auxiliary, and ALR American Legion Family Members who showed up and supported National and Department Officers and we are very GRATEFUL because without you – there isn't much point in doing what we do.

Our next event is the Ohio Centennial Ball, tickets can be purchased on Event Brite by searching for "Ohio American Legion

Centennial Ball". Tickets are \$100 each and all proceeds after cost will benefit Department Scholarships and grant Student Veteran Chapters with assistance to attend the SVA National Convention which you can view here: <https://conference.studentveterans.org/>. Our guest speakers are Past National Commander and Past National Adjutant, Bob Spanogle. Ohio State Treasurer, Robert Sprague, whose Great-Grandfather was a founding member of The American Legion in Paris, France and whom Post 3 is named "Ralph D. Cole". Also speaking is the co-founder of Student Veterans of America, Derek Blumke. Our MC of the event is Ashley Gorbulja-Maldonado from Akron University Post 808. We are EXCITED and hope you are too! This is a once in a life-time celebration. We then move into April DEC Meeting on Saturday the 6th and wrap up the membership year at our June 27-30th Department Convention happening in Toledo this year at the Park Inn which is attached to the Toledo Convention Center.

Please contact me personally with any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions at adjutant@ohiolegion.com and I am happy to connect with you!

Until next time...God Bless.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Father Schmitt
Dept. Chaplain

The American Legion's National Commander has declared this year's slogan, "Celebrating Our Legacy". Through this article, I continue to share with you, the people and experiences that have left an indelible impression on me. Their legacies have guided me throughout my life as a priest, chaplain, but most importantly, as a man:

Over the years, everyone experiences events that bring them face to face with the real meaning of life. I was the recipient of a circumstance such as this, which occurred very early in my priesthood.

I was stationed in Dayton, Ohio, and teaching at Carroll High School. My Sundays were under contract with Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) to offer two Masses in one of their chapels. This particular Sunday morning – September 1964 – I had the 8 and 10 am Mass. Finally finished, I prepared to leave and looked forward to heading over to enjoy their Breakfast Buffet at the Club. Suddenly, a Chaplain Assistant ran up to me with a metal Mass kit and said, "Father, get over to the Hospital right away. The AF Chaplain is sick and wants you to take his confessions and Mass – it's located in the Red Cross Lounge." The hospital was about five miles across Base. It was pouring down rain and I didn't want to go. He said everything I needed was in the metal kit – I remember it was heavy. Recognizing this as an emergency, I had no choice but to hurry over. There weren't any close parking spaces when I arrived at the hospital, so inevitably, I entered the facility soaking wet. I didn't have a sermon prepared and feeling rushed

and grouchy when I located the "Lounge". Upon entering, there waiting for a priest, were about thirty-five wounded soldiers, all back from Vietnam, wearing blue bathrobes and standing in line for confession. While setting up the altar, I was vocally complaining that it was a horrible day, pouring down rain, and I got stuck with this extra job. Little did I know that my attitude was about to be transformed... It was at this moment that I saw the shameful extent of my selfishness.

It's fifty-some years later, and I still hear the words of this one individual soldier standing in the confessional line, "Father, this is the most wonderful day of my life." He opened his bathrobe and there on his chest and stomach area was what looked like a big zipper, exposing stitches connecting overlapping pieces of flesh. "See this Father? I survived a mortar attack that killed two of my buddies. Our group's been in three hospitals and were flown here this morning from Texas on the Eagle Medical Flight. My wife is on her way from Michigan – I haven't seen her in three years. Oh, Father, I want you to share in my happiness, God has been so good to me – I want you to be happy, too! Absorbing his words, the tears began flowing down my cheeks. We hugged each other – and I hugged every soldier in that line. Suddenly my problems were of no significance, for I had received a miracle which opened my narrow and selfish heart. This man had invited me into the realm of a greater love. As I write this, it all rushes back and I see how wrapped up I was in my own comfort: such, that I nearly deprived myself of the new love each of these soldiers had been given and wanted to share with me. John Chapter 13, Verse 34: "This I command you, love one another, as I have loved you."

Legion Offers Financial Support During Shutdown

The most-recent partial Federal Government shutdown directly impacted 41,000 active-duty members of the United States Coast Guard. The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program was able to provide \$18,800 in non-repayable grants to 30 Coast Guard families with 68 children stationed in Ohio.

The American Legion TFA program is supported by do-

nations to The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. The foundation supports veterans and military families in need, as well as American Legion service officers who assist Veterans in

accessing VA benefits. The American Legion Department of Ohio thanks you – our American Legion Family for their financial support to the American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation.

Rank	# of Families	# of Children	Total \$
E3	3	6	\$1,800
E4	10	22	\$6,200
E5	17	40	\$10,800
TOTAL IMPACT	30	68	\$18,800

The American Legion Introduces "Buddy Check"

The American Legion was built on the power of personal contact. A century ago, when our organization was established, there was no other good way to grow and fulfill our purposes.

Today, in honor of The American Legion's centennial, I'm asking you to do what our founders did. Make personal contact with members and former members of your posts and districts.

Call it a "buddy check." Ask them how they are doing. Ask if there is anything The American Legion can do for them. Perhaps they have been sick, lost a spouse or just need to know someone cares. Perhaps they simply forgot to renew their membership because no one called.

This is not a membership campaign It's a comradeship campaign. For more information about Buddy Check, March 11-18, 2019, visit www.legion.org/membership.

Brett Reistad
National Commander
The American Legion

MARCH 11-18, 2019

BUDDY CHECK

During Buddy Check week, take time to call on any member or former member who may have lost touch with the post. We need them, and they may need us. Honor the vision of our founders by making PERSONAL CONTACT with fellow veterans.

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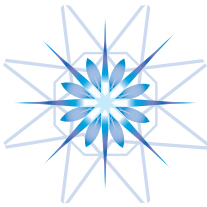
Harold Landis
Dept. Historian

I am back home from the 2019 Midwinter convention and the temperature is -8 degrees. I had a very busy time at the convention and had a lot of fun. The trainings put on were great. I hope all attended as many as you could.

I would like to remind everyone that are doing History Books for your Post, District or

Department, to submit them, to the Department for judging no later than July 27, 2019. Last year we only had two books turned in for judging. I would like to see many more turned in.

If you have any questions on the rules for the proper way to construct your book, please contact me by e-mail at photoman55@twc.com, and I will send you a copy of the rules. After you read the rules if you have any questions please ask me.



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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

What a Veteran can do to help the Department Service Officers process your claims and appeals

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Legionnaires, the past three months the Department Service Officers conducted 7 Decision Review Officer Hearings and 28 Board of Veterans Appeals Hearing. These number reflect hearings that are scheduled for March 2019, the Board of Veterans Appeal hearings will be conducted by a travel board. Two Judges from Washington D.C. will be present at the Cleveland VARO conducting the hearings.

During the Midwinter Conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Columbus. Department Service Officer's William Genochio and Karla Boehm were on hand to check claims statuses and provide insight in to veterans claims filed with the Veterans Affairs. William Genochio also provided Appeal Updates during the Class Portion of the Midwinter Conference. William and Karla assisted numerous veterans on Saturday of the conference and were able to establish various connections with agencies focused on supporting our veteran population.

Post Service Officer School
There has been a lot of questions regarding the PSO School and when and where training will be conducted. Post Service Officer School will be conducted the first Saturday in November each year, the upcoming Post Service Officer school will be November 2, 2019,

from 0800 – 1530 at Department Headquarters located at 60 Big Run Rd. Delaware, Ohio 43015. Invites and registration will be sent out as the date gets closer. However, please feel free to email interest to genochio@ohiolegion.com with name, contact number, Post and title and you will be placed on the attendance roster.

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Changes to the VA's Pension Program.

Wartime veterans who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service connected disability, and have a financial need, may be eligible for VA pension. The VA pension program provides tax-free monthly benefit payments to eligible veterans. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may be eligible for payments at increased rates if they meet the requirements for housebound or aid and attendance. Unremarried surviving spouses and/or children of a deceased Veteran with wartime service may also be eligible for a Survivors pension. Recently, there have been changes to the eligibility requirements for these types of benefits. In this edition of VA&R Updates, we will examine a number of these recent changes.

The new eligibility rules, titled AO73, went into effect on October

18, 2018. All claims for pension benefits received on or after that date will be processed according to the new rules as prescribed by law. Claims filed prior to October 18, 2018 will be grandfathered under the old rules. The new rules were put in place in response to the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging and a U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published report titled GAO-12-540. The committee and the GAO found that there were over 200 organizations that helped claimants transfer assets in order to qualify for VA Pension. Typically, these organizations consist of attorneys and financial planners who offer products such as trusts and annuities. Often, they charge substantial fees for products and services that may not be in the claimants' best interests.

The GAO also found that under the old rules, net worth determinations were subjective and open to interpretation by individual VA raters and authorizers. This ambiguity lead to variation and inconsistent decisions amongst individual pension claims. Under AO73, a 'bright-line rule' was put in place. The 'bright-line' net worth limit is the value that a claimant's combined assets and annual income cannot exceed in order to qualify for pension benefits. It is meant to lead to quicker benefits decisions and to promote consistency and uniformity of decisions. The current bright-line limit is \$123,600. If a claimant's calculated net worth is at or under this limit they are eligible for benefits. The claimant's calculated net worth is

determined by adding their total net worth and annual income and subtracting their prospective annual medical expenses. The VA will calculate net worth when it receives either: an original pension claim, a new pension claim after a period of non-entitlement, a request to establish a new dependent, or information that a veteran's (or surviving spouse/child's) net worth has increased or decreased. The new regulation also excludes the Veteran's primary residence plus the residential lot area (up to two acres) from net worth calculations.

AO73 establishes a 36-month look back period and a penalty period for claimants who transfer assets to qualify for pension. However, the look back period does not include any date before October 18, 2018. For example, if a pension claim was received on 10/20/2018, it will have a 2-day lookback period. The full 36-month look-back period will not start until three years after 10/18/2018. or 10/18/2021. Also, the maximum number of months for the penalty period is 60 or five years.

To determine the length of the penalty period the first step is to determine the covered asset amount. A covered asset is an asset that was part of the of the claimant's net worth that was transferred for less than fair market value during the look back period, and if it had not been transferred, would have caused the claimant's net worth to exceed the net worth limit. Penalty periods will be calculated by dividing the covered asset amount by the Maximum Annual Pension Rate (MAPR) at the aid and atten-

dance rate for a Veteran with one dependent. The current MAPR rate is \$2,230; this is the rate that will be used for all pension claimants. For example, if it is determined that the claimant transferred \$20,000 in covered assets during the look back period, the penalty period would be 8 months (20,000/2,230=8 months, do not include decimals). In this case, the claimant is considered not entitled to pension benefits until after the penalty period of eight months, since the transfer of assets, has elapsed. There is an exception for trusts which are established on behalf of a child whom the VA has rated incapable of self-support. In this case, the VA will not consider the asset transfer as "for less than fair market value (FMV)" and a penalty period will not be assigned.

The following is just a short overview of some of the many recent changes to the VA pension program. It is important to obtain competent advice before proceeding with a claim for VA pension benefits. A list of accredited representatives, agents, and attorneys is available at the VA Office of General Counsel website. Be wary of any individual that tries to guarantee that a claimant will be awarded benefits or that their claim will be expedited. As always, your American Legion Department Service Officers are fully trained and accredited to provide advice on eligibility requirements and to assist with completion of the necessary application forms.

Military Humor
Q: Why did Mickey Mouse get shot?
A: Because Donald ducked.

Native Ohioan & Legionnaire Raises Awareness for PTSD & Veteran Suicide

In November of 2016, US Army Veteran, Eli Smith made a life changing decision. He was going to quit his job, sell mostly everything he owned, and travel to each corner of the United States to bring awareness to PTSD and Veterans Suicide. Fast forward to over 2 years later, Eli is preparing to complete the final leg of his three-year journey. On March 29, 2019, Mr. Smith will depart from Zanesville, OH on bike and make his way to Maine, then finally down to Florida where he will complete his trip.

Smith's trip has not been easy.

He has been robbed, nearly kidnapped and was even the target of gang violence while traveling through California on foot. When speaking to Mr. Smith you couldn't help but ask "What made you begin this trip?" To him, it was an easy question to answer. His motivation stems from the lack of public knowledge of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and how it effects the daily lives of veterans worldwide. "I never realized how many people were unaware of the impact that PTSD has on people and the amount of suicides that take place on a regular basis," Smith stated.

Multiple people that served alongside him in the military took their own lives because of the condition, and he began his journey with hopes to save at least one life, by letting veterans know that they are in fact not alone.

The final leg of his trip is planned to conclude on October 19, 2019. Mr. Smith is currently finalizing the route of his trip, which will include stops to multiple American Legion Posts and Veteran Homes along the way. He became a member of The American Legion while making his way through Lepine, Oregon. He is a member of Post

45 (Dept. of Oregon), which he stated was "A beautiful log cabin post, made by the members who are lumberjacks" He plans to celebrate the American Legion's 100th birthday with the Department of Ohio, at the Centennial Ball in Columbus.

So, what is next for Mr. Smith? After the conclusion of his journey, he plans to get lots of rest, a job, and a car before continuing his advocacy movement. He is currently working with local and major cities on a proclamation that would adopt a "Veterans Suicide Awareness month." He also

plans on writing a novel in addition to mentoring Boy Scouts on the "Stranger Danger" concept. He stated that the ending of his trip is "bitter sweet" because he enjoys meeting with veterans and spreading awareness. He has received at least 9 letters from veterans stating that his advocacy gave them the strength to not take their own lives. For more information on his journey, PTSD, and ways to support visit <https://4cornershike.org/> or like his page on Facebook www.facebook.com/4CornersHike/ which provides updates along his journey.



The American Legion Hosts Centennial Ball

Greetings! We're celebrating The American Legion's 100th Birthday and would love for you to join us. The Ohio American Legion Centennial Ball will serve as a formal banquet and fundraiser for Ohio Veterans & Youth. All proceeds will directly benefit The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship Fund. Enjoy dancing, a Filet Mignon dinner (with choice of vegetarian pasta), two cash bars, a presentation on the history of The American Legion, and the creation of The American Legion Department of Ohio. All registered guests will receive a complimentary American Legion Department of Ohio Centennial Coin.

Guest speakers: Honorary guest, Bob Spanogle, Past National Adjutant & Commander, Derek Blumke, Co-Founder of Student Veterans of America, & Robert Sprague, Ohio Treasurer. The MC for the event is Ashley Gorbulja-Maldonado from American Legion University of Akron Post 808.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Suzette Heller
Department Adjutant



THE AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL BALL

Hosted by:
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

WHEN:
MARCH 15, 2019, 6:00PM-10:30PM

WHERE:
VILLA MILANO BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER
1630 SCHROCK RD.
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43229

COST: \$100 per seat (8 guests per table)

DRESS: Formal

RSVP online at EventBrite.com
<https://centennialball.eventbrite.com>

If you have any questions, email Parris Hopson: hopson@ohiolegion.com

Each year, The American Legion awards **scholarship** monies to qualified veterans & children of Veterans seeking higher education. Please visit us at www.ohiolegion.com/scholarships for our most updated application. **Deadline to apply is April 15, 2019.** If you are unable to attend the Centennial Ball, you can still support our Centennial Scholarship fundraiser through EventBrite.com: <https://centennialball.eventbrite.com>

CONGRATULATIONS!



Deborah Ashenhurst
Ret. Major General

The American Legion Department of Ohio would like to publicly congratulate Ret. Major General Deborah Ashenhurst on her most recent accomplishment. Congratulations on your new position as the first Female Director of Ohio Veteran Services. We are thankful for your service and for your 17 years of membership with The American Legion Department of Ohio, Post 614 in Hilliard. Wishing you the best in all your endeavors. #Team100

Recipients from Charities Inc.

American Legion Department of Ohio Charities Inc met at the Midwinter Conference in Columbus, Ohio, and awarded Grants to the following:

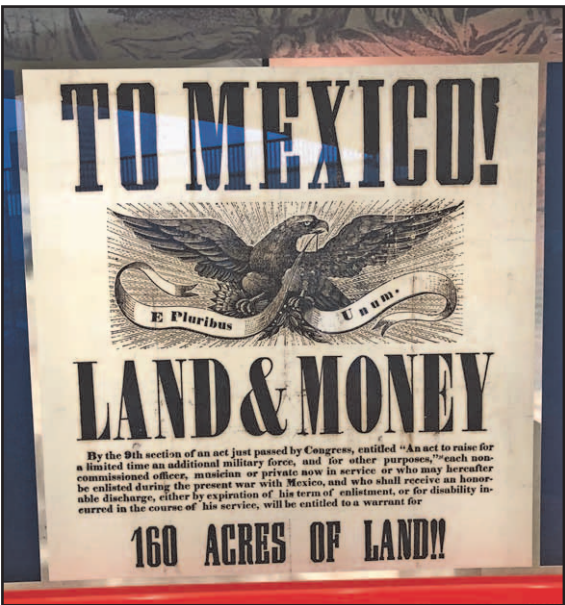
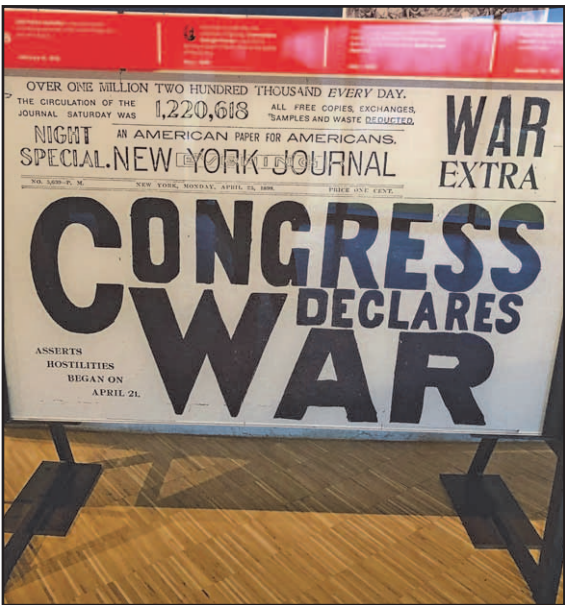
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| 1. NVMM | 19. Motts Military Museum |
| 2. CSW Farms | 20. Salvation Army in Central Ohio (God and Country Concert) |
| 3. OH-TAA | 21. Volunteers of America |
| 4. Batavia Police | 22. Findlay Market Parade (Cincinnati Reds) |
| 5. Reynoldsburg post 798 for a Veterans Memorial for Fallen at the High School | 23. Valor Home for Homeless Women Veterans |
| 6. Milton-union music boosters, Inc | 24. Newcomerstown Police Department |
| 7. Mercy Soup Kitchen, Tremont City Veterans Memorial, Boy Scout Troop 345 | 25. Walk the Talk Outreach Ministries |
| 8. Joseph House | 26. Ohio Buckeye Boys State |
| 9. Civil Air Patrol | 27. Americanism and Government Trip |
| 10. American Legion Auxiliary (President Project) | 28. Chambers Hautman Budde |
| 11. Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery Advisory Committee Flag Decorating | 29. K9 for Warriors (Findlay) |
| 12. Post 29 clothing and presents for needing children | 30. Buckeye American Legion College |
| 13. Veterans food bank | 31. Squadron 52 for Children's Christmas |
| 14. Beavers Field | 32. Milford Post 450 |
| 15. Boy Scouts of America Simon Kenton Council | 33. City of Harrison (Christmas Food and Clothing, Toys for Needing Children) |
| 16. Community Shelter Board | 34. Post 72, Memorial Day for Fourth District |
| 17. Fisher/Nightingale Houses | |
| 18. Make -A -Wish | |

Staff Visits National Veterans Memorial & Museum

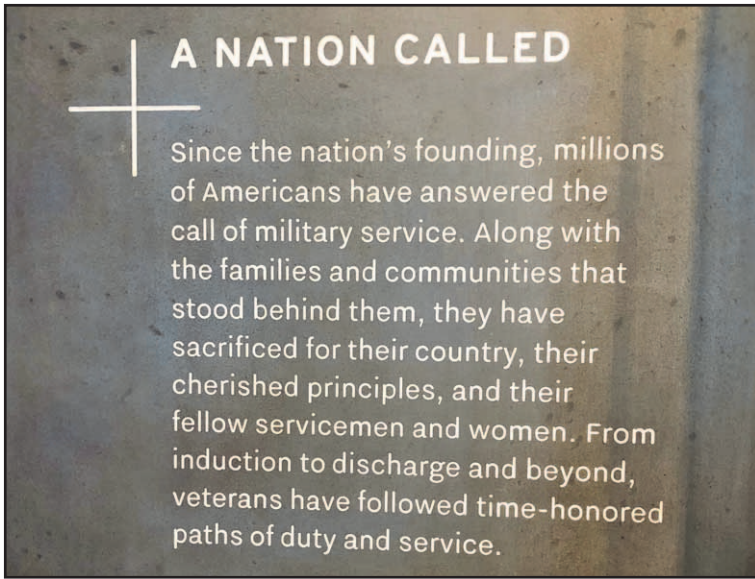
The American Legion Department of Ohio Staff celebrates Christmas with a visit to The National Veterans Memorial & Museum located in Columbus, OH.



Front- Left to Right: Suzette Heller, Department Adjutant & Jon Vulgamore.
Top Left to right: Parris Hopson, Rebecca Corbin, Michelle Jones, Christie White, Department Commander Robert Schmitt, Bill Genochio, Jared Hickie, & Zachary Andrews.



Left to right: Robert Schmitt, Department Commander & General Michael Ferriter at the new National Veterans Memorial & Museum in Columbus, OH.



MIDWINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Posts Receive Membership Awards

Membership Award	District	Post Name	Post #
September Turn-In Award	4	Northeast	630
September Turn-In Award	10	West Lafayette	466
September Turn-In Award	12	Franklin	1
All Time High by Sept. 5th	1	Harter-Williams	536
November Turn-In Award	1	Tony Wroblewski	18
November Turn-In Award	1	Diemer-Dobmeyer	172
November Turn-In Award	1	Genoa	324
November Turn-In Award	1	Harter-Williams	536
November Turn-In Award	2	Bluffton	382
November Turn-In Award	2	Wayne	395
November Turn-In Award	2	Sherer	493
November Turn-In Award	2	West Mansfield	603
November Turn-In Award	4	Stuart G. Luginbuhl	72
November Turn-In Award	4	Yaeger-Benson	199
November Turn-In Award	4	Miller-Stockum	485
November Turn-In Award	7	Leesburg	568
November Turn-In Award	9	Perry Memorial	697
November Turn-In Award	9	North Kingsville	743
November Turn-In Award	12	Brooks-Mason	157
January Turn-In Award	1	Charles J. Wagner	287
January Turn-In Award	1	Ney Community	680
January Turn-In Award	4	Marion	179
January Turn-In Award	4	Frank W. Weaver	237
January Turn-In Award	4	Archie Lee Boyce	406
January Turn-In Award	5	Victory	260
January Turn-In Award	5	Firelands Memorial	706
January Turn-In Award	6	Johnstown	254
January Turn-In Award	8	Oscar McVeigh	20
January Turn-In Award	9	Hubbard	51
January Turn-In Award	9	Percy D. Hyatt	226
January Turn-In Award	9	Barber Williams	609
January Turn-In Award	10	Harr-Reese	160
January Turn-In Award	10	Carr-Bailey	519
January Turn-In Award	12	Galloway	799
January Turn-In Award	13	Chagrin Falls	383
January Turn-In Award	13	Bay Village	385
January All Time High Award	6	Johnstown	254



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Buckeye American Legion College Success

The inaugural semester of Buckeye American Legion College was a success at Midwinter Conference. We had 100 students who learned about Membership, Post Operations and American Legion Programs. The next semester will be held at Depart-

ment Headquarters in Delaware on April 27th. Details will be sent out to registered students by the end of February. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for this year, put it on your to-do list for next year. We will be enhancing the curriculum and it will only

get better! If you have ideas for classes you would like to see in the future, please email them to BuckeyeALC@ohiolegion.com. Your input will help us to make Buckeye American Legion College a success for many years to come.



Aaron Cunningham teaches VA and R



Doug Whitney teaches Trials



Gary Minadeo teaches Parliamentary Procedure



Andy Atkins teaches Children and Youth



Matt Herndon teaches about Recruiting



Buckeye American Legion College (BALC) Committee



Joe Gallagher speaks about mylegion.org



Ken LaVoy answers questions about running meetings

2019 MIDWINTER SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Name

Harry Adkins
William "Ed" Anderson
Robert Baker
Robert Barnhart Jr
Nicholas Beck
Terry Cornelius
Tamara Crawford
Trad Dill
William Dittebrand
Jack Downs
David Farr
Ronald Finnick
Steve Foster
Robert Foth
Mark Fouse
Lonnie Hendrix
Leon Homan
Donald Howlett
Jerry Hughes
Jack Jacobs
Randall Jameson
David Kerekes
Roger King
Gerald Laurent
Betsy Law
Joe Law
Phillip Legg
Mike McCann
Leander Mescher
Jerry Moore
Donald Myers
William O'Connell
Harry Patterson
Arthur Reid
Robert Safranek
Dennis Siefker
Michael Sisco
Larry Smith
Glenn Thompson
Ralph Toalston
Billy Trotter
Cecil Trusler
Richard Wagner
Steve Wainright
Daniel Watrous
John Wright

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Elyria
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Dayton
Monclova
Youngstown
Ada
Cincinnati
Cincinnati
Sagamore Hills
Columbus Grove
Fairfield
West Harrison IN
Columbus
Louisville
Cincinnati
Zanesville
Cleveland
Beverly
Columbus
Fairborn

MIDWINTER HIGHLIGHTS



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AMERICANISM



Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Americanism Programs and Events

Happy Winter Legionnaires! There are so many activities that are coming up for various Americanism programs in the next few months.

AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT: The trip will take place March 4th, 2019 through March 8th, 2019. The names of the 18 winning students as well as a briefing of their trip will be in

the next issue of the Ohio Legion News.

ORATORICAL: State contest will be held Sunday March 10, 2019 starting at 9:00AM at Department Headquarters.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are due April 15th.

DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND WESTERN RESERVE NATIONAL CEME-

TERY: Grave decorating will be Saturday May 25, 2019 at 9:30AM.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE: June 9, 2019 through June 16, 2019 at Miami University.

LEGION BASEBALL: Junior Tournament will be July 11, 2019 through July 14, 2019. Senior Tournament will be July 31, 2019 through August 4, 2019.

Make sure to also mark your cal-

endars for Department Convention June 28, 2019 through June 30, 2019. This year conventional will be hosted in Toledo.

Reminder, the Buckeye Boys State application process will be online this year. Once you receive your enrollment form, please return it with the number of delegates your post plans on sending to Buckeye Boys State along

with your payment by March 15th, 2019. You will receive back forms that have a specific code for each delegate to log onto the website and enter their information electronically. Each code is specific for each delegate, so the forms **CANNOT BE COPIED.**

*Christie White, Americanism/Children & Youth Coordinator
The American Legion Dept. of Ohio*

Legislative Update: We The American Legion...

The American Legion maintains a strong presence on Capitol Hill and in The Ohio Statehouse advocating based on our four pillars: Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. The American Legion's legislative policy is determined by elected delegates to national and department conventions and duly elected members of the National and Department Executive Committees. If a resolution is approved by most delegates, it becomes a legislative mandate of the National Legislative Commission and/or the Legislative Commission to State Legislature. Every Legionnaire can begin the legislative resolution process through their post, district, and department.

The American Legion recently published our top 12 legislative



priorities for the 116th Congress.

1. The American Legion passed Resolution 1 at its Fall 2018 National Executive Committee meeting calling on Congress to direct VA to expand the definition of "wartime veteran" to include all military personnel who served honorably under Title 10 orders for at least one day during this continuous period of armed conflict.
2. The American Legion remains firm in its position that all veterans exposed to Agent Orange – on land, sea or air – deserve service-connected disability benefits for adverse health conditions presumed to be linked to such exposure.
3. The American Legion will continue to fight for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits the physical desecration of the American flag. As a physical representation of the ideals that America stands for, protecting the sanctity of our nation's flag has always been a priority for The American Legion.
4. The American Legion believes that it is vital for VA to develop a comprehensive health care program to address health care needs specific to women who have served in the armed forces, and the Legion will continue to advocate for legislation that addresses these shortcomings.
5. The American Legion urges Congress to provide VA the necessary funds to hire mental health

care professionals and proper staffing for its Integrative Health and Wellness Program. Getting veterans enrolled in these services is a priority of The American Legion.

6. The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through honorable military service is completed prior to discharge.
7. VA pledged to eradicate veteran homelessness and The American Legion supports the continued funding of programs to address this serious issue. Congress must continue making investments in affordable housing and programs that help get veterans and their families off the streets and into stable housing with supportive services.
8. Many military retirees are forced to forfeit a portion of their pension to receive VA service-connected disability pay. VA survivor benefits are also offset from military Survivor Benefit Plan annuities. The American Legion supports legislation to repeal both unjust offsets.
9. Expanding GI Bill benefits to include access to capital for entrepreneurial veterans enables them to overcome a major obstacle in building a small business. The American Legion supports legislation that would expand GI Bill benefits to assist veterans in obtaining access to small business capital.
10. The American Legion will

continue to urge Congress to prohibit employers from pressuring servicemembers into waiving their employment rights and protections through arbitration agreements.

11. The American Legion supports a defense budget that reverses sequestration and its effects, rebuilds U.S. military end strength and weaponry and fairly compensates military personnel, especially in an ongoing time of global warfare.
12. The American Legion will continue to support the oversight over the implementation of critical legislation passed during the 115th Congress, securing that these laws are enacted correctly and in the best interests of America's veterans.

The Legislative Commission to the State Legislature is preparing to work with the 133rd General Assembly and Governor DeWine's administration. This Commission is currently chaired by Malcolm Glasgow of the 12th District.

Speaker Larry Householder recently released the standing committee and standing subcommittee

Rep. Rick Perales, Chair Air Force Veteran	Rep. Ron Hood, Vice Chair	Rep. Casey Weinstein, Ranking Member U.S. Air Force Veteran
Rep. Bill Dean	Rep. Adam Holmes U.S. Marine Corps Veteran	Rep. Candice Keller
Rep. Darrell Kick	Rep. Laura Lanese U.S. Navy Veteran	Rep. Tracy Richardson U.S. Army Reserve
Rep. Richard Brown	Rep. Erica Crawley U.S. Navy Veteran	Rep. Adam Miller U.S. Army Reserve
	Rep. Michael Sheehy U.S. Army	

assignments for The 133rd General Assembly. The Armed Services and Veteran Affairs committee members are:

Governor DeWine named Maj. General (Ret.) Deborah Ashenhurst as the new Director of Ohio Department of Veteran Services and Maj. General John C. Harris, JR as the Adjutant General.

Gov. DeWine established a new cabinet-level job to look for opportunities to boost military and aerospace installations, increase economic development opportunities for the defense sector and enhance quality of life for service members. Colonel Joseph E. Zeis Jr will serve as the Governor's senior advisor for aerospace and defense.

Accidental Death Insurance Change for 2019

To All LIT Participating Departments:
Your members' current Legion Care Accidental Death Insurance provider has recently made a decision to no longer market or service this product to Legion Department members.

We are pleased to announce



that effective January 1, 2019, Securian Life Insurance Company, an affiliate of Securian Financial Group (Securian) will become the new provider for LegionCare Accidental Death coverage previously provided by Transamerica Life Insurance Company. Securian Life Insurance Company is an A+ Superior

company as rated by independent rating organization A.M. Best.

Eligible claims incurred prior to January 1, 2019, will be processed in accordance with the terms and conditions of your Transamerica coverage, while claims incurred on or after January 1, 2019 will be the responsibility of Securian.

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DON'T MISS OUT!

Applications are being accepted until **April 15th, 2019**.
For more information on available scholarships & guidelines please visit us at:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Become a **MEMBER** today: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/forms/new-member-sign-up/>

Child Welfare

Greetings! It was great meeting with everyone at the 2019 Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus, OH. The Children & Youth Committee table was a success. We sold over \$400.00 worth of Children & Youth pins, and distributed lots of great information. Thank you to everyone who stopped at the table and picked up literature. Please share this information with your post and continue to spread the word. At Midwinter, the committee met and after careful consideration, a Child Welfare Worker of the year was chosen. Congratulations to those who were nominated!

There was a variety of nominations this year. The 2019 winner will be announced at our Department Convention this summer. Also, if you grabbed a Children & Youth "Piggy Bank" at the conference, please submit these to your District Children & Youth Chairman once they are filled. Once all piggy banks have been received, all donations will be donated to the Child Welfare Foundation. Thank you for supporting the Department of Ohio Children & Youth Committee!
- Albert "Andy" Atkins



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GOOD OF THE LEGION

APPRECIATION DINNER FOR POST 381



The Bluffton Ohio Boy Scout Troop 256 gave the Bluffton American Legion Post 382 an Appreciation Dinner and presented Past Commander Fred Rodabaugh and Adj. Bob Amstutz a letter of appreciation. Presenting the plaque was Boy Scout Leader Mike Metzger on the far right and Will Neff master of ceremonies.



CEREMONIES ATTENDED

Alan G. Lance, (Past National Commander of the American Legion 1999-2000) and Dennis L. Morrison from Post 382 attend Veterans Day Ceremonies at the Culpeper Virginia National Cemetery.

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS SERVICE HELD



The Four Chaplains – Sacrifice At Sea: On Feb. 3rd, "The Four Chaplains" service was held at Wildare United Methodist Church in Cortland. Howland American Legion Post 700, in conjunction with Boy Scout Troop 122 of Howland United Methodist Church, and Boy Scout Troop 28 of the Howland Community Church conducted the occasion which commemorated the four chaplains, who gave up their lifejackets, and sacrificed their own lives when the USS Dorchester was torpedoed on Feb 3, 1943. Pictured from left are: Elaine Harry of the Auxiliary, Bob Sincich (Scoutmaster Troop 122), Legionnaires John Turner, Dave Luther, Bud Luman, Ed Pretot, Boy Scouts Aiden McGee, Peter Kiniklis, Aleksandr Walton, Brandon Martell, Capt. Kevin McGee (U.S. Army ret., Scoutmaster Troop 28 and member of Hillard Post 614), Anthony Bettura at Podium and Chuck Sayers Post 700 commander.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



VETERAN DAY PROGRAM '18



Robert Lewis is a member of the American Legion Cameron-Ellis Post 242 in Winchester, Ohio. Each year his family donates over 700 American flags to West Union Elementary for each of the students who attend the school from preschool through 6th grade. The students proudly carry and wave these flags during the annual Veteran's Day program at the school. Veterans Day Program 2018.



Presenting flags to Karl Boerger, Assistant Principal of West Union Elementary is Veteran Robert Lewis member of the American Legion Cameron-Ellis Post 242 in Winchester, Ohio.

DEFENDERS HONORED

2019 Post 170 Executive Board Memorialized at the Dayton OH VA Medical Center's "Defenders of Freedom Walk of Honor"	 GARY MCCAWAN POST 170 ADJ USAF E4 1964-68	 JOE RODGERS POST 170 CC ARMY E4 1961-66	 KENNETH BAKER POST 170 2ND CV NAVY E4 1961-66
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	 JERRY DIPOLITO POST 170 EXCOM ARMY E5 1966-68	 WALTER RONSKY POST 170 1ST CV USMC E4 1971-74	 JOE CHENEVEY POST 170 EXCOM NAVY E6 1973-93

Post 170 Officer Bricks at the American Veterans Heritage Center's "The Defenders of Freedom Walk of Honor" at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio.

POST 743 CELEBRATES VETERAN DAY



On November 11, 2018 Neal Post 743 presented a Veteran's Day program for the public at the Greenlawn Memory Gardens mausoleum, North Kingsville at 4:00pm. Emphasis on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11, 1918 and the sacrifices of the soldiers and on the home front. 18 of our Post members participated. Our Honor Guard provided the 21-gun salute and Taps were played with 62 people in attendance. Following this we had our dinner. Oldest active member, Clare Woodburn, USAAF, 97 years old standing by display provided by Duane Hatch from WWI up to the Gulf War.



L to R: Duane Hatch, Jack Ranny, Will Runyan, Phil Lee, Norm Thorp, John Pildner Sr., Ted Robishaw and John Pildner Jr. – Post 743 Honor Guard Nov. 12, 2018.

POST 107 HONORS US ARMY RANGER WITH HOUSE



American Legion Post 107 in Pataskala, Ohio members are pictured raising the US America Flag at a ceremony honoring a wounded US Army Ranger Daus Hempker who received the house, pictured in the background, mortgage free. Hempker served in Iraq and Afghanistan where he wounded by an IED. He has gone through 7 major abdominal surgeries and the injuries has invaded his spine. He plans to join the American Legion and Post 107.

POST 290 CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS WITH THE COMMUNITY



Santa is always happy and smiling when he has the Columbiana Post 290 Auxiliary to help him with his yearly visit to the post.



Chaplain Ken Rambo of Columbiana Post 290 reads a Christmas story to residents of one of the local assisted living homes during the post annual visit and sing-a-long.



The children and grandchildren of Columbiana Post 290 are entertained with snakes, lizards and turtles during the post annual S.A.L. children Christmas party.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

POST 750 CELEBRATIONS



Veterans Day Parade Marietta, Ohio, 11 Dist. Posts 750 and Post 64. On Veterans Day Parade. Lead by M.F.D



11 Dist. Post 750 – Pictured is Salam Liberty school, Fort Fry school system. Their Veteran Day program is a total school program. We thank you, the staff and students.

POST 29 HOSTS TWO MEALS



The Zanesville American Legion Post 29 had its Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 4. The dinner was also co-sponsored by the Veterans Appreciation Foundation and the Legion's Womens Auxiliary. Left to right – Korean Veterans Charles Starr and Dick Plaz; World War II veteran George Zwahlen; Vietnam veteran Danny Williams; and past Post 29 Commander Desert Storm veteran George Bradley.



Left - Larry Smith of the Zanesville Post 29 shares a conversation with Veterans Appreciation Foundation President Wayne Clark. The Foundation sponsored a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on January 19 at the Post.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES



Award ceremony for presentation of 50 and 60 years continuous membership certificates. Dec. 13th at Wauseon Post 265. Pictured L-R are: Presenter 1st Vice Mark Mahlman, Lowell Roth 60 yr. member, Elmer Oyer 60 yr. member, Thomas Drummer 50 yr. member, and Michael Stamm 50 yr. member.

VETERANS HONORED



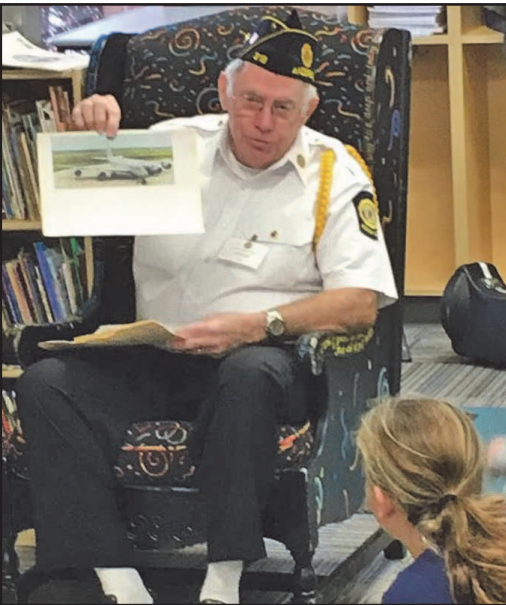
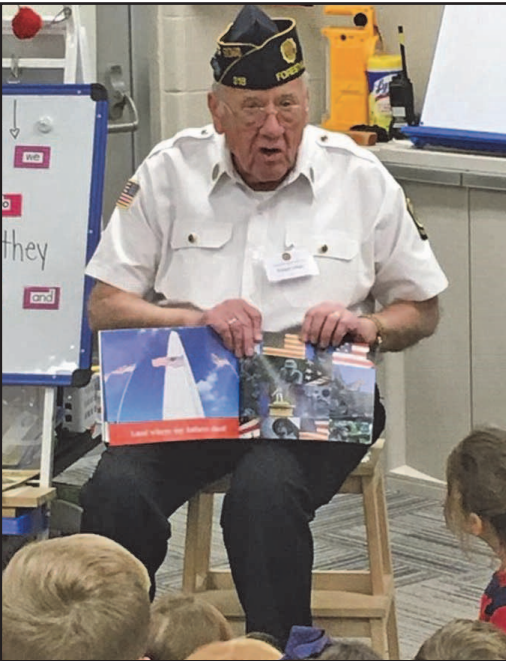
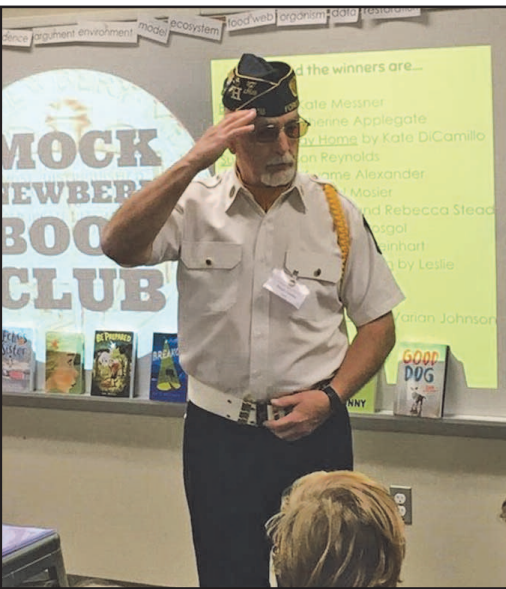
Veterans of Shane Hill Nursing Home and Maplewood of Shane's Village assisted living of Rockford, Ohio were honored at a Veterans Day Service by the Rockford American Legion Post 508 on Friday, November 9th. Pictured (lr) back row: post members Reed Shaffer, Lowell Warthman, Terry McMullen, Steve Thompson, Terry Joseph, front row (lr): residents Gaylord Hoffman, Tom Hevlin, Charles Stephenson, Marvin Zurcher, Jerome Bollenbacher."

POST 586 DONATES



The Tipp City American Legion Post #586 presented \$8,000.00 in donations to four area charities on Tuesday January 22, 2019. Every year the Tipp City American Legion Post 586 makes donations to local charities that provide services to veterans, individuals and families in our area, along with charitable programs sponsored by the American Legion. This year we selected the American Legion Gifts for Yanks Program, since they provide services, equipment and other amenities needed by our veterans in VA hospitals. The Miami County Hospice was selected, because of the comfort and support they provide to local individuals and families in the most trying of times when comfort and understanding are critical. We also selected the Tipp City/Troy Salvation Army. Services provided by this organization benefit local individuals and families in need. This is the fourth year that our post is sponsoring scholarships for our veteran member's sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, etc. These scholarships will help them to continue their education and become productive members of our communities. From left to right: Harlan Purves representing Legion Post 586 Scholarships, Larry Jordan representing Tipp Troy Salvation Army, Heather Bolton representing Miami County Hospice, Robert Steggemann representing American Legion Gifts For Yanks Program.

PRESENTATION MADE



Members of Post 318, District 4, Anderson Township, have for many years, participated in Veteran's Day events in the Forest Hills School District. Post 318 presents programs to Elementary School students, including such subjects as the History of our Flag, Flag Etiquette, Roles and Responsibilities of our Military, and other Veteran related subjects. On November 12 of this year, members of Post 318 visited Sherwood Elementary School in Anderson Township, where we delivered such a program, from 1000 hrs., through 1500 hrs. Picture in include: #1 Ralph Caskey, Sgt. at Arms, #2 Robert Alfieri, #3 Ed Sears. Story and pictures by Gary Gregorio.



Department of Ohio

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Winnow-Arn Post 541
Continental, Ohio

109 S. Fifth St. Continental, OH 45831

March 30, 2019
1:00 P.M.

\$10 per Person

Registration at the door at Noon, cards at 1:00 pm.

Contact Person:
Mike Kennedy at Department Headquarters
740-816-7552 or membership@ohiolegion.com
with any questions

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AMERICAN LEGION • POST 29
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Friday Open to Public Starts at 7:00 P.M. with buy in	Saturday Must be a Legion Member Starts at 7:00 P.M.	Sunday Must be a Legion Member Starts at 12:00 P.M.
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ENTRY FORM

SINGLES - \$10-Friday, \$15-Saturday (\$5 Green Fee)

Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

DOUBLES - \$40-Sunday (\$5 Green Fee)

Team Captain _____

Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

Contact Person is: Larry Shanks (740) 815-4066 or
Jason Chapman (740) 624-5718
Mail Entry Form and Check to: American Legion Post 29
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Open to American Legion Dept. of Ohio, Legion, Auxiliary and Sons
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Saturday, August 10th & Sunday, August 11th 2019

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Home2 Suites by Hilton
Dayton-Centerville 1-937-988-0050
Marriott at UD 1-937-223-1000

\$80 PER GOLFER
Must be submitted with entry

GOLF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM



Legion Post No. _____

Team Captain: _____

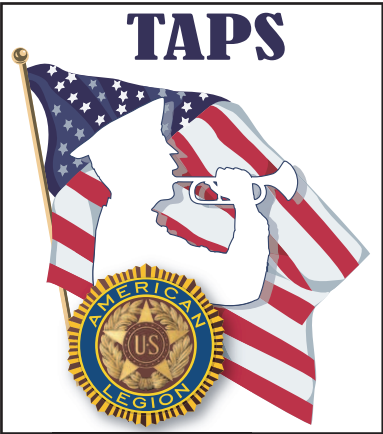
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Address: _____

Name	Age	Membership #
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2. _____		
3. _____		
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Dinner and Entertainment will be available at the Post Friday & Saturday Night.
Please indicate how many will be attending each meal.
Friday _____ Saturday _____

Mail entries to: American Legion Post No. 598 • 5700 Kentshire Dr.
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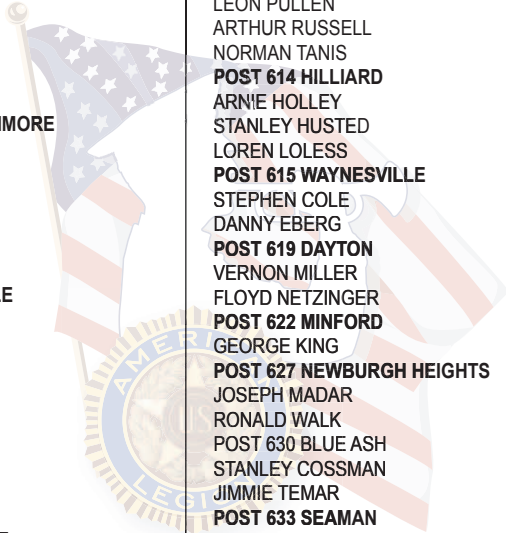
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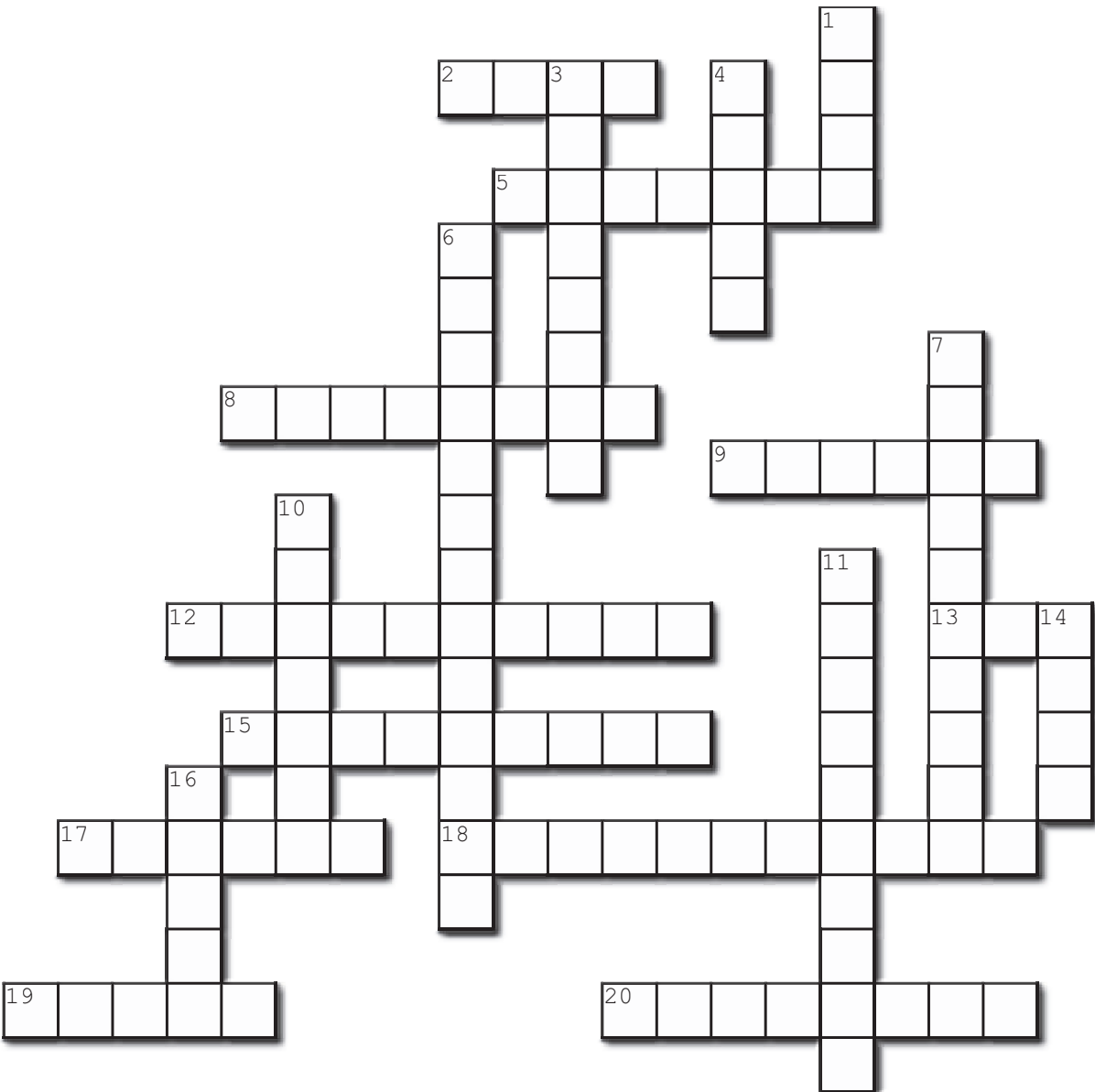
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Winter OLN Crossword



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- 2. Before it was established as a separate entity, the Air Force was a part of which branch of the military?
- 5. What military weapon has the common acronym RPG? Rocket Propelled _____.
- 8. A mine which launches itself to waist-height before exploding is referred to as a “_____ Betty”
- 9. A person who shoots from a hiding place, especially accurately and at long range.
- 12. FAC stands for Forward-Air _____.
- 13. The Army's Basic Combat Training is how many weeks long?
- 15. Who is the Commander in Chief of the United States armed forces?
- 17. This award is given only to those wounded or killed in enemy action. '_____ Heart'
- 18. The four Pillars of The American Legion are: VA&R , Children & Youth, National Security and _____.
- 19. True or false: The Army term 'hooah' means 'anything except yes.'
- 20. What federal building is headquarters for the U.S. Armed Forces?

Down

- 1. How many 'kills' does a pilot need to become an 'ace'?
- 3. The United States Naval Academy is located in what state?
- 4. Before the 'all-voluntary' military, how were young men compelled to become soldiers?
- 6. PSYOPS stands for “_____ Operations”
- 7. AO stands for Area of _____.
- 10. What is the highest U.S. military rank?
- 11. The American Legion Department of Ohio will be hosting a _____ Ball to celebrate The American Legion's 100th birthday.
- 14. On Average, which Military Service ties with the Coast Guard for having the Fastest Promotion Rate to the Rank of E-9?
- 16. The National American Legion _____ Association was established to improve communications at all levels.

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Americanism Crossword Key

Across

3. The Marine Corps was founded on 10 November 1775 in Philadelphia. What was used as a recruitment center? A **(tavern)**

5. A **(resolution)** consists of two parts: the preamble, and the resolve clause **(resolution)**

8. This American Legion pillar focuses on U.S. Flag protection, voter registration, Boy Scouts, etc. **(americanism)**

10. There are more than 500 American Legion **(posts)** in the State of Ohio. **(posts)**

12. The Legion **(safety)** promotes motorcycle safety programs and provide a social atmosphere for The American Legion member **(riders)**

16. The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters is located in what city? **(delaware)**

18. The Medal of **(honor)** is the highest military medal that the United States can award. **(honor)**

19. The Gifts for **(yanks)** program ensures that all veterans living in a VA hospital receive an American Legion Christmas gift. **(yanks)**

20. What was the first war the U. S. took part in that was partially financed with lottery dollars? **(revolutionary)**

21. A service **(officer)** assists veterans with completing their claims with the VA. **(officer)**

22. The wives and daughters of veterans can become members of the American Legion **(auxiliary)**

Down

1. The American Legion's birthday is celebrated during the month of **(march)**

2. **(veterans)** day is a federal holiday celebrated on November 11th. **(veterans)**

4. Post development & **(revitalization)** is a way for The American Legion to reassert itself into the local community. **(revitalization)**

6. The American Legion received its name at the **(paris)** caucus. **(paris)**

7. How many sides does the American Legion Emblem have? **(ten)**

9. The 2018-19 National Commander's theme for the American Legion's centennial year is "Celebrating our **(legacy)**" **(legacy)**

11. In what city is the American Legion National Headquarters located? **(indianapolis)**

13. Every year, the American Legion hosts a public speaking competition called the **(oratorical)** contest. **(oratorical)**

14. How many pillars does the American Legion have? **(four)**

15. How many districts are in the American Legion Department of Ohio? **(fourteen)**

17. Effective October 2018, Columbus, OH will become the home of the National Veterans Memorial & **(museum)** **(museum)**