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2021 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL NORTH

6500 DOUBLETREE AVENUE • COLUMBUS, OH 43229

Friday, March 12, 2021 – Sunday, March 14, 2021

DATES HAVE CHANGED FROM ORIGINAL DATES

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

The purpose of the conference is to conduct the business of The American Legion through committee meetings, leadership banquet, and Department Executive Committee Meeting. Committee Members and Department Executive Committee members are the ONLY Legionnaires REQUIRED to be in attendance. There will be no training or hospitality in order to limit social gathering. We will have the Legion Family assemble this summer if it is safe to do so.

To make reservations please call 614-885-1885. Select option #2 to

receive the discounted group rate of \$103.00 plus tax. Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter" or the three-letter code "AME" when making reservations. Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> and fill out the registration link.

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Award Banquet must be filled out on-line. Tickets are \$38.00 per person. Deadline for hotel reservations is February 25th. For more information on the event contact Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

*Due to the current Pandemic, you must register on-line for this conference and events

See You There!

2021 MIDWINTER SCHEDULE

FRIDAY • MARCH 12

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
2:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration	Foyer
2:00PM – 4:00PM	Americanism Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
2:00PM – 4:00PM	VA&R/Employment Committee Meeting	Ballroom 2
2:30PM – 7:30PM	Red Cross Blood Drive	Ohio Room
4:00PM – 6:00PM	Children & Youth Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
4:00PM – 6:00PM	National Security Committee Meeting	Ballroom 2
6:00PM – 8:00PM	Membership Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
6:00PM – 8:00PM	Media, Marketing, and Communications Meeting	Ballroom 2
7:00PM – 8:00PM	SAL Detachment Executive Committee	Ballroom 1 & 2

SATURDAY • MARCH 13

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
7:30AM – 12:00PM	Registration	Foyer
8:00AM – 3:00PM	Emblem Sales	Main Hallway
8:30AM – 10:00AM	Post Activities Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
9:00AM – 12:00PM	SAL General Session	Tent
10:00AM – 11:30AM	Gifts For Yanks Committee Meeting	Ballroom 2
10:00AM – 11:30AM	Religious Emphasis Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
1:00PM – 2:30PM	SAL Committee Meeting	Ballroom 2
1:00PM – 2:30PM	Oratorical Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1
1:00PM – 4:00PM	Legion Riders Meeting	Tent
5:00PM – 8:00PM	Department Awards Banquet and Silent Auction **(Ticket Required)**	Grand Ballroom

SUNDAY • MARCH 14

TIME	TRAINING TOPIC	ROOM
7:00AM – 8:00AM	Four Chaplains Services	Tent
10:00AM – 12:00PM	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Grand Ballroom

DEPARTMENT AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Silent Auction & Social Hour - 5:00 pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner Served - 6:00 pm

The American Legion Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor award recipients from 2020 at our 2021 Mid-Winter Conference.

Awards will be presented to Legionnaires, Posts, Districts and Outstanding Citizens who were selected to receive awards at the 2020 Department Convention.

Posts, Districts and Department Leadership may attend and support those being recognized.

Final Opportunities to bid at the silent auction that begins on Friday evening will be available during the banquet. The monies raised at the silent auction is being donated to the Veterans and Children's Foundation. The highest bidders of the silent auction items will be announced

at the close of the General Assembly on Sunday, March 14th.

Formal attire is required (Men; suit and tie. Women; dress, gown or pantsuits).

Deadline for Reservations is March 5th, 2021. Cost is \$38.00 per person. Dinner options are Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Picada, Salmon, or Vegetarian Lasagna.

Please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-mid-winter-conference/> and complete the banquet registration form.

*Due to the current Pandemic, you must register on-line for this event***Reserved tickets will be handed out at registration check-in****All banquet tickets must be reserved in advance**

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
American Legion
Department of Ohio

Crown Plaza North-
Worthington

Ohio Room
6500 Doubletree Ave
Columbus, OH 43229

Friday, March 12, 2021
2:30 pm to 7:30 pm

To schedule an appointment call
1-800-RED CROSS or
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DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CHARITIES, INC. DONATES TO VETERANS' CAUSES

Due to rescheduling the Ohio American Legion's Mid-Winter Conference because COVID-19 restrictions, American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. met for their annual winter meeting at the department headquarters in Delaware, Ohio, on February 1, 2021.

All requests received were reviewed and the following companies have received grants.

This year's recipients of more than \$46,000 awarded include the following.

RECIPIENTS

Love Our Hero's	The Home History Fund
Ride With Valor	The Last Patrol
Ronald McDonald House - Cincinnati	USO Central & Southern Ohio
Round 1 Ministries	Volunteers of America
Salvation Army	Walk the Talk Outreach Ministries
Save A Warrior	Williamsburg Needy Family Emergency Fund

To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio.

Winter OLN Crossword

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net



Across

- Person sent ahead to acquire information in a war zone
- ____ Day, or the end of World War I, occurred on the 11th month on the 11th day at the 11th hour.
- The ____ Corps is the smallest of the four military branches.
- "to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of _____, freedom and democracy..."
- Student in training for a military commission
- a portable cannon used to fire bomb shells
- The Legion ____ program was formed in 1925 during an South Dakota Department state convention.
- a fortified place, or position stationed with troops
- Group of naval ships under one command
- The ____ War was a nearly 20-year battle (November 1, 1955–April 30, 1975)
- Army rank above corporal, and below staff sergeant
- a set of buildings used to house soldiers

Down

- ____ can remove the president from office in exceptional circumstances.
- Type of missile
- This Federal branch of government evaluates laws
- Protects the head. Also known as the brain-bucket
- to conceal something by the use of disguising something into the natural environment
- Firearm with a long barrel
- General ____ means go to battle stations
- The American flag's 13 alternating red and white stripes represent the 13 original ____.
- a person who holds a commission in the armed forces
- Radio signal system used to detect aircraft



DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Roger Friend
Dept. Commander

Legionnaires: Greetings from your Commander.

We all can say 2020 was a year to re-

member. The challenges we faced has made us stronger. We need to continue with the same steadfast attitude that has allowed us to succeed during this pandemic. Now that the Vaccine is available and being administered, we still need to

follow the safe practice guidelines to assist in controlling the spread.

We the American Legion, the largest Veterans organization, can set the example and unite the country not only in the fight against the virus, but in all mat-

ters, America is facing. Communication is the key. Use the tools provided to reach out to your fellow members (buddy check) so they know that you care, and the American Legion is there for them.

We are still ahead of the game

in membership and I want to congratulate all of you for the hard work you have done to allow us to reach these goals.

Again thank you for all that you do.

For God and Country



1st VICE COMMANDER



Jean Wilson
1st Vice Commander

Legionnaires and Legion Family,

I hope this finds you well and that 2021 is going to be a more hopeful year for all of

us. I try never to lose sight on how lucky I am to have come thru 2020 with my health on the upswing. I want to thank everyone who sent me cards, prayers, texts and who called me to let me know you were thinking of me. I am almost as good as new, and I know that I am incredibly lucky that my health conditions were taken care of.

I hope that you have had time to

catch your breath and renew your commitment to our American Legion. If not, it is not too late to do that and if you could please bring a new member into our family, Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and or American Legion Riders.

Our Country is going thru a lot of changes. One change for sure we need to make is for all of us to be more accepting of each other. We are all different, our Country has always been known as the "Melting Pot." We are diverse in race, color, religion, sex, political views and more. It has been very apparent in 2020 and now in 2021 that we are allowing certain things to divide us. I passionately believe that none of the mentioned should define us.

You should be able to believe how you chose to without name calling, character assassination and so on. Is not that one reason that most of us served our great Country for all of us would have the right to believe how we saw fit. To call someone a name because their religion is different from yours or the color of their skin is different shade, or your political party are not the same is just not right. We all need to learn that it is Okay to be different. It makes our Country who we are, it makes our American Legion an organization that believes that if you served our Country honorably that we want you as a member. Are we all going to agree all the time? Of course not, but we can

agree to work to make our Country and our organization a better place to be. I am an immensely proud American, Veteran, American Legion member, American Legion Auxiliary member, and I ask you to join me in helping turn this tide around. There is nothing that we cannot accomplish when we were together as a united organization. We have in my opinion the greatest group of people who belong to our American Legion Family. Let us all work together and not tear each other apart. Are you going to like everyone probably not, but we can be respectful of one another!

As most of you are aware by now the Mid-Winter Conference had to be changed from January to March

12-14, 2021 at the Crown Plaza North. I hope you can attend.

I have said this many times, that I am here for you if you need assistance with your Post membership, have a question or you need someone to listen to you, please reach out to me by email at 1stvice@ohiolegion.com or call me @ 513-708-1969.

Please remember to do your Buddy Checks on your fellow Legion Family members, relatives, neighbors and friends. Remember, "Together We Are Better!"

Until next time please keep all our servicemen and women who are serving all of us in your thoughts and prayers.

For God and Country



2nd VICE COMMANDER



Brad Teis
2nd Vice Commander

Greetings and Happy New Year to all the American Legion Family. If you are like me, thank God 2020 is behind us. 2021 is here

and can only get better. I hope all of you are safe and healthy and soon we will be able to congregate and see each other in person. Personally, I cannot wait just to be able to shake your hand or to give you a hug.

Department activities for the 2021 year have all been set. The 2021 Bowling Tournament will be the weekends of Feb 12-13, Feb 19-20, Feb 26-27 and the weekend of Mar 5-6 has been added only if needed due to the Pandemic restrictions.

The registrations and rules have all been sent out to the Posts and Districts.

The 2021 Euchre Tournament will be March 20, 2021 at the Hamler Post 262 located at 350 Randolph St. Hamler, Ohio. Registration will be at 11:00am and the Tournament will start at Noon. The cost is \$20 per team and the flyer is on the Ohio Legion Website with the contact number if you have any questions.

The 2021 Pool Tournament will be in Zanesville April 16-18 hosted by Zanesville Post 29. The registration and flyer will be on the Ohio Website Soon.

Next the 2021 Department Golf Outing will be July 24-25 at the Community Golf Course in Dayton Hosted by Kettering Post 598. The cost is \$80 per golfer which

covers both days. That flyer is also on the Ohio Legion website.

Finally, The Department Trap Shoot will be Sunday September 12, 2021 held at The Cardinal Shooting Center and Campgrounds in Marengo, Ohio hosted by Johnsville Legion Post 754. Registration starts at 9:00am and the event starts at 10:00am. The flyer will be put on the Ohio website as soon as we get it.

Please come out to these events, if you can, and help support our great Legions and The Department Activities.

We need and are looking for Posts to help host any of the 2022 Department Activities. Please contact Jermaine at Department or contact me personally at 2ndvice@ohiolegion if you have any question regarding your Post sponsor-

ing an event. We will help you all you have to do is ask.

I would like to THANK all of you from the bottom of my heart and the Posts who helped to put on all of the Department Activities last year. If it was not for your selfless dedication and love for our Legion Family Activities, we would not be able have these events and I again I say Thank You.

As we now come into 2021 and hopefully whoever wants the vaccine and can get the vaccine soon, we will be able to start hosting more events and activities in our Posts and Communities. I also know that our communities have suffered from the lack of events that our local Legion Posts help sponsor. Our absence in the community has taken a toll on us as a Legion Family as well as all of our Veterans who

have been isolated for way to long. So until we can meet them face to face once again, please if you can in any way, contact them by phone or even a little note mailed to them, do our "Buddy Checks" and let them know we have not forgotten them. This means more to them than you know.

In closing, remember even though we have a new President and the country is divided in many ways, we are still "One Nation Under God" and we will continue to do the work of Our American Legion and no one can stop us from that.

"GOD'S GOT ME HERE FOR SOMETHING. I CAN FEEL IT. I WAS BORN FOR EVERYTHING THAT I'M DOING NOW"

*Growing OH-IO
"I" Veteran at a Time*



DEPARTMENT PARELIAMENTARIAN



Gerald White
Dept. Parliamentarian

From a Post up thru the County, Zone, District, Department, and National levels of the American Legion, an important tool for

having the voices of American Legion members and the organization heard within the American Legion and in many different areas of today's society is the RESOLUTION.

A resolution is defined: as a written motion adopted by a deliberative body...a resolve as to action a group wishes to see happen or occur formally expressed in writing to some individual/agency/organization having authority on the matter.

Resolutions are not difficult

to write. Writing a Resolution just takes some time and careful thought on what issue/subject/matter the submitter of the Resolution wishes to address and must follow an established format.

Resolutions are serious matters and must be based on established facts, not frivolous hearsay, innuendos, jokes, etc. A Resolution represents an entire group of people (i.e. the members of a Post) to those to whom the Resolution is directed.

When writing a Resolution, the following suggestions are offered that have been schooled into newspaper reporters for many years.

WHO...who is submitting the Resolution? Who is the author? If a resolution is being submitted from an American Legion Post, the submitter must be American Legion Post

xxx, not Joe Smith, American Legion Post xxx member, although Joe Smith may have written the resolution for the Post. A resolution submitted from a Post represents the entire Post.

WHO...is the resolution going to be submitted to? What avenue must the Resolution follow to be considered by those with authority on the Resolution? If a Resolution is strictly for action within the American Legion, there are established procedures that must be followed)

WHAT...what is the subject the Resolution seeks to address? (Title of Resolution)

WHERE/WHEN/WHY...what are the facts of the issue the submitter wishes to address? Lay the facts out in the Resolution as clearly and concisely as known. These facts be-

come the (Whereas clauses).

HOW...how do the Resolution submitters seek to have the issues of the Resolution handled/addressed by that element the resolution is going to. (The Resolved clauses)

Remember before being submitted a Resolution must be approved as outlined by the Constitution and Bylaws of the submitting group.

When writing a Resolution for action only within the American Legion, it is important to remember that any issue(s) addressed in the Resolution must be germane to the principles of the American Legion.

When writing a Resolution for action outside the American Legion (i.e. a local community issue where the American Legion Post is located) be well versed on the topic and follow all established legal and gov-

ernance rules.

There are many resources available to American Legion members to guide and assist in writing a Resolution. These resources are free and available to download at www.legion.org click on "media", click on "Publications", with the exception of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which can be downloaded at ohiolegion.com click on "Forms."

- American Legion Guide to Resolutions and Reports
- American Legion National Constitution and Bylaws
- American Legion Department Constitution and Bylaws
- Declaration of Independence/Constitution
- American Legion Officers Guide
- American Legion Post Adjutants Manual



HELLER'S HORIZONS



Suzette Heller
Dept. Adjutant

If you are reading this then you are still a member of The American Legion Department of Ohio and I personally thank you for that. There are so many who are not. In fact, there are nearly 16,000 expired members who did not renew their dues for 2019 and 2020. In spite of this,

we are managing. If you paid your dues online because the Post was closed, thank you. If you sent your payment directly to Department or National because the Post was closed, thank you. If your Post has continued to check its mail and process membership, thank you. I know 2020 was challenging for everything, not just membership. Our personal lives, finances, friends, family, programs, communities, have all endured... enough. My

prayer for us all is that we are on the tail end of this pandemic and that we don't go back to "like it was" and instead, we come back STRONGER, BOLDER, and with an abundance of GRATITUDE to heed the mission call of our beloved organization because we are "VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA." Godspeed and I hope to see you at Department Convention as a delegate for your Post!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Kristen McLaughlin
Auxiliary President

The 2020-2021 Auxiliary Year is well under way and I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members that have been working hard on the programs during this challenging time. Remember to keep track of what you are doing at home to turn into your unit and district chairman. Units might not be meeting in person but work is still being done behind the scenes and we need to let everyone know that Ohio is still continuing the R.A.C.E. for our veterans.

Thank you to Americanism chair Renee Kohl and several Auxiliary members for making sure the Poppy Wreath for the A&G Trip was made and ready to go on the trip. I truly enjoyed spending some time helping

with this project and reconnecting with members that I had not seen in a while.

Please consider donating to Junior President Samantha's special project, "Color Your World". All a member or unit needs to do is collect adult and children's coloring books, markers, colored pencils or crayons and create kits in zip lock bags. Add a personal note to let the veteran know that you are thinking of them. Contact a local VA facility or nursing home that has veterans to donate them to. During the pandemic almost all visitation has either stopped or is virtual or through a window. The residents and patients are isolated and this activity might be just what they need to give them something to do during the day.

During the holidays I was able to participate in the Columbus Outpatient Clinic holiday hand out. Over 1,000 families (I lost count) were helped during this

event. The staff and volunteers put together a safe drive through event and Santa made a visit to see the children that were in the cars. The veterans were so grateful for the gifts and food that they received. Please consider volunteering or donating (when we are able to) at a facility, it truly is a rewarding experience.

Poppy Shop and the Junior Convention still on schedule and are just around the corner and I encourage members to come and participate in both events. Please check the website to keep up to date on any possible changes or cancellations in these events.

Remember as my special project I am challenging every unit to increase their giving on the Donation Designation Form (the purple form). Those that increase their giving by 10% or more by April 15, 2021 will receive special recognition at Department Convention.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Melissa Fowle
Dept. Chaplain

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a wonderful start to your new year! I was blessed to have spent mine with my family. We were also blessed to have been able to share the warmth of the season with others not so fortunate by collecting lap blankets, gently used puzzles and books to take to a local nursing home for their veteran wing. It wasn't as good as being able to go to the Dayton VA on Christmas morning to present our Gifts for Yanks items to our veterans, but it felt good to do something.

This leads me to my topic for this edition. Be Kind. So often we get in a rush and don't take the time for an uplifting word, a smile, or even to sit down for a coffee and a listening ear. When we take the time to be kind to another person, not only do we lift them up, we also feel uplifted inside. Don't be upset if your gesture or words are not appreciated, your Father in heaven knows and will reward you.

There are also those around you that watch what you do. Even if you don't mean to, you set an example for those around you. For example, my three-year old grandson's daycare teacher starts the day by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The little ones stand to but don't

have to say the Pledge with her. One day he came home and said the Pledge as he remembered it. My daughter recorded it and showed it to his teacher. She was so surprised as she didn't realize that anyone was paying attention.

When thinking about kindness, I am reminded of something Mother Teresa once said.

"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway."

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway."

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway."

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway."

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway."

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway."

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway."

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway."

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

In closing, I ask that you be kind, be a good example (even if you think no one is watching), and give your best always.



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Dept. Historian

How's it?

Brrrrr, it's cold! While we lived in Hawai'i the coldest it got was in the 60's. You never needed a quilt or comforter or layers of clothing. Barefoot and almost naked!

Sure miss those days of old. Remembering what we did way back when it starts to get harder as we get older. That's again one of the main purposes of archiving the history of your post, district and state events and activities. So that we NEVER FORGET!

When we can flip through the history books of 2020-2021 we will see those memorable times we raised funds for our veterans, children, and youth, and our community; the remembrance of those members who have passed and how we honored them at their memorial service and played TAPS for their final stand.

There is still time to get that story - whip out your cam-

era and take those photos of your post and district upcoming events. Jot down the who, what, where and why's that give the details of your photo. Place them on Facebook to share them with everyone. Show the pride of your members and their hard work.

I enjoy getting out to the posts and districts, learning about the members and what they are doing and encouraging them to preserve their history. Many of these posts are "family" doing things together with purpose and commitment to serve our veterans, because they served us. Other posts are not. We can learn a lot from each other.

My travels took me and my wife and traveling companion, Dayna Beyer, Department of Ohio Auxiliary Historian to Ripley, Ohio where Courts-Fussnecker Post 367 had a "Wreaths Across America" ceremony on December 19th. An all women veteran presenters laid a wreath representing each branch of service during the ceremony led by newly appointed post historian and Navy veteran, Jean Grif-

fin. After the humbling ceremony, we visited the post and met Commander, Marion Sidwell and legion family for other surprise presentations. We learned that there was another "Mr. and Mrs. Historian" in Ohio working together. I was honored to present to Harry G. Bridge, Historian of Post 367 a Certificate of Excellence and the pin of our Department Commander, Roger Friend. Dayna presented a Certificate of Excellence to Judith Bridge, Auxiliary Historian of Unit 367. Harry and Judy have represented their legion family in Ripley for over 7 years as historians and also are both on their legion family color guard. To take over their rewarding positions are Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Jean Griffin. Jack is a Sons of the American Legion member of Squadron 367 and their unit's first male auxiliary member, and newly appointed unit historian.

This is well worth our history in knowing the many team efforts are being made done by our members in Ohio. I am certainly proud of what we do, and I want to know more about what you

are doing out there in your post and with your legion family.

WE CARE ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING!

Recognition of your efforts in your post and your districts are very important to us at Department. We know your reason of WHY you are doing it, but we want to know WHAT you are doing; WHEN you are doing it; and How you are doing it!

I appreciated the Mid-Year reporting that I received - Hats off to Ashland, Plymouth, Fairview Park, Newton Falls posts for your submissions to mention a few. The winner of the incentive will be drawn at Mid-Winter in March 2021.

As we continue to move forward 2021, I will continue to cover Commander Roger Friend as well as 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders Jean Wilson and Brad Theis and our districts and posts to capture the history of our Buckeye State Legion Family.

Contact me should you have an event you would like me to attend to have first class pictures taken and sent out over social media.

I encourage all of you to continue gathering your history as the events, programs and projects happen. Take the pictures, write the stories and post them on your Facebook and or SHARE them on the Facebook page, Legion Historian <https://www.facebook.com/pg/daynabeyer.44813/posts/> and on the department website <https://www.ohiolegion.com/historian-2/>

Your history books are due at Mid-Winter Conference for 2019-2020. Contact me to make arrangements to deliver them before or bring them to the conference.

I would like to thank my assistant Greg Elsbernd, Past 4th District Commander and member of Yeager-Benson Post 199 and my wife Dayna aka Tsi Sim Mar, for their support to preserve our history.

If you have any questions, please feel free call me at 419-566-9523 or write me at albey-er49@gmail.com or fax me at 1-888-225-3180 and or snail mail to my address 6013 Garber Road Bellville, OH 44813.



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Good of the Riders

I hope all our American Legion Riders, Department of Ohio are safe and well. I also hope all of you and your families had a fun and safe Christmas and New Year.

Ride and Go's

ALR Family American Legion Post 532 in Columbus Ohio has

joined the Grab and GO fun, they are located at 1571 Demorest Rd, Columbus OH. 43228.

Resolution No. 19: Updated Programs Guidelines for the American Legion Riders (ALR) National Program Revisited!

As American Legion Riders we represent thousands of fellow bikers and most importantly the image on the American Legion and The American Legion Riders. Below I have highlighted key point in Resolution No. 19 which was published in the last Ohio Legion News. The American Legion / ALR is non-partisan regardless of your party or beliefs the wearing of the American Legion logo / ALR logo are prohibited.

4. All ALR members shall maintain the image of The American Legion and, protect the trademarked names and emblems, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of The American Legion organization.

7. ALR vests should display the integrity, principles, and values of The American Legion and the ALR by avoiding patches or pins with explicit or offensive language or images. All patches and pins of any groups displayed on the ALR vest shall share like values of The American Legion with regard to improving the lives of veterans, the military, the community and fami-



lies, and these groups must be supportive of the principles of justice, freedom, democracy, and equality for all.

8. To maintain the image of The American Legion and its programs, ALR members while wearing any American Legion Riders apparel shall not display exposed weapons.

9. The American Legion Riders must represent the virtues, values, ethics, and morals of The American Legion in support of freedom, democracy, and the safety of our citizens. Affiliations of ALR programs with other groups and organizations that subscribe to the principles of and oppose our form of government by promoting anti-Americanism, anti-establishment, or pro-criminal culture shall not be permitted.

Mileage and why it is

Important to Log your miles

Mileage and hours are an important part of the yearly consolidated report. We need to do our best to track this information, so we have

better insight as to the volunteer hours and mileage ridden throughout the year.

It is important to turn the mileage into your post commander. Each year the commander fills out a consolidated post report that gets turned into the state and national. On this report you get credit for everything the riders do that year. Keep in mind that you want to tell your riders that anytime they participate in ANYTHING representing the ALR that they should log it and turn it into you or your secretary to be added to the yearly total. A good way to do this is have a form that the riders can fill out and give to your riders' secretary.

For example, if one of your riders stands with the Patriot Guard Riders and wears his ALR vest he is representing your post and those hours should be counted. If it takes a 1/2 hour to get to an event, and the event is two hours he should be turning in 3 hours (1/2 hour each way as he wore his vest and two hours standing at the funeral).

If your riders participate in the National Legacy Run, they can count all those hours towards hours served. Remember on something like this you can only count the hours you actually participated. Example: a rider goes to the National Legacy Run. it takes him two actual riding days @ 8 hours a day to get to the run. That is 16 hrs. Then the ride starts, and riders actually ride and participate a total of 6 hours a day for 5 days. He can count that 30 hours, BUT

he cannot count down time, i.e. hotel time, etc, only actual participation time. So, say a rider attends the Legacy you have 8 hours travel to Legacy, 6 hours a day riding time for 5 days at the Legacy and 4 hours traveling home from Legacy you can count 42 hours volunteer time.

Grab and go Rides with your Post ALR counts as well. Even riding around town if you are wearing your vest you are representing your Post, Department and the ALR log the time.

Honoring our Fallen Riders

As a biker, we are unique. The open road is what we seek.

The camaraderie of our brothers, our sitters and our friends. Knowing they'll be there 'til the very end. But when we take that final ride. There'll be another by our side and one thing I know, for a fact God will also have my back. For it's in him now We place our trust for this road we travel is a must. So, as we reach this road trips end know in your heart we'll meet again. Someday soon the thunder will roll as we ride down those streets of gold. With wind in our face, we're free at last the troubles here are now all in the past. For my brothers and sisters, we'll meet again and ride for eternal Peace in the wind.

Our Fallen

- Samuel Postlethwait, Post 221, Massillon ALR
 - Roger Martin Post 366, Flushing, Ohio
- Pray Request
- Rita Adkins, Chaplin, Ohio ALR



SAL COMMANDER



Bernie Kessler
SAL Commander

American Legion Family, Much if what I am going to share with you has already been published in the most recent issue of the SALute, but it bears repeating.

Frustration and disappointment don't even begin to tell you what I am feeling as I write this article. I received text message from a valued member of our Detachment who said, "I am the leader of the Detachment during the roughest times we have seen since he has been a member. Don't let them get into your head, there will always be naysayers." I really needed to hear that!

We have begun a new year and a new national government administration that only time will tell if this is good for our country. The times, they are a changin'! I have been informed more than once that The American Legion is a 501C19 and non-political. I find it somewhat troubling that comments made about "Defund the Police" and "Disband ICE" do not fall under the National Security Pillar and that comments made by a member of Congress against what this organization should be standing for does not fall under Americanism. This is

not anything that I will ever discuss in public while representing you, but just know that this Country is in trouble and has been for longer than this current situation has existed.

I look forward to the Mid-Winter Conference has been rescheduled for the weekend of March 12-14, 2021. Some Districts may have their Spring Conferences scheduled for that weekend. You may want to reschedule those because your attendance at Mid-Winter is imperative because we will have a lot to discuss.

Remind your Squadrons that this is the time to get started on yearly reports, don't wait until the last week to fill out your CSR. The spreadsheet allows you to enter time and monies reported all year long and gives you current totals as you need them. Time to start thinking who will be your 2021-2022 officers (OCF). Do you have an active slate of officers, including your Advisor? Are you training your replacements? The Sons of The American Legion owes it to you, our Veterans, to keep the Sons of The American Legion a valuable program within the American Legion Family.

Finally, I want to thank those of you who have offered support through these unprecedented times and I look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter and beyond.

Ohio American Legion • District News

By Joe Ruland Thirteenth District Commander

Over the past three months The Thirteenth District had several terrific Posts holding food drives for local food banks, delivering turkeys, food, clothing and providing shelter for the needy. Many Posts stayed in contact with their membership by holding drive thru food sales and a drive thru visit with Santa. District Commander Joe Ruland spearheaded the movement to save Post 2 from closing after the Commander contracted Covid and Congestive Heart Failure and the Adjutant passed away suddenly. The District is also working with a group of veterans hoping to open a new post soon in the Thirteenth District. The generosity and caring for others during this Pandemic is spreading faster than the virus as more and more members step up to help others. That is why we are known as the "Tenacious Thirteenth District".

By Mike Homan Second District 1st Vice Commander

Membership standings for the 2nd District is in 2nd place at Department at 87.44 % of quota and 1.5% from being in first place. We have signed up 60 new members and have transferred 35 from post 888; however, we are 165 members behind where we were last year at this time. On the bright side we have three posts at quota - they are West Liberty post 426 quota plus 5, DeGraff post 652 at quota, and Jackson Center Post 493 at quota. Many posts are 10 or less from making quota and the 2nd District Sons are in 7th place at Department at 67.75% of quota have signed up 77 new members but need 965 members to make quota. On the bright side there are two squadrons quota they are Delphos squadron 268 quota plus 1, and Waynesfield at quota. We still have one squadron at zero but know that will change. As you

can see, we all need to work on membership!

Now is the time to talk to your school about the oratorical contest where students can win a cash prize scholarship. Students can receive \$500.00 from the District, \$2500.00 from the state and scholarships from national for \$18,000 for 1st place \$16,000 for 2nd place, and \$14,000 for 3rd place and the student will receive \$1,500 just by making to the national contest. Contact John McJunkin for more information at 419-305-4225.

Now is also the time to contact your school about Boys State. Applications for Boys State need to be in by March 1st.

Other dates to remember: Midwinter has been rescheduled to March 12-14th, and the 2nd District Conference on March 21st at Jackson Center Post 493.

Department Executive Committee Summary

The Department Executive Committee was called to order by Department Commander Roger Friend on Saturday, December 5, 2020, via online conference call. The opening ceremonies were upheld. A quorum was present and several guests were on the call. Commander Roger Friend thanked everyone for being on the call and wished everyone well health considering the coronavirus and vaccination updates.

Kristen McClaughlin (formerly Little), Auxiliary President for the Department of Ohio, gave greetings. She mentioned Past Auxiliary President for Ohio, Martha Setlock, passed away due to COVID. Ohio Auxiliary is moving along despite the pandemic challenges.

In October, Jack Nix, ALR Appointed Liaison, reported the State ALR Meeting, where 9 of the 14 liaisons reported. He said ALR chapters connect with recruiting stations and line up when the recruits are headed off to basic training, cheering them on for support. The romps for 2020 were canceled, and for 2021, Streetsboro Post 685 has asked to host, Hopedale also offered. National Resolution No. 19 was passed at National Headquarters that affects ALR. ALR is not separately chartered like the SAL and Auxiliary. All ALR members have to be members of the American Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary before being an ALR Member. The Patch was also addressed. All ALR Patches have to be official ALR patch from National. The words “President” or “Commander” are not used to define service positions held within the ALR. “Director” is acceptable. Jack also mentioned Wreaths Across America and the ALR Chapters who have raised money to buy the wreaths.

Jean Wilson, IVC, provided the Department membership report. Department of Ohio has achieved the 4th consecutive membership target goal ahead of schedule. Department had 63,710 paid members for 2021. 100% quota is expected for the May 12 target date (As of 1/25/2021: We have 72,901 members and need 11,823 to meet the 100% goal. There are over 16,000 members who have not renewed for 2021). “JW Quote: The mission is to retain, recruit, and reinstate veterans into our beloved organization.” Eight Districts were over 75% quota, 22 posts achieved quota, 53 Posts are currently above 90%. (As of 1/20/2021: 47 Posts have reached a 100% quota, 16 Posts are under 50% quota, nine below 30%, 33 Posts are at or above 95% quota, and 89 Posts fall between 90% to 94.99%).

Brown Jug winners are the 2nd District for Medium Category and 4th District for Large Category. The 13th, 3rd, 10th, 5th, and 1st all qualified for a \$250 cash incentive. Post Selection 888 Membership Engagement Project was launched to acquire marketing information about our Posts to encourage 888 members to transfer and pay dues at the Post level. Data is missing from 93 Posts. Please encourage Posts to submit the Post Selection Sheet. Department Awards Manual has several incentives for Posts.

Buddy Checks were encouraged to let members know we care about them and see if there is anything we can do for them.

Brad Teis, 2nd Vice Commander, reported that the Post Activities are set for the year. Bowling Tournament is happening in February 2021, hosted by the 3rd District. Euchre Tournament is waiting for a bid, and the Pool Tournament is taking place in April at Zanesville Post 29. The Department Golf Tournament is back in Kettering with host Post 598, and the Trapshoot is at Johnsville, Post 754.

Charles Stennis, Department Treasurer, reported that Carol Allen, Department Accountant with Rea & Associates, Inc., had passed away in early November. Department is working with a new contracted finance expert from Rea & Associates to take over where Carol had left off. The Finance Committee approved funding for 2021 Membership Polo Shirts for sale at Mid-Winter. A lot of Posts are now receiving Post Credit refunds via ACH. CARES Act Funding is available to Posts in amounts of \$5,000, extended to March 2021. Also, National has implemented the Mission Blue Post Assistance Grant for \$1,000. The Post will need to add National Headquarters and Department Headquarters as “additional insured” on their Post liability policy (no charge) to receive the grant. Bingo Licenses are up for renewal by 12/31/2021 with the Ohio State Attorney General Office, Charitable Gaming/Law Section.

Melissa Fowle, Chaplain, mentioned many people who had become ill. Chaplain Fowle also reviewed the Religious Emphasis report of the Committee that met on October 3 at Department HQ. The Father John E. Duffy Post Award and Outstanding Chaplain of the Year Award were reviewed. Posts who check the box on the CPR who hosted a Four Chaplains Service is now a deciding factor and other areas to obtain points. The lack of criteria and that the Religious Emphasis Committee has a say in the judging are the two changes being proposed. The Committee has decided to streamline this award at Department Convention. Post Chaplains who also perform Buddy Checks are also part of the judging criteria. Any changes approved will be placed on the Department website page for Religious Emphasis.

Al Beyer, Historian, reported to the DEC that he and Dayna, wife, attended the Department Golf Outing, District 6, Cardington Post, District 3, Tipp City, District 11, Belle Valley, District 4, Yaeger-Benson, and various other American Legion Family Meetings. Mason, Ohio, has been named “Purple Heart City,” where Commander Friend attended a heartfelt ceremony by members of the Purple Heart’s Ohio Military Order. Legionnaire John Looker, and member of the Mason County Veterans Commission, recited all the names of those awarded the Purple Heart. The mid-year report for best history books is still due no later than Mid-Winter.

Bob Klostermeier, NECMAN, reported that on November 17, there was an emergency NEC meeting at National to discuss the Jimmy Johnson and Chip Ganassi Racing partnership with The American Legion to gain membership and fundraising for The American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation. National man-

aged to raise \$118,000 in less than 24hrs for the foundation. The American Legion logo will be placed on the No. 48 car for the next two years. Jimmy Johnson is eligible for membership in the SAL, and TAL will do a special presentation of his SAL membership. Nearly every Department approved the sponsorship set forth by National (less two or three). NECMAN Klostermeier thanked everyone for the cards and condolences he received upon the passing of his wife Neva.

Doug Whitney, Judge Advocate, reports that National requires changes in Post Liability policies regarding who is covered, recently via resolution. The Post must name The American Legion National Headquarters and The American Legion Department of Ohio, Inc., as “additional insured.” JA Whitney also mentioned that some Posts have more than one corporation and that it is recommended that the Posts have only one corporation per Post. However, if you’re going to keep more than one, the additional insured needs to apply to all liability policies carried by a Post. Last April, resolution 20-18 proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws was passed regarding disciplinary procedures. A recent trial was held at Department HQ, which was inefficient due to not having written guidance on the procedures.

Jerry White, Parliamentarian/Chairman of Constitution and By-Law Ad Hoc Committee, reports that the C&BL Committee has reviewed six (6) resolutions for amendment to the current governing document. Jerry also reviewed the “Rules of the Department Executive Committee” and sent a report to the Commander and Adjutant for review. The subcommittee has met frequently and met all deadlines for updates and review. Subcommittee members are PDC Richard Zulch, PDC Ron Chapman, and JA Doug Whitney. Final drafts will be completed by the Spring Meeting (March 14, 2021).

Luther L. Liggett, LPA, Attorney of Record for Department HQ, reported that he serves as counsel and has been working on litigation consulting and other issues that leadership is aware of. He wished all a Merry Christmas.

Suzette M. Heller, Adjutant, reported receiving a lot of sick call and Post-Everlasting notices. She mentioned that she hopes the COVID restrictions pass soon and that we all can practice patience as the vaccines are quickly distributed. Mission Blue Post Award grants are coming into HQ regularly. Marie Leister is processing promptly and getting to National and Post when approved. (As of 1/25/2021: 46 applications received, 30 granted, 14 pending). Department has taken on the task of Post data information gathering. The information is entered onto a spreadsheet to assist Department and Posts in ensuring compliance (AG, IRS, SOS, etc.). We have a lot of the information already to determine if the Post is in good standing to submit the Mission Blue Post Grant to National. Please work with your District Judge Advocates to help with the process and educate new post leadership on the requirements of a post being compliant as a small business non-profit. Also mentioned were oth-

er grants available and the upcoming Post mailing. Adjutant Heller was waiting for Governor DeWine’s notice of whether mid-winter should be postponed (Update: Postponed to 3/12-3/14 2021). The Washington DC Conference is also pending postponement (Update: Washington Conference is virtual). Jon Vulgamore, Media, Marketing, and Communications Coordinator for Department, has created an “Impact Statement” for the entire Department based on CPR Submissions and the Posts summary. Each Post has received a copy in the recent Post mailing.

Christie White, Americanism/Children & Youth Coordinator, for Marv Shamhart (Baseball) and Tom Rowe (Americanism Chair). The Americanism Committee voted to have a subcommittee of the Americanism Committee that will focus on resolutions germane to Americanism, with Thom Stan (11), John Life (14), and Melissa Fowle (3). National put on a virtual Americanism Conference focusing on risk management so that Legionnaires receive proper training to mitigate any litigation stemming from unacceptable and inappropriate behavior. The judging Committee for A&G tests was chosen from the Americanism Committee. In an odd year, like 2021, odd Districts will judge, and vice-versa. Buckeye Citizenship Academy is a program like Buckeye American Legion College for government teaching, similar to BBS. American Legion Baseball is planning to have a season this year, and the important dates for 2021 are published on the Department website.

Jermaine Ferguson, the Membership/SAL/Post Activities Coordinator, reported that the Bowling Commission met on November 30. The cost of Bowling has been increased by \$1 per event because the bowling alley has raised its price. The Bowling applications have been distributed. Peggy Gross, District 3 Adjutant, is the point of contact for this event.

Jermaine Ferguson, GFY, VA&R Report, The GFY Committee met on 11/20, and seven districts were represented with seven absent; a quorum was not available. The Committee reviewed the minutes from July 18. There were several rules and guidelines of the program that have been amended.

Jermaine Ferguson, Law & Order Report: L&O Meet 10/21 to review the Firefighter of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Civilian Lifesaver of the Year Awards. Winners were declared for all three and will be awarded at the Mid-Winter Banquet on March 13, 2021.

Holly Lewis, Media, Marketing, and Communications Commission Chairwoman and facilitator of the Buckeye American Legion College. Twenty-Four of the 128 enrolled students have graduated. The last two semesters of BALC were held virtually (as will be the next two). This year’s training is more tailored to specific positions in our organization. Post Commanders, Post Vice Commanders, Post Finance Officer, and Post Adjutants. It is encouraged for all American Legion Family members to enroll in BALC, not just Legionnaires. It is open to the Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion.

Jim Koppin, BBS Director, re-

ported that the fall meeting of BBS was called to order by Bill Pennell at 10:00 am on 10/17, at Department HQ. There were six applications to become Commissioners on BBS Staff and one Consultant. These are deferred until attendance at the 2021 BBS program. Appointments to Samsung Scholarship, Hall of Fame Committee, and Boys National Selection Committee were made. The agreement with Miami University has been extended one year due to COVID. The current program fee of \$300 stands. The program may have to downsize to meet all safety requirements.

Andy Atkins, Children & Youth Chairman, reported that the Committee met on 10/24 and 9 out of 14 Districts were present. The guest presentation was from Special Olympics to report on the program in Ohio. The C&Y Committee purchased a table cloth for upcoming events. The Committee is also distributing cans to collect change at Posts for Children & Youth.

Ken Lavoy, Legislative Chairman, reports that the Committee met on 9/12 at Department HQ to review the Committee and current legislation rules. A Congressional Legislative Form is to be submitted to National every time a member of The American Legion meets with a Member of Congress or their staff. Also encouraged is to sign up for The American Legion Legislative Call to Action Center at votervoice.net/americanlegion/home. The Committee decided to award one state and federal legislator per year with a resolution submitted through the Legislative Committee. Rick Perales (R) was selected as the state legislator of the year, and Congressman Anthony Gonzales was the federal legislator of the year. A resolution for Bryan Bowman, certificate of appreciation for his service to veterans, was passed. Wright-Patterson AFB has been selected to become the National Space Intelligence Center as opposed to Space Command. The Ohio General Assembly Veterans Caucus was attended virtually by Ken and in-person by Jermaine Ferguson and Adjutant Heller to discuss Vanguard Veteran’s five legislative initiatives to attract veteran talent and strengthen Ohio’s workforce. HB282 is being debated in the Senate (Not passed but still under advisement).

Al Buxton, National Security Chairman, reported that they met on 10/31 via conference call with seven members present. They received and reviewed the Adjutant General Harris annual report. The Committee seeks to expand relationships through the “Adopt-A-Unit” program. The Committee agreed to purchase and sell POW/MIA Pins to use the monies to dedicate POW/MIA Awareness in public space. The Committee also discussed concerns of post issues and how these shall be handled at the Department. The Committee forwarded a resolution to Department for creating an “Internal Affairs Committee.” (The Department already has an Internal Affairs Commission resolution pending and a Department Task Force made up of PDC’s to advise of Post matters).

John Looker, Oratorical Chairman, reported that the Oratorical Commit-

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tee met on 10/3 at HQ, 9 of 14 Districts present. The 2020 Contest was held virtually with eight contestants, and the 2021 competition will be live. The deadline is March 15 for submissions. The contest is held on March 7 at 10 am. Assigned topics to be discussed are: Article I., Section 7., Article 2., Section 3; and Article 3., Section 1; and Amendment XXII., Section 1. Prize money is the same. The Department website is updated with all the Oratorical information.

Christie White gave the Scholarship report. The Committee met and updated the rules, guidelines, point sheet, and application. Changes were to the Eagle Scout and Gold Award. Parental Income was also changed. The personal statement was altered to add a 400-word minimum and 500-word maximum required. Scholarship Applications are available on the

Department website and due by April 15, 2021.

Scott Horsington, Veterans Employment & Education Chairman, reported that the Committee met on 11/14 virtually. It was the first VE&E Meeting in quite some time. Four Districts were present. Highlights discussed was Veteran Employment percentages, impacts of the pandemic on veteran employment, administrative reports from National, desire to continue development with student veterans, a resolution to support "Buy Veteran Week" for state and National. Chairman is working on increase of participation and award nominations.

David Cook, VA&R Chairman, reports they met on 10/10 with eight members present. DSO Bill Genocchio from Cleveland reported disability claims managed at the Cleveland Office. Post Service Officer training

will be held virtual, and currently, there were 37 participants. The VA&R Impact Report was reviewed, and Jermaine Ferguson stressed the importance of encouraging Posts to submit. The Chillicothe VA still had a vacancy for a VAVS representative. (Since been filled).

Adjutant Suzette Heller reported on Post charter revocations/suspensions/mergers and cancellations. Post 676 was voted to return their suspended charter. PDC Schmitt gave a briefing on the Post improvements. Post 197 submitted a charter cancellation request, and apparently, this Post closed in 2019. Motion approved to complete the Post. Application for Charter for Squadron 160 at the Brewster 160 Post was presented and approved.

Adjutant Suzette Heller reported on resolutions. Resolution No. 21-

04, Subject: To Dissolve the Department Special Olympics Committee (Passed. SO is now a program within the Children & Youth Committee). Resolution No. 21-05, Subject: Father John E. Duffy Religious Emphasis Award Convention Subcommittee (Passed). Resolution No. 21-06, Subject: To Establish a Department Internal Affairs Committee (Received and Recorded. IA Commission pending establishment in Resolution No. 21-07). Resolution No. 21-07 Revised, Subject: Amend C&BL, Article X., Standing Committees (Passed). Resolution No. 21-08, Subject: To Recognize Bryan Bowman with a Certificate of Appreciation (Passed). Resolution No. 20-17, Subject: To Amend C&BL Article V., Section 5., Fiscal Year (Passed). Resolution No. 20-18, Subject: To Amend C&BL, Article IV:

Discipline (Referred back to Committee for further review).

Good of the Legion: Christie White gave a Department Convention update. Districts agreed to caucus for 1 hour at Convention. Judging subcommittees will not be meeting at Convention but will judge the nominees separately before Convention. Walter Meharg (2) mentioned the NASCAR decision by National and that the NECMAN should have been informed in advance to allow for the Departments to weigh in on the matter before NECMAN vote. NECMAN Klostermeier noted that Ohio voted yay, and only two Departments voted against it.

Melissa Fowle, Department Chaplain, said closing prayer, and Commander Roger Friend adjourned the meeting.

NATIONAL SECURITY

RX ABUSE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

ABOUT RALI OHIO

The Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative (RALI) of Ohio is a coalition of partners and organizations working together to find and elevate solutions to the opioid epidemic. Together, we support a broad range of programs to address substance misuse, including prevention, treatment, and recovery services.

RALI Ohio is committed to sharing information and resources related to the safe use and disposal of prescription medications, as well as the warning signs of opioid misuse. Some of the organizations we work with to do so include the American Legion, Department of Ohio; AMVETS, Department of Ohio; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Ohio; Ohio National Guard Association, Prevention Action Alliance, OACBHA, Recovery Ohio, CADCA, and Code 3

SPOTTING SIGNS OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE

If someone you know has started misusing opioids, early in-

tervention is important. Learning the warning signs of opioid addiction can help protect your family, friends and communities.

Physical and behavioral changes could indicate someone is misusing prescription opioids or illegal drugs, like heroin or fentanyl.

To learn more about warning signs, please visit ralioh.org/rali-cares to explore our virtual experience. Anyone over the age of 21 can take the expert-guided, interactive tour of a teenager's bedroom to learn how to identify hidden red flags that may point to a substance use problem. Spotting warning signs in teenagers can be particularly hard because young people go through many emotional and physical changes. Prevention Action Alliance has many tips and resources available for parents and guardians to help start a conversation and prevent substance use.

There are plenty of ways to help prevent the misuse of prescription medications. RALI

Ohio is committed to raising awareness about the methods of proper storage, use, and disposal of medicines.

If you suspect a loved one is

misusing opioids, there are resources that can

help you prepare for a conversation with them. It's also important to talk to your doctor

about prevention and treatment options. Detoxification, rehabilitation, and psychiatric care programs are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

PROPER STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS

SAFELY USE

- Always talk to your doctor about how to use a prescription medication before taking it.
- Be sure to follow dosing recommendations closely.
- Don't mix medications without first checking with your doctor.
- Never mix prescription opioids with alcohol.
- Don't take someone else's medication

SAFELY STORE

- Always keep prescription medications in a locked or secure place – and out of the reach of children.
- Have a family conversation about the dangers of misusing prescription medication.
- Never share medications with family members

SAFELY DISPOSE

- When finished using a prescription medication as directed by a medical professional, safely dispose of it rather than keep it in your medicine cabinet.
- There are several ways to easily and safely dispose of unused medications. Learn more below

Visit the [Food and Drug Administration](https://www.fda.gov) website or talk to your doctor about the best method for your medication.

One of the best things we can all do to help address the opioid crisis in our state is to safely dispose of unused prescription medications. There are several options:

1 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Use household goods to dispose of your unused medications. All you have to do is mix your medicines with kitty litter or old coffee grounds in an airtight container and dispose of it in your trash can.

2 DRUG TAKE BACK CENTER

Visit a Drug Take Back center in your community. Click [HERE](#) to find locations in Ohio.

3 HOME DISPOSAL KIT

Put unused medications in the included pouch, add water, seal and dispose of it in the trash.



Leaders from Ohio's statewide veterans organizations stand at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus.

LET US SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDER'S

The American Legion seeks to recognize well-rounded public service candidates who have exceeded above and beyond the expected duties of their position for public recognition. Law Officer of the Year Award, Firefighter of the Year Award, and Civilian Lifesaver of the Year Award(s). In April, the Law and Order Committee selects awardees to be honored at our Annual Department Conven-

tion during the General Assembly session on Saturday morning.

Awardees are selected based upon their record of professional service, community service, acts of heroism, and the nominees documented citations and awards.

Each Post, County, and District may participate in the Law and Order Program by recognizing distinguished individuals within your communities. A

Post may provide their awardees with a certificate which can be ordered from emblem sales, or you may contact Jermaine Ferguson from Department HQ at ferguson@ohiolegion.com. Nomination forms can also be found on ohiolegion.com.

Our first-responders are in dire need of public support – let The American Legion proudly stand beside our community heroes.

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“THE SITREP”

As we welcome in 2021 the Department Service Officer team would like to wish all our Legionnaires a very blessed upcoming year. So some exciting things are already developing for this coming year.

1. The Board of Veterans Appeals are ramping up hearings 42 have been scheduled for the Month or January alone. Just a reminder the BVA is still only conducting Virtual Option hearings. There has been no indication of if or when this will end. Any apple product will work or computer with web camera and microphone.

2. Three New Presumptive Service Connections have been approved by the House and the Senate. Thus, adding Parkinson's Disease like symptoms, Hypothyroidism and Bladder Cancer to the Presumptive exposure to Agent Orange.

Our DSO team look forward to serving and assisting our veterans as we progress through 2021. Your Service Officers are working both in house at the Dayton VAMC, Cincinnati VAMC and the Cleveland VARO as well as from home to protect our Legion Family. Be-

low is a listing of Service Officers and their email addresses. This is often the fastest way to get into contact with your DSO's.

POST SERVICE OFFICER TRAINING

Post Service Officer training was a new success this year as it was held virtually for the first time. Many topics regarding veteran and dependent benefits were discussed with roughly 22 Post Service Officers online. Virtual PSO School is something we plan to continue to utilize in conjunction within person training at Department HQ. This years PSO School will take place in September at Department HQ date and time TBD.

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NEW AGENT ORANGE PRESUMPTIVE CONDITIONS ARE COMING!

This is a huge win for Vietnam

Veterans. It is also a rare occurrence since presumptive conditions and normally added by the VA themselves and based on valid studies. These three presumptive were added by Congress and included in the National Defense Authorization Act of the NDAA. The added conditions are:

1. Bladder Cancer
2. Hypothyroidism
3. Parkinson's Disease like symptoms

It is unclear at this point when these conditions will officially be adjudicated and implemented much like the Blue Water Navy Act of 2019. It is also unclear if the Class Action lawsuit Nehmer v. Department of Veterans Affairs will be used.

What you need to do! If you have never filed for one of these conditions and were Boots on the ground Vietnam veteran or Blue Water Navy file, the claim as soon as possible. If you have previously filed for one of the new presumptive and was denied file a VA Form 20-0995, the new evidence can be that NDAA. Assistance can be found via your DSO Team.

BLUE WATER NAVY UPDATE

This serves as an update as the District Court rules in favor of the Class Action Nehmer lawsuit. This would be a huge win for Blue Water Navy veterans as it would require the VA to automatically readjudicate all claims for Blue Water Navy veterans and Survivors that were denied. This would also force

the VA to assign an effective date back to the original date of claim. **Be advised the VA can still appeal this decision.**

UNDIAGNOSED PAIN CAN BE SERVICE CONNECTED

Much Like Saunders v. Wilkie where pain minus diagnosis can be service connected if it causes functional impairment. A new case has been decided in the opinion of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Wait v. Wilkie states that undiagnosed pain can also be service connected on an individual basis and the VA should consider frequency, duration, and severity of said pain. It is suggested to utilize this approach to submit a written log to support the frequency, duration, and severity of the condition in which you are seeking benefits for.

MILITARY QUOTES

“The soldier is the Army. No army is better than its soldiers. The

Soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country”

- George S. Patton Jr.

“Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free.”

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE “AFTER ACTION” REPORT

If there is a specific topic anyone would like to see further explained or answered send those requests to genochio@ohiolegion.com. So that we can provide our veterans with the information that best suits their needs.

We would like to include success stories regarding the Department Service Officers. If you have a comment or story of how the American Legion help you file a claim, where granted a claim that was on appeal please write a brief statement and send to genochio@ohiolegion.com to be published. Do not include any personal information in the statement.

MILITARY HUMOR

A soldier runs up a hill and around a corner before slamming into an officer.

“Where do you think you're going, son?”

“Sorry, Captain! It's crazy out there and the firefight was so heavy. I got scared and tried to go AWOL.”

“Who you calling ‘Captain?’ I'm a general!”

“Wow!” exclaimed the soldier. “I didn't realize I'd run that far back.”

Private you have been late three times this week soldier – do you know what that means? Sgt yes Sgt “it's Wednesday?”

Gifts for Yanks Program Update

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The mission of the Gifts for Yanks Program is to improve the quality of life of the veteran-patient of Ohio VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes by providing funds to support direct-service programs, events, holiday gifts, and VA Voluntary services. The Gifts for Yanks Program is entirely dependent on the financial donations and volunteer hours were graciously given by our American Legion Family members.

The Gifts for Yanks Program has entered the second-half of its' fundraising year and has just completed its annual holiday gift distribution. Legionnaires handed out only over 2,100-holiday gifts to veterans at Ohio VA Medical Centers and Ohio Veterans Homes. Though this year's holiday gift distribution was not as interactive as the year's past due to COVID-19 pandemic re-

strictions, our Department HQ has received positive feedback regarding this year's holiday gift. This year's holiday gift is valued at \$27.00 per veteran, including a stadium blanket cushion set, a pocket calendar, a rifle bullet ink pin, a breakaway lanyard, and a reusable, collapsible metal straw.

The Gifts for Yanks Program would love for every American Legion Post in the state of Ohio to have a designated Gifts for Yanks Post Chairman. The chairman is also a pro-

gram ambassador to our local communities.

We welcome financial contributions from individual members and friends, American Legion Post, or local businesses. Donations may be payable to “Gifts for Yanks” or “The American Legion Department of Ohio – Gifts for Yanks.”

If you want to learn more about the Gifts for Yanks Program, please contact your District GFY Chairman or contact Jermaine Ferguson at Department HQ.





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 Department of Ohio
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Gifts for Yanks
3 Tickets for \$5
1st Prize Legion 3 coin set
2nd Prize \$100
3rd Prize \$50

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For tickets: Contact Gifts for Yanks Chairman Darell Bishop, PDC 440-759-9432 darellb12@gmail.com
 Department VA&R Chairman Jermaine Ferguson, 740-816-7596 ferguson@ohiolegion.com
 Drawing to be held at Department of Ohio Convention
 Need not be present to win

The American Legion Legislative Agenda

The American Legion National Legislative Division has established the legislative agenda for the 117th Congress, 1st Session.

1. Address Toxic Exposure & Burn Pits

A disturbingly high percentage of post-9/11 veterans have been exposed to airborne toxic hazards, often the result of personal proximity to burn pits for extended times during service. The American Legion has fought for service-connected disability benefits for conditions linked to toxic exposures for decades and will continue to do so for this generation. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act of 2020 and supports further studies into conditions directly related to contaminants in order to establish a complete list of presumptive diseases caused by toxic exposure during service.

2. Improve Health Care for Women Veterans

VA has an obligation to develop and expand healthcare services for women, the fastest-growing demographic in the veteran community. A high percentage of women veterans who are not enrolled in VA health care say lack of gender-specific services and lack of awareness about VA benefits are primary reasons. The American Legion urges Congress to diligently oversee implementation of recently passed VA pilot programs, research initiatives, and policy revisions to address this. Additionally, The American

Legion encourages expansion of newborn care and gender-specific services at VA.

3. Telehealth/Rural Health

Accessibility is often a barrier for veterans and caregivers when pursuing health services from VA. They should have consistent, quality access to care, regardless of location or availability of broadband networks. To address this, The American Legion has worked with VA to introduce a pilot program that provides telehealth sites in American Legion posts to serve rural areas, known as Project ATLAS. The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation that expands broadband capabilities and services for veterans in remote areas to better meet their needs.

4. Address the Forever War

Nearly two decades after 9/11, U.S. troops continue to wage war in Iraq, Afghanistan and other corners of the world, under the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMF). However, the global security environment the United States faces is no longer the same, with the rise of great-power competition and other threats. Too often, the use of military force, as opposed to diplomacy, is considered the primary instrument of national power. The American Legion urges the renewal of a proper constitutional balance to U.S. foreign policy decision-making by urging Congress to renew its war making oversight role beginning with repealing or replacing the outdated post-9/11 AUMFs

and by properly resourcing civilian tools of diplomacy.

5. Citizenship for Honorable Service

Many veteran immigrants say they have been deported after discharge because they failed to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge, to include reinstitution of the USCIS Naturalization at Basic Training Initiative, training for military recruiters and commands about the naturalization process, and the reopening all USCIS field offices abroad to serve servicemembers stationed overseas.

6. Pay the Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard personnel carry out daily missions vital to national security, but they serve in the only military branch forced to work without pay during government shutdowns, due to their status under the Department of Homeland Security. The repeated and all too common threat of government shutdowns brings severe hardship on Coast Guard men, women and families. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act, which would guarantee that Coast Guard personnel are paid without delay, even in the case of a government shutdown.

7. Close the 90/10 Loophole

Proprietary schools offer stu-

dents valuable education options, but some bad actors use a loophole in the 90-10 rule to evade a cap on federal financial aid by aggressively targeting veterans, service members, families and survivors for their education benefits. The American Legion is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families receive the highest quality of education when using the GI Bill and encourages legislation and federal action to provide higher quality and student outcomes for institutions approved for use of VA education benefits by adding Department of Defense and VA funds to the Title IV revenue sources calculation under the Higher Education Act.

8. Military Awards for Minority Veterans

The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation lifting statutes of limitations and other obstacles that may impede proper investigation and expand the review of minority veterans from all wars and conflicts whose military records and official descriptions of combat actions support consideration for the Medal of Honor and other military citations or medals.

9. Peer Support

Studies show that peer support is mutually beneficial for people who are experiencing transitions, mental health concerns and for those who wish to give back to their communities. The American Legion has its own peer-support program known as the

“Buddy Check” and urges Congress to pass legislation requiring VA to implement a similar program. The American Legion also encourages legislation to establish a peer-support program that would offer grants to place peer-support specialists in local posts of veteran’s service organizations.

10. Protect the American Flag

The American Legion urges Congress to approve an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag. Additionally, The American Legion urges Congress to pass the Flag Code Modernization Act of 2021 to amend the U.S. Flag Code to codify multiple common patriotic customs and practices as described in The American Legion Resolution No. 19: Flag Code Amendment.

11. Global War on Terrorism Memorial

The Global War on Terrorism is the longest war in U.S. history; more than 2.8 million American service members have been deployed abroad. After tens of thousands of casualties and thousands of deaths, it is only fitting that we honor the sacrifices of service members and their families with a Global War on Terrorism Memorial in a place of prominence at our nation’s capital. The American Legion believes this memorial belongs on the National Mall and urges Congress to pass the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act.

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCEDURES WITH THE CORONAVIRUS

As a result of the global coronavirus pandemic, the need for financial assistance may increase. This need may be seen with The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program.

Through TFA, The American Legion distributes one-time grants of up to \$1,500 to eligible active-duty military and American Legion members in need. Grantees must have minor children in the home and the funds are designed to help meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses so that children have a stable environment during a time of hardship.

Because the safety and well-being of American Legion members and the Legion Family is of the utmost importance, National Headquarters is asking that all TFA investigators suspend home investigations/site visits for TFA applicants

during this time. While the home visit is an integral part of the TFA process, the following are other measures to validate and complete the investigation.

Make phone calls. A phone interview with an applicant can be conducted during this time. The applicant can provide documentation necessary to the TFA investigator via fax, or by sending scanned or photographed documents via email or text message.

Complete page 2 of the application. The American Legion is aware that some government offices or community organizations may be closed during this time. As a result it may be difficult to verify that all other forms of assistance have been exhausted. If government offices or community organizations that provide forms of assistance in your area are closed, please note that on page 2 of the TFA application form under

the “reasons” section. It is important to complete all the boxes on page 2 which provide the status for seeking additional assistance in order to be considered a fully complete TFA grant application.

Verify financial impact. It is important to note that staying home from work or experiencing any type of quarantine does not necessarily mean that a household’s finances are being negatively impacted, or that a child’s basic needs cannot be met. For example, an employee may be taking paid time off while quarantining; the employer is supplementing financially with paid time off; or the employee may be telecommuting by working from home. For those applicants that are employed but whose work has been financially impacted due to issues related to the coronavirus pandemic, it is standard practice for employers to provide

their employees a letter or some type of communication stating their company’s actions/intentions. That communication will typically include options that are available to the employee with regard to work scheduling, pay and/or benefits. This statement, along with an employee’s pay stub, may serve as verification of impacted wages.

This TFA guidance should be in place until such time that local authorities in your state and community have deemed the need for coronavirus prevention measures have passed.

If you have any questions are would like to submit your application, visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/TFA-APPLICATION-2020.pdf> or please contact Jermaine Ferguson at Department HQ.



AMERICANISM

AMERICAN FLAG ETIQUETTE

Recently the American Legion Department of Ohio has received questions about the proper display, respect, and retirement of the American Flag. Listed below are the answers to the most asked questions.

Flag Display and Respect

- The Flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
- The Flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The Flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The Flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding,

or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

Bunting of blue, white, and red is always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

- The Flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- The Flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.
- The Flag should never have



placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

- The Flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- The Flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such ar-

ticles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or hal- yard from which the Flag is flown.

j. No part of the Flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The Flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

- The Flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. (Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Ceremony)

Flag Retirement

- In proper tribute and in memory and love, our Flag becomes faded and worn and must be honorably retired from life.
- The approved method of disposing of unserviceable Flags has been by burning.
- Such retirement of Flags that have become unserviceable may be done in public with respectful and honorable rites.
- The most appropriate day to perform this ceremony is National Flag Day, June 14th.

Oratorical Contest

The American Legion, Department of Ohio, during this school year, again sponsors an Oratorical Contest for high school students in Ohio.

The purpose of the contest is to develop knowledge and appreciation of the United States Constitution, the ability to think and speak clearly and critically, and the acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of American citizenship. The contest meets guidelines of the Ohio High School Activities Association.

The Legion contest is a partner with the National Speech & Debate Association, the honor society for high-school students (formerly the National Forensic League).

The American Legion Department awards the first-place

winner \$2,500 at the state finals. The second-place winner receives \$1,500 and the remainder of the contestants equally divide \$2,500. Contestants in the National Finals receive scholarships of \$25,000, \$16,000, and \$14,000 for the top three places. State win-

ners who participate in first-round National contests receive \$1,500 scholarships. Second-round National participants (who do not make the finals) receive additional \$1,500 scholarships. More information on Oratorical can be found at ohiolegion.com/oratorical.



2019 Winner, Honor Persing poses with her mother Michelle, Oratorical Chair, John Looker, and two of the esteemed speech Judges

Buckeye Boys State

Buckeye Boys State will be June 13th- June 20th, 2021 at Miami University. The Buckeye Boys State application process will be online again, once you receive your enrollment form, please return it with the number of delegates your post plans on sending along with your payment by March 15th. You will

receive back forms that have a specific code for each delegate to log into the website and enter their information electronically. Each code is specific for each delegate, so the forms CANNOT BE COPIED. Enrollment Forms need to be turned in before Citizenship codes can be sent to the delegates.



2019 Buckeye Boys State Participants

American Legion Baseball

Registration for the 2021 American Legion Baseball sea-



son opened Jan. 1.

The early deadline for registration is May 15. Teams registered after May 15 will be subject to a \$200 late fee through the final deadline of June 1.

Registration fees for senior teams are \$50 for national registration, \$35 for administrative fees and either \$130 for season personal accident insurance or \$200 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$120.

Fees for junior teams are \$25 for national registration, \$35

for administrative fees and either \$110 for season personal accident insurance or \$160 for year-round insurance coverage. General liability insurance costs are \$82.

Insurance purchases will be available Feb. 15.

The Department Junior Tournament will be July 15th- July 18th, 2021. The Department Senior Tournament will be July 27th – July 30th, 2021. Both tournaments are played at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio.

AMERICANISM DATES TO REMEMBER



MARCH 1-5, 2021- Americanism and Government Trip

MARCH 7, 2021- Department Oratorical Contest

APRIL 15, 2021- Scholarship Deadline

JUNE 13-20, 2021- Buckeye Boys State

JULY 15-28, 2021- Junior Baseball Tournament

JULY 27-30, 2021- Senior Baseball Tournament

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship

HISTORY

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship was established in 1971 to assist deserving high school students and veterans attending institutions of higher learning with the ever-increasing costs of higher education.

ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The scholarship offered by the American Legion Department of Ohio is a ONE TIME NON-RENEWABLE award.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

All scholarship applications mailed to the American Legion Department of Ohio State Headquarters in Delaware, Ohio must be received by or postmarked by APRIL 15 annually.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION / NOTIFICATION

All scholarship applications received will be reviewed by the American Legion Department of Ohio Screening Committee in mid-May with scholarship recipients and non-recipients to be notified via surface mail or e-mail as soon as possible thereafter.

SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA

The judging criteria utilized by the Ohio American Legion Scholarship Screening Committee to choose the recipients for any scholarships awarded shall be based upon:

The applicant's academic achievement based on course grades; difficulty of the curriculum; ACT scores; participation in school activities and activities outside of the school and a general impression of each ap-

plicant's character obtained through a personal statement.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship consists of the following categories and the criteria required for each category are:

High School Award

High school awards, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, are awarded annually to selected high school seniors, including home schooled and online students, attending high school within the state of Ohio.

Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must have a high school and college (if taking college courses) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of each American Legion Department of Ohio high school award will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

College Student Award

An American Legion Department of Ohio scholarship may be awarded annually to a college student.

Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending

college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of each American Legion Department of Ohio college award will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

Donald L. Lanthorn Award

Donald L. Lanthorn was a lifelong resident of Licking County who served as the State Director of Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation for the Ohio American Legion State Headquarters for forty (40) years.

The Donald L. Lanthorn award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to one (1) selected high school student, including home schooled and online students, or veteran residing in and attending high school in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union counties. Those applicants not selected for the Lanthorn scholarship may still be eligible for other Department of Ohio scholarships.

Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home schooled, online or veterans residing in Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Morrow or Union County.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending

college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.

- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of the Donald L. Lanthorn scholarship will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.

Durward I. Bernhard Award

Durward I. Bernhard was a lifelong resident of Belmont County who at the time of his passing, through his estate, provided funds to the American Legion Department of Ohio with the stipulation these funds be used to directly benefit the higher educational pursuits of Belmont County high school students, including home schooled or online students, or veterans residing in Belmont County.

The Durward I. Bernhard award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to one (1) selected Belmont County high school student, including home schooled and online students, or veteran residing in Belmont County. Those Belmont County applicants not selected for the Bernhard scholarship may still be eligible for other Department of Ohio scholarships.

Requirements:

- Restricted to high school, home schooled, online students or veterans residing in Belmont County.
- Applicant must be a direct descendant of a current paid member of the Ohio American Legion or a direct descendant of a deceased member of the Ohio American Legion who was in good standing at the time of death.
- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Applicant must have an ACT score of 25 or higher.

The amount of the Durward I.

Bernhard award will be contingent upon the annual earning of the Scholarship Fund.

American Legion/Military Award

One (1) award, as chosen by the Scholarship Screening Committee of the Ohio American Legion, is awarded annually to a selected American Legion/Military applicant. The applicant must show proof of being a current, paid member of the Ohio American Legion and of serving in the United States military.

Requirements:

- Open statewide.
- Applicant must provide a copy of current year Ohio American Legion membership card.
- Applicant must provide a copy of DD214, Report of Separation from Military Service or if currently on active duty, a copy of the military identification card.

The amount of the award to an American Legion/Military applicant will be contingent upon the annual earnings of the Scholarship Fund.



Special Olympics Committee

On October 24th, 2020, the Department Children and Youth Committee convened to discuss the Special Olympics Committee and its dissolution. It was decided that Special Olympics will be absorbed by the Children and Youth Committee as a program of the Committee.

The American Legion Department Executive Committee

approved the following resolution.

Department Resolution 21-04
Title: To Dissolve the Department Special Olympics Committee

RESOLVED, At the 2020-2021 Department Special Olympics Committee meeting, the Department Special Olympics Committee recommends to the Department Executive Committee; Department Fi-

nance Committee; and Department Children and Youth Committee that for the best interests of Ohio Special Olympics and the American Legion Department of Ohio, the Department Special Olympics Committee be dissolved effective as of December 2020 and Ohio Special Olympics and the American Legion Department of Ohio's involvement in Ohio Special

Olympics be directed to and placed under the Department Children and Youth Committee; and

RESOLVED, All monies maintained in the Department Special Olympics account be allocated and disbursed by the Department Children and Youth Committee thru the same manner and procedures with the Department Finance Com-

mittee as had been in place with the Department Special Olympics Committee; and

RESOLVED, The Department Children and Youth Committee meeting in regular session on July 11, 2020, concurs with the recommendation of the Department Special Olympics Committee and has passed a motion to this effect.

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
START	END	SUBJECT	LOCATION
3/1/2021	3/5/2021	A&G Trip	Washington, DC
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	Oratorical Contest	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 1 Spring Conference	Post 512, Toledo Police @ 9:30am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 6 Spring Conference	Post 285, Hebron @ 10:00am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 8 Spring Conference	Post 476, Wilkesville @ 10:00am
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 12 Spring Conference	NVMM, Columbus @ 10:00pm Tentative
3/7/2021	3/7/2021	District 13 Spring Conference	Post 421, Cleveland @ 10:00am
3/12/2021	3/14/2021	Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza North-Worthington
3/12/2021	3/14/2021	SAL Mid-Winter Conference	Crowne Plaza North-Worthington
3/12/2021	3/12/2021	Mid-Winter Blood Drive	Crowne Plaza North-Worthington
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 2 Spring Conference	Post 96, Lima @ 8:00am
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	Department Executive Committee Meeting	Crown Plaza North-Worthington
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 5 Spring Conference	Post 535, Bellville @ 12:00pm
3/14/2021	3/14/2021	District 7 Spring Conference	Post 25, Washington Cthse @ 8:30pm
3/15/2021	3/15/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
3/20/2021	3/20/2021	District 10 Spring Conference	Post 431, Newcomerstown @ 10:00am
3/21/2021	3/21/2021	District 11 Spring Conference	Post 29, Zanesville @ 10:00am
3/21/2021	3/21/2021	District 14 Spring Conference	Post 281, Cuyahoga Falls @ 1:30pm
3/21/2021	3/21/2021	District 4 Spring Conference	Post 534, Cincinnati @ 10:00am
4/16/2021	4/16/2021	BBS Trustees ONLY Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 6:30pm
4/17/2021	4/17/2021	BBS Trustees, Commissioner, Consultants Meeting	Department Headquarters @ 10:00am
4/18/2021	4/18/2021	District 3 Spring Conference	Post 707, Englewood @ 1:00pm
4/19/2021	4/19/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway 12:30pm
5/1/2021	5/1/2021	District 8 Summer Convention	Post 283, Pickerington @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 1 Summer Convention	Post 468, Joseph Diehn @ 9:30am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 6 Summer Convention	Post 584, Marion @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 13 Summer Convention	Post 572, Parma @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/8/2021	District 10 Summer Convention	Post 166, Alliance @ 10:00am
5/2/2021	5/2/2021	District 12 Summer Convention	Post 144, Southway @ 1:00pm
5/14/2021	5/14/2021	SAL Pre-Convention	Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 2 Summer Convention	Post 241, New Bremen @ 8:00am
5/16/2021	6/13/2021	District 3 Summer Convention	Post 598, Kettering @ 10:00am
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 4 Summer Convention	Post 484, Cincinnati @ 10:00pm
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 7 Summer Convention	Post 471, Portsmouth @ 8:30am
5/16/2021	5/16/2021	District 14 Summer Convention	Post 331, Ravenna @ 1:30pm
5/17/2021	5/17/2021	Membership Committee Meeting	Conference Call @ 6:00pm
5/23/2021	5/23/2021	District 11 Summer Convention	Post 77, Neffs @ 10:00am
6/6/2021	6/6/2021	District 5 Summer Convention	Post 202, Medina @ 9:30am
6/13/2021	6/20/2021	Buckeye Boys State	Miami University
7/8/2021	7/11/2021	Department Convention	Holiday Inn, Independence, OH
7/15/2021	7/18/2021	Junior Baseball Tournament	Beavers Field
7/26/2021	7/26/2021	Baseball Banquet	Crossroads Church @ 6:00pm
7/27/2021	7/31/2021	Senior Baseball Tournament	Beavers Field
8/3/2021	8/8/2021	National Regional Baseball Tournament	TBD
8/12/2021	8/17/2021	National Baseball World Series	Shelby, North Carolina
		FUTURE NATIONAL DATES	
5/5/2021	5/6/2021	National Spring Meetings-NEC	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel
6/11/2021	6/13/2021	ALR Ohio Legacy Run	Hosted by Post 44, Canton
8/27/2021	9/2/2021	103rd National Convention	Phoenix, AZ
10/6/2021	10/7/2021	National Fall Meetings	Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

POOL TOURNAMENT

APRIL 16th - 18th 2021

ALL ENTRY FEES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY IN PRIZES!!!

DOUBLES - \$40

Team Captain _____

Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

SINGLES - \$15

Name _____

Post # _____ Phone _____

Legion Card # _____

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.

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)

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS		
Special Drawing		
Delaware, Ohio • February 1, 2021		
KURT AGIN	ZANESVILLE	OH
ARTHUR ARMSTRONG	GARFIELD HEIGHTS	OH
LARKIN BANKS	CINCINNATI	OH
BARRY BLANK	COLUMBUS	OH
ALDEN BORTON	OMAHA	NE
BEN BOTTINI	AVON	OH
MICHAEL BOYLE	MARTINSVILLE	OH
DANIEL BRAKE	CASTALIA	OH
JERRY CARTER, JR	NEW LEBANON	OH
BEN DECCOLA	MIDDLEBURG HTS	OH
GREGORY DEROSIER	PATASKALA	OH
MICHAEL DIXON	CHILLICOTHE	OH
BERTON DRUMHELLER	YOUNGSTOWN	OH
WILLIAM EATON	SCOTTSVILLE	TX
JON ERICSON	GAHANNA	OH
HARRY ESTY	WESTERVILLE	OH
MONTY EVANS	JOHNSTOWN	OH
RONALD FOUT	CHILLICOTHE	OH
HERBERT GANTT	PIQUA	OH
T.H. HALL	KETTERING	OH
EDWARD HOGAN	LOVELAND	OH
WILLIAM HUDSON	OREGONIA	OH
RICHARD JACOBS	CARROLLTON	OH
DONALD JANICKI	CHANDLERSVILLE	OH
JAMES KNOTT	CLEVELAND	OH
BERNARD KOSAR, SR	CANFIELD	OH
JAMES KROUPA	BRECKSVILLE	OH
CARMEN LABBATO	CLEVELAND	OH
DONALD LACKO	NEW MATAMORAS	OH
DONALD LAMMERS	NAPOLEON	OH
TERRY LEGG	MYRTLE BEACH	SC
RICHARD LEONARD	CINCINNATI	OH
RANDALL PIERCE	LIBERTY TWP	OH
CHARLES RIFFLE	LOUISVILLE	OH
ROBERT SAFRANEK	SAGAMORE HILLS	OH
BENNIE SAVAGE	CARROLLTON	OH
DANIEL SAYRE	SIDNEY	OH
MARC SMITH	DAYTON	OH
ROBERT SNIDER	COLUMBUS	OH
ROGER SNIDER	NASHPORT	OH
WILLIAM STEPP	CUYAHOGA FALLS	OH
IGNATZIO TRIPODI	STEUDEVILLE	OH
EDWARD TURNER	WESTERVILLE	OH
CHARLES WALKER	SOMERSET	OH
THOMAS WALLACE	FARMERSVILLE	OH
THOMAS WALLAKE	OREGON	OH
PHILLIP WEISS	CHAGRIN FALLS	OH
JAMES WELBURN	ELYRIA	OH
GLENN WILLIAMS	LANCASTER	OH
KLAUS ZOEPKE	PERRYSBURG	OH

AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Ohio

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

American Legion Post 262

Hamler, Ohio

350 Randolph Street, Hamler, OH 43524

March 20, 2021

12:00 Noon - 4:00 P.M.

Bring your own partner • \$20 per Team

All entry fees returned as cash prizes

Registration at the door at 11:00 am.

Contact Person(s):

Bill Oberhaus • 419-822-6666

The Tournament is open to all members in good standing of The American Legion Family. You may bring one non-Legion guest.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



VETERANS DAY PARADE 2020

Clermont County, of the 4th District wanted to have their annual Veterans day parade just to show some sign of normal during these difficult times. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the spirits were high. There were so many people that showed up. Thanks to each group that came out to show the Veterans support in these crazy times including; all of the Post color guards, Sons of Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary, DAV, Clermont County Veterans Commission, American Legion Riders, Shriners Gold wing riders, the local Police and Fire Departments, Boy and Girl scouts, Batavia High school marching band, Batavia Bull dog youth cheer leaders, and the local Tri-State War bird museum got in with a fly over in their B25 Bomber - he was a little too fast for the camera.



B25 Bomber from the Tri-State Warbird Museum in Batavia, Ohio.



American Legion Riders from post 45x0 in Milford, OH



4th District Commander Steve Foster, the Grand Marshal



Frank Morrow Clermont County Council Commander, Steve Foster 4th District Commander, and Ron (Chappy) Chapman Past Department Commander



A good time had by all. John Chadwell Past Commander Post 237 Batavia, Ken Ellis in the center as Parade Chairman, and Commander Greg Brown from Post 237 with the photo bomb

POST 346 AWARDS AND DONATIONS



Harvey Lewis Post 346 awarded scholarships of \$500 each to 10 college students for the school year 2020-2021.



They also donated \$750 to the Ohio City Food Pantry and \$250 to the Ohio City Children's Christmas Toy Drive.

POST 798 VETERANS DAY SERVICE

At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Reynoldsburg's Mayor Joe Begeny (3rd from the left) conducted a Veterans Day observance at the city's newly-designated Veterans Memorial Park on E. Main Street. Participating in the ceremony was American Legion Reynoldsburg Post 798 commander George Mussi Jr. (at left). Also in attendance were members of the City Council and several local veterans, including the city auditor, Stephen Cicak (4th from the left at rear). Reynoldsburg Ohio is an official government-approved POW/MIA city, a unique status that has only been granted to 14 towns in the state.



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FAMILY RESTORES HERO'S MEDAL OF HONOR

Army Second Lt. Albert E. Baesel was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his bravery in World War I. The medal was on display at American Legion Post 91 in Berea for many years and then disappeared. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Baesel's descendants brought a replacement home. Gary Cole, great-nephew of Baesel, presented the framed Medal of Honor to the Post, which will display it in the canteen. The medal is encased in museum-quality glass and will be enclosed in a recessed niche beneath Baesel's portrait. Post 91 is named in honor of Lt. Baesel, who died in France in 1918 while attempting to rescue a wounded comrade. His unit was under intense enemy fire and a mustard gas attack. Baesel reached the man and was on his way back to his bunker when both were hit with machine gun fire and killed instantly.



Baesel descendants Gary Cole, Lisa Kradlak and Hallie Krueger present Lt. Albert Baesel's Medal of Honor to Post 91 Commander Mel Baher.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS 2020



Mr. Mike Stanley, in front, and Mr. Barrett Scott are pictured placing flags on veteran's graves at the Rose Hill Cemetery a few days before Memorial Day. There were also other Legionnaires, the Legion Auxiliary and other volunteers placing flags on veterans' graves.

POST 221 RAMP REPAIR



Post #221 has an assessable ramp that needed some repairs.

POST 139



Larry Glasgow, Mitchell Stokely, Brock West, John Chaney, Brad Teis, Joseph Pruni, Ryan Dick, William Pennell, Bailey McGinnis, Benjamin Barker, Ron Crabtree, Sydney Anderson, Halle Barker, Francis Fry, Grace Gao, Kara Harrison, Rachel Paden, Clara Reed.



GOOD OF THE LEGION



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2020

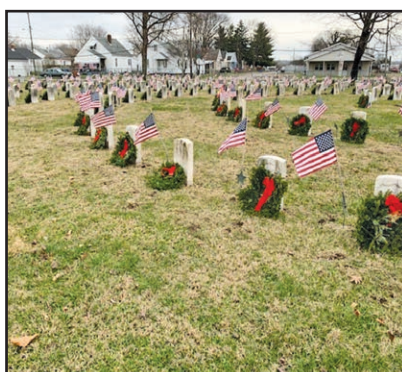
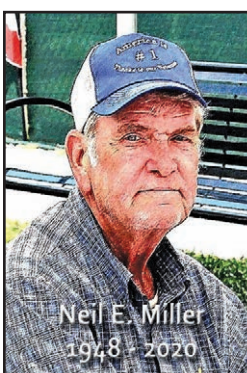
The Wreaths Across America Story...

Wreaths Across America™ was born in 1992 out of a desire to remember and honor American service members for their contributions in preserving our freedom.

Morrill Worcester at the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine had the vision for this project and placed the first wreaths. It has since become an annual tradition to lay wreaths at the grave markers of our fallen veterans during December to express our appreciation and to pay tribute for the sacrifices made for our country by our service men and women.

Wreaths Across America™ maintains no political or religious agenda, but rather a mission to remember and honor our veterans during the month of December. At time of traditional family get-togethers, this event provides a great learning opportunity to teach our children of the many sacrifices made by our military men and women.

WAA ceremonies are held at over 2,000 locations in the United States and many locations overseas. WAA could not carry out its mission without the help of over 2,000,000 volunteers, location coordinators, sponsors, fundraisers, and the generous donations of trucking companies. Thanks to all involved.





GOOD OF THE LEGION



PARADE TO RESTORE VETERANS CARE

Post 62 & SAL 62 officers are among those gathered in downtown Chillicothe as part of a rally/parade to support Veterans Jan. 9, 2021



POST 171 POLICE & FIRE-FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Following a long-standing tradition, Post 171 presented their Annual Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year to two of Westerville's Finest on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Westerville City Hall. Due to the COVID-19 concerns, the Post did not have their Annual Veterans Day Dinner at which these presentations are normally made. The Nominations for these Awards are made by the respective Divisions of Fire and Police. There were several fellow Firefighters and Police Officers present for the presentations following Health Department Guidelines.

The Presentations of Plaques and Certificates were made by the Post Commander, John McElhaney, following the reading of each Nominee's Bio by 2nd Vice Commander, Ron Leonard. Dave Bergman, 1st Vice Commander, was present to take the accompanying photos. The Firefighter of the Year is Chip Miller, a 15-year veteran of the Westerville Division of Fire and the Westerville Police Officer of the Year is Geoffrey Pichert, an 8-year veteran of the Westerville Division of Police. Interestingly, Chip Miller indicated he had played on a Post 171 Baseball team many years ago.



LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR: DAVID FROST



Tenth District, Massillon, Ohio, American Legion Post #221. Due to the coronavirus we were unable to hold our usual awards dinner. As a result, on June 9, 2020 Mr. David Frost was presented with the Legionnaire of the Year award at our regular meeting at Post #221. He received a plaque in his name and his name has been entered on a plaque that is on permanent display here at the Post along with all of the other recipients who received the Legionnaire of the Year award in past years. Post #221 Commander, Jeff Runser, on the left, is presenting Mr. Frost with his Legionnaire of the Year plaque.

CELEBRATING VETERANS DAY

AMERICAN LEGION POST 226 CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY WITH ANNUAL CEREMONY



American Legion Post 226 offers a gun salute in honor of Veterans Day this year in Andover. PHOTOS BY LAUREN LOCKE

BY LAUREN LOCKE
Gazette Newspapers

ANDOVER – Current or past members of the military, their families and members of the surrounding community all gathered around Andover Public Square on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for this year's Veterans Day ceremony as put on by American Legion Post 226.

This year's ceremony included an invocation by Andover Chris-

tian Church Pastor Josh Peyton, a presentation by post member Tom Hitchcock, a gun salute through the post, along with Taps by Pymatuning Valley High School Band senior Marissa Specht and freshman Mason Todd.

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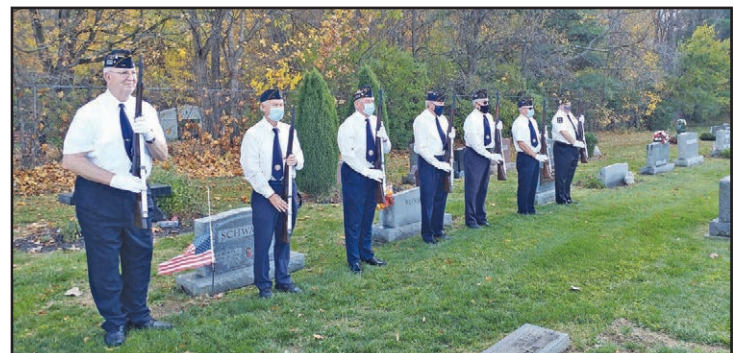


Freshman Mason Todd of Pymatuning Valley High School plays Taps for Veterans Day this year in Andover.

Andover Christian Church Pastor Josh Peyton offers an opening prayer at the start of American Legion Post 226's Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in Andover.

Tom Hitchcock of American Legion Post 226 gives a speech on Veterans Day at Andover Public Square.

YOUNG-BUDD POST 171



Pictured here during the Virtual 9/11 Service, Post 171 Honor Guard participated in the ceremony on September 11th in Westerville as a part of the 9/11 Service video that was shown at noon on September 11 on the City Facebook page and Westerville public access TV.

CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP



On Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, a Certificate of Continuous Membership for 75 years was presented to Robert Kloss of Newton Falls American Legion Post 236. Mr. Kloss is 97 years old, a WWII veteran and a past Commander of Post 236. He served as Commander in 1949. Presenting the certificate is Post 236 Commander Rick Nelson (standing) to Robert Kloss (seated).

GOOD OF THE LEGION

100 MILES FOR HOPE



"Three members of Charles H. Eyre Post 633 in Seaman OH participated in the recent 100 Miles for Hope event in support of The American Legion's Veterans & Children's Foundation. In the photo left to right, husband and wife Post members, Gary L. Embrey and Rebecca A. Rickey and Post Commander Eric Newman. Gary and Rebecca walked daily in their small, rural neighborhood, Eric got his miles in as a full-time teacher and part-time farmer!"

ANNUAL BREAKFAST



First event of the year, Annual American Legion Breakfast at Colonel Crawford Post 181 Bucyrus Ohio with the early risers that make it happen from left to right: Past 5th District Commander, Dennis "Denny" Teynor; SAL Squadron 181 2nd Vice Commander, Ron Lambert; Detachment of Ohio Commander, Bernie Kessler; and Legion Post 181 Commander Tony Mickalac.

TALMA WEB AWARD

Steve Ebersole from the 12th District received 1st Place in The American Legion Media Alliance Annual Contest for his website category submission. Congratulations Steve! For more information on how to submit contest entries to TALMA, visit <https://www.legion.org/talma/contest>



ARMISTICE DAY

American Legion Glenford Dugan Post 229 participated in a historical observance of Armistice Day on November 11th, 2020, on the 11th hour, on the steps of the Post's Military Museum.



A reading described the 1918 Nelsonville celebration with "speeches, parades, ringing bells, coal burning bonfires on the public square, and great jollification that lasted all night." Social distancing and masks were encouraged.

POST 715 LAST LIVING WORLD WAR II VETERAN

On November 1, 2020, members of Colonel Jennings American Legion Post 715 recognized its last living World War II Veteran. According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, about 300,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are still alive, and of those approximately 12, 175 in the State of Ohio (As of 30-Sep-2020).

Bernard H. Calvelage (Bernie), was born November 4, 1920 in Fort Jennings, Ohio. Bernie was drafted while still a senior in high school at Fort Jennings, and it happen so quickly, Bernie, and 2 of his classmates departed for bootcamp prior to his High School Commencement Ceremony.

Randy Gasser, Post Commander, Dave Will, Post Finance Officer, and Paul Brocker, former Post Commander, presented Bernie an Eagle Statue draped with the American Flag, a Certificate and US Flag and from US Congressman Bob Latta, and lastly, the American Legion Medal of Merit.

His family stated "that only lately my father started telling stories about his army service during WW II. It's been interesting and fun. Bernie served at Camp Croft from 1943-1945. He was a drill sergeant and heled train troops before they went overseas. He married his high school sweetheart, Edith, in 1945. There were together for 71 years, until her passing in 2017. He has 6 children, 17 grandchildren, and 40 great-grandchildren and 1-great-great grandchild. Those attending the presentation were his children, Cherly Calvelage Kitson, Dale & Marilyn Calvelage, Dennis & Karen Calvelage, Nancy Calvelage and Terese Calvelage Vangroothest. His son Alan Calvelage was not able to attend. Grandkids and greatest attending Crag & Stacy Calvelage, Michelle, Brook, Trent and Blake Kortokrax, Angela Grothouse, Allison & Izaiah Wright".

Bernie's daughter Cheryl also stated "It was wonderful to see his smile. Brought tears to some of us.

Bernie was not the only one in his family to serve in World War II, his brother and sister did as well.

Unfortunately, Bernie passed away just a few days later on November 4, 2020. Post Commander Randy Gasser stated "It was an honor and privilege to present these small tokens of appreciation to Bernie, especially as he was our only living World War II veteran at American Legion Post 715. We had already planned on honoring him for Veterans Day this year, we just moved them forward a few weeks. At his funeral services today, there was 35 veterans present to give him is Final Salute and Military Rites".



GIGANTIC FLAG DONATION

Below is a picture of a gigantic flag donation by the Hopedale American Legion Post 682 to the Jefferson County Veterans Association.



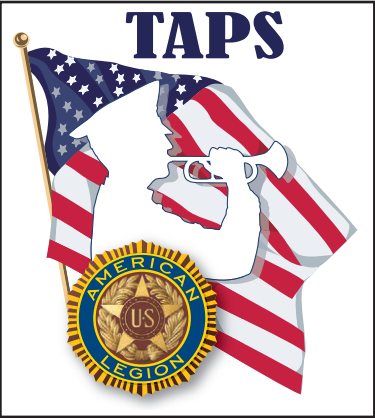
The vet group includes members from Piney Fork Post 735, Dillonvale Post 529, and Wintersville Post 557. The Veterans Association established Fort Friendship Veterans Memorial Museum in the Smithfield Friendship Park over 20 years ago and raise the large flag for many occasions during the year. Also shown are monuments to honored veterans, a WWII tank, Howitzer, and small statue of the Liberty memorial.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Members of American Legion Northeast Post 630, Blue Ash, Ohio, organized and promoted a canned food drive declaring "No One Should Go Hungry at Christmas Time"! On December 19, 2020, a cold and windy Saturday, donors drove up to the collection point and Post 630 veterans



removed the canned goods and food boxes from their cars. More than a pickup truck load of food was collected and given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Savior Church to distribute to local families in need. In addition to the food, \$175 was also donated. A Saint Vincent de Paul volunteer told Post 630 members, "This will enable St. Vincent's to supply food for those in need in our community!! In addition, Post 630 collected old and tattered American flags that donors wanted to have properly disposed of. More than a barrel full of flags were taken in.



POST 1 COLUMBUS
THOMAS SHAFER
POST 2 CLEVELAND
THOMAS STUCKEY
POST 3 FINDLAY
JACK CROY
LEONARD HOBBS
MERRITT NESSLER
EDWARD RANKEY
RAY REUTTER
ROGER SIFERD
LEONARD ZIESSLER
POST 7 WICKLIFFE
DAN CONTENTO
ANGELO TIRABASSO
POST 8 WELLINGTON
CHARLES FLEMING
RICHARD HERRICK
POST 9 PLEASANTVILLE
GARLAND BROWN
POST 10 EDGERTON
CARLTON DIETSCH
THOMAS KNECHT
ALDEN SHAFFER
POST 11 LANCASTER
H TIM BICHSEL
JOHN CANFIELD
FRANKLIN CHARLES
JACK CHRISTY
THOMAS DOAN
RALPH ELKINS
RICHARD FAUSNAUGH
RICHARD FOSNAUGH
CARL HEISTER
GEORGE RUBLE
STUART WHARTON
POST 12 ELYRIA
GLENN FARRAND
MICHAEL GROOMES
EDWIN HAGERTY
EDWIN HODGSON
JERRY LORBACH
JAMES MONDAY
NICHOLAS PENICK
JOHN PLAS
THEODORE RISTAS
GERALD SEVERNS
ALBERT THORLEY
ROBERT YOUNG
POST 14 BAINBRIDGE
WILLIAM CLEARY
JOHN COX
JOHN LEETH
POST 15 POLAND
WILLIAM BRENNAN
NICHOLAS TIBERIO
POST 16 MANSFIELD
CHARLES BONECUTTER
BILLY ISON
DAN KOPPERT
BILL SPOGNARDI
LEWIS STIGALL
POST 17 GIBSONBURG
WAYNE HEFFNER
POST 18 TONY WROBLEWSKI, INC.
CHARLES WALKER
POST 19 AKRON
CLARENCE CARLSON
POST 21 ATHENS
HOWARD MCLAUGHLIN
POST 23 PORTSMOUTH
JOHN CRAIGMILES
DELBERT ENTLER
RONALD FIKE
JAMES HAMILTON
ROY JOSEPH
MICHAEL PHILLIPS
POST 24 MCCONNELLSVILLE
LARRY ALDERMAN
RUSSELL DAVIS
MERRILL GLADDEN
JAMES WILSON
POST 25 WASHINGTON C.H.
HERBERT CLOUSER
ROBERT CONAWAY
JAMES GREENE
ROBERT MAUST
ROBERT SNIDER
POST 27 GALLIPOLIS
DARRELL DAY
WILLIAM JACKSON

ROBERT ODELL
RICHARD ROBERTS
POST 28 PERRYSBURG
JAMES HARRUFF
POST 29 ZANESVILLE
BRUCE BATES
RICHARD BLAZ
EDWARD BOYER
CHARLES CANTWELL
JOHN CRAMER
JAMES FARRELL
JIM FRITZ
SAM GIANETTINO
RAYMOND KUHN
DAVID TAYLOR
EDMUND YOUNG
POST 30 LORAIN
ROBERT BRADSTOCK
GARY MALOTT
POST 33 STEUBENVILLE
WILLIAM BURCHFIELD
LOUIS CRAIG
RALPH DEJULIO
ROY JONES
ALBERT KEARNEY
JOSEPH PASQUARELLA
ANTHONY VIOLI
JOHN WELSH
POST 34 CADIZ
ALBERT GOLETZ
GEORGE SHULTZ
EARL SULLIVAN
MYRON THOMPSON
POST 38 MARTINS FERRY
REGIS DEINHARDT
LLOYD HOOD
WILLIAM RICHARDS
POST 39 POMEROY
ERNEST HAWKINS
POST 41 NORWALK
KENNETH PHEIFER
WILLIAM RITCHIE
CHARLES THOMPSON
DONALD WOOD
POST 43 TROY
DAVID CARR
JOSEPH MOOTS
HAROLD OLSON
LOWELL SINCLAIR
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VINCENT BALLA
TERRY BRESSLER
RALPH DOTY
STEVE DRAGOMIRE
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THOMAS HADJIAN
JAMES LAB
DANIEL LINDESMITH
JAMES PASTORE
JAMES PELLEGRENE
JOHN STROPKY
LARRY VIGNOS
WILLIAM WEAVER
JOHN ZINDLE
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WILLIAM GREEN
WILLIAM MAGERS
POST 49 WILMINGTON
ERNEST BAYLESS
JAMES COCHRAN
RICHARD JAMES
DONALD MUNZER
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GEORGE AYRES
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DARRELL GREENLEE
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RONALD MYERS
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DEAN SUTER
POST 64 MARIETTA
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JAMES HUNTER
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PATRICK VERMAATEN
POST 65 COSHOCTON
LESTER BACHELDER

DONALD RODABAUGH
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ROBERT JAMES
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DONALD REED
MARVIN YOUNG
POST 68 WOOSTER
JAMES HAIR
LARRY KNOX
JACK SCHUBERT
POST 69 READING
JOSEPH HOPKINS
RICHARD SUTTON
POST 70 WELLSVILLE
JAMES SARACCO
POST 71 ROSEVILLE
WILLIAM CALLIHAN
ROBERT HALE
POST 72 MT. CARMEL
HAROLD ADAMS
CHARLES CONOVER
DONALD GERTH
ENUS HENSLEY
DALE HUGHES
FRANK KERN
BERNARD MCKINLEY
PAUL ROSS
HAROLD STANFORTH
WALTER SULLENDER
RALPH SWISSHELM
ROBERT VEARIL
JACOB WALKER
POST 73 FOSTORIA
ARTHUR ALLISON
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JOHN STRIFF
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BARRY CORDELL
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NORMAN OEDER
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POST 85 NEWARK
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JOHN TKACHIK
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POST 92 UTICA
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POST 95 ZENIA
MARVIN BUTTS
NORMAN GROSS
POST 96 LIMA
DEAN ADAM

WALTER BURGNER
DAVID CORBIN
ROBERT HOWER
RICHARD HUSSEY
JACK MCDERMITT
JAMES MILLER
ERNEST WALTERS
POST 97 CARDINGTON
RONALD COLEMAN
CHARLES MORRIS
POST 103 ASHTABULA
JOSEPH GOUDY
ELLIS KLINGENSMITH
WAYNE LOYD
POST 104 SOUTH EUCLID
CHARLES KITCHEN
KENNETH SMITH
DAVID WOOD
POST 107 PATASKALA
MICHAEL ERICHSEN
POST 109 MONTPELIER
JAMES PRATHER
KEITH ZOLMAN
POST 110 TOLEDO
DONALD MAYO
ROBERT STAPLES
POST 112 MADISON
ALFRED GRECHAR
THOMAS MOYER
RALPH SATTERFIELD
MICHAEL TEPSICK
JAMES YATES
POST 113 PORT CLINTON
LAWRENCE HAMANN
POST 114 OAK HARBOR
ROY EBERLY
GLENN WHIPPLE
POST 118 AMHERST
DON DARMOS
HAROLD GOUDY
ALAN KNEISEL
RAYMOND LEMASTERS
DORIAN TAYLOR
POST 120 URBANA
ELIZABETH ADAIR
WILBUR HALL
JAMES INSKEEP
POST 122 CLYDE
DON JONES
POST 129 HILLSBORO
ROBERT HOTTLE
POST 131 LEETONIA
JOE BILLET
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FRANCIS GOETZ
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ROBERT HARRIS
HARRY MYERS
JAMES POHLMAN
RICHARD ZETTLER
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THOMAS GREZLIK
RICHARD JOHNSON
JAMES KREINBIHL
POST 140 GREENVILLE
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GEORGE PENN
JERRY SNYDER
KEITH YOUNG
POST 142 WAVERLY
HUBERT CRABTREE
SHERRY JOHNSON
WALTER MITCHELL
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WILLIAM SMITH
POST 147 APPLE CREEK
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POST 149 FRANKLIN
CHARLES AGNOR
CLYDE RUNYON
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POST 151 CONNEAUT
NICHOLAS COLBY
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DAVID KRENISKY
LARRY MOORE
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DONALD PALMER
LEO SCHOR
JAMES THORNTON
DONALD WAKEFIELD

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JOHN ORKISH
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ANDREW ZAVATSKY
POST 160 BREWSTER
ANDY CODISPOTI
MICHAEL EVERETT
JOHN JOGERST
DENNIS LARSON
WAYNE NOFSINGER
POST 162 MARION
WAYNE CHAMPER
POST 164 GROVE CITY
GEORGE BAIRD
POST 165 MIAMISBURG
JAMES CHESTER
LLOYD COOPER
GERALD CZMIEL
MICHAEL HOLLAND
JOHNNY JOHNSTON
DAVID PINA
GERALD ZIMMERMAN
POST 166 ALLIANCE
ALBERT LEASURE
AL LOTZ
CHARLES MEAD
JACK WALKER
POST 169 TIFFIN
ROBERT BARBER
FRED ZADRAZIL
POST 171 WESTERVILLE
E EDWARD MORRIS
POST 172 MILLER CITY
VINCENT WESTRICK
POST 173 BELLEFONTAINE
THOMAS MARQUIS
JAMES SEBRING
POST 174 NORTH STAR
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POST 177 CANFIELD
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MELVIN JONES
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DEAN MOLLENKOPF
LARRY NIGHWSWANDER
PAUL PEREZ
RONALD PRUDEN
HAROLD SHAW
BYRON SHOWALTER
CARLOS TYAS
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ARTHUR ISBILL
JIMMIE NUGENT
STANLYE PACK
JOHN RUTHVEN
JACKIE WEST
POST 181 BUCYRUS
CHARLES ASSENHEIMER
BOBBY CARTER
NORMAN HILL
RODNEY MILLINGTON
DAVID REYNOLDS
CALVIN SHIFLEY
ANTHONY SPRINGMAN
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JAMES HARTMAN
SIJIFREDO SALAZAR
POST 184 PIQUA
EDDIE BRYANT
JOHN MONROE
JAMES RUSSELL
POST 190 BOLIVAR
CHARLES REGULA
POST 192 MILLERSBURG
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RICHARD STYER
POST 194 MASON
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CHARLES DEPPERMAN
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JAMES PATTERSON
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POST 205 DOVER
ROBERT WISE
POST 210 CELINA
EDWARD BEHM
RUSSELL BOLINGER
MARVIN HOENIE
DENNY OVERLEY
RICHARD ROSS
CLAIRE STETLER
POST 211 AVON LAKE
THOMAS BURKE
POST 215 WILLOUGHBY
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RUSSELL KAUTZ
LOWELL MYERS
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POST 217 SIDNEY
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MIKE COTTERMAN
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HENDRIK ROOZEMOND
RICHARD SCHMIDT
VORREST SPRAGUE
DONALD STARRETT
RICHARD THOMA
WILLIAM UNCAPHER
GARY VANFOSSSEN
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HERMAN BYRUM
ROBERT DUFF
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VERNON MANLEY
THOMAS MEANS
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JAMES SCHWEITZER
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MILFORD KERR
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POST 226 ANDOVER
ROBERT BABKA
POST 229 NELSONVILLE
DONALD BAILEY
POST 232 GRAND RAPIDS
CLIFFORD BAUER
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ROGER HARNISHFEGER
FERRIS KEPLING
JOHN SCHWAN
O WILLIAMS
POST 234 BRUNSWICK
JAMES CAUDILL
POST 235 GIRARD
JACOB BARNHART
ALAN BURNS
RICHARD KOEHN
ROBERT PLATT
POST 236 NEWTON FALLS
OKEY WILLIAMS
POST 237 BATAVIA
HUGH NICHOLS
EARLE POMEROY
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THOMAS KING
GEORGE PRICE
THOMAS RUSSELL
JAMES TOLSON
POST 240 LUCKEY
JAMES BERRIDGE
POST 241 NEW BREMEN
RALPH PLATTNER
POST 242 WINCHESTER
DALLIS BREEZE
POST 243 GALION
JOHN BACHELDER
JOHN BIGHOUSE
LOWELL ECKSTEIN
EDGAR KOEHL
JOHN ROSEBERRY
EMERY SHAFFER
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GORDON LAUBERT
CARL POOLE
CARL WANNER
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JAMES HATFIELD
POST 250 SYCAMORE
ARNOLD RIEDEL
POST 253 ANTWERP
JOHN HAYNES
STANLEY JORDAN
EDWARD KRUECKEBERG
WILLIAM MCVEY
POST 254 JOHNSTOWN
PAUL WILKES
POST 255 TALLMADGE
TIMOTHY HACK
POST 256 LOVELAND
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BARRY KIRBY
POST 257 LOUDONVILLE
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HERBERT SHADE
POST 262 HAMLER
STEVEN LIEB
POST 265 WAUSEON
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KENNETH BRINK
VANCE JACOBS
JOHN JANOWSKI
JAMES LOCKWOOD
GEORGE RUE
POST 268 DEPHOS
DEAN ADAM
FRANCIS BANDELIER
ARTHUR THOMAS
RALPH HOEHN
RALPH HOLDGREVE
THOMAS KLINGLER
BURL MORRIS
DARELD NYE
WILLIAM SWICK
HAROLD WREEDE
RICHARD YOUNGPETER
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ROSS LAVENDER
POST 275 LISBON
JOHN HAMMITT
POST 276 COLUMBUS
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POST 279 ELMORE
CALVIN HAAR
LEON RADER
POST 282 ORRVILLE
DONALD KIDD
DANIEL SCOTT
POST 283 PICKERTINGTON
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GUY LIVELY
JAMES MASSENGALE
LEONARD STIER
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POST 284 BRYAN
GERRY MEYER
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TERRY STONER
POST 287 LEIPSIC
JAMES WYANT
POST 288 WILLIAMSBURG
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POST 290 COLUMBIANA
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WAYNE URSCHLER
GEORGE ZOHND
POST 291 KINGSTON
CHARLES CHAFFIN
FORREST COEY
POST 292 NEW LONDON
THOMAS MCCOPPIN
POST 295 GREEN SPRINGS
PAUL SMITH
HARRY STIGER
POST 297 PAYNE
EDWARD STABLER
POST 300 NAPOLEON
LUTHER HOFACKER
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ROSS LOHRBER
JAMES TALLMAN
RICHARD TRAVIS
RICHARD VAJEN
ARTHUR WESTRICK
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DONALD DOMINIC
POST 307 PIONEER
LARRY CROMMER
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LEONARD UITENHAM
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POST 320 MAUMEE
RICHARD ANKENBRANDT
POST 322 WEST ALEXANDRIA
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MITCHELL MAGGARD
FOREST RIVERS
LOREN SINGLETON
JACKSON SIZEMORE
POST 323 ST. MARYS
FRED FEATHERS
HOWARD HOUSE
ERIC IMWALLE
JIMMIE MERRIMAN
CHARLES NELSON
POST 324 GENOA
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WILLIAM MCGOVERN
POST 435 VERSAILLES
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POST 459 BURTON
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POST 473 COPLEY
RUDIE POZONITZ
POST 476 WILKESVILLE
PAUL HALE
POST 482 SCIO
EDWARD ALDERMAN
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POST 483 FRANKFORT
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WILLIAM CUMBY
HARRY FLOTTEMESCH
GEORGE HENSON
DAVID HURST
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WALTER RUTHER
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ROBERT BECKER
GEORGE DREYER
WAYNE KOELLING
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LAURELL BURDETTE
ALBERT POCOCK
POST 493 JACKSON CENTER
CHUCK PHILLIPS
POST 494 SUGARCREEK
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DONALD SMITH
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DONALD MCLAUGHLIN
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OMAR KIDWELL
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HAROLD SINGREY
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JEROME BOLLENBACHER
CHARLES STEPHENSON
POST 511 MCCOMB
BILL DETAMORE
POST 512 TOLEDO
JOSEPH BUSH
THOMAS WARNKA
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WILLIAM FRANK
ROBERT FRITZ
DONALD FUERBACHER
LARRY LOHR
GEORGE RAPKING
NORBERT RIEMAN
LAWRENCE RISOLA
JAMES SAMPSON
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JOSEPH WENNEMAN
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AMOS EASTMAN
GORDON LARSON
LAWRENCE LAWSON
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GAYLORD SMITH

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CLEM PARRISH
EDWARD WELSH
POST 521 SHADYSIDE
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WILLIAM SCHLUTER
POST 522 STRASBURG
ROBERT WELLING
POST 523 LODI
JAMES GARDNER
KERWIN NYE
POST 525 ADENA
STANLEY GRABITS
POST 526 FAIRBORN
ELWOOD ENSOR
FRANK MUGFORD
POST 530 GREENHILLS
DONALD ENGLISH
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THOMAS PARKS
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POST 536 GILBOA
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ORLO SPENCE
PAUL STALL
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JOHN HOFFMAN
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WILLIAM PACAK
POST 565 CANFIELD
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POST 566 AKRON
JOHN KEENER
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WALDO SOBER
POST 571 MARIA STEIN
HAROLD KLEINHENZ
POST 572 PARMA
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CHARLES WIDOWSKI
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DANIEL MILLER
MICHAEL SCINTO
POST 587 TOLEDO
KENNETH GRING
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NORMAN SATTLER
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RICHARD CUNNINGHAM
WALLACE MCCLANAHAN

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E GRAHAM
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ROBERT SEIFERT
ALBERT SESSLER
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VERNON HEIMLICH
LAWRENCE KREGER
POST 608 SPENCER
GLENN BAKER
JAMES REARDON
POST 610 BROOK PARK
VINCENT ANDRASAK
EARL BRASS
JAMES SNYDER
NORM KEKIC
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THOMAS MEYER
ARTHUR PORDASH
JOHN SMETANKA
JAMES TERWILLIGER
JOHN VINTILA
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TERRY BAER
ROLLIN SMITH
POST 614 HILLIARD
JULIAN BOND
RICHARD DOWALTER
CHARLES GLOECKNER
HOMER MINCY
DAVID STICKNEY
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RICHARD DICK
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POST 619 DAYTON
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POST 622 MINFORD
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POST 627 NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
DENNIS DERBIN
WILLIAM KRAY
POST 630 BLUE ASH
CHARLES GRIFFITH
LOUIS MARGOLIS
TIMOTHY PETRIC
POST 631 LOCKLAND
ALLEN CONGO
JAMES HALL
GARY LARKIN
POST 633 SEAMAN
ELWOOD DEBORD
RICHARD DUNKIN
POST 635 JEWELL
DONALD DUNBAR
CARL SHOCK
NED TANNER
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GERALD LESSENTIN
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WILLARD MIDDAGH
POST 650 DANVILLE
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TERRY PLUE
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MERVIN COTTER
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LOUIS SOPLATA
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LLOYD HAPNER
HAROLD SCHAAR
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VICTOR VARIAN

POST 668 VANDALIA
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THOMAS LONGENECKER
POST 675 DAYTON
OSCAR CATLIN
EARL FUESTON
ROBERT GRIGSBY
BARRY RYAN
POST 676 MANSFIELD
EUGENE HIGHTOWER
POST 678 WILLOWICK
CHARLES GELHAUSEN
CARL HANDS
JAMES MACK
POST 680 NEY
LOWELL CRITES
POST 681 WEST CHESTER
THOMAS BONSER
JOHN SCHWALL
POST 682 HOPEDALE
CHARLES HENDERSHOT
CARMEN PIZZINO
POST 685 STREETSBORO
RONALD STENGLEIN
POST 700 WARREN
LOUIS JEFFERSON
POST 703 PARMA
MICHAEL ADAMS
JAMES BELTER
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FRANK DOWD
MICHAEL FURLO
MICHAEL GERREK
DENNIS HAFT
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WALTER DITTMAN
JOHN GILGER
DAVID ONEY
ROBERT STEINMETZ
POST 707 ENGLEWOOD
IVAN CLARK
CHARLES GILMORE
THOMAS GINGRICH
DON JENKINS
GEORGE KITTS
JAMES SWEET
POST 715 FORT JENNINGS
PAUL ALTENBURGER
BERNARD CALVELAGE
RALPH RODE
DOYLE WITTLER
LEO WURST
POST 717 NORTH RIDGEVILLE
DAVID TAYLOR
POST 718 MARSHALLVILLE
WADE BAUMAN
VICTOR RYNEER
POST 733 BETTSVILLE
LOWELL EISENHOUR
HARLEY SHAULL
POST 735 PINEY FORK
EDWARD WALDMAN
POST 736 EAST LIVERPOOL
PAUL JACKSON
WILLIAM WATSON
POST 737 LAKE MILTON
BERNARD CHECK
ROBERT DUNHAM
POST 738 FAIRVIEW PARK
ROMAN KLIMKOWICZ
POST 749 JEROMESVILLE
REX CASSADY
JAMES MARKLING
DAVID ZACHARIAS
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GARY PATTON
POST 756 GRATIOT
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MARVIN RILEY
POST 762 NEW LEBANON
ARNOLD CLYBURN
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HERBERT MUELLER
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