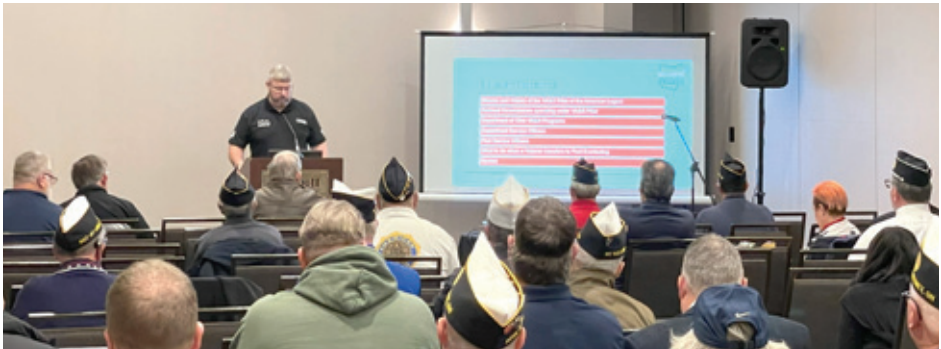


## 2024 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HELD IN DUBLIN

The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted its annual Mid-Winter Conference from Friday, January 19th to Sunday, January 21st, at the Marriott Columbus Northwest hotel in Dublin, OH. Members of the Ohio American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders gathered from around the state to conduct business and gain knowledge of the functions and programs of The American Legion.

Once again this year, the Buckeye American Legion College training classes held throughout the day on Saturday had outstanding attendance and participation. These comprehensive classes included Membership training, VA&R/Claims training, National Security training, Baseball training, Americanism programs training, Legislative training,



*Bill Genochio shows off his expertise in one of Saturday's BALT training classes*

Children & Youth training, and Temporary Financial Assistance training. This was all kicked off on Friday evening with a social mixer to introduce the BALT team and to increase fellowship with Legion Family. Read more on the BALT's operations and this Mid-Winter's class resources by navigating to the Department webpage at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/balt/>.

Friday afternoon's prominent events that took place were the annual Americanism and Government Test Judging, American Red Cross Blood Drive, and Sons' DEC meeting. There was also the annual Bingo Licensing School training held on Saturday afternoon, which gave members and attendees some useful insight into all the electronic gaming procedures and AG office stipulations. We would like to give special thanks to the

AG office presenters for sharing their time and expertise ensuring our Posts remain compliant. Other essential assemblages were held to conduct and facilitate Legion business such as the SAL General Session, Legion Riders meeting, Past Department Commander's meeting, and the National Appointees meeting.

The Department of Ohio would like to recognize the SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders' successful DEC, general sessions, meetings, and trainings. These supporting Legion Family organizations gathered for the tools and knowledge they need to keep thriving.

Thank you to our Department Service Officers offering claim assistance and for going above and beyond with set-

ting up for the conference, aiding with Emblem Sales, as well as supporting and educating our Legion family during the conference.

We would like to give a special thank you and acknowledge our tiered sponsors as well. Our platinum level sponsors for this year's Mid-Winter Conference were Arrow International, Inc. and Humana. Our gold level sponsor was Grover Gaming. Our participating silver level sponsors were PowerHouse Gaming and Heros Vodka of the R.S. Lipman Company. Our bronze level sponsors comprised of Veteran Companion Animal Services, Advocate Health Advisors, ClearCaptions, Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, and Stockhands Horses for Healing. Save A Warrior was also represented as a vendor this year. Without their generous sponsorship contributions our event would not be as successful. Thank you! For more information on these extraordinary organizations please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/mid-winter-sponsors-and-vendors/>.

Saturday evening's "Of the Year" Awards Banquet, was an immense success with the delicious meal, presentation of the colors by The Ohio State University Army ROTC, and with the at-

*(Continued on page 22)*



**Congratulations to BALT graduates! L to R: Gary Cox Jr., Manuel Cantu, Ken LaVoy - Dean, Melissa Rodgers, and David Root**



*Charities Bingo School on Saturday had a great turn out*

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## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



**Jason Rue**  
Department Commander

Greetings Legionnaires,

I hope everyone attended Mid-Winter Conference and had a great time. I enjoyed seeing everyone that came out for it. The 'Of The Year' Awards

Banquet was well attended with great recipients of the awards.

We are currently in 24th place in membership nationally, as of the writing of this article. We are currently in second place in the Mark's Madness, the National Vice Commander's membership challenge. We are only behind West Virginia. Let's do our best to get membership in before March 31st to win the challenge. We can also win the Big 12 if we attain 92.29% as a Department by this date. We are only about 6% away from this goal at the end of January. The National Vice Commander will be in our Department the first weekend in April for our DEC meeting. He will also be attending the Central Division Extravaganza. I hope some of you can make your way out for this and meet our National Vice Commander. We will not have another newsletter published before May, therefore, I am asking all of you to utilize one of the rights we have all fought to defend and get out and vote at the primary elections.

### Important Update on Membership Dues

During the recent National Convention, the National per capita amount of



**2024 Mid-Winter Conference 'Of the Year' Award Winners stand proudly with Commander Rue**

your membership dues was approved for an increase of \$5, from \$18.50 to \$23.50, effective July 1st, 2024.

Additionally, the Department of Ohio has not had a dues increase since 2004, and during this time, our membership has decreased by 69,138 members, resulting in a decrease in revenue of approximately \$622,242. Inflation and costs have risen over 63% since 2004, placing additional strain on our operational expenses, which are currently running \$1.8M per year.

The Department's current yearly revenue is approximately \$1,300,000, broken down across various sources. This is \$500K less than what we need to break even. We currently have investments that we can draw from, but these resources will last us approximately 4-5 years.

### Proposal

Therefore, after careful consideration, the finance commission has put forth a resolution to be considered at the Department Convention in July 2024 to increase the Department's per capita from \$9.00 to \$14.00, effective January 1, 2025.

### Cost Reduction Initiatives

To address the financial challenges, several cost reduction projects are already underway, including:

- Employee-related measures, such as reducing the number of employees, adjusting positions, and optimizing health insurance benefits.
- Travel budget implementation and refinement of policies for employee travel.

- Office expense reduction through the implementation of electronic versions of the OLN and cost-effective delivery methods.
- Assessment of the building for energy efficiency.

### Action Items for Legion Posts

- The dues that you report on this year's Annual Post Data Report form (due by April 15th, 2024) must be equal to or greater than \$32.50 in order to cover current national and state per capita.
- If your dues are currently less than \$32.50, you must raise them to a minimum of \$32.50 to stay in compliance with the Department's Constitution and Bylaws.
- You may want to consider raising your dues an additional \$5.00 to cover the potential department increase that may be effective January 2025.
- Please read this at your next membership meeting to publish the information to your members.

This announcement is made with the intention of providing transparency to our Ohio Legion members so that you can prepare financially. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the membership team at Department (740-362-7478 or membership@ohiolegion.com).

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

For God and Country,  
Gratefully yours, Department Commander Jason Rue



## DEPARTMENT 1ST VICE COMMANDER



**Arnold Whatley**  
1st Vice Commander

TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING - Comrades, as we approach the next target dates February 14, 2024 at 85%, at least three Districts have surpassed the March 13th, 2024 target date of 90% - I

applaud you for this effort, but the next four target dates are the most critical. Why? There are about 10,000 members who have not renewed their 2024 membership (Expired or Delinquent). If the BUDDY CHECK OR POST RE-

VITALIZATION was performed during the year this should be a piece of cake, right? Congratulations to the efforts of all the members, Posts, and Districts that received membership awards so far this year at Mid-Winter Conference.

Ladies and gentlemen, the door is open. I am confident we can reach our goal of 100%. Multi-year membership option is now available to all members on National's website at (www.legion.org/renew). Retain - Recruit - Reinstate.

Thank you in advance,  
Arnold Whatley, Department 1st Vice Commander



**Department 2nd Vice Commander, Stan Oren and Department 1st Vice Commander, Arnold Whatley presenting the Brown Jug Award to the 4th District**



**Department 2nd Vice Commander, Stan Oren and Department 1st Vice Commander, Arnold Whatley presenting the Brown Jug Award to the 2nd District**



## DEPARTMENT 2ND VICE COMMANDER



**Stan Oren**  
2nd Vice Commander

The Department 2024 Bowling Tournament hosted by Post 72 Cincinnati took place in February at the Cherry Grove Lanes Eastgate Cincinnati in February. A big thank you to

Mount Carmel Post 72, all the bowling participants and to all that pitched in to make this a successful tournament. Upcoming Department Activities include Euchre tournament hosted by Hamler Post 262, 305 Randolph St., on April 13, 2024. Department Pool tournament will be held at American Legion Post 29; 27 South 3rd St., Zanesville on April 19, 20

and 21, 2024. On April 20, 2024, Massillon Post 221, 427 Lincoln Hwy, will be hosting the Corn-Hole tournament starting at 12 Noon. We are looking for a Post to sponsor the golf tournament. Contact HQ for a bid package. There is discussion about having a paintball tournament this year. We are considering possibly having a fishing tournament or

a ruck march. I am always open to new ideas. Feel free to contact me. Visit the Department website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities/> for flyers and more information.

Stan Oren, Department 2nd Vice Commander



## ROBINSON'S RECAP



**John Robinson**  
Department Adjutant

Good day to everyone. The post elections are coming up, so it's time to make sure that all the post paperwork is updated. So, make sure your officer certification forms, your Consolidated Posts Reports (CPR),

and your Post Data Reports (PDR) are filled out and sent to the department on time. When you get those forms back to us on time, then that helps us get you your membership cards ASAP once they come in. We have mailed all the necessary forms to your Post Adjutants. You can also find them on [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com). If you have any questions feel free to contact the Department and we will help you out.

An area where we are struggling is Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL). We have added to the cleared list a section

that now shows you the most current year that we have on file for a post and/or squadron C&BL. We have added a template to the [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com) website for C&BL in case you need help writing or rewriting your C&BL. If you need help, call the Department and we will do our best to help you. If you need a copy of your last C&BL on file or have any questions, you can also contact Cassie Lee directly and she can help you. Her email is [executiveadmin@ohiolegion.com](mailto:executiveadmin@ohiolegion.com). Sons of the American Legion should have their own C&BL. The SAL has their C&BL approved by their post directly, not Department. Once the post approves a SAL C&BL, then send it to Department and it will be added to the post file. The C&BL must be updated every 5 years, and we need a copy of BOTH the Constitution and the Bylaws even if there are no changes made. We cannot move a post to the compliant list without both. Some

districts have 2023 Bylaws but a 1957 Constitution, we cannot submit a C&BL for approval without both sections. Even if there are no changes to be made, re-submit for approval, and we will let you know what the approval committee says once we hear from them. If we send you a list of changes that need to be made, then make them, and please send us an updated copy. Once we have a copy WITH the updates, then we can send you your formal approval letter. If we do not have the updated copy, then we cannot move a post to the compliant list. We have quite a few posts that we have submitted suggested changes to, and we are only waiting for the changes to be made and returned in order for us to approve them. We are sending out monthly reminders and updates to your district officers, so they are aware of where their district sits for compliance. To maintain your charter a current C&BL is required to be on file here at the Department.

No "Adjutant's corner" would be complete without addressing membership. As many of you have seen, American Legion National headquarters is offering 3-year memberships at the current dues rate. You must go onto [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org) to sign up. We are not able to process them here in the department. The American Legion Department of Ohio has not had dues increase at the Department level for over 20 years. There is a resolution before the body to raise the per capita Department dues from \$9.00 to \$14.00 per member. We have sent a copy of the explanation letter and a copy of the resolution to every post. If you have any questions or concerns over the resolution, please contact the Department and we will try to answer any questions you have. We are looking for your support in this matter.

VR,  
John Robinson, Department Adjutant



## DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



**Al Beyer**  
Department Historian

Howzit!

Old Man Winter surely left his mark as soon as he arrived giving us bone-aching cold days. However, that did not stop Legion posts from having their weekly weekend events and activities.

A visit to the 6th District at Levi Phillips Post 85 in Newark to attend their Friday Night Baked Steak Dinner and Auxiliary Bake Sale was a hit. Post Commander John Loudermilk, his wife Carla and their family welcomed us. Auxiliary President Miriam Miller and helper Linda took a moment to say hello while they were busy cooking. Past 6th Dis-

trict President Charlotte Frazier commandeered the bake sale of homemade peanut butter fudge, cookies, and cakes. And Past Dist. President Lois Singleton, Lola Nixon, and June helped cashier and attend to the guests. It was a surprise to also see 6th District President Rebecca Long, and Legionnaire Steve Winters and his wife, auxiliary member Anita traveling from Irvin Hiskey Post 535 in Bellville. The American Legion Family of Ohio crisscrosses the state to attend their fellow members' posts to support them.

I know for certain that some members of 5th District's Avon Lake Post 211 do an excursion almost every Friday to visit a legion post for dinner, usually in Ohio. Unless it's late spring, summer and fall

when they, along with Mike and Patty Schrull, travel in their ALR gear to posts out of state.

Incidentally, I received an email from Ken Karpy of Post 211 who invited me to a Christmas Dinner of Turkey, Ham and all the fixings with dessert for all veterans and their families at no charge. Post Commander Len Leiber greeted us and it was good to see Ken and his family, and Auxiliary President Wendy Walker.

Did you know in June 2023 Commander Leiber started a PTSD support group at Post 211 that aligned with The American Legion National mission "Be The One"? His goal is to reach out to our veterans, talk story, and listen to them in an informal setting. National Com-

mander Daniel Seehafer encourages the Ask, Listen, Reach approach, with no membership solicitation, and Be The One, To Save One. If I did not give you a Be The One button that means I never had a chance to ask, listen and reach out. Call me as I want to Be The One for you.

It was my honor to be part of Wreaths Across America at Prosper Cemetery and placing the U.S. Marine Corps wreath at the memorial site. With over 40 volunteers placing 500 wreaths, and a moment to honor that veteran, it was a wonderful sight to see. Most especially to see our veterans who served for our freedoms, participate in the 21-gun salute while Air Force Cadets presented the colors. These feisty soldiers, 60 plus year old, still young at heart represented



Posts 368, 162, 584 and 101, and VFW 7201, and we thank them for their service.



*A soldier salutes with respect after placing a wreath at a veteran's grave at Prosper, Ohio.*

It was also an adventure to visit the home of Post 368 Verne I. Mounts to learn more about our Legion family. We met Commander Jon Blevins, Auxiliary member and Canteen Manager Kelly Dellinger, who gave us a tour of their nice, well cared-for building. They work with Unit President Paula Utley and S.A.L. Commander Stuart Gray who were not present. Legionnaire U.S. Navy Tod Smart (yes, only one "d") and his wife Carol and daughter Laurie Hempy, both auxiliary members of Unit 368, kept us entertained. We shared a few stories, but the most interesting one was about the original post building that

"blew up". Now that was aghast! To get the rest of the story, go and visit Post 368. Tell them Al sent you.



*Legionnaire U.S. Navy Tod Smart, his wife Carol and daughter Laurie Hempy, both auxiliary members of Unit 368*

We set out for another historical journey to visit Post 215 in Eaton, Ohio, a 160 mile drive from Bellville. We could smell "Henny Penny" Chicken in the air. Legionnaires were at the fryer turning out broasted chicken breast, legs, and wings with sides of potato wedges, baked beans, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, coffee or water for \$12.00. You could tell right away that this was an "All hands on deck" type of post, where everyone knew their stations and the ship was running smoothly. We met Commander Jim Favorite and legion family members. Waiting on chicken, the auxiliary had homemade pies and cake for \$2.00 a slice.

As you can see, an Historian's work is never done. And we keep going and going to gather, record and archive the greatest history happening right in front of our eyes.

Thank you Commander Jason for the honor to document your year here and

where your journey takes you, my assistant Bob White, and my wife, Dayna for Being The One.

For God and Country, Oorah!  
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*From left to right, Post 215 American Legion Family members Linda Walker, Auxiliary; Bob Kemphues, Legionnaire Chaplain; Keith Shultz, S.A.L. 1st Vice.; Tammy Shultz, Legionnaire 1st Vice & Auxiliary Historian; Jim Holdapp; Al Beyer, Department Historian; Marcy Little, Auxiliary Treasurer; and Post Commander Jim Favorite. 1st Row sitting Mary Kemphues, Legionnaire; Ken House, Legionnaire; Eddie Ledford, Legionnaire.*



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### Just a Bit of Order

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### Quorum Number Choices- RONR p. 346

In Issue 1 we discussed the importance of the quorum in determining if you can have an official meeting where decisions liable the Post and not the individuals. Since then the Judge Advocate has received plenty of requests to review Post constitution and by-laws changes with the question of what is the correct quorum number.

By the way, kudos on getting those constitutions and by-laws updated. According to our Post Inspection forms, you should review them every five years

and even if there are no changes, formalize the review and submit to Department for acknowledgement.

Now back to the quorum. Post meetings are designated deliberative assemblies with enrolled memberships per RONR (12th ed.), p. 346, ll. 11-13. If by-laws do not specify the quorum, then it is a majority of the members. A majority is more than 50% of the members of the organization and this is rarely doable for most organizations.

For those by-laws with a quorum designated, and it is highly recommended that you designate the quorum, RONR (12th ed.), p.346, ll. 28-31 states, "The quorum should be as large a number of members as can reasonably be depended on to be present at any meeting, except in very bad weather or other exceptionally unfavorable conditions." Now, as a guide for a minimum number, we would suggest the number of members designated as the Post Executive Committee

plus at least two non-officer members for the final number, which should be odd to avoid vote ties. Caution, while using the number of executive committee members to determine the quorum, it is not mandatory that these members be present for the quorum to be official unless the by-laws state the number of these members that MUST be present in the quorum. Otherwise, your quorum number is the number of Post members (officers or not) present to conduct official business of the Post. For example, if the executive committee has 8 members then by adding 2 more for the quorum we would have 10, so add 1 more for 11 and we have a quorum at the level to avoid ties.

We could add more, but you want to choose a number that represents those members who "can reasonably be depended on to be present." A common process looks at the average attendance over the past 12 months. Let's say it is

15, so we could choose 15 or go lower to 13, or maybe we even go higher to 17, but we really would need to commit to recruit the members to hit that higher number, or we risk not being able to conduct meetings, or if we do, the decisions are not binding to the Post (see Issue 1).

In closing, remember that the quorum represents the minimum members needed to make decisions for the membership.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### Recommended References

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





## CHAPLAIN



**Ron Distel**  
Department Chaplain

Greetings Comrades,  
It was good seeing many friends at the Mid-Winter Conference in Dublin. I hope everyone came away with some positivity. I presented the Chaplain's report, which unfortunately included too many Comrades who have departed their earthly life and are now seated at a special place in Heaven. I am certain they smiled down on us with pride as reports were given and awards were passed out.

"WE" also have had many Legionnaires hospitalized, some in serious condition and some in critical condition. I try to reach out to everyone or their fam-

ily to express our sorrow and concern.

I want to thank all those who work at Department, especially J.D., Christie, and Cassie for passing on to me the information needed so condolences and get well wishes can reach them or their families in a timely manner.

I enjoy being your Chaplain. Some of the messages that I have to send are the most difficult part of my station. I pray this day (as I prepare this) that you all stay healthy and safe. I would like to not include your names in my reports. God gave you a magnificent and complicated body - listen to it and take care of it. GOD BLESS "YOU" ALL!

RESPECTFULLY;

Ron Distel, Ohio Dept. Chaplain



## DETACHMENT CMDR.



**David L. Dilts**  
Sons of the American  
Legion Detachment  
Commander

Hope everyone is enjoying the new year. Our Legion family has just finished our 2024 Mid-Winter conference in Dublin, Ohio. On the Sons' side of the conference, a lot of good information and knowledge was given out to the Detachment. It was great that our National Vice Commander of the Central Region, Robert Bristo, attended our conference this year.

Some good news to share from our future project fund: \$500.00 to Commander Jason's special project, Stockhands Horses for Healing, \$500.00 to President Jane's special project, Hooves, and \$500.00 went towards my project,

Task Force 20.

We are now gearing up to attend the Washington Conference at the end of February. I am looking forward to laying the wreath for the Detachment of Ohio at the World War II Memorial on behalf of both of my grandfathers who made me eligible for the Sons.

In the future, we will be traveling to Baltimore, Maryland to attend National Commander, Donald "JR" Hall's homecoming. In May, we will be holding our Detachment of Ohio's 60th Convention in Findlay, Ohio.

As our Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons all work together, we are Making a Difference and standing strong and Being The One. Remember, buddy check.

David L. Dilts, Detachment of Ohio Commander



## DEPARTMENT TREASURER



**Jose Rivera**  
Department Treasurer

As the Treasurer for the American Legion Department of Ohio, I want all Legionnaires to understand the investments we have in our portfolio. I will break it down for all

members to understand. 2.4 million dollars are the funds that we, the Department of Ohio, can access if necessary. The rest of the 4.6 million is broken down as protected funds that we cannot access: Buckeye Boys State Money Market, Scholarship, Buckeye Boys Investment, Gifts for Yanks, and Ohio

Life Membership, which equates to 4.6 million dollars. So, when I report to the DEC that we have 7 million dollars in investments, it is really broken down respectively as I have described.

Transparency is what we preach and here is the breakdown for all members, especially the blue caps who are impor-

tant to this organization. You are the heart and soul of the American Legion Department of Ohio. I hope this will clarify the managing of the investment(s) of the Ohio American Legion organization.

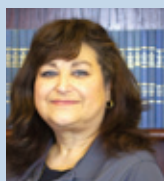
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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER



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Greetings,

I am excited to say we have officially passed the 85% membership quota as a state Department before the target date.

We are currently ranked 24th in the nation. I fully believe that if we maintain this momentum of recruitment and renewal, we will meet this year's quota. Your hard work and dedication are the driving forces that keep our membership progressing. We must keep going!

We must continue making our Buddy Checks to remind our homebound and expired members that the promises to care for them still stand. Recruit and Retain.

Our next membership target date is March 13th, 2024, the American Legion's birthday. Our goal is 90%. On March 31st, Commander Jason Rue's goal is 92.29%. Both are reachable. The April 10th goal is 95%, and May 15th is 100% quota. We are on track to meet our goals. We can do it!

Remember, we are the largest war-time veterans service organization. We are committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in our

communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continuing devotion to our fellow active servicemembers and veterans. Veterans are the most essential part of this organization. This is you and the rest of your comrades. We need each other.

V/r,  
Sherry Yockey  
Membership Manager

# VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

### "The SitRep"

Board of Veterans Appeals update.

2023: \$586,632.51, Success Rate 82%  
2022: \$3,816,570.71, Success Rate 83%  
2021: \$3,587,324.77, Success Rate 92%  
2020: \$2,386,283.09, Success Rate 84%  
2019: \$2,879,602.90, Success Rate 74%

2018: \$3,104,121.48, Success Rate 78%  
2017: \$5,647,713.73, Success Rate 85%  
Total Winnings for Veterans  
\$21,008,249.19

### Current Department Service Officer Locations:

Cleveland VA Regional Office: Bill

Genochio, Will Brown, Michelle Jones, Jessica "Nicole" Reese, Thomas "Tom" White and Admin Assistant Melissa Manzie Mon - Friday open to the public  
Wade Park VA Medical Center: Darell Bishop Mon - Thursday open to the public

Dayton VA Medical Center: Gary Felver Mon - Fri appointment preferred walk-ins accepted.

Cincinnati VA Medical Center: Currently Vacant, seeking to file this position.

Columbus VAACC: Currently Vacant, not looking to rehire currently.



**WILLIAM GENOCHIO**  
**GySgt, USMC (Ret)**

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**PSO School is Scheduled  
for September 21, 2024**

The 2024 Department of Ohio Post Service Officer (PSO) School will be held Saturday September 24, 2024, at

Department Headquarters from 0800 to 1630 (4:30 pm). PSO's will be instructed in the basics of VA benefits available to veterans and their dependents. This course is open to all current and incoming PSO's at the Post level. To register for the class, email your name, Post#, email and phone number to genochio@ohiolegion.com by September 1, 2024, to secure your spot.

**Claims Representation for  
Filing VA Benefits**

The National Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission approved Resolution No. 1: Oppose Claims Filing by Unaccredited Parties on December 12, 2023. The main intent of this resolution

is to safeguard veterans and their dependents filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are numerous companies that are reaching out to veteran to assist in filings claims. These companies charge fees to the veterans and are not accredited with the VA Office of General Counsel. We would like to remind our Legionnaires that your Department Service Officer team are all fully accredited with the Office of General Council and trained semi-annually by our partner law firm Bergmann and Moore. All services provided by the Department Service Officers is free of charge to all veterans and their dependents.

**VA for Life Update**

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) hits its one-year mark and has issued \$950 million in coverage to 31,400 veterans. Key feature are: coverage up to \$40,000, no health questions or medical exam to enroll, no deadline to apply if you are under the age of 80, online application and enrollment, cash value over the life of the policy, after the first two years. Premiums are not based on medical underwriting and will not increase over the life of the policy. To see the table of premiums, visit <https://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/valife/>

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Legion Riders Page <https://www.ohiolegion.com/programs/legionriders/>

**OHIO ALR 2024 ROMP**

The 2024 ROMP will be held by Post 29, Zanesville. You can follow the progress via the Facebook Link <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100075928788189&mibextid=9R9pXO>

Two Charities presented at the ALR Winter Conference

The Legion Riders here presentations for two organizations in the hopes of support from the Ohio Legion Riders,

**Save A Warrior (SAW)**

Save A Warrior is dedicated to the prevention of Veteran Suicide and preservation of life through the development

and implementation of a groundbreaking, comprehensive program at out non-profit organization.

(<http://saveawarrior.org>)

**Veterans Companion Animal  
Services (VCAS) (vcascharity.org).**

The mission of VCAS is to enrich the lives of veterans, military families, and dogs through the many benefits of the human animal bond.

Veteran Companion Animal Services (VCAS) is dedicated to improving the lives of both rescue animals and veterans in need. We believe that the bond between animals and humans can be incredibly therapeutic, and we work to place rescue animals with veterans who can benefit from their companionship and the human-animal bond.

By providing structure, companionship, and unconditional love, these

animals can help veterans dealing with physical or mental health issues, including PTSD, depression, anxiety, and social Isolation. The veteran also provides a stable forever home for their new companion. Our goal is to make a positive impact on both the animals and the veterans' lives, creating a win-win situation for all involved. Put another way

**The National American Legacy Ride**

Aug. 18-22, 2024. During this event, more than 300 American Legion Riders and others trek over 1,000 miles to raise money for the American Legion Veterans and Children Fund. Ohio is still needing a Legacy Coordinator to plan and coordinate the Ohio Legacy Run here in Ohio. If you are interested in planning the 2024 Ohio Legacy notify Mike Lincoln and/or Thom Fowler.

### American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Winners of the Mid-Winter Conference Sweepstakes Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, January 21, 2024

Robert J Bacaj..... Columbia Station, OH	Robert Eberts ..... Glouster, OH	Chester M Nowak..... Toledo, OH	David A Szink..... Canton, OH
Billy G Bartram ..... Apple Creek , OH	Richard G Figert ..... Antwerp, OH	Randall J Pierce ..... Liberty Twp, OH	Catherine A Thomason.....Englewood, OH
Timothy R Baumle..... Payne, OH	Albert P Fogel..... Medina, OH	David L Rauh..... Burkettsville, OH	Robert Tingler..... Stow, OH
Stephen Berrang..... Belpre, OH	Frank N Fronsman..... Canton, OH	Donna Ray..... Milford, OH	Randy G Toth ..... Crestline, OH
Ambrose Bolling..... Weirton, WV	Gary Garner ..... Lorain, OH	Wayne Russell ..... Urbana, OH	David A Toth ..... Massillon, OH
Rodger R Carson ..... S Zanesville, OH	Mary J Grabe ..... Olmsted Falls, OH	Leonard Scherer..... Parma, OH	Robert Vargo ..... Brookpark, OH
Christine A Casey ..... Bellefontaine, OH	William T Hall ..... London, OH	Charles E Seel ..... Elyria, OH	Thomas Wcislo ..... Brookpark, OH
Roosevelt Coats ..... Cleveland, OH	Dennis A Jacobs ..... Maple Heights, OH	Daniel W Siedler ..... Carrollton, OH	Logan Welker..... Van Wert, OH
Benedict M Difrancio ... Strongsville, OH	Wallace C Kinsey..... Minerva, OH	Dennis J Sonnendecker..... Brookpark, OH	James M White ..... Marengo, OH
Richard A Donnelly..... Piqua, OH	Michael J Kustra ..... Parma, OH	Richard E Steinke ..... Sidney, OH	George Wilson ..... Niles, OH
Raymond J Dover..... Canton, OH	Joseph A Meyer ..... Wooster, OH	John W Stone ..... Columbus, OH	Justin Wolfe ..... Oakwood, OH
Terry A Downton..... Lima, OH	Charles Murray ..... Fairfield, OH	Hubert Stutz ..... Felicity, OH	Steven A Wyles..... Massillon, OH

Congratulations to each of our winners who participated in the Mid-Winter Sweepstakes. The proceeds from our semi-annual sweepstakes go toward the programs of the American Legion Department of Ohio including Buckeye Boys State, Baseball, and the Americanism & Government trip.

# NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Other programs that the National Security Commission is responsible for maintaining are-

## Operation Comfort Warriors

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

## National Emergency Fund

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in

direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

## POW/MIA Advocacy

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

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

## POW/MIA Empty Chair

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of The

American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States.

## Department Law and Order Awards Program

The American Legion seeks to recognize well-rounded public service candidates who have exceeded about and beyond the expected duties of their position for public recognition. Post, County, District, and Department may recognize a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Life Saver of the Year.

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

# LEGISLATIVE

The mission of the Legislative Commission is to review all State, Federal, House, and Senate Bills pending to gauge the level of support from The American Legion Department of Ohio as well as lobbying tasks on behalf of the 80K+ Legionnaires within Ohio.

The Legislative Commission members meet at least annually and are tasked with maintaining open lines of communication with local Legislators in their Districts to inform them of how The American Legion is at the forefront of helping veterans, their families, and our children & youth and to encourage participation in our programs.

The Legislative Commission urges Legionnaires to create their own individual

account on the Ohio General Assembly website and Congress website at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/my-ohio-legislature> and <https://www.congress.gov/>. There, you will be able to view the current legislative activities as well as search current legislation.

If you are planning to interact with State Legislators or Members of Congress, please keep the following in mind-

## DO

- Research your legislator
- Be prepared
- Be specific – be positive
- Ask for action - solution
- Know the issue
- Use time wisely

- Be considerate of their time
- Plan out your remarks
- Solicit support from your legislator
- Tell the truth
- Be respectful
- Follow-up: write a thank you note
- Address them properly
- Forge relationships
- Visit local offices and work with staffers

## DON'T

- Be disrespectful
- Be unprepared
- Dismiss staff
- Monopolize the meeting
- Talk loudly or unprofessionally
- Confuse the legislative issue

- Lack brevity
- Be afraid to say "I don't know" "I'll get back with you"
- Be confrontational or argumentative
- Use inappropriate language
- Provide false information
- Fail to follow up

You can also stay up to date with the National Legislative Division with their weekly "Grassroots Action Updates". To join the weekly updates email, [grassroots@legion.org](mailto:grassroots@legion.org).

For more information on your online legislative resources, please visit our website at [ohiolegion.com/legislative](http://ohiolegion.com/legislative) or contact your District Legislative Chairman.

# AMERICANISM

## United States Flag Etiquette

Since 1919, The American Legion as a national organization and the Ohio Department of The American Legion have been strong proponents for educating the general public, especially the students in the nation's schools, on the

proper care, display, protection, and disposal of the United States Flag.

The Posts of Ohio conduct many presentations throughout the state on the proper folding, care, and display of the United States Flag.

The Posts of Ohio also conduct proper

flag retirement ceremonies for United States flags that are no longer flyable and conduct graveside flag ceremonies for the funerals of deceased veterans.

## Respect for Flag

No disrespect should be shown to the

flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, state flags, and organizational or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

(a) The flag should never be displayed with union down, except as a signal of



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dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property. The United States Flag: Federal Law Relating to Display and Associated Questions Congressional Research Service 6

(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) 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, 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 in front of the platform, and for a decoration in general.

(e) 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.

(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

(g) 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.

(h) The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for

temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard 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.

(k) 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.

## BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

The mission of The American Legion Buckeye Boys State is to provide an educational and leadership program that exposes young men to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities, and the love for God and Country necessary to being self-governing citizens.

Through a practical, objective, non-partisan approach, participants in The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program are exposed to fundamental democratic principles in local, county, and state elections and government functions which prepare them for leadership roles as patriotic American citizens.

Buckeye Boys State is a highly structured, intense, "hands on" workshop in Ohio Government.

Candidates selected to Buckeye Boys State must be willing to give The American Legion and Buckeye Boys State an eight-day commitment of their time and 100% willingness to learn and participate.

Candidates are required to attend a Boys State Orientation program in their area. Details on the orientation program are provided to all candidates by the sponsoring Post/Squadron.

**THE FINAL SELECTION IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST.** A representative of the Post must meet with the candidate and certify him for acceptance.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State will be June 9th- June 16th, 2024, at Miami University. The Buckeye Boys State application process for delegates 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 onto 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.

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

### "PAY IT FORWARD" BUCKEYE BOYS STATE MENTORS SOUGHT

Legendary Ohio State University football coach Woody Hayes was often attributed telling his players to "Pay It Forward" where Coach Hayes encouraged his players to use their experiences and expertise to enrich and benefit those individuals the players may cross paths within their lives.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State, like Coach Hayes, is seeking interested American Legion members (men and women), Sons of the American Legion members, and other interested individuals to "Pay It forward" by utiliz-

ing their experiences and expertise through becoming members of the Buckeye Boys State staff and serving as mentors for the young men attending.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State, the premier Boys State program in the nation, is an eight (8) day "hands on" program which teaches the young men attending the organization, operation, and principles of State, County, and City Government in Ohio, as well as learning experiences about Ohio Courts, Ohio School Boards, Ohio Law Enforcement, Banking and Realty, Social Media operations, and much, much more.

Held on the campus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, American Legion Buckeye Boys State annually attracts over 700 of the top High School Junior young men in Ohio.

Individuals sought by Buckeye Boys State to join as staff mentors are not required to have a deep knowledge of government operations in Ohio, although such experience would be welcome and an asset.

The knowledge, expertise, and life experiences of just about any profession that interested parties may have had or may possess can be utilized within Boys State.

Although the majority of Buckeye Boys State staff serve for the full eight (8) days of Boys State, there are a number of positions available, notably in Elections and several Govern-

ment sections of Boys State that would only require ones' participation for three (3) to four (4) days.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State provides all housing, meals, and supplies for Buckeye Boys State staff.

The greatest expense required of a prospective Buckeye Boys State staff member would be the expense of his or her time.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State feels that interested parties who join the Boys State staff will find the investment of their time and efforts returned to them 100 times over by the lasting impressions they will make upon the young men attending, young men you can have a hand in shaping to be the future leaders of the great state of Ohio and this nation.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State for staff and young men alike can truly be:...A Week to Shape a Lifetime....

Prospective Buckeye Boys State staff members will be required to undergo a Background Check (paid for by Boys State).

For more information on serving on the Buckeye Boys State staff and to secure an American Legion Buckeye Boys State staff application, please contact:

**American Legion Buckeye Boys State Coordinator Christie White:**

**E-mail at: [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)**

**Telephone at: 740-740-513-5199**

For information on the overall American Legion Buckeye Boys State program go to: [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com)



## ORATORICAL

The Oratorical Program is a constitutional speech contest for high school students, and it offers scholarships upwards of \$25,000. 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 has a prepared oration and an assigned topic which is assigned the day of the contest.

### The Prepared Oration (8-10 Minutes)

- The oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution, with emphasis on a citizen's duties and obligations to our government. The same subject and oration used in the department contest must be used in the national contest
- Contestants may have a copy of their prepared oration while waiting in the first holding room. They may consult the copy until they exit to begin the contest. The copy will then be surrendered to the contest official monitoring the first holding room.

- Quotations must always be indicated as such. Where quotations are more than 10 words in length, the author's name must be given in the manuscript and cited orally.

- It is acceptable to utilize or incorporate short phrases in a foreign language to develop the argument, establish a point, etc. It should be understood that the vast majority of the prepared oration and/or assigned topic must still be delivered in English. Singing is not permitted and will result in immediate disqualification. The contestant may, however, quote a verse(s) of a song(s) provided proper attribution is made.

### The Assigned Topic (3-5 Minutes)

- The purpose of the assigned topic discourse is to test the speaker's knowledge of the subject, the extent of his or her research, and the ability to discuss the topic as related to the basic principles of government under the Constitution
- The assigned topic shall be drawn by the contest official in full view of the audience immediately before the last speaker begins delivery of his or her prepared oration and will be made known to the audience and each contestant ap-

proximately five (5) minutes prior to the time of delivery

- The topic will be on some phase of the U.S. Constitution, selected from Articles and Sections as listed under assigned topics for the current year's contest.

#### • 2024 Assigned topics

- Amendment II
- Amendment XXIII
- Amendment XXV, Section 3
- Amendment V

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.

The American Legion Department of Ohio's Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday March 17th, 2024 at Department Headquarters. Spectators and volunteers are welcome.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to participate in the Department Contest, please contact Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator Christie White at 740-362-7478 or [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)

More information on Oratorical can be found at [ohiolegion.com/oratorical](http://ohiolegion.com/oratorical).

## SCOUTING

The American Legion's support for Boy Scouts of America began at the Legion's first national convention in 1919.

Today, Legion posts sponsor more than 2,500 Scouting units across the country. This is natural for Legionnaires, who bring their service-learned skills and experiences as veterans to help build character and positive traits in our country's youth. Few other post activities generate more goodwill from the community.

There are over 100 American Legion Chartered Scouting Units in the Department of Ohio with over 2,600 participants.

The Department presents the "Department Eagle Scout of the Year" award annually. The Department winner advances into the National American Legion competition and receives a \$500.00 financial award from the estate of Mikeal and Frances Golato.

The American Legion annually honors the Eagle Scout of the Year at the national convention. The winner of the competition receives a \$10,000 scholarship, and the three runners-up are each awarded \$2,500 scholarships.

To start sponsoring a Unit, contact [scouting@legion.org](mailto:scouting@legion.org)

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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

### Special Olympics

The American Legion Department of Ohio has been an active supporter of Special Olympics for over 30 years.

The Department of Ohio provides support by providing donations to the Special Olympics State Fall Games and State Summer Games.

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

### 4th Grade Flag Education Program

The Department of Ohio is pleased to present the 4th Grade Flag Education

Program. This is a brand new program to Ohio.

The 4th Grade Flag Education consists of the "Our Country's Flag" comic book from National Headquarters and a test with 20 questions – both multiple-choice and true/false – and a short essay, which is used as a tiebreaker.

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

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

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

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

other materials to assist while taking the test.

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

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

### Family Support Network

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

The National American Legion established a toll-free telephone number for

families to call for assistance, and local posts responded to their needs.

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

### Child Welfare Foundation

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

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

These include the Children's Organ Transplant Association, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the National Children's Cancer Society, the National Autism Association, the MY HERO Project,



and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and many more.

### **Temporary Financial Assistance**

Established in 1925, the purpose of

Temporary Financial Assistance is to help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses.

Through the American Veteran &

Children Foundation, Veterans with minor children can apply for a one-time grant upwards of \$1500. This grant is designed to prevent children of veterans from experiencing homelessness and/or

lack of utilities such as heat, water, and electric. Applicants must first exhaust all local and State resources.

## **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 applicant'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 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 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 earnings 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.

• Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.0 or higher.

• Applicant must have an ACT score of 23 or higher.

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



# AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

## 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

*Ken LaVoy  
3rd District Commander*



Brian Fowle, 3rd District 2nd Vice Commander, draws three winners for our annual gun raffle while attending the Department of Ohio American Legion Mid-Winter Conference in January. The participants had a chance to win a Smith and Wesson M+P 15 Sport, Mossburg Maverick 88, or a Taurus G2C 9mm. Congratulations to the winners Biff Kuntz of Englewood Post 707, Bryon Thompson of Miamisburg Post 165, and Ed Syron of Kettering Post 598.

The new year started off with Third



District holding their annual Bowling Tournament in Kettering, Ohio. Awards and a pizza party were held afterwards at Kettering Post 598. A great turn out with plenty of prizes. The team from Piqua Post 184 regained top honors with the highest score. A special thanks goes out to Posts 165 and 598 for providing the honor guard to kick off the event!

Third District recognized the Americanism & Government Test winners for the District at their Winter Conference



and at Post 598's meeting the next evening. Commander Ken LaVoy presented each winner with a certificate and his Commander's coin. Congratulations to 10th Grade Girls – Ms. Chloe Steinbrunner Post 435, 10th Grade Boys – Mr. Timothy Taubert Post 80, 11th Grade Girls – Ms. Erin Frederick Post 435, 11th Grade Boys – Mr. Owen MacMillan Post 598, 12th Grade Girls – Ms. Zoe Billenstein Post 435, and 12th Grade Boys – Mr. Michael Osborne Post 435.



## 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

*Bill Dittebrand  
9th District Commander*

It has been a busy few months for some of our Posts. Brakeman King Post 336 hosted a breakfast in November for all Vietnam Veterans. Atwood Muck Post 336 in conjunction with University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center and the Geauga Veterans Service Com-

mission honored local veterans with a flag retirement ceremony on November 13th at the main entrance of the Geauga Medical Center. Perry Memorial Post 607 is in the process of raising funds for a MIA memorial. It will be a 50-inch monument which will be accompanied

by an American Flagpole and the service flags along with benches and bricks engraved to honor MIAs. Lake Milton Post 737 held a recognition dinner on Veterans Day in which they recognized over 100 Vietnam Veterans. Palmer-Roberts Post 214 held its first annual laying of the wreaths for Wreaths Across America at two cemeteries located at Willoughby Sharp Road and Willoughby Memorial

Gardens. Volunteers laid 100 Wreaths at each cemetery. Girard Post 235, Brakeman King Post 336, and William McKinley Post 106 also held wreath laying ceremonies for the Wreaths Across America program. Every year more wreaths are laid by each Post.

-William (Bill) R. Dittebrand, "Dynamic" 9th District Commander



# AMERICAN LEGION OHIO DISTRICT NEWS

## 12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

*Brad Beatty  
12th District Commander*

Greetings Legionnaires of the Capital 12th District,

Recently, we were blessed with being able to honor one of our own. On January 25th, 2024, you all were invited to dine at a catered dinner and be present to honor a 12th District legend. We celebrated Glenn Hickman and his lovely wife, Diane. There was plenty to eat. Department and National officers were present. We look forward to his continued comradeship. The Ohio American Legion Mid-Winter Conference took place on January 19th – 21st. Great fellowship, good education, a beautiful evening dinner with the Ohio “Of the Year Awards”. If you missed it, please plan to attend next year. You won’t regret it. At

the last Department release, D12 came in at 87.03%. That’s 7% over the month. We are now in 9th place as of the 24th. A few Posts are single digits from Retention+1. Most are under 30. Five posts are at quota. Please continue to encourage your Legion peers to renew. Should you know recently discharged veterans, have them join the Legion. Help keep yours and my voice loud in Washington. Begin thinking and looking for Post 2nd Vice as nominations begin in March. Be advised, District is also looking to fill its 2nd Vice Commander position as others look to advance through the activity, membership, and Commander chairs. Please participate in and even host Black History Month events/services

this February. The American Legion’s Four Pillars – Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth – are as relevant today as when our organization was founded in 1919. All American Legion officers and members should be familiar with the programs offered under each pillar, along with how to conduct and publicize them, recruit participants, and inspire community involvement, in which to serve legion purposes. Finally, let me leave this with you: Let this Creed be your Legion “Resolution”:

Indianapolis, Indiana October 17-18, 2018, Resolution No. 10: Support of the Veteran’s Creed

Be it RESOLVED, That The American Legion publish the Veteran’s Creed as follows in the Officer’s Guide and Manual of Ceremonies:

- 1) I am an American Veteran
- 2) I proudly served my country
- 3) I live the values I learned in the military
- 4) I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow veterans
- 5) I maintain my physical and mental discipline
- 6) I continue to lead and improve
- 7) I make a difference
- 8) I honor and remember my fallen comrades

Hopefully I saw many of you all at the Four Chaplains service Sunday, February 4, 2024, at Post 171. Have a rewarding and productive 2024.

For God, Country, and Family,  
Brad Beatty, 12th “Capitol” District Commander

## GOOD OF THE LEGION

### POST 171 – VETERANS DAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

On November 10th, 2023, Westerville North High School students in history teacher, Ben Hartnell’s class, connected with local veterans and members from Young-Budd American Legion Post 171 to learn more about their service and ask questions

about Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, and other military campaigns. The veterans brought photos, videos, uniforms, and other materials for students to see.



### POST 29 – VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Eddie Grimes, Past Commander of Zanesville Post 29, presenting to George Bradley (right) a plaque for George’s induction into the Muskingum County Council’s Veteran Hall of Fame on November 11th, 2023. George is a Past District 12 Commander and Commander of Zanesville Post 29.



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 355 – PROUD PATRIOTIC RENOVATION

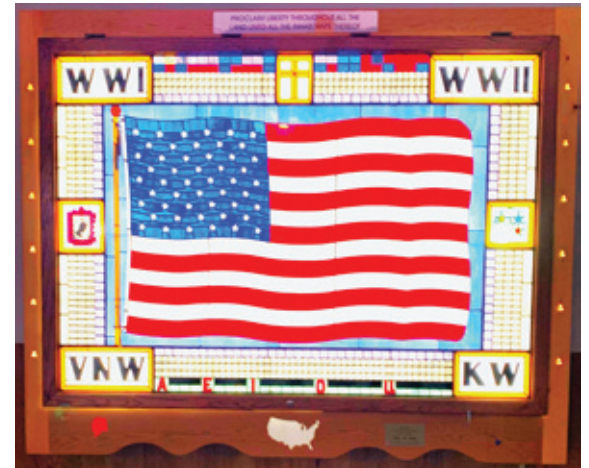
Fort Loramie American Legion Post 355, out of Fort Loramie, Ohio, is proud to present a recent renovation of our front room/entrance area which was completed this past year. The project began in January of 2023 and was completed in early November of 2023. The room is approximately 1200 square feet and was used mainly as a walk-through from the front door to the canteen area. There were many hours of donated labor by members and additional work was provided by professional people within the local area. The walls and

ceilings were completely removed, and new walls and ceilings were added. The unique feature of the ceiling is the six section in-lay which consists of six military branches highlighted. There is internal and external lighting involved in the displays. This was accomplished by one of our Son's members. The room now consists of additional tables and chairs along with wall mounted televisions which now can handle the overflow from the canteen area during busy times.



## POST 338 - ARTWORK AND A DINNER

Stop into Albert Bowe American Legion Post 338 in the Great First District Bradner, Ohio for a baked steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a slice of pie dinner for \$10 every first Sunday of the month starting at 11am until sold out. Calling ahead at (419) 288-3634 is advised because we normally sell out early. While you are here check out our stained-glass American flag made by one of our Post Everlasting members, Elden (Chesty) Allen and be sure to pick up a brochure that explains every single piece of glass and the wooden frame. It's very beautiful.



## POST 112 – FOOD DRIVE

Members of Jay Wilson American Legion Post 112 out of Madison Ohio shown here delivering two pickup truck loads of food items for the Wiloughby CBOC Food Pantry.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 221 – VETERANS DAY EVENT

On November 11th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 held a Veterans Day event in front of the Post. The guest speaker was LT. Inspector Mitchell Paulen, a veteran, with the Stark County Sheriff's Department. The commuting traffic was even stopped

during the event in front of the Post. Letters of appreciation and pictures from elementary students of Whittier Elementary and also people of Midwest Community Services were handed out to veterans at the event.



## POST 667 – SCHOOL FLAG DEDICATION

A new retractable American Flag was dedicated before the boys' varsity basketball game at the East Canton High School gymnasium on December 1st, 2023. Funds for this flag were raised by Lowell D. Oberly American Legion Post 667 with generous donations from East Canton alumni, the community, and the Post family. Post 667 Commander, Bob Morrison, led a group of eight Legion and Auxiliary members that attended the event. Post member, Dick Pero, was recognized for his vision and persistence in making this project come to life. Appreciation was expressed to Abbott Electric out of Canton, for donating materials and to their five employees that donated their time to install the mechanism. A plaque to honor veterans named by the donors is being created to hang near the gym.



Those saluting in the picture are L-R: Bob Morrison, Commander; Lon Hudak Vice Commander; Ralph Toalston, Adjutant; Dorothy Bell, Chaplain; Beth Toalston, President Legion Auxiliary Unit 667; Denny Myers, Legionnaire; Sue Myers, Auxiliary Member, and Dick Pero, Legionnaire.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 236 - ANNUAL CHARITY DONATIONS

The Newton American Legion Post 236 out of Newton Falls held its annual charity donations on November 13th, 2023. Fourteen charities received \$17,750 varying from \$500 to \$2,000 from their bingo charities account. The Post also donated \$10,000 in NFHS Scholarships this year and supports numerous local sports and community activities not considered charities as well as a few National charities. They also donate annually to Akron Children's Hospital, Gifts for Yanks (\$6,500),

and the Department of Ohio Charities Inc. fund of the American Legion. The latter receives a percentage of our bingo earnings for their charity's operations. Also, seven charities that were not present at the annual donation event were mailed checks; Camelot Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Hospice of the Valley, Veterans Haven, Newton Falls Joint Fire District, Newton Falls EMS, and the Newton Falls Senior Van Program.



*Pictured L to R: Joe Ball, Post 236 Adjutant & Past District and Post Commander; Tom Kiepper, Warren Family Mission; Kerry Reed, Newton Falls Public Library; Kathy Wujcik, Newton Falls Community Backpack Program Coordinator; Maya Denman, Bella Women's Center; Teri Ely, Veterans Outreach; Richard Braun, Church Mouse; Cpl. Figueroa & Sgt. Reyes, USMC Toys for Tots. Present and not in photo: John Ely, Veterans Outreach.*

## POST 700 - GIFTS DELIVERED TO VETERANS

This past December '23, Howland American Legion Post 700 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members visited three local nursing homes in the Howland and Warren areas. Their purpose was to provide Christmas gifts to veterans confined to these nursing homes. Each veteran was given a shopping bag containing gifts of a blanket, candy, toiletries, and a puzzle book. Each of the veterans confined to nursing homes was also thanked for their service! In addition to the nursing home visits, the Post 700 family also went to see three of our older post members that are homebound. These veterans were also given gifts and thanked for their service!



*Pictured is some of the Howland Post 700 family members that participated in the Christmas giving. Left to right: Smith Mealy, Jim Campbell, Bill Lewis (aka Santa Claus), John Turner, & Chris Campbell.*

## POST 283 RECEIVES GENEROUS MEMORIAL



David Johnston Memorial American Legion Post 283 out of Pickerington, received a generous donation from Tecstone Granite USA, Columbus Ohio. The company originally was commissioned to create a military memorial for a customer in Texas, however, after the project was completed, the client changed his mind. Not wanting this beautiful granite memorial to go to waste, Tecstone reached out to Post 283. The Post was more than happy to accept the gift and provide the footer for it to be placed on. Tecstone not only donated the monument but also transported it and provided the crane to set it in place. A huge thank you to the Tecstone staff; President Jeff Kwiatkowski, Director of Sales Jay Know, Director of Production Kyle Anderson, Etching Manager Dennis England, and Repair Specialist Jose Bravo. Also, a special thanks to David England, Former Post Commander, for coordinating the project.



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 318 – SAW DONATION

On November 18th, 2023, members of Anderson Inc. American Legion Post 318 out of Anderson Township, visited the "Save-A-Warrior" (SAW) facility in Hillsboro, Ohio. This organization works to prevent suicides and heal Post Traumatic Stress among our nation's veterans. This includes active-duty military, returning veterans, and first responders. They were advised of the mission of this organization, and of the assistance offered to our veterans at this facility. Many of the staff members at SAW are veterans who, on some level, have experienced the growing numbers of suicides among our veterans, and are reaching out to help. Post 318 donated \$5,000.00 to assist these good people in their efforts.

*L-R: Brad Gallup "SAW", Donna Prues "Post 318 Charities Inc", Gary Gregorio Post 318, Dan Wolfangel Post 318, Don Bishop Post 318, Ron "Jake" Clark "Founder of SAW", Walter Geil Post 318, Ralph Caskey Post 318, Suzanne Heller "SAW".*



## POST 598 - QUILT OF VALOR PRESENTATION

On Monday, December 4th, 2023, Tracie and Randy Cloud, representing The Quilts of Valor Library (Vandalia Branch) Piecemakers, presented a Quilt of Valor to Kettering American Legion Post 598's 2nd Vice Commander, Phil Stephenson. The quilts are hand sewn and awarded for the service and sacrifice made by military members. Phil Stephenson was an Army Ranger "Tunnel Rat" who served two tours in Vietnam. It was also Phil's birthday! Shown here is Phil pictured with his two daughters, Cathy Walters and Christina Bodle.



## POST 525 - QUILTS OF VALOR

Mr. Louis Basich, a WWII Veteran and a 79-year member of the Adena American Legion Gilbert Koontz Post 525, was presented with a Quilt of Valor on his 97th August birthday by Sue Oliniski, coordinator of The Ohio Valley Quilts of Valor (shown here with Mr. Basich). Members from Post 525, Frank Zamski, John George, and Roger Sliva attended the presentation.



After the Veterans Day service at the Adena American Legion Gilbert Koontz Post 525 on Saturday November 11th, 2023, two members of Post 525 who are Korean War veterans were presented with

a "Quilt of Valor" The quilts were presented by Sue Oliniski who serves as the coordinator of the Ohio Valley Quilts of Valor. Receiving a Quilt of Valor were Dan Tonkovich and Larry Barkhurst. This year marked the 70th anniversary of the end of the Korean War (July 27th, 1953).



*Pictured: L-R Seated: Larry Barkhurst and Dan Tonkovich Standing: Sue Oliniski and Dirk Harkins, Commander Post 525*



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 318 PAYS TRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL LEGIONNAIRE

It is with a saddened heart, that I inform you that Don Bishop passed away on January 6th, 2024. Don is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp, serving in Vietnam. Don was also a 50-year member of the American Legion. Don was an extremely active member of the American Legion, specifically Anderson Inc. Post 318 in Anderson Township. He has held almost every position within Post 318 and served as its Commander numerous times. He was a leader and an organizer of many of the fundraisers for the Post such as dances, Poppy Days, Wave the Flag, Christmas Jamboree, fish fries, and numerous other events, which contributed financially to support essential funding for Post operations. Don was also Post 318's liaison to our Charities, Inc. organization. This organization funds all of our Veteran Community Outreach Programs.

To Don and his family, we stand with a salute for all you have given, and been in our lives.



DONALD A. BISHOP 1948-2024



## POST 633 - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PRESENTATION

Tranquility Cemetery near Seaman, Ohio became the first location in Adams County to join in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program. The Tranquility Cemetery Association, Charles H. Eyre American Legion Post 633, American Legion Unit 633 Auxiliary, American Legion Unit 633 Junior Auxiliary and American Legion Squadron 633 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) worked together to host the event on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. On an uncharacteristic sunny and warm December day, a small crowd gathered to hear brief remarks and place the wreaths that commemorate each of

the branches of the armed forces, the Merchant Marines, and those who were POWs or who still remain Missing in Action (MIA). The mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve now, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.



Junior Auxiliary members who helped Post members with the wreaths. Left to right: Kloeey Edwards, Johnie Edwards, Jaden Humphrey, CJ Oney, Jaxson Humphrey, Ford Humphrey, members of American Legion Unit 633 Junior Auxiliary, Stacy Humphrey, member of American Legion Unit 633 Auxiliary.



Opening remarks at the event; left to right: Tom Putnam, American Legion Post 633 Sergeant at Arms, Eric Newman, American Legion Post 633 Commander and Katie Stapleton, Tranquility Cemetery Association.



Wreaths at Tranquility Cemetery presented by members of Charles H. Eyre American Legion Post 633 in Seaman. Left to right: Tom Putnam, Casey Kirker, Karl Boerger, Gary Embrey, Rebecca Rickey, Eric Newman.



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 667 – POST INSPECTION & FLAG FOLDING

On January 11th, 2024, Lowell D. Oberly American Legion Post 667 out of East Canton was visited by the Stark County Commander, Larry E. Stottsberry

Jr., for their annual post inspection. They also held a class on the proper folding procedure of the flag.



## POST 633 – CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Santa and Mrs. Claus paid a visit to Charles H. Eyre American Legion Post 633 in Seaman on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023. The festivities were disrupted a bit when the Grinch made an appearance, but Officer Margaret Edwards of the Seaman Police De-

partment caught up with him and escorted him out! The Junior Auxiliary and Auxiliary members provided refreshments and over 100 kids and adults had a great time. Generous donors underwrote goodie bags, refreshments, game prizes, and the two portable karaoke machines for the grand prize drawing. Thank you to the Scott Township Fire Department for providing Santa and Mrs. Claus with a ride

to the event!



*Santa and Mrs. Claus with a smiling young lady... and that Grinch guy!*



*It takes a lot of people to make this event so much fun, some of the volunteers with Santa and Mrs. Claus.*



*Santa and Mrs. Claus at Post 633. They bear a striking resemblance to Post and Auxiliary members Tom and Debbie Putnam! With them is Eric Newman, Commander of Post 633.*



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 586 – TROOP CARE PACKAGE PROJECT

Friday, December 1st, 2023, Tipp City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 586 members along with members of Frank E. Robinson American Legion Post 586 sorted and packed care packages for deployed troops. These 15 boxes were mailed to 5 deployed service members from our area for distribution in their various units. These packages were all mailed on Saturday, December 2nd, 2023, for delivery prior to Christmas. Items contained in these packages include batteries, personal hygiene items, snacks, socks, candy, games, etc. Also included were multiple elementary student handmade Christmas cards. The Tipp City American Legion Auxiliary Unit 586 and the Tipp City American Legion Post 586 want to thank the community for coming together to donate all of the items for our deployed troops who will not be home for Christmas.



## POST 221 – POST DONATIONS

On November 13th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry, visited Refuge of Hope and the Stark County Hunger Task Force to present donations from American Legion Massillon Post 221.



## POST 454 – FLAG DONATION

Ward L. Adams American Legion Post 454 out of Ridgeville Corners recently donated a flag to the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice. The Inpatient Hospice Center specializes in pain and symptom management with the goal of enabling the patient to return home. Inpatient hospice provides expert, 24-hour end-of-life care. Pictured here is our country's magnificent flag flying outside their building located in Defiance, Ohio. The flag was presented by the Post's Vice Commander, Art Roehl to Ronda Lewis, an RN at the Inpatient Center.



*The flag flying outside the center*



*L-R: Art Roehl, Post 454 Vice Commander and Ronda Lewis, an RN at the Inpatient Center*

## POST 171 – VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION

The Westerville Veterans Day proclamation presentation took place at City Council Chambers on Tuesday November 7th, 2023. Representatives from Young-Budd American Legion Post 171 were proudly in attendance.

*Left to right: Dave Bergman, 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Westerville Post 171; Ron Leonard, Commander, American Legion Westerville Post 171; Frank Koenig, Commander VFW Westerville Post 7883; Westerville Mayor Diane Conley*





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## POST 29 – HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR LOCAL VETERANS

Zanesville American Legion Post 29 partnered with the Veterans Appreciation Foundation in the Legion's Holiday Gift Project for Veterans in Retirement Homes. Zanesville ROTC students, Legion Women's Auxiliary and volunteers assisted with the annual project. 130 Muskingum County veterans received gifts in December of 2023.



## The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Donates to Veterans' Causes

The American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. Committee met prior to the start of 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. The following are the latest recipients of grants totalling more than \$300,000

### RECIPIENTS

American Legion Auxiliary Districts	Cleveland American Veterans Association
American Legion Districts	Department of Ohio Programs
American Legion Post 7	Detachment Convention Yearbook
American Legion Post 63	Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc.
American Legion Post 214	Joseph House
American Legion Post 218	Ohio Childrens Hospitals
American Legion Post 355	Ohio Hispanic Veterans Memorial
American Legion Post 405	Save A Warrior
American Legion Post 459	Veterans Memorial in North Ridgeville
American Legion SAL Districts	Walk the Talk Outreach
Civil Air Patrol	

Charities, Inc. considers requests for funds twice a year, Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs and is either a charity, civic organization or community service. Submit by mail or email to Department HQ in Delaware, Ohio.

## 2024 Department Convention

July 12th – July 14th, 2024

**The American Legion Department of Ohio &  
The American Legion Department of Ohio Auxiliary**

Holiday Inn Cleveland South

6001 Rockside Rd

Independence, OH 44131

**Deadline for Registration is June 10th.**

*To make reservations please call 216-524-8050 and reference "The American Legion Department of Ohio Convention"*

*The discounted group rate is \$129.00/night + tax.*

The Department Convention Call will be mailed to each Post in April 2024.

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

Delegate and Alternate registration deadline is June 28th!

For more information, contact Christie White at

Programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478. You may also visit the website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-conferences-conventions/>.

*\*Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention and any meetings offered\**

*\*\* Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.*

**SEE YOU THERE!**



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**Presentation of the Colors was done by The Ohio State University Army ROTC during Saturday's banquet**

tendance of all our distinguished guests. Special recognition to Jane Ridenour, Department of Ohio Auxiliary President; Carol T. Robinson, Auxiliary Cen-



**Sunday kicked off with the reverent Four Chaplains Service, led by Department Chaplain, Ron Distel**

tral Division National Vice President; Dave Dilts, Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander; Scott J. Thornton, National Assistant Adjutant of The Sons of the American Legion; Robert Bristo, Central Division National Commander; Mike Lincoln, American Legion Riders of Ohio Director; and Saturday's Keynote Speaker - Tim Funk, Executive Director for Stockhands Horses for Healing. Mr. Funk gave a tremendous and emotional speech as well as a video presentation, advocating for his organization, which happens to also be the Department Commander's special project for the year. Our other distinguished guests and Department

officers also addressed the banquet audience with poignant remarks which was appreciated by all. We then presented our "Of the Year" Awards for Educator of the Year (Stuart Grunder of Minerva High School), Child Welfare Worker of the Year (Tanganika Mitchell of The March Foundation), Law Officer of the Year (Sergeant Kyle Brookover of the Zanesville Police Department), Civilian Lifesaver of the Year (Chief Robert Hursong of the Harrison Fire Department), Special Olympics Athletes of the Year (Alex Miller & Daniel Bell), and Department Commander's Appreciation Award (Bryan Keller - CEO of Keller Logistics Group; Nate Schaublin accepted

the award on behalf of Mr. Keller). An emphatic thank you to all the award recipients and their families in attendance that made the evening so special.

Sunday was kicked off with the reverent Four Chaplains Service, led by Department Chaplain, Ron Distel. Thank you to all the attended and honored the acts of selfless service of those historic Chaplains. At Sunday's General Session and Membership Awards, distinguished guests were introduced. Jane Ridenour (Department of Ohio Auxiliary President) along with Louise Aigner (Department of Ohio Auxiliary 1st Vice President), Renee Kohl (Department of Ohio Auxiliary 2nd Vice President), and Carol



**SAL VIPs give greetings to everyone during Sunday's session**





**Keynote Speaker - Tim Funk, Executive Director for Stockhands Horses for Healing**

T. Robinson (Auxiliary Central Division National Vice President) addressed the body and also presented a donation to the Department Commander's annual project. Next, Dave Dilts (Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander) along with Tim Conway (Detachment 1st Vice Commander), Jeffrey Vrabel, Jr. (Detachment 2nd Vice Commander), Todd Bidlack (Detachment Chaplain), Gary Lang (Detachment NECman), Jon Coakley (Detachment Alternate NECman), Scott J. Thornton (National SAL Assistant



**Robert Bristo, Central Division National Commander, spoke on the importance of eliminating veteran suicide**

Adjutant), Shane Eaton (Detachment Assistant Adjutant), Buster Sutterlin (Detachment VA&R Chairman), Bill Towns (Detachment Parliamentarian), and Robert Bristo (Central Division National Commander) who spoke on the importance of eliminating veteran suicide through teamwork and communication between the Legion and the Sons. Next Buckeye American Legion College

Dean, Ken LaVoy, gave program updates and announced the recent BALC graduates. Following this, Keynote Speaker Erica Crawley, Franklin County Commissioner, gave a sensational speech on service culture and how veterans strengthen America.

Congratulations to the efforts of all the members, Posts, and Districts that received membership awards so far this year! Sunday's session concluded with the bi-annual Charities, Inc. raffle sweepstakes drawing. Sincere appreciation to all that attended the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Department Convention in Independence.



**Keynote Speaker - Erica Crawley, Franklin County Commissioner**

## SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT OF OHIO MID-WINTER CONFERENCE:



**Educator of the Year - Stuart Grunder**



**Civilian Lifesaver of the Year - Robert Hursong**



**Special Olympics Athletes of the Year - Alex Miller & Daniel Bell**



**Law Officer of the Year - Sergeant Kyle Brookover**



**Child Welfare Worker of the Year - Tan-ganika Mitchell**



**Department Commander's Appreciation Award - Bryan Keller (Nate Schaublin accepting the award on behalf of Mr. Keller)**



Calendar of Upcoming Events

<b>2/24/2024 – 2/28/2024</b> Washington Conference Hilton Washington Hotel	<b>3/10/2024</b> District 1 Spring Conference Toledo Post 587 12:30PM	<b>3/16/2024</b> District 9 Spring Conference Austintown Post 301 10:00 AM	<b>3/29/2024</b> Good Friday National & Department Closed	<b>5/5/2024</b> District 7 Summer Convention Washington CH Post 25 10:00 AM	<b>5/19/2024</b> District 1 Summer Convention Wauseon Post 265 12:30 PM
<b>2/26/2024 – 3/1/2024</b> A&G Trip Washington DC	<b>3/10/2024</b> District 2 Spring Conference Lima Post 96 9:00 AM	<b>3/16/2024</b> District 10 Spring Conference Toronto Post 86 9:30 AM	<b>4/6/2024</b> Summer DEC Meeting Department HQ 10:00 AM	<b>5/5/2024</b> District 11 Summer Convention Beverly Post 389 10:00 AM	<b>5/19/2024</b> District 12 Summer Convention Columbus Post 532 1:00 PM
<b>3/2/2024</b> District 8 Spring Conference Gallipolis Post 27 10:00 AM	<b>3/10/2024</b> District 3 Spring Conference Ansonia Post 353 1:00 PM	<b>3/17/2024</b> District 4 Spring Conference Cincinnati Post 513 10:00 AM	<b>5/4/2024</b> District 10 Spring Conference Columbiana Post 290 9:30 AM	<b>5/5/2024</b> District 13 Summer Convention Brookpark Post 610 10:00 AM	<b>5/19/2024</b> District 2 Summer Convention Waynesfield Post 395 9:00 AM
<b>3/3/2024</b> District 6 Spring Conference Marion Post 584 10:00 AM	<b>3/10/2024</b> District 7 Spring Conference Waverly Post 142 10:00 AM	<b>3/17/2024</b> Department Oratorical Department HQ 9:00 AM	<b>5/4/2024</b> District 8 Summer Convention New Lexington Post 188 10:00 AM	<b>5/6/2024 – 5/9/2024</b> National Spring Meetings Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre	<b>5/19/2024</b> District 14 Summer Convention Kent Post 496 1:30 PM
<b>3/3/2024</b> District 11 Spring Conference Neffs Post 77 10:00 AM	<b>3/10/2024</b> District 12 Spring Conference Westerville Post 171 1:00 PM	<b>3/23/2024</b> 4th Dist 8 Ball Tournament Roc's House of Billards 12:00 PM	<b>5/5/2024</b> District 3 Summer Convention Kettering Post 598 12:00 PM	<b>5/17/2024 – 5/19/2024</b> 60th Detachment Convention Findlay Hilton Garden Inn	<b>5/27/2024</b> Memorial Day National & Department Closed
<b>3/3/2024</b> District 13 Spring Conference Fairview Park Post 421 10:00 AM	<b>3/16/2024</b> Standing Commission Spring Meeting Department HQ TBD	<b>3/24/2024</b> District 14 Spring Conference Mantua Post 93 1:30 PM	<b>5/5/2024</b> District 6 Summer Convention Cardington Post 97 10:00 AM	<b>5/18/2024</b> District 9 Summer Convention Niles Post 106 10:00 AM	<b>6/9/2024 – 6/16/2024</b> Buckeye Boy State Miami University, Oxford, OH



**THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**  
**8TH ANNUAL POOL TOURNAMENT**  
**APRIL 19-21, 2024**  
**FRIDAY**

**Mini Tournament 7pm (open to public) \$10**

**SATURDAY**

**Singles Tournament (members only) Doors open at 9am. Starts at 1pm \$15**

**SUNDAY**

**Doubles Tournament (BOTH teammates must be members) Doors open at 9am. Starts at 11am \$40**

**\$5 GREENS FEE**

**\*VALLEY RULES**

27 S. 3rd St. Zanesville, OH 43701 (740)452-1457



The Department of Ohio American Legion  
Corn-Hole Tournament  
**DATE:** April 20, 2024  
**TIME:** 12 noon  
**LOCATION:** Massillon Post 221  
427 Lincoln Way E.  
Massillon, Ohio 44646  
(330) 833-4545  
Please call or email your reservation to post or  
[larrystottsberry@yahoo.com](mailto:larrystottsberry@yahoo.com)

**\$ 15.00/per person, \$ 30.00 a team**  
**Please bring cash**



2024-2025

DEPARTMENT OFFICER CANDIDATE

GARY COX JR



*Proud member of...*

American Legion Post 79 / SAL Squadron 584  
CVMA 12-1 / 40&8 #857 / VFW 7201 / WWP Alumni  
Marine Corps League 1437 / Ohio Warriors Sled Hockey /  
Legion Riders 254

*Proudly endorsed by...*

PNVC Jim Morris / PNVC Glen Hickman / PNVC Jerry  
Wilson / PDC Robert Steele / PDC Darrell Bishop / PDC  
Bob Schmitt / PDC Carl Swisher / PDC Roger Friend / PDC  
Jean Wilson / PDT Ed Yancy / PDT Leroy Brinkhoff / PDT  
Don Chandler / 6th District Ohio / Union Post 79

LEGION

- MEMBER NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL 2023-2024
- 6TH DIST CHAIRMAN GIFTS FOR YANKS 2023-2024
- PAST POST 79 VICE COMMANDER 2023
- 2ND PLACE 'RACE TO THE TOP' SMALL DISTRICT 2022
- 6TH DIST COMMANDER 2021-2023
- 6TH DIST 1ST VICE 2020-2021
- 6TH DIST FINANCE COMMITTEE 2018-2020

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION

- DISTINGUISHED GUEST AT 2004 NAT'L CONVENTION
- SAL DIST COMMANDER 1999-2000
- SAL SQUADRON COMMANDER 1998-1999
- DETACHMENT ASST SGT @ ARMS 1997
- CHARTER MEMBER SQUADRON 584 IN 1992

PERSONAL

- DEPT BOWLING COMMISSION SINCE 2022
- BUCKEYE BOYS STATE TRUSTEE SINCE 2022
- BUCKEYE BOYS STATE STAFF SINCE 2017
- OSU ALUMNI—CLASS OF 2014
- BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ALUMNI—CLASS OF 2000

For  
DEPT OF OHIO

2ND VICE COMMANDER



2024-2025

# JOSE L. RIVERA

Candidate for Department of OHIO  
2nd. Vice Commander 2024-25



The Dynamic 9th. District - Lake County Council  
and Brewer-Tarasco Post 007, Wickliffe, Ohio proudly presents:

## JOSE L. RIVERA

as candidate for Department of OHIO, 2nd. Vice Commander  
Jose earned his eligibility for the American Legion by serving in the  
United States Air Force from 1984 - 1992.

Jose is endorsed and sponsored by PDC; Charles Stennis & James Campbell.

### CURRENT LEGION POSITIONS:

Department NSC  
Department Treasurer  
Past Dynamic 9th District Commander 2018 - 19  
Post 007 Past Commander 2010 - 14 & 2020 - 22  
BALC Instructor

### PAST DEPARTMENT POSITIONS:

NSC 2016 - 22  
Child & Youth 2022 - 23  
Finance Commission (4 years)  
BALC Graduate 2019  
NALC Graduate 2019

### VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS:

Life Member: Post 007, Wickliffe, Ohio  
Advisor to S.A.L. Post 007 Detachment  
40 & 8 Grand Chef de Gare, Grande du Ohio  
Life Member: Amvets, DAV, 40 & 8 (Director VAVs)  
Sous Director VAVs for Nationale

### IN ADDITION:

Jose became commander of Post 007 at his first meeting in May of 2010. With the assistance of great volunteers, he helped make sure that the doors of the Post didn't close so there would still be a home and hall for it's members. He was also the canteen manager from 2011 to 2012.

Jose was in charge of "Operation Home Front" from 2011 to 2022 which assisted veterans and their families with children with school supplies and Christmas toys.

Jose also continues to assist veterans with service connected disabilities to the VA.

Jose is extremely active in helping veterans in any way he can.



*A-10 Warthog  
"Tank Killer"*

Candidate Flyer Created by:  
David C. Miller  
American Legion Post 007  
Wickliffe, Ohio

DEPARTMENT OFFICER CANDIDATE



POST 0001 - JAMES ALBERT - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0003 - CLIFFORD PETERSON - BENTON RIDGE  
 POST 0003 - FORD SHEFFEL - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - ROBERT IRONS - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - CHARLES SCANLAND - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - HERBERT STUMP - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - ALDEN HATCH - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - DALE GILLESPIE - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - GARY LOWE - LIMA  
 POST 0003 - KEITH MONTGOMERY - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - DAVID NICHOLS - LIMA  
 POST 0003 - MARVIN TATE - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - LAURENCE LAUER - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - PAUL GROTH - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - DAVID FURIATE - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - ROBERT GROVES - FINDLAY  
 POST 0003 - HARRY ROUTSON - ELIDA  
 POST 0006 - DONALD FLORA - SPRINGFIELD  
 POST 0006 - DAVID CONARD - SPRINGFIELD  
 POST 0006 - PHILIP HILL - SPRINGFIELD  
 POST 0007 - PAUL EARLEY - CLEVELAND  
 POST 0007 - GEORGE SCHROMM - WICKLIFFE  
 POST 0007 - ROBERT BLASKO - MAYFIELD HTS  
 POST 0008 - ALFRED KEMP - WELLINGTON  
 POST 0008 - MICHAEL BREWER - WELLINGTON  
 POST 0008 - DONALD CONRAD - GRAFTON  
 POST 0008 - GERALD FAHLE - ELYRIA  
 POST 0008 - RODERICK GRIMM - MEDINA  
 POST 0008 - CLIFFORD ADAMS - WELLINGTON  
 POST 0008 - DAVID MEKOLESKA - WELLINGTON  
 POST 0008 - CLAYTON MATUS - NEW LONDON  
 POST 0008 - WILLIAM ROWAN - OBERLIN  
 POST 0011 - EARL DOWNHOUR - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - THOMAS HALL - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - RAYMOND RUFF - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - RICHARD VARNEY - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - MAX DEATON - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - THOMAS DILLON - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - ROBERT BLACK - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - JOSEPH LEE - LANCASTER  
 POST 0011 - JOSEPH RICHARDS - LANCASTER  
 POST 0012 - RONALD CARR - ELYRIA  
 POST 0012 - EDWARD MURPHY - ELYRIA  
 POST 0012 - ROBERT PITTMAN - ELYRIA  
 POST 0012 - AUBREY HUFF - LORAIN  
 POST 0012 - GEORGE PERSONS - PLANO  
 POST 0014 - JOSEPH WISE - HILLSBORO  
 POST 0014 - JOSEPH CANNON - GREENFIELD  
 POST 0014 - FRED COOK - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0014 - KENNETH ESTLE - BAINBRIDGE  
 POST 0014 - JOSEPH KERNS - BAINBRIDGE  
 POST 0014 - PAUL MATHEWS - RAY  
 POST 0014 - ROGER SWAYNE - HILLSBORO  
 POST 0015 - SAMUEL JACKSON - STRUTHERS  
 POST 0015 - ROBERT FRASHER - DELRAY BEACH  
 POST 0017 - GERALD HASSEN - FREMONT  
 POST 0020 - ROGER SNIDER - SOMERSET  
 POST 0020 - DONALD SHAHAN - BREMEN  
 POST 0021 - WILLIAM ANDERSON - ALBANY  
 POST 0021 - RICHARD MOTTL - ATHENS  
 POST 0023 - SUSAN FRASHER - LUCASVILLE  
 POST 0023 - CHARLES NEAL - CUTLER BAY  
 POST 0023 - JOHN WELCH - PORTSMOUTH  
 POST 0023 - WILLIAM BREWER - PORTSMOUTH  
 POST 0023 - EUGENE HANKISON - SURPRISE

POST 0023 - LEROY MERRIMAN - LONDONDERRY  
 POST 0023 - ROBERT SCHUMAN - PORTSMOUTH  
 POST 0024 - CLEO KEFFER - MCCONNELSVLE  
 POST 0027 - MARION KEMPER - ONA  
 POST 0027 - DERRY ADAMS - GALLIPOLIS  
 POST 0028 - JACK RUEBENSAAL - MAUMEE  
 POST 0029 - GEORGE EVANS - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - GEORGE FIGGINS - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - ROBERT MARTIN - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - BEN HAMILTON - NASHPORT  
 POST 0029 - JOHN GREEN - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - FLOYD LYNCH - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - JOSEPH RIGGS - NASHPORT  
 POST 0029 - JACK SHILLING - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - LARRY SMITH - ZANESVILLE  
 POST 0029 - CHARLES STARR - CHANDLERSVILLE  
 POST 0030 - ROBERT YENNI - LORAIN  
 POST 0031 - FORREST FOEKS - EAST PALESTINE  
 POST 0033 - WILLIAM REMIC - STEUBENVILLE  
 POST 0039 - DENNIS FACEMYER - ALBANY  
 POST 0039 - RONALD CLAY - CHESTER  
 POST 0040 - VICTOR MARKHAM - RICHWOOD  
 POST 0041 - TULIO CAPUTO - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0041 - GARY GREGORY - NORWALK  
 POST 0041 - WAYNE MAJOY - HURON  
 POST 0041 - THOMAS SEITZ - NORWALK  
 POST 0041 - HOWARD SIMON - NORWALK  
 POST 0043 - J GIBSON - TROY  
 POST 0043 - JERRY MCLEES - TROY  
 POST 0044 - THOMAS GREAVES - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - RICHARD WRAY - LEAGUE CITY  
 POST 0044 - JAMES WILLS - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - GEORGE BOYLE - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - LARRY ELLISON - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - ANDREW KOPAN - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - JUNIOR ADAMS - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - HOWARD BROEMSEN - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - JOHN CISLER - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - WILLIAM EAKINS - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - JOSEPH GONGOLA - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - ILENE HALL - NORTH CANTON  
 POST 0044 - DALE HUGHES - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - JAMES JARVIS - UNIONTOWN  
 POST 0044 - CHARLES OLENICK - NAVARRE  
 POST 0044 - CHESTER PARKER - SPRINGFIELD  
 POST 0044 - RICHARD PAYNE - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - ROBERT PRINTZ - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - DON ROSS - MASSILLON  
 POST 0044 - MELVIN SCHLABACH - COVENTRY TWP  
 POST 0044 - CHARLES SMITH - CANTON  
 POST 0044 - GARY SMITH - MASSILLON  
 POST 0045 - JAMES TUDOR - BOWLING GREEN  
 POST 0049 - ROBERT CALDWELL - WILMINGTON  
 POST 0049 - GERALD LEFORGE - WILMINGTON  
 POST 0049 - DANIEL GADWA - WILMINGTON  
 POST 0052 - ELWOOD ALBAUGH - BELLAIRE  
 POST 0052 - BERNARD GERDAU - BELLAIRE  
 POST 0052 - DONALD ROBSON - SHADYSIDE  
 POST 0058 - CHARLES WELLMAN - LANCASTER  
 POST 0058 - BILL ELK - SOMERSET  
 POST 0060 - TERRY WOOLACE - STRYKER  
 POST 0062 - TIMOTHY HUGHES - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0062 - SCOTT YOE - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0062 - GEORGE POLING - LAURELVILLE  
 POST 0062 - BRYAN THEOBALD - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0062 - GERALD NORRIS - CHILlicoTHE

POST 0062 - JAMES ZONNER - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0062 - JOHN MAYFIELD - CHILlicoTHE  
 POST 0063 - WILLIAM MEYERS - OTTAWA  
 POST 0063 - CARL MAAG - OTTAWA  
 POST 0064 - JOSEPH FLIEHMAN - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - LOUIS GWINN - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - PAUL HILL - EAST LANSING  
 POST 0064 - MERLE MORGAN - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - LARRY HOPKINS - LITTLE HOCKING  
 POST 0064 - KENNETH BIGLEY - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - ROBERT BOERSMA - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - RICHARD REED - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - EDESEL WALTERS - MARIETTA  
 POST 0064 - PAUL YOUNG - MARIETTA  
 POST 0067 - LEROY CHASE - SHREVE  
 POST 0067 - HOWARD HUMRICHOUER - LAKEVILLE  
 POST 0067 - ROGER MEGGYESY - SHREVE  
 POST 0068 - WILLIE HOUSE - WOOSTER  
 POST 0068 - DENNIS MYERS - N RIDGEVILLE  
 POST 0068 - WILLIAM DARLING - OCALA  
 POST 0068 - WILLIAM MCPHERON - WOOSTER  
 POST 0070 - RIC LIVOLSI - WELLSVILLE  
 POST 0070 - RICHARD NELSON - EAST LIVERPOOL  
 POST 0070 - GERALD WOODWARD - BRADENTON  
 POST 0071 - DELMER MCCORMICK - CROOKSVILLE  
 POST 0071 - TOM HINKLE - CROWN CITY  
 POST 0072 - DONALD MARTHALER - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0072 - DAVID SIEDLING - NORTH AUGUSTA  
 POST 0072 - DAVID MEEK - BATAVIA  
 POST 0073 - FRED WATERS - FOSTORIA  
 POST 0073 - CHARLES ICKES - FOSTORIA  
 POST 0078 - DONALD GABLE - LOGAN  
 POST 0078 - JAMES BURCH - LOGAN  
 POST 0079 - RONALD OSBORNE - MARYSVILLE  
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 POST 0081 - RICKY ISREAL - JACKSON  
 POST 0083 - ROBERT TOBEY - LEESBURG  
 POST 0083 - BEN BUSER - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - TERRANCE BOESCH - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - JAMES BICKLEY - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - RAYMOND CORBIN - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - GEORGE KREIMES - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - DENNIS PRINTY - MARBLEHEAD  
 POST 0083 - RICHARD WUERTZ - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - CARL PHILLIPS - AMHERST  
 POST 0083 - GEORGE TRAPP - BELLEVUE  
 POST 0083 - VINCENT ESPOSITO - SANDUSKY  
 POST 0083 - LESTER FRANKLIN - HURON  
 POST 0085 - JAMES COOPER - NEWARK  
 POST 0085 - THOMAS CLINE - REYNOLDSBURG  
 POST 0085 - WILLIAM SNIDER - NEWARK  
 POST 0085 - DAVID BELL - NEWARK  
 POST 0085 - DONALD BYERS - HEATH  
 POST 0085 - WILLIAM COMISFORD - NEWARK  
 POST 0086 - EDWIN WESTFALL - WEIRTON  
 POST 0086 - JOHN BURCHFIELD - TORONTO  
 POST 0086 - THOMAS ESKEN - TORONTO  
 POST 0086 - GREGORY GRAHAM - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0086 - JOHN SKRABAK - TORONTO  
 POST 0086 - DANIEL HENRY - STEUBENVILLE  
 POST 0086 - THOMAS SHOOK - TORONTO  
 POST 0086 - PAUL SMITH - TORONTO  
 POST 0086 - DAVID WHITE - WEIRTON  
 POST 0087 - RALPH YOUNG - MANSFIELD  
 POST 0088 - MAX HARSHMAN - MARBLEHEAD  
 POST 0088 - DEWEY SHEPPARD - ASHLAND



POST 0088 - RICHARD ALGEO - LOUDONVILLE  
 POST 0088 - JAMES MARKLEY - ASHLAND  
 POST 0088 - DONALD STINER - NOVA  
 POST 0088 - JOHN SPERZEL - ASHLAND  
 POST 0091 - PHILIP TAVANI - BROOKPARK  
 POST 0091 - MIKE TEDESCO - DUBLIN  
 POST 0091 - EDWIN MOORE - CLEVELAND  
 POST 0091 - DANIEL CASTLE - PARMA  
 POST 0092 - JAMES ABBOTT - NEWARK  
 POST 0096 - JOHN SHAW - LIMA  
 POST 0096 - WILLIAM LINEHAN - LIMA  
 POST 0096 - EDWARD STEFANKO - AIKEN  
 POST 0096 - SAMUEL HOWARD - LIMA  
 POST 0096 - ROBERT SCHAEFER - LIMA  
 POST 0096 - ROBERT DOUGLAS - CAIRO  
 POST 0107 - RICHARD BRYSON - ETNA  
 POST 0107 - RICHARD LINES - PATASKALA  
 POST 0107 - MICHAEL GRIFFITH - PATASKALA  
 POST 0107 - THOMAS HAMPTON - PATASKALA  
 POST 0110 - ROGER PERRY - PERRYSBURG  
 POST 0112 - LARRY BITTNER - MADISON  
 POST 0112 - ROBERT ZIZELMAN - MADISON  
 POST 0115 - DONALD CHASE - LEHIGH ACRES  
 POST 0115 - HELEN BAUERLE - PROSPECT  
 POST 0115 - PHILIP HAAS - DELAWARE  
 POST 0118 - DONALD COLLINS - WAKEMAN  
 POST 0118 - HARRY MCCREEDY - VERMILION  
 POST 0118 - HOMER LILLEY - AMHERST  
 POST 0120 - CLARENCE SALYERS - URBANA  
 POST 0120 - ROY JONES - URBANA  
 POST 0120 - RICHARD SOMMER - URBANA  
 POST 0124 - RONALD MUELLER - GENEVA  
 POST 0134 - ROBERT STEPHENS - CIRCLEVILLE  
 POST 0136 - GLENN BLUBAUGH - SAINT CLOUD  
 POST 0138 - ROBERT CHERRY - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
 POST 0138 - EARNEST COMPTON - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - PAUL SANTUCCI - FAIRFIELD TWP  
 POST 0138 - RICHARD HULS - INDIANAPOLIS  
 POST 0138 - CLINTON RUSH - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - CHARLES HESTER - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - JUDE HASLINGER - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - DANIEL HANCOCK - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - THOMAS DOCHERTY - SAINT JOSEPH  
 POST 0138 - DANIEL DONGES - HAMILTON  
 POST 0138 - NORBERT GENTRY - EATON  
 POST 0138 - JAMES BROWN - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP  
 POST 0138 - WILLIAM COOMBS - HAMILTON  
 POST 0139 - WILLIAM ZEIGLER - MIDVALE  
 POST 0140 - ROBERT BOYD - GREENVILLE  
 POST 0140 - FORREST PITMAN - DAYTON  
 POST 0140 - JAMES DAVIS - RACINE  
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 POST 0140 - STEPHEN DIDIER - GREENVILLE  
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 POST 0140 - DUANE HOBBS - GREENVILLE  
 POST 0142 - PAUL COOPER - KETTERING  
 POST 0144 - BARNIE TRAYLOR - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0144 - DANIEL BARTH - LOCKBOURNE  
 POST 0144 - DAVID LAMBERT - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0144 - DONALD DAMRON - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0144 - HUFF DALTON - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0144 - JOE HINKLE - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0151 - JAMES BROWN - CONNEAUT  
 POST 0155 - WALLACE GOSSETT - JAMESTOWN

POST 0155 - ROGER YOUNG - NEW CARLISLE  
 POST 0155 - JOHN WALKER - JAMESTOWN  
 POST 0159 - GRIFF ROBERTS - ST CLAIRSVLE  
 POST 0159 - RICHARD COPE - ST CLAIRSVLE  
 POST 0159 - MIKE POLLACK - DILLONVALE  
 POST 0161 - DAVID MASKEW - VINTON  
 POST 0162 - JACK DAVIS - MARICOPA  
 POST 0162 - DUANE VANHOUTEN - SUNBURY  
 POST 0164 - ROBERT PEOPLES - GROVE CITY  
 POST 0164 - JOHN GUNTHER - ORIENT  
 POST 0166 - MICHAEL DECKER - ALLIANCE  
 POST 0166 - ROGER EDWARDS - ATWATER  
 POST 0166 - HAROLD GULLING - LOUISVILLE  
 POST 0166 - DANIEL LUNDY - LONDON  
 POST 0166 - JOHN STAUFFENEGGER - ALLIANCE  
 POST 0166 - BOYD WEBSTER - ALLIANCE  
 POST 0168 - ROBERT SMITH - BARNESVILLE  
 POST 0169 - ALAN KARCHER - TIFFIN  
 POST 0169 - GENE BALTES - DOVER  
 POST 0169 - GEORGE BIECHELER - TIFFIN  
 POST 0169 - BARRY WADE - TIFFIN  
 POST 0170 - JERRY DIPOLITO - WADSWORTH  
 POST 0170 - RAYMOND MACHAR - MARBLEHEAD  
 POST 0171 - ROBERT BUNSEY - WESTERVILLE  
 POST 0171 - DICK RANO - WESTERVILLE  
 POST 0171 - EARL KENNEDY - WESTERVILLE  
 POST 0171 - STANLEY ROAN - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0173 - PAUL HEMPHILL - BELLEFONTAINE  
 POST 0173 - TODD BROWN - URBANA  
 POST 0173 - GREG NORRIS - RUSHSVLVANIA  
 POST 0173 - DONALD NENNINGER - BELLEFONTAINE  
 POST 0173 - BILL GUTHRIE - BELLEFONTAINE  
 POST 0173 - JOSEPH MCDANIELS - LAKEVIEW  
 POST 0176 - RUSSELL KNOTTS - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0176 - RONALD GEISBERT - ELLENTON  
 POST 0177 - NORMAN PARRY - YOUNGSTOWN  
 POST 0178 - GAYLORD SHUTT - VAN WERT  
 POST 0178 - DANIEL BAKER - OHIO CITY  
 POST 0178 - DON THOMAS - VAN WERT  
 POST 0178 - DONALD CHILES - VAN WERT  
 POST 0179 - FRANK FEIRL - BLANCHESTER  
 POST 0179 - DAN SLOCUM - BLANCHESTER  
 POST 0181 - ROBERT CARTER - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - RICHARD ARMBRUSTER - COLUMBUS  
 POST 0181 - HAROLD STINEHELPER - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - SCOTT HASTINGS - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - TERRY SHAFFER - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - WILLIAM LIGHT - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - HARRY KOGE - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - RICHARD MAKEEVER - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - RICHARD SZYDLYK - CRESTLINE  
 POST 0181 - DONALD GIBSON - BUCYRUS  
 POST 0181 - RONALD PRITCHARD - FAYETTEVILLE  
 POST 0184 - BRUCE EBERLY - PIQUA  
 POST 0184 - HAROLD PUMMILL - PIQUA  
 POST 0191 - DOYT PRICHARD - SPENCERVILLE  
 POST 0191 - STEVE BURDEN - WAPAKONETA  
 POST 0191 - DONALD BAKER - SPENCERVILLE  
 POST 0192 - CLARENCE VAUGHN - MILLERSBURG  
 POST 0192 - THOMAS PATTERSON - KILLBUCK  
 POST 0194 - DAVID FULMER - WEST CHESTER  
 POST 0194 - KERBY SMITH - MASON  
 POST 0196 - ROBERT MATTLIN - BEACHWOOD  
 POST 0198 - MICHAEL VARNER - KENTON  
 POST 0199 - ROGER DOTY - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0199 - MERLYN BOGGS - SUNMAN

POST 0199 - CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON - HARRISON  
 POST 0199 - DARREL PALMER - HARRISON  
 POST 0199 - GARY TRANOR - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0199 - GERALD SORA - MILFORD  
 POST 0200 - RICHARD ROBINSON - DAYTON  
 POST 0200 - FRANK OHALLORAN - BEAVERCREEK  
 POST 0200 - ARNOLD ATCHISON - HUBER HEIGHTS  
 POST 0202 - HARRY ORR - MEDINA  
 POST 0202 - JAMES THORNBURG - MEDINA  
 POST 0210 - DAVID JACKSON - CELINA  
 POST 0210 - RALPH SANDERS - BEAVERCREEK  
 POST 0211 - DANIEL SHRAMO - AVON  
 POST 0211 - DONALD CLAYCOMB - AVON LAKE  
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 POST 0217 - DON HANEY - SIDNEY  
 POST 0217 - HERBERT FOGT - TROY  
 POST 0217 - JOHN HENKE - BRADENTON  
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 POST 0217 - FRANK THAMAN - SIDNEY  
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 POST 0221 - DONALD BARTSCH - CANTON  
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 POST 0223 - BRUCE RINGENBERG - HICKSVILLE  
 POST 0225 - HORACE CHANDLER - UPPER SANDUSKY  
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 POST 0226 - ANTHONY STRUNA - WILLIAMSFIELD  
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 POST 0234 - LEONARD BOUMAN - BRUNSWICK  
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 POST 0235 - THOMAS WYNYARD - MC DONALD  
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 POST 0235 - WILLIAM COOK - CANFIELD  
 POST 0235 - CHARLES SUICH - GIRARD  
 POST 0235 - JOHN MADDEN - GIRARD  
 POST 0237 - KENNETH GIBBS - BATAVIA  
 POST 0238 - STEVEN EDWARDS - URBANA  
 POST 0239 - HARVEY COOK - GROVEPORT  
 POST 0240 - WALTER HABEL - PERRYSBURG  
 POST 0240 - JOHN KURFESS - PERRYSBURG  
 POST 0240 - VATER WEBB - GRAYTOWN  
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 POST 0256 - RAYMOND PIERSALL - GOSHEN  
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 POST 0256 - RICK WOODS - BATAVIA  
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 POST 0279 - SCOTT HETRICK - ELMORE  
 POST 0281 - HOWARD MCCLAIN - CUYAHOGA FALLS  
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 POST 0281 - THOMAS MYERS - AKRON  
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 POST 0285 - LOYED JUNGLE - NEWARK  
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 POST 0286 - DAVID WALLEN - TIPP CITY  
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 POST 0318 - DENNIS FRIES - PLEASANT PLN  
 POST 0318 - DONALD BISHOP - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0320 - RICHARD PACENE - TOLEDO  
 POST 0320 - DAVID BLOWERS - MAUMEE  
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 POST 0451 - NICHOLAS DELMONTE - FAIRVIEW PARK  
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 POST 0454 - JOSEPH BECK - RDGVILLE CORS  
 POST 0454 - JOHN THOMPSON - ARCHBOLD  
 POST 0455 - JAMES BUSDEKER - WOODVILLE  
 POST 0459 - JAMES CURRY - MIDDLEFIELD  
 POST 0461 - RAYMOND NICHOLS - FREEPORT  
 POST 0466 - THOMAS APPLE - WEST LAFAYETTE  
 POST 0468 - DAVID MILLER - SWANTON  
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 POST 0475 - JOHN MIDAY - LOUISVILLE  
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 POST 0484 - JEFFREY RIES - BATAVIA  
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 POST 0490 - CARL WERTHER - WHITEHALL  
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 POST 0494 - THOMAS AGLER - DOVER  
 POST 0494 - ATLEE SCHUPBACH - ROCHESTER  
 POST 0494 - VORIS STINGEL - SUGARCREEK  
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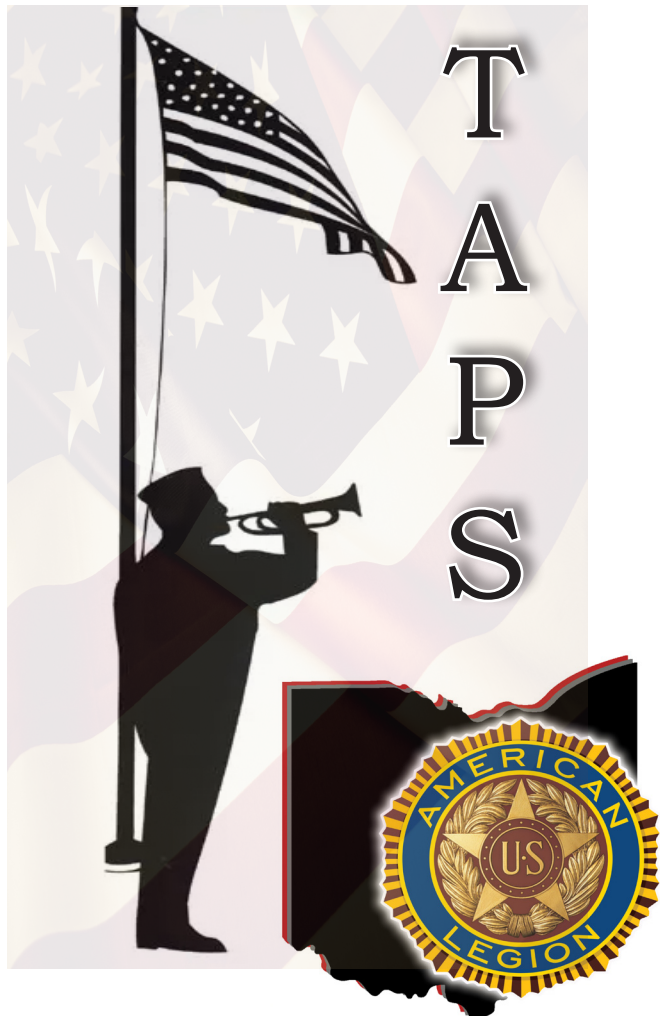
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 POST 0532 - WILLIAM LOTT - COLUMBUS  
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 POST 0534 - DENIM BLEDSOE - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0534 - RICHARD WARD - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0534 - W HOLUB - CINCINNATI  
 POST 0536 - DUANE DEARTH - LEIPSIC  
 POST 0537 - RODNEY CLEVINGER - OREGON  
 POST 0537 - CHARLES NELMS - OREGON  
 POST 0540 - COLIN RULONG - WARREN  
 POST 0540 - CHARLES HERBSTER - WARREN  
 POST 0540 - JOHN KLAMUT - CORTLAND  
 POST 0541 - GLEN KLINGLER - OAKWOOD  
 POST 0541 - FRED VERHOFF - CONTINENTAL  
 POST 0542 - DONALD STEPHENS - PUT IN BAY  
 POST 0544 - KENNETH HUFFMAN - DAYTON  
 POST 0545 - PATRICK GRZYBOWSKI - TOLEDO  
 POST 0548 - CARL TUCKER - LOUISVILLE  
 POST 0548 - GEORGE DARRAH - EAST CANTON  
 POST 0548 - WILLIAM MEANEY - LOUISVILLE  
 POST 0551 - LARRY STALLMAN - HOLMESVILLE  
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 POST 0566 - JAMES VARGO - AKRON  
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 POST 0586 - RONALD BIGGS - WEST MILTON  
 POST 0586 - ROBERT STOLLMER - TROY  
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 POST 0598 - DAVID LUTEY - DAYTON  
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 POST 0632 - ADAM WEBB - JACOBSBURG  
 POST 0634 - GARY WILLIAMS - COSHOCTON  
 POST 0634 - JAMES BROCK - WARSAW  
 POST 0640 - DWIGHT SMITH - SOUTH POINT  
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## Travis Mills Event

On Thursday November 9, 2023, Department of Ohio Commander Jason Rue, NEC Steve Masowick, Past Department Auxiliary President Cindy Masowick, Legion Department Historian Al Beyer, Asst Department Historian Bob White, and Auxiliary Department Historian Dayna Beyer attended a gathering for Travis Mills\*. The Ohio Legion Family handed out brochures and information on The American Legion "Be The One" campaign, and spoke to Legionnaires, veterans, and guests while at Joseph Jacobic Post 572 in 6483 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134. Ask. Listen. Reach. Be The One, to Save One.

Born and raised in Vassar, Michigan, United States Army Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne is a recalibrated veteran, motivational speaker, actor, author and an advocate for veterans and amputees. He's not only the founder of the Travis Mills Foundation, but he's also president of the Board of Directors and CEO. On April 10, 2012, Travis was critically injured by an improvised explosive device (IED) during a routine patrol on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan. The explosion blew off portions of all four of his limbs and he is one of only five quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to survive. While recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, family was a crucial component to Travis's healing. His wife, Kelsey, their daughter, Chloe, along with both their families, spent 19 months at Walter Reed, recovering alongside other veterans and their families. Read the rest of Travis' story at: <https://travismillsfoundation.org/travis-mills/>



(from l to r) Department Treasurer, Jose Rivera; Assistant Historian, Bob White ; National Executive Committeeman, Steve Masowick; Past Auxiliary Department President, Cindy Masowick ; Department Historian, Al Beyer Post 572 Finance Officer, William "Bill" Makowski; Post Executive Board member, Mark Hupcey Department 2nd Vice Commander, Stan Orem; Post 572 Commander, Eri Pfl Erich Pflaidermahn; Post 572 2nd Vice Commander, Chris Stahurski and Department Commander Jason Rue - Photo Courtesy, Mrs. Dayna Beyer, aka Tsi Sim Mar - Auxiliary Department Historian.



Department Commander Jason Rue meets Veteran Travis Mills\* and Joseph J. Jacobic Post 572 Commander and officers in Parma, Ohio along with an entourage of officers



Dayna Beyer aka Tsi Sim Mar with Travis Mills



# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 221 – Veteran Birthday Celebration

On October 31st, 2023, Massillon Post 221 celebrated a veteran's 95th birthday.



## NALC Graduates

Congratulations to Ohio's National American Legion College graduates this past November. Shown here (l to r) are Dean Boyers, National Commander, Daniel J. Seehafer and John Life.



## Post 112 A&G Test Grading

Members of Jay Wilson American Legion Post 112 met together at the Post to grade the Madison High School Americanism & Government Test papers, this past November. There were four winners at the County level.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 221

### School Supplies Donation

On November 3rd, 2023, Massillon Post 221 donated some school supplies to a local elementary school. Pictured here is teacher, Jennnifer Leone and Post Commander Larry Stottsberry.



## Post 221 – Letters of Appreciation

On November 12th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry, visited 5 nursing homes delivering letters and pictures made by students from Whittier Elementary and people of Midwest Community Services, thanking veterans for their service.



# BE THE ONE



## Post 221 – Feeding the Community

On January 26th, 2024, Massillon Post 221 Commander, Larry Stottsberry, helped a local food pantry by filling boxes of food for people in the community.



## Post 221 – Youth Flag Education

On November 15th, 2023, Massillon Post 221 educated students at Whittier Elementary School on flag etiquette. Pictured here along with Post Commander Larry Stottsberry are Mark Ekland and Jeff Runser.





# GOOD OF THE LEGION

## Post 750 - Supports Game

American Legion Post 750 out of Lowell, Ohio showed their support at a notable football game this past season. Bishop Tonnos, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada played Fort Frye of Beverly, Ohio this year. Fort Frye outscored them and left a favorable memory for all in attendance. A friendly and well-behaved group of players and staff members from both teams enjoyed the bout.



## Post 454 Furniture Donation

Members of Ward L. Adams American Legion Post 454 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 454 out of Ridgeville Corners teamed up with the Napoleon Orphan Grain Train, located in Napoleon Ohio, the Maumee Valley Guidance Center - Veterans Outreach, located in Defiance Ohio, and the Defiance Furniture Bank, also located in Defiance Ohio to help a veteran and his family. The family had very recently moved into a house in Latty Ohio, but had no furniture to sit, sleep, or eat on. These folks volunteered to help pick up the furniture from the Furniture Bank and move it to the veteran's residence in Latty. The veteran and his family were extremely grateful for the support from these agencies' furniture donation and to the Post for moving the furniture.



Members who helped move the furniture (L-R): Eldon Bostelman, Larry Wendt, Art Roehl, Dan Wiechers, Ted Ripke, Michael Haas, Todd Behnfeldt and Bill Aschemeier

## Post 221 – Veteran's Birthday

In January 2024, Massillon Post 221 celebrated a WWII veteran's birthday with a drive by celebration.



Pictured: Perry Twp police, VSC Stark County, Legion members; Howard Marotto, Randy Dunbar, and Post Commander Stottsberry.



## Post 454 - Wreaths Across America Ceremony

On December 16th, 2023, the Honor Guard of Ward L. Adams American Legion Post 454 out of Ridgeville Corners participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, Napoleon Ohio. The Honor Guard was an active participant in the ceremony having posted the Colors, retired the Colors, and performed a 21-gun salute as well as Taps. The Post Chaplain also provided prayer for the ceremony. Post 454 has participated in this ceremony for the last four years.



Set up for the Wreaths Across America in the Church Parish Hall



Firing Squad from left to right: Larry Wendt, Bill Wachtman Jr, Neil Badenhop, Elmer Maassel, Bert Babcock, Bob Norden, and Bob Hastedt



Color Guard from left to right: Post Commander Ted Ripke, Ken Drewes, Sergeant at Arms Denny Behnfeldt, David Helberg, Post Vice Commander Art Roehl



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The Ohio State University ROTC poses proudly before Saturday's "Of The Year" Awards Banquet



Setup is finalized for the 2024 Mid-Winter Conference 'Of the Year' Award Banquet



During Saturday's 'Of the Year' Awards Banquet, the headtable stands in respect as The OSU ROTC posts the Colors



Dept. Commander, Jason Rue listens on as distinguished guest, Tim Funk of Stockhands Hors-es for Healing, gives an inspiring speech.



## 2024 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)



Membership awards - with Richard Wright, Dept. 2nd Vice Commaner, Stan Oren and Dept. 1st Vice Commander, Arnold Whatley



Membership awards - with Lorena Nichols, Dept. 2nd Vice Commaner, Stan Oren and Dept. 1st Vice Commander, Arnold Whatley



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