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2026 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted its annual Mid-Winter Conference from Friday, January 16th to Sunday, January 18th, 2026, 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. The subject matter on these comprehensive classes included; membership training, VA&R / claims training, a continuing education class for BALC graduates, National Security training, baseball training, legislative training, Americanism programs training, Children & Youth training, and Gifts For Yanks training. Read more on the BALC's operations and this Mid-Winter's class resources by navigating to the Department webpage at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/balc/>

Friday afternoon's prominent events that successfully took place were the newly implemented 'Women of the Legion' meeting, the Americanism and Government Test Judging, an Ohio Post Adjutants training session, and the Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio DEC meeting. Friday evening concluded with fun and fellowship at the only Hospitality event of the weekend.



Dean Boyers showcasing his expertise in Saturday's Buckeye American Legion College training classes

In addition to the BALC classes held on Saturday, there was also the Attorney General's Charitable Bingo team that hosted a town hall training session class. This growing class lasted two hours and covers the governance and operation of Post's gaming activity plus announces anything new about Bingo logistics. We would like to give special thanks to the AG office presenters for sharing their time and expertise ensuring our Posts remain educated and compliant.



Attorney General's Charitable Bingo team hosted a jam-packed Bingo operations class on Saturday.

Other essential assemblages that were held on Saturday were the SAL General Session; Golf Committee meeting (be on the lookout for changes in tournament format) – The Department Golf Tournament will be held in Beverly hosted by Post 0389, dates TBA; Legion Riders meeting & District Directors meeting also took place as well as the 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. Also, a special thank you to our Department Service Officers offering claim assistance and for going above and beyond with setting up for the conference, aiding with Emblem Sales & sponsors, as well as supporting and educating our Legion family during the conference.

Department would like to give special thanks and acknowledge our tiered sponsors as well... *(continued on page 15)*

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Stan Oren
Department Commander

a one-year and 5-year membership plan designed to grow and sustain our membership base. His team has done a great job and will be presenting it to you at the next DEC meeting. March 1st is the deadline to complete CPR's and Post inspections. Our goal is to be a 100% reporting state. If you need help, we have the membership team that's willing to come in and help you. Just let me know. We will get you the people willing to help.

The American Legion's 250 project, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States, encourages Legion Posts and their local communities to

celebrate through special events and community engagement. Send your 250 project activities to Brad Beatty who is compiling these for the Department.

The Finance team is working hard to keep us going and keep us above water. It does look like we will be asking for a dues increase of \$5.00 this year. I hope that you will support this increase.

Recently we went to Louisville to do a site inspection for our National Convention in August. Ohio has a beautiful hotel right next to the Convention Center, close to restaurants and museums. We are planning an Ohio party at Fourth Street Live. I

think everybody will have an enjoyable time.

I want to encourage donations to my Commander's Project, Challenged Champions Equestrian Center, which provides therapeutic horseback riding and equine-assisted activities for veterans and Youth. I hope you had an opportunity to stop by their booth at Mid-Winter. Donations can be sent to Department marked for my project.

It is an honor to be your Commander. Thank you for your support.

For God and Country,
-Stan Oren

Department Commander

Greetings, Legionnaires.

I've enjoyed many opportunities to get out and meet with many of you. We are meeting our membership goals. Please keep up the good work.

The Department Membership team led by Kurt Emans drew up

Commander's Project:

Horses for Veterans

Challenged Champions Equestrian Center started the Horses for Veterans program in 2014, it is a program for veterans and active duty service members. This program is offered FREE OF CHARGE and they would like to invite all who are interested. A variety of individuals participate in this program and they design their program around the needs/expectations of the participant. Participants will learn horse care, grooming, leading, tacking (saddling) and riding. Participants can call or email to set up times to come to the barn, or check our calendar to participate in scheduled group events for veterans.

(419)456-3449 <https://www.challengedchampions.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/challengedchampions/>

The mission of the Challenged Champions Equestrian Center, Inc. is to enrich and improve the lives of children and adults with mental, physical, and emotional challenges through facilitated equine activities. Challenged Champions Equestrian Center was established in 1997 as a non-profit charitable corporation. Using the horse and its environment, they provide equine assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with a variety of needs. EAAT has been proven to show physical, social, cognitive, and emotional improvement in participants. Challenged Champions is located in Ottawa, Ohio and serves more than 400 veterans and individuals with special needs annually.

To donate, visit our donation page: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/donate/> and under the 'Donation Project' dropdown menu select Commander's Project



1ST VICE COMMANDER



Gary Cox Jr.
1st Vice Commander

Recently we had our Mid-Winter Conference, and I would like to say to everybody who attended thank you so much for making the weekend so great.

It is hard to believe that we are now in 2026, and we are half-way through this year for the American Legion. However, we still have business left with our District conferences, our Department Executive Committee

meeting, our standing committee meetings, and many events on the horizon.

Please get out there and get your renewals done for this 2026 membership year - always be looking for veterans to join in our ranks in the American Legion and I can't wait to see everybody at Toledo in July for our Department Convention.

Our next 1st Vice Command-

ers meeting will be February 10th @ 6pm. Your March conferences and May conventions for Districts are fast approaching - make sure you are in attendance.

Again, Toledo is hosting this year's Department Convention I look forward to seeing you attend.

-Gary Cox Jr.
Department of Ohio
1st Vice Commander

Good day to my fellow Legionnaires,



2ND VICE COMMANDER



Holly Lewis
2nd Vice Commander

health. What we do not always say plainly is this. Disconnection is one of the most dangerous conditions a veteran can face.

Human beings are wired for belonging. For veterans, that wiring runs even deeper. Military service creates bonds formed under stress, responsibility, and sacrifice. When those bonds disappear after service, many veterans are left carrying the weight alone. That isolation does not just affect mental health. It impacts physical health, decision-making, resilience, and longevity.

Connection changes that.

Research consistently shows that strong social ties reduce stress, lower the risk of depression, improve cardiovascular health, and extend life expectancy. For veterans, connection also

restores identity. It reminds them they still matter, still belong, and still have something to contribute.

Your presence does not only matter for you. It matters for the veteran sitting quietly in the corner. The one who shows up but does not speak. The one who stopped coming after a few meetings. The one who says "I'm fine" and hopes no one asks twice.

Every conversation, every invitation, every act of inclusion strengthens the fabric that keeps veterans alive and engaged. Connection is not about fixing anyone. It is about being available. Being consistent. Being willing to notice who is missing.

Legion Posts are uniquely positioned to fight isolation because we already speak the same language. We understand ser-

vice, duty, and showing up even when it is uncomfortable.

Staying connected is not a soft skill. It is leadership. And in many cases, it is how we save each other.

If you are connected, stay connected. If someone else is not, reach out. That simple act carries more weight than you may ever know.

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Visit all our upcoming Department Post Activities at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/post-activities-2/>

-Holly Lewis,
Second Vice Commander,
Department of Ohio



Connection Is Not Optional. It Is a Responsibility.

The American Legion has always been built on something deeper than meetings, programs, or service projects. It is built on connection. Shared experience. Shared language. Shared understanding. And today, that connection is not just a benefit of Legion membership. It is a lifeline.

We talk often about veteran suicide, isolation, and declining



DEPARTMENT TREASURER



Ken LaVoy
Department Treasurer

have finally made it to the halfway point of the year. The Department's Finance Commission takes this time to re-look at our expected income, expenses incurred thus far, and what's projected for the remainder of the year. We also begin looking at ways to refine the budget for next year's elected Treasurer. The Finance Commission doesn't just look at numbers but continually looks at the financial processes and procedures in place, and

makes the required recommendations to our leadership and the DEC. These processes and procedures not only drive transparency but ensure the accountability required for our Department. As mentioned in my last article, we need to continue to ensure the vitality of our organization remains strong.

Membership drives all that we do, and its decline over the years is our biggest hurdle. With the cold winter months upon us, be

sure to not only take the time for a buddy check but offer to help your Post or District with calling our Legion family who have not renewed their membership yet. Only by remaining strong will we be able to continue the support needed and deserved to our veterans and their families.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do!

-Ken LaVoy,
Department Treasurer

Greetings Legionnaires,
After another successful Mid-Winter Conference, we



DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



Ron Distel
Department Chaplain

My, how time flies! It seems like this appointed year just began and my goodness it's half over. I hope everyone got a lot of meaning out of the Mid-Winter Conference. I want to thank everyone that assisted with the Four Chaplains Service on Sunday morning. "Special" appreciation goes out to the BIO readers of The Chaplains - you all did a fabulous job. I feel it was one of

the best Services that I have been part of. You all set the "Standard" for the service that I hope will proceed forward.

As your Chaplain I have been quite busy reaching out to many that needed Thoughts and Prayers - in addition to those that needed to know we are here for them when they needed it the most. I would like to ask all of you that if you know of someone

that needs a pick me up, that you share with me their name and address so I can reach out and let them know THAT THEY MATTER and The American Legion Dept. of Ohio cares about them. As always, I would appreciate your help. Remain Healthy and Stay Safe.

God Bless,
-Ron Distel,
Department of Ohio Chaplain

Greetings Comrades;



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Kevin Motter
Department Historian

Greetings fellow Historians,

We are entering the second busy season of our terms with many activities and events in

the coming months leading up to the Department and National Conventions. I am learning this as we go with the help of my predecessor, Al Beyer, and his trusty assistant Tsi Sim Mar.

Documenting our Post, District and Department Histories has never been easier with digital archiving. The only question is what to archive, what is historical? Photos of events and participants, award presentations, minutes of meetings and resolutions are of primary importance

- along with a calendar of events.

Again, here is the link to the 2026 National Historian's Guide with all the details you need to complete and submit your entry for the Department Historian's award:

<https://legionhistoryshow-case.omeka.net/exhibits/show/2026entries/2026-contest-and-showcase-info>

Very Respectfully,
-Kevin Motter,
Department Historian

2026 Historian's Guide:
History books link for Historical Contest judging
Scan the QR code below for access.



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Sherry Yockey
Membership Manager

Membership Momentum: One Call, One Visit, One Legionnaire at a Time

As we move through the winter months of the 2025-2026 membership year, the Department of Ohio has strong momentum—and that momentum is driven by the dedication of Legionnaires across the state.

As of February 4, 2026, Ohio stands at **86.58% membership**, placing us **15th nationally**. That number reflects thousands of individual actions: a phone call made, a visit to a member's home, a conversation at a Post meeting, or a follow-up to ensure a transfer was completed. These efforts matter. They add up quickly, and they are the reason we are closing in on our next goal—**90% by March 11, 2026 (Legion Birthday)**.

Membership growth is never

accidental. It happens because Legionnaires care enough to reach out personally. Time and again, we see that **personal contact can make the difference between a member lapsing and staying engaged**.

Focus Areas That Are Paying Off

Two key strategies continue to make a measurable impact:

- **Transferring 888 members** into local Posts
- **Reaching out to expired and unpaid members** with a personal touch

These actions strengthen Posts, improve communication, and help ensure members feel connected to their Legion family. District Commanders and Post leaders who prioritize these efforts are seeing results.

Recognizing Post Success

January 14 marked one of the Post Award quota deadlines, and the results speak volumes. Twenty-nine Posts met their quota and will split \$6,000 in awards. April 1 is the final deadline for the Post quota award; the awards will be presented at the 2026 Department Convention in Toledo. These Posts demonstrate what is possible when teamwork, consistency, and leadership align.

tency, and leadership align.

Sons of the American Legion

On the Sons of the American Legion side, Ohio currently stands at **82.05%**. This is another area where continued outreach and persistence will make the difference. The same principles apply: personal contact, accurate records, and consistent follow-up.

The Importance of Consolidated Post Reports

Membership numbers tell only part of our story. The work we do every day is captured through the **Consolidated Post Report (CPR)**.

The **2025-2026 CPRs are now open in myLegion**, and the Department requires **100% participation by March 1, 2026**.

Established in 1975, the CPR documents the vital work our Posts accomplish each year. When combined statewide and nationally, this information is used by The American Legion to:

- Advocate for veterans before Congress
- Report financial and programmatic activity to the IRS
- Demonstrate our credibility, effectiveness, and impact

Every program, every volunteer

hour, and every dollar matters. Complete and accurate reporting ensures that the full scope of our service to veterans, families, youth, and communities is properly represented.

Looking Ahead

The coming months offer many opportunities to strengthen fellowship and visibility through Department activities, including bowling, cornhole, pool, euchre, and golf tournaments. These events not only build camaraderie but also reinforce why belonging to The American Legion matters.

As we continue toward quota and beyond, remember that **membership is personal**. It is built through relationships, accountability, and pride in our mission.

Thank you to every Legionnaire, Post officer, District leader, and volunteer who continues to put in the work. Together, we are building a stronger Department of Ohio—one member at a time.

-Sherry Yockey,
Membership & Post Activities Manager

Membership is Everybody's
RESPONSIBILITY



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Renee C Kohl
Auxiliary President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome, 2026

Can you believe it's already here? I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends,

and a little well-deserved rest. Time seems to be moving faster every year—people keep telling me, “don't blink,” and that has never felt more true. Somehow, we've already found ourselves in the middle of winter. As we settle into the new year, it's time to gear up and continue the important work of our programs.

The Mid-Winter Conference was, once again, a tremendous success. THANK YOU to everyone who attended and contributed to the energy of the weekend. The District raffle baskets were incredible this year—I hope you

were lucky enough to take home the one you had your eye on!

Our Department Chairmen did an outstanding job sharing the information we need to move forward with reporting. Hard as it is to believe, reporting season is right around the corner, and their guidance will help make the process smooth and successful for all of us.

Many of you also know that I recently spent a weekend in Kentucky with the Commander and Adjutant (and their wives) for a site visit in preparation for Na-

tional Convention. What a whirlwind that was! If you've seen the videos and photos posted on the ALA President Facebook page, you already know how much there is to do and see—most of it within easy walking distance of the hotel. I hope you enjoyed that little sneak peek of what's ahead.

Here's to a productive, meaningful, and inspiring year together. Let's make 2026 one to remember.

-Renee Kohl, President
American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of Ohio



ROBINSON'S RECAP



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Hello American Legion Department of Ohio Members,

We are hitting our stride for the year! We had a very successful Mid-Year Conference filled with outstanding training and fellowship. The Department Team also hosted a tremendous

“Of the Year” Banquet. We honored our Teacher of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Special Olympics Athlete of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Mentor of the Year. What an amazing evening celebrating the impact we make every day in our communities.

We also traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for our brothers and sisters. From working to move the Richard Star Act forward, to empowering and investing in our women veterans (H.R. 219), to supporting improvements to the lethality and readiness of our Armed Forces, we made our voices heard. We

met with many of our congressional leaders and senators to discuss critical issues affecting our veterans and active-duty service members.

We still have our Spring and Summer District Conventions coming up. Please attend and support your post at your next District meeting.

Additionally, the Department Executive Committee (DEC) has voted to place a resolution on the Convention floor to increase the Department per capita from \$9.00 to \$14.00. This \$5.00 increase is necessary to maintain the services currently provided by the Department. Members of

the Department leadership team will attend each District Conference to answer questions and provide additional information. We are looking to finish the year strong.

Finally, please remember to conduct your buddy checks. Reach out, visit, and talk with the veterans you know. A simple conversation can make a tremendous difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

VR,
-John Robinson, Adjutant



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Jacob Brault
Dept. Legislative Liaison

The 136th General assembly is back up and running with many of our Legislators focusing on their reelection campaigns along with the prescribed tasks of holding an elected office as a State Legislator. These upcoming months are of the utmost importance for us as a Legion family to ensure that meaningful legislation gets passed and can make a difference in each one of our lives before the lame duck session begins in November, please be on the lookout for any communication via email from our new mass communication service **Votervoice** for links to advocacy campaigns, surveys, email broadcasts, and other grassroots methods to make our voices heard at the Ohio Statehouse. Below are a list of Veteran and Military oriented bills that we are currently tracking;

- HB 1 Enact Ohio Property Protection Act
- HB 22 Authorize homestead exemption for surviving mil-

- itary spouses
- HB 27 Designate Specialist Jacob A. Ashton Memorial Bridge
- HB 40 Increase disabled veteran enhanced homestead exemption
- HB 50 To designate a portion of SR 47 the "PFC John Wayne Richard Memorial Highway."
- HB 56 To designate a portion of SR 421 the "CPL David James Amheiser Memorial Highway."
- HB 61 Modify homestead exemption, owner-occupancy tax credit amount
- HB 95 Support members of Ohio Veterans Education Council
- HB 96 Make state operating appropriations for FY 2026-27
- HB 135 Prohibit source of income discrimination in rental housing
- HB 171 Designate a portion of State Route 28 the "CPT Louis John Speidel Memorial Highway."
- HB 204 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day
- HB 228 To designate a portion of I 280 the "SSG Jack W. Coy Veterans Memorial Highway."
- HB 234 Designate Cpl. Robert Dockstader Memorial Highway
- HCR 7 To support the work of the Am. Leg. Buckeye Boys State and the Am. Leg. Aux. Buckeye Girls State
- SB 17 Designate 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day
- SB 21 Designate Rutherford B. Hayes Day
- SB 39 Provide for informational poster on veteran benefits and services
- SB 88 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
- SB 92 Authorize total property tax exemption-totally disabled veterans
- SB 148 Designate a portion of State Route 2 the "Specialist Lloyd Andrew Sellers Memorial Highway."
- SB 179 Verify veteran status of imprisoned individuals
- SCR 7 Urge Congress reissue DoD Civilian Retiree Identification Cards
- SR 21 Urge Congress support military, veteran mental health treatment
- SR 22 Urge federal govt reduce processing time-veteran disability claim

- SR 52 Honoring the DAR Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter on its 150th Anniversary
- SR 97 Observing April 2025 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio

For more information on your online legislative resources, please visit our website at ohiolegion.com/legislative or contact your District Legislative Chairman.

-Jacob Brault,
Legislative - National Security -
VE&E Coordinator

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David Root's E-newsletters to cover Veteran and Military Legislation in the Ohio General Assembly:

»February:
https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/David-Roots-E-newsletter-to-cover-Veteran-and-Military-Legislation-in-the-Ohio-General-Assembly_February-2026.pdf

Get involved with The American Legion **GrassRoots Action Center** where you can contact your Congressional Representatives.

»<https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

Important Update, Legion Family...

We've officially switched our mass email communications platform from Constant Contact to VoterVoice. If you previously unsubscribed from receiving Department emails, please be sure to resubscribe using your most recent and valid email so you don't miss out on information such as the Ohio Legion newsletter, Event announcements, important Legislative updates, and more.

All mass communications will continue to come from legion@ohiolegion.com but if you see VoterVoice graphics it is in fact legitimate and from the Department of Ohio.

And not to worry your contact information will never be shared with an outside party - it is safe and secure!

Please add the legion@ohiolegion.com email to your safe contacts to ensure delivery, thank you.

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“The SitRep”

Board of Veterans Appeals update:

2024: \$1,539,548.76
Success Rate 75%

2023: \$3,449,566.10
Success Rate 75%

2022: \$7,180,090.87
Success Rate 84%

2021: \$8,850,574.76
Success Rate 87%

2020: \$2,386,763.09
Success Rate 84%

2019: \$2,879,602.90
Success Rate 77%

2018: \$3,229,365.06
Success Rate 78%

2017: \$6,172,243.43
Success Rate 85%

Total Winnings for Veterans
\$35,356,983.86

2026 Post Service Officer School

The Department held Post Service Officer School will be held September 19, 2026, from 8am – 4pm at American Legion Department of Ohio DEC Room, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015

RVSP to genochio@ohiolegion.com and mmanzie@ohiolegion.com by September 10th to secure your seat.

A Post Service Officer provides an important link between the veteran or dependent and a representative holding American Legion accreditation. An effective PSO understands benefits afforded to veterans and dependents; however, the PSO is not authorized to file any claims on behalf of the claimant. PSOs serve as valuable resources to veterans in local posts to ensure that our veterans and their dependents receive their earned benefits.

Post-Everlasting and Burial Benefits Guide

A new version of the Burial Guide has been published to help veterans prepare their loved ones when the time comes to transition to post-everlasting. The guide can be found on the Department webpage at the following link:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/Funeral-Planning-Guide-Rev.-01-2026.pdf>

VA Limits Apportionment of Disability Benefits

VA is limiting the grant of apportionments of veterans VA disability directly to dependents, leaving these matters to the do-

mestic courts. However, the VA will still process apportionments pertaining to veterans incarcerated at federal penitentiary on felony charges or hospitalized at a VA Medical Center a portion of their benefits can be paid directly to their dependents if eligible.

Gulf War Veterans Presumptive Period Ending Soon

The presumptive period for Gulf War veterans seeking service connection for qualifying disabilities rated 10% or more resulting from undiagnosed illness in the Gulf War end December 21, 2026. It has not been addressed if Congress or the Department of Veterans Affairs will again extend the deadline passed the December 31, 2026, deadline. This does not mean that a veteran cannot file after the deadline it would just mean that the effective date of the claim would not go back further than December 31, 2026.

VA presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Persian Gulf War service without regard to cause, including, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders. Also included are undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders,

neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders and sleep disturbances. If you feel you have any of these issues or issues related to your service, please contact your local County Veteran Service Office or the Department of Ohio Service officer team to advise and assist in filing for compensation.

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DEPARTMENT OF  OHIO

POST SERVICE OFFICER SCHOOL 2026

When: September 19, 2026

Time: 0800 to 1600 (8 – 4:00pm)

Where: Department Headquarters, DEC Room (60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015)

Who: All Post Service Officers (PSO) and or those becoming a PSO

To attend this year's Post Service Officer Training please RSVP to **BOTH** genochio@ohiolegion.com **AND** mmanzie@ohiolegion.com prior to September 10, 2026, to reserve your seat!



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to be a point of interest for both parties across the aisle for the Department of Homeland Security causing a partial government shutdown which impacted approximately 78% of our services on the Fed side of the house.

Cyber Security Tips:

Here are five steps Legion family can take to ensure robust personal cybersecurity:

1. Use Strong and Unique Passwords: Veterans should create complex, unique passwords for every online account and avoid reusing passwords. A password

manager can help keep track of them securely.

2. Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Activating 2FA on accounts adds an extra layer of protection by requiring a second form of verification (like a code sent to your phone), reducing the risk of unauthorized access.

3. Stay Alert to Phishing Scams: Veterans may be targeted by phishing scams, especially those related to military or veterans' benefits. Always verify the source before clicking on links or

providing personal information.

4. Regularly Update Software: Ensure that all devices (computers, phones, etc.) have the latest software and security patches to protect against known vulnerabilities. This includes antivirus programs and system updates.

5. Monitor Financial Accounts: Veterans should frequently check their bank accounts and credit reports for signs of fraud or identity theft. Using identity theft protection services can also help spot any suspicious activity early.

POW/MIA

DPAA has identified/repatriated (231) service members in fiscal year 2025. This marks the highest number of identifications in a single fiscal year since the agency's establishment in 2015.

Federal Freeze

Federal funding has continued

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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 14th - June 21st, 2026** 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 with in 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 utilizing their experiences and expertise thru 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

Buckeye Boys State
“A Week to Shape a Lifetime”
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, nonpartisan 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.

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 Government 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 (*cont.*) 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:

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For information on the overall American Legion Buckeye Boys State program go to:

www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com



Oratorical Program



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 approximately 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.

- 2026 Assigned topics

- » Amendment IV
- » Article III Section 3
- » Article IV Section 4
- » Article VI Clause 3

The American Legion Department awards the first-place

winner a \$4,000 scholarship at the state finals. The second-place winner receives \$2,000 and the remainder of the contestants equally divide \$3,000.

The American Legion Department of Ohio's Oratorical Contest will be held Sunday **March 29th, 2026** 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

More information on Oratorical can be found at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/oratorical/>.





Scouting Program



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



Flag Etiquette



United States Flag Etiquette

Title 36, Subtitle I, Part A section 301 United States Code – National Anthem

(a) Designation.— The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

(b) Conduct During Playing.— During a rendition of the national anthem—

- (1) when the flag is displayed—

(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

- (2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the

flag were displayed.

Frequently asked questions regarding flag etiquette

Question:

May an unserviceable flag be reused or recycled?

Answer:

No. 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.

Question:

Can members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform render the military right hand salute when the flag is hoisted, lowered or is passing?

Answer:

The law does allow members of the Armed Forces and veterans not in uniform to render the right hand salute, but does not mandate it. If you feel uncomfortable in any situation where the flag is being raised, lowered or is passing in review, the traditional right hand over the heart – with the hat removed – is still a viable and very respectful alternative.

Question:

Does the flag have to be destroyed if it touches the ground?

Answer:

Care should be exercised in the handling of the flag, to protect it from becoming soiled or damaged. However, you are not required to destroy the flag if it touches the ground. As long as the flag remains suitable for display, even if washing or dry-cleaning (which is an acceptable practice) is required, the flag may continue to be displayed.

Question:

Is it proper to fly the flag of the United States at night?

Answer:

The Flag Code states that it is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Question:

What is considered proper illumination when flying the flag at night?

Answer:

"Proper illumination" is a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer.

Question:

May a Legion post display the flag twenty-four hours a day and during all kinds of weather without regard to illuminating the flag or using an all-weather flag?

Answer:

American Legion posts are to be guided by the same provisions of the Flag Code as are civilian displays. The National Americanism Commission, in fact, encourages Legion posts to take special care to adhere to these provisions as a proper example for the community.

Question:

Is it permissible to fly the flag of the United States during inclement weather?

Answer:

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. (All-weather – nylon, synthetic, or other non-absorbent material)

Question:

Is the Government required to fly the flag every day?

Answer:

The Code suggests the flag be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution, in or near every polling place on election days and in or near every sc-

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hollhouse when school is in session.

Question:

What is meant by the flag's own right?

Answer:

The "right" as the position of honor developed from the time when the "right hand" was the "weapon hand" or "point of danger." The right hand raised without weapon was a sign of peace. The right hand, to any observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and/or blue field is displayed to the left of the observer, which is the flag's "own right."

Question:

What is the proper placement of two or more United States flags in a church or auditorium?

Answer:

Regardless of the number of United States flags, each would be displayed in accordance with Flag Code provisions. For most functions more than one flag is unnecessary. For a patriotic display as a show of color, the flags may be displayed as common sense and good taste would dictate.

Question:

When is the United States flag to be displayed?

Answer:

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on all Federal holidays; and on State holidays.

Question:

Is it proper for a Legion post to lower the United States flag to "half-staff" to honor a deceased member of the post?

Answer:

No. The lowering of the flag is only authorized on Memorial Day, from sunrise until noon, and by executive order of the

President, or State Governor. If it is so desired, the organizational flag may be lowered for this purpose.

Question:

What happens to the State flag when the flag of the United States is half-staffed?

Answer:

The State flag or any other flag or pennant in a display is lowered or removed when the flag is at half-staff. As indicated in the Flag Code, no flag or pennant should be placed above the flag of the United States.

Question:

Is the flag to be half-staffed for National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7th), and Patriot's Day (September 11)?

Answer:

In accordance with U.S. Code, Title 36, Chapter 1, the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation to display the flag at half-staff for the entire day.

Question:

What is the significance of displaying the flag at half-staff?

Answer:

This gesture is a sign to indicate the nation or state mourns the death of an individual(s). (Naval and Military Custom)

Question:

Can the mayor order the flag to be half-staffed?

Answer:

No, only the President of the United States or the Governor of your State may order the flag to be half-staffed.

Those individuals and agencies that usurp authority and display the flag at half-staff on inappropriate occasions are quickly eroding the honor and reverence accorded this solemn act.

Question:

In what order should the flags of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces be displayed?

Answer:

The order of march and order display from left to right is the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard.

Question:

What size flag is appropriate to be displayed from a flagpole?

Answer:

The Flag Code is silent with regards to the size flag that is appropriate for different sizes of flagpoles. The rule of thumb which has been passed down through tradition and custom is the fly of the flag should be approximately one-fourth the height of the pole.

Question:

What is the significance of the gold fringe which we see on some United States flags?

Answer:

Records indicate that fringe was first used on the flag as early as 1835. It was not until 1895 that it was officially added to the national flag for all regiments of the Army. For civilian use, fringe is not required as an integral part of the flag, nor can its use be said to constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statute. It is considered that fringe is used as an honorable enrichment only. (Military tradition)

The courts have deemed without merit and frivolous, lawsuits that contend that the gold fringe adorning the flag conferred Admiralty/Maritime jurisdiction.

Question:

Is it permissible to wear an item of clothing that looks like the United States flag?

Answer:

Unless an article of clothing is made from an actual United States flag, there is NO breach of flag etiquette whatsoever. People are simply expressing their patriotism and love of country by wearing an article of clothing that happens to be red, white, and blue with stars and stripes. There is nothing illegal about the wearing or use of these items.

Question:

Is it necessary for a person to stand and salute when the National Anthem is sung?

Answer:

The Flag Code states that during rendition of the National Anthem, those present should stand and render the proper salute. Rendition includes singing.

Question:

Is it appropriate to sing the National Anthem while saluting the flag?

Answer:

Yes, it is appropriate to sing the National Anthem while saluting the flag; however, since it may be somewhat awkward, unnatural and incongruous to render the military salute while singing, it is permissible to remove the cap with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. It is noted that this section pertaining to the National Anthem does not contain the "remain silent" clause associated with the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Question:

Can members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform when the National Anthem is played?

Answer:

Yes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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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.

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 or contact Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator Christie White at 740-362-7478 or programs@ohiolegion.com



Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge supporting Special Olympics Ohio!!!

Ready to Be Freezin' for a Reason?



Welcome to the #ChillOfALifetime — the coolest party with the warmest heart! Join us for the Law Enforcement Torch Run American Legion Polar Plunge, where bold souls dive into icy waters to support the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Ohio.

Whether you're plunging solo or rallying your wildest crew, this is your chance to make a splash for inclusion, joy, and communi-

ty. Raise funds, rock outrageous costumes, and take the plunge — all while cheering on the movement that's changing lives.

As a presenting sponsor of the Law Enforcement Torch Run program, The American Legion Department of Ohio is hosting our second annual Battle of Delaware Polar Plunge!!! See event details below:

BATTLE OF DELAWARE POLAR PLUNGE:

Friday, March 27th at 1:00pm

The American Legion Department of Ohio Headquarters
 60 Big Run Rd.
 Delaware, OH 43015



Here is how you can join...

1. You can sign up under the American Legion page that Special Olympics graciously created for us at:

https://support.soo.org/site/TR?fr_id=1089&pg=entry

Once on that page, click on "Form a Team", and start getting your members signed up! You do not have to plunge if you do not want to. You can create a "to chicken to plunge team" or just donate to the Department Team.

2. Department Staff has created a team, and we will "plunge" on Friday March 27th. Please share the Department Facebook posts to spread the word and increase donations. You can donate directly to the staff page here:

<https://support.soo.org/site/>

[TR?fr_id=1240&pg=pfnd](https://support.soo.org/site/TR?fr_id=1240&pg=pfnd)

Department has also challenged our local First Responders to Plunge with us! All updates will be shared on the Department Facebook page. Our plunge will also be livestreamed.

We look forward to seeing all the Post participation!!!! SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

Special Olympics Impact Award

Special Olympics Ohio and the Law Enforcement Torch Run honored The American Legion Department of Ohio by selecting the Department to receive the Impact Award – Service Club at the 2025 Special Olympics Ohio Awards Banquet.



This award recognizes a service club that has demonstrated unwavering support for Special Olympics Ohio programs and initiatives. The American Legion's advocacy efforts have significantly impacted the success and growth of Special Olympics Ohio and their athletes.



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS

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 15th 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 gene-

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ral 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.

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- Applicant must have a high school and college (if attending college) GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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

The amount of the Durward I. Bernhard award will be contingent upon the annual earning of the Scholarship Fund.

American Legion/Military Award

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

Requirements:

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



Mid-Winter Conference Highlights (cont.)

Our platinum level sponsors for this year's Mid-Winter Conference were Trulieve; eTMS; Grover Gaming; and Arrow International, Inc. Our participating silver level sponsors were Goat Locker Racing and Wings of Resiliency. Our bronze level sponsors were Veteran Companion Animal Services and Humana. Also special mention to USS Cleveland foundation, Legionnaire Insurance Trust, and Commander Oren's project organization - Challenged Champions who were also represented as a vendors 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/>



Presentation of the Colors was done by The Franklin County Young Marines during Saturday's banquet

Saturday evening's, "Of the Year" Awards Banquet, was yet again an immense success with the delicious meals, presentation of the colors by The Franklin County Young Marines, and with the attendance of all our distinguished guests. Special recognition to Renee Kohl, Department of Ohio Auxiliary President; Michelle Sandridge, Department of Ohio Auxiliary Chaplain; Desiree' Stoy, Auxiliary Past National President; Jeff Vrabel Jr., Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander; Chris Casey, Midwest Region National Vice-Commander;

Scott J. Thornton, National Assistant Adjutant of The Sons of the American Legion; Candace Messer, American Legion Riders of Ohio Director; and David Heredia, American Legion Riders National Chairman. Next, our Department officers were introduced to the banquet audience along with distinguished guest, Jay Bowen, Leading Candidate for National Commander.

We then showcased a few of our Americanism youth leader's 'thank you' videos as well as presented our "Of the Year" Awards for; Educator of the Year (Matt Berman of Washington Local Schools), Child Welfare Worker of the Year (William Dieterle the Executive Director of Santa's Hide-a-way Hollow), Firefighter of the Year (Lucas Woodward of the Sidney Fire Department), Special Olympics Athletes of the Year (Noah Hiles and Rachel Russell), Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year (Sergeant Kennon Coleman of the Warren County Sheriff's Office), Special Olympics Coach of the Year (Russell Moye), and on hand to receive the new Department Commander's Spirit of Service Award (Laura Gray and Nicholas Lippert of the U.S.S. Cleveland Foundation). Moving acceptance speeches were given by all award recipients. Special Olympics of Ohio also had their Law Enforcement Torch Run Director, Haley Melcher on hand to speak on their program's inclusive community approach with her own personal story as an example about her amazing daughter. Sergeant Kennon Coleman continued with encouraging donation, attendance and volunteering with the Law Enforcement Torch Run that SOOH hosts.

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. Renee Kohl (Department of Ohio Auxiliary President) and key officers gave greetings and support the body as well Jeff Vrabel Jr. (Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander) and SAL entourage - Chris Casey, Midwest Region National SAL Vice-Commander also spoke on leading with purpose and integrity and also how the Sons' legacy is not inherited but rather earned. NECman Chapman next introduced distinguished guest, Jay Bowen, Leading Candidate for National Commander, who addressed the audience with remarks on the importance of service at every cap color level and also on the great Ohio hospitality he has received as well as why visiting as many Departments nationwide as he can so he can better understand the unique challenges veterans face within their regions.



Distinguished guest Jay Bowen, Leading Candidate for National Commander, addressing the session body

Following this David Heredia, American Legion Riders Ad-

visory Committee National Chairman, addressed the audience with the theme of familia and the Riders' serving with purpose. Next Buckeye American Legion College Dean, Ty Bowers, gave program updates with the future online academy, current enrollment, and announced the recent American Legion College graduates (Brandy Little and Dennis Teynor). Following this, Keynote Speakers - Laura Gray and Nicholas Lippert of the U.S.S. Cleveland Foundation gave sensational speeches on the importance of supporting the U.S.S. Cleveland crew and their families.



Sunday Session - 2nd District - Brown Jug Award, Medium category winners

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 and an emergency DEC meeting. Sincere appreciation to all that attended the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Department Convention in Toledo.



American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc.
Winners of the Mid-Winter Conference Sweepstakes
Dublin, Ohio on Sunday, January 18th, 2026

James Adams.....Stow, OH	Jeffrey Kinnison.....Lorain, OH	Richard Schroeder.....Cincinnati, OH
Charles Bauer.....Monroeville, OH	Leo Krecji.....Concord Township, OH	A Setlock.....Wickliffe, OH
Leonard Beal.....New Franklin, OH	Eugene Labut.....Uniontown, OH	Thomas Shannon.....Bellevue, OH
Charles Bennett.....Dayton, OH	Thomas Lafaire.....Creston, OH	Eric Shaw.....Venice, FL
Steven Bernhardt.....Mount Orab, OH	Eugene Lennartz.....Fort Recovery, OH	James Shipley.....Zanesville, OH
Albert Beyer.....Bellville, OH	Robert Liggett.....Wauseon, OH	Richard Silver.....Cleveland, OH
Kenneth Bonnell.....Marysville, OH	Charles Mann.....Tiro, OH	W Bruce Tolle.....Johnstown, OH
Ty Bowers.....Bucyrus, OH	Clifford Martin.....Willard, OH	James Walker.....Alliance, OH
Orlin Brooks.....Seaman, OH	Gordon McLaughlin.....Toledo, OH	Brad Watts.....Wooster, OH
Joseph Campana.....Brookfield, OH	Gary Melssen.....Sandusky, OH	Rick White.....Dayton, OH
Tod Cyester.....Dayton, OH	Robert Moore.....Toronto, OH	Karlin Wyse.....Archbold, OH
John Dorris.....Newark, OH	Kevin Motter.....Montpelier, OH	
Terry Downton.....Lima, OH	John Murray.....Bellville, OH	
Melissa Fowle.....Troy, OH	Thomas Privett.....Brooklyn, OH	
William Gifford.....Canfield, OH	Ronald Pusateri.....Westerville, OH	
Charles Gleydura.....Hubbard, OH	Sonia Rittenhour.....Bucyrus, OH	
Charles Harris.....Canton, OH	Ronald Roberts.....Van Wert, OH	
Edward Hogan.....Loveland, OH	Melissa Rodgers.....Elyria, OH	
Dick Johnson.....Bellaire, OH	John Sabo.....Lakewood, OH	
Edward Karr.....Clyde, OH	Kenneth Samsa.....Wickliffe, 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.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO CHARITIES, INC.
DONATES TO VETERANS' CAUSES

In January, the team of the American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. met during the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference. The following are the latest recipients of grants totalling nearly \$330,000

RECIPIENTS

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Program</u>
American Legion Department of Ohio Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Charities	Support Programs & Expenses For District Support
Cleveland American Veterans Association (CAVA)	For a truck to help Veterans
Challenged Champions Equestrian Center	Horses for Veterans (Commanders Project)
Dan Fout Memorial Disabled Veterans Hunt	Disabled Veteran Outing
Department of Ohio MEMO - Lead National Candidate	Donation to Leading Candidate Jay Bowen
Fisher-Nightingale House, Inc	Guest Housing
Save 22	Suicide Prevention
Treats4thestreets	Support the homeless
Ride with Valor	Sponsorship for Veterans Housing Solutions
Black Swamp Veteran Golf League	Golf League for Veterans
Patriots on the Fly	Fly fishing for Vets
Civil Air Patrol	Summer Encampment for Kids

Charities, Inc. considers requests for funds at least 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: espenshade@ohiolegion.com or American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH 43015

American Legion Posts Represented at the Attorney General's Instant Bingo Training Session

January 17th, 2026

<u>City</u>	<u>Post #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Post #</u>
Akron	566	Toledo	335
Amherst	118	Toledo	587
Ansonia	353	Urbana	120
Bainbridge	14	Utica	92
Beallsville	768	Vandalia	668
Bellaire	52	Wadsworth	170
Berea	91	Washington CH	25
Bowling Green	45	Waverly	142
Brook Park	610	Wellston	371
Bucyrus	181	Whitehall	490
Cadiz	34	Winterville	557
Camden	377		
Cardington	97		
Celina	210		
Chilicothe	62		
Cincinnati	72		
Cincinnati	484		
Coldwater	470		
Cuyahoga Falls	281		
Englewood	707		
Gallipolis	27		
Greentown	436		
Huntsville	381		
Johnstown	254		
Leetonia	131		
Lima	96		
Lithopolis	677		
Logan	78		
London	105		
Marion	162		
Marysville	79		
Miamisburg	165		
Mt Sterling	417		
Newburgh Hts	627		
Newton Falls	236		
Norwalk	41		
Ottawa	63		
Painesville	336		
Powhatan Pt	228		
Ravenna	331		
Riverside	776		
Scio	482		
Shadyside	521		


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Finance Commission Announcement



Proposed dues increase

At the 2026 Mid-Winter Conference, the Department Executive Committee approved forwarding Resolution 26-02 to the 2026 Department Convention for consideration by the general membership. The resolution proposes a \$5.00 per capita dues increase.

Rising operational costs—including insurance, utilities, administrative expenses, and program support—have significantly strained the Department’s financial resources. Despite ongoing cost-control efforts, current dues revenue is no longer sufficient to maintain existing services. Department per capita dues were last increased to \$9.00 in 2004. Since that time, membership in The American Legion Department of Ohio has declined by 73,662 members, resulting in an annual revenue loss of \$662,958. During the same period, inflation and operating costs have increased by approximately 71.58%.

As a result, the Department has operated at a deficit since 2017. Over the past six years, approximately \$300,000–\$500,000 annually has been withdrawn from unrestricted investment funds to cover operating expenses. While this approach has allowed the Department to continue serving veterans, the continued reliance on these funds is not a sustainable long-term solution.

Without a modest increase in membership dues, the Department will be forced to significantly reduce services and financial support at all levels. Such reductions would directly impact full-time staff support for our Legion family, veteran assistance programs, youth and community initiatives, leadership development, and advocacy efforts on behalf of veterans.

The proposed \$5.00 dues increase represents a responsible and necessary step to meet our financial obligations and ensure the long-term strength and stability of The American Legion Department of Ohio. Approval of this increase reaffirms our commitment to our mission, our members, and the veterans we are proud to serve.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Email:

468commander@gmail.com

-Dean Boyers,
Department Finance Commission

RESOLUTION

The American Legion Department of Ohio
Department Executive Committee
January 18, 2026

RESOLUTION No.: 26-02
ORIGIN: Finance Commission
SUBJECT: American Legion Department of Ohio inc. Dues Increase
REFEERED TO: Department Executive Committee

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio Constitution Article XI, Section 2 currently reads “The amount of annual Department dues beginning January 1, 2004 shall be nine dollars (\$9.00) per member, of which each year at least one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) shall be allocated to publish and distribute to the entire membership a Department newspaper; at least fifteen cents (\$0.15) shall be allocated for Department Convention operations; and at least thirty cents (\$0.30) shall be allocated to aid Delegates to the National Convention (*Amended 104th Department Convention 2023*)”; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. membership has decreased by 73,662 members since 2004, resulting in lost revenue of \$662,958; and

WHEREAS, Inflation and costs have risen approximately 71.58% since 2004. This inflation rate has resulted in the American Legion Department of Ohio inc. operating in a deficit since 2017; and

WHEREAS, Due to the decreased membership revenue and increased costs, approximately \$300-500k has been taken out of unrestricted funds annually since 2021 to cover operating expenses and maintain a balanced budget. and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Ohio’s current annual revenue is approximately **\$1,620,000**, while projected annual operating expenditures total approximately **\$2,022,100**, reflecting a structural operating deficit, and such expenditures represent fixed and recurring costs necessary to maintain the Department’s organizational capacity, service delivery obligations, and long-term operational sustainability; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Department Finance Commission of The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. that a per capita dues increase is necessary for 2027 to ensure solvency for the Department organization, the absence of a per capita dues increase will require the Department to significantly reduce services and financial support at all levels, limiting our ability to effectively advocate for and serve veterans, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Ohio inc., assembled in Dublin, Ohio, on January 18, 2026, approved this resolution to be forwarded to the 2026 Department Convention: now, therefore be it

This is to certify that this resolution was adopted by our Department but with National action substituted for local resolving clause.

Adjutant

Department

Other authorized source:

(To be used when resolution is submitted from another authorized source or to comply with Resolution 21, May 4-5, 2016)

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Signature of Chairman or Secretary _____

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The American Legion Department of Ohio
Department Executive Committee
January 18, 2026

RESOLUTION No.: 26-02
ORIGIN: Finance Commission
SUBJECT: American Legion Department of Ohio inc. Dues Increase
REFEERED TO: Department Executive Committee

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Ohio inc. in Convention assembled in Toledo, Ohio July 11th, 2026, amend Article XI, Section 2 of The Department of Ohio Constitution to read:

“Article XI, Section 2 The amount of annual Department dues beginning July 13th, 2026 shall be fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per member, of which each year at least one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) shall be allocated to publish and distribute to the entire membership a Department newsletter online; at least fifteen cents (\$0.15) shall be allocated for Department Convention operations; and at least thirty cents (\$0.30) shall be allocated to aid Delegates to the National Convention (*Amended 104th Department Convention 2023*).”

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 90 – Landmark Celebration

In December 2025, members from Epworth Post 90 out of Bethesda honored their own WW2 Navy veteran, Frank Brock - 99 years old!



Post 138 – Flagpole Dedication Ceremony

On Nov 8th 2025 Durwin-Schantz Post 138 along with the City of Hamilton, Hamilton Police Department Honor Guard, Hamilton Parks Conservancy, Hamilton's 17 Strong, and Amvets Post 1983 Color Guard dedicated a flagpole in Hamilton's Bailey Square Park in honor of Vietnam veteran SSG Fred Brown. SSG Brown was awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Cross for valor based on his actions on March 15, 1969.



SSG Fred Brown



Post 138 presents colors to SSG Fred Brown's brother – Bishop Robert Brown



Post 138 Color Guard raises the colors and a special Distinguished Service Cross flag honoring SSG Fred Brown – Vietnam



Fred Bailey a Vietnam Veteran and Post 138 Trustee - speaks at the dedication of the flagpole for SSG Fed Brown in Hamilton, Ohio on Nov 8th

Post 288 – Community Donation



This past November Williamsburg American Legion Post 288 along with SAL Squadron 288 partnered up with Williamsburg Police Dept and donated \$1,000.00 to their Shop with a Cop Program. We have a great community and proud to support our police department!

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 211 – Reaches Out

Commander Mike Schroll and the Legionnaires of Avon Lake American Legion Post 211 proudly presented \$5,000 donation checks to honor the bravery and sacrifice of the three Lorain Police officers and their families affected by last summer’s tragic ambush and shooting. These officers and their loved ones have endured unimaginable hardship with strength and resilience that continue to inspire our entire community. We know no amount of money can erase what happened, but we hope this support brings even a measure of relief—whether through recovery, essential resources, or simply as a reminder that you are not facing this journey alone. With this contribution, combined with donations from the Post 211 American Legion Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders, each officer and the wife of Officer Phillip Wagner received a total of \$10,000 in support.



Donations totaling \$30K made by Post 211 to the two police officers and widow of the murdered police officer that occurred this past summer

Post 221 – Celebrates Veterans Birthdays

On November 21st, 2025, Massillon Post 221’s Larry Stottsberry celebrated 2 veteran’s birthdays along with local police, Ohio highway patrol, and VSC Stark county.



Post 211 – Gives Back to the Community

On November 11, 2025, Avon Lake American Legion Post 211 presents their second annual donation to Committee Resource Services of Avon Lake in the amount of \$10,000. CRS assists low-income families from Avon Lake and Avon with food, car repair, short term assistance on rent, utilities, and school supplies – among other things. Shown here are current Executive Director, Pam Ohradzansky and future Executive Director, Ryan Virtue. Also shown is Ken Karp, Trustee from Post 211.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 283 – Conducts Flag etiquette training for Scouts

-Submitted by Gregory E. DeRosier

On Monday 10 November 2025, four members of the David Johnston, American Legion Post #283 conducted a flag etiquette class for the Pickerington Cub Scout Pact #26 at their post. Six cub scouts participated in the training, and Legionnaire John Festger was the lead instructor for the cub scouts. The Legionnaires instructed the cub scouts on the proper flag etiquette for raising and lowering the flag, saluting the flag, and how to properly retire an American flag in poor condition. The scouts had the opportunity to inspect the flag, practice folding the flag, and ask questions about all aspects of the American flag. Legionnaire Festger was by Legionnaires Don Yates, Danny Dickerson, and Gregory DeRosier.



Post 470 – Youth A&G Test Winners

During January 2026, Patriotism American Legion Post 470 out of Coldwater recognized sponsored area students for their top scores on the Americanism & Government test. These winners now have a chance to be selected for the Department of Ohio A&G trip this coming early March, Congratulations students!



Pictured here are Mike Braun Post Commander, 12th grade boy- Edward Obringer, 11th grade boy- Ben Hannewald, 10th grade boy- Carter Heitkamp, 12th grade girl- Amanda Clune, 11th grade girl- Ava Schmitmeyer, and 10th grade girl- Chole Frysinger

Post 382 – Highlights



Bluffton Legion 382 Bluffton High School Veterans Ceremonies



Bluffton Four Chaplain Services at First Methodist Church in Bluffton, Ohio (L-R): Fred Rodabaugh, Chaplain Gary Dipnarine, Jerry Cupple, Same Reineke, Dennis Morrison, Ed Amstutz



Bluffton Legion 382 Honoring Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Auxiliary Girls State Attendees
L-R. Commander Kurt Emans, Adrian Murray, Truett Diller, Elizabeth Suter, Aubrey Burkholder, Chairman Dennis Morrison



Bluffton Legion 382 visited the Champaign Aviation Museum in Urbana, Ohio (present were): Bottom Chaplain Gary Dipnarine, Bob Amstutz, Tom Benroth, Larry Core, Bill McClain: Top Row: L-R Dennis Morrison, Sam Reineke, Delbert Gratz, Gary Crawfis, Fred Rodabaugh, Commander Kurt Emans

-Submission by Dennis Morrison

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 457 – Four Chaplains Service hits 83rd milestone

Colonel Benson Hough American Legion Post 457 in Sunbury marked the 83rd anniversary of the sinking of the SS Dorchester, a WWII Troop Ship that was sunk in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943, when 676 troops were lost, including Four Chaplains who gave up their life vest to save young soldiers.



SUNBURY, Ohio – In a somber tribute to sacrifice and interfaith unity, the Col. Benson Hough American Legion Post 457 gathered on February 3rd, 2026, at Sunbury Christian Church to commemorate the 83rd anniversary of the “Four Chaplains.” The ceremony honored four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives during World War II after the torpedoing of the troop transport ship SS Dorchester on Feb. 3, 1943.

As the ship sank in the icy waters of the North Atlantic, the chaplains—Methodist minister George L. Fox, Jewish rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest John P. Washington and Reformed Church in America minister Clark V. Poling—distributed life jackets to soldiers. When the supply ran out, the four men gave their own vests to others. They were last seen linked arm-in-arm on the tilting deck, praying as the vessel went down.

“These men didn’t ask about a soldier’s denomination before handing over their life jacket,” said Post Commander Glenn Daugherty. “They saw a brother in need, and they answered that call with the ultimate sacrifice.”

With more than 100 attendees, the ceremony was conducted during Scouting America Troops 701 and 7701 February Court of Honor awards gathering, the evening featured a significant youth presence, with members of the troops participating in the presentation of the colors. During the ceremony, it was noted that the chaplains’ commitment to service began long before the war; three of the four men had served as scout leaders in their civilian lives. Post Chaplain Phil Arndt was assisted by Troop Chaplain Amy Leadbetter in leading the “Saga of the Four Chaplains,” a moving narrative of the ship’s final moments. The troop Chaplain Aides read the profile of each chaplain, a ship’s bell rung in sharp, echoing tones. Simultaneously, scouts from the local troops stepped forward to light a candle for each of the four men, symbolizing the light they provided in the ship’s darkest hour. In addition to the post commander, Adjutant Gene Fuller and Legionnaires Richard Day, Kevin McGee, Dick Morris and Bob Cartwright were present to represent the post and assist in the proceedings. The event included a final bell toll, honoring the four men and the 672 others who perished in the North Atlantic that night.

-submission by, Gene Fuller

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GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 499 – Community Donations



(left to right): Bernie Thacker, Police Chief George Paine, and Sylvia Miller

On Dec 19th, 2025, James Stevenson Post 499 out of West Salem gave back to those who serve our community.

Sizeable checks were presented to the local police and fire departments.



(left to right): Bernie Thacker, Police Chief George Paine, and Sylvia Miller

Post 499 – Wreaths Across America

On December 13th, 2025, members from James Stevenson Post 499 out of West Salem laid 7 wreaths during the Wreaths Across America ceremony to honor U.S. Armed Forces, POW & MIA.



Pictured here are Shawn Haywood, Lenny Harbaugh, Jim Senz, Lenny Eaken, Nathan Murphy, Matt Martin, and Jake Sattellaier

On November 11th, 2025, the James Stevenson Post 499 out of West Salem family purchased 60 wreaths for Wreaths Across America that was organized by the local school's Ruritan-Husky Salute Squad.



Pictured here are Sylvia Miller, Neal Stacy, Amy McCarthy, Joyce Keener, Jamie Bowman

Post 397 – Honors Four Chaplains

Fiebirch Post 397 out of Vermillion on Feb 1st, 2026, hosted their first Four Chaplains Memorial Breakfast. Post Chaplain Stephen Davis planned it. 30 people attended. Complete success. -Submission by Sam H. Farley



Memorial table for the Four Chaplains



Post Adjutant Samuel Farley, keynote speaker



Post Chaplain Stephen Davis, telling the story of the Four Chaplains

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 572 – Christmas Party

This past December, Joseph J Jacubic Inc American Legion Post 572 Parma Ohio Christmas Party highlights.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 598 – Giving Back



On December 15th, 2025, Kettering Post 598 recognized four of their Veterans with Quilts of Valor. Pictured here are Mike Albrecht, Navy; Oscar Badgley, Army; Don Davison, Marines; and Neil Dunnington, Marines. Thank you for your service, gentlemen!



Members of the Ohio National Guard recognized Post 598, and Rhonda Hunter (Aux), for their hard work with donating food baskets for soldiers and their families during the holiday season. Rhonda has been doing this for over 20 Years and is retiring this year. Thank you, Rhonda, and thanks to everyone that donated.

-Submission by Jeff Laack

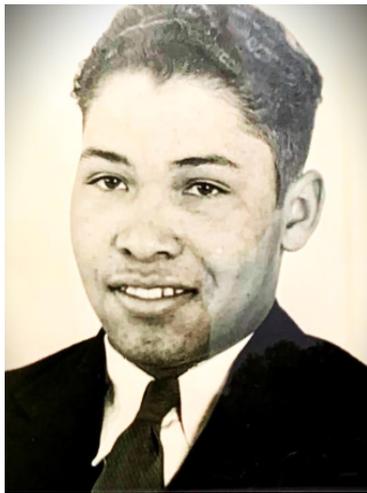
Post 674 – Donates to Youth Patriotism

On December 10th, 2025, Windham Post 674 donated \$2500.00 to local Windham Schools for their DC Trip.



-photo by Dave A Voss

Past Post 686 – Honoring Post Origins



Dale McGinnis

The Dale McGinnis Post 686 of Bellefontaine, Ohio, was officially installed with a celebration marking a significant moment in local and state history. The founding officers of the post were Clayton Rhea, Commander; Henry Howard Artis, 1st Vice Commander; Charles Hassel, 2nd Vice Commander; Lewis Ratleff, Adjutant; John M. Hassel, Finance Officer; Herbert Ratleff Sr., Sergeant at Arms; Robert Hassel, Service Officer; Earle Hicks Sr., Chaplain; and Ernest Carter Sr., Post Historian. The remaining charter members included Joseph Johnson Sr., Leroy Moss, Covel Breaston, Melvin Rockhold Sr., Clayton Scott, William Breaston, Harry Jackson, James Hassel, Vernon Davis, and Miss Wilmetta "Bae" Hassel of Bellefontaine. Additional members included Willis Bayless of West Mansfield and Alvin Johnson of DeGraff.

The post met on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and played an important role in the years following World War II and during the Civil Rights Movement. The Dale McGinnis Post 686 disbanded on April 30, 1980, and was largely forgotten in the years that followed. However, without the dedication and leadership of these men and women, Bellefontaine, Ohio would not have had its first Black American Legion post.

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Post 613 – Holds Inaugural ‘Veterans Week’ Festivities



From November 10th to 15th 2025 Fort McKinley Memorial American Legion Post 613 out of Trotwood held their inaugural Veterans Week to honor all who have served our great nation. The week was filled with events recognizing veterans and providing essential services to them. The week kicked off by celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. During this event, we honored our USMC veterans, sang “Happy Birthday,” and played the USMC Hymn.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 2025, Post 613 hosted its Veterans Day Luncheon at the post. This luncheon was part of the Veterans Week activities organized by Post 613 to honor veterans. Over 100 people attended, including Trotwood Mayor Yvette Page, Dr. Derrick Foward, President of the Dayton Branch of the NAACP, Major Ryan Struck, Professor of Military Science from Central State University, and representatives from the J-

ROTC departments of Trotwood Madison, Meadowdale, and Belmont High Schools. Also present were leadership members from the Third District, including 1st Vice District Commander Michael White, 2nd Vice Commander Robyn Ladson, and District Finance Officer/Commander of Post 776, Eric Kelly. The DECA Knights JROTC color guard presented the colors, while the Wilberforce Concert Band provided music for the occasion. The keynote speaker, Brigadier General Jeff Watkins of the Ohio Army National Guard, delivered a memorable Veterans Day message. During the luncheon, Major (Ret.) Odell W.S. Graves was recognized by Post 613 for his continued dedication to teaching JROTC in the local community. Maj. Graves has been teaching JROTC in the Dayton area for over 40 years.

Post 613 also received a Proclamation from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine in recognition of Veterans Week. Each veteran in attendance received a thank-you coin and an American flag lapel pin as tokens of appreciation for their service. Lunch was provided and served by the dedicated Post Auxiliary. After the luncheon, members of the post, along with Brigadier General Watkins, visited the Maria Joseph nursing facility to meet with the veterans who reside there. The Post expressed gratitude for their service, and they, too, received the coins and lapel pins. This luncheon was the highlight of Veterans Week and was meticulously planned to honor all veterans who served our nation. Wednesday offered a hula hoop fitness class, a-



Mayor of the City of Trotwood Yvette Page



Dr. Derrick Foward, President NAACP Dayton Branch



Guest Speaker BG Jeff Watkins OHARNG



Post 613 leadership with all Special Guests



Post 613 Commander Jason Ward holds a proclamation from Governor Dewine

long with informative sessions on Medicare Benefits led by Oakstreet Health, and a VA Health Benefits class presented by our Service Officer, Darwin Hicks. On Thursday, Suicide Awareness and Prevention Paint and Sip event was held. Three speakers discussed the topic, and attendees enjoyed painting military-themed pictures by number. On Friday, Chase Bank facilitated two financial literacy classes, focusing on how to avoid fraud and scams, as well as tips on setting goals, building a budget, and saving. The Post also provided notary services to assist with updating any power of attorney

documents. Finally, on Saturday, the Post, in collaboration with VFW Post 5018, provided a shred truck for anyone needing to shred personal documents.

Overall, Veterans Week was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who helped plan the events and to all who attended!

-Submission by Jason Ward



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 797 – Post Projects Highlights

Working with Joseph's Coat – Reynoldsburg, Ohio

The Gahanna American Legion Post 797 has been working with Joseph's Coat in Reynoldsburg for over 3 years acquiring clothes, shoes, furniture and household goods for Veterans in the Columbus, Ohio area who are recovering from homelessness. Many of the Veterans we help live at National Church Residences "The Commons at Livingston" which serves 100 men and women Veterans who were previously homeless in Central Ohio.

All of these Veterans had only the clothes they wore when they first moved into the facility and connecting them with needed resources was a major mission of our Post beginning in 2023. During the last 3 years we've worked with Joseph's Coat to connect many of the Veteran residents with these needed resources giving them stability, independence and a desire to succeed.

In November of 2025 our Post officers were invited to the annual Joseph's Coat Gala fund raising event. With the support we had received from Joseph's Coat over several years our officers felt compelled to make a statement to other Veteran organizations about the true commitment Joseph's Coat has to local disadvantaged Veterans. This feeling comes deeply from within Joseph's Coat starting with the volunteers up through the ranks of the organization including the leadership and Board of Directors. The night of the Gala there were three Post 797 officers in attendance, Commander Gary Filaseta, PEC Member Dick Poczik and Finance Officer Tom Kneeland. Collectively all three of the members presented a surprise donation check of \$1000 to show our commitment to their efforts and show other Posts the true need of Joseph's Coat that continuously serve our local Veterans and their families.



2025 Annual Joseph's Coat Gala - Gahanna Post 797 presents a \$1000 donation check to support local Veterans



Gahanna Police Department participants

Walk In Our Boots 5K – Gahanna Ohio

This event was born in April of 2023 due to the desire of our Post to do more than the occasional and typical donations to various VA facilities over holidays; Our members debated and discussed a number of activities to get everyone engaged and active in helping our Brothers and Sisters in Arms.

Walk In Our Boots 5k was born the winter of 2023 and is held every spring on City of Gahanna Trails. It is kicked off at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial Park where annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day veteran brick dedications are held. Our inaugural event was held in April of 2023 with a total participation of a little over 60 walkers/runners. We were able to raise a little over \$1500 and us-

ed that first year's revenue to help sustain an emergency food pantry at The Commons at Livingston, a National Church Residence facility built exclusively for Veterans that were homeless in Columbus, Ohio. In 2024 we had an increase in participation due to the energetic marketing campaign we were able to mount which resulted in close to 200 walkers/runners producing revenue exceeding \$7000. With the added revenue and volunteers from our Post there was a lot of effort to continue to make sure the emergency food pantry at The Commons at Livingston was kept full for the year, but we were also able to provide much needed kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies and other non-food consumable items that in many cases were cost prohibitive to many of the residents. Then came 2025, our third year of the 5k in the spring of 2025. We had a number of new marketing ideas and resources available to us. We had marketing firms volunteer their talents and we had local radio and television personalities cover the event which shone a bright light on the needs of these 100 Veteran residents. On the day of the event it was a typical early spring rainy Saturday. We didn't think we would be anywhere near as successful as in previous years. Then people started to show up, in ponchos, carrying umbrellas, wearing running shorts and supportive T-Shirts, 300 in all including families pushing baby strollers, retired men and women showing up to support the event, safety service personnel competing for a trophy and local dignitaries that made the day a huge success. In the end, all the effort paid off and we were able to raise over \$11,000 making 2025 a banner year opening new doors for our group to increase the help we provide these Veterans in years to come.



300 participants show up in the rain and prepare for the 2025 event

The Gahanna American Legion Post 797 is gaining new ground helping our homeless Veterans in and around Columbus and has committed to continue making this event and other events supporting them our local success stories.

-Submission by Tom Kneeland

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 798 - Monument Dedication

On November 20, 2025, Members of Reynoldsburg Post 798 dedicated a permanent monument at Silent Home Cemetery to the Veterans of Truro Township and Reynoldsburg.

The idea was conceived five years ago by Commander George Mussi, and fundraising began. Approximately six months ago, Commander George Mussi, First Vice Commander Jerry Schultz, and Chaplain Carl Bradley approved the design and ordered the monument. Regrettably, before the monument was set in place, three of the committee members, Bob McPherson, Pete Margaritis, and George Mussi passed away. Stan Knoderer, Superintendent of Truro Township, who proudly maintained Silent Home Cemetery, also passed. At the unveiling, Bob and Pete's wives laid wreaths to commemorate the event. George's wife could not attend due to the weather. Guest speakers were Pat Mahaffey and Dennis Nicodemus, Truro Township Trustees. Several Veterans and Firefighters from the area were present, as well as current Commander and Chaplain Carl Bradley and First Vice Commander and Finance Officer Jerry Schultz.

Post 798 would like to thank all those involved with the process from inception to completion, especially the Trustees and Grand Monuments.

It is an honor to serve our community.

-Submission by Carl Bradley



Post 677 – Honors William Howard O'Linn



Bill was the 8th District Sergeant of Arms SAL liaison

Positions at Walker-Hecox-Hickle Post 677 Lithopolis: Commander, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Finance Officer, Trustee, SAL Commander

-Submission by Ron Rutter

William Howard O'Linn, affectionately known as Bill or "Wild Bill," was born on July 19, 1946, and died in February 6th 2026. Bill graduated from Warren High School in 1966 and retired from the Army as a Master Sargent in 1988. He was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, life member of the American Legion, and member of The FOE (Fraternal Order of Eagles). He was a lifelong hunter, gardener, world traveler, drinker of "good" beer, and friend to everyone he met. Bill is survived by wife of 53yrs Marilyn (Schilling), daughter Rebecca (Victoria & David), son Thomas (Teresa), grandchildren Autumn, Kara, Evelyn, Walter, sisters Pat (Donny) & Cathy (Mark), special cousin/brother Kenny, aunts Norma (O'Linn) & Betty (Ford), and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many friends from all over the world. He is preceded in death by mother Ada (Ford), father Bill, brother Bob, sister Sue, grandchild Thomas Jacob, and a host of beloved cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Bill was a deeply spiritual man who always proclaimed that he and "the man up there" had an "understanding" and who lived by a motto that all people were to be treated with respect (unless they were deliberately ignorant and then not worthy your time). He was profoundly generous with his time, energy, money, laughter, knowledge, and friendship. He was fiercely loyal to his family and those he called friends. He was

a man who understood his own flaws and accepted the flaws within others because he also saw the good. He had a unique ability to connect with anyone in spite of language or communication styles – all he needed was his smile, natural charm and preferably (but not necessary) a good drink. All the stories you hear of "Wild Bill" O'Linn are most likely true, including the ones where he wore black socks and sandals, nothing else, to hang a clothesline at first home after he retired from the military. Or the time he had the owners of a 5-star Chinese hotel chain come and meet him because of all the compliments he gave the staff, or his habit of searching phone books wherever he traveled and calling up anyone with his last name. And of course, the time where he, his brother, and the rest of the group were.... well... that one really isn't public friendly, is it?

In lieu of flowers Bill has asked that donations be made to a charity or church of your choice and that you have a toast in his honor - preferably with a "good" beer or Irish whiskey.

DWAYNE R. SPENCE FUNERAL HOME, Canal Winchester, has been entrusted with helping the family through this difficult time. Online condolences may be made at www.spencefuneralhome.com

TAPS

POST 0001 - CLYDE CULP - COLUMBUS
 POST 0001 - RUSSELL POOL - COLUMBUS
 POST 0001 - JAMES EVANS - HILLIARD
 POST 0001 - PAUL MICHAEL - EATON
 POST 0003 - RAY BOWERS - ARLINGTON
 POST 0003 - LARRY CRATES - ARLINGTON
 POST 0003 - THOMAS MERCER - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - EDWARD TURNBELL - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - DAVID WELLS - FINDLAY
 POST 0006 - ANDREW JORDAN - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0006 - DALE HILL - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0007 - SHELDON KORMAN - MAYFIELD HEIGHTS
 POST 0008 - TAMMY KING - SANDUSKY
 POST 0011 - JAMES PIERCE - SUGAR GROVE
 POST 0011 - CARL KELLY - LANCASTER
 POST 0012 - A DANIEL MESSAROS - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - CRAIG BUTLER - AMHERST
 POST 0014 - MOSE WORKMAN - BAINBRIDGE
 POST 0014 - WILLIAM BUELL - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0015 - GEORGE SMITH - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0015 - DARREL FOX - NEW MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0015 - WILLIAM SCHRIEBER - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0016 - PAUL COCANOUR - MANSFIELD
 POST 0023 - CLARENCE ANDERSON - LUCASVILLE
 POST 0023 - KENNETH GREEN - W PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - MICHAEL ADKINS - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0024 - RONALD SAMPLES - MCCONNELSVILLE
 POST 0025 - GEORGE MILLS - WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE
 POST 0025 - ROLLO MARCHANT - STRONGSVILLE
 POST 0025 - MICHAEL CURL - WSHNGTN CT HS
 POST 0025 - STEPHEN THOMPSON - WSHNGTN CT HOUSE
 POST 0025 - ROBERT CROUSE - WSHNGTN CT HS
 POST 0027 - DONALD CURRY - BIDWELL
 POST 0027 - THOMAS JONES - GEORGETOWN
 POST 0028 - DALE HERTZFELD - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - DOUGLAS PRATT - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - CLIFTON BRILEY - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0029 - EUGENE AGIN - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0029 - DONALD MCVEY - CAMBRIDGE
 POST 0029 - DANIEL BEEBE - NASHPORT
 POST 0029 - JOHN COTTERMAN - PHILO
 POST 0031 - RICHARD WESTOVER - EAST PALESTINE
 POST 0031 - HARRY HERBERT - EAST PALESTINE
 POST 0031 - STEPHEN MOLNAR - EAST PALESTINE
 POST 0033 - GEORGE MCCARDEL - COLLIER
 POST 0034 - JOSEPH FOGLE - CADIZ
 POST 0038 - HAROLD CARMAN - BELLAIRE
 POST 0039 - BENNIE WRIGHT - SHADE
 POST 0039 - GUY GUINTEHER - GALLIPOLIS
 POST 0041 - JAMES HANCOCK - NORWALK
 POST 0041 - STEPHEN OBLINDER - NORWALK
 POST 0041 - TERRY FITZGERALD - MONROEVILLE
 POST 0041 - LARRY RISNER - NORWALK
 POST 0043 - FREDERICK CRUEA - CASSTOWN
 POST 0043 - STEVE BAKER - TROY
 POST 0043 - WILLIAM CHRISTIE - RESTON
 POST 0044 - RONALD LEEDERS - HARTVILLE
 POST 0044 - GUY BERTRAM - CANTON
 POST 0044 - DANOLD MOORE - CANTON
 POST 0044 - THOMAS BERNABEI - CANTON
 POST 0044 - GARY BOONE - MASSILLON
 POST 0044 - DALE WILSON - CANTON
 POST 0049 - GARY SLAGLE - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - GEORGE COX - NEW VIENNA
 POST 0049 - NORMAN HARVEY - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - HENRY TUCKER - WILMINGTON
 POST 0051 - JAMES BURGER - HUBBARD
 POST 0051 - JOHN SULLIVAN - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0051 - JAMES HASSAGE - HUBBARD
 POST 0052 - SHELVA DAVIS - BELLAIRE
 POST 0052 - RICHARD JOHNSON - BELLAIRE
 POST 0052 - JAMES TEASDALE - BELLAIRE
 POST 0056 - CHARLES HENDERSON - SALEM
 POST 0058 - PATRICK HENERY - SOMERSET
 POST 0062 - RONNIE GALLIMORE - BAINBRIDGE
 POST 0062 - JOHN GUMM - CHILlicothe
 POST 0062 - WILLIAM STANSBERRY - CHILlicothe
 POST 0062 - BILL LANDMAN - WAVERLY
 POST 0063 - FRANCISCO ALAFA - LEIPSIC
 POST 0063 - JOHN CUNNINGHAM - COLUMBUS GRV
 POST 0063 - LARRY ELLERBROCK - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - DWAIN HOHMAN - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - CLAYTON MAAG - COLUMBUS GROVE
 POST 0063 - RICHARD MENARD - KENTON
 POST 0063 - DONALD NORDHAUS - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - ROY SCHECKELHOFF - NAPLES
 POST 0063 - DONALD SCHMENK - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - JOSEPH SCHRIEBER - OTTAWA
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 POST 0063 - DENNIS WARNIMENT - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - DAVID YODER - OTTAWA
 POST 0064 - ALBERT STAUFFER - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - JOHN HANNAN - VINCENT
 POST 0064 - KENNETH BRITTON - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - JAMES MITCHELL - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - JOE MATTHEWS - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - STEVEN SUMMERS - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - D BENNETT - TIFTON
 POST 0065 - LARRY DUSENBERRY - COSHOCTON
 POST 0065 - FRANK GRAVES - COSHOCTON
 POST 0065 - RAYMOND WRIGHT - COSHOCTON
 POST 0067 - WALTER TIPTON - SHREVE
 POST 0068 - GARY FATZINGER - WOOSTER
 POST 0068 - MICHAEL GINLEY - CLEVELAND

POST 0070 - RICHARD LEATHERBERRY - EAST LIVERPOOL
 POST 0070 - RICHIE MESSER - DAYTON
 POST 0070 - GLENN WOODWARD - EAST LIVERPOOL
 POST 0071 - RICHARD BATES - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0071 - ERIC KILDOW - ROSEVILLE
 POST 0071 - RALPH DRAKE - PHILO
 POST 0071 - ANTHONY LANNING - NEWARK
 POST 0071 - MICHAEL MAY - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0071 - WILLIS GOINS - ROSEVILLE
 POST 0072 - RICHARD KELLER - HAMILTON
 POST 0072 - WILLIAM WILSON - NEWTOWN
 POST 0073 - EDWARD SOUDER - FOSTORIA
 POST 0073 - JOHN DULL - FOSTORIA
 POST 0073 - KEVIN FREDERICK - FOSTORIA
 POST 0073 - ROBERT FRIAS - FOSTORIA
 POST 0076 - LEE PATTERSON - CINCINNATI
 POST 0076 - JOHN EMERY - TUCSON
 POST 0078 - CLAUDE BARTLEY - LOGAN
 POST 0078 - CLYDE DANNER - LOGAN
 POST 0078 - STEVEN VAUGHN - LOGAN
 POST 0079 - JAMES CARNEY - ALPHARETTA
 POST 0079 - FRANCIS CRAMER - MARYSVILLE
 POST 0079 - LARRY ADKINS - RIPLEY
 POST 0083 - FREDDIE DOWNS - NORWALK
 POST 0083 - JEFFREY HORCHLER - MILAN
 POST 0083 - WILLIAM MARZETTI - LEXINGTON
 POST 0083 - H PAUL LUCAL - MILAN
 POST 0083 - LAIRD MYERS - SANDUSKY
 POST 0083 - CHARLES ULMER - HURON
 POST 0083 - JOHN HAHN - SANDUSKY
 POST 0083 - CHARLES BOLES - BELLEVUE
 POST 0083 - JOHN DOLLER - SANDUSKY
 POST 0083 - DANIEL DAVID - MONROEVILLE
 POST 0083 - HARRY FUNDERWHITE - GOOSE CREEK
 POST 0083 - GLENN GEROLD - CASTALIA
 POST 0083 - FRANK HAGER - BELLEVUE
 POST 0083 - JAMES HOWE - MILFORD
 POST 0083 - ROLAND WAHLERS - LAKESIDE MARBLEHEAD
 POST 0083 - JAMES BICKLEY - SANDUSKY
 POST 0083 - ALFRED SOWARDS - MARBLEHEAD
 POST 0084 - RONALD ANTILL - CAMBRIDGE
 POST 0085 - RICHARD CRABTREE - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - CLYDE CRAMER - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - KENNETH DOBBS - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - MICHAEL FITZPATRICK - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - LESTER FRANKLIN - NEW ALBANY
 POST 0085 - FLOYD GLANCY - MONROE
 POST 0085 - DANNY CONLEY - NEWARK
 POST 0085 - EDWARD HUMMEL - HEATH
 POST 0085 - CRAIG FOSTER - HEBRON
 POST 0085 - DONALD MORROW - NEWARK
 POST 0086 - ROBERT FULLERTON - TORONTO
 POST 0086 - HENRY BARTO - TORONTO
 POST 0086 - TIMOTHY ROBERTSON - TORONTO
 POST 0088 - HARLEY GARN - ASHLAND
 POST 0088 - DAVID ANDERSON - HOT SPRINGS
 POST 0088 - GARY DRUSHEL - ASHLAND
 POST 0088 - RAYMOND CLARK - ASHLAND
 POST 0088 - LLOYD WYGANT - ASHLAND
 POST 0088 - STEVEN DEFRANCESCO - ASHLAND
 POST 0091 - ROBERT BUZZARD - BERA
 POST 0091 - ALFRED DITTEBRAND - CLEVELAND
 POST 0091 - LEROY WERLEY - OLMSTED TWP
 POST 0091 - ARTHUR BERGSTRESSER - BERA
 POST 0091 - LAWRENCE KARPOWICZ - PARMA HEIGHTS
 POST 0091 - CLARENCE SMITH - BROOKLYN
 POST 0091 - TIMOTHY LLOYD - BERA
 POST 0095 - LEROY MCCLOUD - YELLOW SPRINGS
 POST 0095 - BEAUFORD MASH - XENIA
 POST 0097 - DARRELL MCLAIN - FULTON
 POST 0097 - ROBERT ALBRIGHT - CARDINGTON
 POST 0098 - JERRY CUNNINGHAM - SARASOTA
 POST 0103 - JAMES MCCOY - ASHTABULA
 POST 0105 - PAUL KRAMER - LONDON
 POST 0105 - FRED REEDER - LONDON
 POST 0106 - HARRY ELSE - WARREN
 POST 0106 - JOSEPH BONANNO - PHOENIX
 POST 0107 - KENNETH MYERS - REYNOLDSBURG
 POST 0109 - RICHARD GARDNER - MONTPELIER
 POST 0109 - ROBERT TOM - BRYAN
 POST 0110 - MARK SURDELL - TOLEDO
 POST 0110 - THOMAS STAGNER - TOLEDO
 POST 0112 - DONALD TENNEY - MADISON
 POST 0112 - DONALD MAH - MADISON
 POST 0113 - RICHARD WINKE - PORT CLINTON
 POST 0113 - RAY LAMBERT - PORT CLINTON
 POST 0113 - RICHARD STEIN - PORT CLINTON
 POST 0114 - ROGER CARPENTER - OAK HARBOR
 POST 0114 - LARRY CAMP - OAK HARBOR
 POST 0115 - ROBERT EASTERDAY - HUNTSVILLE
 POST 0115 - RICHARD GLESENKAMP - DELAWARE
 POST 0116 - JOAN BROWN - BYESVILLE
 POST 0116 - DENNIS SCHULTICE - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0118 - BILLY GREEN - AMHERST
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 POST 0123 - CARL MCELROY - BATAVIA
 POST 0128 - STANLEY LEMLEY - RAVENNA
 POST 0131 - DENNIS HILLBERRY - LISBON
 POST 0131 - DANIEL BROWN - LISBON
 POST 0137 - CLAREN OSMUN - EDGERTON
 POST 0138 - ROY BROWN - FAIRFIELD
 POST 0138 - MAURICE KOLLSTEDT - HAMILTON
 POST 0138 - ROGER CREWS - OKEANA
 POST 0138 - MIKE FRY - HAMILTON
 POST 0138 - JOHN MILLER - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
 POST 0139 - JOHN SMITH - CUYAHOGA FALLS
 POST 0139 - VERNON DUNLAP - UHRICHSVILLE
 POST 0140 - RICHARD BAIRD - GREENVILLE
 POST 0140 - BETTY SIMMONS - GREENVILLE

POST 0140 - KENNETH PRICE - GREENVILLE
POST 0140 - TOM STALEY - ARCANUM
POST 0140 - RON STEPHENS - GREENVILLE
POST 0142 - EDWARD ROBERTS - WAVERLY
POST 0142 - JAMES GREENHILL - WAVERLY
POST 0144 - HOWARD NEWSOME - COLUMBUS
POST 0144 - JOHN MERZ - COLUMBUS
POST 0144 - JOHN PACK - GROVEPORT
POST 0144 - JAMES ALLEN - COLUMBUS
POST 0147 - DUANE BROTTON - APPLE CREEK
POST 0147 - ROBERT FLORY - APPLE CREEK
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POST 0159 - THOMAS LOY - SAN BRUNO
POST 0159 - WAYNE SNYDER - COLUMBUS GROVE
POST 0161 - DONALD KEETON - VINTON
POST 0164 - DON WIHL - COLUMBUS
POST 0164 - GEORGE BLUBAUGH - COLUMBUS
POST 0165 - CHARLES BRUSH - MIAMISBURG
POST 0165 - ROLLIN HOLP - MIAMISBURG
POST 0165 - AUBREY BAKER - MIAMISBURG
POST 0165 - FRANK GLASS - MIAMISBURG
POST 0165 - PHILLIP MEYERS - TITUSVILLE
POST 0165 - JOHN SOTER - BEAVERCRK TWP
POST 0165 - JOSEPH WILSON - MIAMISBURG
POST 0166 - MANNY HAUPT - PALM COAST
POST 0169 - RICK ROBBINS - TIFFIN
POST 0169 - JAMES SPEAKER - TIFFIN
POST 0169 - MICHAEL BURD - TIFFIN
POST 0170 - RONALD FULTON - DOYLESTOWN
POST 0170 - JAMES KIBE - WADSWORTH
POST 0171 - L OTTESON - SUNBURY
POST 0173 - HARVEY GOINGS - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0174 - JERRY WAGGONER - ROSSBURG
POST 0175 - MICHAEL MCCOMBS - MOGADORE
POST 0175 - ALEXANDER SIMPSON - STOW
POST 0175 - EARL HAMILTON - STOW
POST 0175 - LEONARD LANE - LAS VEGAS
POST 0175 - EVERETT MARCUM - KENT
POST 0175 - WOODROW SMITH - HUDSON
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POST 0176 - PAT RICE - SOUTH CHARLESTON
POST 0176 - TOMMY ADKINS - SOUTH CHARLESTON
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POST 0177 - BERNARD KOSAR - CANFIELD
POST 0177 - JAMES MOON - WARREN
POST 0178 - CHARLES EBERLE - VAN WERT
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POST 0179 - FRANK IKER - MIAMISBURG
POST 0180 - EARL DAVIS - MANCHESTER
POST 0181 - WALTER JOSEPH - MARION
POST 0181 - RICHARD DURIGG - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - THURMAN SPURLOCK - BUCYRUS
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POST 0181 - RAYMOND MORROW - GRANVILLE
POST 0181 - ZANE PLUMLEY - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - LARRY ALSPACH - BUCYRUS
POST 0184 - MARVIN BRANSON - PIQUA
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POST 0184 - BRETT MASON - PIQUA
POST 0184 - DAVID MOHLER - WESTON
POST 0184 - CLARENCE REESE - PLEASANT HILL
POST 0185 - CHARLES VANDYNE - ALGER
POST 0186 - RONALD HURTT - LEBANON
POST 0186 - BRENDAN ONEILL - CINCINNATI
POST 0186 - TED WOODS - LEBANON
POST 0192 - JOHN ZICKEFOOSE - KILLBUCK
POST 0192 - STANTON COAKLEY - KILLBUCK
POST 0192 - KEN DONEY - KILLBUCK
POST 0194 - ROBERT COE - LOVELAND
POST 0194 - EDWIN MARTIN - MAINEVILLE
POST 0194 - WYLBOR MOLEN - WARSAW
POST 0194 - CHARLES BOENIG - GULF SHORES
POST 0194 - WILLIAM HINTON - MASON
POST 0196 - JAMES DOWNING - CLEVELAND
POST 0199 - LARRY KLOSTERKEMPER - HARRISON
POST 0199 - MIKE GOPINSKI - HARRISON
POST 0199 - TERRY JACKMAN - HARRISON
POST 0199 - MAX VEST - HARRISON
POST 0199 - DONALD HARRISON - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - PHILIP SCHMUTZ - FAIRFIELD
POST 0199 - HAROLD SCHUCK - OKEANA
POST 0199 - CLIFFORD ZIMMER - HARRISON
POST 0199 - TERRENCE DUMAS - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - DAN PATTON - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - DANIEL SIEMER - CINCINNATI
POST 0202 - DELVIN HAUT - MEDINA
POST 0202 - MARK CODDING - MEDINA
POST 0205 - GEORGE TELLE - DOVER
POST 0205 - JOHN FESTI - DOVER
POST 0205 - RONALD BERTLE - DOVER
POST 0207 - THOMAS PASSWATERS - WILLSHIRE
POST 0210 - FRANK ROSS - CELINA
POST 0210 - JAMES GOTT - CELINA
POST 0210 - JAMES HUME - SAINT MARYS
POST 0214 - WM BRUEGGEMAN - MENTOR
POST 0214 - EDWIN MURRAY - MENTOR
POST 0215 - THOMAS POHLABEL - EATON
POST 0215 - KENNETH HOUSE - EATON
POST 0215 - PAUL MICHAEL - EATON
POST 0217 - ANTHONY BARGA - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - AUSTIN SNOWDEN - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - ELMER MCMASTER - CORONA

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POST 0217 - JAMES SWIGER - WAPAKONETA
POST 0217 - GLENN HICKS - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - NORBERT PLATFOOT - SIDNEY
POST 0218 - JOSEPH HOLMAN - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0218 - MICHAEL WARNER - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0218 - LOREN WOOTON - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0218 - DAVID ADAMS - MONROE
POST 0218 - CALVIN FITE - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0221 - ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ - NAVARRE
POST 0221 - CHARLES PFISTER - HARTVILLE
POST 0221 - RONALD SINAY - MASSILLON
POST 0221 - LARRY SHANK - NAVARRE
POST 0221 - JOHN SUMMERS - CANTON
POST 0223 - RALPH ART - HICKSVILLE
POST 0223 - JAMES SLIGHT - HICKSVILLE
POST 0223 - BOB MEYER - SHERWOOD
POST 0223 - PHILIP TIMBROOK - HICKSVILLE
POST 0223 - ROBERT EVANS - HICKSVILLE
POST 0223 - JOSEPH MILLER - SHERWOOD
POST 0225 - RALPH MANKO - UPPER SANDUSKY
POST 0225 - JOHN WARFEL - UPPER SANDUSKY
POST 0225 - JON ZIMMERMAN - UPPER SANDUSKY
POST 0232 - WILBUR BOSTELMAN - FORT MYERS
POST 0232 - ROBERT CRINER - GRAND RAPIDS
POST 0232 - KENNETH MALINOWSKI - DESHLER
POST 0235 - LARRY JAMIESON - MASURY
POST 0235 - CARL CHANNELL - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0235 - JOHN DOTA - CANFIELD
POST 0235 - MELVIN KELLY - SALEM
POST 0235 - JAMES WELCH - POLAND
POST 0236 - ROBERT MCWHIRTER - PORT CHARLOTTE
POST 0236 - JAMES THOMPSON - WARREN
POST 0236 - GABRIEL BALLAS - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0236 - RICHARD BECKER - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0236 - JOHN CICERO - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0236 - KENNETH HALL - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0238 - JAMES HERRON - MECHANICSBURG
POST 0238 - MARION GREGG - CABLE
POST 0238 - JERRY ADAMS - MECHANICSBURG
POST 0239 - HERBERT MCGEE - WESTERVILLE
POST 0239 - RONALD WILES - COLUMBUS
POST 0239 - MARIA KNEPP - COLUMBUS
POST 0243 - JOHN DEPINET - GALION
POST 0243 - CARL ROBINSON - CALEDONIA
POST 0243 - THOMAS MIES - GALION
POST 0243 - JOSEPH WILCOX - PORT ST LUCIE
POST 0248 - ROBERT MARRAZZI - PLAIN CITY
POST 0248 - DOUGLAS WEAKLEY - PLAIN CITY
POST 0248 - BERNARD VANCE - MARYSVILLE
POST 0250 - DONALD CHESTER - TIFFIN
POST 0250 - DALE CHESTER - SYCAMORE
POST 0250 - ANDREW FOX - UPPER SANDUSKY
POST 0250 - DONALD HEILMAN - TIFFIN
POST 0250 - HENRY HUMER - SYCAMORE
POST 0250 - MELVIN ZELLNER - SYCAMORE
POST 0253 - ROLAND KENNEDY - ANTWERP
POST 0253 - JAMES AREND - HICKSVILLE
POST 0254 - JOE ALMENDINGER - JOHNSTOWN
POST 0256 - JOSEPH STEELE - GOSHEN
POST 0257 - RICHARD PEOPLES - MELBOURNE
POST 0257 - JON SHAFFER - LOUDONVILLE
POST 0257 - RONALD FRAME - LAKEVILLE
POST 0265 - CLARE MCINTOSH - DELTA
POST 0265 - PAUL MEYER - WAUSEON
POST 0265 - FRED ZUPP - JACKSON
POST 0265 - ARLEN FREE - WAUSEON
POST 0265 - RONALD OSTERHOUT - WESTLAKE
POST 0265 - DARREL GARMENN - ARCHBOLD
POST 0272 - FRED SOMMERVILLE - AKRON
POST 0274 - SAMUEL PEELER - STEUBENVILLE
POST 0275 - KENNETH WILLIAMS - CANFIELD
POST 0276 - BERNARD HIRSCH - COLUMBUS
POST 0276 - JOHN LECKWATCH - COLUMBUS
POST 0281 - PAT KELLY - MUNROE FALLS
POST 0281 - JIM KLEINTOP - CUYAHOGA FALLS
POST 0281 - JAMES ROSINSKI - STOW
POST 0281 - DONALD SLIDER - CUYAHOGA FALLS
POST 0281 - ROBERT BARNETT - CUYAHOGA FALLS
POST 0283 - EARL RICHARDSON - COLUMBUS
POST 0284 - WILLIAM BROWN - STRYKER
POST 0284 - GARY FEENEY - BRYAN
POST 0284 - ROBERT FILSON - EDON
POST 0284 - MICHAEL BAYES - BRYAN
POST 0284 - RICHARD BRICKEL - BRYAN
POST 0284 - VINCENT GIRARDOT - BRYAN
POST 0286 - THOMAS SCANLON - NEW CARLISLE
POST 0286 - SCOTT TAYLOR - NEW CARLISLE
POST 0287 - RICHARD HIEGEL - LEIPSIC
POST 0288 - WILLIAM DEMOUGIN - MILFORD
POST 0288 - WILLIAM HAMILTON - WILLIAMSBURG
POST 0288 - BERNARD HEFFNER - CINCINNATI
POST 0288 - STEVEN HEIDENREICH - LUTTRELL
POST 0288 - DAVID REDROW - GRANVILLE
POST 0288 - JOHN SINKING - BATAVIA
POST 0288 - DONALD TARVIN - WILLIAMSBURG
POST 0288 - WILLIAM TOMAMICHEL - WILLIAMSBURG
POST 0288 - RONALD POTTORF - BATAVIA
POST 0288 - STEVEN MACQUEEN - CINCINNATI
POST 0290 - RICHARD HOUP - LEETONIA
POST 0292 - FRED COLE - NEW LONDON
POST 0292 - HARRY SAWDEY - SPOKANE
POST 0295 - WILLIAM COOK - FOSTORIA
POST 0297 - RICHARD SCHMIDT - PAULDING
POST 0300 - GEORGE JOHNSON - NAPOLEON
POST 0300 - JUNIOR ZIMMERMAN - FORT WALTON BEACH
POST 0300 - MARCUS SCHUETTE - OKOLONA
POST 0300 - ELDON SICKMILLER - MALINTA
POST 0300 - CHARLES SMITH - NAPOLEON
POST 0300 - WILLIAM LYTLE - NAPOLEON

POST 0301 - DALE SULLIVAN - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0301 - JOHN FROMEL - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0303 - LARRY CLARY - MC ARTHUR
POST 0307 - ALLEN CLARK - PIONEER
POST 0307 - NORMAN STOY - MONTPELIER
POST 0307 - BENJAMIN AGUILAR - FAYETTE
POST 0307 - KIRBY CANNON - KUNKLE
POST 0309 - ROBERT LASKO - SUMMERVILLE
POST 0309 - MICHAEL SCHUBKEGEL - MAPLE HEIGHTS
POST 0309 - ALAN WHILE - NORTHFIELD
POST 0311 - ROSS TAYLOR - ARCHBOLD
POST 0318 - LEE BOBOLTZ - CINCINNATI
POST 0323 - SIDNEY SMITH - SAINT MARYS
POST 0323 - ARLEN FRY - SAINT MARYS
POST 0324 - GARY FLEGAL - GENOA
POST 0326 - THOMAS MIKSEL - TIRO
POST 0326 - DANIEL HUGHES - MANSFIELD
POST 0326 - RAYMOND MITCHELL - SHELBY
POST 0326 - EDGAR MACKEY - SHELBY
POST 0326 - HAROLD MILLER - SHELBY
POST 0326 - DANIEL TACKETT - CRESTLINE
POST 0326 - RODNEY OWENS - SHELBY
POST 0326 - DANIEL ERNSBERGER - SHELBY
POST 0326 - GERALD CRAIGHEAD - ONTARIO
POST 0327 - CARL STICKDORN - NEW LEXINGTON
POST 0330 - GARY LEE - WAPAKONETA
POST 0330 - JAMES EVERHART - WAPAKONETA
POST 0336 - JIM HAYER - PAINESVILLE
POST 0336 - RICHARD WARNER - CONCORD TOWNSHIP
POST 0336 - RONALD BUSH - WILLOWICK
POST 0336 - JOHN YEAGER - CONCORD TOWNSHIP
POST 0336 - DALE FLOOD - CONCORD TWP
POST 0340 - BRENT BARTELS - INVERNESS
POST 0341 - MORRIS DOBBELAERE - OAKWOOD
POST 0342 - PAUL LONERGAN - SAINT LOUIS
POST 0343 - VIRGINIA CLARK - WICKLIFFE
POST 0343 - JAMES BAILEY - CLEARWATER
POST 0343 - WAYNE DELEMBO - CELINA
POST 0345 - JAMES BOYD - FORT RECOVERY
POST 0345 - NORMAN ALIG - FORT RECOVERY
POST 0345 - CHARLES MEINERDING - FORT RECOVERY
POST 0345 - JAMES TIMMERMAN - FORT RECOVERY
POST 0346 - KARL KNODEL - OHIO CITY
POST 0346 - JAMES PRICHARD - ROCKFORD
POST 0353 - GEORGE GROTE - GREENVILLE
POST 0353 - JAMES DOHSE - ORLANDO
POST 0354 - CHRIS SEIDLER - FOSTORIA
POST 0355 - STEPHEN DANIEL - DAYTON
POST 0355 - TOM HENKE - MINSTER
POST 0355 - LARRY LYMAN - PIQUA
POST 0355 - MAURICE QUINTER - FORT LORAMIE
POST 0355 - HAROLD HOLTHAUS - SIDNEY
POST 0355 - ROBERT RUHENKAMP - FORT LORAMIE
POST 0357 - HARRIET JONES - E ROCHESTER
POST 0357 - FRANK MCARTOR - SALEM
POST 0357 - WILLIAM PILATI - MINERVA
POST 0363 - EVAN ELLIOTT - LUCASVILLE
POST 0371 - GARY BIBBER - JACKSON
POST 0371 - RUSSELL COX - WELLSTON
POST 0371 - ROGER GRAY - HAMDEN
POST 0371 - MARK MUSICK - OAK HILL
POST 0371 - DEAN PITTENGER - WELLSTON
POST 0371 - FRED PUGH - JACKSON
POST 0373 - ROGER MORR - DELTA
POST 0373 - ROGER HENRICKS - NAPOLEON
POST 0374 - JOHN KELLER - CALCUTTA
POST 0374 - JERRY TRINER - E LIVERPOOL
POST 0375 - ROBERT WALKER - MINERVA
POST 0387 - ROBERT SEVERN - NEW BREMEN
POST 0387 - CARL WUEBKER - ANNA
POST 0389 - DAVID BIDWELL - WATERFORD
POST 0389 - ERNEST BOGGS - WATERFORD
POST 0389 - JACK CLIFTON - STOCKPORT
POST 0394 - GARY COOPER - WINCHESTER
POST 0397 - LAWRENCE BOMBAC - PIEDMONT
POST 0397 - ARTHUR DAYTON - HURON
POST 0397 - JOHN IVAN - LORAIN
POST 0397 - RICHARD TOTH - VERMILION
POST 0397 - JAMES STOCK - AMHERST
POST 0397 - ALTON WILLCOX - VERMILION
POST 0398 - DON HAVEN - GRANVILLE
POST 0405 - RODNEY AUCK - NEW WASHINGTON
POST 0406 - TIMOTHY TIEMEYER - BETHEL
POST 0407 - CARL HARRIS - WADSWORTH
POST 0407 - DALE BIERI - FAIRLAWN
POST 0407 - CARL HELMS - RITTMAN
POST 0407 - WILLIAM WOOD - MARSHALLVILLE
POST 0417 - LARRY RICE - MT STERLING
POST 0421 - C RUSSELL HUSTON - MEDINA
POST 0421 - DAVID WASHINGTON - NORTH OLMSTED
POST 0421 - KENNETH FINK - ROCKY RIVER
POST 0421 - ROBERT KUBOVCIK - NORTH OLMSTED
POST 0421 - EDWARD KUPSKI - PARMA
POST 0421 - PAUL BAKER - FAIRVIEW PARK
POST 0426 - JOHN SMITH - ORANGE
POST 0428 - ELMER STIDOM - CARROLLTON
POST 0428 - SAMUEL RALSTON - DELLROY
POST 0428 - ERIC GRUNDER - CARROLLTON
POST 0428 - CLIFFORD GRIMM - CARROLLTON
POST 0428 - EDWARD ANDERSEN - CARROLLTON
POST 0431 - ROBERT SCHWORM - NEWARK
POST 0435 - LESTER KUETERMAN - VERSAILLES
POST 0435 - RICHARD DIRCKSEN - VERSAILLES
POST 0435 - DAROLD PIERRON - VERSAILLES
POST 0436 - JACK PHILLIP - MOGADORE
POST 0436 - STANLEY ROBBINS - CANTON
POST 0436 - HAROLD STARCHER - UNIONTOWN
POST 0436 - CHARLES COTTRELL - UNIONTOWN
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POST 0442 - WAYNE BENGSTON - LISBON

POST 0447 - THOMAS THOMPSON - WILLARD
 POST 0447 - JAMES MCCLURE - PLYMOUTH
 POST 0449 - BRUCE CORRICK - AKRON
 POST 0449 - JAMES WILLIS - MERIDIAN
 POST 0450 - JOHN SILK - OCALA
 POST 0450 - DENNIS THOMPSON - MILFORD
 POST 0451 - ROSS STOCKLER - LAKEWOOD
 POST 0454 - MARVIN BADENHOP - NAPOLEON
 POST 0454 - NORMAN WIEMKEN - DEFIANCE
 POST 0457 - MARTIN CRAWFORD - DELAWARE
 POST 0459 - BRUCE BRINGHAM - BURTON
 POST 0459 - RICHARD DEAN - BURTON
 POST 0459 - THOMAS STEHLIK - MIDDLEFIELD
 POST 0459 - FRED WEIKART - CORTLAND
 POST 0468 - CHARLES HAYES - TOLEDO
 POST 0468 - DEAN MYERS - SYLVANIA
 POST 0468 - RICHARD SOWLE - SYLVANIA
 POST 0468 - RICHARD BINDER - SYLVANIA
 POST 0468 - WILLIAM HARRIGAN - SYLVANIA
 POST 0468 - VICTOR JONES - TOLEDO
 POST 0470 - DONALD FELTZ - COLDWATER
 POST 0470 - DENNIS DILLER - CELINA
 POST 0470 - GEORGE FISHER - CELINA
 POST 0470 - LESTER HEIN - COLDWATER
 POST 0472 - ROBERT HADDLE - POLAND
 POST 0482 - JAMES KEVIN BARKER - SCIO
 POST 0482 - JOHN BARRETT - SCIO
 POST 0482 - E SHUMAKER - SCIO
 POST 0484 - RICHARD HALL - CINCINNATI
 POST 0494 - DAVE ALPETER - DOVER
 POST 0496 - MICHAEL CARBONE - AKRON
 POST 0496 - RICHARD CARL - RAVENNA
 POST 0496 - JONATHON EVANS - ROOTSTOWN
 POST 0496 - JAMES FRYKMAN - KENT
 POST 0496 - WILLIAM GRIFFITH - KENT
 POST 0496 - THOMAS KNAPP - KENT
 POST 0496 - EUGENE ROBINSON - KENT
 POST 0496 - MICHAEL SMITH - MUNROE FALLS
 POST 0496 - LARRY WELTY - KENT
 POST 0499 - CHARLES DUNN - BURBANK
 POST 0506 - RICHARD RUFENER - ORANGEVILLE
 POST 0506 - VERNON KUNKLE - KINSMAN
 POST 0506 - CARL BENDER - PITTSBURGH
 POST 0506 - THOMAS SOLTIS - CORTLAND
 POST 0506 - BRICE TRICKER - CORTLAND
 POST 0511 - LARRY MAPES - MC COMB
 POST 0512 - RICHARD MADRZYKOWSKI - TOLEDO
 POST 0512 - GERALD STAHL - SYLVANIA
 POST 0513 - HARRY REARDON - CINCINNATI
 POST 0516 - WILFRED SCHROEDER - LIMA
 POST 0521 - ROGER BROWN - SHADYSIDE
 POST 0521 - JOSEPH CHACKO - SHADYSIDE
 POST 0521 - LARRY GIANANGELI - SHADYSIDE
 POST 0521 - EDWARD HOOD - SAINT CLAIRSVILLE
 POST 0521 - RUSSELL NAOME - SHADYSIDE
 POST 0523 - BRAD STEWART - NEW FRANKLIN
 POST 0523 - RALPH DEVORE - MARBLEHEAD
 POST 0523 - WILLIAM GRAF - HOMERVILLE
 POST 0523 - DANIEL SALAJCIK - LODI
 POST 0525 - JOHN KENDZIORSKI - ADENA
 POST 0525 - WALTER VIRTUE - ADENA
 POST 0526 - HENRY ABNEY - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0526 - JOSEPH SORRENTINO - WOODBRIDGE
 POST 0526 - FLOYD REED - FAIRBORN
 POST 0532 - LEONARD CAPOZIELLO - COLUMBUS
 POST 0532 - LONNIE LEE - GALLOWAY
 POST 0532 - FERMAN SAYRE - COLUMBUS
 POST 0534 - JOHN LEFKER - CINCINNATI
 POST 0535 - JAMES CORBA - BELLVILLE
 POST 0535 - ROBERT FORSYTHE - OCEAN BREEZE
 POST 0535 - PAUL WILLIAMS - MOUNT GILEAD
 POST 0535 - RAYMOND BROWN - BELLVILLE
 POST 0535 - GARY LEE BURCH - BELLVILLE
 POST 0536 - DONALD MARTIN - BLUFFTON
 POST 0536 - DARYL AMSTUTZ - PANDORA
 POST 0539 - CARL FINCH - N BALTIMORE
 POST 0539 - JOHN CHENEY - NORTH BALTIMORE
 POST 0539 - BILL THOMAS - N BALTIMORE
 POST 0540 - JAMES CECIL - CORTLAND
 POST 0541 - RICHARD CASS - LEIPSIC
 POST 0541 - JAMES TUTWILER - CHAGRIN FALLS
 POST 0542 - BERNARD MEYERS - PUT IN BAY
 POST 0548 - CRAIG DAVIDSON - LOUISVILLE
 POST 0548 - PAUL MOSLEY - LOUISVILLE
 POST 0549 - BERNARD KLINGLER - BEACH CITY
 POST 0550 - THOMAS SPIEGEL - NEW RICHMOND
 POST 0550 - CARL MARTINECK - NEW RICHMOND
 POST 0557 - RIXON BARRETT - WINTERSVILLE
 POST 0565 - THOMAS SEITER - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0565 - JOHN CUREA - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0565 - HENRY KOST - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0572 - DAN WERNER - SEVEN HILLS
 POST 0572 - RONALD REINKE - CLEVELAND
 POST 0586 - WENCEL HETMAN - PIQUA
 POST 0587 - JOHN RUDZKI - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0587 - PAUL GIGNAC - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - GERALD CHITWOOD - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - CYRIL BERGER - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - WILLIAM BOURDEAU - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - EUGENE CZERNIAWSKI - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - GERALD DAUER - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - MARK MCDONOUGH - BAREFOOT BAY
 POST 0587 - LAWRENCE HELSEL - TOLEDO
 POST 0587 - ROBERT DANNEY - TOLEDO
 POST 0598 - DONN CRISSINGER - NEW CARLISLE
 POST 0598 - RONALD DUCKSON - KETTERING
 POST 0598 - RENE HERMAN - CENTERVILLE
 POST 0598 - JOHN HOPSON - DAYTON
 POST 0598 - CHARLES JAMES - DAYTON
 POST 0598 - CHARLES MCCLOSKEY - CENTERVILLE

POST 0598 - TERRY ROSENGARTEN - URBANA
POST 0598 - MICHAEL WALSH - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - JOSEPH WALUSIS - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - MARK WELLS - DAYTON
POST 0598 - JAMES WHEELER - DAYTON
POST 0598 - GARY HAYNES - DAYTON
POST 0598 - TONY LAMBERT - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - PHILLIP MARKER - KETTERING
POST 0598 - RANDY TAYLOR - KETTERING
POST 0598 - JESSE TURPIN - KETTERING
POST 0598 - RALPH TINCHER - DAYTON
POST 0598 - CLARENCE SIEMER - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - GLEN BEDDIES - DAYTON
POST 0598 - DONALD SHUGA - DAYTON
POST 0598 - CARL KANZARI - BEAVERCREEK
POST 0598 - RICHARD HAMER - DAYTON
POST 0598 - WILLIAM BOLAND - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - CRAIG BRUGGEMAN - KETTERING
POST 0598 - ROBERT EUBANK - DAYTON
POST 0598 - JAMES JUNG - KETTERING
POST 0598 - PAUL MCQUEENEY - DAYTON
POST 0598 - BERNICE GRIFFIN - DAYTON
POST 0598 - ROBERT GROSS - DAYTON
POST 0598 - WILLIAM STUCKEY - DAYTON
POST 0598 - D RALPH YOUNG - DAYTON
POST 0598 - DANA WARD - MIAMISBURG
POST 0605 - CHARLES MASON - WALDO
POST 0605 - ROY PLYMALE - RADNOR
POST 0608 - WAYNE STULTS - FREMONT
POST 0608 - ROBERT WOLFE - FREMONT
POST 0609 - TYLER ROBBINS - GATES MILLS
POST 0610 - DONALD SCHABEL - ROCKY RIVER
POST 0610 - MICHAEL STARESINIC - CLEVELAND
POST 0610 - JEROME LUTKUS - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0610 - BILL ROLLAND - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - JOSEPH SCHWAB - CLEVELAND
POST 0610 - DELL LAUDERDALE - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - ROBERT ROMAN - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - JAMES COLE - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0622 - CLAUDE SAMMONS - MINFORD
POST 0622 - TROY NEWSOME - NEW BOSTON
POST 0627 - BERNARD PUCHAJDA - NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
POST 0627 - RONALD KUBINSKI - INDEPENDENCE
POST 0627 - ROMAN SEMPROCH - CLEVELAND
POST 0630 - RONALD SCHWARTZ - MILFORD
POST 0630 - STEVEN WELLS - CINCINNATI
POST 0630 - ROBERT RYAN - BLUE ASH
POST 0633 - KENNETH FREEMAN - WSHNGTN CT HS
POST 0633 - JEFFERY MOST - SHELBYVILLE
POST 0633 - DAVID WHEELER - SEAMAN
POST 0635 - PAUL FITZENRIDER - DEFIANCE
POST 0640 - ROBERT MOORE - CHESAPEAKE
POST 0641 - AUBREY MCCUNE - BELLE VALLEY
POST 0641 - BENNY MIKES - CALDWELL
POST 0641 - CARL WICKHAM - CUMBERLAND
POST 0641 - PATRICK CAIN - CUMBERLAND
POST 0648 - ROBERT DROESCH - SAINT HENRY
POST 0650 - JOHN BROSS - DANVILLE
POST 0665 - DONALD KRING - LEWISBURG
POST 0677 - EVERETT CAMAC - CANAL WNCNSTR
POST 0677 - VINCENT MOORE - GROVEPORT
POST 0677 - WILLIAM OLINN - GROVEPORT
POST 0677 - DAVID SPELMAN - CANAL WINCHESTER
POST 0677 - JOSEPH SUSI - HOWARD
POST 0677 - LEE SMITH - CANAL WINCHESTER
POST 0678 - ELMO RUCKER - CLANTON
POST 0681 - JOHN MILLER - LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
POST 0681 - THOMAS WILLIAMS - MASON
POST 0681 - TIM WERLING - LIBERTY TWP
POST 0682 - WILLIAM PATTERSON - DILLONVALE
POST 0682 - MARK ROAHRIG - CHEYENNE
POST 0685 - FIRMIN KODRICH - HUDSON
POST 0697 - ANTHONY HUMBERT - PERRY
POST 0699 - ARTHUR DAVIS - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0700 - WILLIAM SMITH - WARREN
POST 0700 - JOHN SIMCOX - WARREN
POST 0703 - JOHN JAMES - CLEVELAND
POST 0703 - ROBERT FLORENTZ - NORTH ROYALTON
POST 0703 - ED SLIFKA - PARMA HEIGHTS
POST 0703 - KENNETH WHEELER - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0703 - THOMAS HARLEY - PARMA
POST 0703 - CRAIG GLASKY - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0703 - DAVID KERCHER - CLEVELAND
POST 0706 - ELDEN EASTMAN - WILLARD
POST 0706 - MICHAEL KROUMHOLTZ - GREENWICH
POST 0706 - JAMES LAMOREAUX - GREENWICH
POST 0706 - HARLEY REED - WILLARD
POST 0706 - ROBERT WILHELM - HURON
POST 0707 - JOE SANDERS - DAYTON
POST 0707 - CHARLES LEECH - ATLANTA
POST 0707 - RONALD TOBE - ENGLEWOOD
POST 0707 - GREGORY BARBOUR - ENGLEWOOD
POST 0707 - WAYNE BOOHER - BROOKVILLE
POST 0715 - KENNETH GROSS - OTTOVILLE
POST 0715 - TIMOTHY LANDWEHR - FORT JENNINGS
POST 0715 - NORMAN SCHIMMOELLER - FORT JENNINGS
POST 0718 - RICHARD TROYER - ORRVILLE
POST 0719 - DENNIS HOSMER - ORWELL
POST 0719 - CARL COLE - ORWELL
POST 0733 - TOM KIPPS - FREMONT
POST 0737 - EDWARD SMITH - LOUISVILLE
POST 0738 - THOMAS MARTIN - CLEVELAND
POST 0740 - H KINNEY - WINTERSVILLE
POST 0746 - JOHN THOMPSON - DAYTON
POST 0746 - DONALD EASTRIDGE - DAYTON
POST 0746 - GAILE KANAK - VANDALIA
POST 0749 - THOMAS KEENER - ASHLAND
POST 0751 - CHARLES DYSON - BRISTOLVILLE
POST 0751 - RICHARD BILES - SOUTHLINGTON
POST 0756 - JAMES BISHOP - HOPEWELL

- POST 0760 - CECIL SMITTLE - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - GLEN STALDER - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - GUY BROWN - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - DONNIE LLOYD - HANNIBAL
- POST 0760 - RAY STRAUB - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - VINCENT REUSSER - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - KENNETH HUDSON - JUPITER
- POST 0760 - GARY LLOYD - HANNIBAL
- POST 0760 - VERNON BOLEN - SARDIS
- POST 0760 - FRANK MCGARRY - SARDIS
- POST 0763 - JOHN OBRIEN - BEAVERCREEK
- POST 0763 - TERRY MCCUNE - BEAVERCREEK
- POST 0763 - SCOTT MOORE - XENIA
- POST 0763 - DOUGLAS TOY - XENIA
- POST 0763 - PETER GNIAZDOWSKI - DAYTON
- POST 0764 - CHESTER FLOWERS - NEWARK
- POST 0768 - HARRY KETTLEWELL - JERUSALEM
- POST 0776 - KENNETH WESCH - DAYTON
- POST 0776 - THEODUS ROZIER - DAYTON
- POST 0797 - JACK BRIGGS - DUBLIN
- POST 0797 - ROBERT KEIM - WESTERVILLE
- POST 0797 - RAY KANNAL - COLUMBUS
- POST 0803 - ANTHONY DINERO - HUDSON
- POST 0803 - JOHN ZSOLDOS - AURORA
- POST 0804 - DALE BRADSHAW - MC DERMOTT
- POST 0888 - CHARLES CLINE - LEWISVILLE
- POST 0888 - EDMUND MCGHEE - BEDFORD HEIGHTS
- POST 0888 - GLEN GROFT - BERLIN
- POST 0888 - RAY RHODES - LA RUE
- POST 0888 - BARBARA FLOOD - GRAND RAPIDS
- POST 0888 - DUANE DEITCH - CLARINGTON
- POST 0888 - WILLIAM GUMMERE - ST CLAIRSVLE
- POST 0888 - DAVID WALLACE - MEDINA
- POST 0888 - ROBERT ARMOUR - DELAWARE
- POST 0888 - RICHARD COLE - CLEVELAND
- POST 0888_AD - BERNARD HARLAND - AKRON
- POST 0888_AD - DANA MULLINS - TOLEDO
- POST 0888_AD - GEORGE NAILOR - BRYAN
- POST 0888_AD - RONALD MERRIMAN - REYNOLDSBURG
- POST 0888_AD - WILLIAM PESKORAN - WILLIAMSFIELD
- POST 0888_AD - FRANK MARTIN - GROVE CITY
- POST 0888_AD - DAVID WIDLICKA - CLEVELAND
- POST 0888_AD - RONALD WILLOUGHBY - BURGOON
- POST 0888_AD - DAVID NEWBURY - METAMORA

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Upcoming forms Due:



THE AMERICAN LEGION POST DATA REPORT (PDR) - **UPDATES ONLY** _____ MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Department _____ Post No. _____ District/County _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THIS FORM SHOULD ONLY BE SUBMITTED IF UPDATES ARE REQUIRED TO THE INFORMATION BELOW

UPDATES:

- 1) Post Home (Physical) Address: _____

- 2) Post Mailing Address: _____

- 3) Post Dues Mailing Address: _____

Note: If the post dues mailing address contains a member name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, provide the member's ID number.

Member No. _____

4) Post Dues Update:

Note: All dues rates will be effective as of **July 1st** unless an alternate date is entered. This is the amount shown on annual renewal notices.

Dues will be \$ _____ . _____

Effective Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

5) Post Telephone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

6) Post Email Address: _____

7) Post Website or Facebook Page: _____

8) Post Meeting Date & Time Schedule: _____

(Example: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM)

- 9) Post has an SAL Squadron
- 10) Post has an Legion Riders Chapter
- 11) Facilities are available to rent for events
- 12) Smoking permitted No Smoking
- 13) Post has a Club Room (food/drink)

Name _____
Type your First and Last Name to serve as your digital signature

Date _____
Format: mm/dd/yyyy (select date by clicking in box)

Title _____
Authorized Representative

If emailing this form to Department HQ after completion, send to: forms@ohiolegion.com

NOTICE

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THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT

2025 - 2026

Department of (1)		Post No. (2)	District No. (3)
Final 2024-2025 Membership (4)	City (5)	State (6)	

VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

- 7 _____ no. of cases handled by service officer(s)
- 8 \$_____ emergency aid given to veterans from post funds
- 9 _____ no. of volunteer hours recorded at VA hospitals
- 10 \$_____ contributions to **VA Voluntary Service** program
- 11 has a **VA Voluntary Service** coordinator
- 12 _____ no. of **VA Voluntary Service** volunteers
- 13 participated in the **Be The One** program
- 14 _____ no. of members participated in **Be The One** training
- 15 _____ no. of **Be The One** events held by post

NATIONAL SECURITY

- 16 _____ no. of units donated via **Blood Donor Program**
- 17 _____ no. of blood donors via **Blood Donor Program**
- 18 _____ no. of **ROTC Medals** presented by post
- 19 has a **National Security** chairperson
- 20 has a **Crime Prevention/Law and Order** program
- 21 has a **Fire Prevention/Protection** program
- 22 participated in **Homeland Sec/Disaster Relief**
- 23 has a **POW/MIA** chairperson
- 24 has Law Enforcement of the Year program
- 25 has **Fire Fighter of the Year** program
- 26 post has color guard / rifle team
- 27 _____ no. of wake, funeral or memorial honors provided for veterans
- 28 \$_____ cost to post for wake, funeral or memorial services
- 29 post has ceremonial rifles or static display
- 30 _____ no. of static displays (guns, cannons, etc.)

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 31 has media relations/PR officer
- 32 produced a post publication
- 33 maintained a website
- 34 distributed a post e-newsletter
- 35 has post social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, X, etc.)
- 36 _____ no. of times post mentioned on radio
- 37 _____ no. of times post mentioned on TV
- 38 _____ no. of times post mentioned in newspaper (stories)

NATIONAL SECURITY

- 39 has employment chairperson
- 40 has **Homeless Veterans** chairperson
- 41 _____ no. of career fairs participated
- 42 _____ no. of veterans referred to **LVER** or **DVOP**
- 43 _____ no. placed in employment
- 44 _____ no. placed in job training program
- 45 promoted programs such as **Employer of the Year**
- 46 post submitted **Homeless Veterans Outreach** award
- 47 post submitted **Employer of the Disabled** award
- 48 post submitted **Employer of Older Workers** award
- 49 award to **Local Veteran' Employment Representative (LVER)**
- 50 award to **Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP)**
- 51 award to local office
- 52 award for Employer of veterans, large cat/+200 employees
- 53 award to Employer of veterans, med cat/50-200 employees
- 54 award for Employer of veterans, small cat/less than 50 emp

AMERICANISM

- 55 _____ no. of boys sponsored for **Boys State**
- 56 \$_____ cost to post for Boys State
- 57 \$_____ amount donated for **Legacy Scholarship**
- 58 participated in citizenship/naturalization activities
- 59 sponsored **American Legion Baseball** team(s)
- 60 \$_____ cost to post for **American Legion Baseball** sponsorship
- 61 other athletic teams sponsored
- 62 \$_____ cost to post for other teams sponsored

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2/27/2026-2/28/2026 Roger M Hight State Bowling Tournament Dayton, OH 9:00 AM	3/8/2026 District 7 Spring Conference Post 757 Chillicothe 10:00 AM	3/22/2026 District 2 SAL Spring Conference Post 178 Van Wert, OH 1:00 PM	4/19/2026 Department Pool Tournament Post 29 Zanesville, OH 9:00 AM	5/3/2026 District 11 Summer Convention Post 768 Beallsville 10:00 AM
3/1/2026-3/4/2026 Washington Conference Hilton Washington Hotel	3/8/2026 District 11 Spring Conference Post 389 Beverly, OH 10:00 AM	3/28/2026 Department Cornhole Tournament Post 282 Orrville, OH 10:30 AM	4/26/2026 District 9 SAL Summer Conference Post 336 Painesville 10:00 AM	5/3/2026 District 7 SAL Summer Convention Post 23 Portsmouth 9:00 AM
3/1/2026 District 6 Spring Conference Post 764 Hanover, OH 10:00 AM	3/8/2026 District 7 SAL Spring Conference Post 142 Waverly, OH 9:00 AM	3/28/2026 District 4 Spring Conference Post 288 Williamsburg 10:00 AM	5/1/2026-5/3/2026 SAL National Spring Meetings Indianapolis, Indiana	5/4/2026-5/7/2026 National Spring Meetings Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre
3/1/2026 District 8 Spring Conference Post 371 Wellston, OH 10:00 AM	3/14/2026 District 9 Spring Conference Post 459 Burton, OH 10:00 AM	3/29/2026 District 12 Spring Conference Post 144 Columbus 1:00 PM	5/2/2026 District 8 Summer Convention Post 11 Lancaster, OH 10:00 AM	5/9/2026 Department Euchre Tournament Post 262 Hamler, OH 11:00 AM
3/1/2026 District 13 Spring Conference Post 572 Parma, OH 10:00 AM	3/14/2026 District 9 SAL Spring Conference Post 459 Burton, OH 12:00 PM	3/29/2026 Oratorical Contest Department HQ 10:00 AM	5/2/2026 District 10 Summer Convention Post 290 Columbiana 8:00 AM	5/16/2026 District 9 Summer Convention Post 214 Willoughby 10:00 AM
3/7/2026 District 10 Spring Conference Post 573 Brilliant, OH 8:00 AM	3/21/2026 Spring Standing Commission Meetings Department HQ 10:00 AM	4/3/2026 Good Friday Department and Nat'l Closed	5/3/2026 District 2 Summer Convention Post 382 Bluffton, OH 9:00 AM	5/17/2026 District 12 Summer Convention Post 164 Grove City, OH 1:00 PM
3/8/2026 District 2 Spring Conference Post 345 Ft. Recovery 9:00 AM	3/22/2026 District 1 SAL Spring Conference Williams Co. Veterans Memorial 10:00 AM	4/10/2026-4/12/2026 National Vice Commander Visit	5/3/2026 District 3 Summer Convention Post 586 Tipp City, OH 12:00 PM	5/17/2026 District 14 Summer Convention Post 496 Kent, OH 1:30 PM
3/8/2026 District 3 Spring Conference Post 6 Springfield, OH 1:00 PM	3/22/2026 District 1 Spring Conference Williams Co. Veterans Memorial 1:30 PM	4/11/2026 Spring DEC Meeting Department HQ 10:00 AM	5/3/2026 District 5 Summer Convention Post 12 Elyria, OH 10:00 AM	5/15/2026-5/17/2026 SAL Detachment Meeting Drury Inn & Suites Grove City, OH
3/8/2026 District 5 Spring Conference Post 717 N. Ridgeville 1:00 PM	3/22/2026 District 14 Spring Conference Post 473 Copley, OH 1:30 PM	4/17/2026 BBS Past Pres., Sect. Heads, & Trustee Meeting Department HQ 6:30 PM	5/3/2026 District 6 Summer Convention Post 162 Marion, OH 10:00 AM	5/25/2026 Memorial Day Dept & Nat'l Closed
		4/18/2026 BBS Full Staff Meeting Department HQ 10:00 AM		



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