

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



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Membership & Post Activities Commission Virtually Saturday, July 20, 2024

1. Called to order at 8:00 AM- Department 1st Vice CMD, Stan Oren
2. Salute the Colors
3. Invocation: 1st District, 2nd Vice CMD, Bernie Bau
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Preamble
6. Roll Call – Department Staff, Sherry Yockey

DISTRICT	FIRS VC CMDR	SECOND VIC CMDR	ALTERNATE
1 ST	Dean Boyers	Bernie Rau	
2 nd	Tim Shaw	Mike Homan	
3 rd	Brian Fowle	Michael White	
4 th	Champ Brown	Steve Baumann	
5 th	Milissa Rodgers (Excused)	Kenneth Parsons NS	
6 th	William Little NS		
7 th	NA	Robert Wagoner NS	
8 th	Mike Lincoln	Scott Conn	
9 th	Samuel Swoger NS	Antonio Crespo	
10 th	Thomas Barnett NS	Debi Biggins	
11 th	David Taylor	Ed Grimes NS	
12 th	Suzette Heller (Excused)	NA	CMD Mike Higgins
13	James Lockyer (Excused)	Kevin Conlan	CMD Richard Wright
14	John Life on/off	Jacob Marx	
Dept 1 st VC	Stan Oren		
Dept 2 nd VC	Gary Cox Jr.		
Adjutant	John Robinson		
Staff	Sherry Yockey		

7. No old business
8. New business

Department 1st Vice Commander Stan Oren discussed the importance of the Department Forms. All are located on the Department website.

Consolidated Post Reports (CPR). CPR was established in 1975 to assist the departments in documenting specific Post's activities during a twelve-month reporting period, June 1 – May 31. The CPR may be the most beneficial document every Post is to complete. CPR information, combined with all other Posts, is used when the National Commander and others testify on Capitol Hill on behalf of all veterans and report Legion financial activity to the IRS. Please be as detailed as possible in documenting all post-involvement each year. Post can complete the

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report by logging onto myLegion and going to myGroups. It is listed on the left-hand side of the page under Consolidated Reports. 2024- 2025 CPR is due to March 31, 2025

The Annual Post Data Report (PDR) is submitted yearly to confirm the dues rate and the address where the dues are mailed. It also confirms the address, phone number, email address, and website for each post to ensure that our database has the most accurate information on file. 2025-2026 PDR is due to the Department by March 31, 2025. Although we have a due date, the PDR can be submitted to the department when there is a change at the post office.

Officer Certification (OFC) is submitted after the election. The Department updates myLegion so officers can have myLegion access and the Post can access their membership and reports. The Certification lists the membership chairperson, who is responsible for the following year's membership cards. Please remind the Post that **ALL** officers' membership must be current before the elections. **The Department will not process the Certificate of Officers if an officer's membership has expired.** The OFC is due to the Department by June 1, 2025.

Charter Closing Forms- Forms are on the Department Website. The American Legion Guidelines for Post / Squadron Charter Cancellation and/ or Merger Request. Charter cancellation and /or merger requests will only be considered during National Meetings, Spring (May), National Convention (August), and Fall (October). The American Legion Post Charter Cancellation Form – Complete the form entirely; otherwise, ask the Department for help.

Staff Rep, Sherry Yockey added that we moved the CPR and PDR submission date due to the post's lack of response to give more time for the District to follow up.

Post Activities (Department Second Vice, Gary Cox, Jr.)

All Events are listed on the Department Website under Events.

Trapshoot Tournament

When: September 8th, 2024

Where: HELD AT CARDINAL CENTER

CORNER OF INTERSTATE 71 NORTH AND 61 EAST – MARENGO, OH

*ENTRANCE IS BEHIND THE HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT

PHONE (419) 253-0800

HOSTED BY JOHNSVILLE LEGION POST 754

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 A.M. CLOSES AT 1:00 P.M.

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EVENT BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.

[DOWNLOAD THE 2024 TRAPSHOOT FLYER](#)

2024 Golf Tournament

Host: Russell Chadwick Post 0389 Beverly

» Post 389 will have a fish fry Friday night the 13th, a Steak and Shrimp Fry Saturday night the 14th. The Canteen will be open for business.

Golf is \$100 per player or \$400 per team which includes eighteen holes plus cart Saturday and eighteen holes plus cart Sunday, shotgun start both days @0800hrs, total 36 holes includes cart.

When: September 14th – 15th, 2024

Where: Lakeside Golf Course
18218 State Route 60, Beverly, OH 45715
(740) 984-4265

<https://www.lakesidegolfcourse.biz/>

Hotel: To make online reservations at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Marietta for \$101.00 per night, Click [HERE](#)

» Start Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 / End Date: Sunday, September 15, 2024

» Hotel reservation deadline is: **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

Overflow Hotel: To make online reservations at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marietta for \$107.00 per night, Click [HERE](#)

» Make sure to enter the booking link group rate code, which is **ALG**.

» Start Date: Friday, September 13, 2024 / End Date: Sunday, September 15, 2024

» Hotel reservation deadline is **Friday, August 30, 2024**

2025 Department Bowling Tournament

Host: Maumee Post Post 0320

Where: Bowlero Lanes Fun Center
4398 Monroe St., Toledo, OH 43613
(419) 819-8180

Contact Tom Parker II (419)450-6903, tomparker2nd@gmail.com

Staff Rep., Sherry Yockey requested to speak about the Cleared List and asked the Districts to do their Post Inspections, starting with the Posts that were not cleared, and look at their Posts for revitalization and Post-mergers. I recommended contacting the department or me if the district needed help with the forms.

Department 1st Vice Commander Stan Oren asked the District to have Post reach out to the National Guard Units in their area. Bring cookies and snacks to get to know the Unit and establish a relationship with them. Reminding them that the Legion is here to fight for

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veterans' rights and ensure their benefits. 1st Vice Commander asks each District what they are doing in their district to promote Membership.

- 1st District, 1st Vice CMD, Dean Boyers – Connecting with the County Council for Veterans and working on the 888 members.
- 1st District, 2nd Vice CMD, Bernie Rau, agreed.
- 2nd District, 1st Vice CMD, Timothy Shaw- working on the 888, Cleared List, and Post Inspections
- 3rd District, 1st Vice CMD, Brian Fowle Connecting with local airwing, contacting the guard unit, and working the 888s.
- 3rd District, 2nd Vice CMD, Mike White – working on Post Inspections
- 4th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Steve Baumann – working on Post Inspections
- 8th District, 1st Vice CMD, Mike Lincoln- Connecting with the Guard Unit and Post Inspections.
- 8th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Scott Conn- Working with the Post CMDs on Membership
- 9th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Antonio Crespo- Visiting Schools, Districts working with Reserves and National Guards.
- 10th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Debi Biggins – Helping Membership by going to the Post to help increase membership.
- 11th District, 1st Vice CMD, David Taylor – Recruiting tables at the Bicentennial and Fair. Visiting 6-7 Posts ON 07/21/24 in Legion Van.
- 12th District, CMDR, Mike Higgins- Recruiting at OH State University with Veteran Services.
- 13th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Kevin Conlan – Recruiting at fairs, reaching out to members, and working on the 888s.
- 14th District, 2nd Vice CMD, Jacob Marx- Has been doing buddy checks and helping members renew their membership with discussions.

Adjutant John Robinson shared that he was at Rickenbacker with the Airwing unit and found that the active units do not understand their benefits as veterans. He shared that we should connect with an active unit with a service officer to explain their benefits.

Dean Boyers reminded the Districts, from Finance's point of view, that the Department is losing money. It is a problem that the dues increase did not pass.

Good of the Legion – Department, 1st Vice CMD, Stan Oren

9. Closing Remarks- Department 1st Vice CMD, Stan Oren
10. Benediction – 1st District, 2nd Vice CMD, Bernie Rau
11. Salute the Colors
12. Adjourn