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## A Message from the Detachment Commander



Where did the year go? Since we last met, I have been busy attending SAL and Legion events all over the great state of Ohio. I first attended the annual golf outing in the Fifth District, which I took notice of the large turnout of Past Detachment of Ohio SAL Commanders. What a GREAT Job the Fifth District does for this event! I also had the pleasure of attending our Legion State Commander Bob Schmitt's Homecoming in Perrysburg, and Auxiliary President Kathy Heichel's Homecoming in Bellville. I want to thank all that attended my Homecoming, and want to give a special thanks to the MC Rob Brewer, who kept the evening program moving along. I also attended my final training session at National Headquarters in Indianapolis. On December 7, I was present at The USS Cape Cod for the 77th Anniversary of the unprovoked attack on our servicemen and women at Pearl Harbor, which lead to over 2,200 deaths. I hope everyone took time to pause and remember.

On February 3, the Thirteenth District and my Home Post 703 will be sponsoring The Four Chaplains Ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend. Later that day, Squadron 703 will be having our annual Super Bowl Party. Anyone interested in tickets please call me at (440) 554-8388.

I know everyone is busy this time of year, but try to make a final push to get those SAL members who haven't renewed to pay their dues. Remind them all they lose come January 1, including being allowed into American Legion Posts across our great country.

I hope to see all of you at our Mid-Winter Conference.

Sincerely,

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## First Vice-Commander



As we begin the 2019 calendar year, and begin to close out Commander Anderson II's year in office, it's become a time for reflection and a time for planning. My theme for 2020 is, "Recognize the Past, Redefine the Future".

Reflecting back on what has happened in 2018, my fear is that our dear friend, PDC Spanky Van Houten is spinning in his grave. Yes, for almost two years, we have complained about how membership is tabulated at Headquarters and yes, many of you still don't understand it, and yes, our numbers are down, but are you going after memberships? Since Spanky's passing, I believe that only 3 Blue jugs have been achieved by Districts. Is this on me? It has been my understanding that my responsibility is to the 14 District First Vice-Commanders, and they have the greater responsibility of developing a relationship with their Squadrons First-Vice Commanders. Our parent organization gets together on occasion and calls delinquent members to get them renewed or off the 888 roster. Is this something we need to implement? Are you active enough to even want to attempt this? I accidentally walked in on The American Legion "Brown Jug" turn in at Headquarters this fall and there was food and about 20 members from all over Ohio there with cards. We cannot do this for 2019, but we can in future years. Many of us are



still working and I have spoken with Headquarters about having a 'Blue Jug' turn in on a Saturday and that is possible. I will be working with my First-Vice Commander to make this a reality and possibly a yearly event.

In planning for my year as your Commander, I see many things that can benefit from the Sons of The American Legion. I had thought that preventing veteran suicides would be a large part of my state program and while it is vital, there are many others programs that can use our help. Temporary Financial Assistance and the Auxiliary Emergency Fund come to my mind, as well as OCW.

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\$1.00 to CWF is always a goal of our Detachment, but I would rather see someone in need with food, clothing, and shelter than seeing a plaque on my wall.

I have not yet completed my appointments for my year, but will have it done by the close of our Mid-Winter Conference. If there is a program you would like to become a part of, please talk to me and I will see that you are put in contact with those who know.

In closing, remember...Membership is everyone's responsibility.

*Bernie Kessler, First Vice-Commander*

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## **Second Vice-Commander**



Greetings fellow Sons!

Another year has passed, time definitely flies by. I had my left hip replacement November 13 and recovery has been going well. January will be busy with Visits to the Fifth and Fourth Districts, along with Mid-

Winter.

Let's get going with this year's raffle, with all the natural disasters this past year the National Emergency Fund will be depleted very quickly, Hooves is growing and funding needs to continue to help our veterans, along with Operation Comfort Warriors!

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year

Thank you for your continuing support.

For God and Country,

*Doug Hancock, Second Vice-Commander*

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## **Chaplain's Corner**



I hope that all of my fellow members enjoyed all their holiday meals, family time, and were able to spend some time with our Veterans at the VA Campuses or other locations.

Please continue to send me information on our sick members or those whom have joined Squadron Everlasting so we may send the appropriate correspondence to family members.

I went to help with the Special Olympic Swim Meet in December on Saturday had a great time. It was just John Tepper and I. Hopefully, next year we can gain few more Volunteers.

### **Sick Call**

Gary Albright, 757 Advisor  
George Monroe, 4<sup>th</sup> District

### **Squadron Everlasting**

Charles "Bucky" Harris (653)  
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*Dennis Albright, Chaplain*

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## **Adjutant's Notes**



**Mid-Winter Conference  
January 25-26, 2019**

Franklin Squadron No. 1 will host their annual luncheon featuring chili and PDC Rob Brewer's double burgers from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Malcolm D. Jeffrey Post No. 465, 1441 N. Grant Ave.,

Columbus, OH 43201. Stop in for a great meal if you arrive early for the conference.

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The Mid-Winter Detachment Executive Committee meeting will convene at 8:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229 on Friday, January 25. All elected and appointed Detachment Officers, Commission and Committee Chairmen, District Commanders and District First Vice-Commanders are required to attend. Dress is Legion-casual except for Detachment Officers.

The Detachment Mid-Winter Conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26 at the Crowne Plaza. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear the reports of all our state commission and committee chairmen directly and ask questions about the programs they are leading. Dress is coat and tie for everyone, please.

REMINDER: Housing reservations for the Mid-Winter Conference must be made by calling the hotel directly at (614) 885-1885, option 2, and asking for the “American Legion Conference” rate. Do not go through Department Headquarters for this meeting. The deadline to call is Thursday, January 10, but I strongly advise you not to wait that long. The hotel fills up quickly for that weekend and many members will not be able to get in to the Legion’s room block. Call early!

The Past Detachment Commanders Club will be hosting their annual Reverse Raffle at Don Gentile Post No. 532, 1571 Demorest Rd., Columbus, OH 43228 at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday after the Mid-Winter Conference. Tickets are \$10.00 each—contact any of the PDCs if you would like to buy some. Winners do not need to be present to claim their prize, but it is a good event to attend.

### **2019-2020 Commission / Committee Appointments**

Anyone interested in being considered for an appointment to serve on one of the Detachment or National Commissions or Committees must fill out the appropriate recommendation form (available from the Detachment website, <http://www.ohiolegion.com>). Click on the “Forms” link at the top of the page, and then scroll down the page to the SAL section in the middle. Send your completed form(s) to Ohio’s NEC Bill “Buster” Sutterlin at [SALNEC@OhioLegion.com](mailto:SALNEC@OhioLegion.com) before January 11 to be considered.

Please keep our men and women in uniform in your prayers during this holiday season. On behalf of the De-

tachment of Ohio, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Proud Possessor of a Priceless Heritage,

*Scott J. Thornton, Adjutant*

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## **National Executive Committeeman**



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and the new year has started out great for each one of you.

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to start thinking about how you would like to participate in the SAL for the 2019-2020 year. We would like all members to think about serving in a leadership role on the Detachment or National levels. We need you to serve at the Detachment level and to represent Ohio by serving at the National level. Ohio’s turn for someone to run for National Vice-Commander Central Division is coming up within a couple of years. If you are interested or know someone who would do a good job representing Ohio, please talk to them and contact me.

I want to remind you that if you are interested in serving on any programs or committees on the Detachment level, the proper paperwork needs to be completed and submitted prior to the start of the DEC meeting on Friday night at the Mid-Winter Conference, January 25, 2019. The same goes for serving at National for any committee or commission. I have the paperwork if anyone needs a copy. You can also get a copy of the form at the Detachment website.

Be sure to consider hosting the 2021 Detachment Convention. It takes a little time to complete the bidding forms. They are due to me before the start of the 2019 Detachment Convention in Mansfield on Friday night, May 18, 2019.

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I can be contacted by phone at (419) 651-2409, email at [brs257@zoominternet.net](mailto:brs257@zoominternet.net) or 950 Township Road 2506, Perrysville, Ohio 44864.

I hope to see you at Mid-Winter Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus January 25-26, 2019.

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## **Alternate National Executive Committeeman**



Greetings fellow SAL members,

With the year quickly slipping by, it is time to quickly get our membership up to par. With all the literature we have available, it is hoped that everyone will put it all to good use. Commercials are also available

for radio and television for download. All these items will help boost membership and maybe invite new members to join.

Also, good PR will help Toot your horn for all that we do for our communities. Be proud of



what your Squadrons do to make life better for the many, many people and Veterans and their families. Also, note we have an excellent newsletter, another tool to help show what your Squadron does throughout the year and to promote local programs and activities. PDC Jeff Vrabel, Sr. would love to have those kinds of articles and news items.

On the National level, the 100th year celebration plans are moving along, and we need to help them along. It is time to toast The American Legion for this special occasion. Changes are in the works to better The American Legion Family for the long term. Let's support the changes any way we can. Take note your National Officers are looking out for all of us. Buster and I will pass

along any info that comes out of the meetings along with Scott and our Committee members.

Thank You,

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### **Buckeye Boys State**

*Jim Rowen, Chairman*  
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### **Legislative Update**



Hi! HB 228 Concealed Carry and HB 142 modify Leo notifications have finally moved to the Ohio Senate

Government Oversight and Reform Committee. HB 142 specifically defines a concealed handgun license holders must notify law enforcement that he or she has a firearm. HB 228 cleans up several aspects of Ohio law to protect the rights of citizens shifting the burden of proof for self-defense to the prosecutor and eliminating the duty to retreat.

There is a web site that gives a lot of great information that could be beneficial to our veterans  
<https://www.military.com/education/gi-bill>

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMISSION

*PDC Rob Brewer, Chairman*

### Child Welfare Foundation

American Legion  
Child Welfare Foundation



The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, in its 64th year, has awarded \$766,761 to 24 nonprofit organizations. These grants, for 2019, determined during the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by addressing the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of children. I plan to dedicate time in my future reports at our Mid-winter and Convention, and one more *SALute* article to some/all of these worthy causes.

Here in Ohio, we continue our push for one million dollars in lifetime donations to the CWF. We began the 2018-2019 donation year approximately \$22,000 short. Let's not just get past this goal but "blow it out of the water!!!"

Since this will be the last article until Spring, please remember to start planning any fundraisers for April, which is Children & Youth month. I'll be accepting CWF banks at both Mid-Winter and Detachment Convention. I'll try to have CWF donation envelopes for those that wish to bypass sending donations to Delaware and 2019 banner order forms for Squadrons who donate at least \$1 per capita.

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### Children's Miracle Network



Children's  
Miracle Network

At this time of year, we tend to remember the good times of life as they affect our lives. We all know that that there are times in our lives that life throws us a curveball when it comes to our children and illness. We are very lucky to have six very special hospitals in our state that have a direct specialty for caring for our children with critical illnesses or injuries. They are the hospitals of the Children's Miracle Network, which include hospitals in Co-

lumbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, and Akron. These hospitals do a fantastic job at helping to heal a variety of illnesses and injuries of our children, but it is very expensive and there are many other needs of the families that are not covered by insurance. These hospitals have many fundraising activities to raise money to help these families during the trying times and to assist in research of diseases to help all.

I would like to urge all Squadrons and Districts to donate to the Children's Miracle Network as part of your donation cycle to help keep these vital links thriving.

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### Special Olympics

*PDC Adam Jones, Chairman*

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

In my last article, I asked, "What are you doing?" Those that have read the article, I hope you have an answer. If not, there is still time to come up with one. Remember, we are here to serve Veterans and their families. Let's get busy and do that.

On November 7, 2018, I attended the dedication ceremonies for the new Fisher House at the Dayton VMAC. There were over 400 in attendance to celebrate this opening. The Dayton house is the 77th one opened. In the short time, the house has been opened, they have served almost 40 families already. We are expecting to serve nearly 500 per year. We are now looking forward to the new houses being built in Cleveland. I can guarantee you that if you are donating to the Fisher House programs, your money is being well spent to serve Veterans and their families. As always, remember to document your activity in all VA&R programs on your consolidated squadron report.

**Third District.** December was busy here at the Dayton VAMC. On December 15, Dan Sagraves attended the Wreaths Across American program at the National Cemetery. Squadron 200 worked with local Scouts to sponsor several wreaths.

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On Christmas Day, several Squadrons were represented at the annual Gifts for Yanks distribution.

We started at 8:00 a.m. and visited with Veterans at the hospital. After that, we visited families at the Fisher House and spent a little bit of time with them. We are looking to expanding our work with the Fisher House in the future.

*PNVC, PDC Dan Sagraves, Chairman*  
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### NORTH REPORT



**Fisher House.** The 41st President, George H.W. Bush and World War II veteran, passed at the age of 94, Nov. 30. During his time as president, he cut the ribbon at the very first Fisher House. His contribution to

this country and part in our Fisher House history will always be remembered.

**Sandusky OVH.** The Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky has a “Dom” (short for Domiciliary) which offers 206 beds, a dining facility and necessary medical care to eligible veterans. Dom residents each have their own room, with cable access, and a shared bath. The wing features two reading lounges, a computer lounge, recreational facilities, clubs and regular and special activities.

The Domiciliary at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky offers an array of recreational services to each resident including biking, camping, fishing, gardening, bowling, putt-putt golfing, and transportation to various events.

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*Robert Carson, Chair*  
*Veterans Employment & Education Committee*

## RELATIONS COMMISSION

*ANEC Steve Honigfort, Chairman*

### From the Editor



Gentlemen,

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this edition of *The Ohio SALute*. Make sure you send me information from any recent Christmas or New Year’s Eve parties or events you may have participated in, as well as your plans for Memorial Day. It’s never too early to start promoting our events.

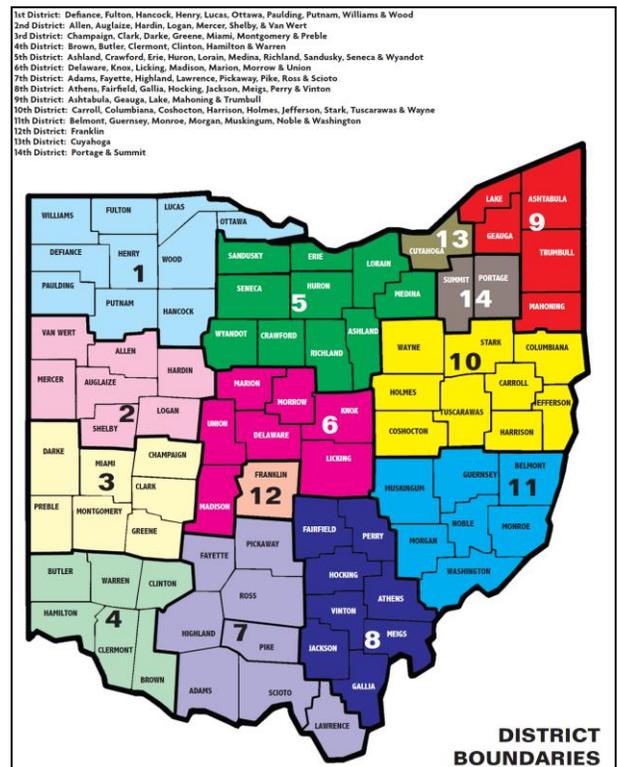
Please continue to send in your coming events, and photos of events that you, your Squadron, or your District has sponsored or participated in.

THANKS AGAIN!!!

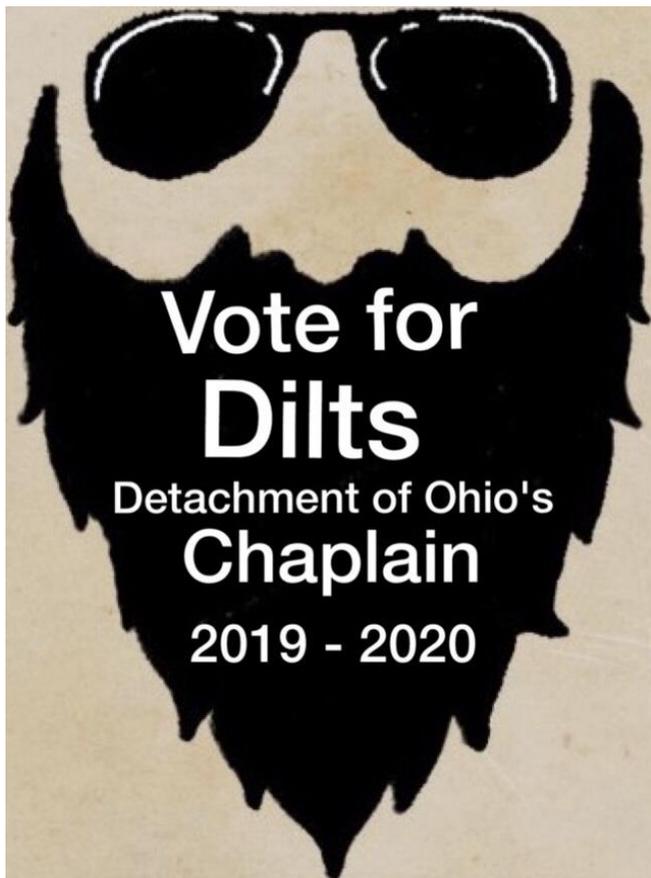
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## AROUND OHIO



## Commander Anderson's Homecoming



## First District

For greater than 65 years, Napoleon's American Legion, Bert G. Taylor Post 300 has hosted a Legion Family Kids Christmas Party. Approximately 10 years ago, the Post was discontinuing hosting this event. Sons of the American Legion Squadron 300 stepped in to continue this long-standing event. On Saturday, December 15, Squadron 300 with the help of the Post, Unit and Chapter once again entertained the children, parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of the Legion Family with a candy and cookie bar, a meal, bounce houses, Santa Claus, and gifts. There were 86 children present that received gifts.

Lenny Talmage  
PDC 1982-1983  
Squadron Finance Officer  
Squadron 300

## Fourth District



At the 2018 Fourth District Fall Conference, a raffle was held to benefit the Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. On November 27, a check for \$650.00 was presented to the center. Pictured (l. to r.) are Fourth District Officers: Charles W. Castle, SAL Commander; Ron Wissman, Adjutant and Tony Smith, Second-Vice Commander.



VA Christmas Day activity.

## Fifth District

Detachment First Vice-Commander Bernie Kessler, his wife, Nancy, and 5th District President Deb Sutterlin attended the Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. The ceremony was conducted by the Blue Star Mothers. One of the Blue Star Mothers participating was Martha Senn, President of Unit 404 Attica.

Bernie is pictured in front of The Great Room after the wreaths for each branch of the service and POW\*MIA were posted. Bernie is standing beside the poster that expresses the motto of the Wreaths Across America.

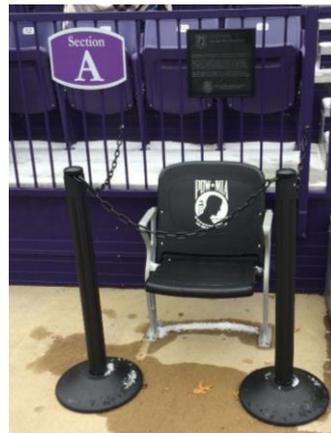


"REMEMBER the Fallen. HONOR those who serve. TEACH our children the value of freedom." To the left is the wreath remembering those who served in the Air Force and to the right remembering those who served in the Coast Guard.

The other picture is at the gravesites where the wreaths were placed. Here Bernie is straightening a wreath so that it is just right. It was asked that when a wreath was placed on a grave, the deceased veteran be remembered for their life.



*Submitted by PDC Buster Sutterlin, Fifth District*



**Chair of Honor.** On Nov. 10, Ohio Fifth District Sons of The American Legion attended the Ashland University football game, where at Halftime a POW\*MIA Chair that dedicated. During the halftime festivities, the Sons were very nicely honored and following that, all Veterans in attendance were honored.



Tim Rush, SAL 257 Commander (left) presenting a check for \$500.00 to Loudonville Mayor and Squadron 257 member Steve Stricklen for ongoing improvements to the Loudonville Chamber Of Commerce meeting room.





September 30, 2018 was the Gold Star Mothers Annual Memorial Ceremony at the Mohican State Park Shrine outside of Loudonville. Pictured here is Charlie Smail, Gary Boden (behind Tim Conway), Tim Conway, Buster Sutterlin, and Lee Burkhardt (serving refreshments for Unit 257). Lee opens the doors to the Shrine daily in the morning so that visitors can go inside the shrine and she closes the doors nightly. Lee has continued the service that that her husband, Merle Burkhardt, did for many years. Merle passed away this past spring. The Loudonville American Legion Honor Guard presented the Colors and firing squad, the SAL set up/took down the tables, chairs and sound system, and the Auxiliary provided refreshments.



From 5th District American Legion Auxiliary President Deb Sutterlin:

I want to thank Attica SAL Squadron 260 and Loudonville SAL Squadron 257 for your support of the Fifth District Auxiliary project. The project was to provide ditty bags to the Veterans being served at the Mansfield VA Outpatient Clinic the week before Christmas. We were

able to provide 200 ditty bags for Veterans as well as cleaning supplies, paper products, hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless Veterans and those Veterans living on a restricted budget without money for those items.

The ditty bags included a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, bar of soap, deodorant, a box of Kleenex, and a Christmas card. Also included was a treat bag with a package of cookies, some chocolate candies, peppermint candy, and cheese crackers.

Thank you for supporting The Auxiliary and most importantly, our Veterans.

Deb



November 7, 2018 was the dedication of Fisher House #3 located by the Dayton VA.



Pictured by the front door of the Fisher House were Gary Boden, (Sq. 257), PNVC Dan Segraves (Sq. 200) and Deb Sutterlin. The Fisher House was opened for viewing after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Dan Segraves is on the Fisher House committee.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
SQUADRON 733  
BETTSVILLE, OHIO

## GUN RAFFLE



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019**  
**Door opens 5pm – Drawing at 6pm**

Henry Golden Boy 22LR	Sig Sauer 938 9mm semi auto
Winchester Super X pump 12ga	Ruger AR556 AR-15 5.56 semi auto
Weatherby Vanguard II any caliber	Marlin 1895 45/70 lever action
Savage M-11 or M-111 any caliber w/scope	Kimber 1911 45 ACP
Remington 11-87 12 or 20ga	Henry Big Boy .357

Each ticket may win one or more guns  
*Winner need not be present*

For every 80 tickets sold over 800, another gun will be added to this list.

FOOD – GAMES - PRIZES

**MUST HAVE TICKET & MUST BE 21 TO ENTER**

**DONATION - \$10**

**Guns must be picked up at:**  
Sportsman's Den, 201 Gamble St., Shelby, Ohio

### GETTYSBURG GUN SAFE RAFFLE

84 gun capacity  
Tickets - \$5 each or 5 for \$20

For tickets call 419-986-5926 or see any member

BETTSVILLE AMERICAN LEGION

## WILD GAME FEED

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Door opens – 5pm Serving – 6pm

Donation - \$20

**MUST BE 21 TO ENTER**

### Game Feed Gun Raffle

1<sup>st</sup> prize – Del-Ton AR15  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – Ruger 450 Bushmaster  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize – SCCY 9mm

Donation - \$5 – Need not be present to win



Pictured is the POW-MIA Chair of Honor sponsored by the Detachment of Ohio and dedicated by Attica Sq. 260 and Republic Sq. 404 in September 2018 outside the Seneca East High School Auditorium entrance.



## Tenth District

### Minerva Sons of The American Legion Receives Charter

As part of the American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, and the revitalization of the Minerva American Legion Post 357, Minerva Mayor James Waller joined Detachment of Ohio, Vice Commander Bernie Kessler, recognize and honor the official start of the Don V. Cross Sons of The American Legion Squadron 357.

After the Official Sons of The American Legion Charter from the National Organization was presented by Bernie Kessler of New Washington, local members received their membership cards.

Mayor Waller presented a proclamation from the Village of Minerva acknowledging the establishment of the Squadron and the service that will be provided to the Minerva area working together for our Veterans and their families and proclaiming November 14, 2018 as Sons of The American Legion Day in The Village of Minerva.

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The major goal of the Minerva Squadron will be to support to our community, its veterans and their families as well as support to The Minerva American Legion.



Members Roger Bartley and Doug Zwahlen look on as Detachment Vice Commander Witness Post Commander Mike Lee and Squadron Adjutant Bill Towns sign the fourth and final endorsement of the newly formed Don V. Cross Squadron 357 Sons of The American Legion.



Detachment of Ohio Sons of The American Legion 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Bernie Kessler presents the Official Charter of Don V. Cross 357 to Squadron Commander Doug Zwahlen.



Minerva Mayor James Waller presents a proclamation to Sons of The American Legion Squadron 357 Commander Doug Zwahlen.



Squadron 357 Adjutant Bill Towns presents The Sons of The American Legion membership card to Spencer Wazlavek.



Detachment Vice Commander Bernie Kessler, Post Commander Mike Lee, Squadron Commander Doug Zwahlen, member Spencer Wazlavek, and Squadron Adjutant Bill Towns with the new Don V. Cross Sons of The American Legion Squadron 357 Charter.

## Thirteenth District



Friends, Thanks to all who attended our SAL annual Tailgate for Hunger on Sunday, October 28, 2018! Despite the cool temperatures, we survived and tried to cheer the Browns over the Steelers, without success. The food was plentiful and delicious and from your generosity, we delivered \$722 and a few non-cash items to the Euclid Hunger Center on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Thanks again!

Schuyler M. Cook, Sq. 343 Adjutant



Thirteenth District Advisor Richard Wright and Detachment Commander Dale Anderson at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at the USS Cod.

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