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The American Legion Department of Ohio 2025 Mid-Winter Conference

Marriott Columbus Northwest
5605 Blazer Pkwy
Dublin, OH 43017
on

Friday, January 17, 2025 – Sunday, January 19, 2025

This is an American Legion Family event for The American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion Riders. The conference is focused on training and education of the American Legion and its offices/ programs through Buckeye American Legion College. Anyone is welcome to attend the conference and any meetings and classes offered.

To make reservations please call 1-800-228-9290 to receive the discounted group rate of \$122.00 plus tax, or make reservations online at: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1708550451350&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. Please reference "American Legion Mid-Winter" when making reservations.

Deadline for hotel reservations is **December 27th**. After arriving and/or checking in at the hotel, visit the Department Information Table for the Mid-Winter Conference program and schedule.

Please visit: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/department-mid-winter-conference/> for full details and information.

The Department of Ohio will also be hosting a formal awards banquet. Registration for the Department Awards Banquet can be downloaded at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/2025-Mid-Winter-Leadership-Awards-Banquet.pdf> and mailed to Department or filled out on-line toward the middle of the Department Mid-Winter webpage.

E-mail confirmations will be sent to verify your banquet ticket purchase. If you do not receive an email after purchasing a ticket, please contact Department Headquarters.

For more information on the event contact Christie White at: programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.



Of The Year Awards Banquet



Saturday January 18, 2025

The Department of Ohio is hosting a formal banquet to honor outstanding members of our communities and Legionnaires at Mid-Winter Conference. Social hour starts at 5:00PM in the foyer with a cash bar. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Commander Whatley will be presenting awards to the members of your communities who have won various "Of The Year" awards.

Members, Posts, and Districts are encouraged to attend and support those being recognized.

Formal attire is required.

Reservation cutoff is January 13th, 2025

Cost is \$40.00 per person. Please return this form with payment.

All banquet tickets must be reserved in advance

Tickets reserved will be handed out at the event

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

of tickets at \$40.00 per person _____ Amount: \$ _____ Check # _____ or

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____ CVV _____

Beef _____ Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

E-mail address (**Required**): _____

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Arnold Whately
Department Commander

Greeting Legionnaires,

As we pass through the season of celebrating those veterans who have served, those who con-

tinue to serve this great country, and the ones who made the final call – Thank you. Secondly, as we enter the time of the year of celebrating and giving, let’s not forget the comrades who can no longer visit their Post for whatever reason that may be. This is the perfect time to practice our Legion mandates “BUDDY CHECK” & “BE THE ONE” - be the one to ask, be the one to save one! Our organization is built on caring for its members, especially those stricken with illness from service of country, community, and its

children and youth.

I also thank those Ohio Legion members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the 2024 National Convention held in New Orleans. This was the largest attendance in recent years. We partnered with two other American Legion Departments for a memorable boat ride around New Orleans. Department of Ohio is looking for more activities for your entertainment outside of the annual convention. The next National Convention

will be in Tampa, Florida. More information is coming soon, so make plans to attend if you can.

Lastly, our membership percentage is on target thus far this year, I am looking forward to the May 2025 Department of Ohio target, which is 91.60% to receive funds from National. Thanks for your support.

“TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING”

-Arnold Whately,
Department Commander



1ST VICE COMMANDER



Stan Oren
1st Vice Commander

Greetings Legionnaires and Legion Family Members. I was honored to attend 5th District’s Richland County Box Car Roundup. These veterans know how to have fun while reaching out to their communities for renewing and getting new mem-

berships. I also traveled to the 10th District for their Fall Conference at the Scio Post. Thank you for your hospitality.

As you are working on membership this year, let’s reach out to our younger veterans. Let them know about the benefits they qualify for through the GI bill, the VA health system, the PACT Act, and more. They need to know the American Legion went to Congress and fought for these benefits for all veterans. Our younger veterans need to know that if we don’t have millions of Legionnaire members to back us when we go to Congress, we could lose these ben-

efits. Being a Legion member is an inexpensive way of protecting our benefits. It’s like an insurance policy.

We need to be out in our community helping with community activities, showing them who we are and what we are about. We are more than a bar or canteen. We are part of the community supporting our children and youth, our members with PTSD and TBI, our homeless veterans, providing camaraderie and moral support to each other. The larger our Legion community, the greater the impact within the community. Let me know how I can help support your member-

ship efforts.

I will really need your help with Ohio memberships this year. I made a bet with the Department of Michigan’s 1st Vice Commander that we would beat them in membership. If I lose, I have to wear a Michigan shirt at National Convention in Tampa. Help!

Enjoy your Holidays with family and friends and keep all our servicemen and women who are serving all of us in your thoughts and prayers.

“For God and Country”
-Stan Oren,
Department 1st VC Commander



2ND VICE COMMANDER



Gary Cox Jr.
2nd Vice Commander

Hello my fellow Legionnaires,

This past late summer and fall has been very busy, September brought along the Trap Shoot

tournament in Marengo, Ohio, Post 754 hosted some 78 shooters, I would love to see over 100 next year. The golf tournament had 16 teams, on a very beautiful weekend, it was held in Beverly, Ohio by Post 389. I would love to see at least 24 teams in 2025. All Districts should have wrapped up their fall meetings, if you would still like to request Department Officers at your upcoming meetings or events, please fill out a request form on the Department Website at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com>. As you are getting ready to have your upcoming Winter meetings please share to your Posts. That the next event will be the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference January 11-14 and the “Of the Year Awards Dinner”. In February, Maumee Post 320, will be hosting the 6th Roger Hight Department Bowling Tournament at the Bowlero in Toledo. The event will take place over three weekends, February 8th-9th, 14th-15th, and 21st-23rd.

Please send in your registrations as soon as possible so we can fill all the lanes. When at your upcoming meetings and you are wanting to host any Department event, please remember that all forms to host the events are on the Department website. I know we do not have any bids for the 2026 bowling tournament at this time.

Very Respectfully,
-Gary Cox Jr.
Department 2nd VC Commander



DEPARTMENT TREASURER



Holly Lewis
Department Treasurer

As we move forward in the fiscal year, I want to update you on

the Department's current financial initiatives. At the Department of Ohio, we are committed to ensuring that our funds are managed carefully and with transparency. Our Finance Commission is diligently monitoring budget adherence and actively exploring options to increase revenue. This approach not only supports the programs that matter most to our members but also strengthens our ability to serve

Ohio veterans and their families for the long term.

We value the input and creativity of our members across the state. If you have any ideas for cost-saving measures or strategies to generate recurring revenue, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Together, we can build a robust financial foundation that ensures our organization's vitality for years to come. Your

insights and ideas could play a key role in shaping the future of the Department of Ohio.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Let's work together to make the Department of Ohio stronger than ever.

Contact me at treasurer@ohio-legion.com with your ideas!

-Holly Lewis,
Department of Ohio Treasurer



DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



Ron Distel
Department Chaplain

Greetings Comrades,

I am sitting here looking out over my property watching the leaves fall from the trees and decorate the ground - "WE" all know what is next! How quickly the seasons pass. I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to family visits and family plans for the Holidays. Please

remember many are not as fortunate. We need to continue to check on them and make their day a brighter one. It could be quite rewarding, both ways!

BE THE ONE

On this past Veterans Day, "OUR" special day, remember your service to this Great Coun-

try and our way of life today. This day honors all that served in the past - and those serving now. God Bless you all. Keep God in your sites, you know he has been watching over you for quite some time.

Respectfully Always,
-Ron Distel,
Department of Ohio Chaplain



DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

Howzit?

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits while I was bee-zy recovering. I may have been down and out, but history continues.

Our Department Golf Tournament was held September 14 & 15, organized by District 3 Commander, Thom Stan and hosted by Russell Chadwick Post 389 in Beverly Ohio was well attended with Assistant Historian Kevin Motter taking photos.

Lead Candidate for National

Commander, Dan Wiley visited Ohio from September 20-22 attending a few events, including Post 91 POW-MIA Memorial Ceremony, Annual Cuyahoga Regatta, and Post 610 Hog Roast. Thank you to Kevin for pictures, and Bob White covering the story.



POW/MIA Ceremony at Albert E Bessel Inc Post 91 out of Berea, Ohio

Our legacy of what we have done is documented in our Legion history books. Such as the Military Funeral Detail members of Farmer American Legion Post 137 and Veterans of Foreign War

Post 2489 who honored one of their own, Roena Bayes, of Bryan Ohio.



Bayes celebrated her 106 birthday on August 27 and passed away on September 18, 2024. Born in Farmer, Ohio, she graduated in 1936 from Farmer High School, received her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and began her teaching career in a one room schoolhouse in Milford Township. Roena moved to teach in

the Hicksville and Farmer Elementary School. She interrupted her career in 1943 to serve in the United States Army. She served at Minter Air Force Base in California and received her "overseas orders" to go to Gourock, Scotland on the RMS Queen Elizabeth. Roena was assigned to the 8th Air Force Composite Command at Cheddington, England. In 1945, Roena was reassigned to France to a small town of Chantilly, north of Paris. Three weeks after V-E Day, Roena flew into Germany as part of occupation troops. Honorably discharged in 1945 as Corporal, she returned to Hicksville Schools to teach until 1949. In 1950, Roena became a Medical Technician for the National Institute of Health in Washington DC, serving for 30 years, retiring in 1980. Amongst membership in various organizations, she served as a Past Commander of the (cont.)

Jacob Jones American Legion Post #2, in Washington D.C., the Bryan VFW Post 2489, and was inducted as a member of the American Legion Twenty and Four-The National Society of Women Legionnaires. District 1 Commander Dean Boyer's mom remembered Roena as her third-grade teacher dressed in an army uniform. Peg Buda shared stories about her cousin Roena including the memorable Women's Honor Flight to DC. Many attended to pay their respects

over the two days, including two Past Commanders Department of Washington DC Post #2 and 35 honor guard members.



Roena Bayes, passed away peacefully on September 18, 2024

I also attended the Annual Na-

tional Historians Meeting in Indianapolis where I learned while the Department History books will continue to be submitted via digital format, the Post history book contest is discontinued at the National level. We will still have a physical Post history book contest at the Department level, which details will go out by Mid-Winter Conference. And finally, congratulations to Rick Nelson of Newton Falls Post 236 who took 3rd place in 2023-2024 National Post History Digital

Contest. Although we may not be at every event, history continues to be gathered to be preserved in our history books by me with the assistance of Kevin, and my gorgeous wife, Dayna, the Auxiliary Department Historian.

For God and Country, and our fellow veterans, Be The One To Save One.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Sherry Yockey
Membership Manager

We're on track to meet our membership goals so far, good job everyone. The more veterans we have on board, the stronger our Congressional voice will be,

advocating for veteran's rights.

Let's keep spreading the word! Chat with fellow veterans in your community, tell them about the American Legion, and encourage them to join our remarkable group. Together, we can make a real difference!

New! Early Bird Stamps

The Department of Ohio will no longer supply the Early Bird Stickers. We're switching things up a bit. Each Post can purchase an Early Bird Stamp from Emblem Sales (emblem.legion.org).

They've got two options:

- *Early Bird Rubber Stamp: Item #737.206, \$19.99- Classic and reliable.*
- *Early Bird Self-Inking Stamp: Item #737.205, \$24.99 - No Messy ink pads needed!*

Purchase your stamp before the next membership year. Contact your District First Vice Commander or me if you have any questions.

Heads Up: 2025 Reports Due

Mark your calendars! Post and Squadron forms, including the

Consolidated Report and the Annual Data Reports, will be available early next year.

Due Date: March 31, 2025

Submitting reports promptly allows us to identify and address issues before National sends out dues reminders. This helps us avoid past confusion and ensures a smooth process for everyone.

Thanks for all you do to support the American Legion. Here's to building a more vital organization for veterans!

-Sherry Yockey, Membership

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 12/14/2024 District 9 Winter Conference Post 103 10:00 AM | 1/5/2025 5th District Winter Conference Post 83 11:00 AM | 1/12/2025 1st District Winter Conference Post 553 10:00 AM | 1/26/2025 12th District Winter Conference Post 490 1:00 PM | 3/2/2025 6th District Spring Conference Post 162 10:00 AM |
| 12/24-12/25/2024 Christmas Holiday National & Department Closed | 1/5/2025 11th District Winter Conference Post 29 10:00 AM | 1/12/2025 2nd District Winter Conference Post 241 8:00 AM | 2/8/2025-2/10/2025 Department Bowling Tournament Post 320 | 3/2/2025 8th District Spring Conference Post 39 10:00 AM |
| 12/31/2024-1/1/2024 New Years' Holiday National & Department Closed | 1/5/2025 14th District Winter Conference Post 713 10:00 AM | 1/12/2025 3rd District Winter Conference Post 286 1:00 PM | 2/15/2025-2/17/2025 Department Bowling Tournament Post 320 | 3/2/2025 11th District Spring Conference Post 77 10:00 AM |
| 1/4/2025 4th District Winter Conference Post 29 10:00 AM | 1/11/2025 10th District Winter Conference Post 67 8:00 AM | 1/17/2025-1/19/2025 Mid Winter Conference Marriott Columbus NW | 2/21/2025-2/24/2025 Department Bowling Tournament | 3/2/2025 13th District Spring Conference Post 421 9:30 AM |
| | | | 2/24/2025-2/26/2025 DC Conference Hilton Washington Hotel | |



ROBINSON'S RECAP



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Hello Members,

We are about halfway through the year at this point. We are doing well membership wise, but please keep up the good work and keep getting your members renewed. Please do your Buddy Checks. It has been a rough cou-

ple of months for a lot of people and especially with the holidays upon us we need to check on each other. If you have members that you haven't seen lately, those that can't travel, or especially those that you know are struggling. Let them know that we love them, appreciate them and that they are a vital part of the Legion. We always need to talk with members and see if they need anything and to remind them that they are not alone we are there for them.

If you recruit a new member into your post then make them a welcome packet and give them a tour of your post, always be

friendly and informative. Remember to work your programs and show the public what we do and how we do it. When you do a flag disposal, for example on Memorial Day, invite the community to be a part of the process and part of the flag change out. Plan a community clean up day and invite nonmembers of the Legion and other community members to assist. This is just a few ideas to help your Post stay relevant in your local community.

Your Department of Ohio Executive Committee will have several things to approve at the December 6, 2024, DEC meeting. If approved, it means exciting

changes, look for updates on our website for any changes coming. I have been conducting monthly Adjutant meetings via Zoom, please reach out to the Department if you are an Adjutant that isn't on the list and would like to be included in these meetings. At the upcoming meeting the main topic will be CPRs and how to fill them out correctly, also many other topics.

Thank you for your time and consideration and keeping your posts viable and moving forward. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VR,

-John Robinson, Adjutant



DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN



Gary Minadeo
Department Parliamentarian

Just a Bit of Order

A Quorum for Protection - RONR p. 348, lines 16-23

Without a quorum a meeting is not official and no decision is binding to the organization, but rather, the decisions are binding only to those who made the decisions.

Yep, if you do not have a quorum as stated in your by-laws, any decision made to take action or spend money is legally on the head of those in the meeting not the Post.

Now we all have done this especially when the ladies room

toilet had to be fixed, or the air conditioning went out in the hottest week of the summer and you have a party coming up soon; so what to do?

Well, an emergency meeting can be called to ratify the decision with a quorum present. If an emergency meeting is not called, then, at the next scheduled meeting the first order of business should be to have those decisions ratified by a quorum.

Once ratified then the Post now incurs responsibility for financial obligation and legal matters. IF NOT RATIFIED, those who made the decision "without a quorum" can be made legally to pay the bills and shoulder the legal responsibility for the decisions. GET A QUORUM

Get Your Quorum Right - RONR p. 348, lines 3-13

It is quite frustrating to have 200 members but you cannot get your quorum of 11 at your meetings. Essentially your member-

ship is placing you in legal peril as stated in the above article. So what can you do?

First, if your by-laws state a quorum that this is a good number to ensure you have proper representation of the body, then you need to educate all officers, committee chairs, and past officers that they are the base pool for the quorum and thus provide the guarantee that business can always be conducted appropriately.

Second, shaking hands of members and personally asking them to commit to coming to the meetings is always good.

Third, call all officers, committee chairs, and past officers in a roll call fashion to determine if they are coming to the next meeting. If you run short of the quorum, call other members. It might be good to have sort of "reserve force" of member for this purpose.

Fourth, if you feel the quo-

rum established in the by-laws is too large, you can start proceedings to amend the by-laws to a lower number that is more realistic while maintaining representation of the membership. WARNING the quorum cannot be changed any other way—you must amend the by-laws according to the procedures stated in your by-laws.

Recommended References

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

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OHIO ALR 2025 ROMP

The 2025 ROMP will be hosted by the American Legion Riders from Post 72 Mount Carmel, Ohio. June 19th- June 22nd, 2025. More information will be out soon on the ROMP site: <https://www.facebook.com/>

OhioALR 2025 ROMP

UNITY PATCHES

UNITY PATCHES: even though riding season is almost over for 2024, there are still ALR fund raisers and ALR Posts events going on to work on your Unity Patch. Applications need to be turned in by December 20th to receive your Patch at Winter Conference in January.

Past Directors Meeting

There was a District Director meeting October 12th, 2024, at Post 29, Zanesville. In attendance was six District Directors out of fourteen. The next ALR State District Directors meeting will be at Midwinter, Saturday January 18, 2025. Time will be shared once the agenda for the conference is released. All District Directors should attend or send someone in your place.

Ohio vs. Michigan Football Game

There is an ALR tradition with the original Legion Rider Post in

Garden City Michigan Post 396. Every year Ohio ALR and Michigan ALR get together to watch the Ohio State Michigan game in the State where the game is being played. This year it's in Ohio, and our location is at the Bridge in Willard, 3096 State Route 99 Willard, OH on Saturday November 30th @12:00. Come out and watch the game with our ALR Michigan family.

For additional information visit the Department Legion Riders WebPage at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/legion-riders/>



LEGISLATIVE



Jacob Brault
Dept. Legislative Liaison

The mission of the Legislative Commission is to review all State, Federal, House, and Senate Bills pending to gauge the level of support from The American Legion Department of Ohio as well as lobbying tasks on behalf of the 75K+ Legionnaires within Ohio.

The Legislative Commission members meet at least annually and are tasked with maintaining

open lines of communication with local Legislators in their Districts to inform them of how The American Legion is at the forefront of helping veterans, their families, and our children & youth and to encourage participation in our programs.

The Legislative Commission urges Legionnaires to create their own individual account on the Ohio General Assembly website and Congress website at: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/authentication/sign-in> and <https://www.congress.gov/> - There, you will be able to view the current legislative activities as well as search current legislation.

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

DO

- » RESEARCH YOUR LEGISLATOR
- » BE PREPARED
- » BE SPECIFIC - BE POSITIVE
- » ASK FOR ACTION - SOLUTION
- » KNOW THE ISSUE
- » USE TIME WISELY
- » BE CONSIDERATE OF THEIR TIME
- » PLAN OUT YOUR REMARKS
- » SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM YOUR LEGISLATOR
- » TELL THE TRUTH
- » BE RESPECTFUL
- » FOLLOW-UP: WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE
- » ADDRESS THEM PROPERLY
- » FORGE RELATIONSHIPS
- » VISIT LOCAL OFFICES AND WORK WITH STAFFERS

DON'T

- » BE DISRESPECTFUL
- » BE UNPREPARED
- » DISMISS STAFF
- » MONOPOLIZE THE MEETING
- » TALK LOUDLY OR UNPROFESSIONALLY
- » CONFUSE THE LEGISLATIVE

ISSUE

- » LACK BREVITY
- » BE AFRAID TO SAY "I DON'T KNOW" "I'LL GET BACK WITH YOU"
- » BE CONFRONTATIONAL OR ARGUMENTATIVE
- » USE INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE
- » PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION
- » FAIL TO FOLLOW UP

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

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

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

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“The SitRep”

Board of Veterans Appeals update:

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|-------|----------------------------------|
| 2024: | \$1,328,321.13, Success Rate 79% |
| 2023: | \$1,884,290.28, Success Rate 80% |
| 2022: | \$4,695,828.36, Success Rate 84% |
| 2021: | \$5,507,843.57, Success Rate 92% |
| 2020: | \$2,386,283.09, Success Rate 84% |
| 2019: | \$2,879,602.90, Success Rate 77% |
| 2018: | \$3,229,365.06, Success Rate 78% |

2017: \$5,647,713.73, Success Rate 85%

Total Winnings for Veterans
\$27,559,246.00

Caution VA Predatory Claims Agents are stealing from Veterans!

There has been an alarming rise in predatory claim companies charging veterans to file a VA claims. The 38 U.S.C. § 5901 is clear in the definition as to what representation is “preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim.” Coaching, assisting, or advising a Veteran is the same as representation. Only VA-accredited representatives should advise or assist a Veteran with any part of the process. It is illegal to charge fees for assisting a veteran with a claim if you are not accredited with the VA. It is also illegal to charge a fee for assistance before VA initially decides a claim. If a Claims agent reaches out to assist and does

not have you sign a VA Form 21-22, they are more than likely a Predatory Claims Agent. It is advised to use a Veteran Service Organization like the American Legion to assist in filing Claims. All Department Service Officer are accredited with the VA Office of General Council and provide free representation to veterans and their dependents. If you have been contacted or see advertisement and feel these are not legitimate agents contact the VA Fraud hotline at www.vsafe.gov or by calling 1-833-38V-SAFE (8-7233) to report.

GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023

S.740 GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023 has been introduced to Congress. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws ad-

ministered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Currently there is no legal action the Inspector General has over these claims’ agents other than a cease order. For free representation call 216-522-3504 to speak to a Department Service Officer (DSO).

Ohio Veteran Benefits

Ohio Department of Veteran Services is a great resource for veteran’s benefits offered by the State of Ohio. The link to the veteran resource guide is: <https://dvs.ohio.gov/veteran-benefits/benefits-resources/veteran-resource-guide>. Veterans can also receive a discount for camping and lodging at Ohio State parks, for more information follow this link: <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/division-parks-watercraft/stay-overnight/state-parks-camping-discounts>.

NATIONAL SECURITY

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The National Security Commission is responsible for reviewing items pertaining to various security issues that involve such items as cyber security, security of our borders, our armed forces, their equipment and numbers so we don’t get into a position where we can’t maintain our presence in areas needed to insure our safety. The Commission is also involved in military benefits and quality of life items that face our armed forces as well as the veterans that have served. These issues are ad-

ressed by either creating Resolutions to address the items or approve submitted resolutions by other committees or individuals. These resolutions are presented at the department convention to be accepted and, once accepted, move on to the national convention. If the resolution is passed at the national level it will then be presented to congress for possible action.

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

Operation Comfort Warriors

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort

items not usually supplied by the government. OCW ensures that patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units are given items like sweat suits, DVDs, puzzles, electronic devices, books, calling cards and more. OCW also provides larger items such as ping pong tables, entertainment centers, computers, kayaks and other recreational goods for use by wounded warriors in common areas.

National Emergency Fund

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this

emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

POW/MIA Advocacy

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

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

POW/MIA Empty Chair

Ntl'l Security cont'd

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th American Legion National Convention, calls for designating a POW/MIA Empty Chair at all official meetings of The American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIAs still unaccounted

for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States.

Department Law and Order Awards Program

The American Legion seeks to recognize well-rounded public service candidates who have ex-

ceeded about and beyond the expected duties of their position for public recognition. Post, County, District, and Department may recognize a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, and Civilian Life Saver of the Year.

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

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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.

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 8th- June 15th, 2025 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 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:

American Legion Buckeye Boys State Coordinator

Christie White:

E-mail at: programs@ohiolegion.com

[ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com)

Telephone at: 740-513-5199

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.

2025 Assigned topics

- » Amendment I
- » Amendment VII
- » Amendment XVIII
- » Amendment XXVI

The American Legion Department awards the first-place

winner a \$4,000 Scholarship. 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 30th, 2025 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



Flag Display and Respect

(a) The Flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

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

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

(d) The Flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free.

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

and for decoration in general.

(e) The Flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

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

(g) The Flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

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

(i) The Flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed

on paper napkins or boxes or anything designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the Flag is flown.

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

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

Flag Retirement

a) In proper tribute and in memory and love, our Flag becomes faded and worn and must be honorably retired from life.

b) The approved method of disposing of unserviceable Flags has been by burning.

c) Such retirement of Flags that have become unserviceable may be done in public with respectful and honorable rites.

d) The most appropriate day to perform this ceremony is National Flag Day, June 14th.



Baseball



Legion Baseball: A Century of Diamonds



It was a big vision from a Big Ten commissioner. On July 17, 1925, the collegiate athletic executive spoke to The American Legion Department of South Dakota convention.

“There is nothing in our national life which stresses certain qualities that are expressed in our athletics,” said John Griffith. “Intelligent courage, fighting instinct and cooperation are some things which I believe are visibly expressed in our athletic

games... American Legion posts, as a matter of citizenship training, could easily carry on such athletic activities throughout the United States.”

Just seven years after World War I, the former Army major understood the need for physically fit patriots to answer their nation's call if needed. After Griffith's address to the convention, a resolution was passed and American Legion Baseball was born.

The program was a hit. By 1926, more than 52,000 players participated. Legends and war heroes such as Yogi Berra, Ted Williams and Bob Feller would comprise some of the 87 Hall of Famers who have played American Legion Baseball over its first century. By 1947, none other than Yankees-great Babe Ruth would serve as a national spokesman and consultant for

the program. In 2010, the National Executive Committee selected Shelby, N.C., as the home of The American Legion Baseball World Series. Coverage of the games by ESPN soon followed. Over its first century, conservative estimates are that more than 10 million young people have played American Legion Baseball.

During its meeting in May 2021, The American Legion National Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution calling for Legionnaires to raise awareness about amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a terminal disease that took the life of baseball great Lou Gehrig. The resolution encourages a moment of silence on June 2, which also marks the date that Gehrig died in 1941. Lou Gehrig's disease is a condition that has dispro-

portionately impacted veterans. Informing the public about the tragic consequence of ALS can lead to additional research, funding, therapies and a still undiscovered cure.

One hundred years of American Legion Baseball is truly a milestone worth celebrating.

The Department Junior Tournament will be July 17th – 20th, 2025

The Department Senior Tournament will be July 25th – July 28th, 2025

Both tournaments are played at Beavers Field in Lancaster Ohio



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.

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

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

The American Legion polar plunge fundraising site can be found here: support.soo.org/2025AmericanLegionPolarPlunge. The idea behind this is to get Posts to create teams to compete with one another, raise money and have some fun while doing. There are some creative ways to "host a plunge" as idea generators. If you prefer to plunge at one of the major plunges (Cincinnati, Columbus, or Cleveland) Special Olympics Ohio would prefer you register

on those specific event pages to help us keep track of attendees and incentives. A list of plunges can be found here: <https://sooh.org/polar-plunge/>

Also, join us in supporting the Law Enforcement Torch Run, benefiting Special Olympics Ohio by making a gift today! The American Legion general donation page that can be used year round at any Post can be found here: <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form?svcid=tcs&formId=538918d0-6c8d-485b-852c-9979c3e4b218&envid=p-FabAWmxe60W8my-0JobWxUg&zzone=usa>.

4th Grade Flag Education Program

The Department of Ohio is pleased to present the 4th Grade Flag Education Program. This is a brand new program to Ohio.

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

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

Each student participating in the Flag Education Test Program takes the same test. The answers on the test are scored against a standardized answer sheet. Students are given one hour to complete the test at school. No part of it is to be taken home. Also, students MAY NOT use their comic book, notes, or other materials to assist while taking the test.

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

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

Please navigate to these Department website links for more information and the Flag program order form:

» Download informational memo at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/Flag-Memo-order-2024.pdf>

» Download Order form at: <https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/Flag-order-form-2024.pdf>

Family Support Network

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

The National American Legion established a toll-free telephone number for families to call for assistance, and local posts responded to their needs.

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

Child Welfare Foundation

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

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

These include the Children's Organ Transplant Association, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, the National Children's Cancer Society, the National Autism Association, the MY HERO Project, and the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and many more.

Temporary Financial Assistance

Established in 1925, the purpose of Temporary Financial Assistance is to help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses.

Through the American Veteran & Children Foundation, Veterans with minor children can apply for a one-time grant upwards of \$1500. This grant is designed to prevent children of veterans from experiencing homelessness and/or lack of utilities such as heat, water, and electric. Applicants must first exhaust all local and State resources.



Children & Youth / Scholarships cont'd

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP

HISTORY

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

ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION / NOTIFICATION

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

SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING CRITERIA

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

The applicant's academic achievement based on course grades; difficulty of the curriculum; ACT scores; participation in school activities and activities outside of the school and a general impression of each applicant's character obtained through a personal statement.

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

High School Award

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

Requirements:

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

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

College Student Award

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

Requirements:

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

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

Donald L. Lanthorn Award

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

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

Requirements:

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

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

Durward I. Bernhard Award

Durward I. Bernhard was a

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

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

Requirements:

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

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

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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.

2024 Scholarship Recipients

High School Awards:



Sophia Shenk of Dayton, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. She is involved in Girl Scouts, earning her Gold Award, as well as an Americanism and Government Test participant. Sophia will be attending Miami University.



Brooklyn Koester of Sidney, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government participant as well as Buckeye

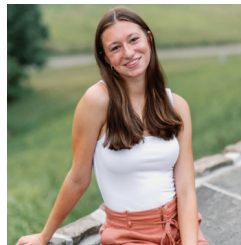
Girls State Alumni. She is also involved in Girl Scouts. Brooklyn will be attending Smith College.



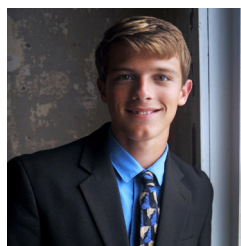
Emily Gillson of Hamler, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts, earning her Gold Award as well as a Buckeye Girls State Alumni. Emily will be attending Cedarville University.



Brycen Lantz of Attica, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government participant as well as Buckeye Boys State Alumni. Brycen will be attending the Ohio Northern University.



Mackenzie Evans of Loveland, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni. Mackenzie will be attending The Ohio State University.



Tyler Rowen of Rockford, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire

and is a former Americanism and Government participant, involved in Boy Scouts, former Oratorical participant, Buckeye Boys State Alumni and member of the Sons of the American Legion. Tyler will be attending Wright State University.



Addison Buckholz of Amherst, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Girls State Alumni. Addison will be attending The Ohio State University.



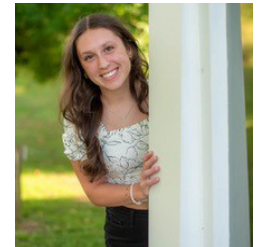
Deacon Howland of Cincinnati, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire and is involved in Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout. Deacon will be attending Virginia Tech.



Olivia Salyer of McArthur, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts, as well as a Buckeye Girls State Alumni. Olivia will be attending Ohio University.



Jacob Granger of Bluffton, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire and is a former Americanism and Government Test participant. Jacob will be attending Case Western Reserve University.



Berkley Rhodes of Hartville, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Berkley will be attending Bowling Green State University.



Olivia Erwin of Sylvania, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Olivia will be attending Bowling Green State University.



David Olson of Poland, Ohio is the great grandson of a Legionnaire and is a Buckeye Boys State Alumni. David will be attending Youngstown State University.



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Garrett Sines of Doylestown, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. Garrett will be attending Ohio Northern University.



Lauren Edwards of West Chester, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Lauren will be attending Miami University.



Jacob Goldsberry of St. Paris, Ohio is the son of a Legionnaire. Jacob will be attending Defiance College.



Olivia Wood of West Sunbury, Ohio is the daughter of a Legionnaire. Olivia will be attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University.



Katelyn Barnhart of Weston, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Katelyn will be attending the University of Toledo.



Emma Dean of Mount Vernon, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Lauren will be attending Asbury University.

College/University Awards:



Faith Hampton of Springboro, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Faith is currently enrolled at Ohio Northern University.



Heyes Dean of Lewis Center, Ohio is the grandson of a Legionnaire. Heyes is currently enrolled at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.



Reese Clary of Lewis Center,

Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire. Reese is currently enrolled at Lee University.

American Legion Member Award:



Richard Heise III of Chilli-cothe, Ohio is a U.S. Army Veteran and member of Post 134. Richard is currently enrolled at Columbus State Community College.

Donald L. Lanthorn Award:



Maci Sherick of Marysville, Ohio is the granddaughter of a Legionnaire and is involved in Girl Scouts. Maci will be attending Marysville College.

Congratulations!

For any questions, contact Christie White, Americanism/Children & Youth Coordinator at programs@ohiolegion.com

Meet our New Employee: Jacob Brault

Legislative / National Security / VE&E Coordinator
 Phone: 740-362-7478 | Email: jbrault@ohiolegion.com



My name is Jacob Brault, the newest Legislative, National Security, and VE&E Coordinator for the American Legion Department of Ohio. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am a United States Marine Corps Veteran having served our country for 4 years being stationed in Yuma, AZ with Headquarters Squadron as a Military Policeman. Throughout my time in the Marine Corps I have learned leadership, firmness, and

fairness traits that I continue to live my life by to this day. Following my time in the Marine Corps I took position as a Program Security Rep for Lockheed Martin working with the Marines F-35 platform and eventually moved to Ohio with my partner which ultimately led me to working for The American Legion Dept. of Ohio. I look forward to working with you to make Ohio the best state for military veterans and their families.

Rowing to Victory: The American Legion Dominates at Cuyahoga Regatta



Submitted by Department Assistant Chaplain, Robert 'Bob' White



Cleveland, OH — Under a brilliant summer sun on Saturday, September 21, with temperatures hovering in the low 80s, the 2024 Cuyahoga Regatta witnessed an incredible showing by The American Legion, competing under the Operation Comfort Warriors (OCW) program in association with the Western Reserve Rowing Association. The event drew over 5,000 entries, making it the largest regatta in the nation and a true spectacle for competitors and spectators alike.

The excitement began with Race 1110, Event 33, Mixed Veteran 4+, featuring a powerhouse team of Suzanne Ryan, Mike O'Connor, Melissa Bach, James Ryan, and coxswain Morgan Clark. The team dominated the race, **clinching first place with an official time of 27:44.911.**

The American Legion Family, including NEC (Kansas) and leading candidate Dan Wiley, NEC Ron "Chappy" Chapman, Alt NEC Robert "Bob" Schmidt, and numerous department commanders and officers, cheered the team on as they crossed the finish line in triumph. Their collective energy embodied the spirit of camaraderie and support that The American Legion fosters.

Between races, attendees visited The American Legion tent near the finish line, where recruiters from The Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion shared information about the OCW program. The tent buzzed with enthusiasm, as Legion members mingled with other teams and showcased

the prestigious American Legion Trophy, proudly displayed at the nearby Row House.

The highlight of the day came with Race 1500, Event 571, Mixed Veteran 8+, where The American Legion's team of Josie Aviles, Melissa Bach, Maia Hansen, Mike O'Connor, Nichol Pacifico, Jake Wade, James Ryan, Chuck Postel, and coxswain Emma Overton delivered another stellar performance. They secured **first place with an official time of 23:27.188**, as the crowd erupted into cheers.

The American Legion tent, strategically placed at the finish line, became a hub of celebration, with bells ringing and hands clapping in a victorious roar. Following the race, NEC Dan Wiley, alongside NEC Chapman and Alt NEC Schmidt, presented individual awards and the coveted OCW trophy to the winning team in a heartfelt ceremony.



(l to r): Department 1st Vice Commander, Stan Oren; National Alternate Executive Committeeman, Bob Schmitt; Department Treasurer, Holly Lewis; Department 2nd Vice Commander, Gary W Cox Jr.; National Leading Candidate NECman, Dan Wiley, and Department Commander, Arnold 'AJ' Whatley

Beyond the Races

The day wasn't just about rowing; it

was an opportunity to engage with veterans and expand the reach of the OCW program. Teams from across the nation and even Canada expressed interest in bringing the program to their states, showcasing the far-reaching impact of The American Legion's initiatives.

The festivities concluded with a pork roast hosted at Brook Park American Legion Post 610, where hundreds of Legion Family members gathered to celebrate a day filled with achievement, recruitment, and shared purpose.



Hog Roast hosted by Post 610

As attendance at the Cuyahoga Regatta grows each year—jumping from 3,000 entries in 2023 to over 5,000 this year—it's clear this event has become a centerpiece for rowing enthusiasts and veterans alike.

Until next year, let's keep rowing strong!

-Robert 'Bob' White



Also check out Rev. Robert S. "Bob" White's recent *cleveland.com* opinion piece on "Remembering our brave veterans on Veterans Day, and every day" at: <https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2024/11/remembering-our-brave-veterans-on-veterans-day-and-every-day-rev-robert-s-white.html>

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In Memorium

Roena Bayes, 106 years of Bryan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, in her residence with those she loved at her side. Roena has been a member of The American Legion for over 80 years! Roena was born August 27, 1918, in Farmer, Ohio, the daughter of the late Harold Leroy "Roy" and Sarah Ellen (Fickle) Bayes. She was an alumna of Farmer High School Class of 1936 and received her bachelor's degree from BGSU. Afterwards, she began her teaching career in a one room schoolhouse in Milford Township, OH. She then moved to teach in the Hicksville Schools and Farmer Elementary School. She "interrupted" her career in 1943 to serve in the United States Women Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC). Her first duty station was at Minter Army Airfield in Shafter, CA. After one year, Roena received overseas orders and arrived at Gourrock, Scotland on the RMS Queen Elizabeth. While serving in the European Theater of Operations, Roena was assigned to the 8th Air Force Composite Command at Cheddington, England. In 1945, she served in Chantilly, Oise north of Paris, an area previously occupied by Nazi troops. Her unit WAAC members joined a squadron of the 9th Air Force personnel, where she remained until after Victory in Europe Day (V-E Day) in May 1945. She attained the rank of Corporal.



Veterans Appreciation Day

In September 2024, the Lorain County Outpatient Clinic Veterans Appreciation Day was put on by the VA clinic. All facets of the VA were in attendance to answer questions to the veterans. Brochures and literature were also passed out to the veterans. Staff of VA County Commissioners and Lorain County's food bank as well as other county agencies were there to provide answers to any question that arose. Flu shots were readily available for the veterans. This was the first appreciation day since Covid. All attending veterans appreciated this day.



On the left is Brad Beaty, Past 12th District Commander and member of Paschall Post 164 and on the right is George Mussi, Past 12th District Commander and Commander of Reynoldsburg Post 798.



On the left is Mrs. Carl Bradley, wife of Carl Bradley, Chaplain of the 12th District and of Reynoldsburg Post 798 and on the right is Mary Beatty, wife of Brad Beaty, Past 12th District Commander and member of Reynoldsburg Post 798.

12th District Highlight: Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down

Members of American Legion 12th District took part in the Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024. In attendance were members of Franklin-Jefferies Post 1, Southway Post 144, Paschall Post 164, Don Gentile Post 532 and Reynoldsburg Post 798. This Stand Down supports Franklin County and its eight surrounding counties. This year's Stand Down served over 670 veterans, of which over 95 were women veterans.



Honor Detail from Don Gentile Post 532 under command of Commander Bernie Brogan (not pictured). Post 532 Honor Guard has been presenting the colors at the opening of this event for many years.



Members of Southway American Auxiliary Unit 144, Brenda, Ann Garren, Kenny Timmons of Southway Post 144, and Kay (left to right) are offering support to our veterans.

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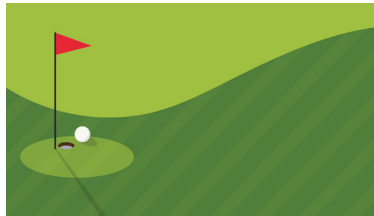
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Department Golf Tournament

During September 14th – 15th, 2024 the Department Post Activities Golf Tournament took place at Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, OH. Tournament host, Russell Chadwick Post 0389, also produced this year's winning team. The 1st place team was Jarod Kasun (SAL), Dan Ginther (AL), Brad Webb (AL), Micky Lockhart (SAL). All had a fun weekend of fellowship on the links.



1st place trophy awarded, left to right, Micky Lockhart, Brad Webb, Jarod Kasun, Stan Oren Dept 1st Vice, Gary Cox Jr Dept 2nd Vice, Thom Stan Dept Golf Committee member. Missing from photo Dan Ginther (already departed for family outing).



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Post 23

Pheasant Hunt & Philanthropic Donation

Recently, James Dickey Post 23 in Portsmouth, Ohio held their yearly Pheasant hunt for disabled Veterans and children.



(left to right): Richard Cooper, Mike Smith, John Cooper, Marty Cooper and Amy Cooper

Post 23 also of late proudly donated \$5000 to the Potters House of Sciotoville, Ohio.



(left to right): Bud Loper (Trustee), Kristen McGlone, Potters House and Commander Doug Boyd



Post 357 – Being the One, with Pizza!



Out of District 10, Minerva's Don V. Cross Post 357 American Legion family provided a pizza party for the veterans, other residents, and staff at The Arbors. This is an extended care rehabilitation facility also located in Minerva, Ohio.

Shown (l to r): Bill Towns - Squadron Adjutant, Debi Biggins - Post Commander, Roger Bartley - Post Vice Commander, and Elaine Clark - Post Adjutant. Pictured in front are special Veteran representatives Miles and David.

Post 3 – Charitable Donations

During the month of October 2024, Ralph D Cole Post 3 out of Findlay, OH donated \$20,750 to charity - bringing out year to date donations just over \$38,000. The Post goal is to make sure that the community knows the good work that the men and women of the American Legion are doing to support our local community and encourage all who are eligible to join them.



Post 171 – Proud Save A Warrior Donation



Westerville Post 171 Commander Jeff Frazier and Legionnaire Tom Poulton presented a \$1,000 donation to Save A Warrior Development Director, Suzette Heller at the Post's October 2024 American Legion meeting. This donation to Save A Warrior is one of four \$1,000 donation checks given by Young-Budd Post 171 to Ohio-based veteran-benefit charitable organizations this year. The donation resulted from net proceeds raised at the third annual Legion Post 171 and VFW Post 7883 Veterans Benefit Golf Outing in June. Twenty-one foursomes played 18 holes of golf at the Wyandot Golf Club near Centerburg, Ohio. This year, the net proceeds exceeded \$10,500! In three years, our golf outing has donated over \$17,000 for numerous veteran-benefit and charitable programs.

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Post 51 - Veterans Day Dinner

Hubbard Post 51 celebrated its annual Veterans Day Dinner on Monday, November 11th, 2024, at the Gentry in Hubbard, Ohio. Seventy-two guests including Mayor Ben Kyle, Jackie Whetstone the American Legion 9th District Commander, Hubbard Junior High students - who attended Girls State and Boys State, and over 50 veterans and spouses were in attendance. Before dinner, Post Commander John Raica spoke about the meaning of Veterans Day, the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all, and after the invocation by Chaplin John Stubrich, dinner was served.



(l to r): Jim Kerrigan - Service Officer, Emma Harley, Gianna Rottunno, Kamryn Kurpe, Emalie Esmail and John Raica - Commander American Legion Post 51



(l to r): Jim Kerrigan - Service Officer, Jacob Benner, Jordan Porter, and John Raica - Commander Post 51

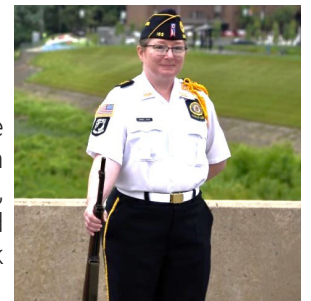


John Raica, Commander Post 51 and Jackie Whetstone, American Legion 9th District Commander



Post 165 Crowns All American Veterans Queen

Angel L. Rios Msgt., USAF (Ret.), member of Miamisburg Post 165 and the combined honor guard was crowned "All American Veterans Queen" in Ocean City, MD on October 12th, 2024. The competition included an essay, interview, fun fashion and evening gown modeling. She was voted Ms. Congeniality and received the highest interview award. Mrs. Rios will be travelling to New York City to walk in a fashion showcase during fashion Week in February 2025.



Post 211 – POW/MIA Chair of Honor

On Friday September 13th, 2024, Avon Lake American Legion Post 211 participated in adding a POW/MIA Chair of Honor at the football stadium of Midview H.S. in Grafton. The official dedication ceremony included a procession of ALR and VFW motorcycle riders, a 21-gun rifle salute, the unveiling of the chair by Midview Air Force Junior ROTC, and taps. This is a national project and with the addition added at Midview there now is only one high school in Lorain County without a Chair. Next year the Post will be adding another to Admiral King in Lorain and then the county will be the first in America where every high school has this Chair. It has been an honor to be involved with the Post 211 Riders so future generations can remember why we honor these veterans who served before and gave all.



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Post 221 Stark County's Veteran of the Year Ceremony

During mid-November 2024, Massillon Post 221 held a ceremony for Mr. Judge Ellum. He received the Veteran of Year Stark County Award and is submitted for the Veterans Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held at Post 221.



Post 236 Elects First Female Commander

Newton Falls Post 236 elected its first female Commander, Teresa (Brown) Nicholson. Commander Nicholson is an Ohio Army National Guard veteran who served from 1986 to 1995. Teresa was a member of the 324th Military Police Company. Her unit was activated for Desert Shield in December 1990 and was later deployed to the Middle East for Desert Storm. They returned to the United States at the end of May 1991.



Teresa (Brown) Nicholson May 1991, taken on the airstrip in Dammam, Saudi Arabia prior to returning to the United States (Fort Bragg, NC) from the Gulf War.

Our elections were held during the April 4, 2024, meeting. There were 2 nominations for the position of Commander – Walt Snyder and Teresa Nicholson – for 2024-2025. Donna Ball (a 17-year member and Treasurer) was asked if she wanted to run, but stated she wanted to remain in her current position. It was a close election with 23 votes cast. Teresa is a five-year member of Post 236. She has also served as 1st Vice Commander and as a leader on the Charitable Bingo Committee and caller. Commander Nicholson is known

for her enthusiastic and positive presence. She is married to her husband of 27 years, Donald Nicholson, Jr. who is also a member of Post 236. Teresa also has one son, Zayne Nicholson, who recently graduated as a Registered Nurse and is working at a local hospital in the ER. She recently attended her first American Legion District Meeting in May and also attended her first American Legion State Convention in Independence, Ohio in July. Next year Teresa is hoping to attend the National Convention. After returning from the State Convention, she expressed regret on not joining the American Legion much earlier.



All but three surviving Post 236 Past Commanders are shown here. From Left to Right in photo: Bob James (2010-2012); Elected Commander Teresa Nicholson (2025); Joe Ball (2013-2017); Walt Snyder (2024); Rick Nelson (2018-2021); and Jim Yost (2022). Those not shown: Arden Bailey (2006-2009); Paul Click (1984); and Thomas Greathouse (1983).

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 436

Flag Retirement Ceremony

On August 27th, 2024, The Howard D. Miller American Legion Post 436 out of Greentown, OH and the VFW Post 9904, serving the city of Green, held a joint American Flag retirement ceremony at the VFW Post building on Cleveland Ave. More than 350 unserviceable and worn American flags were inspected and retired according to the U.S. Flag Code. U.S. Code Title 36, Section 176 states: "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." The flags came from individuals who left them in the flag box at the VFW building or from Memorial Day flags that flew over the graves of deceased veterans at the Greentown cemetery. During a brief ceremony explaining the purpose of retiring the American Flag with dignity, Commander Robert Beasley reminded those in attendance that burning a flag is not bad when done in a dignified manner; however, burning a flag as a symbol of protest is not respectful to the more than 1.5 million men and women who have died defending freedom while serving under the American Flag. Members of the Legion then carried individual flags to the burn barrels where they were burned with respect.



(From left) Allen Horton, Commander Robert Beasley, Ron Slagle, Jonathan Webber, Eric Schnackel, Morris Dingman. -Photo by Ray Dingman

Post 292 – Showcases Post Improvements

On August 21st, 2024, Broome-Wood Post 292 Commander Dave Smith and Chaplain John Roeder stand beside the sign in front of Post 292. It was recently installed to announce the upcoming activities. The Post is very proud of this addition, located along State Route 60 north of New London. Also, Legion members: Moe Moore, Rick Bauer, Jerry Randleman, Commander Dave Smith, and John Roeder stand in front of the newly painted cannons in front of Post 292. This project took a lot of time and effort, but the results are very much appreciated by all the members of the Post.



Post 572 – Legion Program Publicity

On September 15th, 2024, American Legion Joseph J Jacubic Inc. Post 572's, Stu Rigger, was invited to speak at the local Parma 4H meeting. Stu spoke to approximately 60 4H members and their parents on American Legion programs. Thank you, Stu for stepping up and representing the American Legion. You are a great ambassador to the Post.



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Post 610 – Donates Some Doggone Good Vests

On November 12th, 2024, American Legion Brook Park Post 610 purchased Kevlar vests for K9 law enforcement units. They had Leah Tornabene, the designer of the new vest for K9 units along with Warrensville Heights K9 officer, Eric Cuanciger with his canine partner, Jax showing his new K9 vest in the monthly Post meeting with 65 people present. Thank you to American Legion Post 610 members. -article by Jim Dombrose



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Post 572 – Honors 106-Year-Old Legionnaire

Post Everlasting welcomed Michael Zaderecky on Friday, September 20th, 2024. Mr. Zaderecky was 106 years young and passed away peacefully. Mike was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and 80-year member of American Legion Joseph J Jacubic Inc. Post 572 out of Parma, Ohio. Family and friends received at the Ripepi funeral home, 5762 pearl rd. (at snow rd.) Wednesday October 2nd, 2024, 4-7 p.m. with Parastas at 6 p.m. A prayer service was held at the funeral home on Thursday, October 3rd, 2024, at 10:15 a.m. preceding the funeral mass which was conducted at St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church, 7700 Hoertz Rd., Parma. Interment was at St. Andrew Cemetery. Thank you for your service, sir.



Mike Zaderecky
WWII Veteran, 104 years old



TAPS

POST 0003 - TERRY BARNES - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - BILLY BAY - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - PARKER SAMS - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - GERALD RADER - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - RICHARD STRAIT - FINDLAY
 POST 0005 - THOMAS ROYSE - TIPP CITY
 POST 0006 - JAMES DOYLE - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0006 - MARVIN CAREY - URBANA
 POST 0007 - KENNETH CUDNIK - WILLOUGHBY HILLS
 POST 0007 - ALBERT TURELLA - WILLOUGHBY
 POST 0007 - JOHN HOPKINS - MENTOR
 POST 0008 - GLEN RADER - GRAFTON
 POST 0008 - RALPH KIES - NORWALK
 POST 0009 - LARRY TURNER - PLEASANTVILLE
 POST 0009 - HAROLD PHILLIPS - WAVERLY
 POST 0011 - THOMAS REED - LANCASTER
 POST 0012 - GENO NERI - LORAIN
 POST 0012 - WALTER WESTERMAN - GRAFTON
 POST 0012 - MELVIN HARPER - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - DONALD DZIEDZIAK - GRAFTON
 POST 0012 - MICHAEL CAMPBELL - COLUMBIA STATION
 POST 0012 - DONALD SWEDINOVICH - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - CARL THRASHER - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - DONALD ELLIS - ELYRIA
 POST 0014 - EUGENE FRASURE - BOURNEVILLE
 POST 0015 - JAMES JAKUBOVIC - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0015 - RON MILLER - BROOKFIELD
 POST 0016 - WILLIAM LOUGHMAN - MANSFIELD
 POST 0017 - MICHAEL REINECK - GIBSONBURG
 POST 0020 - JOHN SCHMELZER - LANCASTER
 POST 0021 - GEORGE KRAJNAK - ATHENS
 POST 0023 - HOWARD WILLIAMS - OAK HILL
 POST 0025 - CODY CLAY - WSHNGTN CT HS
 POST 0025 - EARL HAGGARD - WASHINGTON COURT
 POST 0029 - DAWSON DAVIS - CINCINNATI
 POST 0029 - WILLIAM MILLER - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0029 - CHARLES PITCOCK - CROOKSVILLE
 POST 0029 - MARK BATES - ZANESVILLE
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 POST 0030 - JOHN MEEHAN - LORAIN
 POST 0030 - ROBERT JAYCOX - LORAIN
 POST 0030 - DAVE PANZEL - SHEFFIELD VLG
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 POST 0031 - WAYNE MCCONNELL - EAST PALESTINE
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 POST 0038 - WILLIAM NAGEL - MARTINS FERRY
 POST 0039 - ROBERT FETTY - ATHENS
 POST 0041 - JOHN HOFACKER - NORWALK
 POST 0043 - HARLEY WITHAM - TIPP CITY
 POST 0043 - JOSEPH ORDING - TROY
 POST 0044 - RICHARD HARRIS - CANTON
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 POST 0045 - HELEN KUYOTH - BOWLING GREEN
 POST 0045 - DENNIS JOSEPH - BOWLING GREEN
 POST 0046 - ROGER ORWIG - BELLEVUE
 POST 0049 - GORDON DIXON - CLARKSVILLE
 POST 0049 - WILLIAM SHOEMAKER - CINCINNATI
 POST 0051 - ROBERT THOMPSON - HUBBARD
 POST 0051 - F PATRICK ZANOLLI - MASURY
 POST 0051 - PATSY VILLANO - CAROL STREAM
 POST 0052 - THOMAS SABLE - ST CLAIRSVLE
 POST 0056 - PAUL WOLF - NORTH CANTON
 POST 0058 - RICHARD PHILLIPS - NEW LEXINGTON
 POST 0058 - JOEL HARLAN - SOMERSET
 POST 0058 - JERYL TOMPKINS - SOMERSET
 POST 0058 - MIKE WAUGH - SOMERSET
 POST 0062 - ROBERT LAGARD - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0063 - JACKIE ROY - ELMWOOD PLACE
 POST 0063 - JOHN STECHSCHULTE - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - JOHN ROSENBAUER - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - RICHARD MAAS - OTTAWA
 POST 0063 - LARRY LOUDON - COLUMBUS GROVE
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 POST 0065 - KENNETH SCHEETZ - COSHOCTON
 POST 0068 - ROD COSENTINO - WOOSTER
 POST 0069 - EDWARD WILP - CINCINNATI
 POST 0072 - JAMES GUMBERT - CINCINNATI
 POST 0072 - DAVID GROSE - LIBERTY TWP
 POST 0072 - RICHARD BUSCH - HAMERSVILLE
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POST 0097 - THOMAS GRAHAM - CARDINGTON
POST 0097 - KENNETH RUSH - CARDINGTON
POST 0099 - JAMES FISHER - TOLEDO
POST 0103 - NORMAN PROCTOR - ASHTABULA
POST 0104 - FRANCIS ANDRASKO - MAYFIELD HEIGHTS
POST 0104 - PAUL TRIGILIO - CLEVELAND
POST 0106 - DAVID WILLIAMS - NAALEHU
POST 0109 - RONALD KEIL - MONTPELIER
POST 0112 - DENNIS SANZOBRINO - FAIRPORT HARBOR
POST 0112 - WILBUR GIBSON - THOMPSON
POST 0114 - JAMES DONICH - OAK HARBOR
POST 0118 - DONALD NIEDING - VERMILION
POST 0118 - CHARLES CONRAD - LORAIN
POST 0118 - MILTON DUDASH - NORTHBROOK
POST 0118 - HAROLD RAESLER - DUBLIN
POST 0122 - VINCENT GOLEMBIOWSKI - CLYDE
POST 0124 - DONALD BARKER - BONITA SPRINGS
POST 0131 - LEE PRATT - COLUMBIANA
POST 0134 - ROGER NIBERT - SOUTH BLOOMFIELD
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POST 0137 - DEAN SCHWARZBEK - BRYAN
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POST 0147 - HAROLD MARTHEY - APPLE CREEK
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POST 0160 - FORREST RHODES - NAVARRE
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POST 0161 - CHARLES POLSLEY - GUM SPRING
POST 0162 - ARTHUR BROWN - MARION
POST 0162 - EMORY DAVIS - MARION
POST 0162 - RONALD SCHEFF - MARION
POST 0162 - GLENN HONAKER - MARION
POST 0162 - JAMES URQUHART - MARION
POST 0162 - JAMES PARISH - MARION
POST 0164 - ROBERT HAMMEL - GROVE CITY
POST 0165 - JESSE PRUGH - MIAMISBURG
POST 0166 - ROBERT ALBRICH - RIVERVIEW
POST 0166 - LANE GALBRAITH - ALLIANCE
POST 0166 - JOHN HENRY - HOMOSASSA
POST 0166 - ROBERT SHOEMAKER - ALLIANCE
POST 0167 - KENNETH BOLEK - CHARDON
POST 0167 - JOSEPH CHAUBY - CHARDON
POST 0170 - JOSEPH DIPIETRO - WADSWORTH
POST 0170 - RICHARD WITSCHHEY - WADSWORTH
POST 0170 - ROBERT HILDEBRAND - CUYAHOGA FALLS
POST 0173 - ROBERT HOLDERMAN - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0173 - ROBERT LENTZ - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0173 - LEWIS STEVENS - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0173 - KENNETH WHISMAN - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0174 - JAMES RETHMAN - VERSAILLES
POST 0176 - FREDRIC TINDALL - SPRINGFIELD
POST 0178 - LARRY HOVERMAN - VAN WERT
POST 0178 - DON PRICE - WALDRON
POST 0178 - JOHN LARE - CONVOY
POST 0178 - STEPHEN GEHRES - VAN WERT
POST 0180 - KENNETH MARTIN - SARDINIA
POST 0180 - RAYMOND INGRAM - GEORGETOWN
POST 0180 - JOHN HERTLEIN - GEORGETOWN
POST 0181 - DOUGLAS SCHNABEL - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - GEORGE METZGER - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - HOWARD WILLIAMS - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - NORMAN WEINANDY - BUCYRUS

POST 0184 - DONALD BEASLEY - PIQUA
 POST 0184 - HERBERT GANTT - PIQUA
 POST 0186 - WM ARISS - LEBANON
 POST 0190 - CURTIS RUOF - DOVER
 POST 0191 - MARK HARBERT - BUCKLAND
 POST 0191 - DENNIS KNEPPER - LIMA
 POST 0192 - THOMAS FRAZIER - KILLBUCK
 POST 0192 - ROBERT WENGERD - KILLBUCK
 POST 0194 - KENNETH KALISEWICZ - WEST CHESTER
 POST 0196 - TOD CARNEY - BRECKSVILLE
 POST 0199 - DAN BAGOT - HARRISON
 POST 0199 - FRED CLARK - WEST HARRISON
 POST 0199 - LARRY DEPEW - WEST CHESTER
 POST 0199 - WALTER BOLSER - MAYSVILLE
 POST 0199 - GARY PURSIFULL - WEST HARRISON
 POST 0199 - RICHARD BUSSE - CINCINNATI
 POST 0199 - JOHN CALIHAN - HARRISON
 POST 0199 - JAMES CAMPBELL - HARRISON
 POST 0199 - RONALD CAMPBELL - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
 POST 0199 - PAUL CARMAN - CINCINNATI
 POST 0199 - DONALD MURPHY - BLUE ASH
 POST 0199 - LEO ROLFES - HARRISON
 POST 0200 - RICHARD MASTEN - FAIRBORN
 POST 0200 - ALLAN NEUMEIER - BIG CREEK
 POST 0200 - JACKIE PLUMMER - DAYTON
 POST 0200 - GARRY RAMON - DAYTON
 POST 0201 - ROGER JESTER - WEST JEFFERSON
 POST 0202 - ALBERT FOGEL - MEDINA
 POST 0202 - RONALD CERNY - MEDINA
 POST 0205 - JERRY WARNER - DOVER
 POST 0205 - GEORGE WALDRON - DOVER
 POST 0207 - BILLY WEAVER - OHIO CITY
 POST 0210 - FRANK CREEDEN - CELINA
 POST 0210 - CLARENCE DICKEY - CELINA
 POST 0211 - JACK KERFOOT - GRAFTON
 POST 0214 - HARRY FUNK - MENTOR ON LK
 POST 0215 - CHARLES ADAMS - WEST CHESTER
 POST 0215 - RICHARD BERGBIGLER - EATON
 POST 0215 - MICHAEL CAUDILL - EATON
 POST 0215 - RICK KEM - RICHMOND
 POST 0215 - WILLIAM STEELE - EATON
 POST 0217 - GEORGE ELSASS - WORTHINGTON
 POST 0217 - IRIS RICUCCI - SCOTTSVILLE
 POST 0218 - THOMAS KINDER - MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0218 - CLYDE BURGAN - MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0218 - ANTHONY DAVIS - MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0218 - CLARK WILSON - MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0218 - DAVID KREBS - MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0221 - ELIZABETH SCOTT - MASSILLON
 POST 0221 - JOSEPH LYONS - MASSILLON
 POST 0221 - DONALD ELAVSKY - MASSILLON
 POST 0221 - DAVID LEFFLER - MASSILLON
 POST 0221 - JAMES LITTLE - MASSILLON
 POST 0236 - ARDEN BAILLIE - NEWTON FALLS
 POST 0238 - BERNARD ZOPPA - MECHANICSBURG
 POST 0239 - JOHN DELPHIA - COLUMBUS
 POST 0240 - CHARLES KURFESS - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0245 - ROLLAND HOLLINGER - NEW MADISON
 POST 0245 - CLARENCE BAKER - ELDORADO
 POST 0247 - GERALD FERENCAK - STRUTHERS
 POST 0247 - EUGENE PRIMAVERA - NORTH LIMA
 POST 0247 - PAUL NOBLE - NEW MIDDLETOWN
 POST 0247 - CHARLES HARRIS - LOWELLVILLE
 POST 0253 - JOSEPH MEYER - ANTWERP
 POST 0256 - GARY FOX - ATHENS
 POST 0256 - TERRY FRITZ - MILFORD
 POST 0256 - GERALD LINDSAY - MORROW
 POST 0257 - RICHARD EGGERTON - PERRYSVILLE
 POST 0257 - STEVEN WILSON - LOUDONVILLE
 POST 0262 - MICHAEL HALLOCK - DELTA
 POST 0265 - ROBERT SEITZINGER - WAUSEON
 POST 0276 - KARL BARTH - GROVE CITY
 POST 0278 - ALFONSO BIANCO - WARREN
 POST 0282 - ROBERT TIBBITTS - ORRVILLE
 POST 0283 - WAYNE CONGROVE - REYNOLDSBURG
 POST 0283 - RICHARD JENT - PICKERINGTON
 POST 0284 - PHIL FIX - BRYAN
 POST 0288 - JAMES BENJAMIN - BLANCHESTER
 POST 0290 - JOHN CRAWFORD - COLUMBIANA
 POST 0290 - ROBERT RIDGLEY - NEW WATERFORD
 POST 0291 - ROY CHAFFIN - KINGSTON
 POST 0297 - DELMAR SCHWAB - PAYNE
 POST 0297 - DONALD GRENINGER - PAYNE
 POST 0300 - PAUL STORK - PAULDING
 POST 0301 - JAMES BORAK - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0301 - JAMES RHOADS - NORTH JACKSON
 POST 0301 - JOSEPH MELAGO - YOUNGSTOWN
 POST 0301 - PAUL ROBINSON - CANFIELD
 POST 0307 - LARRY SALISBURY - PIONEER
 POST 0309 - KENNETH JOHNSON - BEDFORD
 POST 0315 - JOSEPH DAVIS - BEDFORD
 POST 0316 - CHARLES DONALDSON - FINDLAY
 POST 0318 - CHARLES STEIN - BATAVIA
 POST 0318 - ROBERT SAFFIN - CINCINNATI
 POST 0320 - MICHAEL NAPOLSKI - MAUMEE
 POST 0322 - CHARLES BRANDENBURG - CAMDEN
 POST 0322 - TILFORD POWERS - WEST ALEXANDRIA
 POST 0323 - JOHN BIEHLE - SEBRING
 POST 0326 - MIKLE RAMEY - SHELBY
 POST 0327 - LARRY EING - CORNING
 POST 0327 - ROLLAND STORTS - CORNING
 POST 0330 - DARWIN WADE - WAPAKONETA
 POST 0331 - JOSEPH SALAMON - RAVENNA
 POST 0331 - EARL JOHNSON - DEERFIELD
 POST 0331 - MITCHELL MADDOX - RAVENNA
 POST 0331 - JOHN MOORE - RAVENNA
 POST 0331 - WAYNE WISE - RAVENNA
 POST 0331 - JAMES GARGANO - NORTH BENTON
 POST 0334 - ARNOLD STEEDMAN - TOLEDO
 POST 0336 - GERALD NEMEROVSKY - SIMPSONVILLE

POST 0338 - DONALD TYSON - FOSTORIA
POST 0338 - RALPH SCHELL - BRADNER
POST 0339 - EMMETT CLEARY - ROCKY RIVER
POST 0339 - HARRY GORMAN - FAIRVIEW PARK
POST 0339 - LENNY ROCK - PARMA HEIGHTS
POST 0343 - DARRELL WILLIAMS - CLEVELAND
POST 0343 - WYMAN MCCARY - EUCLID
POST 0343 - CHARLES PANKRATZ - CLEVELAND
POST 0353 - DONALD WALTER - GREENVILLE
POST 0354 - DAVID EARL - TIFFIN
POST 0354 - KENNETH CORTHELL - TIFFIN
POST 0355 - LEROY MARCHAL - RUSSIA
POST 0366 - LEE MARSHALL - ROCKVILLE
POST 0367 - HARRY DEVORE - RIPLEY
POST 0371 - WALTER BOWMAN - DAYTON
POST 0371 - GENE MCDONALD - WELLSTON
POST 0374 - HUGH SMITH - EAST LIVERPOOL
POST 0376 - ROLLAND WESNEY - NEW LEXINGTON
POST 0376 - CHARLES BUSSART - JUNCTION CITY
POST 0384 - DOUGLAS KEMPSKI - PERRYSBURG
POST 0384 - GERALD GALLAGHER - WATERVILLE
POST 0384 - DONALD HEINEMANN - MONCLOVA
POST 0387 - NORMAN DAVIDSON - SIDNEY
POST 0387 - LESTER ROSENBAUM - TROY
POST 0394 - ROBERT KOEHLER - RUSSELLVILLE
POST 0395 - DARRELL HUFFER - LAKEVIEW
POST 0397 - ROBERT RITZ - VERMILION
POST 0397 - ROBERT PURDY - VERMILION
POST 0397 - HENRY FRIZZI - AMHERST
POST 0397 - EDWIN ZIEMKE - HURON
POST 0398 - KATHLEEN HARTY - NEWARK
POST 0406 - KENNETH WOODMANSEE - FELICITY
POST 0407 - ROBERT WAGNER - DOYLESTOWN
POST 0407 - RALPH JARVIS - DOYLESTOWN
POST 0431 - GARY COURTWRIGHT - DOVER
POST 0431 - RON JAMES - MASSILLON
POST 0431 - GEORGE KRIEGER - NEW PHILADELPHIA
POST 0431 - HENRY YOUNG - NEWCOMERSTOWN
POST 0434 - RON RAU - TIFFIN
POST 0434 - LARRY KUNTZ - BLOOMVILLE
POST 0434 - GEORGE RHOAD - TIFFIN
POST 0435 - MARVIN MITCHELL - BELLBROOK
POST 0436 - STEVE DIBONA - MOGADORE
POST 0436 - JOSEPH GILD - MOGADORE
POST 0436 - JAMES LAMBERT - UNIONTOWN
POST 0436 - THOMAS MILLER - UNIONTOWN
POST 0436 - CARL WISE - NORTH CANTON
POST 0436 - EMERSON FOLTZ - NORTH CANTON
POST 0450 - PHILIP MCDONALD - LOVELAND
POST 0450 - CLAYTON STRIDER - LEBANON
POST 0457 - DAN SHAW - SUNBURY
POST 0457 - ROBERT BOWER - WESTERVILLE
POST 0459 - LYLE RABBITTS - WEST FARMINGTON
POST 0460 - JOSEPH HAWKINS - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0460 - CHARLES ALEXANDER - CENTERBURG
POST 0468 - JEFFREY RUSSELL - HOLLAND
POST 0468 - STANLEY CHANDLER - SYLVANIA
POST 0468 - RICHARD NOONAN - TOLEDO
POST 0468 - PAUL HERMAN - TOLEDO
POST 0470 - WILLARD FROELICH - COLDWATER
POST 0470 - EDWARD WAGNER - CELINA
POST 0470 - ELMER KLENKE - COLDWATER
POST 0470 - LARRY OBRINGER - COLDWATER
POST 0472 - WILLARD MIDKIFF - CANFIELD
POST 0472 - WILLIAM ADAMS - NOKOMIS
POST 0472 - CHARLES DEDO - POLAND
POST 0472 - BERNARD THOMAS - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0475 - RAY BORLAND - CARROLLTON
POST 0475 - ERNEST KING - DELLROY
POST 0476 - CARL CAUDILL - ALBANY
POST 0476 - WENDELL CHAPMAN - WILKESVILLE
POST 0476 - FORREST FARLEY - VINTON
POST 0476 - LIN PIERCE - RADCLIFF
POST 0476 - RICHARD RIFE - ATHENS
POST 0479 - WILLIAM BIRR - TOLEDO
POST 0479 - JACK ROBINSON - DELTA
POST 0479 - HAROLD YUNKER - SWANTON
POST 0482 - LARRY WEBBER - BOWERSTON
POST 0482 - JOHN HARRIS - IRWIN
POST 0482 - WILLIAM PHILLIPS - BOWERSTON
POST 0485 - EDWARD MARSH - CLEVES
POST 0493 - DEAN SCHHNIPPEL - BOTKINS
POST 0496 - CLARENCE COBB - KENT
POST 0496 - EARNEST SWAN - RAVENNA
POST 0496 - HENRY DIAMOND - AKRON
POST 0508 - LAURENCE MICHAEL - ROCKFORD
POST 0508 - JON SCHREIMA - ROCKFORD
POST 0512 - HUSTON WILLIS - TOLEDO
POST 0513 - MAURICE ARMSTRONG - FAIRFIELD
POST 0513 - JAN APRO - CINCINNATI
POST 0513 - JOSEPH STEGMAN - CINCINNATI
POST 0513 - SILAS NEVELS - DANVILLE
POST 0514 - CURTIS CAPELLE - WILLARD
POST 0523 - WILLIAM HEFFELFINGER - MEDINA
POST 0532 - RICHARD HOFFMAN - COLUMBUS
POST 0532 - CHARLES HIX - COLUMBUS
POST 0532 - PAUL BLAKELY - COLUMBUS
POST 0533 - ROBERT GASIOROWSKI - NORTHWOOD
POST 0534 - JOHN PRESTON - LUBBOCK
POST 0537 - JAMES GRAY - CURTICE
POST 0537 - RICHARD WIEDMANN - SYLVANIA
POST 0539 - MICHAEL HARRIS - GLOUCESTER
POST 0539 - PAUL HUFF - GIBSONBURG
POST 0539 - DONALD SNYDER - BOWLING GREEN
POST 0539 - PHILLIP BRESLER - BLOOMDALE
POST 0540 - DALE MARKOVICH - CORTLAND
POST 0540 - PHILLIP CALLIHAN - BURLINGTON
POST 0540 - GLEN SAYLOR - CORTLAND
POST 0541 - MARTY KENNEDY - CONTINENTAL
POST 0541 - JAMES RUEN - CONTINENTAL

POST 0541 - EDWARD DIMOCK - ADRIAN
POST 0541 - LARRY PHALEN - KALIDA
POST 0541 - CHARLES TIMBERS - OAKWOOD
POST 0542 - RICHARD WARREN - PUT IN BAY
POST 0545 - JAMES WALCZAK - LAKELAND
POST 0547 - JAY PETERS - BELLEVUE
POST 0549 - LEONARD MCDONALD - BEACH CITY
POST 0553 - EDWARD SCHULTZ - TOLEDO
POST 0554 - GARY FORBES - MILFORD
POST 0554 - DONALD STEGEMOLLER - VILLA HILLS
POST 0557 - DAVID HUNT - RICHMOND
POST 0557 - MARVIN KUNS - DAYTON
POST 0557 - RAYMOND POOL - WINTERSVILLE
POST 0557 - DANIEL CIOTTI - STEUBENVILLE
POST 0565 - JOHN SPAGNOLA - NEW MIDDLETOWN
POST 0572 - MIKE ZADERECKY - PARMA
POST 0573 - CURTIS PETERSON - MINGO JUNCTION
POST 0573 - HARRY LOWRY - SMITHFIELD
POST 0584 - JOHN CHELSEA - ANDOVER
POST 0586 - MELVIN HALDERMAN - TIPP CITY
POST 0586 - RODGER KITTLE - WEST MILTON
POST 0586 - REGINALD KYLE - NEW CARLISLE
POST 0588 - VERNON HUBER - MINSTER
POST 0598 - JAMES PERKINS - SPRINGBORO
POST 0598 - KENNETH SALYERS - KETTERING
POST 0598 - JOSEPH WADE - KETTERING
POST 0598 - JOHN LAPP - KETTERING
POST 0598 - PAUL HEALY - DAYTON
POST 0605 - STEVE CANTRELL - PROSPECT
POST 0605 - GARY SANDRIDGE - SYCAMORE
POST 0608 - RONALD MALLIA - FREMONT
POST 0609 - WALTER CLARK - WILLOUGHBY
POST 0610 - JOSEPH MISKE - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - JOHN EYNON - SPRING HILL
POST 0610 - MICHAEL HUDACK - BROOKLYN
POST 0619 - DANIEL WASHUK - TIPP CITY
POST 0622 - THOMAS BENNETT - LUCASVILLE
POST 0630 - FREDERICK FIEDLER - CINCINNATI
POST 0633 - WILLIAM SHELBY - SEAMAN
POST 0634 - HUGH LAWRENCE - KEENE
POST 0641 - JOHN GAYDOS - CALDWELL
POST 0651 - HAROLD GWIN - FREDERICKSBURG
POST 0656 - ED WHITE - LORAIN
POST 0662 - RICHARD SCHNIEPP - EDON
POST 0662 - JACK DEAN - EDON
POST 0662 - DONALD ROCKEY - MONTPELIER
POST 0665 - SHERMAN PADGETT - WEST MANCHESTER
POST 0665 - GARY NORRIS - LEWISBURG
POST 0669 - KENNETH NEWCOMB - DEFIANCE
POST 0678 - GUY SPEAKMAN - WILLOWICK
POST 0678 - RICHARD SALAJCIK - EASTLAKE
POST 0678 - DAVID BUETTNER - MAYFIELD HTS
POST 0678 - WILLIAM PAVLICK - WILLOWICK
POST 0678 - RICHARD KORNBUM - MENTOR
POST 0681 - THOMAS HAYDEN - WEST CHESTER
POST 0681 - DEAN SWARTZ - LIBERTY TWP
POST 0681 - BARRY HOOVER - WEST CHESTER
POST 0681 - NICK LEACHMAN - LIBERTY TWP
POST 0681 - RONALD CARPER - WEST CHESTER
POST 0697 - FREDERICK FRAZIER - PAINESVILLE
POST 0697 - JULIUS KISH - PERRY
POST 0703 - JOHN DINUNZIO - NORTH ROYALTON
POST 0703 - RAYMOND VARGO - BROADVIEW HTS
POST 0707 - TERRY BARNES - DAYTON
POST 0707 - LON MUSIC - WEST MILTON
POST 0707 - GARY PROBST - ENGLEWOOD
POST 0710 - PAUL STORER - MARENGO
POST 0713 - PETER TWARK - KENT
POST 0715 - RONALD POTHAST - DELPHOS
POST 0717 - ROBERT BENNINGTON - AVON
POST 0718 - JAMES BENNETT - MARSHALLVILLE
POST 0718 - RICHARD BESANCON - SMITHVILLE
POST 0730 - SHANE PERRILL - ASHVILLE
POST 0737 - ROBERT MCGEEHEN - NEWTON FALLS
POST 0738 - PATRICK CLEARY - CLEVELAND
POST 0740 - JAMES WILEY - AMSTERDAM
POST 0743 - RALPH VOLK - KINGSVILLE
POST 0746 - RONALD SUCHLAND - DAYTON
POST 0749 - GAIL WOLF - JEROMESVILLE
POST 0749 - RICHARD CORN - ASHLAND
POST 0754 - WILLIAM MOWERY - MOUNT GILEAD
POST 0757 - JOSEPH GRIESHEIMER - CHILlicothe
POST 0757 - ROGER TATMAN - CHILlicothe
POST 0762 - GARY FLETCHER - NEW LEBANON
POST 0764 - BRUCE SCANLON - NEWARK
POST 0764 - GEORGE BUZBY - NEWARK
POST 0771 - JIM RHODES - HEATH
POST 0776 - HAROLD DOMINECK - XENIA
POST 0797 - CARL EVANS - COLUMBUS
POST 0801 - HOSEA YOUNG - SAGAMORE HILLS
POST 0801 - JOHN SULLIVAN - NORTHFIELD
POST 0888 - DELL VERNON - ORRVILLE
POST 0888 - SHERMAN JOHNSON - BIDWELL
POST 0888 - ROGER DEAN - FINDLAY
POST 0888 - SAL BUCCHIERI - BEDFORD
POST 0888 - GERALD WATSON - GERMANTOWN
POST 0888 - JOHN PODRACKY - CREVE COEUR
POST 0888 - CLARENCE WALKER - TOLEDO
POST 0888 - GLENN HUMPHREY - MONTPELIER
POST 0888 - DARRELL WULFF - NAPOLEON
POST 0888 - JOSEPH KRISTIAN - PEEBLES
POST 0888 - MARVIN CRESS - HILLIARD
POST 0888 - JAMES RETHERFORD - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0888 - LOUIS BECK - LODI
POST 0888 - LAWRENCE ZANDER - BRUNSWICK
POST 0888 - WAYNE SCHMITZ - INDEPENDENCE
POST 0888 - JEFFREY WILSON - AKRON
POST 0888 - RON FISHER - NAPOLEON
POST 0888 - WILLIAM ALLEN - AKRON
POST 0888 - DEVA FULLER - ONTARIO

- POST 0888_AD - MICHAEL CARPENTER - ELMORE
- POST 0888_AD - DALE BRICKER - SHELBY
- POST 0888_AD - ROBERT MAROCK - AKRON
- POST 0888_AD - CHILTON BOWERS - LANCASTER
- POST 0888_AD - DONALD CLARK - YOUNGSTOWN
- POST 0888_AD - DAVID SMITH - GIRARD
- POST 0888_AD - WARREN NICHOLS - COLUMBUS
- POST 0888_AD - MICHAEL BARNAK - FAIRVIEW PARK
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- POST 0888_AD - MELVIN BEEBE - JEFFERSON
- POST 0888_AD - WILLIAM MELLOR - STOW
- POST 0888_AD - LLOYD ETZLER - CONVOY
- POST 0888_AD - MANFRED GRAW - FOSTORIA
- POST 0888_AD - JOSEPH CAIN - STOCKPORT
- POST 0888_AD - JOSEPH VALENTINE - SHEFFIELD VILLAGE

2025 Department Convention July 11th – July 13th, 2025



Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Rd. Independence, OH 44131

Deadline for Registration is June 10th

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

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

All Post Delegates and Alternates must be registered 15 days prior to Convention. Delegate and Alternate registration deadline is June 27th!

For more information, contact Christie White at programs@ohiolegion.com or call (740) 362-7478.

You may also visit the website at <https://www.ohiolegion.com/events/department-conferences-conventions/>.

Members and non-members are welcome to attend the convention and any meetings offered
*** Call Headquarters if you experience difficulties when making hotel reservations.*

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LEGION**

BE THE ONE

Upcoming forms Due:



THE AMERICAN LEGION | CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT 2024 - 2025

Department of (1) [] Post No. (2) [] District No. (3) []
Final 2023-2024 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)

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

- 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
63 sponsored Scouting unit(s)
64 no. of youths in post-sponsored Scouting unit(s)
65 \$ amount donated to scouting activities
66 sponsored local Oratorical Contest(s)
67 no. of local Oratorical contestants
68 \$ cost to post for Oratorical Contest
69 participated in School Award program
70 no. of awards presented
71 participated in American Education Week
72 \$ cost to post for American Education Week
73 no. of scholarships awarded
74 \$ cost to post for scholarship awards
75 participated in Vets in the Classroom
76 \$ cost to post of Vets in Classroom
77 participated in Flag Day event(s)
78 participated in Get Out The Vote event(s)
79 participated in Veterans Day event(s)
80 participated in Memorial Day event(s)
81 participated in American Legion Birthday event(s)
81 participated in Four Chaplains Sunday event(s)
82 \$ cost to post for Community Service project(s)
83 no. hours of Community Service (estimated)
84 \$ cost to post for Community Service project(s)
85 no. of Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs supported
86 no. of youth involved in Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs
87 \$ cost to post for Jr Shooting Sports Program Clubs
88 participated in Youth Cadet Law Enforcement
89 no. of youth involved in Youth Cadet program
90 \$ cost to post for Youth Cadet program
91 participated in National Day of Prayer event(s)

CHILDREN & YOUTH (C&Y)

- 92 no. of C&Y activities held
93 \$ cash aid given to benefit children
94 \$ value of goods given to children (reasonable estimate)
95 no. of children given aid (cash or goods)
96 no. of volunteer hours for C&Y programs and activities
97 participated in Halloween Safety
98 participated in Health & Child Safety
99 participated in April is C&Y Month
100 participated in National Family Week
101 \$ cost to post for parties, dinners, prizes and gifts
102 participated in Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)
103 \$ cost to post for TFA
104 \$ administrative costs (paper, equipment, etc.)
104 \$ cost of all other child service charities
105 \$ contributions to all other child-servicing/youth organizations
106 \$ cost to post for Veterans & Children Foundation activities
107 \$

INTERNAL AFFAIRS & MEMBERSHIP

- 108 has an American Legion Riders (ALR) chapter
109 no. of Legion family members in ALR chapter
110 \$ donations made through ALR events
111 \$ cost to post for ALR operations
112 has a Sons of American Legion (SAL) squadron
113 no. of SAL squadron members
114 participated in National Emergency Fund (NEF) program
115 \$ cost to post for NEF operations
116 \$ amount of NEF donations made by post
117 has a American Legion Amateur Radio Club
118 \$ cost to post for American Legion Amateur Radio Club
119 participated in Buddy Check
120 no. of members contacted through Buddy Checks
121 participated in Legion Family Days
122 no. of Legion Family Days hosted
123 sponsored veteran or organization for Operation Comfort Warriors grant
124 \$ all other fund raising not captured above
125 any volunteer hours not captured above

Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____

Upcoming forms Due:

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2025 - 2026 CERTIFICATION OF POST OFFICERS

Please complete this form and return it to Department Headquarters by June 1, 2025 for the Membership Chairman to receive the Post's 2026 Membership Cards. This form can be completed & emailed to membership@ohiolegion.com

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| Post Information | DISTRICT #: | POST #: |
| NAME OF POST AS CHARTERED: | | |
| CITY: | COUNTY: | |
| POST E-MAIL: | | |

Post Officers

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| POST COMMANDER: | | ID #: |
| MOBILE #: | E-MAIL: | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | CITY: | STATE/ZIP: |

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| POST ADJUTANT: | | ID #: |
| MOBILE #: | E-MAIL: | |
| STREET ADDRESS: | CITY: | STATE/ZIP: |

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| MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: | | ID #: |
| STREET ADDRESS: | CITY: | STATE/ZIP: |
| MOBILE #: | E-MAIL: | |

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| POST FINANCE OFFICER: | | ID #: |
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| STREET ADDRESS: | CITY: | STATE/ZIP: |

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| POST 1ST VICE COMMANDER: | | ID #: |
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