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It’s about that time of year  where Legion business really starts to amp up. Post inspections should be wrapped up and CPR reports are next on the agenda as well as Post elections will be coming up  shortly. As of the time of writing this, the District is looking at March 9th after our Conference to have our Oratorical contest for the District. Our E-Board will be at 1PM and the Spring Conference will start at 2PM. These are starting later due to the Departments Commanders Homecoming being held the night before in Dayton. Our E-  Board and Conference will be held at Pioneer Post 307. The Department Oratorical  contest looks to be held on March 30th.  The Flag City Honor Flight dates are April 1st, June 3rd, September 9th, and October 14th for anyone looking to participate. All the info is  on flagcityhonorflight.org if interested. The Toledo Air Show is also looking for volunteers from May 8th to May 11th. There is info on this on our Facebook page. Another thing to think about is Department Convention from July 11th to July 13th. This will be in  Independence OH again this year. I hope to see you there. It’s also a good time to pick  up your membership cards.  On another note, I’d like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers while I was dealing with my fall on  the ice. One thing for sure, I’m really tired of hospitals. Please keep our Legion Family in your thoughts and prayers.  For God and Country  Mark Mahlman  Commander | | |  | | --- | | **2024-2025 Officers and Staff**  **﻿**  **Commander Mark Mahlman**  217 E. Chestnut St. Wauseon, Ohio 43567-1458 (567) 454-0261 mhlmnmrk@yahoo .com  **1st Vice Commander Dean Boyers**5828 San Reno Dr. Sylvania, Ohio 43560 (419) 250-6972 468commander@gmail.com  **2nd Vice Commander Burnell Rau**301 N. 3rd St. Continental, Ohio 45831  (419) 969-4705 [bernrau@gmail.com](mailto:bernrau@gmail.com)  **Adjutant Kevin Motter**  516 W. Main St. Montpelier, Ohio 43543 (419) 630-8767 motter.kb@gmail.com  **Finance Russell Bohland**  223 Dean Rd. Temperance, MI 48133 (734) 847-3543 rgbcsb@buckeye-express.com  **Chaplain Ron Distel**  2010 Nissen Rd. Elmore, Ohio 43416 (419) 862-2344 crosswindacre@aol.com  **Newsletter Articles Email to:**1stdistrictohio@gmail.com  Web Site: https://www.thegreatfirstdistrict.com  **Jim Benson** gr81webmaster@gmail.com  Facebook www.facebook.com/The American Legion-Great FIRST District of OHIO  **Upcoming E-Boards and Conferences**  **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!**  **Spring Executive Board and Conference**  Pioneer American Legion Post 307, March 9th, E-Board starts at 1:00 pm Conference scheduled to start at 2:00 pm.  **District Convention**  Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 Sylvania, June 1st  Convention Committees meet at 8:30 am Convention scheduled to start at 9:30 am.  Dress for all E-Boards and Conferences is Legion Business Casual, Uniform Cap, Legion Polo and Slacks. Dress for the District Convention is Legion Dress, Uniform Cap, Blue Blazer, Tie, Slacks. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Membership With 1st Vice Dean Boyers**  **Hello Fellow Legionnaires!!** As of the most recent membership report  (2/26/2025) the First District is in 8th place at 89.67% of quota. The 3rd District is currently in 1st place with 91.56%. Our next membership target is 90% by March 12th, The American Legion’s 106th birthday. As you can see, we are very close to meeting that target as a District and many Posts have exceeded or are very close to making it. Keep up the hard work!! Congratulations to Post 18, 60, 137, 468, 511, 541, 642, 646 and 662 on making Quota!!  2024 memberships are now EXPIRED. Please start working on contacting  members that have not renewed for 2025. We still have a few months left in this membership year to get the now expired members renewed and the 888’s in your area transferred. I am ready and willing to help!! | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Activities With the 2nd Vice Burnie Rau**  **Good day Legion Family,**  Vietnam Veteran’s Day is March 29th. Salute to our Vietnam Vets.  District Gun Raffle Tickets will be drawn at the District meeting in Pioneer. If you have tickets sold, please bring them or get them to someone attending the meeting.  We need bids to host District events. Please consider preparing a bid for any of the following:  Chili Cook-off, Texas Hold’em, Cornhole, Golf or any worthwhile events. I’m willing to help with any event.  Hamler is hosting the District and Department Euchre tournaments again this year. Bill likes to run tournaments. Hamler always has good food available. Flyers are in this newsletter.  National American Legion has declared April 26 th as Legion Family Day. Continental American Legion is celebrating this occasion with a Family Day Event. The event is continually changing. As of now: Tony Cross (from National) is coming to speak on “Be the One”, Ohio Representative Bob Latta plans to attend, more to come….  All events listed below:  March 28th – Vietnam Veterans Day Tribute – Well Grounded Coffee, 114 N. Elm St., Ottawa, OH  April 11th -13th – Department Pool Tournament – Zanesville Post 29, 27 S. 3rd St., Zanesville, OH  April 12th – District Euchre Tournament @ Hamler Post 262, 350 Randolph St, Hamler, OH  April 12th – Department Cornhole @ Massillon Post 221, 427 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, OH  April 26th – Legion Family Day @ Post 541, 109 S. 5th St., Continental, OH  May 10th – Department Euchre @ Hamler Post 262, 350 Randolph St, Hamler, OH  June 21st – Nettin’ with Vets in Oak Harbor, OH (Flyer in this Newsletter)  July 19th -20th -Department Golf, hosted by Kettering Post 598, Dayton, OH  August 17th is the date for this year’s Mud Hens game. More information to follow. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **Words of Faith**  **from the Chaplain Ron Distel**  Greetings Comrades;  Well!!!!! Mother Nature is attempting to show us a little glimpse of Spring -------as "WE" enter into this new month.  It is real good that most of you are behaving rather well-----------I have only had to make one visit {1} to a hospital as "OUR" District Commander Mark Mahlman had problem with the Ice and Gravity of this latest storm -- - - - -and they both WON--------and he ended up at Saint V's with internal injuries. I visited him following his surgery and he was hoping to go home the next day I Pray that everyone remains healthy and stays safe-----------------------As Always I need to be informed if someone is in need of a visit -- - - - - - - - -or assistance . -- - -- - - - -God Bless you all and  take care    ﻿Chaplain    Ron Distel | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | | **From the Desk of the Adjutant Kevin Motter**  **Happy 106th Birthday** **to The American Legion**, founded March 15th, 1919, in Paris France.  The Spring E-Board and Conference will be at Pioneer American Legion Post 307 on March 9th, E-Board starts at 1:00 pm Conference scheduled to start at 2:00 pm. A cake cutting to honor The American Legion Birthday will take place between the E-Board and Conference.  The Consolidated Post Report is available to complete online on MyLegion or you can complete it here:  **﻿www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/**[**71IA1024-Consolidated-Post-Report-2024-25-FILL.pdf**](https://m5isjwgbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001R99u3MDmPi2F0BQgz3OA77JjVACoq6CZav-77czltgFAYE6rK-stsAaFenTAnLGibBSGuo0-2Oy1pEyHA_RvapZ_oFlP74uO1q87DCuzxx4-ta7h1JeNAvugXOxr0bxn-x9Ahl8O6lMIx_X-SGuUyNKWr1QgiIOhr0NcJz2l4zmns5wE7LC0veB1IMJpRjGNRPlOWvtJi-rCN7lGrnyQOcNX2uuERElHYMnTwX7nAqtOE9g15aekFEqrFw2z9OE0&c=N_GRxKfEE3EpFLIiM1HIvjKDmig5HP9bZPlAZkI2Ty0j_JAJ8Q6yQA==&ch=vS7smHq6KueNIO0QdK6N_hSoTHNO6A8xAsFf56ZFlKOcKTpQ8hd23w==)  The CPR is one of three reports your Post must submit to receive your Membership Dues Cards on time. The other two reports are your **Post Officer Certification** and your **Post Data Report**. These forms are mailed annually to your Post and are available on the Department website at:**www.ohiolegion.com** under the top banner, click on the "Forms" link. You will find the Post Forms in the Right Column. The CPR and Post Data Report should be submitted by April 1st each year and you Post Officer Certification should be submitted right after your Post Elections.  **IT IS TAX SEASON!** Do not forget to file your Post 990's with the IRS.  Are your Post’s Officers protected from individual civil liability from a lawsuit that may arise from an incident on Post property or other civil actions? If your Post isn’t registered with the Secretary of State as a Limited Liability Corporation, they are not and they are open to possible huge financial losses. Contact the Ohio Secretary of State’s office at (614) 466-2655 or online at https://bsportal.ohiosos.gov/Login.aspx  Thought of the Day: There is always something to do for those willing to do something. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | ***DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP STATS*** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEDULE** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **News From Around The Great FIRST District**  **Please submit your news to 1stdistrictohio@gmail.com by the 25th of the Month** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If your Post has news it would like to appear in the Great FIRST District Newsletter, please submit it to the Editor by the 25th of the month for the next issue at: 1stdistrictohio@gmail.com | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | If an individual goes to 2025 Toledo Air Show, a website will be pulled up. In the upper right corner are 3 dots. Clicks on them, there is a link for volunteering. Everybody who volunteers will receive free admission (a $30 value), t-shirt, lunch, possible swag bag. If they want to volunteer only 1 day, they will receive a free ticket for the next day. We have over 20 different volunteer positions available. Also Attached is a Volunteer application. People can use that and send it in.  Thanks,  Mark Wexler  Volunteer Co-Coordinator | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Introducing it's Grand Debut,  The March 50/50 Department of OHIO Raffle is more than just a chance to win big – it’s an opportunity to make a real impact in your community. From March 1st to March 31st, 2025, you can be part of something truly special. Every raffle ticket you purchase supports the incredible work of The American Legion Department of Ohio. They’re dedicated to empowering youth and families, assisting job seekers, and providing vital veteran support services to those in need. Your contribution will directly uplift and transform lives.  Join the Movement  Don’t miss out on this incredible opportunity to be part of something truly meaningful. Rally your friends, family, and colleagues to join the cause. Together, we can create lasting change and have an absolute blast doing it!  Let’s make this the most epic raffle event ever!  **CLICK ON THE BUTTON BELOW TO ENTER!**  Our raffles are open to any Ohio participant who is eighteen (18) years and older. Employees of The American Legion, National Headquarters, and The American Legion, Department of Ohio, and their family members and household residents are not eligible to enter. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Dept 50/50 Raffle**](https://m5isjwgbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001R99u3MDmPi2F0BQgz3OA77JjVACoq6CZav-77czltgFAYE6rK-stsE_xJqNMDUPR3g_L2LDdDYFAg1KehSPjaE-WDhvI3EoO8LKM2ZOSn5ChPxjFP3CbfqwDdG0gYTxnAKkIG35ZimZEuQ8PI6Sl68TyVQIQrQj2a-eYxuYJh5PFdjahjygh002tZ515Gdo8ZC_JURxh6IIwvUk9FEE2aMZygApt5XQp&c=N_GRxKfEE3EpFLIiM1HIvjKDmig5HP9bZPlAZkI2Ty0j_JAJ8Q6yQA==&ch=vS7smHq6KueNIO0QdK6N_hSoTHNO6A8xAsFf56ZFlKOcKTpQ8hd23w==) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Unable to locate your Post Constitution and By-Laws?**  Do they say, "Preserve our memories and incidents in the Great War"?  Do they only list eligible membership dates from April 6th 1917, through November 11th 1918?  It might be time to update them, find a template for a new Post Constitution and By-Laws by clicking on the button below: | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Post Constitution and By-Laws Template**](https://m5isjwgbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001R99u3MDmPi2F0BQgz3OA77JjVACoq6CZav-77czltgFAYE6rK-stsAozgZUDSIp9AYnFKbqhoQGFHnGzTXWGIejLpXerVDN6tnVXq64JIXgVOMwvlkZLcJjFMaLzypZdam_Pu7J8SBb8XTa5dsSBLJr78x2_IZ7TLg170VXIJbwIFhrwaqIMP4sLcN4AM5m23TMsTWUFTXg-gZxgnzs8b6wP8-MAp5aRq8n3eTJLFkeOf_33-bbp-i2Yyq3GAIQKx9wCYxXRw_iNxzxz8uBFHOffn27UpnnOitDe_UojrSRvAQo0rh0_3cCbZfrRIJvLVoGZiAYg8gs=&c=N_GRxKfEE3EpFLIiM1HIvjKDmig5HP9bZPlAZkI2Ty0j_JAJ8Q6yQA==&ch=vS7smHq6KueNIO0QdK6N_hSoTHNO6A8xAsFf56ZFlKOcKTpQ8hd23w==) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Once you have revised your Post Constitution and By-Laws, you must notify your Post members of the change and have three readings of it before your Post votes to ratify the changes. Submit the updated C&BL to PDC Robert Schmitt, District Judge Advocate for review at pastcmdrbob0001@yahoo.com | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | **Post Grants Available from Charities Inc.**  The process for applying for a grant for up to $10,000.00 from Ohio American Legion Charities Inc. is to submit a letter to Ohio American Legion Charities Inc. Attn: Glen Hickman 60 Big Run Road PO Box 8007 Delaware, Ohio 43015. State how much you are requesting and what the money will be used for. Only building improvements will be considered. And only Posts that own their building, play Bingo and or use E-Bingo machines and use Charities Inc. as their charity are eligible. **Posts that do not have a Bingo License or have E-Bingo can also apply.** Posts that have received Grants can apply again after three years.  Grants can be used for a new roof, new windows, new kitchen appliances, new flooring, replace Heating and Air Conditioning, repave or resurfacing parking lots. Or for other remodeling purposes. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Attend District Conferences and Conventions, WIN FREE Money!**  Did you know your Post can win between $100 and $400 just by having any Post Officer attend a District Conference or Convention? We draw one Poker Chip at the end of each meeting and with a Post Number from each Post in the Great FIRST District, if a member of your Post is present, your Post WINS! If not, the money rolls over to the next meeting.  See the meeting schedule on the front page! | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | **Not getting the Ohio Legion News?**  Delivery is fast and easy by scanning the QR code. | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | |  | | --- | | **1st District Facebook Page**  Now you can find and share the Great FIRST District Facebook Page with your Post members by using the QR Code. Point your smart phone camera at the code and BOOM! You are there with all the up-to-date information on District activities.  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