

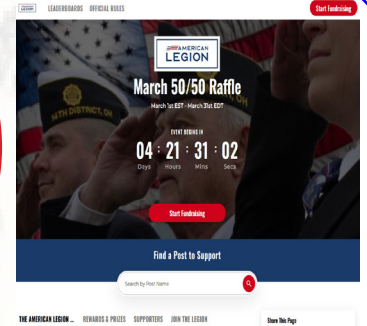
Department of Ohio 50 / 50 Raffle Gaming Program

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The Department 50/50 Raffle Program

The American Legion, Ohio 50/50 raffle is a statewide 50/50 program with a winner drawn on the last Saturday of each month. Each Post can earn up to 20% of the total amount contributed by your members to the pot total, that's \$0.20 for every dollar donated being returned to The American Legion Department of Ohio. Once again, the new drawing will begin on the first Saturday of each month and the winner is drawn on the last Saturday of each month.



Updates for next month's Raffle at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/gaming/>

The Early Bird Gets the 'Worm'

Also for a limited time an Early Bird drawing is available. If tickets are bought before 5 pm on 3/14/2025 you get automatically entered into a early bird drawing for \$500.00!



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Navigate to:

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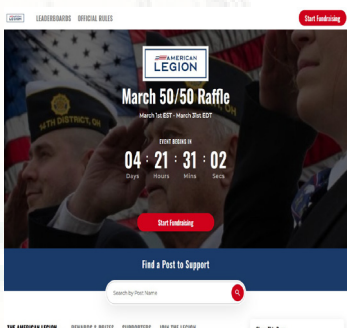
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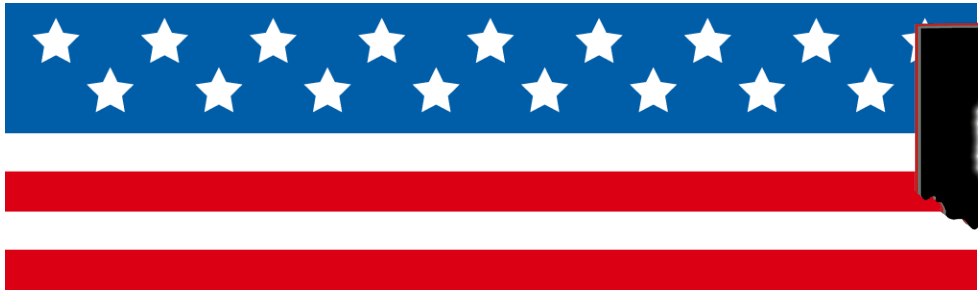
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Each drawing will be predesignated to one of our specific programs within our Department, such as; Ohio Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Americanism and Government, Veteran employment and education program or the Commanders Project, each year, just to name a few.

Please support your local Posts and your Department in this endeavor.

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.





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2025 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The American Legion Department of Ohio hosted its annual Mid-Winter Conference from Friday, January 17th to Sunday, January 19th, 2025 at the Marriott Columbus Northwest hotel in Dublin, OH. Members of the Ohio American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and American Legion Riders gathered from around the state to conduct business and gain knowledge of the functions and programs of The American Legion. Once again this year, the Buckeye American Legion College training classes held throughout the day on Saturday, had outstanding attendance and participation. These comprehensive classes included membership training, VA&R / claims training, a continuing education class for BALC graduates, National Security training, baseball training, legislative training, Americanism programs training, Children & Youth training, and Gifts For Yanks training. Read more on the BALC's operations and this Mid-Winter's class resources by navigating to the Department webpage at:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/balc/>



Attorney General's Charitable Bingo team hosted a Bingo operations class on Saturday. Great turn out!

Friday afternoon's prominent events that took place were the annual American Red Cross Blood Drive, Americanism and Government Test Judging, a newly implemented MyLegion.org Training session, and the Sons' DEC meeting. In addition to the BALC classes held on Saturday, there was also the Attorney General's Charitable Bingo team that hosted a town hall training session class. This growing class lasted two hours and covered the governance and operation of Post's gaming activity plus announces anything new about Bingo operations. We would like to give s-

pecial thanks to the AG office presenters for sharing their time and expertise, ensuring our Posts remain compliant. Other essential assemblages were held to conduct and facilitate Legion business such as the Be The One training brought to us by distinguished guest and VSO, Tony Cross, National's manager for The American Legion's Be The One initiative. A big thank you to Tony for visiting our Department and giving such a riveting speech Sunday on making a difference in a veterans life. Other meetings on Saturday were the SAL General Session, Golf Committee meeting, Legion Riders meeting & District Directors meeting, Past Department Commander's meeting, and the National Appointees meeting. The Department of Ohio would like to recognize the SAL, Auxiliary, and Legion Riders' successful DEC, general sessions, meetings, and trainings. These supporting Legion Family organizations gathered for the tools and knowledge they need to keep thriving.

Also, a special thank you to our Department Service Officers offering claim assistance and for going above and beyond with setting up for the conference, aiding with Emblem Sales & sponsors, as well as supporting and educating our Legion family during the conference.

Department would like to give a special thanks and aknowled- (continued on page 14)



Bill Genochio & Tom White show off their expertise in one of Saturday's BALC training classes

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER



Arnold Whatley
Department Commander

all of you for braving the fringed weather to attending the winter conference in Columbus Ohio. For those comrades who took the time to attend the various classes that Buckeye Legion college has to offer to expand your knowledge of the American Legion, also thank you.

At the moment we the American Legion Department of Ohio are doing very well in membership let's not stop working our membership. In addition to

our numbers, perhaps the more important mission doing the BUDDY CHECKS, AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF 'BE THE ONE' - THESE TWO COMPONENTS WORKS TOGETHER! My pledge on the national level for the May 2025 target date is 91.6%. To achieve this goal will give our Department funds to assist in upgrading computer systems, which would mean faster service times to our

members.

I am also excited to announce the location of the American Legion Nation Convention to be held Tampa Florida 2025.

BE THE ONE

"TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING"

-Arnold Whatley,
Department Commander

Greeting Legionnaires,
As we endure the winter months, I would like to thank



1ST VICE COMMANDER



Stan Oren
1st Vice Commander

and their District Convention and have had the opportunity to visit other Posts around the state. I'll be going to the Washington DC Conference at the end of February to meet with Congress followed by a trip back to DC with the Department A&G test winners in the first week of March. What a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn firsthand about American history and government. It's a very rewarding experience working with youth.

Now for membership, I really need your help. Michigan is ahead of Ohio. They're in 6th

place and we're in 14th at this time, but we can beat them. I just need you to get out go to National Guard and other military facilities to invite the members over to the Post for chili or something and talk to them about importance of membership in American Legion. Get the word out to our younger veterans explaining greater membership numbers gives us greater strength when going to Congress to get more benefits and protect the current benefits we have. Membership numbers count. We realize young veterans are busy. Ask them to join now. Learn about

the many opportunities and services available to them. When they have time and their families are growing up, they can come out to the local Post and help out. Keep in touch with them and explain how important it is to be a Legionnaire and to protect the benefits of them now and in the future.

I thank you for your time. Have a great day and looking forward to seeing you all throughout this year.

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

I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend this year's Mid-Winter Conference. It's always good to see old friends and make new ones.

I attended the 5th District program at the Sandusky VA Clinic



2ND VICE COMMANDER



Gary Cox Jr.
2nd Vice Commander

ful time, and it was very well attended, it was nice to see all who showed up and participated. Saturday's training sessions were very packed with both new and older participants learning to start, and some finish their Buckeye Legion requirements.

This month of February we have a packed fun filled weekends with the Department of Ohio Bowling Tournament. It was at Bowlero Lanes, Toledo, Ohio, sponsored by Maumee Post 320.

The weekends of February 8-9, 15-16, 21-23. We started at 10 am on Saturdays and 9 am on Sundays. Then we roll back into our Spring conferences starting the first weekend of March. Please do not forget about our Department Commander AJ Whatley's Homecoming March 8th!

In the month of April we have more fun, with Pool Tournament, April 11-13, Zanesville; The Euchre tournament, April 13, in Hamler; and The April

12th Cornhole tournament, in Massillon. I hope you can make it out and participate but at least come cheer your Posts and friends on!

Visit all our upcoming Department Post Activities at:

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

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

I just attended the Mid-Winter Conference this past weekend in Dublin, Ohio. It was a wonder-

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Louise Smerk
Auxiliary President

WOW, if you were unable to attend Mid-Winter Conference, you missed a good time. There was "Be the One" training provided by Tony Cross, National Program Manager, Buckeye College, vendors, and program information. The American Le-

gion Auxiliary held their annual Basket raffle.

Though the weather can get in the way, we as The American Legion family take time out of our lives to get together to collaborate on what is happening across the state of Ohio at our respective Post homes. We, the American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders can make a difference in a Veterans life. We are all working for the same result. We as a family can, and will move mountains.

The Awards banquet held on Saturday evening was well at-

tended. The men and women that were honored and awarded were amazing.

Help one and other by communicating and supporting events that are happening. Remember to provide all the important information when advertising your event. Name, date, and location of the event. Do not forget to let us know the dress code for the event.

Membership is important for all our organizations. The American Legion Auxiliary is seeking to be a goal Department this year, and every year. Have you signed up your spouse, daughter,

or granddaughter yet? Do you have sons, grandsons, or great grandsons, they can be members as well?

Do not forget the Buckeye Girls and Boys state programs. Both programs are elite programs for our junior grade students. We need participants as well as volunteers for these programs.

-Louise Smerk,
Department Auxiliary President



DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN



Gary Minadeo
Department Parliamentarian

Just a Bit of Order

Do We Need to Discuss This Now - RONR p.100-125

A motion (or resolution) is a call to action. This is the only way we can make decisions in our Posts if we are going to do it fairly. We actually make motions daily in our personal lives like deciding where to dine. Mom says "Let's all go to a nice sit down restaurant. The daughter agrees, but Dad and the two boys want to go to a sports restaurant and the discussion is on!! Eventually a decision is made and typically not all are happy, but they are at least somewhat satisfied with the agreement.

So goes our Posts, but with many decisions to make and lit-

tle time to do it, we need a logical process based on respect for the opinions and time of all in good standing within our Posts. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is our guideline.

Now RONR has over 100 pages about motions, but what we learn today can be found in pages 100-125 where RONR discusses THE MAIN MOTION. In particular, we will discuss how to dispose of the main motion.

The main motion is the one on the floor, and the only one on the floor that started "I move to..." When this statement is seconded the discussion begins.

Now most of the time we have a great discussion about the motion (also called "the question" since we are deciding upon what to do).

Sometimes the discussion goes a bit long and there are a few more important issues to bring to the body so someone rises to TABLE the motion, "Commander I move to table this motion as we must address..." The Commander immediately takes a vote as this is not debatable. A majority passes TO TABLE

and the motion is set aside until the more pressing business is conducted, and then should be brought back to the floor with a motion to TAKE FROM THE TABLE. If this is not done prior to adjournment then the motion evaporates for this meeting, but can be brought up again freshly at the next meeting.

So the big revelation here is that TABLING does not kill the motion, only postpones its discussion to later in the meeting.

If one wants to push the motion to the future, the motion can be COMMITTED or REFERRED to a committee for review and recommendation back to the body at a set time in the future. This motion must be seconded, discussed and needs a majority vote.

A motion can also be POSTPONED DEFINITELY to a future meeting under unfinished business with a second, discussion, and a majority vote.

Finally, for at least this article, one can POSTPONE INDEFINITELY which essentially kills the motion not to be brought up again in the same form. This

should almost never be done if the officers of the post help members form good productive motions. This action must be seconded, debated, and passed with a majority vote.

That's enough for now. Was great seeing all of you at Mid-Winter training.

BE QUOTA!

and **BE ORDERLY!**

Recommended References

- ◇ Robert's Rules of Order
Newly Revised - RONR (11th Ed)
(Emblem Sales - ES)
- ◇ Officers Guide (OG) (ES)
- ◇ Parliamentary Procedure-
A Matter of Order (ES)
- ◇ RONR In-Brief (local bookstore or internet)
- ◇ Robert's Rules for Dummies (bookstore or online)

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DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN



Al Beyer
Department Historian

Howzit?

I hope your year is going well. For me and our family, we are blessed to have friends and family of The American Legion who have been there for Dayna and I through the difficult time of the unexpected passing of our son, Eric. We are thankful and appreciate all of you and your kind, thoughtful and caring words.

Family is important whether blood related or not. Our Legion Family has been an integral part of our lives as we have served alongside many of you to carry on the missions of The American Legion family. This is our history to tell.

As we continue the work we started last year, let us not forget to document our history – the Post, District and Department events and activities. Many times, members will do things on their own or an entire post or district will participate as a group. Remember to designate a historian or someone to take pictures and document the event.

In my past travels around Ohio, we were invited by District 11 Commander Thom Stan and his lovely wife LeeAnn to visit with Russell Chadwick Post 389, as they celebrated the United States Marine Corps 249th Birthday. The organizers USMC veterans Ray H Currey (2006-2010) 2nd Vice Commander, and member John Tucker “JT” (2017-2023) came up with the idea over a couple of beers last year and kicked

off their first birthday bash. As with tradition, the serving of the birthday cake to the oldest Marine, me (1949) and the youngest John Tucker (1997) using an NCO (non-commissioned officer) sword. Special guest speaker, Stephen “Steve” Rogers newly retired from the State of Ohio Highway Patrol one week ago after 20 years of service is also a US Marine (2003-2006). Semper Fidelis my fellow comrades!



Post 389 Marine Corps Birthday



John JT Tucker youngest marine cutting a piece of cake with NCO sword for oldest marine Al Beyer



Steve Rogers

Another event hosted by Clinton Post 421 in District 13 where a Veterans Day special covered by New Day Cleveland Natalie Herbick of Fox 8 News Anchor, and her co-anchor SSG Travis Mills to honor veterans. Post Commander Jason Nye, Unit President Allison Nye and District

Commander Richard Wright were there along with veterans during the live show. During the show Jason shared The American Legion Be The One mission with Natalie and Travis, wearing his TAL Be The One brand shirt and Be The One button, which I passed around to everyone.



Post 421 Commander Jason Nye shares Be The One mission with Natalie Herbick and Travis Mills



Veteran's Day special with New Day Cleveland Fox 8 co-anchors Natalie Herbick and Travis Mills at Clinton Post 421 with veterans and Commander Jason Nye

While during Mid-Winter we had special guest speaker, Tony Cross, TAL National Be The One director, who shared the statistics of veteran suicide and how the Be The One mission is applied to save one veteran through training. To learn more and sign up for training go to Be The One Training | The American Legion.



TAL National Be The One Director Tony Cross shares the mission be the one to save one life with attendees at the Mid-Winter Conference

I support the Be The One mission because I know how important it is for each one of us to reach out to “Just One Veteran, To Save One Life”. Many of you like me have had that buddy who took

his or her life, or maybe you have thought of suicide. I am reaching out to you today to ask, “Are you ok?” Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up? Have you actually had any thoughts about killing yourself? Contact me or reach out to someone. Dial 988 and press 1 for the Suicide Crisis Lifeline. I am here for you.

Although we may not be at every event, we do try to be there. Document your history to be gathered and preserved in your history book. I thank my assistant Kevin Motter and my polynesian baby, Dayna, the Auxiliary Department Historian for their part in documenting our history. Now you need to do your part.

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

-Al Beyer,
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ROBINSON'S RECAP



John Robinson
Department Adjutant

Hello, Legionnaires

Happy, nearly spring! Warmer weather, longer days and beautiful sunsets are right around the corner as we are approaching mid-year and election season. All officer certification forms are due **immediately** upon the completion of your Post elections. The Annual Post Data Report and The Consolidated Post Reports need to be completed, and information should be received at National, by March 31st, 2025. It's imperative these forms are completed and turned into National for compiling and computing data to be utilized for the upcoming membership awards. Ensure all Post information is accurate and up to date prior to the new member-

ship year, which begins July 1st, 2025. The minimum amount due for each member of each Post is \$32.50 per capita. If your current dues do not accurately reflect the minimum requirement of \$32.50 per member, please reassess your Post's dues as your Post will be charged the minimum requirement of \$32.50 per member, as assigned to your Post.

On a more exciting note, I want to personally welcome all our members to the digital era, the "technology boom", which has given way to our **new 50/50 program!** *The American Legion, Ohio 50/50 raffle* is a statewide 50/50 program with a winner drawn on the last Saturday of each month. Each Post can earn up to 20% of the total amount contributed by your members to the pot total, that's \$0.20 for every dollar donated being returned to The American Legion Department of Ohio. Once again, the new drawing will begin on the first Saturday of each month and the winner is drawn on the last Saturday of each month. Be sure to try a different web browser like *Chrome* if you have trouble

with the raffle web-interface. Each drawing will be predesignated to one of our specific programs within our department, such as; The American Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Americanism and Government, Veteran employment and education program or the Commanders Project, each year, just to name a few. As we continue to navigate through this new and exciting era, together, additional information will be provided with instructions on how your post can subscribe to this program. For the most successful execution of this new 50/50 program, please ensure to get memberships involved. It is vitally important to promote this program to assist the Department and offset costs, to avoid any type of dues increases. Please support your local Posts and your Department in this endeavor.

If your Post is still accepting social members, **stop this immediately**. A social member is described as a person who pays a fee to belong to your Post, but has no military background or affiliation and is not an Auxiliary

member or a Sons of the American Legion member. The American Legion National Constitution and by-laws state that, "no forms or class of membership is authorized, except for regular, active, or paid up for life members". It is highly illegal to accept any social members into your Posts. The American Legion Department of Ohio, take these infractions very seriously and will launch a full investigation if anyone is found to still be accepting social members. If your Post is found to still be accepting social members in the 2025-2026 membership year, your Posts could be at risk of their Charters being revoked. We will continue to send any information that becomes available to us regarding this matter.

As always, if anyone needs assistance from your Department, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to answer any questions, assist you in resolving any conflicts and to serve our veterans. **We are here for you!**
VR,
-John Robinson, Adjutant



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Sherry Yockey
Membership Manager

Hello from Membership,

Congratulations! We've reached our 85% membership target. Although this was a great accomplishment, we have a lot of work to do. **Our next Target is 90% by March 12, the American Legion Birthday.** We are ranked

16th place nationally; SAL is in 9th place. The Buckeyes need to be number one! Let's continue our momentum and strive for this ambitious goal.

Post, please be careful when transferring your members. Posts should **carefully verify** if a member has already paid dues before transferring them. Transferring a member who has already paid by adding the member to a transmittal can result in duplicate payments and potential issues with their membership records. Submit a Member Data Form or the 888 Transfer Form to the Department to transfer a paid member. Both forms are

located on our website, Ohiolegion.com, under forms. By carefully following these procedures, we can ensure accurate and efficient membership transfers and avoid potential issues.

Buddy checks are crucial during these cold winter months. Please contact your members to see how they are doing and remind them of the importance of American Legion Membership. Remember: **Be the One.**

We continue to return checks and cards because we receive incorrect Due Amounts. Please ensure that Posts know the approved National increase of \$5,

raising the per capita, effective July 1, 2024.

Consolidated Post Reports (CPR): Post and Squadrons can now submit their CPR / CSR through MyLegion. Contact the Department if your Post needs help. The deadline is March 31.

National Membership Renewal Notices will be sent March 1-7.

Let's continue to work together to strengthen our Legion and serve our veterans.

-Sherry Yockey,
Membership Manager



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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. ROMP 50/50 tickets being sold \$5.00 each. Drawing occurs with every 200 tickets sold. Winner receives \$500.00. Contact Director Al Williams from post 72 or a State Officer for yours. Registration is now up on the ROMP Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/Dm1UDPwiE1Pry2S2/?-mibextid=JRoKGI>

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.

Directors Meeting

The State District Director meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2025, at American Legion Corporate 60 Big Run Rd, Delaware, Ohio 43015 at 11:00AM. All District Directors should attend or send someone in your place or attend with Teams.



For additional information visit the Department Legion Riders WebPage at:

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



LEGISLATIVE



Jacob Brault
Dept. Legislative Liaison

In February, Department representatives had the chance to attend the National Washington Conference in D.C.



As a collective group, Delegates attended meetings on Legislative topics that gave us useful information on how we can advocate on behalf of Ohio Veterans and veterans from across the nation.



We also had the opportunity to meet with the offices of 13 out of 15 Congressional Representatives or their staff to discuss

our National Legislative priorities which includes; protecting and expanding veterans health benefits, protecting active service member pay and benefits to include quality of life, increased spending for research and development for our military, modernization of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), ending Veteran Homelessness, and many other prevalent topics to what we do as a Veterans Service Organization.

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

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

tive Chairman.

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

»February:
https://www.ohiolegion.com/wp-content/uploads/David-Roots-E-newsletter-to-cover-Veteran-and-Military-Legislation-in-the-Ohio-General-Assembly_February-2025.pdf



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

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



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“The SitRep”

Board of Veterans Appeals update:

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

New Service Officer at Chillicothe VA Medical Center

We like to welcome Troy Elliott to the Department of Ohio Service Officer Team and the Legion Family. Troy served in the US Army and is a member of Legion Post 62 in Chillicothe OH. He will assist in serving the veterans of Chillicothe and the surrounding areas.

Federal Benefits Guide

The Handbook contains a comprehensive listing of VA programs, including phone numbers and websites for easy reference. This annual Federal Benefits Guide has a wealth of information about most VA Benefits to include compensation, life insurance, pension and fiduciary services, education benefits, home loan guaranty programs and

housing assistance, and mental health resources:

<https://department.va.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-Federal-Benefits-for-Veterans-Dependents-and-Survivors.pdf>

New Veterans Disability Compensation Rates for 2025

Veterans receiving VA disability saw a 2.5% increase in their VA compensation:

<https://www.va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/veteran-rates/>

Post Service Officer School

The Department held Post Service Officer School will be held September 20, 2025, at 0800 – 1600 American Legion Department of Ohio DEC Room, 60 Big Run Road, Delaware, OH. 43015 RVSP to genochio@ohiolegion.com by September 10th to secure your seat.

Potential Changes to Several

VA Disabilities

The VA is proposing changes to several VA Disabilities:

Mental Health: The VA will focus on symptom severity rather than social or occupational impact when evaluating mental health conditions. This could result in higher ratings for Veterans with severe symptoms while creating more consistency in how claims are evaluated.

Sleep Apnea: Under the updated system, Veterans using a CPAP machine may receive only a 10% rating, a reduction from the current 50%. This marks a major adjustment in compensation for those with service-connected sleep apnea.

Tinnitus: Veterans will no longer receive a separate 10% rating for tinnitus. Instead, tinnitus will only be rated if it's tied to another compensable condition. This could reduce benefits for Veterans who claim tinnitus as a primary condition.

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POW/MIA

Jan. 28, 2025

• Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Bryant, R.)

• Soldier Accounted For From World War II (Smalley, C.)

• Airman Accounted For From World War II (Buttala, J.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated (14) service members this year.

Federal Freeze

Veterans' benefits and support

services will not be impacted by a White House funding freeze order, which aimed to halt federal financial assistance linked to diversity and inclusion initiatives. Acting VA Secretary Todd Hunter confirmed that all VA operations, including health care, benefits, and other veterans' services, would continue unaffected after a review of 44 financial assistance programs by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) officials. A federal judge temporarily blocked the freeze order, ensuring that VA programs will be exempt even if the freeze is reinstated.

The freeze had caused confusion regarding veterans' education, suicide prevention, and homeless assistance grants,

among other services. While the order intended to stop funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, VA officials confirmed that these programs were properly verified as exempt. Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jerry Moran praised the decision, emphasizing continued support for veterans and their families.

Cyber Security Tips

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

1. Use Strong and Unique Passwords: Veterans should create complex, unique passwords for every online account and avoid reusing passwords. A password manager can help keep track of

them securely.

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

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

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

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programs and system updates.
5. Monitor Financial Accounts:

Veterans should frequently check their bank accounts and credit

reports for signs of fraud or identity theft. Using identity theft

protection services can also help spot any suspicious activity early.




For more information on your National Security resources visit:

<https://www.ohiolegion.com/national-security/>



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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:

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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



United States Flag Etiquette

Since 1919, The American Legion as a national organization and the Ohio Department of The American Legion have been strong proponents for educating the general public, especially the students in the nation's schools, on the proper care, display, protection, and disposal of the United States Flag.

The Posts of Ohio conduct many presentations throughout the state on the proper folding, care, and display of the United States Flag.

The Posts of Ohio also conduct proper flag retirement ceremonies for United States flags that are no longer flyable and conduct graveside flag ceremonies for the funerals of deceased veterans.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

3/2/2025 6th District Spring Conference Post 162 10:00 AM	3/3/2025-3/7/2025 A&G Washington DC Trip	Conference Post 776 1:00 PM	Conference Post 142 10:00 AM	3/30/2025 Oratorical Contest Department HQ 8:00 AM
3/2/2025 8th District Spring Conference Post 39 10:00 AM	3/8/2025 10th District Spring Conference Post 557 8:00 AM	3/9/2025 5th District Spring Conference Post 354 11:00 AM	3/16/2025 14th District Spring Conference Post 19 1:00 PM	4/5/2025 Spring DEC Meeting Department HQ 10:00 AM
3/2/2025 11th District Spring Conference Post 77 10:00 AM	3/9/2025 1st District Spring Conference Post 307 10:00 AM	3/9/2025 12th District Spring Conference Post 171 1:00 PM	3/22/2025 Standing Commission Spring Meetings	4/11/2025 BBS Section Heads & Trustees Meeting Department HQ 6:30PM
3/2/2025 13th District Spring Conference Post 421 9:30 AM	3/9/2025 2nd District Spring Conference Post 268 8:00 AM	3/15/2025 4th District Spring Conference Post 256 10:00 AM	3/28/2025 Red Cross Blood Drive Department HQ 10:00 AM	4/12/2025 BBS Staff Meeting Department HQ 10:00 AM
	3/9/2025 3rd District Spring	3/16/2025 7th District Spring	3/29/2025 9th District Spring Conference Post 459 10:00 AM	4/18/2025 Good Friday-Dept. & Nt'l closed

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The American Legion's commitment to veterans is also a commitment to their children, in every difficulty or hardship.

Special Olympics

The American Legion Department of Ohio has been an active supporter of Special Olympics for over 30 years.

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

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

Seth, our Special Olympics Athlete of the Year created a challenge for all the Posts in Ohio. For the Post that has the highest donation, he will give them a custom-made birdhouse (*similar to this one*).



On top of that, Department will sweeten the challenge and allow the District that has the most Posts participating in the plunge or donating, the chance to give the Department Adjutant in the

face at your District Conference. *Here is how you can join...*

1. You can sign up under the American Legion page that Special Olympics graciously created for us at: https://support.soooh.org/site/TR?fr_id=1089&pg=en-tr

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

2. Department Staff has created a team, and we will "plunge" on Friday March 28th. Please share the Department Facebook posts to spread the word and increase donations. You can donate directly to the staff page here: <https://support.soooh.org/.../TR/Events/General/1972507918> or scan the QR Code...



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

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



Mark your calendars for the 2025 Law Enforcement Torch Run: June 9th- 13th, 2025



Final Leg will take place on June 13th starting at 6:30pm at the OSHP Academy. We will have a short program followed by the runner running the Flame of Hope into Opening Ceremonies (location still TBD) to light the cauldron and officially declare the games open!!

- Torch Run fundraising site will go live on April 1st

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS

HISTORY

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

ONE TIME SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

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

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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 on-line 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 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.

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



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-  <https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionDepartmentOfOhio/>
-  https://www.instagram.com/ohio_legion/
-  https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG5DACPf0uyfSa4ErKHOH_g?view_as=subscriber
-  https://x.com/Ohio_Legion



Mid-Winter Conference Highlights (cont.)



ge our tiered sponsors as well. Our platinum level sponsors for this year's Mid-Winter Conference were Arrow International, Inc.; TSG Advice Partners; and Grover Gaming. Our participating silver level sponsor was Little Blessings Veteran and Community Outreach. Our bronze level sponsor was Proforma Strategic Promotions. Veteran Companion Animal Services was also represented as a vendor this year. Without their generous sponsorship contributions our event would not be as successful. **Thank you!** For more information on these extraordinary organizations please visit <https://www.ohiolegion.com/mid-winter-sponsors-and-vendors/>.



Saturday evening's, "Of the Year" Awards Banquet, was an immense success with the delicious meal, presentation of the colors by The Highland High School Navy JROTC, and with the attendance of all our distinguished guests. Special recognition to Louise Smerk, Department of Ohio Auxiliary President; Rosemarie Hauck, Auxiliary Central Division National Vice President; Desiree' Stoy, Auxiliary Past National President; Tim Conway, Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander;

John Lawrence, Southeast Region National Vice-Commander; Scott J. Thornton, National Assistant Adjutant of The Sons of the American Legion; Larry Shanks, American Legion Riders of Ohio Director; and Saturday's Keynote Speaker – Dianne Smith-Foster, Program Manager for the Dayton Homeless Team of Social Workers from the Dayton VA Medical Center. Dianne, dressed "to the nines" and advocating for her organization, gave a tremendous and emotional speech on providing homes to those desperate and in need. Her organization also happens to be the Department Commander's special project for the year, so please donate if you are able.



Some of our Department officers also addressed the banquet audience with poignant remarks which was appreciated by all. We then presented our "Of the Year" Awards for Educator of the Year (Eric Higgs of Berkshire Local Schools), Law Officer of the Year (Trooper David Handschumacher of The Ohio State Highway Patrol), Firefighter of the Year (Daric Hamon of the Harrison Fire Department), Civilian Lifesavers of the Year (LaToya Stringer & Akelius Gates & Chayce Baker), Special Olympics Athlete

of the Year (Seth Greenfelder), Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year (Ret. Columbus Police Officer, David Jones), Special Olympics Coach of the Year (Robert Watson), and Department Commander's Appreciation Award (ProForma Strategic Promotions Senior Manager, Margie Myers). Moving acceptance speeches were given by all award recipients. Special Olympics of Ohio also had their Development Director, Haley Melcher on hand to speak on their program's inclusive community approach and encouraged attendance and participation to their sporting events. Hilliard Police Detective, Brandon Long also spoke on volunteering and the Law Enforcement Torch Run the SOOH hosts. He went on to mention the relationship between first responders and Special Olympics is crucial for community involvement. The banquet ended with a check presentation to John Gorski, Mark Davis and Gunny Evans of the Bechtel Group for supporting our nations veterans. An emphatic thank you to all the award recipients and their families in attendance that made the evening so special.



Sunday was kicked off with the reverent Four Chaplains Service, led by Department Chaplain, Ron Distel. Thank

you to all the attended and honored the acts of selfless service of those historic Chaplains.



At Sunday's General Session and Membership Awards, distinguished guests were introduced. Louise Smerk (Department of Ohio Auxiliary President) and key officers addressed the body as well Tim Conway (Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Ohio Commander) and SAL entourage. Next Buckeye American Legion College Dean, Ken LaVoy, gave program updates and announced the recent American Legion College graduates. Following this, Keynote Speaker - Tony Cross, Manager for The American Legion's Be The One initiative gave a sensational speech on service culture and his mission to end Veteran suicide.



Congratulations to the efforts of all the members, Posts, and Districts that received membership awards so far this year! Sunday's session concluded wi-

Mid-Winter Conference Highlights (cont.)

th the bi-annual Charities, Inc. raffle sweepstakes drawing. Sincere appreciation to all that attended the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference.



We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Department Convention in Independence.



Special Olympics Athlete of the Year Seth Greenfelder makes his way to the stage to accept his award

The Ohio Attorney General's office offered Charitable Bingo Training at Mid-Winter Conference this year on Saturday January 18th, 2025. Ohio Charities, Inc. invited the Attorney General's Charitable Bingo team to host a Town Hall training session. The class lasts two hours and covers the governance and operation of the Post's gaming activity plus announces anything new about Bingo operations. We encourage every Post to send someone to these classes whenever possible. This year the following Posts participated:



Mid-Winter attendees check out the Emblem Sales merch on Saturday



Long time Department business associate Margie Meyers addresses the audience after accepting her Commanders Appreciation of the Year Award



Standing proudly with the Civilian Life Savers of the Year; Akelius Gates, LaToya Stringer and Chayce Baker

City	Post #
Bainbridge	14
Gallipolis	27
Cadiz	34
Martins Ferry	38
Canton	44
Bellaire	52
Chillicothe	62
Ottawa	63
Logan	78
Utica	92
Lima	6
Cardington	97
Amherst	118
Waverly	142
Marion	162
Miamisburg	165



On the ball Department SGT-At-Arms, Mike Blackwell, salutes during the POW/MIA ceremony at Sunday's Assembly

City	Post #
Alliance	166
Barnesville	168
Wadsworth	170
Bucyrus	181
Lebanon	186
Celina	210
Avon Lake	211
Willoughby	214
Powhatan Point	228
Worthington	239
Wauseon	265
Cuyahoga Falls	281
Orrville	282
Columbiana	290
Wapakoneta	330
Painesville	336
Ansonia	353
Wellston	371
E Liverpool	374
Whitehouse	384
Mt Sterling	417
Coldwater	470
Wilkesville	470
Cincinnati	484



Department Auxiliary President, Louise Smerk and guests give greetings.

City	Post #
Kent	496
Tipp City	586
Toledo	587
Brook Park	610
Trotwood	613
Vandalia	668
Lithopolis	677
West Chester	681
North Ridgeville	717
Riverside	776



Training and educational programs are valid Post "Charity" expenditures. Attendance at the workshop is necessary to claim the expenditures. To stay up to date on what's happening with legalized Gaming, sign up online for free training on the Attorney General's website:

<https://charitable.ohioago.gov/Charitable-Bingo/Register-for-Bingo-Training>

Next class is:
Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 9:00AM – 11:30AM
State Library of Ohio, Boardroom
274 East 1st Avenue



2nd District - Brown Jug Award Medium category winners



12th District - Brown Jug Award Small category winners



Detachment Commander, Tim Conway and SAL entourage take center stage

**American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc.
Winners of the Mid-Winter Conference Sweepstakes
Columbus, Ohio on Sunday, January 19th, 2025**

Michael Arnold.....Reynoldsburg, OH	Larry Lusk.....West Lafayette, OH	David Szink.....Canton, OH
Terrence Brion.....Kansas, OH	Rickie May.....Lisbon, OH	Shannon Thiel.....Shalimar, FL
Robert Buczek.....Seven Hills, OH	Michael Molloy.....Cleves, OH	John Wehr.....Quaker City, OH
Raymond Calzo.....Struthers, OH	HS Moore.....Cincinnati, OH	James Welburn.....Elyria, OH
Larry Campbell.....Bellaire, OH	Donald Moyer.....Zanesville, OH	Alvis Williams.....Batavia, OH
Joseph Centofanti.....Salem, OH	Timothy Murray.....Cleveland, OH	Ernie Williams.....Grove City, OH
DC Cordonner.....Fort Loramie, OH	Erin Norris.....Batavia, OH	Harry Wilson.....Frazeysburg, OH
AB Creasap.....Marion, OH	Michael Otcasek.....Cleveland, OH	James Wise.....Maplewood, OH
Frank Delmonico Jr.....Lorain, OH	Larry Proctor.....Marietta, OH	Wesley Young.....Lancaster, OH
William Dittebrand.....Willoughby, OH	Allen Rinbolt.....Marion, OH	
Reeves Dudley.....Dayton, OH	Robert Rudloff.....Cincinnati, OH	
Steve Ferry.....Wapakoneta, OH	Daniel Sevic.....Cleveland, OH	
Benjamin Franklin.....Willard, OH	Thomas Sheaffer.....Nevada, OH	
David Garringer.....Leesburg, OH	Joseph Shilling.....Bryan, OH	
Frank Gruszecki.....Hammondville, OH	Kristopher Short.....Conover, OH	
Ronald Hall.....Brookpark, OH	David Sicz.....Grafton, OH	
Charles Hinzman.....Little Hocking, OH	Thad Sklad.....Cleveland, OH	
Gerald Keffer.....Orient, OH	Richard Smith.....Cincinnati, OH	
Steven Kosinski.....Toledo, OH	Richard Smith.....Lakewood, OH	
Mark Kovach.....Oak Harbor, OH	Gary Stiens.....Centerville, OH	

Congratulations to each of our winners who participated in the Mid-Winter Sweepstakes. The proceeds from our semi-annual sweepstakes go toward the programs of the American Legion Department of Ohio.

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

In January, the team of the American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. met during the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. The following are the latest recipients of grants totalling nearly \$375,000

RECIPIENTS

American Legion Auxiliary Districts	Dan Fout Memorial Disabled Veterans Hunt, C. Winchester
American Legion Districts	Department of Ohio Programs
American Legion Post 109, Montpelier	Disabled Veterans Outdoors, New Lexington
American Legion Post 138, Hamilton	Forever Amber Acres, Medina
American Legion Post 142, Waverly	Joseph House, Cincinnati
American Legion Post 164, Grove City	MIA/Vets Memorial (AL Post 697), Perry
American Legion Post 186, Lebanon	Motts Museum, Groveport
American Legion Post 215, Eaton	National Lead Candidate Fund
American Legion Post 343, Euclid	Ride With Valor, Strongsville
American Legion SAL Districts	Ronald McDonald House, Cincinnati
American Legion Darke Co Council / Vets Museum	Stockhands Horses for Healing, Delaware
Civil Air Patrol	Treats 4 the Streets, Pickerington
Clermont Housing Corporation (Homeless Vets), Batavia	VA Central Ohio Health Care System, Programs
Cleveland VA Medical Research (Para-Rowing Program)	Walk the Talk Outreach, Circleville

Charities, Inc. considers requests for funds at least twice a year, Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. To submit a request to Charities, Inc., put it in writing on the Post or company letterhead, signed by an officer. The request should be for something directly related to veterans' causes and needs and is either a charity, civic organization or community service. Submit by mail or email to: espenshade@ohiolegion.com or American Legion Department of Ohio Charities, Inc. PO Box 8007, Delaware, OH 43015

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 171 - Veterans Day Dinner

Young-Budd Post 171 out of Westerville, Ohio held a Veterans Day dinner attended by over 100 guests. The Post awards each year the Westerville Police Officer and Firefighter of the year. This year's award recipients were Mike Melfi for firefighter and LT. Greg Framey for police officer. Congratulations gentlemen.



Sizable Donation Made

During early February 2025, the American Legion made a donation to the Greene County Veterans Memorial Fund. Donations were made by all the Greene County American Legion Posts, Ohio Legion Charities, and Ohio 3rd District & PDC. The total amount donated towards this very worthwhile project was \$10,700.00



Left to right: Cliff Beegle Post 95, Blanche Casey Post 763, Ken LaVoy-3rd District, James Flott, Leslie Groves and Jim Groves-GCVMF Committee members. -submission by Dick Staley

BE THE ONE

Post 221

A Caring Effort for the Deployed

During late January 2025, Massillon Post 221 and Stark VSC, helped Blue Star Mothers pack care package boxes for troops in and around Massillon.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 211 - Wreaths Across America Contribution

On December 14th, 2024, Avon Lake American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard and Riders participated in a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Resthaven Cemetery in Avon, Ohio. Prior to the ceremony, the 5th District Post 211 Avon Lake American Legion Riders assisted in escorting the WAA truck to Resthaven Memorial Gardens and unloaded the truck in preparation for Dec. 14th WAA event.



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 382 Old Beavertdam Cemetery Memorial Dedication

During early February 2025, American Legion Bluffton Post 382 honored the old Beavertdam Cemetery during the dedication ceremony in Beavertdam, Ohio.



Post 525 - Veterans Bridge Dedication

The bridge on West Main Street in Adena was dedicated "Veterans Memorial Bridge" on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2024, by Gilbert Koontz American Legion Post 525 out of Adena to honor all area Veterans, living and deceased.



In the picture left to right are Squad leader, Frank Zamski; Gary DeNoble; Rich Jeskey; John George; Major Brenda Roski; and Roger Sliva.



Post 436 – Kits for Kids and Vets



Howard D Miller Post 436 out of Greentown members are seen here packing 250 hygiene kits for Veterans and children in need. These kits were then distributed to the Serving Area Military (SAM) Center, Lake and North Canton Local Schools.

L/R: Eric Schnackel, Allen Horton, Riley Jordan, Jonathan Webber, Sandra Conley, and Bob Beasley



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 572 – Toys for Tots

The Leigon Riders of American Legion Joseph J Jacubic Inc. Post 572 out of Parma, Ohio hosted a fantastic toy drive this holiday season. You see all these ‘tough’ bikers? They just bought \$4000 worth of bikes and toys for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation!



Post 700 - Vietnam Veteran Honored

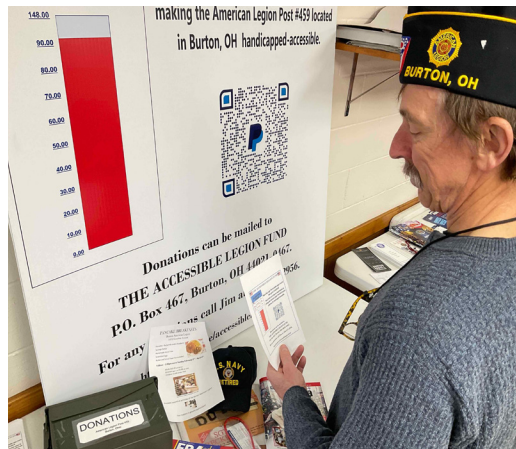


Smith Mealy, a member of Howland American Legion Post 700, of the Dynamic 9th District, was recently honored at the Champion Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, November 10th, 2024, Mealy spoke about his tour of duty in Vietnam, where he served in the U.S. Army's 1st Division (The Big Red One). His decorations include the Silver Star and two Bronze Stars. He is also a member of the Ohio Military Hall of Fame.



Post 459 – Pancake Breakfast Operation

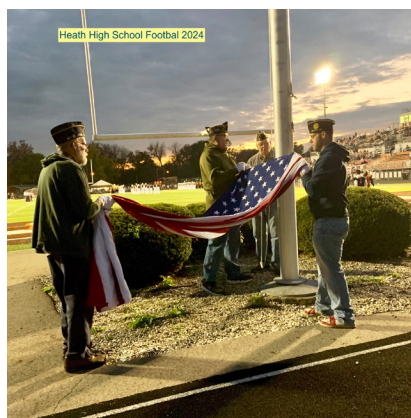
On February 9th, 2025, Atwood-Mauck Post 459 out of Burton, Ohio celebrated a check presentation for thier Accessible Fund and hosted what was the first in a series of delicious pancake & sausage breakfasts. For details, dates, and times – navigate to: <https://www.burtonpost459.org/event-details/pancakes-sausage-breakfast-2025-02-09-09-00-2>



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 771 – Patriotism and Football!

From August 23rd, 2024, till October 24th, 2024, it's football season. This means that members of Heath Post 771 were present to post and recover our national colors before and after the football game at Heath High School. Even though the uniform was relaxed, the mission was seriously undertaken while using our caps and white gloves. Ohio Legion Post 771 had the privilege of performing the final flag detail for Heath High Schools home football games in 2024 and on 10-24-2024. The game included Senior Night, which honored the HHS seniors in football, band, cheer, and drill teams. On behalf of Post 771, thank you HHS for selecting Post 771 to perform the flag detail for all home games, it has been an honor and privilege for Post 771. Thanks to Bo Hanson (HHS Athletic Director), Kat Fields (HHS Principal), and Ryan Fitz (HHS Assistant Principal) for their hospitality during the entire season. Post 771 looks forward to doing this again next year.



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/.](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.*

GOOD OF THE LEGION

6th Annual Roger M. Hight State Bowling Tournament - A Strike!

The 6th Annual Roger M. Hight State Bowling Tournament, held in February 2025 at Bowlero Lanes in Toledo, was a resounding success! Department Commander Arnold Whatley officially opened the tournament with the ceremonial first ball, joined by Department 1st Vice Commander Stan Oren and Department 2nd Vice Commander Gary Cox, Jr. American Legion Post 320, led by Commander Christopher Fargo, was an exceptional host. Their outstanding efforts in assisting the Bowling Committee and providing entertainment and dinners for attendees were invaluable. Thanks to Post 0320 Riders Tom Barker II, Tom Barker III, and Richard Trumbull, Jr., for their contributions. The Department Bowling Committee, which is comprised of Second Vice Commander Gary Cox, Jr., Peggy Gross (Chairman), Ron Chapman, and Jason Rue, deserves immense recognition for their hard work in organizing this successful event. Congratulations to Greg L. Hall from Squadron 210 and Darin R. DeWitt from Squadron 257 for bowling a perfect 300 games! They will each receive a jacket and add their names to the plaque displayed at Department Headquarters. We are seeking Posts to sponsor the next Bowling Tournaments in 2026, 2027, and 2028. If your Post is interested in hosting this event, please get in touch with Sherry Yockey, Membership & Post Activities Manager, at the Department syockey@ohiolegion.com. Thank you to all who participated in and supported the 6th Annual Roger M. Hight State Bowling Tournament!



Maumee Post 0320- Maumee - Jeff Kwiatkowski, Bob Kwiatkowski, Tom Paker II, and Tom Parker III



Charles C. Weybrecht Post 166 - Alliance - ALEN Leasure, Lewis Stanbury, Tony Courtney, and Ryan Liolios



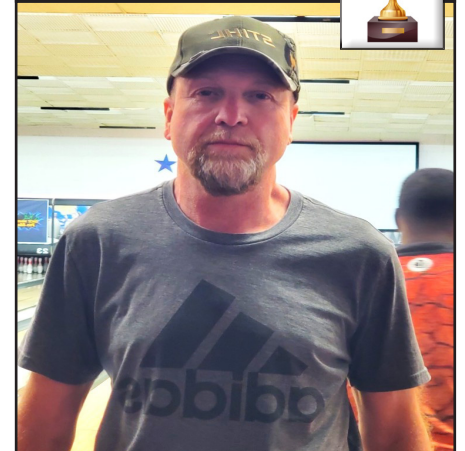
Bert G. Taylor Post 0300 - Napoleon - Michael Schroeder, Anthony Cotter, Ryan Kent, and Jim Boehm



Freedom Post 0183- Pemberville- Robin Starkey, Kebin Federick, Kirk Starkey, Brian Close, Brenda Schnitker, Gail Wachter, David Schnitker, and James Lowrey



Sergeant-At-Arms Mike Blackwell, 2nd VC CMD Gary Cox Jr., Dept. CMD AJ Whatley, Dept 1st VC CMD Stan Oren



Congratulations to Greg L. Hall from Squadron 210 and Darin R. DeWitt from Squadron 257 for bowling Perfect 300 games!



(l to r): Past Department Commander - Ronald Chapman, Sherry Yockey - Staff Liaison, Peggy Gross - Bowling Committee Chair, Arnold Whatley - Department Commander.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Spotlight on Department Bowling Tournament



Richard Trumbull Jr. Squadron 0320 1st Vice CMD, Bernie Rau 1st District, 2nd Vice CMD, Christopher Fargo Post 0320 CMD



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Spotlight on Department Bowling Tournament (cont.)



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 382

Four Chaplains Service Observed

On February 2nd, 2025, American Legion Bluffton Post 382 Honored those who gave their all at a Four Chaplains Service at the English Lutheran Church in Bluffton, Ohio.



Post 221 – Makes Community Donations

On December 3rd, 2024, Massillon Post 221 made a donation to the Franklin Elementary music program/3rd grade teacher.



Post 572

Delivers Thanksgiving Dinner to Vets

On November 26th, 2024, American Legion Joseph J Jacubic Inc. Post 572 out of Parma, delivered meals to home bound veterans. Mike Burke (Past Commander) and Gary Perry loaded up the vehicle and delivered complete Thanksgiving dinners to some of Post 572's members. The spirit of giving in the Post is some of the most heartfelt seen in the American Legion. These events actually have many meanings such as Buddy Checks- checking in with members that we may not see or hear from. Providing food and making that commitment to our veterans, widows and their children. Thank you for looking out for our members! We are better together! -Erich Pflaidermahn, Commander



Enter this month's Department 50/50 Raffle!



GOOD OF THE LEGION

Post 771 – Community Support

Recently Heath American Legion Post 771 has outgrown their gun safe, but fantastic news! Post 771 is proud to announce that, "Vances Outdoors", in partnership with "Liberty Safes" agreed and donated a Liberty Centurion 18 fireproof gun safe to the Post to maintain our ceremonial weapons. This will ensure Heath Post 771 continues to conform to all local, State, Federal, and U.S. Army TACOM laws, policies, and regulations. Both Vance's Outdoors and Liberty Safe Company have been strong sponsors to various veterans' organizations for many years. Post 771 is beyond happy to be included in a part of their philanthropy. Special thanks goes out to the teams at Vances and Liberty, your generosity has gone to a great organization serving veterans and their families in the city of Heath and the Licking County area. A special thank you to the various Post 771 members who assisted in the pick-up and delivery of the safe. As always, your participation and support in Post activities is what makes it all work.



Post 771

Heath City's First Responders Awards Event

On December 3rd, 2024, members of Heath American Legion Post 771 and their families met for a night dedicated to friends and fellowship. Long time member and Post Chaplin, Gary Wimer accepted the challenge to coordinate the holiday event at the Tumbleweed Restaurant in Heath, Ohio. The event started at 6:30pm with brief announcements and an opening prayer from our Post Chaplin. Commander Brad Cantwell brought in some gifts to hand out to members. LGN member, Will Kern brought the finished plaques that were created for the Heath city first responder awards. As the night settled in everyone enjoyed food from the full menu and nobody left hungry. For those of you who were not able to be there, we all missed you. And for everyone who attended, thank you all for making it a wonderful event.



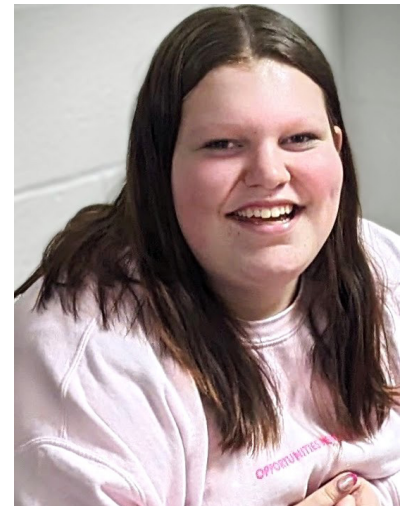
Post 382 – 2024 Boys & Girls State Attendees



Luke Jebesen & Avery Smith



left to right, Commander Kurt Emans, Principal Mike Minnig, Mackay Tuttle, and unidentified. Mike Minnig was a 1989 BBS Student, he attended Bowling Green.



Adie Hanefeld

TAPS

POST 0003 - PAUL CASEBOLT - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - SAMUEL ELLIS - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - HARRY SNOKE - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - TERRY WINGATE - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - DAVID BOWDEN - FINDLAY
 POST 0003 - JAMES LOWDEN - MOUNT BLANCHARD
 POST 0003 - FRANCIS MCDANIELS - WEST CHESTER
 POST 0003 - GERALD CROUCH - FINDLAY
 POST 0008 - ROBERT YAHNKE - WEST SALEM
 POST 0008 - LEONARD AYERS - WELLINGTON
 POST 0008 - DAVID COLEGROVE - SULLIVAN
 POST 0010 - ANTHONY SMITH - BRYAN
 POST 0011 - GEORGE TYLER - RADCLIFF
 POST 0011 - LARRY RUPE - LANCASTER
 POST 0011 - BARRY HOPKINS - LANCASTER
 POST 0012 - GERALD TURNER - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - GARY SMOLKA - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - ROBERT GUINTA - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - JOHN VARGO - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - EDMOND KNAPP - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - JOE NAIL - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - DAVID SWAGGER - ELYRIA
 POST 0012 - HOWARD DANCY - ELYRIA
 POST 0015 - ROBERT MAGNI - POLAND
 POST 0015 - DONALD BROOKS - CANFIELD
 POST 0015 - HARRY MACHUGA - POLAND
 POST 0015 - RICHARD BODENDORFER - STRUTHERS
 POST 0015 - JOHN GRANCHIE - STRUTHERS
 POST 0016 - FRANK STURSA - MANSFIELD
 POST 0017 - WALTER MOLL - SANDUSKY
 POST 0017 - HERBERT ADAMS - GIBSONBURG
 POST 0021 - TERRY BUMPASS - ALBANY
 POST 0023 - DAVID HEATH - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - MILTON MOORE - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - BEECHER WRIGHT - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - ROSS BOWERS - FRANKLIN FURNACE
 POST 0023 - GARY ELDRIDGE - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - FRED BUCKLEY - LUCASVILLE
 POST 0023 - LUNDIE ESTEP - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - LARRY TRAYLOR - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - ERNEST POLLEY - HOWARD
 POST 0023 - EDWARD HOLLAND - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - HAROLD SLARK - PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0023 - WILLIAM SADLER - WEST PORTSMOUTH
 POST 0024 - ALONZO ORME - STOCKPORT
 POST 0028 - EUGENE MISHKA - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - JAMES BORTZ - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - MARSHALL DUCAT - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - DONALD UNDERWOOD - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0028 - JOHN WHITESCARVER - PERRYSBURG
 POST 0029 - LOREN LONG - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0029 - DONALD NOLAND - HOPEWELL
 POST 0029 - MIKE WEAVER - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0029 - DONALD FLEMING - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0033 - RICHARD BOSO - STEUBENVILLE
 POST 0033 - LLOYD FARRISTER - WINTERSVILLE
 POST 0033 - PETER COLANTONI - STEUBENVILLE
 POST 0033 - MARVIN GOSSEYE - STEUBENVILLE
 POST 0033 - ROBERT MARTIN - GREENSBORO
 POST 0033 - JAMES MCCARTNEY - MYRTLE BEACH
 POST 0037 - TIMOTHY COOMBS - CINCINNATI
 POST 0038 - JOE DALTON - MARTINS FERRY
 POST 0038 - STEVE KOUCOUMARIS - BRIDGEPORT
 POST 0038 - BETTY GIANCOLA - MARTINS FERRY
 POST 0038 - THOMAS RINKES - MARTINS FERRY
 POST 0039 - THOMAS ANDERSON - MIDDLEPORT
 POST 0041 - H DONALD FRANKENFIELD - NORWALK
 POST 0041 - GEORGE PATCHEN - WAKEMAN
 POST 0044 - JOSEPH BELL - CANTON
 POST 0044 - JEFFREY MILLIGAN - NORTH CANTON
 POST 0044 - MARVIN RODOCKER - CANTON
 POST 0044 - ROBERT STRUPCEWSKI - CANTON
 POST 0044 - JOHN SHOLTIS - NORTH CANTON
 POST 0044 - DAVID GERTZ - CANTON
 POST 0049 - IRVIN MARSHALL - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - EUGENE SEEGER - SABINA
 POST 0049 - KENNETH QUIGLEY - WILMINGTON
 POST 0049 - PHILLIP RIDER - NEW VIENNA
 POST 0049 - CLAUDE WAGES - CLARKSVILLE
 POST 0056 - TED BARNES - SALEM
 POST 0058 - DONALD OVERFIELD - CUYAHOGA FALLS
 POST 0062 - ROGER LIGGINS - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - HOBART CUNNINGHAM - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - CHARLES GILLUM - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - GARY HASLOP - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0062 - DON PORTER - POWELL
 POST 0064 - JOHN GREACEN - PLYMOUTH
 POST 0064 - PAUL JETT - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - ROY SEES - BELPRE
 POST 0064 - TERRY MORRIS - NEWPORT
 POST 0064 - MORRIS ROHDY - MARIETTA
 POST 0064 - KENNETH STEPHENS - VINCENT
 POST 0064 - LARRY BURFIELD - RENO
 POST 0067 - RICHARD SCHALMO - SHREVE
 POST 0069 - LEONARD MITZMAN - CINCINNATI
 POST 0070 - GREGORY THRASHER - WELLSVILLE
 POST 0071 - EDWARD LAMBERT - ROSEVILLE
 POST 0072 - JOHN MARTIN - CINCINNATI
 POST 0072 - ROBERT BRANDENBURG - CINCINNATI
 POST 0078 - HARRY COURTNEY - LOGAN
 POST 0078 - CLARK TRUAX - LOGAN
 POST 0079 - STEPHEN LEWIS - MARYSVILLE
 POST 0083 - EARL COOK - TIFFIN
 POST 0083 - HERSHEL GARTON - SANDUSKY
 POST 0083 - ROBERT TRAUTMAN - SANDUSKY
 POST 0084 - PAUL GRAY - LORE CITY



POST 0085 - LAWRENCE ANDERSON - NEWARK
POST 0085 - DWIGHT MORRIS - NEWARK
POST 0086 - ROBERT ANDERSON - TORONTO
POST 0086 - GERALD REED - TORONTO
POST 0087 - JOHN WEBER - WOODSFIELD
POST 0091 - CYRIL URBANCIC - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0091 - WALTER KOSIBA - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0092 - WILLARD GLANCY - MARTINSBURG
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POST 0092 - JAMES MCCANN - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0092 - STANLEY SMOOTS - UTICA
POST 0092 - THOMAS STOYLE - NEWARK
POST 0095 - DAVID CRADDOLPH - XENIA
POST 0095 - LINDA SAVAGE - BUFORD
POST 0095 - RICHARD HIEBER - XENIA
POST 0095 - LARRY WILSON - XENIA
POST 0096 - TERRY RUNNEALS - LIMA
POST 0096 - JAMES BOURK - LIMA
POST 0096 - JOHN FUGATT - LIMA
POST 0096 - REASE MORELOCK - LIMA
POST 0096 - ROBERT SHURELDS - LIMA
POST 0099 - HARRY MYERS - MILLBURY
POST 0103 - CHARLES MITCHELL - ASHTABULA
POST 0107 - HARRY SCHIGNER - ETNA
POST 0107 - LLOYD SIMON - ETNA
POST 0109 - ERIC DIETSCH - MONTPELIER
POST 0112 - DONALD MICCO - GENEVA
POST 0113 - LESTER SHORT - PORT CLINTON
POST 0114 - LLOYD FISHER - OAK HARBOR
POST 0114 - WILLIAM HAMMETT - OAK HARBOR
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POST 0118 - DAVID WARNER - AMHERST
POST 0118 - PETER GOODSPEED - AMHERST
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POST 0128 - ROBERT HOLLAND - CHESHIRE
POST 0128 - WILLIAM HENDRICKS - POMEROY
POST 0131 - PAUL KRAMER - COLUMBIANA
POST 0131 - WAYNE WISE - COLUMBIANA
POST 0131 - ROBERT KORNBAU - CHANDLER
POST 0134 - ALTON KAUFFMAN - TURBOTVILLE
POST 0134 - ORA DAVIS - CIRCLEVILLE
POST 0136 - STEPHEN MULLENDORE - GAMBIER
POST 0136 - ANDREW STANYA - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0136 - MICHAEL MILLER - GAMBIER
POST 0136 - ROYAL HALL - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0137 - JOHN GRINE - NEY
POST 0138 - LEROY BROWN - HAMILTON
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POST 0138 - JOHN MOSER - HAMILTON
POST 0138 - ROBERT MIDDENDORF - HAMILTON
POST 0140 - RICKY SCHILLING - GREENVILLE
POST 0140 - DONALD STRAWSER - GREENVILLE
POST 0140 - DAVID HUDDLESTON - MANASSAS
POST 0142 - FRANK PERRY - WAVERLY
POST 0142 - DONALD WILHELM - CANAL WINCHESTER
POST 0142 - CHARLES RAPP - PIKETON
POST 0142 - JOHN SHANKS - WAVERLY
POST 0144 - JAMES HAYWOOD - COLUMBUS
POST 0159 - DAVID TAYLOR - ST CLAIRSVLE
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POST 0159 - JOE DONDA - WARREN
POST 0162 - ROBERT ABRAMS - MARION
POST 0164 - ROBERT GRIFFITH - PUNTA GORDA
POST 0165 - DOUGLAS STAMM - MIAMISBURG
POST 0165 - JOHN GABLE - DAYTON
POST 0166 - LOUIS CABASSA - ALLIANCE
POST 0166 - DENNIS MANION - ALLIANCE
POST 0166 - VINCENT OBMANN - ALLIANCE
POST 0168 - DONALD FISHER - BARNESVILLE
POST 0168 - LARRY HARRIS - SENECAVILLE
POST 0168 - WILLIAM KEEFER - FLUSHING
POST 0168 - DALE PLUMLY - BARNESVILLE
POST 0169 - CONRAD HUFFORD - FINDLAY
POST 0169 - GENE REITER - TIFFIN
POST 0169 - CHARLES COMPANY - TIFFIN
POST 0169 - GEORGE SCHLETER - TIFFIN
POST 0170 - TIMOTHY JOHNSON - WADSWORTH
POST 0170 - DONALD TRUEX - RITTMAN
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POST 0170 - JAMES TRUEX - WADSWORTH
POST 0170 - GERALD WAGNER - NEW BERN
POST 0170 - ROBERT DEVORE - BARBERTON
POST 0171 - VERNON PACK - COLUMBUS
POST 0173 - JAN SPONSLER - BELLEFONTAINE
POST 0174 - HAROLD KEISER - NEW WESTON
POST 0178 - ROGER GODDARD - VAN WERT
POST 0178 - LARRY LYTLE - MIDDLE POINT
POST 0178 - MILO WYANDT - VAN WERT
POST 0178 - GAYLE KLINGER - CONVOY
POST 0178 - PAUL MILLER - VAN WERT
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POST 0181 - DOUGLAS WILSON - BUCYRUS
POST 0181 - WILLIAM WILLIAMS - BUCYRUS
POST 0185 - WILLIAM FENDER - LIMA
POST 0190 - RONALD MAURER - NEW PHILADELPHIA
POST 0192 - JOHN MATHIE - MILLERSBURG
POST 0194 - RAYMOND FRONCZEK - MORROW

POST 0194 - RICHARD ARTER - FAIRFIELD TWP
POST 0194 - WILLARD BROWN - WEST CHESTER
POST 0194 - CLYDE BURNS - MASON
POST 0196 - THEODORE ZENZ - HUDSON
POST 0199 - HOWARD HILER - HARRISON
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POST 0199 - ROBERT HAUSER - FAIRFIELD
POST 0199 - WILLIAM MURRAY - HARRISON
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POST 0199 - LEWIS DAVIDSON - HARRISON
POST 0199 - GEORGE FISCHER - HARRISON
POST 0199 - RICHARD GEMERETH - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - CHARLES HILGEMAN - OKEANA
POST 0199 - MICHAEL HURYSZ - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - CHARLES HYDE - CINCINNATI
POST 0199 - DANIEL SMITH - CINCINNATI
POST 0200 - EUGENE GULLEY - DAYTON
POST 0200 - WILLIAM STILL - DAYTON
POST 0200 - RALPH GUNARSON - HUBER HEIGHTS
POST 0205 - BRINLEY DAVIS - DOVER
POST 0205 - ROY CRAWFORD - DOVER
POST 0210 - MORRIS NOW - WESTERVILLE
POST 0210 - BRUCE STOVER - COLDWATER
POST 0211 - JOHN LING - AVON LAKE
POST 0214 - ALBIN GAJOWSKI - WILLOUGHBY
POST 0214 - JAMES STRASSER - MENTOR
POST 0215 - MACK CAUDILL - EATON
POST 0215 - ALBERT BISHOP - DENVER
POST 0215 - DAVID MARLING - EATON
POST 0217 - ROLAND KELLAR - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - DAVID FIELDS - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - JAMES JONES - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - ORVILLE SCHOFFNER - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - FRED KIRK - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - RONALD WILGES - SIDNEY
POST 0217 - BARRY WOLFE - HOUSTON
POST 0217 - RICHARD SIMON - SIDNEY
POST 0218 - STEVEN ZIMMERMAN - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0218 - CHARLES BECK - CINCINNATI
POST 0218 - LAWRENCE DEBOLT - MIDDLETOWN
POST 0222 - DOUGLAS FRECKER - LOGAN
POST 0223 - EDGAR HESSELSCHWARDT - HICKSVILLE
POST 0223 - DARRELL SMITH - HICKSVILLE
POST 0225 - EWING ROBERTSON - UPPER SANDUSKY
POST 0232 - BENEDICT PTAKE - NORTHWOOD
POST 0234 - DENNIS WUNN - BRUNSWICK
POST 0234 - GARY KRUEGER - MEDINA
POST 0235 - EDWARD NOUFER - GIRARD
POST 0235 - DANIEL MOADUS - GIRARD
POST 0237 - HARRY MYERS - MILLBURY
POST 0239 - DENNIS SMILEY - COLUMBUS
POST 0239 - FRANK WHITE - DUBLIN
POST 0241 - WILLIAM KUCK - NEW BREMEN
POST 0243 - MARK SMITH - GALION
POST 0243 - LARRY GIBSON - LAKESIDE MARBLEHEAD
POST 0246 - CARLOS CLAPPER - BLUE ROCK
POST 0247 - FRED ROMEO - POLAND
POST 0247 - DAVID PARKER - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0254 - HAROLD SMITH - JOHNSTOWN
POST 0257 - WAYNE DESSENBERG - LOUDONVILLE
POST 0257 - RICHARD GINDLESBERGER - LOUDONVILLE
POST 0257 - LESLIE MIDDLETON - TRINITY
POST 0260 - JAMES KUHN - ATTICA
POST 0262 - HAROLD SABIN - MAUMEE
POST 0265 - JAMES MYERS - ARCHBOLD
POST 0265 - JAY MCCAULEY - STERLING HEIGHTS
POST 0265 - ARTHUR LEWALLEN - SWANTON
POST 0266 - ROBERT COFFMAN - HUNTSVILLE
POST 0268 - JERRY MERICLE - DELPHOS
POST 0272 - ROBERT CURLEY - AKRON
POST 0281 - DAVID LIGHTLE - KENT
POST 0282 - DAVID MENGES - DALTON
POST 0283 - RUSSEL HAIRSTON - PICKERINGTON
POST 0283 - ROBERT LAYNE - PICKERINGTON
POST 0283 - ANTHONY YENICHEK - BALTIMORE
POST 0284 - DOYLE WINES - BRYAN
POST 0284 - W PAUL TRODER - BRYAN
POST 0286 - JACK YEAGER - NEW CARLISLE
POST 0286 - JERRY LEE - NEW CARLISLE
POST 0287 - ROBERT NADLER - LEIPSIC
POST 0288 - CHARLES FARLEY - BATAVIA
POST 0288 - GERALD LINK - GLADWIN
POST 0288 - RAYMOND SMITHSON - THE VILLAGES
POST 0290 - DEAN TAGGART - COLUMBIANA
POST 0291 - JERRY SHERWOOD - KINGSTON
POST 0292 - ROLLAND BURTON - NEW LONDON
POST 0300 - RONALD BRETZ - NAPOLEON
POST 0300 - MEREDITH BAINS - FAIRVIEW
POST 0300 - RAY GORDON - NAPOLEON
POST 0300 - BEN COOK - NAPOLEON
POST 0301 - JOHN CONLEY - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0305 - JAMES GEBERS - CUSTAR
POST 0318 - PETER LOWRY - CINCINNATI
POST 0318 - STANLEY ROGERS - CINCINNATI
POST 0320 - GORDON GOULD - CHELSEA
POST 0320 - GREG SMITH - TOLEDO
POST 0320 - PATRICK SZOZDA - TOLEDO
POST 0322 - DONALD WHIPP - LEWISBURG
POST 0322 - CHARLES KOGER - EATON
POST 0324 - STANLEY HOFFMAN - GENOA
POST 0327 - GEORGE COLVIN - CORNING
POST 0327 - CLARENCE THOMPSON - HEMLOCK
POST 0330 - EUGENE HOOVER - ROGERS
POST 0330 - LOUIS LANGE - WAPAKONETA
POST 0331 - GEORGE COOPY - RAVENNA
POST 0331 - GEORGE RANDALL - RAVENNA
POST 0331 - DAVID ROGERS - RAVENNA
POST 0331 - JOHNNY DANIELS - MANTUA

POST 0332 - ROY MUNCY - LIBERTY CENTER
POST 0332 - MICHAEL STOCK - WESTON
POST 0334 - JOHN GERCAK - NORTHWOOD
POST 0334 - ALBERT MANTEUFFEL - TOLEDO
POST 0334 - WILLIAM SCHULTZ - TOLEDO
POST 0335 - HAROLD DAVIS - LONG BEACH
POST 0335 - MICHAEL LORA - DUBLIN
POST 0336 - RONALD LIGGETT - MENTOR
POST 0336 - ARTHUR JOHNSON - PAINESVILLE
POST 0336 - LESTER EBOSH - MENTOR
POST 0336 - M ROSS KOOYMAN - LARGO
POST 0338 - VERNON GRABER - BRADNER
POST 0338 - PAUL CROUSE - RISINGSUN
POST 0342 - RONALD ALSPACH - THORNVILLE
POST 0342 - GLENN COOPERRIDER - THORNVILLE
POST 0344 - JAMES MESSMER - MEDINA
POST 0355 - SAM BARHORST - FORT LORAMIE
POST 0355 - EDWARD GIGANDET - FORT LORAMIE
POST 0362 - RAYMOND KRUGH - SPRINGFIELD
POST 0362 - FRED MAYS - SPRINGFIELD
POST 0366 - FRANK VIGOFFI - FLUSHING
POST 0371 - WILLIAM KIMBEL - WELLSTON
POST 0371 - CHARLES MILLER - MC ARTHUR
POST 0371 - LEONARD PERKINS - MC ARTHUR
POST 0373 - WILLIAM TAYLOR - DELTA
POST 0374 - LARRY WALLACE - EAST LIVERPOOL
POST 0374 - RUDY FRANK - FORT MYERS
POST 0374 - FRANK ROBERTS - WELLSVILLE
POST 0384 - STEVEN ASZTALOS - FARMINGTON HILLS
POST 0384 - BUSTER NEELEY - GRAND RAPIDS
POST 0384 - RICHARD SHOEMAKER - WATERVILLE
POST 0387 - CHARLES HOYING - MINSTER
POST 0387 - ROBERT LAMMERS - MINSTER
POST 0387 - JEROME OSTERLOH - NEW BREMEN
POST 0389 - RICHARD IRVINE - WATERFORD
POST 0389 - RONALD TYSON - BEVERLY
POST 0397 - DONALD FISCHER - VERMILION
POST 0397 - PHILIP KUDELA - VERMILION
POST 0399 - TERRY SMYTHE - DRESDEN
POST 0406 - DANNY RIDENER - BETHEL
POST 0407 - CHARLES ROSS - DOYLESTOWN
POST 0417 - HOWARD SHUMATE - MOUNT STERLING
POST 0425 - WALTER DELANEY - CINCINNATI
POST 0432 - MARVIN DURST - WAYNESBURG
POST 0434 - RALPH HARDING - TIFFIN
POST 0435 - DALE PETITJEAN - VERSAILLES
POST 0438 - STEVE BECKNER - NORTH RIDGEVILLE
POST 0438 - WILLIAM RICHARDS - BRUNSWICK
POST 0442 - WILLIAM MADISON - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0446 - ROBERT VEHORN - ARCANUM
POST 0447 - CRAIG FORQUER - PLYMOUTH
POST 0447 - CARLTON RUNKLE - PLYMOUTH
POST 0447 - RALPH HUMPHREY - SHELBY
POST 0449 - ALBERT MCINTYRE - AKRON
POST 0450 - WILLIAM SINGLETON - LOVELAND
POST 0450 - EDWARD BIRD - CINCINNATI
POST 0450 - ROBERT EHRHARDT - SARDINIA
POST 0451 - ROBERT TRUHAN - CLEVELAND
POST 0452 - JUANITA STRITTMATTER - AKRON
POST 0455 - R MOLTER - PORT CLINTON
POST 0455 - ADELBERT DORFMAYER - WOODVILLE
POST 0457 - RICHARD GAREE - CENTERBURG
POST 0457 - JERRY RICKETTS - GALENA
POST 0459 - FRANCIS WARDEGA - CHESTERLAND
POST 0468 - HOWARD KOLBE - LAMBERTVILLE
POST 0468 - WILLIAM GILLIGAN - TOLEDO
POST 0468 - JAMES BEILHARZ - TOLEDO
POST 0468 - THOMAS VANDYKE - SYLVANIA
POST 0468 - MICHAEL ORTYL - SYLVANIA
POST 0470 - DAVID SCHWARTZ - COLDWATER
POST 0470 - DALE SUTTER - COLDWATER
POST 0472 - RICHARD GREGG - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0472 - JOHN GRIZZARD - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0472 - GARY HEID - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0472 - ALBERT MARWOOD - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0472 - SAM RESTUCCIO - CANFIELD
POST 0472 - BOB ROTHGEB - YOUNGSTOWN
POST 0473 - ROBERT ADAIR - AKRON
POST 0475 - EARL CATTRELL - CARROLLTON
POST 0479 - THOMAS JUSTEN - SWANTON
POST 0479 - RICHARD ZIEROFF - SWANTON
POST 0479 - MICHAEL KENNEDY - SWANTON
POST 0479 - WAYNE HARTUNG - TOLEDO
POST 0479 - PAUL KREUZ - SWANTON
POST 0479 - KEITH RITENOUR - SWANTON
POST 0479 - HOWARD YUNKER - SWANTON
POST 0482 - BARRY GIBSON - NEW PHILA
POST 0482 - CHARLES HOST - SCIO
POST 0482 - LEONARD COOPER - HOPEDALE
POST 0482 - CHARLES BENNING - CARROLLTON
POST 0483 - DALE DAVIS - FRANKFORT
POST 0492 - MARVIN JONES - LIBERTY CTR
POST 0500 - CLIFFORD RADEL - MOUNT VERNON
POST 0506 - CLIFFORD JONES - BROOKFIELD
POST 0513 - LESTER ROWEKAMP - MOUNT HEALTHY
POST 0513 - RONALD KRASS - CINCINNATI
POST 0513 - RICHARD PACKER - CINCINNATI
POST 0516 - ART AGUIRRE - VAUGHNSVILLE
POST 0523 - MARK FIKE - SEVILLE
POST 0526 - BERNARD LOJAS - IRWIN
POST 0526 - CECIL CUSICK - SPRINGBORO
POST 0526 - RONALD SCHWARTZKOPF - FAIRBORN
POST 0526 - ODIE BLACKBURN - FAIRBORN
POST 0529 - JOSEPH KENSICKI - FREDERICKSBURG
POST 0529 - NICK KARRAS - SAINT CLAIRSVILLE
POST 0530 - WILLIAM MCMILLAN - MORROW
POST 0532 - JAMES CHEADLE - GROVE CITY
POST 0532 - BRUCE STULL - COLUMBUS
POST 0534 - CHARLES MORGAN - MIAMISBURG
POST 0534 - PAUL HEMANN - CINCINNATI

POST 0537 - MELVIN LARK - NORTHWOOD
POST 0539 - JOSEPH WHITE - BOWLING GREEN
POST 0539 - PETE LOPEZ - N BALTIMORE
POST 0540 - JOHN JELINEK - PAULDING
POST 0541 - JACK PIPES - CONTINENTAL
POST 0541 - LARRY BROWN - LEIPSIC
POST 0541 - BERTRAM HARTER - CLOVERDALE
POST 0541 - LEONARD COLLIER - DEFIANCE
POST 0553 - RICHARD GAJEWICZ - TOLEDO
POST 0553 - JAMES MAYWEATHER - TOLEDO
POST 0553 - EVERETT ANDERSON - TOLEDO
POST 0553 - RUSSELL CHAPMAN - TOLEDO
POST 0554 - RALPH HEFFNER - DEER PARK
POST 0566 - GERALD HALMAN - AKRON
POST 0572 - NORMAN HOPRICH - INDEPENDENCE
POST 0572 - JOHN KUCHERA - DALLAS
POST 0574 - DONALD HONS - BELOIT
POST 0584 - JAMES NOLAN - MARION
POST 0584 - RONALD CLINGER - LA RUE
POST 0584 - KENNETH DIBLE - LAKEVIEW
POST 0586 - LARRY MILLER - BELLBROOK
POST 0586 - PATRICK REESE - TIPP CITY
POST 0586 - RICHARD SCHELB - TIPP CITY
POST 0587 - HERBERT RUDNICKI - MARYSVILLE
POST 0598 - JOSEPH JECKERING - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - VIRGIL ANGUS - MIAMISBURG
POST 0598 - DAVID DARRAH - KETTERING
POST 0598 - LOUIS ILLES - OAKWOOD
POST 0598 - ARNOLD SANDNESS - MELBOURNE
POST 0598 - RAYMOND SCROGGY - DAYTON
POST 0598 - THOMAS SPITZIG - CINCINNATI
POST 0598 - ROBERT THOBABEN - DAYTON
POST 0598 - GLENN URSHEL - SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
POST 0598 - HARRY WYATT - DAYTON
POST 0598 - LYNN KELLER - MESA
POST 0598 - R BAKER - OAKWOOD
POST 0598 - JAMES DEIME - KETTERING
POST 0598 - DAVID DUNCOMBE - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - GENE EDMONDSON - DAYTON
POST 0598 - JOHN LINCOLN - DAYTON
POST 0598 - GEORGE MIKALOUSKAS - KETTERING
POST 0598 - THOMAS SMYCZEK - MORAINE
POST 0598 - DONALD TANGEMAN - DAYTON
POST 0598 - JOHN MONNETT - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - GERHARD BRUENINGHAUS - CENTERVILLE
POST 0598 - JOSEPH FANELLI - KETTERING
POST 0598 - DAVID WICKS - KETTERING
POST 0605 - CLYDE BURK - MARION
POST 0610 - LAVERNE SHAFFER - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - GILBERT KOCUR - CLEVELAND
POST 0610 - WILLIAM ZABKAR - MEDINA
POST 0610 - ALBERT HELSEL - BROOKPARK
POST 0610 - THOMAS DIETRICK - ROOTSTOWN
POST 0610 - ROBERT BARR - OLMSTED TWP
POST 0610 - NORMAN CALFEE - NORTH ROYALTON
POST 0610 - JACK MONTGOMERY - PHILIPPI
POST 0610 - DONALD MOSS - CLEVELAND
POST 0610 - STEVE SZEKELY - SOUTH EUCLID
POST 0610 - DONALD WENZ - MANTUA
POST 0610 - ANDREW YANKOVICH - STREETSBORO
POST 0613 - MARVIN GRIFFIN - DAYTON
POST 0613 - DOUGLAS TIBBETTS - DAYTON
POST 0614 - OLIVER MCNALLY - ORIENT
POST 0615 - LOUIS HERNANDEZ - WAYNESVILLE
POST 0618 - LARRY BEARD - CIRCLEVILLE
POST 0619 - JAMES EARNEST - DAYTON
POST 0619 - THOMAS BROWN - DAYTON
POST 0630 - KENTON GAST - CINCINNATI
POST 0631 - DAVID LETT - CINCINNATI
POST 0631 - MELVIN WHITE - CINCINNATI
POST 0633 - T SHELTON - SEAMAN
POST 0637 - JAMES LYONS - PATASKALA
POST 0637 - ROBERT MILLER - LANCASTER
POST 0642 - DAVID WALLACE - PERRYSBURG
POST 0646 - GARY LEASURE - MAUMEE
POST 0650 - JOHN HAMMOND - DANVILLE
POST 0668 - ROBERT BRENNAN - DAYTON
POST 0668 - DAVID LEE - VANDALIA
POST 0674 - PHILIP SNYDER - WINDHAM
POST 0674 - LLOYD MCPHERSON - WINDHAM
POST 0677 - DAVID KARR - GALENA
POST 0677 - RICHARD GETZ - LANCASTER
POST 0677 - VERNON PIERCE - CANAL WINCHESTER
POST 0678 - THOMAS MORGAN - MENTOR ON LK
POST 0678 - MARTIN NORSIC - EUCLID
POST 0680 - WARREN HART - NEY
POST 0681 - THOMAS STRETCH - WEST CHESTER
POST 0681 - WILLIAM MURPHY - WEST CHESTER
POST 0682 - ROBERT DYER - JEWETT
POST 0682 - DALE STEWART - BERGHOLZ
POST 0685 - CHUCK KOCISKO - STREETSBORO
POST 0685 - WILLIAM MCDONALD - RAVENNA
POST 0700 - RICHARD GINKINGER - WARREN
POST 0703 - GERALD STEINBRICK - PARMA
POST 0703 - ROBERT CARTER - BRUNSWICK
POST 0703 - RONALD FLOWERS - MIDDLEBRG HTS
POST 0703 - DAN SHOFAR - CLEVELAND
POST 0703 - DAVID WHITKOFSKI - STRONGSVILLE
POST 0703 - JAMES HAMMOND - PARMA
POST 0703 - RONALD BANISAUCKAS - NORTH ROYALTON
POST 0706 - PAUL BERNIER - LACEY
POST 0706 - LESTER CHASE - NORWALK
POST 0707 - STEPHEN GROVE - DAYTON
POST 0707 - KERRY RYAN - PHILLIPSBURG
POST 0707 - WILLIAM TOLLE - UNION
POST 0710 - ROBERT CLARK - MARENGO
POST 0719 - ROBERT SHICK - ORWELL
POST 0733 - TOM HARTSEL - BETTSVILLE
POST 0737 - DONALD LEGG - LAKE MILTON
POST 0737 - LEROY JOHNS - LAKE MILTON

POST 0738 - JOHN MARX - BROOKPARK
 POST 0740 - THOMAS GRIMM - RICHMOND
 POST 0746 - MARVIN FIORE - DAYTON
 POST 0754 - ROBERT DRUMM - MOUNT GILEAD
 POST 0757 - JOHNNIE HENDERSON - JACKSON
 POST 0757 - JAMES JOSLYN - CHILLICOTHE
 POST 0760 - ALLEN POWELL - SARDIS
 POST 0760 - KENNETH ALLEMAN - CLARINGTON
 POST 0760 - BERNARD COLEMAN - CLARINGTON
 POST 0760 - DAVID SPITZER - COLUMBUS
 POST 0762 - DONALD COMER - DAYTON
 POST 0762 - EARL DOHNER - BROOKVILLE
 POST 0763 - GEORGE PHILLIPS - DAYTON
 POST 0764 - JOHN FINCATO - NEWARK
 POST 0764 - J. JOHNSON - NEWARK
 POST 0768 - RANDY GRAMLICH - BEALLSVILLE
 POST 0768 - HENRY JOHNSON - CLARINGTON
 POST 0768 - RAY MOORE - DAVID
 POST 0771 - WALTER GEMMELL - GRANVILLE
 POST 0776 - LEONARD LAPOMA - DAYTON
 POST 0787 - MICHAEL ECHELBERGER - SPRINGFIELD
 POST 0797 - GERALD SHANER - WESTERVILLE
 POST 0798 - GEORGE KASINECZ - PATASKALA
 POST 0798 - WILLIAM HALSEY - REYNOLDSBURG
 POST 0799 - JANET SHEEHAN - HILLIARD
 POST 0801 - WILLIAM DAVIS - NORTHFIELD
 POST 0801 - BARTON BENJAMIN - MACEDONIA
 POST 0801 - RUSSELL RODICK - OAKWOOD VILLAGE
 POST 0801 - JOSEPH FOGEL - NORTHFIELD
 POST 0804 - ROBERT HULL - ALEXANDRIA
 POST 0888 - DANIEL GREER - ZANESVILLE
 POST 0888 - GARY CARPENTER - UNIONTOWN
 POST 0888 - LOWELL CUMMINS - AUBURNDALE
 POST 0888 - THOMAS BOTTOMLEY - LEWIS CENTER
 POST 0888 - EDWARD THOMAS - ROSEVILLE
 POST 0888 - DUANE HAYS - DUBLIN
 POST 0888 - VERNON CRUTCHFIELD - CINCINNATI
 POST 0888 - MERTON COMPTON - BOWLING GREEN
 POST 0888 - DONALD BROWN - COLUMBUS
 POST 0888 - WILLIAM EYRE - TOLEDO
 POST 0888 - WALTER ROTH - GROVE CITY
 POST 0888 - DAVID HUFFORD - ROSSFORD
 POST 0888 - LEO PAWLOWSKI - TOLEDO
 POST 0888 - BOBBY MAYNARD - BRUNSWICK
 POST 0888 - ALBERT ALLEN - POWELL
 POST 0888_AD - EDWARD WISE - LORAIN
 POST 0888_AD - ROGER EPLEY - MARION
 POST 0888_AD - BILL PAUL - REPUBLIC
 POST 0888_AD - DONALD KEEHAN - AVON

Meet our New Employee: Kathleen (Kat) Wood

Executive Administrative Assistant

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Let's welcome Kat to the American Legion Department of Ohio family as she embarks on her position, Executive Administrative Assistant for the Department Adjutant, John Robinson. She is super excited to return to the work force after being a stay home mom to three boys, ages 17,



15, and 5 for nearly a decade. During this time, Kat returned to Central Ohio Technical College and then to The Ohio State university to obtain a degree in education. After obtaining her degree, she is known for her volunteer efforts with various organizations and facilities such as Big Brother, Big Sister, Hayes Elementary school in the Marion City School district and with various court systems and recovery centers to sponsor and support folks in the recovery community.

Some interesting facts about Mrs. Wood include being crowned Miss Jr. Ohio in the Miss Jr. America pageant circuit in 2012 and placing top 10 at the national level. She has always been an incredibly empathetic person, so the service and non-profit industries have been a perfect fit for her with the things she's passionate about in life, her personality and her personal strengths. Throughout her professional endeavors she's obtained numerous notable certifications, special training and awards. Some of these notable accomplishments include becoming a certified Diamondtologist and Certified Gemologist in 2014, Food safety certifications, peer support certificate and special training in employee motivation, child and human development and building relationships.

We here at Department HQ look forward to the dynamic she will bring to the team and the superior service she will provide our Posts and members alike. Welcome Kat!

Upcoming forms Due:



THE AMERICAN LEGION

POST DATA REPORT (PDR) - UPDATES ONLY

_____ **MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

Department _____ Post No. _____ District/County _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

UPDATES:

1) **Post Home (Physical) Address:** _____

2) **Post Mailing Address:** _____

3) **Post Dues Mailing Address:** _____

Note: If the post dues mailing address contains a member name or is being sent to a member's home address as the contact, provide the member's ID number. Member No. _____

4) **Post Dues Update:** Dues will be \$ _____ . _____
 Note: All dues rates will be effective as of **July 1st** unless an alternate date is entered. This is the amount shown on annual renewal notices. Effective Date: ____ / ____ / ____
Month Day Year

5) **Post Telephone Number:** _____ - _____ - _____

6) **Post Email Address:** _____

7) **Post Website or Facebook Page:** _____

8) **Post Meeting Date & Time Schedule:** _____
 (Example: 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 PM)

9) **Post has an SAL Squadron** 12) **Smoking permitted** **No Smoking**

10) **Post has an Legion Riders Chapter** 13) **Post has a Club Room (food/drink)**

11) **Facilities are available to rent for events**

Name _____ Date _____
Type your First and Last Name to serve as your digital signature Format: mm/dd/yyyy (select date by clicking in box)

Title _____
 Authorized Representative

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NOTICE

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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 Veterans' 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)
- 82 participated in *Four Chaplains Sunday* event(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.)
- 105 \$ _____ cost of all other child service charities
- 106 \$ _____ contributions to all other child-servicing/youth organizations
- 107 \$ _____ cost to post for *Veterans & Children Foundation* activities

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 _____

★ Gary W. Cox Jr. ★

Gary is a proud member of the following organizations...

*Harold Bradley Post 584 (PUFL), SAL Squadron 584,
CVMA 12-1 (LM), VFW 7201 (LM), WWP Alumni,
Marine Corps League 1437, & ALR 254*

American Legion

*22 PUFL Member Harold Bradley #584
National Appointee of National Security Council 2023 - Present
Member Department Bowling Committee 2022 - Present
Past Post Vice Commander 2022 - 2024
Past 6th District Commander 2021 - 2023
2nd Place "Race to the Top" Small District 2021 - 2022*

Sons of American Legion

*33 year Member Harold Bradley #584
Charter Member #584 (1992)
Past Squadron Commander 1999 - 2000
Past 6th District Commander 2000 - 2001
Past Detachment Asst Sgt at Arms 1997 - 1998
Distinguished Guest 2004 SAL National Convention*



Personal Achievements

*Buckeye Boys State Alumni (2000)
Buckeye Boys State Staff (2017)
Buckeye Boys State Trustee (2022)
Buckeye American Legion College (2024)
National American Legion College (2024)
Ohio State University Alumni (2014)
- Bachelor's in Psychology*

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