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COMMANDERS' MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2019

The American Legion was born at a caucus of the American Expeditionary Force (A.E.F) in Paris, France, led by, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., March 17-19, 1919, which lead to an organizational caucus held in May 8-10, 1919 in St. Louis, MO. Participation by delegates regardless of rank, religion, race came together to build an association of veterans whose primary devotion was to God and Country. These caucuses created a firm comradeship dedicated to fair and equitable treatment for all veterans, maintaining of national security for America and promotion of patriottsm. These caucuses finally led to the naming of this fraternity "The American Legion" by Maurice K. Gordon.

The key behind all of these caucuses were participation by all, with new lofty ideals and perceptions to better care for veterans, a sense of obligation to the community, state and nation. Participation and perception of a post largely defines a post and all posts are not alike, although there is a tendency to think so.

Membership troubles, obtaining volunteers, perception that members in the post with narrow or dominant views overwhelm any group with a different perception, can prevent the development of new activities that would produce new leaders and new members.

Participation of all members, not just a few, will encourage and can result in expansion of new activities that will develop new programs, activities, new leaders and members. The Post saw the result of this in 2018.

In February as Commander, I will be establishing a Nominating Committee for Officers also the PC/LM committee will be selecting a 2nd nominating committee from PC/LM members. I'm asking all members to consider running for Post 484 Offices, and Chairperson Positions, and get involved this coming year. The Post still needs to continue this wave of change, next time you hear someone tell you that its' always been done that way or that it cannot be changed, remember this; "One time we all rode Horses".

For God and Country, Steven N. Ervin, Commander **MEMBERSHIP!!!**

We are getting close. The Post is a few members away from getting quota! Letters are being sent to those that still need to pay their dues. Please continue to renew your memberships. Our Post can only continue to grow and make changes with the support of members and new members. Ask a friend, or a neighbor to join the

Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Legion Riders. Lets' help Tony and all our Legion families reach their goals. Steven Ervin, Commander

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

January started out with a great "Eye Opener", led by Dick Ruzsa and Dan Mugavin. I heard it was standing room only and Bloody Mary's were a flowing, "Thank you", Dick and Dan and all those that brought in food/ snacks for this event.

AMERICAN LEGION ANNIVERSARY

As indicated above 2019 is the celebration of 100 Years of The American Legion, Post 484 is planning to hold a celebration of this anniversary and hold an open house where we can display and present all Post 484 family groups and our Post to the community and businesses in Mt. Washington. Proposed date at this time is March 23rd, 2019. Glenn Johnson and his committee members will be holding numerous meetings regarding this event as the time comes nearer. Please plan to attend these meetings and support this event, let your friends and neighbors know. This will be a great way to learn about our Post history and exhibit your own veteran items or materials in those conflicts where you served. If you have items you would like to display during this event, please contact Nick Hillebrand at (513)-526-3710.

Steven Ervin, Commander

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPER BOWL PARTY The Post 484 Super Bowl Party will take place on Sunday, February 3, beginning at 6:30 P.M. Admission is \$10 as you arrive. This covers food, soft drinks and beer. There will also be Split-The-Pot. Please come and enjoy.

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT The Auxiliary will be holding a Corn Hole Tournament on February 17th at the Post. Please support our Auxiliary fundraiser, bring your friends and neighbors. What better way to have a good time to drink a little beer and throw some corn around, for details contact Mary Nash and Vicki Monroe.

2019 FISH FRIES It is FISH FRY season again, and POST 484 has the greatest Fish Fry in the area. These fish fries are a major fundraiser so let your family and friends know the date and times. Jan. 25, Feb. 22, and Lenten period: March 8, 15, 22, and 29, April 5, 12 and Good Friday 19. The time is 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Please come support your Post and this event and

those of you who would like to volunteer to help, please contact chairperson, Rick Ahlrichs. Also, at at the January 25 Fish Fry, WWII & Korean vets eat free.

CALLING ALL DARTERS The Post is planning to hold open dart tournaments on Thursday nights in the clubroom, the first date will be scheduled for February 7th, 2019. Bring your friends and neighbors, what better way to get out of the cold this winter. The tournament will be open draw regarding teams and individual brackets will also be available.

ST PATRICK DAY DANCE The Auxiliary will be having their annual St. Patrick's Day dance on March 16th, schedule yourself and friends and mark your calendars to attend this upcoming event in March. More details will be forth coming in near future.

SAL SPAGHETTI DINNER The SAL will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner in March, this is a great event also and fundraiser for our SAL. Further details will be forthcoming as the event nears.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING POST #484 FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS Joel Belcher & Family on passing of Joel's mother-Carol

Robert Bridges Family on passing of Robert 12/19/18 Ron Young on his continued recovery from recent hospitalization

Good news recently received from Tom Dreyer on his improved medical condition and follow-up care Bill Michel in his ongoing treatment for eye problems Dave Hurst in his recovery from recent eye surgeries Serenil Family - George Monroe - Dewey Anderson -Donna Transbarger - Walt Croswait- Lou Dimmerman -Kevin Nelson - Dick Vliet - Hugh Scott - David Ficks -Larry Latham - Denny Lahey - Ron Murphy -Warren Anderson - Lynn Sollberger - Ken Klein - Bob Carr women for the 2019 Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye -David Robinson - Bob Coleman - Larry Foster -Jim Brown - George & Lois Henson - George Ahlrichs AND OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS

AMERICANISM

Past Presidents Birthdays:

Feb 6 Ronald Reagan #40, 9 William H Harrison #9 12 Abraham Lincoln #16, 22 George Washington #1

On the recent Americanism & Government Test, our top scorers by gender & grade were: Sr. Boy Andrew Geers 98, Sr. Girl McKenzie Miler 96, Jr. Boy Jack Munzel 88, Jr. Girl Madison Kiuche 86. 100 was the top possible score. All four Winners were from McNicholas. The two Seniors. & Jr. Boy also were No 1 at the District level.

We thank President Vicki Monroe & her Auxiliary staff for helping in the grading & their financial support. Also, a big thank you to Social Studies Teacher Mr. Royal for his educational contributions.

Our Drill Squad will participate in the upcoming 4 Chaplains Service at St. Boniface Church, Feb. 10th, 12PM We will leave the Post at approximately 10:45AM.

Saturday, March 23, our Post will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the National American Legion with a program from about 1:30 to 4:30PM. Many Post, SAL, Auxiliary & Legion Riders will aid In the presentation.

Please aid if asked to participate. This is a great opportunity to showcase our contributions, garner Community support, & gain membership. Glenn Johnson. Americanism

VIETNAM SERVICE PIN

We are planning to have an awards ceremony for our Vietnam Veterans. Congress has commissioned a lapel pin to be awarded to all veterans who served at least one day of active service during the period from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. It does not matter where you served.

There are special pins for spouses of deceased veterans, for immediate family members of Veterans listed on the Vietnam Memorial, and immediate families of missing and unaccounted for veterans and POW's. First we must determine how many of our members want to be involved in this program so we are asking you to sign the list on the bulletin board in the clubroom or contact Bill Harris 474-1330 to have your name added to the list. Post 484 has more than 100 Vietnam Veterans and we hope at least 50 or more of our members will want to take part in this ceremony.

As soon as possible we will set a date and time for this very special program and we are considering April or May. We can never forget how our Vietnam Veterans were treated when they returned and this is a way to show them they are not and will not be forgotten.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

January started new year to enlist young men and Girls State programs.

I will be in touch with my counselors and teachers to get their help in the selection of boys for this great program. It is my hope to be able to send 20 young men to this leadership class this year. Last year we were able to send 21. The TOTAL number of Boy Stators in attendance last year from Ohio was 1200.

I want to thank all the people who last year donated to this wonderful program. I am again asking for support this year. The cost to send one boy is \$300.00. I will be pleased to receive any amount of money to help this year. All donations are tax deductible, as we, M.W.Y. Inc.. are a 501 C 3 Corporation. Anyone wishing to donate please make your check out to M.W.Y. Inc. and mail to the Post. Thank you!

Also, I would ask someone to consider replacing me in this position for 2020. I will be happy to explain, train and help you to lead this very meaningful job.

If anyone has questions concerning this program or details about this program please contact me at (513) 753-7327. Thank you for your continued support. Charlie Sollberger, BBS Chairman

COMMUNITY SERVICE

"SHARE THE LOVE" to benefit SEM Food Pantry in Mt. Washington.

For this month's Breakfast Buffet on February 10, donate 2 non-perishable food items and receive \$1.00 off your breakfast.

Come play Bingo on Thursdays in the month of February and bring 2 non-perishable food items and receive a free 3 face bingo card.

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items and any monetary donations thru the month of February, there will be a box in the coat room marked for these donations.

Your donations will help fill SEM Food Pantry shelves. Liz Castle 232-5648

MAGAZINES FOR VETERANS

If you have any magazines you no longer need, please

place them in the box in the Legion club room and they will be delivered to Vets in nursing homes by people who visit them. Thanks.

Bill Hosking

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Santa (Bill) would like to thank everyone who made Lunch with Santa such a great party for 120 children.

LOCKER FEES

Locker fees are due in January. Fee is \$3. Drop your payment in the clubroom lockbox, along with your name and locker umber.

VETERANS BREAKFAST

The veterans Breakfast at the New England Club will be held on Thursday, February 14th at 9pm. The guest speaker will be Tom Adkins, a Post 484 member.

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February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30PM Cinti VA Hospital (CLC) for evening patient activity	2- Mixed Couples Bowling League
3 Super Bowl Party	4	5 7PM Post Mtg	6 7PM Auxiliary Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM Hamilton County Council Mtg @ Post #425 (Cheviot)	7 10:30AM Bingo 7PM Sons of the American Legion Mtg	8	9
10 9AM-NOON Buffet Breakfast NOON- Four Chaplains Service @ ST. Boniface	11	12 7:30PM Auxiliary Mtg	13 6:30PM Jr, Girls Mtg 7PM Communication Comm Mtg	14 10:30AM Bingo	15 6:30PM Social Night	16 10AM 4th District Exec Bd Mtg @ Post #513 (Mt, Healthy) Mixed Couples Bowling League
17 11AM Corn Hole Tournament 2PM Legion Riders Mtg	18	19	20	21 10:30AM Bingo	20 4:30-8PM Fish Fry	23 8PM-Midnight Hall Rental
24 1PM 4th District Oratorical Contest @ Mason Community Bldg	25	26 7PM Post Exec Bd Mtg	27	28 10:30AM Bingo		