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### MEETING DATE CHANGE

This Year, since the usual meeting date falls on New Years Day, the January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3rd.

### COMMANDERS' MESSAGE

By the time you read this article, you will have hopefully enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you didn't make the December meeting, you missed a great dinner, open bar, and great camaraderie by all Legion Family Groups. I want to thank Nick Hillebrand for spearheading this dinner, Charlie Sollberger for the great whiskey sours, the Auxiliary for decorating the hall and Gary Holden for the Christmas background music.

Looking back 2018 was a year of change and growth in many areas; we saw new volunteers step-up to assist and take over responsibilities, we saw an increase in younger members performing officer responsibilities and driving Post changes. A newer media website was established and is still being driven by the Communication Committee and our younger members. A channel of communication between Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders, Facebook and Legion was established.

Our Color Guard saw increased membership and was recognized in the Ohio Legion News for taking part in McNicholas High School field lighting ceremony. The also and performed at County Veterans Parade and (Semper Fi) UFC fund raiser and at numerous community events. We established a NEW Legion family unit - Legion Post 484 Riders under the direction of Gary Holden, that has expanded to 7 members and 4 supporters. Monday night Bingo under the direction of Chester Canter was added this past year. We saw combined efforts between all Legion family groups to ensure our Post Carnival and Turkey Raffle was successful. This same support carried over into our monthly breakfast and fish fry events. We saw a reinstatement of Post championship golf outing. Our Boys and Girls State chairs. Vicki Monroe and Charlie Sollberger sponsored 21 boy and 6 girl participants in 2018. I think this was the highest number of participants from our Post.

Post members challenged the Post for activities and changes, SAL Donnie Robinson Jr, held a dance for the Legion and Gary Holden held its first Riders dance activity. Our social night was changed to Friday nights which has increased attendance. The Post held its first Trunk or Treat for community children. Sweets & Meats joined the Legion 484 in sponsoring a Fathers' Day Buffet, which also got a little TV time. We painted the hall and clubroom and added carpet in these areas and fixed many items needing repair,

We could not accomplish all of this without thanking

And recognizing our Legion family support groups this past year. SAL made numerous donations to Post Carnival and donated money to numerous post projects, supported start-up of our Post Riders, placed new LED lighting in the hall, fixed the compressor and replaced the hall cooler and sponsored a Boys State participant. They organized 4 CLC events for veterans and held their annual spaghetti dinner and horseshoe tournament.

The Auxiliary held their Wine & Cheese event for Inter-Parish Ministries, Craft Boutique for the community, spearheaded Poppy and Girls State programs, awarded 3 scholarships. The Children and Youth program assembled no sew blankets for children of Saul House, adopted several families for Christmas and gave away numerous promotion materials on patriotism.

Post Riders participated and represented Post 484 in numerous American Legion Riders events and programs, ran a Cinco de Mayo fundraiser dance for the Post, sponsored Post 484 golf hole at 4th District and made donations to carnival and for ongoing Post repairs and events and are continuing to grow Rider membership.

The Post awarded 9 scholarships across local schools including 1 from the PCLM and received a 4th District award for Gift for Yanks donation.

While all of this was being done by our Legion family support groups, they spent numerous hours working at Bingo, Breakfast, Fish Fry, Carnival, Raffle and our Post events. As I have indicated before Post 484 has one of the greatest SAL, Auxiliary, AL Riders and PCLM support groups in the 4th District. I thank ALL of you for your support this past year. Let's continue to make changes in 2019, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For God and Country, Steven N. Ervin, Commander

### MEMBERSHIP

Please continue to renew your memberships. Our Post can only continue to grow and make changes with the support of members. Ask a friend, or a neighbor to join the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Riders. Steven Ervin, Commander

### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING POST #484 FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Roland & Karen Serenil and family in passing of Karen's mother-12/8/18

Speedy recovery to George Monroe after a fall at home  
Rick Nash in his recuperation from recent hospitalization  
Ed Benken & family on passing of Ed's sister - Joyce  
11/12/18

Robert Bridges - Dewy Anderson - Donna Transbarger

Walt Crowwait - Kevin Nelson - Tom Dreyer - Dick Vliet - Hugh Scott - Davis Ficks - Larry Latham - Lou Dimmerman - Ron Murphy - Warren Anderson - Lynn Sollberger - Ken Klein - Dave Hurst - Bob Carr - Denny Lahey - David Robinson - Bob Coleman - Larry Foster - Jim Brown - George & Lois Henson - George Ahlrichs and  
**OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS**  
Dave Hurst, Chaplain

### **AMERICANISM**

We welcome Madalena, "Madi", Hanthorn to our Americanism Committee. Madi will serve our Americanism Committee as first assistant to Glenn, and train to act as a future Chairwoman. She is an Air Force 9 year veteran, mother of 3, and wife to Brock Hanthorn. He is a post member, and commercial airline pilot. We think that her talent and experience will upgrade our committee achievements.

Our Color Guard participated in the Mt. Washington Holiday Parade, Saturday, December 24. Glenn led the parade by carrying the American Flag.

Congratulations to McNicholas Seniors. Andrew Geers and McKenzie Miller for their success on the Americanism & Government Test. They achieved the 2 highest scores ever for our students. Andrew scored 98 and McKenzie 96 from a possible 100. Glenn Johnson.

### **2019 FISH FRIES**

It is that time of the year again to get ready for the Fish Fries. The Lenten Period does not start until March this year but the Chairperson, Rick Ahlrichs, is planning a fish fry on January 25 and February 22. It is impossible for him to contact all the volunteers and he hopes everyone will return this year. The fish fries are a major fund raiser so let your family and friends know the dates and times. The time is 4:30 to 8:00 pm and the dates are as follows: January 25, February 22, Lenten Period starts March 8, 15, 22 and 29, April 5, 12 and Good Friday 19.

Again this year for the January 25 event we will serve the World War 11 and Korean War Veterans a free dinner. We have the best fish fries in town and we hope to see you for most of them.

### **BUGLER CONTRIBUTOR REQUEST**

At present, some Bugler contributors are sending their articles to the legion email address, but some are still sending to my home email address. We have a legion computer, dedicated to the production of our printed material - Bugler, raffle tickets, etc. and it will facilitate work and minimize the chances for an article to be omitted if all communication is sent to the legion email address.

If articles are sent to my home address, I must forward them to the legion address. If I neglect to do this, or if the email does not go through, we will have a problem. So, in order to reduce errors, please send all Bugler articles to the Legion email address:

**ohiolegion484@gmail.com**

Bill Michel, Bugler Editor

### **TURKEY RAFFLE NEWS**

We want to "THANK" everyone involved in making the Turkey Raffle mailing and event possible. Without our

Legion Family volunteers this fund raiser would not take place. We thank Commander Steve Ervin for taking over as acting chairperson this year. He did an outstanding job.

The crowd attending the Turkey Raffle this year was smaller than in the past but with the support of everyone we made a profit around \$5,000. A large percentage of this comes from the raffle tickets we send to Post 484 Legion Family for you to buy or sell and we want to "Thank You" for a job well done. One winner was a member in Arizona who didn't list his phone number. He just wanted to help. Remember the money you pay for your tickets is a donation and is tax deductible.

This year we made some changes trying to make sure everyone was given an opportunity to buy tickets and make the event more enjoyable. Gary and Debbie Holden have volunteered to be co-chairpersons for next year and we will be meeting to review this year to see what we can do to improve the fund raiser for next year. If you have any suggestions please contact Commander or Chairpersons. Bill Harris

### **EYE OPENERS**

Remember on January 1, 2019 Chairpersons Dan Mugavin and Dick Ruzsa will again host their annual Eye Opener event at Post 484. It will take place in the clubroom starting at 10 am. There will be a charge of \$4.00 and the drinks (bloody marys) are free. Many of the people bring food for breakfast or lunch to share with everyone since some of the people hang around for the football games. This is really a fun event so come on down.

### **THANK YOU TO BUGLER WORKERS**

Every month, I read a lot of "Thank Yous" in the Bugler. I finally realized that I really need to thank the people who work with me on the Bugler: Co-Editor Bill Harris who writes a lot more stuff than I do, and double checks for errors. Thanks again to Bill, joined by Larry Foster, Ernie Johnson, Rolla Bailey, and John Brunett, who work with me on sealing and mailing. Also, thanks to Liz and Chuck Castle who get the Bugler to the downtown post office. Thanks to these workers, you get the Bugler on time each month, Bill Michel

### **CHANGE IN DOOR KEY CARD POLICY**

In the December Bulletin we informed you about the concern changing the front door key card in September to get the 2019 dues paid early. The problem is the 2018 membership card is good until December 31st and a member stated he was being locked out of his Post when he was a member in good standing. Other members had wondered about the policy but felt it worked to get the dues in early.

At the November Executive Board meeting the policy was reviewed and the Board decided to change the policy. Starting this year the new card will be used until January 2020 and the key cards will be changed in January each year in the future.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER, DECEMBER MEETING**

We were very pleased with the number of the Post 484 Family members who came to spend the evening together. The meeting was short, the food was very good

and the music was excellent. We want to say a special "THANK YOU" to 3rd Vice Gary Holden for supplying the Christmas music, to 2nd Vice Nick Hillebrand for preparing the food, to the Auxiliary for the decorating the Post, to Commander Steve Ervin for a well planned meeting, to Charlie Sollberger for the special drinks and to everyone who made this event possible. Christmas is a very special time of the year and it was great way to start the holidays.

**LOCKER FEES**

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

**END OF THE YEAR THANK YOUS**

We want to "THANK" the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 484 for decorating the Post and the hall for Christmas again this year. This helps all of us to get in the Christmas Spirit and

ready for another new year. They have been doing this for many year and it is great to have the Auxiliary as part of our organization. Again, we thank them for their support.

We would to say special "THANK YOU" to Sons Squadron 484 for their support in the many activities that take place at Post 484. They are always there when needed and we appreciate everything they do. It is great to have them as part of our organization.

This year the Legion Riders became an important part of Post 484 and have become involved in the Post 484 activities and we welcome them. It is great to have them as a part of our organization and thank them for their support. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year.

**VETERANS BREAKFAST**

The veterans Breakfast at the New England Club will be held on Thursday, January 10th. The guest speaker will be Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Josh Berkowitz.

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 Trustee.....Ed Benken  
 Trustee .....Dan Mugavin  
 Trustee .....Chuck McDonald

**January 2019**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10AM Eye Openers	2 7:30PM H.C.C. Mtg @ Post #51 (Mt, Healthy)  7PM Auxiliary Exec Bd Mtg	3 10:30AM Bingo  6PM S.A.L. Mtg  7PM Post Mtg	4 6:30PM Cinti VA Hosp (clc)	5 8PM-Midnight Hall Rental  Mixed Couples Bowling League
6	7 Bingo Doors open 12PM Bingo 2PM	8 7:30PM Auxiliary Mtg	9 6:30PM Jr. Girls Mtg	10 Bingo	11	12 10AM 4th District Winter Conf @ #288 (Williamsburg)
13 9AM - Noon Buffet Breakfast	14 Bingo Doors open 12PM Bingo 2PM	15	16	17 Bingo	18 6:30PM Social Night	19 Mixed Couples Bowling League
20 2PM Legion Riders Mtg	21 Bingo Doors open 12PM Bingo 2PM	22	23	24 Bingo	25 4:30-8PM Fish Fry	26
27 9AM-7PM Pinewood Derby	28 Bingo Doors open 12PM Bingo 2PM	29 7PM Post Exec Bd Mtg	30	31		