



AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN LEGION POST 586, TIPP CITY, OHIO

JULY - AUGUST 2026



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Brian Fowle
Commander

As June comes to a close, the Fourth of July weekend is here. As we prepare to celebrate our country's 250th birthday, I hope you are staying cool and making memories with family and friends. On Sunday, July 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., we will provide and cook food for the Annual Legacy Baseball Game with the Canal Jumpers at Tipp City Park. Come enjoy the game and spend time with the community.

I am honored to have been elected as your Post commander in April. I plan to lead with honesty and integrity, always focusing on how we can best serve our veteran community and their families. Our Post has been busy electing and installing officers in various roles. Several members are serving as officers for the first time, while others have

stepped into new positions. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to lead our Legion Family. I also want to thank those who have served our Post and chosen to step down so others can lead. I hope you will remain involved by mentoring and guiding others.

A new membership year has begun, so please watch for renewal notices. We need every member to renew so our Post can remain strong and active.

For God and Country, Commander Brian



LEGION OFFICERS

- Commander - Brian Fowle
- 1st Vice - Mike Brenner
- 2nd Vice - Melissa Fowle
- Adjutant - Dan Elmore
- Finance Officer - Chuck Frazier
- Sgt-At-Arms - Chuck Colby
- Chaplain - Julie Durka
- Service Officer - Bob Steggemann
- Judge Advocate - Harlan Purves
- Historian - Jeff Tipton
- Past Cmdr - Bob Steggemann
- Trustee - John Kessler
- Trustee - Frank March
- Trustee - Vacant
- Post Manager - Chuck Colby

A NEW CHAPTER OF SERVICE



Mike Brenner
1st Vice
Commander

As many of you know, I was recently elected First Vice Commander of Tipp City American Legion Post 586. I am truly honored by the confidence that our members have placed in me, and I look forward to serving our Post in this new role.

One of my first opportunities as First Vice Commander will be representing Post 586 as a delegate to the Department of Ohio Convention in Toledo this July. For many Legionnaires, the convention is something they hear about but may not know much about. It is where Legionnaires from across Ohio come together to discuss issues affecting veterans, share ideas that are working in their communities, and help shape the future direction of our organization.

I am excited to bring the voice of Post 586 to those discussions. One of the things I have learned through my involvement at the district level is that many Posts across Ohio face similar challenges and opportunities. The convention gives us a chance to learn from one another and bring new ideas home that can strengthen our Post and better serve our veterans, families, and community.

Thank you for your continued support, your friendship, and your service to our nation and our community. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Post in the months ahead.

Mike Brenner



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7/11/26 Trivia/Music Bingo 7pm
- 7/14/26 Birthday Dinner 6pm
- 7/15/26 Mum Festival Mtg 6:30pm
- 7/18/26 3rd Dist Golf Outing 7am
- 7/18/26 Karaoke 7pm
- 7/21/26 Quarter Auction
- 7/28/26 Legion Membership Mtg 7pm
- 8/8/26 Trivia/Music Bingo 7pm
- 8/15/26 Karaoke 7pm
- 8/18/26 Quarter Auction
- 8/25/26 Legion Membership Mtg 7pm



Scan to see the weekly calendar and get updates on our website!



Melissa Fowle
2nd Vice
Commander

As our country is celebrating it's 250th birthday, I got to looking at different flag displays.

Have you ever wondered about how to display the American flag with the flags of the different branches of the military? On October 31, 1977, the U.S. Department of Defense released a directive which states the correct order of military flags when on display. The rules in this directive apply to any time the flags from all of the military branches are carried horizontally during a parade or flown atop a flagpole. The order of precedence is determined by the branches' "birthday" with a few exceptions. Continue reading to learn how to properly order the military flags in your display!

The American flag holds a position of utmost importance in flag displays. It represents the U.S. Government, which is the highest authority in the nation. According to the U.S. Flag Code, no other flag should fly above the American flag.

In the line of procession, the POW/MIA flag flies third, beside the state flag and in front of the Army flag. This ensign honors the brave service people who gave everything defending America's freedom.

The Army was the first branch of the military, founded by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1775. Its original job was to protect citizens in the thirteen colonies from the British, and it has continued to be a beacon of enduring strength and freedom.

The Marine Corps is the second oldest branch of the armed forces, founded by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775 as a specialized force to serve as landing forces within the country's fleet. In 1834, they became a part of the U.S. Navy to aid in their operations. While operating under the Department of the Navy, the Marines perform land-based and amphibious duties, executing over 300 foreign shore landings since 1775. The Navy was formed on October 13, 1775 under the command of Esek Hopkins with 60 ships, an impressive feat for the Revolutionary era. The branch was designed to eliminate British warships in their home waters. Their success led to the surrender of British forces in multiple cities, including Savannah, Charleston, and Wilmington.

For over 150 years, the U.S. had only three branches of the military until the DoD established the Air Force on September 18, 1947. Originally an offshoot of the Army Signal Corps, it was adopted as a separate branch by the National Security Act of 1947. The Air Force is responsible for transporting the president, rapid global mobility, intelligence, air superiority, reconnaissance, surveillance, command, and control.

On December 20, 2019, the U.S. Space Force became the newest addition to the branches of military service. It is responsible for managing space launches and protecting the U.S. and its allies in space.

The Coast Guard was founded on August 4, 1790 and its flag is typically displayed last in the military flag flying order even though it is older than the U.S. Air Force and its respective offshoot, the Space Force. This is because the Coast Guard falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security during peacetime. During wartime, this changes, and the Coast Guard operates the Department of Defense. During war, the Coast Guard flag flies between the Navy and the Air Force, matching the date of origin or birthday rule.

Enjoy your celebration of our nation's founding! Appreciate your time with family and friends. Think about those who cannot celebrate with us at this time. Pray for those deployed and their families. Be responsible with your merriment!

2nd Vice Commander Melissa



2026 AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS

American Legion Post 586 is proud to recognize our 2026 scholarship recipients. Through the generosity of our members and supporters, each student has been awarded a \$500 scholarship, paid directly to their college or university to help further their education. We congratulate these outstanding students and thank their American Legion family sponsors for supporting the next generation.

Hannah Steggeman

Sponsor: Bob Steggeman
Wright State University

Kennedy Chaney

Sponsor: Gene Chaney
Wright State University

Victoria Layton

Sponsor: John Vanscoy
Wright State University

Jackson Davis

Sponsor: Giles "Jack" Davis II
University of Findlay

Kendall Davis

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University of Findlay

Madison Zornischenko

Zachary Zornischenko
Sinclair Community College

Logan Potts

Sponsor: Larry Seaton
Bowling Green State University

Brooke Bashore

Sponsor: Brian Bashore
Edison State Community College

Congratulations to all of our recipients. We are proud to support your educational goals and wish you the very best as you continue your studies.



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REGULAR POST HOURS

- Monday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Friday: 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 3:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

Every year, the American Legion's Buckeye Boys State program provides outstanding young men from across Ohio with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand how government works. More than a classroom lesson, Boys State is an immersive experience where participants create their own cities, counties, and state government while running for office, debating issues, and learning the responsibilities of citizenship.

Hosted by the American Legion Department of Ohio, Buckeye Boys State brings together high school students who have demonstrated leadership, character, and academic achievement. During the week-long program, delegates gain practical experience in government, public speaking, teamwork, and leadership while forming friendships with fellow students from across the state.



Many Boys State alumni have gone on to become military leaders, elected officials, business executives, educators, and community leaders. The program's impact extends far beyond the week itself, helping young men develop the confidence and skills needed to make a difference throughout their lives.

The American Legion is proud to sponsor Buckeye Boys State because investing in our youth is investing in the future of our communities, our state, and our nation. Programs like Boys State reflect the Legion's longstanding commitment to citizenship, leadership development, and civic responsibility.

Post 586 is honored to support this outstanding program and the young leaders who represent the future of Ohio and America.



2026 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

This July, American Legion members from across Ohio will gather in Toledo for the annual Department of Ohio Convention. The convention serves as an opportunity for Legionnaires to discuss issues affecting veterans, elect department leadership, consider resolutions, and share ideas that strengthen Posts throughout the state.

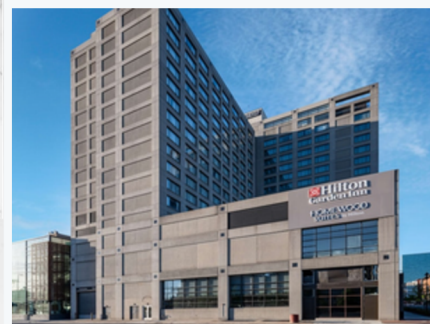
Post 586 will be represented by delegates who will help ensure that the voice of our membership is heard at the state level. The convention also provides valuable opportunities to learn about new programs, veteran advocacy efforts, membership initiatives, and community service projects taking place across Ohio.

While much of the work of the American Legion happens at the local Post level, the Department Convention reminds us that we are part of a larger organization dedicated to serving veterans, their families, and our communities. We look forward to bringing back new ideas and insights that will help Post 586 continue its mission of service.



2026 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION JULY 10TH – JULY 12TH, 2026

TOLEDO DOWNTOWN CONVENTION CENTER



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Greetings members of the Sons of The American Legion. Summer is here! The kids are out of school and families are planning vacations. It is a busy time for sure.

Our membership is around 104 members as of the first of June. Our quota this year is 114 which puts us at about 91% of our goal. We are always looking for new members to join, and applications are available at the Post on the message board or ask the bartender. "Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible"

The S.A.L had the privilege of awarding twelve individuals with scholarships this year. Brooke Bashore attending Edison State Community College, Noah Carter attending The Ohio State University, Silas Carter attending Sinclair Community College, Kennedy Chaney attending Wright State University, Mason Harding attending Sinclair Community College, Preston Harding attending The Ohio State University, Victoria Layton attending Wright State University, Hannah Steggemann attending Wright State University, Griffin Sweeney attending Clark State College, Liam Sweeney attending Sinclair Community College, Jaelyn Tipton attending Edison State Community College, Gavin Weaver attending Western Governors Univ. We wish them all the best in continuing their education. These scholarships are funded by our monthly dinners and other events throughout the year. A big thank you to each volunteer for their time and commitment to making this possible.

Last month, we hosted a steak dinner followed by a comedy show featuring Larry Hansgen. Attendance was impressive, and we would like to continue offering steak dinners if there is enough interest. Watch for future announcements about upcoming plans.

If you are a S.A.L. member, please consider coming to a meeting where we discuss future meal plans, upcoming events, and fundraisers. Also, we can always use an extra hand cooking, serving or kitchen help for our monthly meals. You are invited to attend our monthly meetings held on the second Monday of every month at 7pm.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the post!

Ed Brinkman, SAL Commander

**"Honor the
Veteran Who
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Eligible"**

**SONS OF THE
AMERICAN
LEGION**



Sons Officers

- Commander - Ed Brinkman
- 1st Vice - Dave Flint
- 2nd Vice - Jeffrey Tipton
- Adjutant - Dale Epperson
- Sgt At Arms - David Copfer
- Chaplain - Blake Bashore
- Finance Advisor - R.J. Steggeman
- Historian - Vacant

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Every year, Americans celebrate Independence Day with family gatherings, parades, and fireworks. While it is a day of celebration, it is also a time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the sacrifices made to preserve them.



For veterans, the Fourth of July often carries special meaning. We understand that freedom is not guaranteed. It has been protected throughout our nation's history by generations of Americans who answered the call to serve.

Patriotism is more than displaying a flag. It is supporting our communities, helping our neighbors, and passing the values of citizenship and service to future generations. Through our work in the American Legion, we continue that tradition by supporting veterans, youth programs, and community initiatives.



As you celebrate this Independence Day, take a moment to remember those who made our freedom possible and reflect on the responsibility we all share to preserve it.

Have a safe and happy
Fourth of July.



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AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



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MONDAYS - 8PM \$5 DRAWING

WEDNESDAYS - HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

THURSDAYS - 8PM \$1 DRAWING

JULY 2026

Veterans Serving Veterans. Community Strong.

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| 5 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 | 6 | 7 | 8 HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY | 9 7pm Riders Meeting | 10 | 11 7pm Trivia/Music Bingo |
| 12 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 | 13 7pm SAL Meeting | 14 6pm Birthday Dinner | 15 6:30pm Mum Festival Planning Meeting | 16 | 17 6pm Baked Potato & Salad Bar | 18 7am Golf Outing Registration 7pm Karaoke |
| 19 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 | 20 7pm Auxiliary Meeting | 21 Quarter Auction | 22 HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY | 23 | 24 6pm Lasagna | 25 |
| 26 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 | 27 | 28 7pm Membership Meeting | 29 HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY | 30 | 31 6pm Turkey Hot Shots | |

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