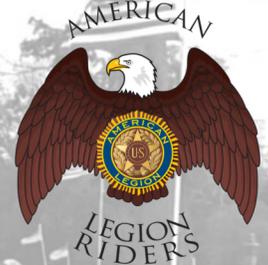




# Newsletter

March – April 2026

[www.alpost586.org](http://www.alpost586.org)



POST OFFICERS

2025-2026

LEGION OFFICERS

- Commander - Melissa Fowle
- 1st Vice - Brian Fowle
- 2nd Vice - Michael Brenner
- Adjutant - Dan Elmore
- Finance Officer - Chuck Frazier
- Sgt-At-Arms - Chuck Colby
- Chaplain - Jessica Slankard
- 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

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President - Sherri Matthews
- 1st Vice - Kim Focht
- 2nd Vice - Dorothy Prater
- Secretary - Rachel Tipton
- Treasurer - Caitlyn Brinkman
- Chaplain - Marlene Shook
- Historian - Marlene Shook
- Sgt-At-Arms - Cathy Jadwin
- Sunshine - Joyce Lewis
- Membership - Lesley Janssen
- Exec Board:
- Joyce Lewis
- Becky Copfer
- Lesley Janssen

S.A.L. OFFICERS

- Commander - Dale Epperson
- 1st Vice - Dave Flint
- 2nd Vice - Jeff Tipton
- Adjutant - Ed Brinkman
- Sgt-At-Arms - David Copfer
- Chaplain - Blake Bashore
- Finance Officer - RJ Steggemann
- Historian - Jessie Tipton

LEGION RIDERS

- Director - Tim Dumbauld
- 1st Vice - Frank March
- Adjutant/Sec - Debbie Vanscoy
- Treasurer - John Vanscoy
- Sgt-At-Arms - Larry Seaton
- Road Captain - Jerry Bollmer

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**Melissa Fowle**  
Commander



Spring is almost upon us! After a long cold winter, the warmer temps are so welcome! Lots of events happening in March and April: 8 March is the time change, 17 March is St. Paddy's Day, and 26 March is Cincinnati Reds Opening Day; 5 April is Easter and the last weekend is Legion Family Day/Post 586 Anniversary! We hope to have many volunteers for the 5K to bring awareness to suicide prevention, especially for our veterans. Please contact our 1st Vice Commander to find out how you can help.

Last year the Post had many updates, one of them being the fire suppressant system. However, we have been informed that our sprinkler system needs to be updated/replaced. As you can imagine, this comes with a hefty price tag. We will need to have our Legion Family support our dinners, quarter auctions, and other events to help us finance this update to our Post. Please look over our monthly calendar to see what events we have coming up. Perhaps you might even volunteer to help.

I thank you for your membership. We couldn't do what we do without our members!

For God and Country,  
Commander Melissa

## Be The One 5K Run and Resource Fair

Would you like to be a Volunteer? We are putting together a "BE THE ONE" 5K Run/walk for suicide awareness and resource fair to be held on Saturday, 25 April 2026 at 9am. The proposed 5K route will be in Tipp City starting and ending near our Post. The race will start at 9am. We will also host a resource fair at our Post, with representatives from Save a Warrior, the VA, MCVS, Tri-County Health, Veterans Caregivers, and many other local resources.

We will need a lot of help to make this event a success! If you are looking for a way to give back to our community and get connected with your American Legion Post this would be a great event for you. The POC for this event is 1st Vice Cmdr Brian Fowle, (937)829-3943, [alpost586exec@gmail.com](mailto:alpost586exec@gmail.com). It will take many people to make this event a success.

Please sign up at the Post, contact the POC or a Post officer if you would like to help.

Also, we are looking for sponsors, go to our webpage <https://alpost586.org/> for more information.

## FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER



**Brian Fowle**  
1st Vice Commander



Thank you to all of our American Legion family who have renewed their membership in the American Legion for the 2026 membership year already. We currently have 311 Legion members who have renewed their membership for 2025, with around 45 Legionnaires who haven't yet renewed for this year. The Legion membership goal for this year is 325, but I think we can exceed that amount by a long shot. The SAL has a membership goal of 113 this year and 85 members have renewed so far this year. Our Auxiliary is currently at 90% with 185 members who have renewed, their membership goal for this year is 192. As you can see, we need to have a strong membership push through the end of March to retain our current members, as well as sign up new members in all of our groups.

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2026 membership year yet, please consider renewing right now. Please mail or drop off your membership dues at the Post. Legionnaires and Sons (SAL) you can renew easily by logging on to your account at [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org). We hope and pray for you all to be blessed and well in the coming months.

Brian Fowle  
1st Vice Commander

## SPRING IS BACK!



**Mike Brenner**  
2nd Vice Commander



As your 2nd Vice Commander, I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of the season ahead. Spring is fast approaching — a time of renewal, fresh starts, and new energy. It's a great opportunity to reconnect with your Post and get involved.

We have many events and activities coming up, and they only succeed when members show up. If you haven't stopped in lately, consider this your invitation. Come in, attend a meeting, volunteer, or simply spend some time with fellow veterans. The strength of Post 586 is our membership.

As the weather warms, think about taking time to recharge. Whether it's a patriotic road trip to Washington, D.C., the Flight 93 Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Alaska, or simply relaxing on the awesome beaches of Florida, the Caribbean, or the east coast — get out, enjoy this great country, and reset.

Don't forget our "Be The One 5K Run/Walk" on April 25 at 8:00 a.m., benefiting the Save A Warrior program. 1st Vice Commander Brian Fowle and I will be appearing on Living Dayton (Channel 2) on January 19, 2026 to promote the event. We hope you'll participate, volunteer, or help spread the word. And check us out on TV as we talk about our awesome Post!

Let's bring spring energy into our Post and continue serving our community with pride.

For God and Country,  
Mike Brenner, 2nd Vice Commander

**3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT  
SPRING CONFERENCE**

Sunday March 8, 2026 at 1 PM  
(sign-in starts at 12 PM)  
Miamisburg Post 165  
35 N. Main St.  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
Food Served Afterwards  
**ALL LEGIONNAIRES ARE WELCOME**



SAVE PAPER.  
SAVE POSTAGE.  
SAVE TIME.



QUICKLY AND EASILY RENEW ONLINE  
**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**



## **ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS**

### **Subject: Proposed Dues Increase**

The Post Executive Committee recently became aware of the Department of Ohio's proposal to increase the Department per capita dues by \$5. This proposed increase will not become official until voted on during the July Convention, but it is expected to pass. The Department has lost significant numbers of members since 2004 when the dues were last increased, while cost of living increases and inflation have put additional stresses on the Department's budget.

Please know that, over the last several years, the Department has executed many cost cutting measures, including reduction of staff. But, these measures, along with the continuing reduction of membership, are not enough to sustain essential Department functions and operations. Hence, the need for the \$5 per capita increase. Both the Department of Ohio Resolution No. 26-02 and the Department of Ohio Proposed Dues Increase Letter are posted on our website [www.post586.org](http://www.post586.org) and on the bulletin board at the Post.

The Post Executive Committee has recommended a \$5 increase to our dues to accommodate the proposed Department increase. The increase would bring our annual dues amount to \$45, which is still below the level of many Posts across the state. Costs associated with maintaining our facility continue to grow given its age and regular use, as well as the impacts of inflation and ordinary cost of living increases.

While the Post leadership strongly believes an increase is essential to ensuring the continued overall health of our organization and our facilities, we would like to hear from you. The proposed dues increase will be formally voted on during the March 24, 2026 membership meeting. Please make plans to attend and contribute to this important discussion. You also may communicate thoughts, recommendations and concerns prior to the March meeting to any of the Post Officers.

Again, please make every effort to attend the March 24, 2026 membership meeting.

**AMERICAN LEGION  
FRANK E. ROBINSON POST 586  
TIPP CITY**



**CHARITY EVENT  
BENEFITTING THE  
SAVE A WARRIOR  
FOUNDATION**

# **"BE THE ONE" FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS**



**5K RUN  
WALK**

## **AND RESOURCE FAIR**

**Lace Up for Fun and Fitness at Our Run & Walk Event!**

**To Register go to**

**<https://cantstoprunningco.rsupartner.com/>**

**or Scan QR Code**

**\$35 w/ Tshirt and \$25 No Tshirt**



**The SAVE A WARRIOR PROGRAM is dedicated to the prevention of  
veteran suicide and the preservation of life through the  
development and implementation of a groundbreaking,  
comprehensive program**

**SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2026**

**DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM**

**RACE STARTS AT 10AM**



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45371**

## PROTECT YOUR DD-214 – FILE IT WITH MIAMI COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES



**Bob Steggemann**  
Service Officer

For every veteran, your DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is one of the most important documents you will ever receive. It is the official proof of your military service and is required to access the benefits you earned. We strongly encourage all veterans in our area to file a copy of their DD-214 with the Miami County Veterans Services Commission. Where to Go:

Miami County Veterans Services Commission  
510 W. Water Street, Suite 110  
Troy, Ohio 45373

### What You Need to Do

Take your original DD-214 to their office. They will make a certified copy and keep it securely on file. You will keep your original document.

### Why This Is So Important

- Funeral Directors require a physical copy of your DD-214 to arrange military funeral honors.
- If the document is ever needed for VA benefits, burial benefits, grave markers, or other veteran services, a copy can quickly be obtained from the county.
- It prevents delays during already stressful situations for your loved ones.

This is a simple step that provides lasting peace of mind. If you have not yet filed your DD-214 with Miami County, please make plans to do so. It takes only a few minutes and protects the benefits and honors you have earned through your service. If you have questions, stop by the Post and we will help point you in the right direction.

Thank you for your service.

Bob Steggemann  
Service Officer



## ADVERTISE HERE!

**CONTACT MIKE BRENNER AT  
MIKE@ALPOST586.ORG FOR  
MORE INFO**

**TAX  
PREPARATION**

**TAX  
PLANNING**

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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

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Find us on Facebook. Visit our webpage at [www.alpost586.org](http://www.alpost586.org) for a direct link!

# MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	2	3	4  7pm Darts	5	6  6pm Fish & Chicken	7
8  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	9  6pm Fried Kielbasa 7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	10	11  7pm Darts	12  6pm Pork Tenderloins 7pm Riders Meeting	13  6pm Beef & Noodles 7pm Trivia	14  7pm Music Bingo
15  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	16  6pm Spaghetti 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	17  7pm Charity Quarter Auction	18  7pm Darts	19	20  6pm- Aux Red Beans and Rice	21  7pm Karaoke
22  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	23 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	24  7pm Legion Membership Meeting	25  6pm Charity 5K Volunteer Meeting	26  4:10pm Cincinnati Reds Opening Day 6pm Taco Salad	27  6pm Fish	28
29  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	30 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	31				

# APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3  6pm Fish & Chicken	4
5  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	6 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	7	8	9  6pm Tenderloins 7pm Riders Meeting	10  6pm Lasagna 7pm Trivia	11  7pm Music Bingo
12  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	13  7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	14	15	16	17 6pm- Menu TBD	18  7pm Karaoke
19  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	20  7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	21	22	23  6pm Taco Sale	24 6pm Stuffed Pork Chop 6pm Setup 5K Run	25  8am Be The One - 5K Run 4pm Grover Gaming Tournament
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