

AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN LEGION POST 586, TIPP CITY, OHIO — NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

LEGION OFFICERS

Commander - Brian Fowle
1st Vice - Mike Brenner
2nd Vice - Melissa Fowle
Adjutant - Dan Elmore
Finance Officer - Harlan Purves
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/13 Trivia 7pm
11/4 Music Bingo 7pm
11/17 Quarter Auction 7pm
11/21 District Dart Tournament - Post 200
11/21 Karaoke 7pm
11/26 Thanksgiving Dinner 2pm
12/6 Kids Christmas Party 2pm
12/7 Auxiliary Christmas Party 6pm
12/11 Trivia 7pm
12/12 Music Bingo 7pm
12/15 Quarter Auction 7pm
12/19 Karaoke 7pm
12/20 Legion Christmas Party 3pm
12/25 Christmas Dinner 2pm

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



Brian Fowle
Commander

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy year, and we are grateful to everyone who has stepped up to help in our canteen and kitchen, serve in our Color Guard and Honor Guard, or participate in other activities. We also appreciate everyone who supports the Post by joining us for breakfast or dinner, supporting our Purse and Quarter Auctions, singing at Karaoke, or testing their knowledge on Trivia Night. Thank you for all you do!

Buddy Checks- As Veterans Day approaches and the holiday season begins, we will once again reach out to our members through Buddy Checks. A group of volunteers, including many of our Post's Legion Officers, will contact all Legionnaires, primarily by phone. Some members will receive emails, and those with no listed contact information may receive a visit.

Buddy Checks help us strengthen camaraderie, check on members' well-being, offer practical assistance where needed, help prevent crises, and reconnect with isolated Veterans.

- We will begin after the election on 4 November to avoid confusion with political spam calls.
- If you receive a call from an unfamiliar number, consider answering. If you miss our call, we will leave a message; please call back when you have a moment.
- If you are available and would like to help, please contact the Post.









Mike Brenner
1st Vice Commander

A LITTLE BRAGGING NEVER HURT ANYBODY!

As Chair of the Media & Communications Committee, one of my priorities is helping the American Legion do a better job of telling our story. Across our district, Legionnaires are doing incredible things every day. We support veterans, award scholarships, sponsor youth programs, raise money for charitable causes, and contribute countless volunteer hours to our communities. But how many people outside the Legion actually know about these accomplishments? Not nearly enough!

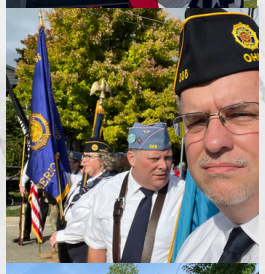
We need to get better at crowing about our successes! That's not bragging. It's celebrating our members, demonstrating our value, and showing our communities what the American Legion is really about. We want people to recognize us as a pillar of the community, not simply a place to gather for inexpensive drinks.

Good communication needs to flow in every direction: between posts, districts, department leadership, our members, and our communities. We need to share ideas, celebrate accomplishments, and learn from one another. I challenge every post to share at least one positive story each month. Take pictures, recognize your volunteers, and let people know the difference you're making!

Have a great story to share? Want to get something published? I'd love to hear from you! Email me at mike@alpost586.org with your stories, photos, accomplishments, or anything you'd like help getting published. Let's work together to shine a spotlight on the incredible things our Legion family does. We have a great story to tell, and if we don't tell it, who will?

For God and Country
Mike Brenner, 1st Vice Commander







2ND VICE ARTICLE



Melissa Fowle
2nd Vice Commander

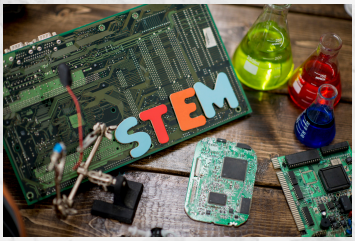
Would you like to have entertainment at our Post? We would love to have individuals or groups to perform at our Post, but we need to have money to get this going. You are in luck! The Auxiliary will be having a Quarter Auction on November 17th to help raise the monies for this endeavor. Please consider donating items to be auctioned. We request items that are new and would be able to pique the interest of our bidders. Possibilities include puzzles and games, bottles of wine, gift cards, holiday blankets, etc. You could also build a basket that has a theme such as a cookie making basket or a movie lovers basket. The possibilities are endless! We also need to have people to come in and bid on the items, so come on in with your quarters! There will be a special item to raffle off and a 50/50.



The Auxiliary is also having another Quarter Auction in December for the American Legion to help out with expenses and needs that our Post has. Please consider donating to help keep our Post an inviting place to go to. We need our members to come in and support our Post. This is a great way to get to know other members. It's also a fun way to beat the winter blahs!



I have one more thing to announce. I am starting a Family Fun Night that will meet every third Thursday. It will start off as a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) night. The theme is Water Is Magic. It will start at 7 and will last about an hour. Parents/Grandparents will bring their kiddos and will discover about the science of water and its many properties. Other Family Fun events may include building things, solving puzzles, art, and more. Hope to see families come and have fun and discover together starting on November 19!





SCAN ME

Digital Ready Posts Campaign:
"Operation: Stay Connected"

Roll call: Is your email up to date?

Are you getting the latest from The American Legion? If we don't have your email, you're out of the loop.

Scan the QR code to fill out a quick form to have Department staff update your contact information for you.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

Let's keep our Legion family connected.
#StayLegion #OperationStayConnected

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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: 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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NOTEWORTHY



Holiday Dinners and Christmas Parties: Check our event calendar to see what is planned for the next two months. We are planning Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for those who have nowhere to go, with sign-up sheets available at the Post and on our website. We will also host several Christmas parties, so be sure to sign up!



Veterans Day is an official U.S. federal holiday observed every November 11 to honor all living and deceased men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. We will be having our Veterans Days Ceremony at 11am on Wednesday, 11 November. If you are available to help with the rifle team or with the ceremony, please contact the Post. Please attend if you are able. Our Auxiliary will be providing bean soup and cornbread after the ceremony for Lunch.



The November and December Quarter Auction Donations - The Quarter Auction on Tuesday, 17 November is to benefit the Legion funds. Please consider donating an item, gift card or basket to auction off that evening for this worthy cause. Donations can be dropped off at the Post during regular Post hours. Any donations would be greatly appreciated

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Greetings from the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 586. Hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by and we are already in the fall season of 2026!!

The next few months are very busy at the Legion. We have lots of events happening! Be sure to like and share our Facebook page where we post our events such as cooks, parties and other events. The more we share the page the more it will show up on others feeds and advertise our efforts.

Just search: **American Legion Post 586**

It is time for all annual members to renew your American Legion Membership for 2027!! Our goal is to have all our members renewed by **Veterans Day, November 11th**. The easiest way to renew is to go online to the MyLegion.org website and update your information. If you would like to renew in person, then please come to the post during normal business hours and speak with the bartender. SAL 2027 dues are due by December 31. If you have not paid them, you will not be able to get a new key card, and your capsule will be removed from the drawings until you renew your membership.

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. Be a part of your Squadron and Post and share your ideas to help make the Sons of the American Legion Post 586 better and stronger.

Ed Brinkman, SAL Commander

"Honor the Veteran Who Made You Eligible"

Membership



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If you haven't done so already, it's time to renew your American Legion Membership for the 2027 year. So far, over 58%% of our membership has renewed their membership, our goal is to have everyone renewed and reach 100% quota by Veterans Day. Please consider renewing your American Legion membership today. You can do this online by visiting legion.org/renew, you can mail or bring in your dues to the Post, or use the QR code to the right. We value and appreciate your continued membership in the American Legion family at Frank E. Robinson Post 586

Operation Veteran



Operation Veteran and Caregiver support Thanksgiving day baskets

OVCS is pleased to once again be offering Thanksgiving Meal baskets to eligible military and veteran families in our program service area. Meal baskets contain everything a family needs to cook a complete Thanksgiving meal, an appropriately sized turkey, sides, fresh produce, and a dessert. Meal baskets must be picked up from our office in Troy, as no deliveries are made for this program. Pick up will be on Monday November 23 and baskets are available while supplies last on a first come first served basis. If you know of a family in need, or would like to apply yourself, we have applications at the Post.



American Legion Auxiliary Expands Membership Eligibility



Natalie Hollinger
Third District
Auxiliary President

The American Legion Auxiliary is welcoming more members of the veteran community following a significant change to its membership requirements. On September 2, 2026, delegates at the 107th American Legion National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, adopted Resolution No. 19, expanding Auxiliary eligibility to include more family members regardless of gender.

Under the new guidelines, eligible family members include spouses, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, and grandchildren of qualifying veterans. The changes replace previously gender-specific terms such as "mothers," "sisters," and "daughters" with inclusive language. Women who independently qualify for American Legion membership also remain eligible to join the Auxiliary.

The changes took effect immediately and represent another important step toward strengthening the American Legion Family. Great-grandchildren are not included under the current eligibility rules, and membership requirements for the Sons of The American Legion remain unchanged.

This is a tremendous opportunity to grow our Legion Family! Members are encouraged to spread the word to relatives, friends, and fellow veterans who may not realize they are now eligible. By welcoming more people into the Auxiliary, we can expand our volunteer efforts, strengthen our communities, and continue supporting veterans and their families for generations to come.

Fall Conference 2026

Communication, membership growth, youth programs, and community service took center stage as Legionnaires gathered in Trotwood to celebrate accomplishments and prepare for the future.



The American Legion's Thundering Third District held its Fall Conference on October 18, 2026, at Post 613 in Trotwood, with 14 posts represented. The conference focused on strengthening membership, improving communication, and expanding the Legion's impact throughout our communities.

Department First Vice Commander Holly Lewis emphasized the importance of communication between leadership, members, and the communities we serve. District First Vice Commander Robyn Ladson reported that the Third District ranked third among Ohio's 14 districts in membership progress, with Covington Post 80 and Trotwood Post 613 recognized for outstanding membership achievements.

District Commander Mike White reinforced the importance of recruitment and retention while announcing the continuation of Save A Warrior as his Commander's Project. Committee reports highlighted veterans' benefits, Buckeye Boys State, the Oratorical Program, and the new Operation Ohio Kids initiative. Huber Heights Post 200 was recognized for receiving the 2026 Alice Friedman Award, while LaVar Glover of Trotwood was honored as Ohio's Child Welfare Worker of the Year.

Upcoming District activities include dart, bowling, and golf tournaments, providing opportunities for fellowship and fundraising. The conference concluded with a generous gesture when the winner of the $75 share of the 50/50 raffle donated the proceeds to Save A Warrior.

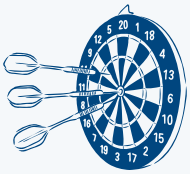
The message of the conference was clear: By communicating more effectively, supporting our veterans, engaging our youth, and sharing our successes, the Thundering Third District can continue building a stronger American Legion for generations to come.

Don't miss the Thundering Third District dart tournament on Saturday 21 November!

Thundering Third District Facebook Page



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS



21 November 2026
Dart Tournament



9 January 2027
Bowling Tournament



10 January 2027
Winter Conference



15-17 January 2027
Mid-Winter Conference



7 March 2027
Spring Confrence



2 May 2027
Summer Convention



5 June 2027
Golf Outing

THE CANTEEN NOW OPENS AT 1:00 PM ON SUNDAYS

MONDAYS - 8PM $5 DRAWING
WEDNESDAYS - HAPPY HOUR 5 - 9 PM
THURSDAYS - 8PM $1 DRAWING

NOVEMBER 2026

Veterans Serving Veterans. Community Strong.

THURSDAYS – 7PM EUCHRE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	2	3 Monthly $10 Drawing	4 7pm Dart League	5	6 6pm Chicken & Fish	7
8 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	9 6pm Chicken Wings & Fries 7pm SAL Meeting	10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 11am Veteran's Day Ceremony & Bean Soup Lunch	12 6pm Tenderloins & Fries 7pm Riders Meeting	13 6pm Beef & Noodles Trivia	14 7pm Music Bingo
15 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	16 6pm Spaghetti Dinner 7pm Auxiliary Meeting	17 7pm Quarter Auction	18 7pm Dart League	19 7pm Childrens STEM fun	20 6pm Chicken & Noodles	21 11am District Darts at Post 200 7pm Karaoke
22 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	23	24 7pm Membership Meeting	25	26 2pm Thanksgiving Dinner	27	28
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13 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	14 7pm SAL Meeting	15 7pm Quarter Auction	16	17 7pm Childrens STEM fun	18 6pm Dinner TBD	19 7pm Karaoke
20 3pm Legion Christmas Party 8:30-11am Breakfast $9	21 6pm Chicken & Waffles	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 2pm Christmas Dinner	26
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Trunk or Treat

























