



Newsletter

September – October 2025

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2024-2025

LEGION OFFICERS

Commander – Melissa Fowle
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 2nd Vice – Michael Brenner
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 Sgt-At-Arms – Mike Frazier
 Chaplain – Jessica Slankard
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 Historian – Jessie Tipton

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 Sgt-At-Arms – Larry Seaton
 Road Captain – Jerry Bollmer

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Melissa Fowle
 Commander

Hello to my Legion Family! I hope that you had a glorious summer! We have an exciting fall coming up with school starting, school sports, the Mum Festival, and more! We have a full calendar for the next two months and we hope to see you in the Post supporting our activities and our cooks.

I was informed that Lester Hatton, Jr. had passed away. Many of you might not know this Legionnaire because he hasn't been to our Post in awhile as he lived in Florida. His father had signed him up at our Post as Lester had served in the Navy during the Korean War. He was 93 years old and was a member for 71 years. 71 years! He paid his dues every year whether he was able to come to our Post or not. That, my friends, is commitment! This man had the longest continuous membership by a long shot! (The next longest is 59 years) He believed in our American Legion Post and supported it with his annual dues. That just touches my heart! Please say a prayer for his wife of 51 years as she navigates life without him.

Now it is our turn to show commitment and support for our Post. We have just started a new year on July 1st and so you will notice that we are mentioning membership and dues....it happens every year. Please send in your dues or go online and pay that way. The Department of Ohio will PAY us money if we can reach our quota before certain dates. The biggest pot of money that gets split by all of the Posts reaching their goal is by mid September. Last year, we met our quota, but so did many other Posts. We all split a smaller pot but only got around \$36 because there were so many quota Posts for that due date. I would be so happy if we could reach our goal by September or November. This could really help our Post financially! Please consider sending in your dues soon.

On that note, I want to commend our Trustees/House Committee for the wonderful job they have done to fix and maintain our Post. We have had so many things break down, leak, etc. These men have gone above and beyond to keep our Post functional and solvent. They have looked for ways to cut down costs, found service providers that keep our building warm/cool, safe, and up to code. If you see Ralph Avey, John Kessler, or Frank March - tell them thank you! We also need to thank our Club Manager Chuck Colby for stepping up and really taking care of our canteen! Lastly, we need to thank Harlan Purves for his dedication as Finance Officer. He has recently stepped down but is currently mentoring our new Finance Officer Chuck Frazier. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our Bar Staff for the great job they do day in and day out! We are so blessed to have the staff that we have!

For God and Country,
 Commander Melissa

FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER



Brian Fowle
1st Vice Commander

Members renewal information update: It is time once again to renew your American Legion Membership for the 2025 year. So far, over 50% 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.

When you renew your American Legion membership this year you can take advantage of the new multi year (3 year) membership which is available to both current and potential members. Legionnaires can lock-in a three-year membership at the current rate of \$40 if you do it before 31 December by visiting legion.org/renew. THE 3YR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE! Our Post Officers cannot renew you for the three years if you decide to send a check to the Post. Once you have renewed your membership online you can print out your 2026 Membership card from your MyLegion account.

Buddy Checks - Throughout this fall and again in the spring, we will be contacting all of our membership through many different methods to check and see how they are doing and learn how our Post can help. If you would like to be a part of this membership care effort please contact me by phone or email. Any help would be appreciated.

1st Vice Commander Brian

MY FIRST VISIT TO PEARL HARBOR AND THE USS ARIZONA MEMORIAL



Mike Brenner
2nd Vice Commander



For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to visit the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Like many Americans, I grew up with an understanding of the immense sacrifice made on December 7, 1941, but being there in person gave that history a weight that no book or movie could ever capture. Standing at the site of the attack that drew our nation into World War II was both humbling and deeply moving.

The memorial itself is a striking structure — serene, simple, and powerful in its symbolism. Spanning the remains of the sunken battleship, the gleaming white walls offer a quiet space for reflection, while the open air design lets visitors feel the ocean breeze and hear the gentle waters below. Beneath those waters rest the remains of over 900 sailors who lost their lives that morning, entombed in the USS Arizona. Their final resting place is a solemn reminder of courage, duty, and sacrifice.

Inside the shrine room, the marble wall engraved with the names of those fallen sailors left me speechless. It's impossible not to feel reverence standing before it, knowing that each name represents a life cut short in service to our country. What struck me most was the silence. Even with a crowd of visitors, there was a shared sense of respect — a collective understanding that this was hallowed ground.

The memorial also serves as a living connection to history. Oil droplets, often referred to as the "black tears of the Arizona," still rise from the ship more than 80 years later. Watching them ripple across the surface, I was reminded that this is not just a historical site, but a gravesite. The sacrifice of these men continues to resonate across generations.



The Shrine Room of the USS Arizona Memorial

While there, I was able to acquire a very special piece that I will cherish, and will be displayed in my home. It is an American Flag that flew over the USS Arizona Memorial on December 7, 2024 for 8 hours. What an incredible honor to bring this into my home as a memorial to the brave men of the Arizona. It serves as a reminder of what American service men and women have gone through in the name of our freedom.

Visiting the USS Arizona Memorial was more than just checking something off my bucket list. It was a deeply personal experience, one I will carry with me always. It reaffirmed the importance of remembering and honoring those who gave their lives in defense of our nation. The sailors of the Arizona — and all who served that day — deserve nothing less than our eternal gratitude and reverence.

With great honor,
2nd Vice Commander Mike

ODDS & ENDS

Mum Festival Float and Parade

We are building a Mum Festival float again this year, the theme for the parade and festival is going to be "Mums in the Air". The this theme along with our overall "Be The One" theme in our float, highlighting the American Legion "Be the One" suicide prevention program to de-stigmatize Mental health support.

Parade Marchers

We need marchers for Post 586 Color Guard which always leads the Mum festival parade route. The entire route is about a two mile walk, and the uniform will be in dark pants, white shirt, blue (legion) tie and garrison cap (or a uniform if you are currently serving). We would love to have a large group marching again this year and if you can't march you can ride on the float or in a vehicle. We will be meeting at the Post at 9am the morning of the parade.

Football Marchers

Color Guard marchers for the Tippecanoe Red Devil home football games are needed for games on the following dates. Please email or contact the Post if you can help. The POC for this is Brian Bashore.

Friday- 5 Sep

Thursday- 25 Sep

Friday- 10 Oct

Friday- 17 Oct



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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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SATURDAY, 18 OCT 2025

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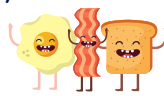





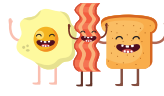




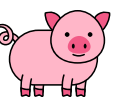

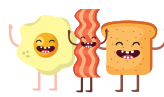










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SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	2  6pm Mum Festival Meeting	3  3-10pm Happy Hour	4  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	5  6pm Fish and Chicken	6
7  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	8  7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	9	10  3-10pm Happy Hour	11  6pm Pork Tenderloins 7pm Riders Mtg 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	12  6pm Mushroom & Swiss Steak Home Football Game	13  7pm Trivia/Bingo
14  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	15  6pm Spaghetti 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	16  6pm Quarter Auction	17  3-10pm Happy Hour	18  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	19  6pm Baked Pork Chops	20 4pm Gaming Tournament  7pm Karaoke
21  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	22 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	23  7pm Membership Meeting	24  3-10pm Happy Hour 6pm Darts	25  6pm Taco Salad 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing Home Football Game	26  3pm Mum Festival Setup 6pm Cabbage Rolls	27  Mum Festival Parade Mum Festival Events
28  Mum Festival Events 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	29 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	30				

OCTOBER 2025

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12  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	13  7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	14 6pm Qtrly Birthday Dinner 7pm Calendar Meeting 	15  3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	16  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	17  6pm Cabbage Rolls 7pm Karaoke Home Football Game	18  6pm 3rd District Commander's Homecoming
19  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	20  6pm Shredded Chicken Sandwich 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	21  5pm Quarter Auction	22  3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	23  6pm Taco Salad 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	24 6pm Riders Dinner Menu TBD	25 1pm 3rd Dist Auxiliary District Conference 
26 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9  1pm Trunk or Treat	27 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	28  7pm Legion Membership Meeting	29  3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	30  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	31 Halloween	