



AMERICAN LEGION POST 586, TIPP CITY, OHIO

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 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

9/9 Mum Festival Planning 6:30pm
9/12 Trivia/Music Bingo
9/19 Grover Tournament 4pm
9/19 Karaoke
9/22 Post Everlasting and Legion
Membership Meeting 7pm
9/26-9/27 Mum Festival
10/3 Purse Bingo
10/10 Music Bingo
10/13 Birthday Dinner
10/17 Auxiliary 3rd Dist Conf 8am
10/17 Karaoke
10/20 Quarter Auction
10/25 Trunk or Treat 1pm
10/27 Legion Membership Meeting 7pm
10/31 Halloween Party 6pm



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



Brian Fowle
Commander

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As we approach Labor Day, I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work, dedication, and service that define our members, families, and community. Labor Day is more than the unofficial close of summer; it is a reminder of the commitment of working Americans, the strength of our communities, and the values we continue to uphold as Legionnaires.

Our Post remains active because members step forward when help is needed. One of our next opportunities to serve is helping out during the Mum Festival. We will need volunteers to help represent the Post, support festival activities, and show our community what The American Legion stands for. Whether you can help for an hour, a shift, or the whole event, your time makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued membership and support. Membership is the foundation of everything we do—from honoring veterans and supporting military families to mentoring youth and strengthening our hometown. If you have already renewed, thank you. If you have not yet renewed, please take a few minutes to do so and encourage another eligible veteran to join us.

Members can also access their membership card online through myLegion. After signing in to myLegion.org, members can view or print a digital copy of their membership card from the membership card section. This is a helpful option for anyone who needs quick access to proof of membership or prefers to keep a digital copy available.

Please also visit and use our Post website for updates, announcements, event information, volunteer opportunities, membership reminders, and other important notices. Staying connected online helps us communicate faster and reach more members, especially as more Legion business and member services continue moving toward digital tools.

Digital-ready posts are stronger posts. By keeping contact information current, using online membership tools, checking the website regularly, and sharing information electronically when possible, we reduce delays, improve participation, and make it easier for members to stay involved no matter where they are.

Thank you again for your membership, your service, and your willingness to help our Post succeed. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mum Festival and at our upcoming Post activities. Together, we will continue to honor service, support veterans, and serve our community with pride.

Commander Brian



Mike Brenner
1st Vice Commander

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION RECAP

The American Legion Department of Ohio held its 107th Department Convention July 10-12 in Toledo. Post 586 was well represented, with Commander Brian Fowle, Second Vice Commander Melissa Fowle, and me attending as our Post's three delegates.

The convention brings Legionnaires from across Ohio together to conduct Department business, recognize outstanding service, hear from Legion leadership, and prepare for the coming year. Sessions included presentations from state and national American Legion leaders, recognition of outstanding Legionnaires and programs, and updates on initiatives including Buckeye American Legion College and America 250 Ohio.

The convention concluded Sunday with the election and installation of the Department's 2026-2027 leadership. Gary Cox, Jr. was installed as Department Commander, Holly Lewis as First Vice Commander, Ken LaVoy as Second Vice Commander, and Dean Boyers as Department Treasurer.

Attending the convention is also an opportunity to see how the work we do at Post 586 connects with the Legion's mission throughout Ohio. Brian, Melissa, and I were able to exchange ideas with Legionnaires from other Posts and bring information home that can help us continue strengthening Post 586.

The 108th Department Convention will return to Toledo in 2027, and I hope Post 586 will continue to have a strong presence.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Post and the work of The American Legion. It all begins with active members at the local level.

For God and Country
Mike Brenner
1st Vice Commander





Melissa Fowle
2nd Vice Commander

Recently, Brian and I visited Shanksville, Pennsylvania, to see the Flight 93 National Memorial, where passengers bravely fought back against hijackers. It was a deeply sobering experience that brought back many memories of that terrible day. Those passengers were not just victims but also heroes as they took charge of their actions and made sure that the hijackers did not reach their goal.

As September 11 approaches, we observe Patriot Day to remember the tragic events of 2001 and honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost.

We remember:

- The two hijacked planes that struck the Twin Towers in New York City which soon after collapsed.
- The third hijacked plane that smashed into the Pentagon.
- The fourth plane which crashed in a field when the passengers decided that they could not let the hijackers kill more innocent people.
- The hundreds of firefighters, police officers, and medical workers who died while trying to save others.

We can honor these victims of 9/11 by having moments of silence. We can pause and reflect at the times the planes struck and when the towers fell. Many decide to make this anniversary of sadness and change it into an action. We can change this into an act of volunteerism in our community. This might be the best way to honor those who died and change the focus from tragedy to community service. I can't think of a better way to pay tribute....taking sadness and turning it into something beautiful.

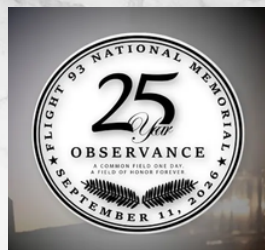
Ideas:

- Weed the flower beds of an elderly neighbor
- Take donuts to the Police/Fire Departments
- Bring a meal to a Shut-In
- Pick up trash in the park or along the bike path
- Call a member that you haven't seen in a while and see how they are doing
- Volunteer at the Post during one of our dinners

Let us join together in honoring their memory and sacrifice. Remember, we don't have to limit this only to 9/11!

For God and Country

Melissa Fowle, 2nd Vice Commander



INVESTING IN TOMORROW: BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

Each year, The American Legion is proud to invest in the next generation of leaders through Buckeye Boys State, one of Ohio's premier youth leadership and government programs.

This year, Post 586 was proud to sponsor three young men: Lucas Heitbrink, Brayden Kocher, and Hunter Addis. During the program, they had the opportunity to experience firsthand how government works while developing leadership skills, building friendships, and learning the importance of civic responsibility.



At our most recent membership meeting, Lucas Heitbrink joined us to share his experience and personally thank Post 586 for giving him the opportunity to attend. It was great for our members to hear directly from a young man who benefited from a program our Post proudly supports.

Buckeye Boys State is a great example of what The American Legion is all about: serving our community today while helping develop the leaders of tomorrow.



Commander Fowle, Lucas and his mom, Jodi



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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

TAX PREPARATION

TAX PLANNING

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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

377 N. 3rd Street
Tipp City, Ohio 45371



Greetings members of the Sons of The American Legion. Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the summer and is looking forward to the cooler fall season.

SAL membership for calendar year 2027 is now available! Our quota this year is 107 members. We finished last year at approximately 98%, falling short of our quota by 3 members. The easiest way to renew is to stop by the Post and pay in person. Another option is to go online to the MyLegion.org website, create an account or log in and select the red renew button. Once paperwork is processed, we can mail out new membership card and you will be all set. 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"

Fall season is FOOTBALL season!!!! The Legion will be open for all OHIO STATE games! Doors open early for the game and food will be available. This will be a carry in type event every game day with FREE FOOD!!! Bring your favorite shareable snack, chili, wings, anything and enjoy the game!

Last month, we hosted a steak dinner followed by a comedy show. Attendance was impressive, and we are planning another dinner for October. 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 Made You Eligible"

★★ Please Join Us For a ★★

JOINT HOMECOMING

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OF OHIO		HONORING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF OHIO		AMERICAN LEGION FIRST DISTRICT		SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION FIRST DISTRICT	
COMMANDER		PRESIDENT		COMMANDER		COMMANDER	
TODD BIDLACK		MINDI RUE		BERNIE RAU		CHRIS HOFFEL	

5:00 PM
COCKTAIL HOUR

6:00 PM
DINNER
Catered by
BLACK ANGUS ON MAIN
Ottoville, Ohio

PRESENTATION PROGRAM
After Dinner

BOTTLE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER
to benefit
**PAST SAL COMMANDERS
CHARITIES**

LIVE MUSIC
FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION
EVERYONE WELCOME TO STAY!

DRESS CODE: LEGION CASUAL

SATURDAY

★ **OCTOBER 10, 2026** ★

AMERICAN LEGION POST 541
109 SOUTH 5TH STREET
CONTINENTAL, OHIO

\$40.00 PER PERSON

TENTATIVE DINNER MENU

- Steak or Chicken
- Green Beans
- Noodles
- Salad
- Red Smashed Potatoes
- Dessert

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

REGISTER ONLINE

Scan the QR code to reserve your tickets online!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-5434>

PAY BY CHECK

Can't pay online? No problem! Mail your check with attendee names to:

American Legion Post 541
PO Box 306
109 South 5th Street
Continental, Ohio 45831

Please include:
Names of attendees, phone number, and email address.

HOTEL INFORMATION

If you wish to stay overnight, our preferred hotel location is in Defiance, Ohio.

You may choose from:

- Holiday Inn
- Hampton Inn
- Quality Inn

All hotels are located near each other.

HOTELS ARE ON YOUR OWN. A SHUTTLE WILL BE PROVIDED TO AND FROM THE EVENT.

Odds & Ends

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.

Mum Festival Parade

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. Cmdr Brian Fowle is the POC for the Color Guard for the parade, you can email the alpost586exec@gmail account or call/text (937) 829-3943

Color Guard

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- 11 Sep
- Thursday- 18 Sep
- Friday- 2 Oct
- Friday- 23 Oct

Annual Dues

National HQ has experienced technical difficulties with the renewal notices, and at this time, we do not have an estimated date for when they will be sent. In the meantime, this is a reminder that we are now in the renewal period and encourage them to renew their 2027 membership.

Also, another reminder that our annual membership dues have increased by \$5, they are now \$45 per year

The Department sent a text and email to members through VoterVoice a couple of weeks ago to remind them that it is time to renew. However, we will continue reaching out to their members directly while we wait for the National renewal notices to be sent.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

TICKETS

\$40

INCLUDES
14 GAMES
AND A DAUBER



50/50

RAFFLES

OCTOBER 3, 2026

DOORS OPEN

4:30 PM

KITCHEN OPENS

5:00 PM

BINGO STARTS

6:00 PM



TIPP CITY AMERICAN LEGION

★ 377 N 3rd St, Tipp City, OH 45371 ★



WEAR A

**Halloween
COSTUME**

FOR A SPECIAL
RAFFLE!



GET YOUR TICKETS

AT THE BAR OR TEXT CAITLYN: 937-559-4829

All proceeds benefit the Scholarship Program.

TRUNK

= OR =

TREAT



Tipp City American Legion
377 N 3rd St, Tipp City



October 25th



1-3 PM



**In the back
parking lot**



**Open to the
community**



FREE EVENT

Bring the family for
Halloween fun!



HALLOWEEN PARTY & STEAK FRY



OCTOBER 31



Dinner starts at 6 PM
Halloween party starts at 7 PM



No cover charge
for Halloween party



Dinner: \$25.00
Includes steak, steak fries,
salad, roll and dessert



Kids dinner of chicken tenders
and fries are free with an adult meal



Tickets for dinner available
at the bar until October 19th



Dinners will not be sold at the door



Raffles, 50/50, costume contest,
music and fun



**GET YOUR DINNER TICKETS
AT THE BAR BY OCTOBER 19TH**

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

SEPTEMBER 2026

Veterans Serving Veterans. Community Strong.

THURSDAYS - 7PM EUCHRE

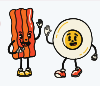
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6  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 NFL Watch Party		7		8		9  HAPPY HOUR 5-9 PM 6:30pm Mum Festival Planning Meeting		10  6pm Tenderloins & Fries 7pm Riders Meeting		11  6pm Chicken Parmesan on Spaghetti Tipp Home Football		12  OSU Watch Party Trivia/Music Bingo
13  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 NFL Watch Party		14  6pm Loaded Potato Soup & Ham & Cheese Croissants 7pm SAL Meeting		15		16  HAPPY HOUR 5-9 PM		17		18  6pm Green Beans, Ham, Cornbread Tipp Home Football		19  4pm Grover Tournament OSU Watch Party Karaoke
20  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 NFL Watch Party		21  6pm Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce 7pm Auxiliary Meeting		22  7pm Post Everlasting & Membership Meeting		23  HAPPY HOUR 5-9 PM		24  6pm Sliders & Fries		25  6pm German Oktoberfest Dinner Mum Festival Setup		26  OSU Watch Party Mum Festival
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11  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9 NFL Watch Party		12  6pm Pulled Pork Sandwiches 7pm SAL Meeting		13  6pm Birthday Dinner 6pm Calendar Meeting & Joint Exec Meeting		14  HAPPY HOUR 5-9 PM 7pm Dart League		15		16  6pm Meal TBD		17  8am Auxiliary 3rd District Conference OSU Watch Party Karaoke
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