



Newsletter

January-February 2024

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POST OFFICERS

2023-2024

LEGION OFFICERS

- Commander - Melissa Fowle
- 1st Vice - Brian Fowle
- 2nd Vice - Michael Brenner
- Adjutant - Bob Steggemann
- Finance Officer - Harlan Purves
- Sgt-At-Arms - Open
- Chaplain - Julie Durka
- Service Officer - John Kessler
- Judge Advocate - Doug Whitney
- Past Cmdr - Bob Steggemann
- Trustee 1 - Ralph Avey
- Trustee 2 - Open
- Trustee 3 - Open
- Post Manager - Chuck Colby

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- President - Sherri Matthews
- 1st Vice - Kim Focht
- 2nd Vice - Dorothy Prater
- Secretary - Caitlyn Brinkman
- Treasurer - Jennifer Bashore
- Chaplain - Marlene Shook
- Historian - Marlene Shook
- Sunshine - Joyce Lewis
- Sgt-At-Arms - Cathy Jadwin
- Members-At-Large
- Vi Williams
- Becky Copfer
- Lesley Janssen

S.A.L. OFFICERS

- Commander - Dale Epperson
- 1st Vice - Dan Belding
- 2nd Vice - Open
- Adjutant - Ed Brinkman
- Sgt-At-Arms - Dave Flint
- Chaplain - Tim Yetter
- Advisor - Bob Steggemann
- Historian - Allen Willis

LEGION RIDERS

- Director - Ned Barnes
- 1st Vice - Mary Barnes
- Adjutant/Sec- John Vanscoy
- Treasurer - Doug Whitney
- Sgt-At-Arms - Larry Seaton
- Road Captain - Tim Dumbauld

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of our Post Family! This past year has seen much change to our Post. We have new staff members, implemented a VIP program, made significant improvements to our Post Home and our signage, and welcomed many new members. Thank you to everyone who have pitched in to help with dinners, events, parties, color guard/honor guard, cleaning, decorating, giving donations of time, money, talents, and more! I truly appreciate each and every one of you! Your ideas and constructive suggestions really make our Post a welcoming place. There is more to come but we can't make our Post a viable place in our community without our members.

Thank you to all of our Post's officers. I know that your leadership and willingness to commit yourselves to the mission and outreaches to veterans and our community would not have the impact that it does if not for you. Another thank you to Mike Brenner for maintaining our Post website and newsletter. You make it look very professional and appealing! Also thanks to Brian Fowle for implementing the announcement TV, making of the slides, and maintaining this to let our membership know of upcoming events in a way that is attractive and eye-catching! He also is able to display our slides on FaceBook to allow us to share with our family and friends. Please make sure to thank Ralph Avey, our Post Trustee, who has taken on many projects that have needed attention and has found cost effective ways to fix and maintain our Post. I need to thank the Prater family and crew that have raised funds and taken on projects for our Post home and kitchen. There are so many that I need to thank that I cannot remember them all. If I haven't mentioned you, please know that I didn't mean to slight you, it's just that we have so many talented and hardworking people involved in making our Post so wonderful. We are always looking for workers, people with ideas creative ways to implement them.

I am really looking forward to 2024 to see how we all can come together to make Frank E. Robinson Post 586 even better. I hope that this coming year finds you all in good health, high spirits, and able to make our programs have a deep impact in our community!

For God and Country
Commander Melissa

FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Legionnaires and our Legion Family - we are looking to find ways to help our American Legion Post thrive in the coming year. One of the things that needs to be addressed is how do we have an active membership. We would like to see the younger veterans in our Post, but like anything, there needs to be a reason to have the younger veterans here. One thing that could help is getting the whole family involved, but, not all younger vets have wives or husbands, or even kids. Here are some questions for my Veteran friends and family members, particularly those of us that are in the Persian Gulf and GWOT era's.

- Are you active with our Legion Post and if not, what's preventing you?
- What can our Post do to encourage you to become an active member of our Post?
- What events or changes would you like to see happen?
- Are there better ways to communicate with our membership?

The ideas that we usually turn to do not seem to have the effect that we are looking for. What we are asking for are fresh ideas, things that are not the same old, same old. We are wanting ideas or events that would be unique, fun, family friendly. Not only do we need fresh ideas, we need our membership to come in and run with some of these ideas to make them a success. As we start the new year of 2024, it is our hope that Post 586 can be a beacon to the community and the Veterans of Tipp City. Please, send your comments and ideas to alpost586exec@gmail.com or come to the Post and talk to the leadership. Let's have a great year!

For God and Country
Brian Fowle, 1st Vice Commander

FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Welcome to winter! Colder temperatures are here as we ring in the new year. But before you know it, pitchers and catchers will be reporting to spring training for another year of baseball action. That's how you know the weather is going to break soon.

In January and February, we have some great events planned. Come into the Post to catch the big games - The Rose Bowl, The Sugar Bowl on New Years Day, and the National Championship game on 8 January. In February, the Super Bowl happens on 11 February. The Daytona 500 is the following weekend on 18 February, and we will host a Left Turn Party at the Post for the race. Come check it out!

We are always looking for volunteers. If we can get some help from you for various events, we would very much appreciate your effort. It's a great opportunity to help the Post and to build better relationships with other veterans and their families. And who knows, you may even have a little fun.

Finally, if you know of other veterans who are not part of the American Legion, please bring them in and let's get them signed up. We have a really wonderful Post, and we would love to share that with more of the great veterans around our community.

For God and Country

Mike Brenner, 2nd Vice Commander



UNAUTHORIZED LANDING

You've all heard of the Air Force's ultra-high-security, super-secret base in Nevada, known simply as Area 51?

Well, late one afternoon, the Air Force folks out at Area 51 were very surprised to see a Cessna landing at their "secret" base. They immediately impounded the aircraft and hauled the pilot into an interrogation room.

The pilot's story was that he took off from Vegas, got lost, and spotted the base just as he was about to run out of fuel. The Air Force started a full FBI background check on the pilot and held him overnight during the investigation.

By the next day, they were finally convinced that the pilot really was lost and wasn't a spy. They gassed up his airplane, gave him a terrifying "you-did-not-see-a-base" briefing, complete with threats of spending the rest of his life in prison, told him Vegas was that-a-way on such-and-such a heading, and sent him on his way.

The day after that though, to the total disbelief of the Air Force, the same Cessna showed up again. Once again, the MP's surrounded the plane, only this time there were two people in the plane.

The same pilot jumped out and said, "Do anything you want to me, but my wife is in the plane and you have to tell her where I was last night!"

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Americanism – One of the Four Pillars of The American Legion

The Americanism pillar is to help inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. If we do not teach our youth, who will? And what will be taught instead of love for our Country, instead of knowing of our Constitution or how our government is supposed to work? Who will teach them the meaning of leadership (and responsibilities thereof), the involvement of a team to work together for a common goal, to instill pride of Country, or the appreciation of veterans' sacrifices for our Country?

Americanism is an important pillar of the American Legion as it reminds of us of our past and how we might "transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy."

Buckeye Boys State/Buckeye Girls State (Juniors in High School)

Many know of BBS/BGS but do you know how the Legionnaires/SAL or Auxiliary do this? They bring Juniors into a college campus to set up a mock government. They don't tell them what to do but how to correctly go about making laws, ordinances, resolutions. The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio are used to help guide the delegates.

Oratorical Contest (9th to 12th grades)

The Oratorical contest is available to all high school students. They must pick something dealing with the Constitution and speak without prompts, props, or slides for 8-10 minutes. Then one of four amendments (previously listed) are chosen and the student must be able to talk for 3-5 minutes on that topic. The contest starts at the Post with winners going on to a District contest. Then the 14 district winners go to Department with that winner going to National. Prizes are awarded at each level.

Eagle Scout of the Year

Eagle Scout of the Year start with the Eagle Scout filling out the application found on the Department's website. Applications are then sent to the Post, then to District, to Department and up to National. If you know of an Eagle Scout, please make sure that he/she knows of this program and can submit their application to our Post.

Americanism and Government Test (10th, 11th and 12th grades)

The Americanism and Government (A&G) test is given to high school students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Posts are to give the tests to the high schools that they sponsor in November. These tests are graded with the top Boy and Girl from each grade going up the ladder to County, District, and Department. The top three Boys and Girls from each grade are selected to go on a trip to Washington D.C. and to Gettysburg. These 18 students are able to see a whirlwind tour of our Capitol seeing sights that most of us don't get the opportunity.

American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball and Junior Shooting Sports are very competitive and are sponsored by Posts and the surrounding communities. These programs allow junior athletes the ability to compete against others in their regions, State, and even on a National level.

Chaplains and The Four Chaplains Ceremony

The chaplain program falls under Americanism in that the American Legion "is for God and Country." The chaplains are to remind our Posts, Districts, Departments, and even on a National level that our faith in God needs to be at the core of what we do. Chaplains help to remind us that our faith in God is not through one religion and that we can inspire those around us through prayer and praise. One way they do this is with the Four Chaplains ceremony where four chaplains on an Army transport ship during WWII helped to save lives and souls one February night.



**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW
YOUR AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERSHIP**

Many of our Legion members that still need to renew their American Legion Membership for 2024. We want to be a quota post that is vital, active, and present within our community.

If you still need to renew your membership for 2024 the easiest way is to log into MyLegion.org to renew online or you can scan the QR Code (below).

If you prefer renewing by mail or in person, you can mail in or drop off a check to the post.

Brian



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Keep an eye on Facebook for updates!



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS AT THE POST

- Euchre every Thursday at 7:00 PM - \$5
- Weekly \$5 Drawing Mondays at 8pm
- Weekly \$1 Drawing Thursdays at 8pm
- Breakfast Sunday Mornings 8:30-11am \$9

Check the calendar for all meals and entertainment



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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: 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 3-10pm Happy Hour	4	5 6pm Fish & Chicken	6 12pm Gaming Tournament
7 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	8 7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	9 7pm Executive Meeting	10 3-10pm Happy Hour	11 7pm Riders Meeting & Christmas Party 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	12 6pm Beef Stew 7pm Music Bingo	13
14 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	15 6pm Spaghetti 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	16 Quarter Auction	17 3-10pm Happy Hour	18 7pm Reverse Drawing Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	19	20 7pm Trivia
21 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	22 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	23 7pm Membership Meeting	24 3-10pm Happy Hour	25	26 6pm Stuffed Pork Chops	27
28 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	29	30 7pm Quarter Auction	31 3-10pm Happy Hour			

FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 6pm Chicken and Fish	3
4 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	5 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	6	7 3-10pm Happy Hour	8 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	9 6pm Pork Loin & Kraut 7pm Trivia	10
11 SUPER BOLW SUNDAY 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	12 7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	13 6:30pm Joint Meeting 7pm Executive Meeting	14 3-10pm Happy Hour	15	16 7pm Music Bingo/Trivia	17
18 2:30pm Daytona 500 - Left Turn Party 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	19 6pm Spaghetti 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	20	21 3-10pm Happy Hour	22	23 6pm Cabbage Roll Casserole	24
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