



# Newsletter

July – August 2023

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POST OFFICERS

2023-2025

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 – Paul Gray
- 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

We are off to a great start with a slate of officers that encompass different service branches and different eras of service. I wanted to thank Bob Steggemann for his many years of being our Post Commander. I also wanted to welcome Julie Durka as our new Post Chaplain.

I'm really wanting to foster a family friendly post so I am looking for ideas to create events and activities. Please contact me if you would like to help me with this. We really need to look to our future and bring in the younger generation of Veterans and their families.

We have applied to have a float in the Mum Festival parade. We have a trailer to use but we need ideas and workers to make this happen. This would be a great way to showcase to our community who we are and what we do.

For God and Country,  
Commander Melissa Fowle

## FROM THE 1ST VICE COMMANDER

The 2024 Membership year renewal drive is here, starting on 1 July and ending on 31 Dec. But, we have set a goal this year for our Post to encourage all our Post members to renew their memberships for the Legion and Legion Family and to meet our membership quota by Veterans Day. If we meet this goal, our Post will be eligible for a membership award and bonus money from the Department of Ohio which will go towards programs to support Veterans and their families.

The VIP T-shirts arrived, they look awesome, are very soft and fit great. So far 25 members who have turned in VIP cards and received a t-shirt. Remember to get your VIP cards signed when you come in to work the events or attend the meetings. Also, if you have received a t-shirt please wear it to advertise the VIP program so we can have more members hear about it and start to get involved in Post activities/ events.

The 3rd District will be installing the new officers for the 2024 membership year on Thursday, 6 July at 7pm at Kettering Post 598. I am being installed at the 2nd Vice commander of the 3rd district and would like to invite our membership to the Installation event.

For God and Country,  
1st Vice Commander Brian Fowle

## FROM THE POST ADJUTANT

I wanted to remind everyone that our social room is available to rent for most any occasion. Please contact me if you would like to talk about it. Everyone have a safe and fun summer!

For God and Country,  
Bob Steggemann, Post Adjutant

**Help wanted!** On Saturday 8 July at 9am we will be meeting at Maple Hill Cemetery to take down the large flags. Please come and help if you are available.

## FROM THE 2ND VICE COMMANDER

Welcome to Post 586. It is my honor to serve as this year's 2nd Vice Commander. I have gotten to know many of you, and I look forward to meeting everyone else in the coming months!

This year, we have been focused on creating more Post events, and getting more participation from our membership overall. We have held some wonderful special events such as Cinco de Mayo and a Cincinnati Reds Opening Day party, in addition to our traditional celebrations like Memorial Day. There are many more opportunities for events throughout the rest of this year, and I would be happy to help facilitate more events at the Post.

I would like everyone to consider helping us out at the annual Mum Festival. We normally have a lot going on with the beer garden, 50/50 drawing, raffles, parking, showdown, and more. We really need some volunteers to step up and help out. You will find that it's a lot of fun, and it's pretty easy to pitch in. We will be having a planning meeting for that soon, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Keep an eye out for that.

I've been asked, why did you join the American Legion? The biggest factor that drew me to the American Legion was the relationships that I experienced while serving in the United States Air Force. The friendships built there are lifelong, and I was interested in finding new friends in civilian life that share that same common bond as a military veteran. But also, The American Legion offers the opportunity to help others. The Legion does so much for veterans and for the community, and it's really an honor to be able to contribute in some small way.

Congratulations to our Post Commander Melissa Fowle for being appointed as a 3rd District Chaplain and to 1st Vice Brian Fowle for being elected 3rd District 2nd Vice Commander!

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

## SAL NEWS

Greetings from the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 586.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and this crazy Ohio weather. This year the SAL was able to give out four scholarship, Payton Willis attending Brescia University, Mason Harding attending Sinclair Community College, Kennedy Chaney attending Wright State University and Caleb Steggmann attending Edison State Community College. We wish them all the best in their educational endeavors.

We are still planning to do a fundraiser by selling pre-order sub sandwiches, details to follow.

It is with great sadness we say farewell to our SAL brother Paul Gray who passed on June 10th. Paul was the SAL second vice and great contributor to our meals. Gone too soon, R.I.P.

The SAL will continue their support by preparing dinners and breakfast and we appreciate every ones continued support. If you are a SAL member, please consider coming to a SAL meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7:00. Be a part the your Squadron and Post and share your ideas to help make the Sons of the American Legion Post 586 better and stronger

SAL 2023 dues were due by December 31. If you have not paid them you will not be able to get a new key card and your capsule was removed from the drawings. Please get them in ASAP!

For God & Country,  
Dale Epperson, SAL Commander

## POST IMPROVEMENTS

If you haven't been in the Post lately, you are in for a surprise! The meeting room is almost complete in the renovation process and is looking great! The wallpaper is down, paint and new wall sconces make the room look fresh and updated, and the back bar will get a much needed repair. The canteen area is now going through the same process. It's amazing how light and fresh it looks even though it's not yet finished! Thanks to Brian and Melissa Fowle, Chuck Colby, Ralph Avey, Dale Epperson, and Mark Starcher for helping with the canteen area reno.

If anyone wishes to help with the post improvement, please get in touch with the post to be put on a volunteer work list that we can contact. We also are accepting donations for this project. Speaking of donations, we have applied for and received monies to update our sign on 3rd St. and to repave our parking lots after the water company completes their upgrades.

Thank you all for your patience with the inconveniences of our progress.



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

# LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At the June Membership Meeting, scholarships were awarded by the Legion Family to worthy recipients.

There were scholarships given by the American Legion, the Auxiliary, the Sons and the Riders. These scholarships are part of the important work that is done by our American Legion Post, and they will make a difference in these young people's lives. Congratulations to all of the wonderful students who received scholarships!

Check out the photos from the ceremony!



The recipients are in the front row – Joy Trimbach, Kennedy Chaney, Lucas Kunzelman, Lanna, Kunzelman, Kirsten Jacobs, and Cora Purves. Not pictured are Victoria Jacobs, Caleb Steggemann and Daniel Trimbach. Their sponsors are in the back row: Ray Krebs, Linda Chaney, Bob Steggemann, Ned Barnes, Joyce Lewis, and Harlan Purves along with Post Commander Missy Fowle.



Past presidents Lana Kenzelman and Kennedy Chaney  
Norma Adkins- Kennedy Chaney and Cora Purves  
Auxiliary-Cora Purves



Joy Trimbach, Lanna Kunzelman, Lucas Kunzelman, Mother for Samantha Dahle (no show working), Daniel Trimbach (no show working)



Payton Willis, Mason Harding, Kennedy Chaney, Caleb Steggemann

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- Trustee - Ralph Avery

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



- **JULY 11 - BIRTHDAY CARRY IN**
- **MUM FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 23-24**
- **QUARTER AUCTION JULY 18 & AUGUST 15**
- **POST IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUED**
- **THE AUXILIARY JUST STARTED A FACEBOOK PAGE, PLEASE GIVE US A LIKE!**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Hello, and welcome to Post 586. My name is Julie Durka, and I am the new Post Chaplain. I am pleased to serve at the American Legion, and I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope to see everyone at the Post!

For God and Country,  
Post Chaplain Julie Durka

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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 PM - 7:00 PM

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## MUM FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year the Tipp City Mum Festival will be held on Saturday September 23 and Sunday September 24. Our Post will again sponsor a Beer Garden, featuring beer, pop, food, 50/50 raffle, a big ticket raffle and other events. We will be parking cars all day Saturday and Sunday for a small fee for the convenience of those attending the events in the City Park.

We will need volunteers for our events on Saturday and Sunday. We will also need help on Friday afternoon/evening for set-up, usually starting around 5:00 PM until finished and tear-down on Sunday evening around 5:00 PM until finished. There will be sign-up sheets in the Post Social Room in early September, so please sign up for as many events/hours as you can.

We will also have a float this year in the Mum festival parade and will need help with that as well.

This is our biggest fund-raiser each year and we need all of the help we can get.

## QUARTER AUCTION FOR THE LEGION

The Quarter Auction on August 15th is for the benefit of our Post. We need donated items which should be new and valued at \$15.00 or more to auction off as part of the Charity.

If you are able to make a donation(s) for this auction, please bring the item(s) to the Post and give to a Legion Officer or the bartender on duty. Items donated should be brought in as soon as possible, so we can publish a listing to generate interest in the auction. We also need a big ticket item to raffle off. This item is usually in the \$100.00 range. Something you would spend \$5.00 on to win. So we need ideas for this item.

Most importantly we need to have as many people in attendance as we can get. Please bring your family and friends, the event is open to the public and food will be available at 6:00 PM.



## AMERICAN LEGION INSURANCE BENEFIT

Providing care when you need it most. If you fall victim to an accident or emergency away from home, Legionnaire Insurance Trust Endorsed plans will provide you the medical care you need for a speedy recovery and peace of mind.

### NO COST LEGIONCARE





Your valued status as a Legionnaire makes you eligible for LegionCare, up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST to you benefits. But Confirmation is required for full activation.

- \$5,000.00 NO COST To You Accidental Death Protection if traveling on official American Legion business.
- \$1,000 Accident Protection for all covered accidents



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# JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8pm Queen of Hearts
2 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	3 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	4 <b>HAPPY Fourth of July</b>	5 3-10pm Happy Hour	6 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	7 6pm Chicken & Fish \$10	8 8pm Queen of Hearts
9 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	10 7pm SAL Mtg 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	11 6pm Birthday Carry In 7pm Legion Exec Mtg	12 3-10pm Happy Hour	13 6pm Tenderloin & Fries 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	14 6pm Pork Loin w/Kraut, Mashed Potatoes & Applesauce \$10	15 8pm Queen of Hearts
16 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	17 6pm Spaghetti with Garlic Bread 7pm Auxiliary Mtg 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	18 6:30pm Quarter Auction	19 3-10pm Happy Hour	20 6pm Burgers & Chips 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	21	22 8pm Queen of Hearts
23 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	24 6pm Baked Potato & Salad Bar 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	25	26	27 6pm Taco Salad 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	28	29 8pm Queen of Hearts
30 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	31 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	7pm Legion Membership Meeting	3-10pm Happy Hour	8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	6pm Riders Cold Plate	8pm Queen of Hearts

# AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 3-10pm Happy Hour	3 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	4 6pm Fish & Chicken, fries, slaw, hush puppies \$10	5 8pm Queen of Hearts
6 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	7 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	8 7pm Legion Exec Mtg	9 3-10pm Happy Hour	10 6pm Tenderloins & Fries 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	11 6pm SAL Open Faced Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Dessert \$10	12 8pm Queen of Hearts
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