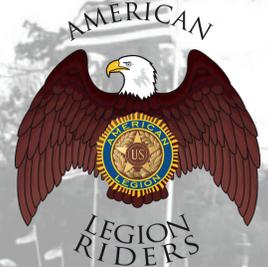




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2024-2025

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- 2nd Vice - Michael Brenner
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- Finance Officer - Harlan Purves
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- Chaplain - Chuck Frazier
- Service Officer - Dan Elmore
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- Past Cmdr - Bob Steggemann
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- Trustee - Vacant
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- Sunshine - Joyce Lewis
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- Becky Copfer
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- 1st Vice - Dave Flint
- 2nd Vice - Vacant
- Adjutant - Ed Brinkman
- Sgt-At-Arms - David Copfer
- Chaplain - Blake Bashore
- Finance Officer - RJ Steggemann
- Historian - Allen Willis

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- Director - Ned Barnes
- 1st Vice - Mary Barnes
- Adjutant/Sec- Frank March
- Treasurer - Tim Dumbauld
- Sgt-At-Arms - Larry Seaton
- Road Captain - Tim Dumbauld

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Melissa Fowle
Commander

Summer is here and has been busy at the Post. Our corn hole tournament was a success! Look for more opportunities to play in the next few months. We have sent care packages to troops. The Legion Family has presented 21 scholarships to the children or grandchildren of our members. We have also installed the officers of all our groups for the 2024-2025 year.

We have had some of our members come up with ideas for events and have made these ideas into reality. We are always looking for new ideas! If you are interested in presenting ideas or want to help, come on in and let us know.

Just because summer is a busy time, please don't lose focus on each other. While many of us are enjoying family time, vacationing, or lazing about, some of our members may be struggling. I'm asking that you make a phone call to someone you know is grieving. Or you could take a meal to a family that has been dealing with an injury or sickness. We need to take the time to check in with each other. That's what families do.

For God and Country,
Commander Melissa

FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER



Brian Fowle
1st Vice
Commander

2025 Legionnaire Membership Renewals

The annual Membership dues for Frank E. Robinson Post 586 will increase by \$5 to \$40 per year on 1 July 2024 for the 2025 membership year (due to a \$5 increase at American Legion National). There is also another possible \$5 dues increase at the beginning of January 2025, because of an expected increase at American Legion, Dept of Ohio. That means our dues at Post 586 will probably increase another \$5 to \$45 per year starting on 1 January 2025 (for the 2025 Membership year).

You can eliminate the yearly hassle of remembering to renew your American Legion membership by taking advantage of the new multi year (3 year) membership which is available to 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.

If you choose to participate in the 3 yr online membership renewal here is how it will work. In early July, the Adjutant or 1st Vice Commander will pull a Membership renewal report from MyLegion.org of those members who have renewed for the current membership year. The Post will send you the membership card for each of the current membership years, probably in late July or early August.

It's that simple, many of our Post members have taken advantage of this new program already. Sign up today and as always we thank you for being a dedicated member of Frank E. Robinson Post 586. Please contact me if you need help or have any questions or concerns.

For God and Country,

Brian Fowle
1st Vice Cmdr/Membership Chair

WHAT'S THE BEST PATRIOTIC PIE FOR THE 4TH OF JULY???



Mike Brenner
2nd Vice Commander

For this newsletter, I'm tackling the important issues. 4th of July pie.

The 4th of July is a time for family gatherings, fireworks, and, of course, delicious food. Among the many culinary delights that grace the picnic tables and backyard barbecues, one dessert stands out as a true American classic: pie. But with so many varieties to choose from, which pie reigns supreme for this patriotic holiday? For some, it is the quintessential American apple pie. I'm not saying that's the best 4th of July pie, but we can talk about what makes apple pie great.

Apple pie has long been associated with American culture and values. Its simple, yet rich flavor evokes a sense of nostalgia and tradition. Here are a few reasons why apple pie is a great choice for the 4th of July:

- **Historical Significance:** Apple pie's roots can be traced back to early American settlers who brought the recipe from Europe and adapted it to the new world. Over time, it became a symbol of American prosperity.
- **Availability of Ingredients:** Summer is the perfect season for apples, making it easy to find fresh, local produce. This ensures that your pie is as flavorful and juicy as possible.
- **Versatility:** Apple pie can be served in numerous ways—warm or cold, with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, or a dollop of whipped cream. This versatility makes it a crowd-pleaser.
- **Patriotic Presentation:** With a little creativity, an apple pie can be dressed up for the holiday. Add a lattice crust, sprinkle it with coarse sugar for a festive sparkle, or serve it alongside red, white, and blue decorations for a truly patriotic dessert.

Perfecting Your Apple Pie

Creating the perfect apple pie involves a few key steps and tips:

- **Choosing the Right Apples:** A mix of sweet and tart apples, such as Granny Smith and Honeycrisp, provides a balanced flavor and texture.
- **Preparing the Crust:** A flaky, buttery crust is essential. Use cold butter and ice water, and handle the dough as little as possible to ensure it remains tender.
- **Spicing It Up:** Classic spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and a touch of cloves enhance the natural sweetness of the apples and add depth to the pie.
- **Baking to Perfection:** Bake the pie until the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbly. This ensures that the apples are cooked through and the flavors have melded together beautifully.

Alternative Patriotic Pies

While apple pie is a top contender, there are other pies that can also capture the spirit of the 4th of July:

- **Cherry Pie:** With its bright red filling, cherry pie is not only delicious but also visually fitting for the holiday. It's tart, sweet, and pairs wonderfully with vanilla ice cream.
- **Blueberry Pie:** Celebrating the blue in the red, white, and blue, blueberry pie offers a sweet and slightly tangy flavor. It's a delightful way to incorporate seasonal berries into your dessert spread.
- **Mixed Berry Pie:** Combine strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries for a vibrant and flavorful pie that showcases the colors of the American flag. It's a refreshing and summery option that's sure to impress.

To set the record straight, the correct 4th of July pie is: BLUEBERRY.

(please address all disputes to 2nd Vice Commander Mike Brenner for open debate)

Happy 4th of July and have a great summer!



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DOUG WHITNEY: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Written By Mike Brenner

Many of you know our long time Judge Advocate, Doug Whitney. Most of you also probably realize that Doug recently relocated to the State of Washington, and is no longer our Judge Advocate. I recently spoke with Doug, and learned some very interesting facts about Doug's life that I wanted to share with everyone.

- Originally from Durango, Colorado. Grew up in Colorado and Arizona.
- Entered the Army Reserve in 1956 shortly after graduation. Stayed in the reserve through college, and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant out of the ROTC in 1964.
- Served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam and 1 in Germany. Supported a cavalry squadron on artillery support.
- Retired as a Major in 1983.
- Met his wife Donna in 1957 and they married in 1959.
- Together they had 5 children - 4 boys and 1 girl.
- Has 18 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, and 2 more on the way as of this writing.
- After separation from the military, moved to Idaho where he had been stationed before, teaching ROTC at the university.
- Went to law school at the University of Idaho, and stayed there as a prosecuting attorney.
- Retired as a prosecuting attorney in 2003 and moved back to Colorado.
- After his 2nd retirement, was contacted by a State Contractor, and accepted a position as an instructor in Afghanistan to teach locals how to become prosecutors under their newly created constitution and laws.

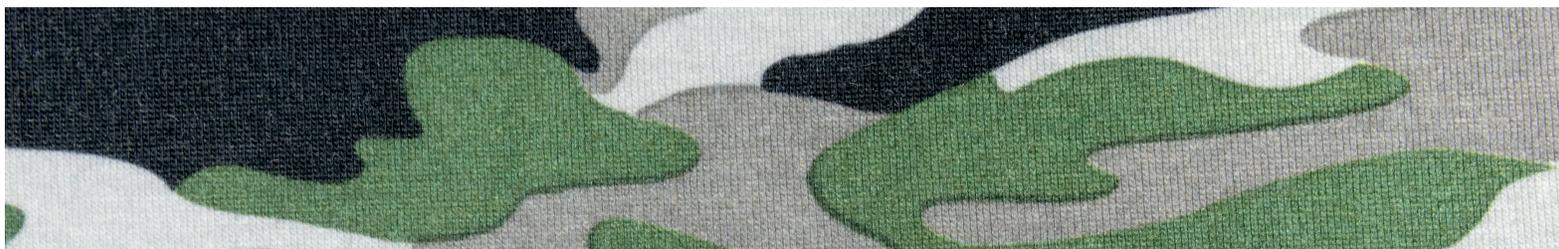
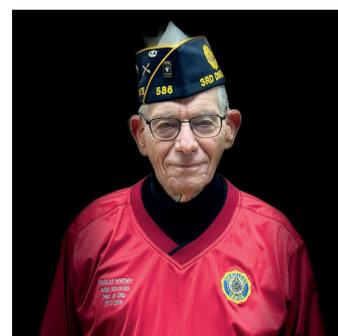
- He moved to Ohio to be closer to his daughter and her family, and chose Tipp City.
- Became active with American Legion Post 586, and became the Judge Advocate for 9 years.
- Was the Judge Advocate for the Department of Ohio for 4 years.
- Was passionate about Buckeye Boys State, and served as a Trustee and Instructor for that program here in Ohio.
- Moved to Pullman Washington in June 2024 to be close to family again. This is the same place he practiced law for 20 years. He has 2 sons there and a bunch of grandchildren there.

Doug's finest military memories:

- Commanding an Artillery Battery while in Vietnam. He considers this the apex of his career.
- Had an assignment at Ft. Bragg as a nuclear weapons specialist. They redesigned and tested the readiness of artillery units with nuclear capabilities.

Doug wanted me to share these words of wisdom with his friends and colleagues at Post 586:

"I hope everyone takes the opportunity to find something that they really love in the American Legion program and see if they can get involved - whether youth programs or the many things that the Legion does for the community. There are lots of things that the Legion does other than having a social room and canteen. I was happy to serve communities and I got a lot of satisfaction out of my service to the Legion. My experience with Buckeye Boys State is one of the highlights of my time in Tipp City."



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VETERANS VISITING THE 9/11 MEMORIAL



Photo courtesy of Mike Brenner

During the summer travel season, consider visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York City, honoring the nearly 3,000 lives lost in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. For veterans, visiting this site is deeply significant, connecting their service and sacrifice to the resilience shown on that day. Veterans, who have defended the nation, find a deep connection at the 9/11 Memorial. The site commemorates not only the victims but also the brave first responders, many of whom served or have since joined the military.

To honor their service, the 9/11 Memorial Museum offers free admission to veterans year-round. This gesture acknowledges the bond between those who defend the nation and those who perished in one of its darkest hours. For veterans, visiting the 9/11 Memorial is a time of reflection. The serene North and South Pools offer a space to contemplate the sacrifice of fellow service members and civilians. The museum's exhibits often evoke a personal connection for veterans who have witnessed or participated in similar acts of resilience and recovery.

I have personally visited the museum, and I can tell you first hand that they really rolled the red carpet out for me. They gave me a badge designating me a veteran guest for the day, and the staff at the museum went out of their way to make our experience special. I highly recommend visiting the memorial site if you ever have the opportunity. It is an amazing experience.

For more information, visit the Memorial's website at 911memorial.org



NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARY

The American Legion's Women's Auxiliary dues will increase for the 2025 membership year. The \$5.00 increase will go into effect July 1, 2024. The annual fee will go from \$30.00 to \$35.00. The dues increase comes at a time when the need for American Legion advocacy, expertise, influence, services, and programs are needed in every corner of our nation. Also, an increase is necessary due to the current membership standings and inflation.

This is a time to continue supporting the American Legion's ability to serve veterans, members of the US armed forces and young people. A national \$5.00 per capita dues increase can prevent National Headquarters from having to cut programs and services. The American Legion's ability to succeed over the next decade depends upon positive cash flow and the ability to invest in the future.

Debbie Frazier
Membership Chairman

NEW MEMBER RECRUITING

The Executive Board recently approved an initiative to offer an incentive to new American Legion members who are willing to sign up at various upcoming events sponsored by the Post.

There are two scheduled events for new members to sign up for \$30, a \$10 fee reduction:

- The Corn Festival at Fulton Farms on August 5 & 6
- The Mum Festival on September 28 & 29

The new member must fill out the application and pay the \$30 dues at the event. A copy of the DD-214 will also be required to validate the member's eligibility (which can be done later). If you have any questions, please refer them to Vice Commander Brian Fowle.

LEGION POST 586 2024-2025 Officer

The following Legionnaires are the newly installed officers for the new year 2024-2025:

Commander: Melissa Fowle
1st Vice Commander: Brian Fowle
2nd Vice Commander: Mike Brenner
Adjutant: Bob Steggemann
Finance Officer: Harlan Purves
Service Officer: Dan Elmore
Chaplain: Chuck Frazier
Judge Advocate: Vacant
Sgt. At. Arms: Frank March
Historian: Vacant
Trustee: Ralph Avey
Trustee: John Kessler
Trustee: Vacant

We have 3 vacant positions - Judge Advocate, Historian and Trustee. We would also like to install a 3rd Trustee. Any member in good standing can pitch in. If you would like to fill any of these open roles, please let Commander Melissa know.

The officer positions and descriptions are available on the website at:

<http://www.alpost586.org/about>



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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

August 3, 2024 at 8:00 AM

Location: American Legion Post 586

The Cost is \$40.00 per team to play. You can have as many teams from your Legion as you want.

You can register the day of the tournament.

Make up a name for your team.

Winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

There will be a food and beer tent.

Tournament will be held rain or shine.

RSVP by July 27, 2024

Open to Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders.

Please RSVP to Mary Barnes at (937) 846-5150.

Your team must arrive at 8:00 AM for the rules and regulations to play in this tournament. We will have judges that will make official fair and impartial decisions for all game play.



FROM THE SAL

Greetings members of the Sons of The American Legion. Summer is here! The kids are out of school and families are planning vacations. It's a busy time for sure.

Our membership is around 111 members as of the first of June. Our quota this year is 109 which puts us at about 101% of our goal. Congratulations on meeting our quota! 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"

The S.A.L had the privilege of awarding 6 individuals with scholarships this year. Blake Bashore attending Sinclair Community College, Noah Carter attending Ohio State University, Kennedy Chaney attending Wright State University, Caleb Steggmann attending Edison State Community College, Hannah Steggmann attending Wright State University, Payton Willis attending Brescia University. We wish them all the best in continuing their education. These scholarships are funded by our monthly dinners and other events throughout the year. A big thank you to each volunteer for their time and commitment to making this possible.

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!

Dale Epperson, SAL Commander



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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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The American flag was designed to represent the new union of the thirteen original states: it would have thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and thirteen stars, white on a blue field.

One of the first flags had the stars arranged in a circle, based on the idea that all colonies were equal. The thirteen stripes, resting side by side, represented the struggle for independence; red stood for valor, white signified purity and blue represented loyalty.

In 1818, after a few design changes, the United States Congress decided to retain the flag's original thirteen stripes and add new stars to reflect each new state that entered the union.

Since then, Americans have fought for and died to preserve the ideals of democracy represented by the flag.

JULY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	2	3  3-10pm Happy Hour	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY! 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	5 Cook Moved to Saturday for the Summer	6  6pm Fish & Chicken
7  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	8  7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	9 6pm- Quarterly Birthday Carry-in Dinner 7pm Executive Meeting	10  3-10pm Happy Hour	11 6pm Chicken Quesadillas 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	12 No Cook	13
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21  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	22  8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	23  7pm Membership Meeting	24  3-10pm Happy Hour	25  6pm Taco Salad 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	26 6pm Riders Meatloaf 7pm Trivia/Music Bingo	27  7pm Karaoke
28  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	29  8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	30	31  3-10pm Happy Hour			

AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	2 Cook Moved to Saturday for the Summer	3 8am Cornhole Tournament 6pm Fish & Chicken
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