



Newsletter

March – April 2023

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POST OFFICERS

2022-2023

LEGION OFFICERS

- Commander – Bob Steggeman
- 1st Vice – Melissa Fowle
- 2nd Vice – Sherri Matthews
- Adjutant – Brian Fowle
- Finance Officer – Harlan Purves
- Sgt-At-Arms – Del Prater Jr.
- Chaplain – Michael Brenner
- Service Officer – John Kessler
- Judge Advocate – Doug Whitney
- Past Commander – Don Williams
- 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
- Jennifer Rademachir
- Angel Turner
- Lesley Jenssen

S.A.L. OFFICERS

- Commander – Dan Belding
- 1st Vice – Dale Epperson
- 2nd Vice – Paul Gray
- Adjutant – Ed Brinkman
- Sgt-At-Arms – Chris Weir
- Chaplain – Tim Yetter
- Finance – Bob Steggeman
- Advisor – Bob Steggeman
- Historian – Steve Andrews

LEGION RIDERS

- Director – Frank March
- 1st Vice – Russ Black
- Adjutant/Sec- John Vanscoy
- Treasurer – Doug Whitney
- Sgt-At-Arms – Tim Barga
- Road Captain – Ned Barnes

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hopefully spring is getting closer, they say it's been a mild winter. Ok here we go. We have some folks stepping up to do some events which is what we need. We need every member's help with doing their part in supporting the post. Check the calendar for new events happening soon.

It's almost time for scholarships to be given out each group will let you know when. The Legion Post scholarship applications will be available in the Post Social Room in late April.

As always we need volunteers for help at the post with meals and we need help with funeral details and color guards. Again we need our members to step up and support the post.

For God and Country,
Commander Bob

FROM THE 1ST VICE COMMANDER

As Legionnaires, our biggest responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. The American Legion National Executive Committee passed Resolution 18 during Spring Meetings in May 2019. The resolution called for "Buddy Checks" to be conducted Legion-wide during the weeks of The American Legion's birthday, March 15, and Veterans Day. Veterans today are facing problems of finding new purpose after being deployed, and coping with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury and other stressors. This critical time in a veteran's life is when they are most vulnerable to suicide or other self-harm. The Buddy Check helps to preserve and protect the lives of our veterans.

We need a team of Legionnaires to make these "Buddy check" phone calls to our membership. We will be making phone calls on or near the American Legions Birthday, during the week of 15 March. If you would like to assist by making a minimum of 5 "Buddy Check" phone calls please call and leave your contact information at the Post or email alpost586@gmail.com. This would be a great way to launch our Volunteer Importance Program!

For God and Country,
1st Vice Cmdr Melissa Fowle

FROM THE POST ADJUTANT

The deadline to be current with your American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Riders memberships for 2023 has passed, which means if you haven't renewed, your membership status has expired. An ACTIVE membership is the life blood for an American Legion Post and critical for the success of all of the programs that this organization supports. We couldn't give out any of the scholarships for students, donations to Hospice or Gifts for Yanks, or any other worthy charities. We couldn't support Color Guard teams for parades and other events or Honor Guard Rifle teams for our veterans who have passed on. ALL of the dinners and fun events are great for building camaraderie within our membership, but the overarching reason is to support the American Legion programs and charities. All of us are responsible for recruiting new members into The American Legion Frank E. Robinson Post 586 in order to build an active and vibrant Veteran Service Organization. Also, if you haven't already done so, please consider renewing your Membership for the 2023.

For God and Country,
Brian Fowle, Post Adjutant

VIP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Post 586 is very excited to launch the Volunteer Importance Program (VIP) starting 1 March 2023. This is a year-long program, and all members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, and Riders are eligible to participate!

All a member needs to do is volunteer to work 6 Post events and attend 3 meetings. There are VIP cards that a Post officer (any of the Legion family) would initial and date to show participation. Events can include cooks, fundraisers, post improvement projects, color guard/honor guard, or any event that includes any of our Post family. Meetings can be Post, District, Department, or National meetings, conferences, or conventions. Once a VIP card is completely filled out, the holder gets a Post 586 VIP t-shirt. That member is immediately eligible to attend the VIP party!

The canteen would be closed at 6pm on the date of the party and reopened for VIPs ONLY. The member is entitled to 5 free drink tickets, a catered dinner, entertainment, and drawings for fabulous prizes. Members can have as many cards filled out they want for their participation. VIP cards are put in a tub to be drawn from for the prizes. Member does not have to be present to win, but must have their cards turned in.

We look forward to seeing more faces in the Post and cannot wait to party with all our VIPs!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME EVENT

Post 586 would like to introduce our new members to the American Legion, Post 586, and the Canteen. This also a fun way to meet and get to know our new members and their families. Initially we'd like to send out invitations to those Legionnaires who've been with our post 3 years or less, however, anyone is welcome.

Our first Welcome Event will be Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2pm. This should only last 1-2 hours. Not only will we introduce ourselves and the Legion, but there will be mixers/games and an opportunity to tell us what you think works in our post, what does not, or what you'd like to see happen.

This is the first of our welcome events and there will be more in the next couple of months until we are able to meet with most, if not all, of the new(er) members.

We are eager to meet our new members and hear what you have to say! See you in March!



The Chief wasn't convinced his message was getting through.



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THE STORY OF THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

On Feb. 3, 1943, and the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was one of three ships in a convoy, moving across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to an American base in Greenland. She was carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers. They came under enemy attack, and were hit by a torpedo far below the water line. The initial blast killed scores of men and seriously wounded many more.

Through the pandemonium, four men spread out among the Soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded and guiding the disoriented toward safety. They were four Army chaplains,

- Lt. George Fox, a Methodist
- Lt. Alexander Goode, a Jewish Rabbi
- Lt. John Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest
- Lt. Clark Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister



Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains worked to bring calm to the men. The chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets to all passengers. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight. When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains simultaneously removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did Fox or Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line. One survivor would later say, "It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven."

Although the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were later awarded posthumously, Congress wished to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements which required heroism performed under fire. So a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.

It was never given before and will never be given again.

This is a very abbreviated version of the full story. For the full story, see the article on the Army website. https://www.army.mil/article/34090/chaplain_corps_history_the_four_chaplains



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 that calendar for all meals and entertainment



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Trivia/Music Bingo - Come out and play on March 17, March 25 and April 21. It's free, bring friends!

St. Patrick's Day Party - Friday March 17, come out for St. Patty's day food and drinks at the canteen.

Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Party - The Cincinnati Reds open the season on March 30 at 4:10 PM. Come join us at the Post to enjoy the game, with authentic ballpark foods. Hot dogs, stadium brats, popcorn, soft pretzels, cracker jacks and more! Lets go Reds!!!

Birthday Dinner - The quarterly birthday dinner will be on April 11 at 6:00 PM.

Daily drawings are at 8pm. See the full calendar for all events at the Post!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of the Post. The Executive Board is actively working to create new and exciting events and bring more people into the Tipp City American Legion. We would love to hear your ideas. What would you like to see at the Post? Also, if you know of any veterans in the area, please invite them in. We all have friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who are veterans, and we would love to welcome them into our family.

On February 5, 2023, Melissa Fowle, Brian Fowle and I participated in a Four Chaplains Ceremony at Post 526 in Fairborn. If you are not familiar with the Four Chaplains story, see the article above. The ceremony is extremely impactful, and we plan to hold one at our post next year.

For God and Country,
Mike Brenner, Post Chaplain
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BARTENDER NEEDED

We are looking for a new bartender or two at the Post



We are looking for one or possibly two bartenders to fill Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Post. If you would like to apply for this position, please contact Chuck Colby at the club, or email Mike@alpost586.org to apply.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

Buckeye Boys State will be June 11th- June 18th, 2023 at Miami University. The Buckeye Boys State application process for delegates will be online again. Once you receive your enrollment form, please return it with the number of delegates your post plans on sending along with your payment by March 15th. You will receive back forms that have a specific code for each delegate to log into the website and enter their information electronically. Each code is specific for each delegate, so the forms CANNOT BE COPIED.



Enrollment Forms need to be turned in before Citizenship codes can be sent to the delegates. American Legion Buckeye Boys State also created QR codes to educate students and schools that are unfamiliar with BBS. These codes are for educational and recruitment purposes only and are not delegate applications.

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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SONS MESSAGE

Greetings from the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 586.

Spring is around the corner and winter can go away. We are going to change up our Friday dinner for March and April preparing bake lasagna dinner, please come and enjoy the meal.

The SAL will continue their support by preparing dinners and breakfast and we appreciate every ones continued support. If you are an 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,
Dan Belding, SAL Commander



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**BARTENDER
NEEDED**

We are hiring a bartender for Saturday,
Sunday and Monday. If you are
interested, please see Chuck Colby or
email Mike@ALPost586.org







POST OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Post Officer nominations will be happening at the regular meeting on April 25, 2023. The Commander will provide an officer nomination sign up sheet at the Post in early April. Please consider running for an officer position.





Post Officer elections will be held at the regular membership meeting in May.

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MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New VIP Program Kicks Off 3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	2 7pm Euchre	3 6pm Fish & Chicken, Fries, Slaw, Hush Puppies Dinner \$10	4 8pm Queen of Hearts
5 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	6 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	7	8 3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	9 6pm Burgers w/Chips 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	10 6pm Baked Lasagna \$10	11 8pm Queen of Hearts
12 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	13 6pm Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup \$6 7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	14 7pm Legion Exec Mtg	15 American Legion Birthday 3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	16 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	17  6pm St. Patrick's Day Party 7pm Trivia	18 8pm Queen of Hearts
19 2pm New Member Welcome 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	20 6pm Spaghetti with Texas Toast \$6 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	21 6:30pm Quarter Auction	22 3-10pm Happy Hour 7pm Darts	23 6pm Taco Salad \$6 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	24 6pm Beef Stroganoff \$10	25 7pm Music Bingo 8pm Queen of Hearts
26 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	27 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	28 7pm Legion Membership Meeting Post Officer Nominations	29 3-10pm Happy Hour	30  3:30pm Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Party 4:10pm Pirates at Reds	31 	

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8pm Queen of Hearts
2 8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	3	4	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 6pm Chili Spaghetti Skyline Style 7pm SAL Mtg 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	11 6pm Birthday Dinner 6:30pm Joint Exec Mtg 7pm Legion Exec Mtg	12 3-10pm Happy Hour	13 6pm Meatball Subs 7pm Riders Meeting 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	14 6pm Lasagna \$10	15 8pm Queen of Hearts
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