



# Newsletter

November-December 2024

www.alpost586.org



## POST OFFICERS

2024-2025

### LEGION OFFICERS

Commander - Melissa Fowle  
 1st Vice - Brian Fowle  
 2nd Vice - Michael Brenner  
 Adjutant - Bob Steggemann  
 Finance Officer - Harlan Purves  
 Sgt-At-Arms - Frank March  
 Chaplain - Chuck Frazier  
 Service Officer - Dan Elmore  
 Judge Advocate - Vacant  
 Past Cmdr - Bob Steggemann  
 Trustee - Ralph Avey  
 Trustee - John Kessler  
 Trustee - Vacant  
 Post Manager - Chuck Colby

### AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President - Sherri Matthews  
 1st Vice - Debbie Frazier  
 2nd Vice - Dorothy Prater  
 Secretary - Pat Purves  
 Treasurer - Caitlyn Brinkman  
 Chaplain - Marlene Shook  
 Historian - Marlene Shook  
 Sgt-At-Arms - Cathy Jadwin  
 Sunshine - Joyce Lewis  
 Exec Board:  
 Kristen Carlson  
 Becky Copfer  
 Lesley Jenssen

### S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander - Dale Epperson  
 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

### LEGION RIDERS

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

We have had quite a few events in the past couple of months! The biggest event for our Post was the Mum Festival. I want to thank everyone who worked or came out and supported our Post. I've heard several comments about our float! It was colorful and pretty. Thanks to the Auxiliary who made so many of the paper mums that adorned the float - you truly made our float beautiful! Thanks to Brian Fowle and crew who designed and built the float. My gratitude to those who marched, handed out candy, and those who rode on the float. Pat Purves was a rock star who sold \$900 in 50/50 tickets! We are blessed to have those who worked in the Beer Garden as well as those who sold food, ran the games, and donated goodies for the cake walk. I can't thank you all enough!

We've also had Trunk or Treat with many decorated vehicles and those who handed out candy to the children in our parking lot. We had a fun time at the Halloween Party. Such great costumes! We've had Horse Races, Karaoke, and Trivia. Our Post has been very busy!

A special shout out to our Color Guard who

present the Colors for the home football games. Looks like they will have one or two more home games as the Tippecanoe Red Devils are doing very well and will be in the playoffs.

I am so pleased to see our members volunteering their time and talents for the purpose of making our Post successful, inviting, and the place to be. In fact, Miami County Veterans Services (MCVS) chose our Post to host the first VET TALK because we have a lot of scheduled events and because our post looks fresh and welcoming. They provided a meal and had several speakers talk about the VA Hospital, Legal Aid, Food Pantry for qualifying veterans, and upcoming events for MCVS. I was able to speak about our Post and who and what the American Legion is all about.

When you are out and about in the community, talk up our Post. Don't keep us a secret!

For God and Country,  
Commander Melissa

## FROM THE FIRST VICE COMMANDER



**Brian Fowle**  
1st Vice  
Commander

If you haven't already done so already, it's time to renew your American Legion Membership for the 2025 year. So far, over 70% of our membership has renewed their membership, our goal is to have everyone renewed and reach 100% quota by Veterans Day. Please consider renewing your American Legion membership today. You can do this online by visiting [legion.org/renew](http://legion.org/renew) or you can mail or bring in your dues to the Post. We value and appreciate your continued membership in the American Legion, Frank E. Robinson Post 586.

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.

For God and Country,  
1st Vice Commander Brian Fowle

## WHAT IS THE BEST CHRISTMAS COOKIE?



**Mike Brenner**  
2nd Vice Commander

When it comes to Christmas cookies, the competition is fierce. From sugar cookies decked out with colorful icing to rich and buttery shortbread, holiday cookie trays are a treasure trove of deliciousness. However, one cookie rises above the rest as the quintessential treat of the season: the gingerbread cookie. With its warm, spiced flavor and festive charm, gingerbread wins. Here's why.

### Flavor

Gingerbread cookies embody the taste of Christmas. With their unique blend of ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves, these cookies evoke the warmth and coziness of the holiday season in every bite. Unlike the simpler sweetness of sugar cookies or the richness of chocolate, gingerbread offers a complex flavor that feels festive and comforting. The spiciness pairs perfectly with a cup of hot cocoa, coffee, or even eggnog.

### Festive and Fun

One of the greatest joys of gingerbread cookies is how much fun they are to make, especially with friends and family. Rolling out the dough and using cookie cutters to create gingerbread men, Christmas trees, or snowflakes is a beloved holiday tradition. The creative possibilities are endless.

This hands-on decorating process brings people together, whether it's for a family cookie-baking day or a friendly gingerbread decorating competition. Gingerbread cookies aren't just a treat; they're an activity that makes holiday memories.

### They Tell A Story

Gingerbread cookies are steeped in tradition, dating back to medieval Europe, where gingerbread was often used in festivals and celebrations. In fact, gingerbread has been associated with Christmas since the 16th century. Their long-standing history adds a layer of nostalgia and meaning that other cookies just don't have.

### Gifting

There's something incredibly heartwarming about receiving a batch of homemade gingerbread cookies. Their festive appearance and spicy aroma make them an ideal holiday gift. Whether wrapped in a cute tin, tied up in cellophane bags, or placed in a cookie box, gingerbread cookies look as special as they taste. Plus, their slightly firmer texture means they hold up well during travel, making them great for mailing to loved ones far away.

### Versatility

Gingerbread cookies can be crunchy and crisp or soft and chewy, depending on how you make them. Some like their gingerbread cookies thin and snappy, perfect for dipping in coffee or tea. Others prefer thick, soft cookies that melt in your mouth. You can adjust the recipe to suit your taste.

### Final Thoughts

While every Christmas cookie brings something special to the table, gingerbread stands out as the most iconic, flavorful, and fun. So, the next time you're planning your holiday baking, make sure gingerbread cookies are at the top of the list. They're not just a treat—they're a tradition, a memory, and the taste of Christmas itself.

Happy Holidays!

For God and Country

Mike Brenner  
2nd Vice Commander



AMERICAN  
LEGION

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Veterans, SAL members, and Auxiliary: If you're spending Thanksgiving or Christmas alone or don't have plans, we invite you to join us at the American Legion Post 586 in Tipp City, Ohio. Come meet new friends, enjoy good company, and share a complete dinner with turkey and dessert. To help us prepare enough food, please stop by the Post and add your name to the sign-up sheet. There is no cost to attend. We look forward to celebrating with you!

For God and Country  
Chuck Frazier, Chaplain

*Happy Holidays*



JOIN THE  
AMERICAN  
LEGION TODAY!



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

## UPCOMING OSU FOOTBALL GAMES AT THE POST



Nebraska 4 Ohio State	Sat, Oct 26 12:00 PM	4 Ohio State 3 Penn State	Sat, Nov 2 12:00 PM
Purdue 4 Ohio State	Nov 9 TBD	4 Ohio State Northwestern	Nov 16 TBD
13 Indiana 4 Ohio State	Nov 23 TBD	Michigan 4 Ohio State	Nov 30 12:00 PM

## WHY THE AIR FORCE IS THE BEST ARMED FORCES BRANCH!

By Mike Brenner - The U.S. Air Force stands out as the top military branch due to its technological superiority, global reach, quality of life, and career development opportunities.

### Technological Superiority

The Air Force operates cutting-edge aircraft like the F-22 Raptor and B-2 Spirit, along with space and cyber warfare systems. Its control of satellite and GPS systems is essential to modern military operations.



### Global Reach

With its fleet of transport aircraft, bombers, and UAVs, the Air Force can project power worldwide within hours, supporting other branches with airlift, reconnaissance, and precision strikes.

### Quality of Life

The Air Force offers superior housing, healthcare, and educational benefits. Its emphasis on career development through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and other programs sets airmen up for success in both military and civilian life.

### Work-Life Balance

Known for better work-life balance, the Air Force has predictable deployments and a wide variety of career paths, from aviation to cyber warfare.

### Leadership in Space

The Air Force's leadership in space operations and its integral role in the U.S. Space Force make it a key player in modern defense strategies.

In short, with its advanced technology, global capabilities, and focus on personal development, the Air Force is often regarded as the best military branch.

## THE WRIGHT BROTHERS MEMORIAL: A DAYTON LEGACY



By Mike Brenner - Right here in Dayton, Ohio, stands the Wright Brothers National Memorial, a tribute to the pioneering brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright, who forever changed the world with the invention of powered flight. This memorial, located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, honors the birthplace of aviation and the significant contributions the Wright brothers made to history.

Dayton was their home, and it's where they developed and tested their early aircraft. The memorial, perched on Wright Brothers Hill, provides a breathtaking view of the city and is a powerful reminder of the brothers' ingenuity and determination. Visitors can explore the memorial grounds and learn more about the Wright brothers' journey from bicycle mechanics to aviation pioneers.

For locals and visitors alike, the Wright Brothers Memorial is a proud symbol of Dayton's rich history and its role in the birth of modern aviation.

Visit the memorial at 2380 Memorial Rd, Dayton, OH 45424. The memorial is located next to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field Interpretive Center which is open on weekly on Wednesday and Thursday.



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



## 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



## ADVERTISE HERE!

CONTACT MIKE BRENNER  
AT  
[MIKE@ALPOST586.ORG](mailto:MIKE@ALPOST586.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFO

TAX  
PREPARATION

TAX  
PLANNING

JOHN J. SKOLNICKI  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

TIPP CITY, OHIO

(937) 667-6744

[JSKOLNICKI@WOH.RR.COM](mailto:JSKOLNICKI@WOH.RR.COM)

NOTARY  
PUBLIC

THIS PUBLICATION IS SPONSORED BY JOHN J. SKOLNICKI. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR OUR NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CONTACT HARLAN PURVES OR MICHAEL BRENNER AT THE POST. YOU CAN EMAIL MICHAEL AT [MIKE@ALPOST586.ORG](mailto:MIKE@ALPOST586.ORG).

## 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

Frank E. Robinson  
American Legion Post 586  
PO Box 118  
377 North 3rd Street  
Tipp City, Ohio 45371

(937) 667-1995

[mike@alpost586.org](mailto:mike@alpost586.org)

Keep an eye on Facebook for updates!



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

## MUM FESTIVAL 2024



By Harlan Purves - The Tipp City American Legion Post 586 Mum Festival Project ended better than expected considering the windy and rainy weekend. We ended with a net income of \$2,875.79 compared to the prior year net income of \$3,877.24. This was a reduction of approximately 25% in our year over year net income. The weather was entirely to blame for the shortfall in the proceeds. Every volunteer worked as hard as ever and even a little harder considering the circumstances. Each function of the Mum Festival resulted in less income due to the weather with the exception of the Games and the 50/50. Both of these areas showed an increase in income due to the hard work of the people involved. The weather helped our games due to more people inside and willing to partake in the gaming projects. Some kept coming back and back again to play. We also benefited in the 50/50 project due to a few people having a contest to see who would buy the last ticket and a benefactor who paid extra to get the project to the \$900.00 mark. Everyone worked extra hard to battle the wind on Friday and the inconsistent rain throughout the weekend. Some got soaked for their efforts and many

had their enthusiasm dampened, yet all continued to work through these problems. The ending of the weekend proved to show the workers with better spirits than expected. We all cheered for the winners of the 50/50 and the Ohio State raffles to end the festivities.

A big THANK YOU to all who participated so that through their hard work and willingness to fore-go inclement the weather we were able to make this project a success.

## 200 REVERSE DRAWING AT TIPP CITY AMERICAN LEGION POST 586 - 11/9/2024

By Harlan Purves - Tipp City American Legion Post 586 will sponsor a 200 Reverse Drawing on Saturday November 2nd. The ticket cost is \$25.00 each which includes entry to the drawing and a baked spaghetti dinner. The tickets are on sale from the Post Home and from many members of the American Legion Post Family.

You may ask what is a 200 Reverse Drawing and the answer is that only 200 tickets are sold for the event. The objective of the drawing is to be the last ticket drawn for the evening when the largest prizes are won. There are 200 tickets drawn over a couple hours with multiple prizes awarded throughout at various junctures. The prize amounts vary during the evening from \$25.00 to \$200.00. The second to last ticket out will receive \$400.00 and the final ticket out will receive \$1,000.00. This is the fun of the reverse drawing you must wait until the end. There will also be a door prize of \$100.00 that will be drawn at the end of the evening. You must be present to win the door prize, all other prizes during the drawing are guaranteed even if you are not present.



There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for a diamond necklace from Kay Jewelers valued at \$150.00. The drawings for the 50/50 and the diamond necklace will be held at the end of the Reverse Drawing program and you must also be present to win these drawings.

The drawing will be at the Post Home located at 377 N. Third St. Tipp City. The doors will open at 5:00 PM and the dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. The drawing is open to the public however you must have a ticket to participate.

The Legion Post is conveniently located at 377 N. Third Street, Tipp City across from the City Park with plenty of parking in back of the Post. Please come out and enjoy this event.

## MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Written by Commander Melissa



When I attended the American Legion's National Convention in New Orleans back in August of this year, there was a presentation for the Military Women's Memorial. They were asking for women veterans to register in the Memorial's database. This will record and preserve the names, service information, photographs, and memorable experiences of each registered servicewoman. If you are a woman that has served or knew of a servicewoman, you can go to their website and register. By completing a simple form with the dates of service, branch of service, awards and

decorations, at least one memorable experience, and a picture in uniform, women can take their rightful and visible place in history for all time. The Military Women's Memorial is located at the ceremonial entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. This is a one-of-a-kind tribute and features an education center, interactive exhibits, and a world class collection of military women's stories. I encourage all of Post 586 to make sure the servicewomen in our lives are registered. Don't let their stories be forgotten.

## SAL NEWS

Greetings from the Sons of The American Legion Squadron 586. Hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by and we're only weeks from the first day of fall.

It's time for all annual members to renew your American Legion Membership for 2025!! Our goal is to have all our members renew by Veterans Day, November 11th. The easiest way to renew is to go online to the MyLegion.org website and update your information. If you would like to renew in person, then please come to the post during normal business hours and speak with the bartender.

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. Be a part of your Squadron and Post and share your ideas to help make the Sons of the American Legion Post 586 better and stronger.

SAL 2025 dues are due by December 31. If you have not paid them, you will not be able to get a new key card, and your capsule will be removed from the drawings until you renew your membership.

For God & Country,  
Dale Epperson, SAL Commander



**HONOR THE  
VETERAN  
THAT MADE  
YOU ELIGIBLE**

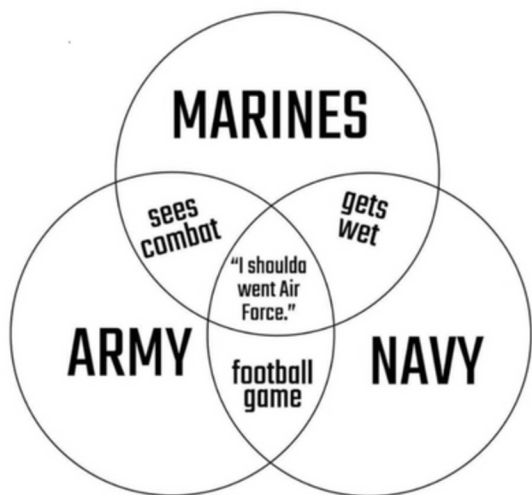
## POST EVERLASTING CEREMONY – 22 OCTOBER 2024



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – 8 DECEMBER 2024

By Caitlyn Brinkman - HO! HO! HO! I hope everyone has been good this year!! The Auxiliary will host the annual children's Christmas party on December 8th from 2-4pm. We will have crafts, games, hot cocoa and cookies along with a special visitor from the North Pole. This is always a fun event! We are asking for cookie donations to be brought in that weekend. If you would like to help with the party please let Caitlyn know.

Please fill out an RSVP form and place in the box no later than November 18th. RSVP forms can be found on the website, FaceBook, and in the Post Canteen.



# NOVEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  6pm Fish & Chicken, fries, slaw, hush puppies	2
3  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	4  6pm Crunchy Beef Tacos 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	5  12pm VOTE	6  6pm Hot Dogs 7pm Darts 3-10pm Happy Hour	7  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	8  6pm Lasagna	9  6pm Reverse Drawing Dinner
10  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	11  11am Veteran's Day Ceremony 7pm SAL Mtg 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	12  7pm Joint Executive Meeting	13  6pm Hot Dogs 7pm Darts 3-10PM Happy Hour	14  6pm Pork Tenderloins Quesadillas 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	15  6pm Auxiliary Cook Menu TBD	16  7pm Karaoke
17  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	18  6pm Spaghetti 7pm Auxiliary Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	19  7pm Legion Quarter Auction	20  3-10pm Happy Hour	21  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	22  6pm Ham, Potatoes & Green Beans	23  7pm MUSIC BINGO
24  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	25  6pm Ham & Cheese Croissants and Potato Soup 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	26  7pm Membership Meeting	27  3-10pm Happy Hour	28  2pm Thanksgiving Dinner 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	29  6pm Turkey Hot Shots	30  11:30am OSU vs Michigan Watch Party

# DECEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	2  6pm Auxiliary Christmas Party 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	3	4  3-10pm Happy Hour	5  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	6  6pm Chicken Pot Pie Dinner	7  Pearl Harbor Day
8  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	9  7pm SAL Meeting 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	10  6:30PM Calendar Meeting	11  3-10pm Happy Hour	12  6pm Taco Salad 7pm Riders Meeting 7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	13  6pm Chicken Alfredo Salad, Dessert 7pm Trivia/Music Bingo	14  Army-Navy Game
15  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	16  6pm Spaghetti 8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	17  7pm Charity Quarter Auction	18  3-10pm Happy Hour	19  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	20  6pm-Dinner Menu TBD 7pm Karaoke	21  College Football Playoffs
22  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	23  8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	24  No Membership Mtg	25  2pm Christmas Dinner 3-10pm Happy Hour	26  7pm Euchre 8pm Weekly \$1 Drawing	27  No Cook	28  College Football Playoffs
29  8:30-11am Breakfast \$9	30  8pm Weekly \$5 Drawing	31  New Year's Eve				