



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Ohio
District 5
Commodore Denig Post 83
[Newsletter – April - May 2023](#)

Commander's Notes

Fantastic newsletter! Our thanks to Ellen and Gary Mitchell for taking on this challenge.

I was approached this week by people that were saying that our Post was in financial difficulty – this is FALSE! This Post is probably in the best fiscal shape ever. When I took over 16 years ago, we owed \$880,000 on our mortgage and close to \$200,000 in outstanding bills. Fast forward to the present and we have no outstanding bills and the mortgage is down to \$272,000. This last year we were able to pay \$80,000 extra on the principal.

In January, we gave away over \$88,000 in donations – eight scholarships, five Booster Clubs and over 30 groups with a 501(c)3 non-profit status. If you know of a group who has this status and is in need, have them write us a letter, so we can decide what we can do. We are only allowed to donate to non-profit organizations from our Charity Fund.

If you see a member of our Honor Guard thank them for a job well done. If you would like to join our Honor Guard, please leave your name and number at the bar.

We have a lot to be proud of at our Post and what it does for our Veterans and our community.

Yours in Comradeship;

Terry Kaufman
Commander

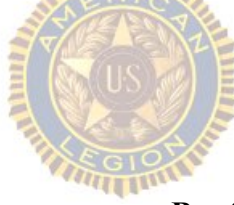
Bar Manager/Auxiliary President Notes

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Electronic Slot Tournament April 23rd. Don't forget to make your reservations for our Easter Buffet on April 9th. Thank you for supporting the Post. Welcome Spring! Below are some special dates for you put on your calendar:

April

9 Easter Buffet 11 to 2 PM
Prime Rib, Baked Ham, Roasted
Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sweet
Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole,
Vegetable Lasagna, Salad and
Dessert

Reservations Required



23 Electronic Slot Tournament
 \$50 Entry Fee, 2 PM
Sign up at Bar

Bar Sandwich With Chips Every Sunday
\$5.00 2 – 6 PM

Lee Pryor
Bar Manager and Auxiliary President
Unit 83

29 SAL Gun Raffle.
 Raffle Tickets at Bar. Doors
 Open 3 PM Downstairs
 Hall Raffle Starts at 4 PM

Commander, Sons of the American
Legion Notes

April Entertainment

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| 1 | Artie | 6 to 9 PM |
| 8 | Artie | 6 to 9 PM |
| 15 | Dennis Rowe | 6 to 9 PM |
| 22 | Lee Groove | 6 to 9 PM |
| 29 | Dennis Rowe | 6 to 9 PM |

Artie Every Thursday from 6 to 9 PM

May

- 14 Mother's Day Buffet 11 AM to 2 PM
Reservations Required
- 29 **Memorial Day – Post Open 11 AM to 2 PM**
No Bingo

May Entertainment

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| 5 | Artie | 6 to 9 PM |
| 13 | Artie | 6 to 9 PM |
| 20 | Dennis Rowe | 6 to 9 PM |
| 27 | Lee Groove | 6 to 9 PM |

Artie Every Thursday from 6 to 9 PM

The S.A.L. annual gun raffle will be Saturday, April 29th. The doors will open at 3:00 PM and the first drawing will be at 4:00 PM. There are plenty of tickets still available and can be purchased at the bar.

The S.A.L. meetings are always the second Sunday of every month at 1:00 PM, the exception being this April. The meeting will be Sunday, April 2nd due to Easter falling on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

If you are available to make a meeting, please stop in and say hello. We are always looking for new ideas and such.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Ryan Griggs
Commander, SAL

Editor's Notes

First, let us apologize for the lateness of the last Newsletter and for the typographical errors. We hope you enjoyed the first edition and we will try to continue to meet the standards that are expected by the membership of the Legion Family. Our plan is to try to make it as informative and as



entertaining as possible. We have increased the size of the font in this edition to help make it easier to read.

If you have something that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let us know. You can contact us at either 818.817.1208 (Ellen) or 818.324.3271 (Gary) or leave us a message at the bar.

Ellen Mitchell **Gary Mitchell**
1st Vice Cmdr **2nd Vice Cmdr**
Co-Editor **Co-Editor**

Meet the Post Commander

Who am I? My name is Terry Kaufman and I am the Commander of Commadore Denig Post 83. I was born March 24, 1949 in Sandusky.

I was in the Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and my Specialty was Morse Intercept Operator. I spent two years in Anchorage, Alaska at Elmendorf Air Force Base.

In 1973 I married Lynne Uhl and we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in May. 1973 was a busy year as I also joined the Sandusky Police Department.

Our first child, Stephanie, was born on our first anniversary (1974), our second child, Todd, was born in 1976 and our last child, Kristy, was born in 1980. We now have five grandchildren.

I left the Police Department in 1978 and went to work at New Departure until my retirement.

I was Commander of Post 83 for 1 year when we were still located downtown. I was the youngest Commander ever to take

position. I was 23. Currently, I have been your Commander of Post 83 for 16 years. I am a past District 5 Commander and at that time our District had 57 Posts with over 17,000 members. Currently I am on the Veterans Park Committee and Memorial Day Committee. I serve as liaison between the Out-patient Clinic and the American Legion Department Headquarters. I serve as the 5th District Task Force Chairman, as well as serving on the Bowling Committee, Baseball Committee, and I am the Veterans Administration (VA) Representative to the Soldiers and Sailors Home. My goal is to live long enough to pay off the Post mortgage.

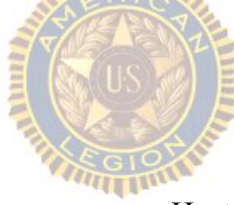
Meet the Auxiliary President

Auxiliary President Lee Pryor

My eligibility is through my Dad and Husband. I became a member in 1987. I had just come home from North Carolina with my husband who was medically discharged from the Marine Corps. After 10 years of the military life, California to North Carolina, I was ready to come back home. I was having dinner at the Post when I was asked to become a member of the Post 83 Auxiliary and I am still here.

It is a wonderful environment and a lot of wonderful people to be around. I have learned so much over the years. If you are not a member, please join. We have a lot of activities to do.

COVID has had us out of the loop but we are starting to get back to normal. The Auxiliary meets the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.



Recipes of the Month

We are going to try to include one recipe each month. If you have a favorite that you would like to share, please leave it at the bar for us – you will be given credit when we publish the recipe.

Buttermilk Chicken Strips (April)

1 Pkg boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 Qt buttermilk
Season All
Cornflakes
Vegetable Oil for cooking

The day before cooking – remove any excess fat and gristle from the breasts. Cut each breast in half and then cut each half into strips (approx. 4 strips per half). In a medium sized bowl, add the buttermilk and add Season All until the buttermilk turns pink. Place the chicken strips into the buttermilk mixture making sure that the chicken is thoroughly covered. Cover the bowl and chill overnight – remove from refrigerator when ready to cook.

Just prior to cooking – crush cornflakes and place in a sturdy bag. Add an equal amount of flour to the cornflakes. Add additional Season All (approx. 1 TSP) to the flour mixture.

Place chicken strips (ensure that all strips added to bag can be covered when added) into the flour/cornflake mixture, shaking after each strip (do not rinse or dry strips when removed from buttermilk).

Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Do not add the strips until the oil is hot. Cook the strips, turning once, until the chicken is golden brown on each side (approximately 10 – 12 minutes). Drain on paper towels before serving.

Rave Reviews Cake (May)

Cake:

1 pkg white or yellow cake mix (2-layer)
1 pkg vanilla instant pudding and pie filling (4-serving size)
1 1/3 C water
4 large eggs
1/4 C Oil
1 1/3 C shredded coconut
1 C chopped pecans

Frosting:

1/3 C softened butter
2 pkg 3-ounce cream cheese (softened)
16 oz confectioner's sugar
4 tsp milk
2 C shredded coconut

Cake Instructions:

Combine cake mix, pudding mix, water, eggs, and oil in a large mixing bowl. Blend then beat at medium speed for four (4) minutes. Stir in coconut and nuts. Pour into a greased/floured 10-inch tube/Bundt pan. Bake at 325° F. for sixty (60) minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool fifteen (15) minutes. Remove from pan and cool completely on rack.

Frosting Instructions:

Cream the butter. Blend in the cream cheese. Add the confectioner's sugar alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Add the vanilla and stir.



Assembly Instructions:

Spread the frosting over the top and sides of the cake. Sprinkle the coconut over the frosting.

Words-of-the Month

April 2023

Veracious – adjective – VE-ra-shus

1: Truthful, Honest, 2: True, Accurate

He has a reputation for being *veracious*, so people generally take his word for things.

May 2023

Plethora – Noun – ple-the-ra

1: an ample amount, abundance, 2: a bodily condition characterized by an excess of blood and marked by turgescence and a florid complexion.

Grand Cayman offers a plethora of bustling restaurants, ritzy resorts, and comfortable condominiums.

From The American Legion Magazine

The Camp Lejeune Justice Act

The American Legion and Bergmann & Moore, LLC, have entered into a memorandum of understanding to help veterans understand the Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA) and how to seek relief from illnesses caused by water contamination at the Marine Corps base. The American Legion’s litigation and training partner, Bergmann & Moore, LLC, has negotiated an agreement with a national mass tort firm that provides for lower legal

fees and no hidden litigation costs for Legion members. Veterans, family members and others potentially affected by contaminated water at Camp Lejeune are encouraged to consult American Legion-accredited Service Officers about the lawsuit. The first step in filing a CLJA claim is to go to the Legion-dedicated website – camplejeunelitigationteam.com/al and fill out the form. Those who wish to speak to someone personally can call **1-(800) 898-9450**. If you still have further questions about filing a CLJA claim, Elizabeth Hartman is Bergmann & Moore’s CLJA liaison with American Legion members regarding Camp Lejeune issues: lhartman@vetlawyers.com **1-(252) 497-7255**.

Should I or Shouldn’t I file a claim with the Veterans Administration?

It has been my experience that many veterans, for whatever reason, decide that by filing a claim they would be taking away something from a “*more deserving*” veteran.

This is my answer: ALL veterans are “deserving” veterans. Whether you had boots on the ground or not, every one of us signed that same blank check to our Country. That check could be cashed for up to and including our lives. None of us knew when we might be called to serve in a combat zone so any, and all veterans who have a service-related illness or injury need to file your claim with the VA.

ATTENTION VIETNAM VETERANS



MANY VIETNAM VETERANS ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE WERE MORE AGENTS USED BESIDES AGENT ORANGE. ALL AGENTS WERE NAMED BY THE COLOR OF THE BARREL THEY WERE IN. THE OTHER AGENTS ARE: GREEN, PINK, PURPLE, BLUE, WHITE, ORANGE, ORANGE II, ORANGE III AND SUPER ORANGE. IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING HEALTH ISSUES THAT DO NOT MEET THE PRESUMPTIONS OF AGENT ORANGE, TALK TO A SERVICE OFFICER TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN GO TO <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/basics.asp>. WE WILL INCLUDE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION IN THE JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER.

SHARE HER STORY SO THAT IT CAN BE ADDED TO THE REGISTRY. GO TO www.womensmemorial.org, CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND TELL YOUR STORY.

Post Officers

Commander	Terry Kaufman
1st Vice Commander	Ellen Mitchell
2nd Vice Commander	Gary Mitchell
Finance Officer	Tom Mowles
Adjutant Pro Tempore	Gary Mitchell
Chaplain	Frank Trautman
Service Officer	Pending
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bill Cummings
Executive Board	Guy Karis Tim Klepper Bob Faust
Newsletter Editors	Ellen Mitchell Gary Mitchell
Bar Manager	Lee Pryor

Auxiliary Officers

President	Lee Pryor
1st Vice President	Tasha Gama
2nd Vice President	Bonnie Wightman
Secretary/Treasurer	Karen Hush
Chaplain	Brittany Adams

WOMEN VETERANS: SHARE YOUR STORY THAT WILL BE ENTERED INTO A NATIONAL DATA BASE. WHETHER YOU SERVED A COUPLE OF YEARS OR A COUPLE OF DECADES, IT DOESN'T MATTER. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO



Sergeant-at-Arms	Danyell Adams
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Sons of the American Legion Officers

Commander	Ryan (Turbo) Griggs
1st Vice Commander	Randal Adkins
2nd Vice Commander	Dave Lange
Finance Officer	Dave Uhl
Chaplain	Joey Hauke
Historian	Larry Collins
Sergeant-at-Arms	Todd Kaufman
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