



# Post 283 News



AUGUST 2010

## COMMANDERS CORNER

TEN YEARS AGO (AUGUST 2000) - Don Stepleton became the Commander of the Post. Lou Postage was the newsletter editor.

CONVENTION NEWS - I, along with Judy Willoughby, L.S. Pauley and Larry Tislow attended the recent State Convention in Toledo. For sure, these events are not the most interesting things to sit through but quite a few interesting subjects were discussed. Some of the Resolutions that were adopted were: Female Military Personnel Assignment Policies, Make Full-Time National Guardsmen and Reservists Eligible for Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Benefits, and Support Local American Legion Posts to Host Armed Forces Blood Drives. The following Legionnaires were elected as the new officers for the Department of Ohio:

Commander: Dennis Clausing  
First Vice Commander: Robert Klostermeier  
Second Vice Commander: Steve Masowick  
Treasurer: Charlie Craynon

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY - On 7 July, the Post served dinner to a number of Airmen (220<sup>th</sup> Engineering Installation Squadron) who are on their way to Afghanistan. Thanks to the Ladies for the effort that was put into this meal, especially Nelva Householder.

THE WALL - We are getting into the crucial months of planning for this event. If you are interested in volunteering in some capacity, please let me know. All help will be greatly appreciated.

HONOR FLIGHTS - Honor Flight Columbus honors and celebrates World War II veterans by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to their important service to our country. The World War II Memorial was dedicated in May 2004. It is a long overdue tribute to our men and women who sacrificed so much. If you are a World War II vet and would like more information, contact: Honor Flight Columbus, 2187 Ridgecliff Rd, Columbus, OH 43221. Their telephone number is: 614-284-4987. Their web-site is: [www.honorflightcolumbus.org](http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org).

### ASK YOURSELF THIS QUESTION AGAIN!

What did you do today to help get the wall here?

If you can't answer that question, LS "Snakeeater" Pauley is here to help. If you would like to be involved in OPERATION NAM WALL or you know of individuals, organizations, or clubs that wish to become involved with this operation, please contact the Snakeeater at [Lpauley@greenapple.com](mailto:Lpauley@greenapple.com).

**POST OFFICERS & TRUSTEES:**

Commander: Jim Massengale  
1st Vice Commander: Dave England  
2nd Vice Commander: Terry Earhart  
Adjutant: Judy Willoughby  
Finance Officer: Larry Tislow  
Chaplain: Henry Householder  
Service Officer: LS Pauley  
Historian: Ron Ebright  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Gene Bednarski  
Trustees: Red Merle, Dave Stiles, Mike Franz

**S.A.L. OFFICERS:**

Commander: Mark Jacques  
1st Vice Commander: Don Schirack  
2nd Vice Commander: Chris Weil  
Adjutant: Bill Philpott  
Finance Officer: Frank Kavanaugh  
Chaplain: Farley Piper  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dennis Long

**LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS:**

President: Wendy Robertson  
1st Vice-President: Tammy DeRosier  
2nd Vice-President: Leslie Robertson-Carte  
Secretary: Sharon Massengale  
Treasurer: Betsy Bowen  
Chaplain: Annabelle Marion  
Historian: Kelly George  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Stagge  
Membership: Sharon McDougal

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## SONS OF THE LEGION

By Frank Kavanaugh

A lot of people are asking the SAL officers this: "Where's my key card, I sent my dues or initiation money weeks ago but I don't have my key card to enter the lounge?" Well we ran into a problem. The past SAL Commander went on vacation and forgot to give our new Commander the keys and computer

passwords. Commander Jacques said he may have to go to extreme means to open the money slot box, like an eight pound sledge hammer. Jacques can get the pass words hopefully from Commander Jim. We'll see and you will get your cards ASAP. The Food-a-rama Give Away Sweepstakes is moving along. The giveaway will be held on November 19, 2010. The prizes are set at a total of \$5,000.00. 1st Prize is \$2,500.00, second \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and ten prizes at \$100.00. It will be a drawing for Kroger gift cards in those amounts. The cards may be used at any Kroger Store in the area and will include gas and medicines. SAL Member Steve Ellis came up with the idea and he has done most of the ground work.

## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Thanks go to everyone who responded to the Poppy Letters we sent out in June. Because of your generosity we have approximately \$2,100 to spend on our veterans this year

I'd like to thank Nelva and Henry Householder for all their help for our July 7 dinner. Henry did our grocery shopping and Nelva planned an excellent menu with the assistance of our fine Auxiliary cooks. They spent two days setting up our banquet and did a wonderful job. Gene Bednarski and Henry also took the leftovers to our Pickerington firefighters. Super job everyone!

Our cook outs for August are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll be revising our menus so you'll have to come and try them out.

We are starting to gather things for the October Stand Down. We are in need of XXL or XXXL sweatshirts especially hoodies. We will take any gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets. Place any items in the box in the lounge.

Changes in our membership. We will no longer be mailing your cards to you unless you live out of town. You must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope in with your renewal in order to get your card mailed to you. You also have the option to pick your card up at a meeting (the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm) or arrangements have been made with the bartenders and you can pick your card up from them. A very important item is that in order to maintain your continuous years of membership, your dues must be paid by December 31. If you have any questions, Sharon McDougal is our membership chairperson and can help you.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Post members celebrating birthdays this month include: Ed Eckman -1st, U.S. Coast Guard-4th 1790, Commander Jim Massengale-7th, Carl James-15th, Mike "Spud" Gornall-16th, Cindy Zunich-19th, Sharon (Mrs. Commander) Massengale-28th, Bill Brenning-29th

## BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

Chef Judy will be serving up her all-you-can-eat breakfast on Sunday 15 AUG. As always, the menu will include: eggs made to order, biscuits w/ sausage gravy, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, toast, juices, and coffee. Chef Judy is on the griddle from 0800 to 1100 hours. You can't eat a breakfast like this at home for \$4.00!

## LEGION RIDERS POKER RUN

The Legion Riders will hold a poker run on 28 AUG. Information is available in the lounge. Auction donations may be dropped in the lounge during business hours.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. COAST GUARD

For over two centuries the U.S. Coast Guard has safeguarded our Nation's maritime interests in the heartland, in the ports, at sea, and around the globe. We protect the maritime economy and the environment, we defend our maritime borders, and we save those in peril. This history has forged our character and purpose as America's Maritime Guardian — Always Ready for all hazards and all threats. Today's U.S. Coast Guard, with nearly 42,000 men and women on active duty, is a unique force that carries out an array of civil and military responsibilities touching almost every facet of the U.S. maritime environment. The Coast Guard's motto is Semper Paratus, meaning "Always Ready."

By law, the Coast Guard has 11 missions:

- [Ports, waterways, and coastal security](#)
- [Drug interdiction](#)
- [Aids to navigation](#)
- [Search and rescue](#)

- [Living marine resources](#)
- [Marine safety](#)
- [Defense readiness](#)
- [Migrant interdiction](#)
- [Marine environmental protection](#)
- [Ice operations](#)
- [Other law enforcement](#)

(listed in order of percentage of operating expense).

The legal basis for the Coast Guard is Title 14 of the United States Code, which states: "The Coast Guard as established January 28, 1915, shall be a military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times." Upon the declaration of war or when the President directs, the Coast Guard operates under the authority of the Department of the Navy.

As members of a military service, Guardians on active duty and in the Reserve are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and receive the same pay and allowances as members of the same pay grades in the other four armed services.

Key Dates in [Coast Guard History](#)

- 1790: Revenue-Marine (later renamed Revenue Cutter Service) created within the Treasury Department
- 1915: Revenue Cutter Service combines with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (est. 1848) to create the Coast Guard
- 1939: U.S. Lighthouse Service (est. 1789) added
- 1946: Steamboat Inspection Service (est. 1838) added
- 1967: Coast Guard transferred to Department of Transportation
- 2003: Coast Guard transferred to Department of Homeland Security

## WINNERS AND LOSERS

### FRIDAY DRAWINGS

6-18  
George Sides \$888 no  
6-25  
Dennis Long \$1,000 yes 1/2  
7-2  
Virgil Gutridge \$620 no  
7-9  
Jon England \$672 no

### SATURDAY DRAWINGS

6-19  
Casey Vallette \$1,000 no  
Tom Bing \$1,000 no  
Scott Turner \$1,000 no  
Harold Francis \$218 no  
6-26  
Jerome Meinert \$1,000 no  
Tom Scholl \$1,000 no  
Mindy Stenson \$1,000 no  
Sanford Vaughn \$444 no  
7-3  
Edward Echman \$1,000 no  
Scott Riffle \$1,000 no  
Judy Kellett \$1,000 no  
William Patton \$640 no  
7-10  
Randy Beeney \$1,000 no  
James Miller \$1,000 no  
Dylan Daughtery \$1,000 no  
MONTHLY DRAWING 6-20  
Scott Riffle \$5,000 no  
Mary Walsh \$5,000 no  
Rolondo Guzman \$95 no  
MONTHLY SECOND CHANCE DRAW  
Anne Huntwork \$100 yes

## COMING SOON

6th All Starz Karaoke  
13th Boley and Fink  
15th Past Commanders breakfast  
Monthly drawing  
20th Casey Taylor  
21st SAL Golf outing  
27th Agent 99  
28th Legion Rider Poker Run  
SEP  
2nd BUCKEYES v Marshall 7:30p  
Bobby Norris dedication nite—patio

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
1	2 Euchre 6:30p	3	4 COAST GUARD 1790  GRILL NITE 5-7p	5 General Meeting 7p	6 ALL STARZ KARAOKE	7
8	9 Euchre 6:30p	10 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p	11	12 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p	13 BOLEY & FINK	14
15  Past Commanders Breakfast 0800-1100h  Monthly Drawing	16 Euchre 6:30p	17 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p  SAL Meeting 6:30p	18 GRILL NITE 5-7p	19 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p  Ladies Aux Exec 6:30p Ladies Aux. Meeting 7:00p	20 CASEY TAYLOR	21 SAL GOLF OUTING
22	23 Euchre 6:30p  Honor Guard 1900h	24 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p  Legion Riders Meeting 1900h	25	26 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p  EXEC Board 7:30p	27 AGENT 99  HONOR GUARD STEAK NITE 6-8p	28 LEGION RIDERS POKER RUN
29	30 Euchre 6:30p	31 Twice the Dice Happy Hour 5-8p				