



*"For God and Country"*

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### ***October 2018***

***Commander's Comments:*** With October being the month of our Annual "First Responders Appreciation Night" event, it might be appropriate in this month's article to reiterate a few points our new American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad made during one of his first speeches after being elected in August. Having a 26-year law enforcement background as well as 3 decades with the American Legion, he points out the many similarities between veterans and law enforcement. "We are all committed to public service – a commitment that requires the willingness to risk our own lives to perform our sworn duties," he said. "And that's exactly what the founders of our organization did more than a century ago. They sacrificed, fought and many were wounded to free Europe so Americans could be safe at home. It's a scenario that has repeated itself in other parts of the world, in every war era since. Formed in 1919, the American Legion last month began a 15 month's centennial 100-year anniversary celebration. As part of that celebration, Post 572 has kicked off our "Hometown Heroes, Military Tribute Banner" program in partnership with the City of Parma. Past 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Joe Ruland and wife Auxiliary member Donna has taken charge of this program and it is now in full swing. See website for details and to get the link to register online. Or Call Joe Ruland at: 440-281-4955

***1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:*** I want to start by saying Happy Birthday to the US Navy and all who served in her. On **October 13, 1775** the US Navy was established and still continues to keep our nation strong and protected. I thank all Legion Members for continuing to serve our local community and fellow veterans by being part of the American Legion. In the month of September your Post 572 Honor Guard attended a local Veteran Resource Fair at the Snow Rd library in Parma, OH. There they explained how by joining the legion we ensure veterans and their concerns are heard by our representatives. When we come together in the American Legion we also support one another and help our fellow Veterans find the resources they need to get assistance with Veteran benefits. In the Legion we serve the local community we live in and show an example of service and patriotism to our children and grandchildren. I thank the Honor Guard members who came by that day. Now we need your help. We need you to renew your membership in the American Legion. If you have not paid your 2019 dues please do so before the end of October. If all current members renew by this time our post gets additional money by the Department to serve you this year.

You can renew and pay online at: <https://www.legion.org/renew/> or mail remittance of \$36 in Cash or Check to the Post in the envelope provided with the renewal notice sent by The American Legion or drop off at the Post addressed ATTN: Legion Membership Renewal.

If you have any friends who are Veterans, encourage them to Join by going to <https://www.ohiolegion.com/forms/new-member-sign-up/> and choosing Post 572 as the desired post to join. Or grab a **Why You Should Belong Booklet** we have at the post - it has an application in the back. Please email [erwin@swisscc.com](mailto:erwin@swisscc.com) or call me at 440-290-6221 if you have any questions.

I also want to **welcome Ronald B. Wostkiewicz** who joined our post in September.

***2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:*** On Sunday October 28th, I would like to invite American Legion Post 572 Members' children/grandchildren ages 12 and under to a Pre-Halloween Trick-or-Treat in the Post Hall. Lunch will be available in the Canteen from 1-2pm for children 12 and under, who are taking part in the Trick-or-Treat. For \$1.50 the children will get a hot dog, chips, and a small drink. Please note this is only available in the Canteen from 1-2pm and for the children only. We will have the Trick-or-Treat in the Post Hall starting at 2:15, please enter the Hall from the Canteen. A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board to sign up the children, this is to get a lunch head-count. I would like to ask Members to participate in handing out treats to the children. There is also a signup sheet on the bulletin board for members who are bringing treats to hand-out. Please bring your own treats, and don't forget to have the children in their Halloween costumes. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, John Rader contact: 216-470-2579 after 7pm or email: [secondvice\\_alpost572@yahoo.com](mailto:secondvice_alpost572@yahoo.com)

***Adjutants Desk:*** Next month the war to end all wars ended 100 years ago. The American Legion would come in to existence 1 year later as a WWI Veterans Service Organization. It has adapted and changed with each succeeding war and conflict otherwise it would have withered and died with the last doughboys. When the Iron Curtin fell across Eastern Europe after WWII a new term entered our vocabulary – Cold War. So, when we fought in Korea and Vietnam and other countries we called them Hot Wars. The tax exemption used by the American Legion was established by Congress for war era veterans service organizations. Some years ago, the Congress changed that exemption to include all veterans. Many resolutions to include these veterans of the Cold War have been submitted and rejected by committees at State and National levels. Maybe in the next 100 years attitudes toward these honorable veterans will change.



***TAPS:*** The Adjutant reports that no Legionnaires have transferred to Post Everlasting.

It is with deep sympathy to report the passing of **Mitchell B Gruzski**, 49 son of Legionnaire member Gary Gruzski (Hambone) and ex husband of our post bartender Erica. We all share in your loss.



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:** Thank you to all that supported the SAL/ALR Clambake this season! This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that we SOLD OUT! So next year keep an eye for ticket sales because you may miss out! Also, this fall keep your eye out for the news of SAL Sunday Breakfast! I don't want to miss the breakfast! Open to the public.

SAL Members – Membership cards are in! Be an “Early Bird” and get your 2019 dues in! Come to the meetings! The third Monday of every month @7:00 and learn more and be a part of the group! If you ever need to contact me please don't hesitate to call! Thank you, Dan Carter; SAL Commander (440)773-0863.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:** Come and join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> Mac & Cheese Challenge!!! Event competition is limited to 15 Home Chefs. Cut-off date to enter at no cost is November 11<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is in the Canteen. Be a judge and get a \$5.00 sampler platter. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Raffles and cheesy fun.

- **FROM THE CANTEEN:** Happy Hour Monday-Friday 3-6pm. Well Drinks and Domestic Draft Beers are only \$1.75. The October Bucket of the Month is Miller High Life. Get 5 bottles of Miller High Life in a Bucket of Ice for \$8 during Happy Hour and 3-9pm on Wednesdays. Tuesday: After 6pm, Tacos for \$2 and Margaritas for \$3. Wednesday: 3-9pm Bucket of the Month (5 Miller High Life) for \$8.00. Friday: Fish Dinner \$7.00 (price subject to change). Sundays: Browns Games will feature something new each week.

### MEETINGS

**October 1st (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM**

*(Meetings are held the first Monday of every month except holidays.)*

**October 8th (Monday) – Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM**

*(Wear your Legion Cover at the meeting; refreshments will be served after the meeting)*

**October 15th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM**

**October 15th (Monday) – A.L.R. Regular Meeting – After S.A.L. Meeting**

### EVENTS

**SATURDAY OCT 20<sup>TH</sup>...1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDERS APPRICIATION NIGHT .....5:00 PM**

**SUNDAY OCT 21<sup>ST</sup> .....SAL ALL YOU CAN EAT BRECKFEST AT THE POST .....9 TO NOON**

**SUNDAY OCT 28<sup>TH</sup> .....CHILDREN'S TRICK OR TREAT .....1:00 PM**

**SATURDAY NOV 3<sup>RD</sup> .....AUXILIARY NIGHT AT THE RACES.....6:00 PM**

**SUNDAY NOV 11<sup>TH</sup> .....VETERAN'S DAY DINNER.....TBA**

**SATURDAY NOV 17<sup>TH</sup> ...ALR MAC & CHEESE CHALLENGE.....2:00 PM**

**SUNDAY DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>.....CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.....2 TO 4:00 PM**

### **VISIT US ON FACEBOOK**

<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionOhioPost572>

***Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.***

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWING

SPLIT THE POT DRAWING – ON FOLLOWING THURSDAY AFTER 100 TICKTES ARE SOLD

### **CANTEEN & LOG CABIN GRILL FALL/WINTER HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday – Noon – 10:00 PM**

**Friday & Saturday – Noon – Midnight**

**Sunday – Noon – 6:00 PM**

**EVERY TUESDAY IS SANDY'S TACO NIGHT IN THE CANTEEN**