



"For God and Country"

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Commander's Comments: Leadership is the key element to maintaining and growing an American Legion post. Although the title given to the head of an American Legion Post or department may be "Commander", in actuality the commander does not command anything or anyone. As a commander (leader) the responsibility is to help myself and others to do the right thing, by setting a direction and build an inspiring vision while always creating something new. I have not accomplished nearly all that I would like to accomplish as commander, however, I feel content in knowing that I have created many new projects and have moved the post many steps forward toward solidifying the progressive future of the post. It necessitated making changes, many of which were criticized and, in some cases rejected, however by creating an inspiring vision, the officers, e-board and general membership were able to see the value of change and responded accordingly. As an officer within the largest Veterans Organization in the world, you can enjoy feeling the gratification of serving veterans, families, community. There is only 2 months before the nomination of officers which takes place at the April General Members meeting. Are you willing to step up and keep the momentum alive and serve the post by accepting responsibility as an officer or e-board member of the "Best Damn Post in The State"?

1st Vice Commander: Our thanks to Erwin Michel for his service to our post as First Vice Commander. Erwin stepped up when no one else would. By his military service to our country and his work as a minister, Erwin truly demonstrates the first four words of our American Legion Preamble, "For God and Country". Erwin, don't be a stranger, remember to visit the Post whenever you find the time. Thanks also to Joe Ruland for his time training me in the role of First Vice Commander. We, have only just begun, there is much more to the position than I imagined.

Our 2019 membership quota is 467. We are now at 420 or just under 90% of our goal. If you know of a member that has not renewed for the 2019, please reach out to him. Remind him of all of the advantages of being a member of the American Legion, especially Post 572. If you know of some special reason why a member has decided not to renew, please let us know. Perhaps we can resolve that situation. Remember that the canteen access key cards will be turned off for members that have not renewed for 2019 by February 1st.

I have received dues from Matthew Nobile without an application or any contact information. If you know Matthew, please have him contact me so we can complete the membership process and fully welcome him to our post.

2nd Vice Commander: Upcoming events: Feb. 16th Annual Chili Cook-off 1pm. Signup sheet behind the bar, limited to 12 entries, deadline to sign-up Feb. 10. Entries must be on the table by 1245. Volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Corned Beef Dinner March 16th serving 4 - 530. Presale only until March 10. Dinner \$12 and Sandwich \$9. Tickets will be available behind the bar. Volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board. 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

Adjutants Desk: Post administration is through the Executive Committee (erroneously called the e-board) chaired by the Commander. Members include both Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Adjutant, Immediate Past Commander and 6 Committee Members at Large. The authority and responsibility to operate this Post in compliance with The American Legion and Department of Ohio's Constitution and By-Laws rests with this committee. The Legionnaires vote on membership, finances and appointments. Property, taxes, permits, licenses and debts as well as legal responsibility is left to the Post Executive Committee. We need your Help! An American Legion Post is run by Legionnaires (veterans)not the Auxiliary, SAL or Riders it must be Legionnaires! In the past out going officers found their own replacements and if none could be found they took another term. That has not happened for a long time. Tony Kessler has made it known that he does not want a 5th year as Commander nor does 2nd Vice John Rader (there is the possibility one or both could change their minds. I don't blame either one for wanting to step down. They have done an exemplary job while learning their offices, hitting road blocks and criticism. For the first time that I can remember we will have 4 openings for committee members. Nominations will be in April and no kidding we need Legionnaires to step forward and be apart of the future of our Post. Finally, this Post owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Auxiliary, SAL and Riders for everything they have done for the Legionnaires. You do have a voice and we most certainly listen.

Chaplain's Corner: February 1st is National Freedom Day. Let us thank all our veterans, this includes all of you, and those currently on active duty for that freedom. I will not be at the meeting, so I ask that you please keep this in mind this quote from William James; "The great use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it!" I hope this meeting goes well. Jim



TAPS: The Adjutant reports that Legionnaire **Samuel Arlia**, Korea - 28 Year Member has transferred to Post Everlasting and now reports to the Commander of us all.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: The S.A.L. Squadron will be bringing back the "All You Can Eat Breakfast" in February, so stay tuned and look for the flyers for details.

SAL Members – Membership cards are in! 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! Remember why you joined the SAL Squadron and became a member of Post 572. Be an active member and honor the service and sacrifice of our fathers and grandfathers and join in on the post events. Dues can be paid in the Canteen by dropping an envelope into the SAL mailbox with your name, membership number, Phone number, email and your payment by cash or check. Your dues can also be mailed with the same information to American Legion Post 572, 6483 State Rd. Parma Ohio 44134. Dues are \$20 Regular Member, \$15 Jr. and Dual Membership. This year I would like to further promote the Units of post 572 working together on all events and activities that the post has to offer. Be a part, volunteer when you can to help make each event as successful and fun as possible!

If you ever need to contact me please don't hesitate to call! Thank you, Dan Carter; SAL Commander (440)773-0863.

FROM THE CANTEEN: The Canteen opens every day at 12 noon! There will be an informal get together to watch the Super Bowl on February 3rd. We'll have Pizza by the Slice, Football Squares, and 50/50 Drawings during the game. Lunch Specials for \$3-4 Monday-Friday 12-3pm. Happy Hour Monday-Friday 12-6pm. The February Bucket of the Month is Labatt Blue. Get 5 bottles of Labatt Blue in a Bucket of Ice for \$8 during Happy Hour and 12-9pm on Wednesdays.

MEETINGS

February 4th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

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

February 11th (Monday) – Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM

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

February 18th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM

February 6th (Wednesday) – A.L.R. Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM

EVENTS

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RDSAL ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST.....9:00 AM TO NOON

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RD13TH DISTR 4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE.....1:00 PM-POST 703

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3RDCANTEEN SUPER BOWL PARTY.....STARTING AT 6:30 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH.....CHILI COOK-OFF.....STARTING AT 1:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16THVALENTINE'S DAY DANCE.....7:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23RD13TH DISTR ORATORICAL CONTEST.....9:30 AM-POST 91

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH.....CORNEBEEF DINNER.....4 TO 5:30 PM

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Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWING

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING EVERY SATURDAY – MONTHLY PROGRESSIVE 50/50 DAILY DRAWINGS

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

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS - FRIDAY FISH FRY'S