



Post 283 News



October / November

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

October 7, 2001 Operation Enduring Freedom begins in Afghanistan. The country came together in the aftermath of September 11, when we were attacked by extremist Islamic Terrorists. Our young men volunteered to fight in droves. We were patriotic and it didn't matter what political party we belonged to or supported or what our religion was we just came together as Americans and showed our country's resolve and strength. How different than today but that's another story.

Our great U.S. Navy was established October 13, 1775. Anchors aweigh my boys! October 25, 2019 is steak night and Halloween Party - What a night!

There are two important days in November. November 5th is Election Day - vote! On the 11th day we honor the Veterans. We celebrated the ending of WW I in 1918 on the 11th month, the 11th day, at the 11th hour and it became "Armistice Day." In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11, as Veterans Day. This is a day observed in the United States to honor all Veterans living or dead who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in times of war or peace.

November is the month we contribute to "Gifts for Yanks who gave." The American Legion in Ohio pools funds from Posts for gifts and activities benefiting veterans in Ohio in hospitals, VA medical centers, outpatient clinics and veterans homes in Sandusky and Georgetown. On the 11th, the Honor Guard leads the Post to local assisted living and nursing homes to talk with and listen to veterans staying there.

Be proud you are a veteran and you served your country whether in war or in peace. Be proud that you had something to do with preserving our freedom and way of life. Be proud of your American Legion Post and let the public know it.

On July 30, President Trump signed into law the Legion Act - and Legion's National Charter was changed from having seven eligibility eras to two, subject to the same limitations and restrictions as before. If you served in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918 or any time after December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or continue to serve honorably, you are eligible to join the American Legion. So, Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into previous defined war eras may now join the American Legion immediately. "A veteran is a veteran." If you know of someone who previously couldn't join tell them to get a copy of their DD 214 and come to the Post and sign up.

November 10, 1975 U.S. Marine Corps established "Semper Fi"! November 13, 1982 Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated.

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A Veteran - whether Active Duty, Retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for the amount of "up to and including my life."

I am privileged to be a Veteran.

Special note: We will have a special Vietnam commemorative ceremony for November 7th general meeting and would especially like to see all of our Vietnam Veterans attend for recognition.

For God and Country - Commander Dave

BLAST FROM THE PAST!!

(Entries from past newsletters)

[From the November 2014 Newsletter]

I need to say thanks to more people who have stepped forward (back bones) and helped their Post with the best car show we have ever had. We had 72 cars and 1 bike of the best quality we have had. Everyone had a good time, the weather co-operated and the most money we have received from a car show ever was raised. I don't have a final Figure but will be over \$2,000 after expenses.

Thanks go to: Pat Beany, Steve and Wendy Robertson, "Fast" Eddie, Jan Schaefer and Denise Cantrell. Also to Judy Willoughby and those that helped her in the kitchen. And to non-member Paul Mitchell for his annual donation of the music and sound system. What bone are you?

"I will always do my duty no matter what the price. I've counted up the cost, I know the sacrifice and I don't want to die for you but if dyin's asked of me, I'll bear that cross with honor, cause freedom don't come free." - From the American Soldier.



SAL OFFICERS:

Commander: Steve Robertson
1st Vice: Jeff Littleton
2nd Vice: Roger Cruse
Finance: Andy Littleton
Adjutant: Larry Lewis
Chaplain: Skip Fry
Sgt-At-Arms: Jim Buyco

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 283:

The 2019 golf outing held on the 24th of August went off without a hitch. The team count was down slightly but we had wonderful weather with bright sunny skies.

All the players really helped make this a great outing. We have booked Raccoon Valley for next year's outing on August 15th so mark your calendar and come out and have some fun. I want to thank the AUXILIARY for all their help. Without this wonderful group of ladies and all their hard work things would not have run as smoothly as they do. **THANK YOU!**

We are having a food drive again this year to support the Pickerington Food Pantry. We will have a container in the canteen by the door for nonperishable food items. We will collect food from the 1st of October until the second week of November. Please join us in helping those in need this holiday season.

Remember the meetings are the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We have plenty of seats so stop in and see what's going on. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Steve Robertson
Commander Squadron 283

DAVID JOHNSTON MEMORIAL AUXILIARY UNIT 283:

October and November are busy months for the Auxiliary. October 15 is the Columbus Stand Down for Homeless Veterans. It is being held at the Columbus Convention Center. The Auxiliary is in desperate need of items for this event. There is a sign posted on the bulletin board in the lounge by the restrooms. Some of the items are hoodies, sweatshirts, denture cleaner, toothpaste and brushes, heavy socks, toboggans, gloves, lip balm and deodorant. All items must be in by Friday, October 11. There is a box located in the lounge where you can put your donations. All items **MUST BE** new, used items are not accepted.

It may seem early but for those of us preparing for the Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7, we need to start now. The sign-up sheet for the party is posted on the bulletin board in the lounge and your children need to be signed up in order to attend. We serve a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs so knowing the number of people attending helps us prepare. We will have crafts and a visit from the Old Gentleman himself, Santa Claus. The sign-up sheet will be taken down on Friday, November 30, so please don't disappoint the children.

November brings the honoring of our Veterans on Monday, November 11. Please plan on stopping by the Post to see what the Auxiliary has planned. Remember our meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please join us at 6:30 pm for some social time before the meeting. Hope you and your family have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Wendy Robertson
President Post 283 Auxiliary



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Holaday
Treasurer - Charlotte
Chamberlain
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Secretary - Heather Kessler
Tail Gunner - Steve Trimmer

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 283:

Greetings from your American Legion Riders!

Your Legion Riders represented well these this year's riding season. With the Geno Memorial Run, Cuts for Cause, and other events we supported over \$13,000 was raised for various charities to include Operation Comfort Warrior, Save a Warrior, VVMF, and Fisher House.

We have Handlebars for Hero's tickets. Another Harley Davidson is being raffled off this year. Only \$10 per ticket.

This past month is was also our honor to ride to support the family of a local soldier that was killed in action, Sgt Joey Colette of Lancaster. Your Legion Riders made a generous donation to the family.

Special honor to Judy Willoughby who passed in August. She was and officer and proud supporter of your Legion for many years. She will be missed.

Aaron Chamberlain
Director Legion Riders

AMERICAN LEGION POST 283 HONOR GUARD:

By the time you read this article, September 11th will have come and gone. This tragic day has forever changed America and we will never forget that terrorist act. Today, our Honor Guard is strong and we honor those that have fallen as well as participate in community parades and events.

If you still have that desire to serve and want to be a part of our organization, we meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Come and see what we are about, we would be happy to have you. If you haven't been able to make our Steak Night, we have two more left for the year so come on out and join us for a great time and great food.

Veterans Day is coming up, November 11, 2019 and at this time I want to say thank you to all our Veterans past and present for your sacrifice and service.

Jeff Holaday
Commander Post 283 Honor Guard

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