



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239
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"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

March/April 2009

Calendar of Events

MARCH

8 Post Breakfast
17 Happy St. Patrick Day
14 American Legion Birthday Dinner-7:00 p.m.
18 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
19 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.
21 Reservation deadline Aux. Field Service Training
28 Aux. Field Service Training @ Southway 144

APRIL

5 Post Breakfast
12 Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 @Post **Happy Easter**
15 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
16 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.

MAY

25 Memorial Day Parade
25 Post Annual Family Picnic

As of January 5, The Department of Veterans Affairs reopened VA health care to a quarter million new "Priority Group 8" veterans. New higher income thresholds will go into effect June 30, 2009 making even more veterans eligible for benefits. More info is available on line at www.va.gov/healtheligibility or by calling 1-877-222-VETS. If you need assistance in completing the forms, contact Service Officer, Rich Richardson.

OPPORTUNITIES:

The Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center at 420 N. James Rd. is now open! There are even more opportunities for volunteer service. Please call 257-5200 and ask for Volunteer Service. Your help is needed now!

There is a need for additional 100 cup coffee urns and smaller urns for hot water at the VA Center. If you would like to donate, please call Volunteer Services at 257-5200 and let them know.

The VA Center is in desperate need of drivers for the DAV provided vans. No CDL required; must pass physical and provide own insurance coverage s VA will not provide.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION – March 14 Post 239 will celebrate with a dinner. Reservations are due no later than March 9. Chef Richardson will be serving succulent Rib Eye Roast accompanied by mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert all for \$10 per guest. Make your reservations now. A reservation sign-up list is posted in the Canteen.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST - Don't forget to come enjoy a home cooked breakfast the second Sunday of the month. Best bargain in town at \$5.00 to fill you up.

Please note: April's breakfast will be served on Sunday April 5 due to the holiday.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS - Dinner is served 5:00-7:00 on those nights. Thanks to all who have provided the delicious food. Who knew we had so many secret chefs among us?! Call ahead for menu details.

MEMBERSHIP - First Vice, Tom Eshelman reports that **321** members have paid their 2009 dues. We are at least 40 members short of our quota. If you haven't paid your dues, please take a moment and do so now. Membership is the life's blood of any organization. When it comes to the American Legion, it's the size of membership that gives it such a strong voice in Washington and makes officials listen when we speak about Veterans Affairs.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS – Our first official year is off to a great start. We have 12 members! Warm weather will be here soon. If you own a motorcycle and would like to join just contact Rich Richardson or Matt Favret. You can also visit us at www.alohio239.org. We have already raised over \$300 which goes to support the American Legion Legacy Fund and other worthwhile charities.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Will meet at 6:00 p.m. before the April 16 Legion meeting. This committee is made up of all members with keys to the post. Any additional members that would be interested in working the canteen during regular hours are invited to attend. **We need your help.**

DUTY - Not only does the Tax Man cometh in April – it's time to take nominations for next year's Post Officers. **Please give serious consideration to serving as a post officer.** **This is your Post and it needs you to become more involved. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, then do!** They're held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. **If you don't currently participate on a committee, why not? How about serving on the funeral detail or color guard? Have you considered running for a Post Officer's position?** Please see 1st Vice Tom Eshelman to make your interest know in holding an office. If nothing else, just stop in once in a while and say hello.

HERE COMES PETER COTTONTAIL – He's hopping down the Bunny Trail on Easter Sunday , April 12 at 2:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren to hunt for the "Special Eggs". Who knows, that "Crazy Wabbit" might even be there so bring your camera!

CONGRATULATIONS are due to **Nate Holcomb**, a senior at Thomas Worthington High School and Post 239 Americanism and Government Test winner. He was chosen to be one of 18 students from Ohio to travel to Washington, D.C. On February 4, Mr. Gerald W. White who is the Director of Americanism and Youth Activities for the Ohio American Legion, met with Nate and his parents to present the trip. This is the first time in 20 years that a Worthington student was invited on this trip. Nate will be attending Virginia Tech on a ROTC scholarship and plans on serving in the United States Army upon completion of his course work. Good Job Nate!

REMEMBER – THE CANTEEN IS OPEN EVERY DAY 4:00 TO 8:00 P.M. Drop in and share the camaraderie.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Parade Chairman, Father Murphy advises that preparations have started for this annual extravaganza. Invitations will go out to all of last year's participants and several new ones. If you have or know of a group that would like to participate or have a convertible that you would like to volunteer for use to chauffeur our dignitaries, please contact the post at 614-888-9096 or [sign up on-line](#). If you would just like to help Dan out just contact him at the Post.

AUXILIARY – Don't forget to sign up for the Field Service Orientation at Southway 144 on March 28th. Bring your enthusiasm and \$5.00.

Enclosed with this newsletter, you will find the annual Memorial Day Poppy Appeal. Please give this your serious consideration. The "little paper poppy", made by hospitalized Vets, represents so much more than a little red crepe paper flower. It is a remembrance of all who have given the greatest sacrifice for our freedom. It also provides aid and comfort to those who have served and are in need. The auxiliary uses the funds raised for all of the rehabilitation and welfare work they provide to Veterans.

Also enclosed is information regarding the popular "Poppy Plates" the ladies create to honor a living veteran or remember those who have gone from our midst. Please give this project your wholehearted support.

Thank you to the Ladies of the Auxiliary for the delicious spaghetti dinner in February and the many Friday Night Specials that you are providing.

2nd Vice Terry Siemer would like to remind everyone that when you purchase anything at GFS, tell the cashier that you are a member of Worthington American Legion. This helps to provide a sizeable rebate check to the Post. With the Summer party season fast approaching, please keep this in mind and make your money go twice as far and help do some good works along the way!

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Legionnaires - \$35, Auxiliary - \$20, SAL - \$20

If you haven't paid your dues yet, just use this, cut-off, and mail to the Post with your check.

Thank You!

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