



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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NEWSLETTER



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DUTY & SERVICE

Members of Post 239: With the New Year and the making of resolutions, why not consider volunteering your time and talents in a program or activity sponsored by the Legion or Auxiliary? There are many opportunities available for you to consider

No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers.
--Ronald Reagan

Calendar of Events

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| Jan. 1 Welcome 2015 | Feb. 8 Post Breakfast 9am - noon |
| Jan. 9 Aux. Mid-Winter Conf. Begins 4 pm | Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day |
| Jan. 10 Aux. Mid-Winter Conf. Con't | Feb. 16 VA Clinic Coffee Cart TENTATIVE |
| Jan. 11 Post Breakfast 9 am - Noon | Feb. 16 President's Day |
| Jan. 15 Legion Meeting 7:30 pm | Feb. 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm |
| Jan. 19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Day | Feb. 19 Legion Meeting 7:30 pm |
| Jan. 21 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm | |

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – Please renew your membership now for 2015. Go to MyLegion.org to use Visa/MasterCard or return the bottom portion of this newsletter.

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNERS – Sponsored by the Legion Riders, Tuesdays from 4 – 7:00 pm at the Post. Cost is only \$5.00. Call ahead for menu (614-888-9096).

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS – Please call ahead for menu & schedule: 614-888-9096

MONTHLY BREAKFAST – The second Sunday of each month, September through May our now famous all-you-care-to-eat breakfast! Only \$6 for adults, children (12 & under) just \$3. Menu includes: eggs (any style), omelets, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee, milk and juice. Guests are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

CONGRATULATIONS – Special congratulations Tom Eshelman who has been named as one of the Franklin County Veterans Service Commissioners for a 5 year term. As with everything else he does, Tom will no doubt distinguish himself while representing American Legion Post 239 with honor.

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legionnaires - \$35, Auxiliary - \$25, SAL - \$25
If you have **NOT PAID** your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post with your check.
700 Morning Street, Worthington, Oh 43085

AUXILIARY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP - Our unit continues to build our membership. We have four new members this year; if you have not yet paid your dues for 2015, please send them to Barb O'Connor or leave your check and renewal in the Auxiliary mailbox at the post. Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday evening @ 7pm in the Post meeting room, so please mark your calendar!

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

– We would like to thank the Post 239 Legionnaires, the SAL members and the Legion Riders Chapter 239 for their generous \$200 donations to our 2015 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs.

– The Veterans' Day dinner was a success; hopefully we will have an even larger attendance next year. Dinner proceeds help to continue our veteran's programs.

– Our auxiliary signed over 600 individual cards which were handed out at the Columbus VA facility and mailed to both the Chillicothe and Dayton VA Medical centers.

- Our auxiliary members joined units 614, 430 and 144 in delivering a gift bag to each of the homeless veterans served at the Volunteers of America on Harmon Avenue. Each received a blanket, socks, hat, gloves, toiletries and more to brighten their holidays.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – We are continuing our program of saving Box Tops for Education. You may give your Box Tops to Darlene Richardson or leave them in the container located in the canteen.

HOLIDAY PROJECT UPDATES – All of our holiday projects were a great success thanks to those who contributed and volunteered at the events.

- Approximately 400 veterans were served a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 21st.

- Once again over 2000 veterans and their families attended the fantastic Holiday party on Dec. 13th at the Aladdin Shrine.

- Our Holiday Coffee Cart program was Monday, Dec. 15th and we presented 200 small gift bags to the veterans, plus the usual coffee, tea, cocoa, cookies, crackers and cereal bars. They received fresh apples, pen and memo calendars plus candy, mints and a handmade Christmas card (provided by the Salem Elementary school children).

VALENTINES CONCERT FOR VETERANS – The details for this event have yet to be confirmed. Please check the web site for updates. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Smith.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Don't forget about our auxiliary meetings, Wednesday evenings, January 21st and February 18th

COFFEE CART – Our next Coffee Cart program at the VA Clinic is *tentatively* scheduled for February 16th. The official date will be decided in the January meeting. Please check the website for updates.

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL IN MARCH – We will be hosting a special Saturday night dinner in March for "THE BATTLE BUDDY FOUNDATION". Proceeds will help to purchase and train a companion dog for a wounded warrior.