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JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

January 14th., 9:00 A.M. to noon

Join us for our monthly breakfast on the second Sunday of every month, now through May, 2007. It's \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and it's always ALL you care to eat! The menu includes: eggs (any style or omelets with your choice of ham, onions, green peppers and cheddar cheese), bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee and milk. Juice is available for an additional .50 cents. Guests are welcome.

MEMBERSHIP

1st. Vice, Tom Helmick reported that we now have 331 paid members for the 2007 membership year. We are nearly 32 members short of our quota. If you haven't paid your dues yet please take a moment and write that check now. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. When it comes to the American Legion, it's the size of its membership that gives it such a strong voice in Washington and makes officials listen when they speak about veterans affairs.

DUES INCREASE AS OF JANUARY 5th. 2007, PLEASE RENEW BEFORE THEN, IF NOT THEY WILL INCREASE TO \$35.00.

AUXILIARY NEWS

JANUARY LEGION AUXILIARY NEWS:

5"Support The Troop" boxes were shipped to: Major Nicole M. Gabriel, Capt David Shirley, MSGT Aaron Maynard and Capt. Charles Fyffe in early December. Each received a box filled with cookies, crackers, nuts, mints, candy and gum, other misc. food items, personal toiletries, batteries, writing tablets, pens and envelopes. A second box was shipped to Capt. Fyffe to share with the many troops serving in his command. Thanks to all for the donated items left at the post and the \$ 290.00 in monetary donations were used to fill the troop boxes to the "BRIM"!!!!!!! Thanks to the Legion for covering the postage cost of \$60.99.

The December Coffee Cart at the VA was a great success; individual Holiday Cards and Candy Canes were given to all veterans and their care givers along with a cart filled with cookies, crackers, nutrition bars, nuts, etc. Thanks again to Rita Hallam, Sandy Goshorn, Mary Grazer, Jerry Mills, Bill Smith and Thea Burns for assisting me. Our cart service averages \$150.00 per event. This is supported by the Legion membership and Auxiliary membership.

Be sure to check out the February newsletter for information regarding the Walter Reed Hospital campaign to support our injured troops who have returned home for treatment, physical therapy and emotional support. February celebrates "Salute to Hospitalized Veterans" with the week of February 12th for the National Program.

Cheryl Smith
Aux. President

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of Ohio will be held on the weekend of January 19 - 21, 2007 at the Midwest Conference and Convention Center, 4900 Sinclair Rd., Columbus, Ohio.

At the December meeting we presented plaques to the Firemen and Policemen of the year. The fireman of the year was David Mierzejewski, and the policeman of the year was Steve Early.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Don't forget the Friday night special. Friday evenings, 5:30 to 7:00. The meals are \$4.00 and the friendship is free. We always need volunteers to cook and serve, Just sign up.

**Don't forget you can now find your post on the World Wide Web. Just go to www.alohio239.org
If you need Legion caps, pins, or other legion items you can get them on line as well, just go to www.emblem.legion.org**

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Friday Night Specials. Keep up the good work!

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!