



LEASURE-BLACKSTON POST 239
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MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

POST ELECTIONS

Elections will take place at the May meeting. The current nominations for elected office are, Commander: Tom Eshelman, 1st Vice Commander: Tom Helmick, 2nd Vice Commander: Jim Favret, Sgt at Arms: Don Nash and Finance Officer: Bill Smith. Any last minute nominations will be accepted just prior to the vote. The newly elected officers will assume their respective duties as of the June meeting.

INSTALLATION of all the newly elected and appointed officers will be on Saturday, June 10th, beginning at 6:30pm. Weather permitting we will have the ceremony outdoors. There will be plenty of food to eat following the program so please join us and show your support for your new Post officers.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

***** MOTHERS DAY*****

Sunday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m. to noon

This will be our last Sunday breakfast for the season until we start up again in September. It's \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children and it's always ALL you care to eat! Guests are welcome. Please join us for our Mothers Day breakfast.

S.A.L. GOLF OUTING

This years outing is scheduled for August 19th at Tablerock Golf Course, which is located on Rt. 3, just a little north of Wyandotte Golf Course. There will be a sign-up roster at the Post sometime around the end of June so you have plenty of time to line up your foursome.

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 29TH

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony are in their final stages of organization. Don't forget the parade steps off at 10:00am sharp. If you have a convertible that you could use to drive one of the dignitaries, please contact Dan Murphy at (614) 891-2280. This year we will have two Parade Marshals, George Petro Jr. and Joe Dodge, both are WW-II Marine combat veterans. This years speaker is Brigadier General Matt Kambic, Assistant AG for the Ohio National Guard. Our ceremony chaplain will be Donald Pendell. Reverend Pendell is a retired Presbyterian pastor and served as an Army chaplain in the Korean War in 1953.

Don't forget the morning services that begin at 6:00am on the Village Green.

ANNUAL POST CLEAN-UP DAY

This years Post clean-up day will be Saturday, May 27th. There is plenty to do, like wash windows, wipe down walls, clean window blinds, spruce up the grounds, etc. You get the idea. There's plenty to do and the more volunteers, the less time it will take. We'll get started about 9:00am.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Don't forget the Friday night specials. 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.

THANKS

To all who have worked so hard to put on the Friday Night Specials, the Breakfast Crew, the Color Guard and those who helped all year with various activities, the Birthday Dinner, Patriot Day, Memorial Day, the Picnics and the Easter Egg Hunt, etc. Your efforts are what makes Post 239 a Post to be proud of.

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MEETINGS

Auxiliary	Wednesday	May 17 th	7:00 p.m.
Legion	Thursday	May 18 th	7:30 p.m.

SUMMER 2006

This is the last newsletter you will receive until September, but that doesn't mean that the Post is closed. There is plenty of activity and operating hours will remain pretty much the same. The following are a few dates you may want to mark on your calendar.

June 10th Installation of New Officers
July 4th Independence Day Picnic
August 19th S.A.L. Golf Outing
September 10th First Sunday Breakfast

June 14th Flag Day
July 22nd Annual Canoe Trip
September 4th Labor Day Picnic
September 11th Patriot Day

LEGION YEAR 2006

I refer to it as the end of the Legion year because this is the time we wrap up our membership year, audit the books, elect and install new officers for the next twelve months. It is also a time to reflect on the past year and plan for what's ahead.

Over the last four years I have been blessed to have a team of officers whose hard work, dedication, integrity and energy have made it easy to serve as Commander. Joe Hart's tireless commitment to our youth programs is inspiring. When we lost Harry Zimmerman I thought the wheels might fall off our wagon, but Dave Kelley rose to the occasion. When John Clifford died, after 33 years as Baseball Manager, I worried about the future of baseball at Post 239, but John Clifford Jr. stepped up to the plate and took over. I am pleased as I watch a S.A.L. Unit that continues to grow and become more active and a Ladies Auxiliary Unit that seems to be going full steam ahead with their Veterans assistance program and Buckeye Girls State.

I thank you all for your efforts and wish you all the best in the coming year. I hope all of the members of Post 239, the Auxiliary and the S.A.L. will give their full support to your new officers and rededicate yourself to the mission of the American Legion and the continued success of American Legion Post 239.

Loring "Rich" Richardson, Commander