



## LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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### NEWSLETTER

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## May / June 2015

### DUTY & SERVICE

Members of Post 239: There are many opportunities in the activities and programs described in this newsletter for you to consider volunteering your time and talents. Contact your Legion Commander or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice or the Women's Auxiliary to offer your help.

*"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."*

– Mahatma Gandhi



### Calendar of Events



**May 10** Mother's Day Breakfast 9 a.m.-Noon  
**May 16** Summer Dist. 12 Meeting  
**May 19** Coffee Cart VA Clinic  
**May 20** Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
**May 21** Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
**May 23** Annual Post Clean-Up Day  
**May 25** Memorial Day Begins at Sunrise

**July 4** Veteran's Welcome Home  
**July 15** Aux Meeting  
**July 16** Legion Meeting  
**July 17** Friday Night Dinner \*\*  
**July 24** Friday Night Dinner  
**July 31** Friday Night Dinner

**June 14** Flag Day  
**June 17** Aux. Meeting location TBD  
**June 18** Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
**June 21** First Day of Summer / Father's Day

**Aug 7** Friday Night Dinner  
**Aug 19** Aux Meeting  
**Aug 20** Legion Meeting

**MEMBERSHIP** – Just a reminder that this year's membership drive is almost over. New membership drive for 2016 starts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Renew now for 2015.

**MAY 21<sup>th</sup> MEETING** – At this meeting, we will be voting in the officers for the 2015-2016 year as well as presenting the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year Awards.

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** – Please plan to attend the Post 239 Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Be "the good kid" and treat your mom to breakfast at the Post. This will also be the last breakfast of the season. Sunday Breakfasts will resume in September.

**ANNUAL POST CLEAN-UP DAY** – Please come and support the Post on our Clean-Up Day. We will be working from early in the morning to get the Post in Parade Shape. More information will be posted on the bulletin board, but please mark your calendars and show up to clean up.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS** – Please call the Post (888-9096) or check the Post bulletin board for dates and menus. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Thanks to all who have provided, prepared and served these tasty dinners.

**MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES** – We need help in the morning before the parade starts, please be at the post between 5:30 – 5:45 am. Please see the day outlined below.

- 6:00 a.m. Flag raising on Village Green and area cemeteries
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Post for parade officials and volunteers
- 10:00 a.m. Parade
- Immediately following parade, Memorial Ceremony at Walnut Grove Cemetery
- 3:00 p.m. Family Potluck at Post

**HONOR FLIGHT** – If you have not make the trip or know a veteran who has not made the trip, please call Chuck Murray (614-766-5935) for information and arrangements. WWII and Korean War veterans are to be honored by a trip to Washington DC to visit these memorials

**CARD CLUB** – The Card Club is welcoming new players! They meet at the Post on Tuesdays at noon, Fridays at 6:30 pm and Sunday afternoons. If you enjoy card playing, this is for you. Please call the Post to verify times (614-888-9096).

**MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER** – Thank you to everyone for their support and tireless efforts that contributed to another successful year. We are an organization founded on the participation of our members and without you; we can't be the success that we are.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

**THANK YOU** –To Mayfair Village Assisted Living Facility and Carolyn Carle, Activities Director, for supporting our “BATTLE BUDDY FOUNDATION” dinner on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Their participation, by providing the salad for our Italian dinner, enabled us to donate over \$900.00 to TBBF. These funds will help secure, train and place a “partner canine” with a veteran in need of support.

**POPPY DRIVE** – Poppy Chairman Betty Scurlock completed the “Poppy Letter” mailing and she has been very busy hanging handmade “POPPY PLATES” in the post canteen area. You may “Honor” or “Remember” your loved ones with a \$2.00 donation per plate which will be on display thru the end of May. Additional Poppy Plate forms are located in the Canteen area.

**AUXILIARY SUMMER CONFERENCE** – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is the 12<sup>th</sup> District Auxiliary Summer Conference hosted by Southway Auxiliary Unit 144. Registration is at 9am and the meeting begins at 10am; lunch will be served. Please let Cheryl Smith or Barbara O'Connor know if you wish to attend. The unit covers the luncheon cost; reservations are required. This meeting honors unit accomplishments for this year's programs and projects. We again are supporting the “Bundle of Love” program at the Columbus VA Women Veterans' clinic which has 25 expectant moms by providing new baby items for veterans receiving services at the Columbus facility.

**COFFEE CART** – Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be our final “Coffee Cart” until next fall at the Columbus VA. We will be part of the “Memorial Remembrance Activities” at the facility that day. Chaplain Cherry & the VAVS Chief are finalizing the service scheduled for 11:30am. Those who wish to assist with the coffee cart should arrive by 9:15 a.m. The veterans really appreciate this program which our unit began in 2002 and it continues to be one of our most successful and worthwhile events.

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION** – Words cannot express how much we appreciate our entire Post 239 family's contributions and support at our dinners and special events. The Columbus VA facility succeeds with the help of all its volunteers and indeed we have members who continually step forward to participate. To all our legionnaires, SAL members, Legion Riders and canteen volunteers who help us..... THANK YOU!!!! We completed our donations for the 2014-2015 year to Dept. of Ohio and National programs. In addition we were able to support our Central and Southern Ohio USO, Honor Flight Columbus, Salem Elementary School Children's Hunger program and the “Kiddie Kart” at the Columbus VA.

**A CALL FOR HELP** – We need our auxiliary members to consider taking an office or leading one of our programs in need of leadership for the 2015-2016 year! Ask what you can do to assist or offer to co-chair one of the programs; our Plans of Work will be ready in September and we must be ready to keep this unit moving forward. Our unit's slate of officers must be submitted to Dept. headquarters by June 1st; therefore, we will be electing at the regular May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP** – It is not too late to pay your dues for 2015. Perhaps you have forgotten as we have noted that some of our long-time members have not yet paid their dues. We don't want to lose anyone from our membership so please send your dues to Marlene Derry as soon as you can.

### UP-COMING EVENTS:

**Wed. June 17<sup>th</sup>** meeting is dinner out – location to be decided

**Sat. July 4<sup>th</sup>** – Veterans' “Welcome Home Event” @ Columbus Zoo -

**Fri. July 10<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Picnic at the Columbus VA – serving at 11:30 am

**\*\* SPECIAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS** – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>

School supplies for our local Salem Elementary School - bring 2 items for the children and receive a \$1.00 off dinner.

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## 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 you check.  
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