



## LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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*"The price of greatness is responsibility." - Sir Winston Churchill*

### OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2009

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We would like to offer special congratulations to **CAPT. MATTHEW NEELY** who has been chosen Marine Aviation Ground Officer of the Year. Matt will receive this honor in Las Vegas in October. Capt. Neely recently joined Post 239 as a Life Member. Please offer Capt. Neely your congratulations the next time you see him.

**BLUE STAR MOTHERS CHAPTER 9** - is in need of help for funds and supplies for their next holiday shipment of boxes for our deployed troops. It cost \$10.95 to ship one box. Check out their website, [www.buckeybluestarmothers.org](http://www.buckeybluestarmothers.org) for a list of items they desperately need for the boxes. Please send your monetary donations to Buckeye Military Moms at P.O. Box 20068, Columbus, Ohio 43220 or drop off your items at the Sharon Memorial Hall where they will be packing boxes on October 3 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. They could also use your help with packing the boxes. Please take a little time to join in helping.

**BLUE STAR MOTHERS/BUCKEYES DINNER – Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5p.m to 7p.m., Roast pork tenderloin w/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, roll and dessert, for only \$6. Proceeds go to the Blue Star Mothers packing project for the troops.** The football game starts at 7p.m. so stick around and help Coach Tressell call the plays. You know you're going to eat dinner, somewhere. You know you want to support the troops in some way. You're probably going to watch at least part of the football game somewhere. **WHY NOT THE POST???**

**STAND DOWN** – The Auxiliary is accepting clean usable winter clothing to be distributed at the Stand Down. Please deliver them to Vets Memorial on Monday, October 19 between Noon and 3:00 p.m.. All items should be marked "Veterans Only".

**FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS** - Dinner is served 5:00-7:00 on these nights. There is no better bargain at \$5. Just check the bulletin board at the Post or call to check the menu or if dinner is being served on a specific night. If you would like to host/prepare a dinner, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. If you are unable to do the cooking, I'll bet you can find someone to help if you supply the ingredients. Support your Post and the Auxiliary.

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST** - Come one, come all. Bring the neighbors, bring Mom, bring Granny, bring the kids! Great food prepared by our "world famous" chefs! All you can eat for \$5!

**MEMBERSHIP** - Membership is the life's blood of any organization. When it comes to the American Legion, it's the size of the membership that gives it such a strong voice in Washington and makes officials listen when we speak about Veterans Affairs. Your 2010 dues are due NOW! Please renew ASAP. We would like to reach the 100% participation level soon. We now have 237 renewals and only 104 more to go! We are at 75% on our way to 100% renewal.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS** – Through fundraisers and donations, we were able to present a check for \$1,500 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund at the National Convention in August. Check out [www.legacyrun.blogspot.com](http://www.legacyrun.blogspot.com) to see just what a great group of "Legion's Angels" we have! Remember, if you would like to join this illustrious group of Legionnaires, visit their website [www.alohio239.org/legionriders](http://www.alohio239.org/legionriders) to fill out the application!

**FLAG RAISING CREW-Please meet at Post at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate.**

**ARMED SERVICES BLOOD DRIVE** - Please donate this precious gift to our service members. This month's blood drive will take place at the U. S. Army Reserve Center at 165 Yearling Rd in Whitehall 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 15. Please give!

**FLU SHOTS FOR VETERANS** – Flu shots will be available to veterans at the VACC on 420 N. James Rd, please call 257-5200 for details. Also Life Care Alliance has a schedule of places that they will be giving flu shots. Call 444-6325 to set up an appointment.

**ATTENTION PRIORITY 8 VETERANS** – The VA has lifted its six-year ban on new enrollments of Priority 8 veterans. This decision qualifies about 266,000 more veterans - middle-income without service connected health condition for entry into the system. Check out [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility) or call 1-877-222-8387.

If you were unable to attend the National Convention, check out [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Another website to check out is [www.mygibill.org](http://www.mygibill.org) to learn about the Post-9/11 Bill which took effect in August.

**A BIG WELL DONE to JOE HART for coordinating the 9/11 ceremony which took place on the Village Green and to RICH RICHARDSON who served as the Master of Ceremony. Thank you gentlemen once again for making us proud!**

**AUXILIARY** – Officers for 2009-2010: President Sandy Goshorn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Grazer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Darlene Richardson, Secretary Barbara O'Connor, Treasurer Cheryl Smith, Historian Nancy Bootes, Chaplain Marlene Derry and Sergeant-At Arms, Libby Holman.

Please pay your dues-soon. We value your membership. Help us to make our quota for the year.

District 12 Fall Conference at the Bexley Post will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Auxiliary has decided that the month of October will be "Make a Difference Month." We have adopted the new Worthington Food Pantry. We are currently accepting your non-perishable food items or monetary donations through October. **IF YOU BRING TWO NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO ANY FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL IN OCTOBER, YOU CAN EAT DINNER FOR ONLY \$4.00!** We will also be supporting Charity Newsies. Proceeds from our October Friday Night Specials will support both of these worthwhile charities.

We are also accepting monetary donations throughout the month of October to send Christmas Stockings to 25 troops in Iraq/Afghanistan. We will be sending individual boxes to each service person. Each box costs \$10.00 or more to send. Please drop off your donation or mail directly to the post in care of the Auxiliary. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day and once again the Auxiliary will be preparing a dinner for all veterans. The dinner is free for all veterans and current military personnel and \$6.00 for everyone else. Please join us on Veterans Day as we honor all those who have or are serving our Country.

“Make a Difference Day” is October 24th. Please consider volunteering your time and talent locally to help change someone’s world.

Auxiliary Members: Please bring a box of Christmas cards to the November meeting so that we may send cards to the veterans at the VA Nursing Homes and VA Clinics. We will sign the cards at the meeting or you may sign them ahead of time – “Worthington American Legion Auxiliary Unit239”.

**SAL – Officers for 2009-2010 are:** Post Advisor Rich Richardson; Squadron Commander Matt Favret; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Tom VanPapepeghem; Adjutant Tom VanPapepeghem.

Please remember to pay your 2010 dues ASAP.

**Post 82** serves breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m. –Noon. For the price of \$6.00 you get a delicious breakfast including a mixed drink. Please support our fellow post

## 2010 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!**

**The American Legion**

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