



# LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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## NEWSLETTER

### September / October 2015

#### DUTY & SERVICE

Legion and Auxiliary members have willingly agreed to serve as officers. Paying membership dues is the next step for everyone. Your volunteer efforts are important in maintaining the viability of this Post. Contact your Commander or Second Vice for ways that you can offer your service.

*It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*



#### Calendar of Events



**Sept. 4** End of Summer Picnic @ Cbus VA  
**Sept. 7** Labor Day Cookout 3:00 p.m.  
**Sept. 11** Patriot Day at Village Green Noon  
**Sept. 11** Flag Raising 7:00 pm @ TWHS Football  
**Sept. 12** Ohio Women Vet Conf. @ Hilton Easton  
**Sept. 13** Post Breakfast 9:00 a.m.- Noon  
**Sept. 16** Auxiliary Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  
**Sept. 17** Legion Mtg. 7:30 p.m.  
**Sept. 18** Flag Raising 7:00 pm @ TWHS Football  
**Sept. 25-26** ALA School of Instruction

**Oct. 2** Flag Raising 7:00 pm @ TWHS Football  
**Oct. 5** Coffee Cart @ VA 9:15 a.m.  
**Oct. 9** Flag Raising 7:00 pm @ TWHS Football  
**Oct. 10** 12<sup>th</sup> District Fall Convention @ Post 532  
**Oct. 11** Post Breakfast 9:00 a.m. - Noon  
**Oct. 14** Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
**Oct. 15** Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 20** Veteran's Stand Down  
**Oct. 23** Flag Raising 7:00 pm @ TWHS Football  
**Oct. 24** Post Birthday Dinner 6:00 pm  
**Oct. 31** Beggar's Night 6-8 pm (Worthington)

#### 2015-2016 Legion Officers

Commander - David Kelly  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - J.L. Favret  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Mark Goyer  
 Finance Officer - Terry Siemer  
 Service Office – Rich Richardson

Sgt.-at-Arms - Tom Rieder  
 Adjutant – Dan Sayre  
 Chaplain - John Forsythe  
 S.A.L. Commander - Matt Favret  
 Event Coordinator – Dan Murphy

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT** - Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 -6:00 p.m. Bring a side dish and dessert (for eight) to share, the Post will supply the hamburgers and hotdogs. Family and friends are always welcome. Look forward to seeing you there!

**MONTHLY BREAKFASTS** – Monthly Breakfasts resume Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue on the second Sunday of each month, September through May. Adult prices for all-you-can-eat is \$6.00 and children 12 and under \$3.00. Menu includes: eggs (any style) omelets, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, toast, coffee, milk and orange juice.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS** – Please call or check the post bulletin board for dates and menus. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on those nights and only \$7.00. Call the Post for details (614-888-9096)

**MEMBERSHIP** – In January 2016, the National American Legion will increase the dues by \$5.00. Pay your 2016 dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> for just \$35.00 or pay the \$40.00 in January. Renew your membership now & save!

**TWHS FOOTBALL** – Our Post will conduct the flag raising ceremony prior to all TWHS home football games. The Fall schedule is posted on the Post bulletin board & here in the Calendar of events. This activity involves only a few minutes of your time. Please arrive at 6:45 pm at the Post to carpool down to the Football Game. Scouts are welcome to assist.

**POST BIRTHDAY DINNER** – Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 6:00 pm. Join us for Prime Rib, Salad, Rolls and Dessert for only \$12.00. Sign up list will be posted in the Post at the beginning of October or call the Post at 614.888.9096 to be put on the sign up list. See you there!

**CARD CLUB** – Card Club meets at the Post on Tuesdays at noon and Friday evenings and is always welcoming new members. Please call the Post – 888-9096 - on Tuesdays or Fridays for information.

## AUXILIARY NEWS

### 2014-2015 Auxiliary Officers

President – Cheryl Smith  
First Vice-President – Barbara O'Connor  
Second Vice-President – Betsy Bass  
Secretary & Membership – Barbara O'Connor

Treasurer – Cheryl Smith  
Historian – Laura Favret  
Chaplain – Barbara Murray  
Sergeant-at-Arms – Betsy Bass

**END OF SUMMER PICNIC** – September 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday on the West Lawn of the Columbus VA Facility. Please contact Cheryl Smith with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR** – on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. *Please note that the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.* Our buckeye girls State attendees will arrive at 7:30 pm to share their experiences. Refreshments will be served.

**RECOGNITION** – Our auxiliary members were recognized at both Dist. 12 Summer Conference and the Dept. of Ohio Convention for successful program completions. The support of our legion family members and friends is greatly appreciated.

**“BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION”** – will be collected again this year by the Auxiliary. A receptacle will be placed at the Post for members to drop off their “Box Tops.” They will be given to our adopted school.

**SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION** for auxiliary officers and program chairman will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at Cherry Valley Lodge. Contact Cheryl Smith for more information @ 261-6388.

**VA COFFEE CART** – We will coordinate with the VAVS office at the Columbus VA to provide the “roving coffee cart and snacks” for our veterans on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We provide coffee, tea, cocoa and snacks to all the veterans in the Columbus facility. If you wish to volunteer, please call Cheryl Smith.

**VETERAN’S STAND DOWN** – October 20<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will be collecting toothbrushes (multi packs available), toothpaste, bar soap and washcloths to help those veterans in need or who are homeless. Look for the donation box at the Post.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS** – Our “special program / event” dinners. Please check in the Post or call 888-9096 for information about upcoming special dinner menus on Friday nights. All of our programs are financed thru your support of our home-cooked dinners.

At our June dinner meeting, we discussed our mission to prepare/serve healthy meals at all our dinners. We still want to support our veterans, children & youth,. Educ. Projects, buckeye girls state, community programs and the Columbus VA.

When preparing our meals, the “chef and crew members” donate the ingredients to cover costs which allows us to raise more funding. After September 1, 2015 our “auxiliary prepared” Friday Nite suppers will be \$ 7.00. Any special event/ program dinner will be priced accordingly and posted in advance. We ask that you continue to support our auxiliary programs, dinners and the American Legion Post 239 family.

In the 2014-2015 year, 26 auxiliary prepared dinners netted over \$4,000.00 with donations & spending of over \$6,000.00. Additional donations were received from the post legionnaires, Sal, Legion Riders, friends of the post family and personal donations.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP** – We are actively recruiting new members. Please plan to attend a meeting or contact any member with questions about our mission to assist/support our veterans. Our meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00 pm.

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#### MONIES SPENT

Honor Flight Columbus - \$250  
USO - \$100.00  
Nine - Girls State Delegates - \$2,250  
Operation Comfort Warriors - \$200  
Salem Elem. School - \$637 + Donated Supplies

Autism Speaks - \$283  
Worthington Food Pantry - \$283 + Donated Food  
Columbus VA - \$300  
VA Coffee Carts - \$900  
Battle Buddy Foundation - \$910

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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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