



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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NEWSLETTER

September-October 2017

Calendar of Events

September 4 Labor Day Picnic

September 10 First Breakfast

September 11 Patriot Day

September 16 Marc Williamson Hog Roast

September 20 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm

September 21 Legion Meeting 7:30 pm

October 8 Breakfast

October 18 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm

October 19 Legion Meeting 7:30 pm

October 21 Post 239 Birthday Dinner

2017-2018 Post Officers

Commander (Pro Tem)	Rich Richardson	Adjutant	Thomas Rieder
1st Vice Commander	Jim Favret	Sgt. At Arms	Glenn Luksik
2nd Vice Commander	Mark Goyer	Chaplain	John Forsythe
Finance Officer	Doug Biesinger		

At the Legion meeting on 8/17 Past Commander Kelly was presented an Honorary Life Membership for his 7 years of dedicated service as commander of Post 239. The meeting was followed by a small party to celebrate Dave's service to the Post and the closing chapter on the parking lot issue that consumed so much time and energy over the recent years. By the time you read this the repaving of the parking lot will be complete.

Canteen News: The Canteen is open from 4 pm-8 pm during the week and we now have **Wi-Fi**, so come on in. If you can spare 2 - 4 hours a week and would like to join the operating committee, there are a couple of volunteer Bartender shifts that need to be filled. If you are interested, check with Mark Goyer for details.

The Yard Sale: Raised enough money to send 2 boys and 2 girls to Buckeye Boy's and Girl's State. Thanks to all who donated and worked on this project.

Friday Night Dinners: Please call the Post (614-888-9096) or check the Post bulletin board for dates and menus. Dinners are served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Labor Day Picnic will be Monday, September 4th 2017. Food will be served at 3 pm. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

Patriot Day Ceremony will be on Monday 9/11, beginning at 12 noon on the Village Green.

The Marc Williamson Memorial Hog Roast will be Saturday, September 16th 2017 starting at 1:00 pm. Food will be served at 4 pm. There will be music, raffles and a silent auction. The cost is \$10 per person and the proceeds will go to the American Legion Legacy Fund.

Post Birthday Dinner Saturday October 21st 2017. Prime Rib with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls & cake. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$12/person and you must sign up in the canteen **no later than October 18th 2017**.

Chapter 239 Legion Riders raised \$5,000 for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Several members rode their motorcycles to Dodge City Kansas to present the check to Nat'l Commander Charles Schmidt. Since being organized in 2009, the Post 239 Riders have donated \$51,500 to the Fund.

A Red Cross blood drive is being organized, at the Post, to honor Veterans. The event will occur around Veterans Day. We need individuals interested in donating to sign up as soon as possible at the Post or you can just call into the Post and have someone add you to the list. We need a minimum of 35 names before the Red Cross will commit their resources.

September – October 2017 Auxiliary News

Thank You to everyone who supported our Post Yard Sale in July. Our 2018 Buckeye Girls State fund received sale receipts to support 2 junior girls attendance. Program Chairman Ann Burtner has planned a fund raising dinner for OCT. 6TH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR and support our 2018 Junior Girls from the Worthington Schools.

Dept. School of Instruction is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd from 10 am – 4 pm at the Makoy Center, 5462 N. Center Street, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Registration is at 9 am; Dept. Chairman will have exhibit tables ready for all unit officers, chairman and members to access. Dept. chairman will give brief overviews of their respective programs and our special guest will be National President Diane Duscheck. I am urging each of our unit chairmen to attend; lots of information and ideas are shared. Box lunches are available to order at a cost of \$11.00 (Panera Cafe) or you may bring your own. There will not be time to leave to go out for lunch and return for the afternoon session. Hospital Representatives will have a meeting at 1 pm. Contact Cheryl Smith if you want to order lunch (payment & form due by Sept. 15th).

Judy Rieder, Children/Youth & Education chairman wishes to thank everyone who attended our "Salem Elementary School" dinners and brought school supplies for the students. This school is on Garvey Rd. and has a multi-cultural student body; we have supported the children/staff for several years. Total dinner receipts for our 3 meals were \$ 609.00 plus a \$100.00 donation to our project. Donated school supplies have been delivered to the school and we will furnish additional supplies as needed.

I am asking our Unit officers to set the example and send dues payments to Barbara O'Connor now; we need our members to support the programs and dues are an important part of successful reporting. Dues are \$25.00 for the 2017-2018 year and the renewal slip at the bottom of the Post newsletter can be used and send to Barbara or leave in the Auxiliary Mail Box at the post. We have blank Membership Applications in that same box for new members; make sure to double-check qualifications to join.

The Columbus VA facility is beginning to see completion of major renovations/builds and addition of a new parking garage. Last year we didn't celebrate our "coffee cart" program as in the past; this year VA&R chairman is planning at least 2 coffee carts plus supporting the Central Ohio Stand Down which is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17th at the Columbus Convention Center. We will be collecting "white socks" for the veterans attending Stand Down and a collection tote will be in the post area for donation drop-off.

Check the Post Bulletin for "Friday Nite Suppers" prepared by the auxiliary members. Sept. 8th dinner will support the "STAND DOWN WHITE SOCK DRIVE" (Use the tote bin provided in the canteen area for your donations); Sept. 29th – Spaghetti Dinner with all the fixins for AUX GEN FUND; Oct. 6th dinner is "BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE FUND RAISER" and Oct. 13th dinner supports "VA&R PROGRAMS" for this year.

2017 – 2018 Elected Auxiliary Officers are: President – Cheryl Smith; **1st Vice President and Membership Chairman** – Barbara O'Connor; **Treasurer** – Betsy Bass; **Secretary** – Barbara O'Connor and **Chaplain** – Barbara Murray.

2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legionnaires - \$40, Auxiliary - \$25, SAL - \$25

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