



Leasure-Blackston Post 239



Worthington, Ohio

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As we enter the final months of 2026, our Post has another opportunity to remember those who served, honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and continue serving our veterans, their families, and our community.

The months ahead include several important dates in our military history, including our Post's Birthday, the Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and the birthday of the National Guard. These occasions remind us that the freedoms we enjoy are connected to generations of Americans who answered the call to serve.

November also brings Election Day. As veterans and citizens, we have the privilege and responsibility to participate in our democratic process. Our Post welcomes veterans of every political viewpoint. Members are encouraged to become informed about the candidates and issues on their ballots, verify voting requirements with their state or local election officials, and exercise their right to vote.

Most importantly, let us continue to treat one another with the same respect and camaraderie that have always been hallmarks of military service. Thank you to every member who continues to give time and energy to our Post and our community.

I want to focus on Membership Drive and the importance of renewing NOW rather than LATER. We have the opportunity to receive rebates the sooner we reach our Quota. We currently have 90 out of 250+ members that have renewed.

Expect to see the National Level mailing hit sometime in October. Please renew either by visiting the post (Check or Cash), Mailing in your Renewal or renewing on-line. Due to the cost of mailing I highly encourage everyone to renew on line with the use of your Credit card.

Post Membership John Dernberger



Auxiliary President Paula Lombardo

The Auxiliary met in September after their (June, July, August) summer hiatus. And we are hitting the ground running so to speak... so many exciting events and services coming up to support our Veterans and our missions. First off... we want to WELCOME several new members to Unit 239 in the last few months:

Joanne Zanetos – also our Boys and Girls State Chairperson for the Post.

Rhonda Jacob

Elizabeth Ward Houchins

Tracy Nottage.

Linda Hancock

Anita Miller

Bonnie Michaels

Upcoming Events:

Sunday October 4th – members and any others that would like to help – we will be meeting at the Post at 2pm to make neck scarfs to distribute to Veterans at the Central Ohio Stand Down on October 23rd.

Saturday October 17th, our Unit will host the Fall 12th District Conference.

We are doing something a little different. Registration and Brunch will begin at 9:00 am, with the meeting starting at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Paula Lombardo at pgaile1354@gmail.com

Friday October 23rd. CENTRAL OHIO STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS. If you aren't familiar with the Stand Down please visit this website- <https://www.centralohiostanddown.org/>

Friday November 20th - VA Central Ohio Healthcare System will sponsor the Thanksgiving Lunch. Volunteers are needed to assist our Veterans, please contact Unit 239 President, Paula Lombardo @ pgaile1354@gmail.com, you would like to volunteer to help with this lunch..

Our Unit also has several opportunities coming up as well that we still need to iron out dates for:

The Roving Coffee Carts at the VA is back!!! We have been approved to take coffee and snack carts to the Veterans on each of the floors. We know it will be on Friday(s), because there is no coffee service offered by the canteen on Fridays. This opportunity is open not just for our Auxiliary but all Legion members!

Post 239 November Veterans Day Free Appreciation Dinner –Last year the Canteen was under construction, so we are happy to be able to offer this free dinner to our Veterans again. Date to be determined.

Please watch for Special Raffle Baskets at the Post that the Auxilliary will be offering. The proceeds will go towards funds needed for the multiple programs that we sponsor. Children & Youth, VA& R, Boys & Girls State, Community Service, etc... YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! The recent Deep Blue Coffee & OSU Mugs, etc, raffle basket was won by Glenn Luksik



Post 239 News

Rotary Clubs Community Project



The Dublin-Worthington Rotary picked our Post for their Community Service Day. They replaced the split-rail fence on the west side of the yard. They included adding two new swinging gates making it easier to enter/exit. They also refinshed and painted one of our benches on the patio. Lastly, they presented us with a new bench made of poly wood. It's like the decking boards that will last for years.

High School Football Flag Raising



Post 239 has been raising the flag to start the football games at TWHS for over 50 years. The tradition continues to this day. Pictured here are Joe Lippert, Tom Rieder, Bill Ainsley, Dan Peters, and Frank Henderson, who took the photos.

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A program was held in September at the McConnell Arts Center to recognize Korean War Veterans.

This program continues a series that began in 2025 with the honoring of World War II veterans. This year, this recognition ceremony recognized the service of Worthington veterans in the Korean War and the Cold War in Berlin, Germany. It was made possible through the continued collaboration of the American Legion Post 239, and Paul W. Tibets Memorial VFW Post 2398, both part of the Worthington Veterans Alliance, who led program planning, with assistance from the Worthington Historical Society, Worthing Parks & Recreation, and Worthington Libraries. Our Post Commander, Glenn Luksik was one of the presenters.

Legion News

Identifying Veterans in Correctional Facilities

Senate Bill 179

STATUS: Signed by the Governor; effective September 23, 2026

SB 179 requires Ohio correctional institutions to use the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Reentry Search Service to determine whether an individual is a veteran. The verification must generally occur within three days after booking, and confirmed veteran status must be included in the appropriate records.

Identifying veterans can help correctional institutions recognize individuals who may qualify for veteran-specific programs and services.

Veterans Medical-Benefits Information

House Bill 740

STATUS: Pending in the House Veterans and Military Development Committee; no hearing or vote recorded

HB 740 would direct the Ohio Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Veterans Services, to create a veterans medical-benefits poster.

The poster would include information about veterans health-care rights, mental-health and substance-use treatment, caregiver support, legal services, the Veterans Crisis Line and other available resources. Health-care providers could request and display the poster free of charge.

Honor and Remember Flag

House Bill 790

STATUS: Pending in the House Veterans and Military Development Committee; no hearing or vote recorded

HB 790 would designate the Honor and Remember Flag as a state symbol recognizing fallen service members and their families. It would also encourage the flag to be displayed at the Ohio Statehouse on Memorial Day.

Important Dates to Remember!

OCTOBER

October 10 — Leasure-Blackston Birthday

12:00 to 3:00 Chili Cookoff at the Post. What's a birthday without cake?

October 13 — U.S. Navy Birthday

The United States Navy traces its establishment to October 13, 1775. We salute all Navy veterans and active-duty Sailors who have carried on that tradition of service.

October 27 — Navy Day - A day traditionally associated with recognizing the service and contributions of the United States Navy.

NOVEMBER

November 10 — U.S. Marine Corps Birthday - The Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775. We extend our congratulations and appreciation to all Marines, past and present.

November 11 — Veterans Day - Veterans Day is our opportunity to recognize all who have served honorably in the United States of America

DECEMBER

December 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day - On December 7, 1941, the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor. More than 2,400 Americans were killed and many more were wounded. The attack brought the United States into World War II. Our Post will pause to remember those who lost their lives and the generations of service members who followed them.

December 12 — Army-Navy Football Game - 3:00 PM Eastern Time - MetLife Stadium — East Rutherford, NJ

If you cannot attend in person, the Post will be having a watch party.

December 13 — National Guard Birthday - The National Guard traces its origins to December 13, 1636, when the Massachusetts Bay Colony organized three militia regiments. Today, the National Guard continues its dual role of serving both state and nation.

NOVEMBER 3 — ELECTION DAY

YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

The 2026 midterm elections will take place in November. Midterm elections include elections for the U.S. House of Representatives and a portion of the U.S. Senate, along with state and local offices depending on the jurisdiction.

The Election Assistance Commission recommends that voters use their state and local election offices as authoritative sources for registration requirements, voting locations, early voting, absentee voting, and election deadlines.

A VETERAN'S GUIDE TO PARTICIPATING

1. Make sure you are registered.

Check your registration status and make sure your address is current.

2. Learn what is on your ballot.

Review the candidates, offices, and ballot measures before Election Day.

3. Know when and where to vote.

Voting procedures and deadlines vary by state and locality.

4. Consider early or absentee voting if appropriate.

Many jurisdictions offer voting options before Election Day.

OUR POST'S COMMITMENT

The Leasure-Blackston Post welcomes members regardless of political party or viewpoint. Political discussion is part of our nation's civic life, but our Post remains united by our common service to veterans, our military, our families, and our country.

Please keep political disagreements respectful and remember that the person sitting beside you at the Post may have served beside you—or may have a very different political opinion—and is still your fellow veteran.

Participate. Be informed. Vote. Respect your fellow Americans.

FUNERAL DETAIL / RIFLE TEAM

Have you ever been interested in being a member of the Post Funeral Detail / Rifle Team? The Post is always looking for additional personnel to be added to the list. These events can be short notice, so the more individuals we have available, the better chance we have of fulfilling these requests. Please provide your telephone # and email address to John Dernberger (jp.dernberger@gmail.com)



BE **THE** ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

For information on the American Legion "Be The One" suicide prevention training click on the link below.

[Suicide Prevention Training Information](https://www.legion.org/information-center/news/be-the-one/2024/march/be-the-one-training-tackles-how-to-help-those-in-suicidal-crisis)

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**Pass this along to any
Veteran who would be
interested in joining!**



**Children &
Youth Programs**

**Scholarship &
Financial Aid**

**Veterans Legislation
& Benefits**

**National Security &
Protection of Our Flag**

I WANT YOU

to be a Legion Family member

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To Learn More, Contact:

Legion \$45.00 - John Dernberger 740-403-1760

Sons of AL \$25.00 Scott Yates 937-207-7015

Auxiliary \$45.00 Paula Lombardo 614-827-5362

Eligibility Dates

World War I

April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

World War II - Present

Dec. 7, 1941 - Present*

* if currently serving on active duty today, you are eligible.



**Have you been
on an
Honor Flight?**

Honor Flight Columbus accepts applications from America's Senior Veterans.

Currently, these are the men and women, age 65 and over. For scheduling, top priority is given to WWII, Korea and terminally ill veterans. We proudly serve Veterans in all 40 counties of our territory as well as any eligible Veteran who can get themselves to the CMH airport.

Veterans are placed on a waiting list and are booked in the order that we receive their applications. WWII, Korea and terminally ill veterans receive priority and are booked on the first available flight.

Each veteran will be assigned a trained volunteer guardian. Guardians are selected and assigned to complement the needs of each veteran on a flight.

Unfortunately, a spouse who is not a veteran may not accompany the veteran.

To apply to go to your memorials and other related Washington, D.C. sites with us, please [click here](#).

Print the form/complete it, and mail it to:

Honor Flight Columbus
PO Box 20133
Columbus, OH 43220
Phone: (614) 284-4987
Fax (888) 779-8806

Email: veterans@honorflightcmh.org

Copy and paste this link into your browser to access the Honor Flight Application:

chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpgclefindmkaj/https://3e07794c-fd44-4a3c-9246-32a051f83cdf.filesusr.com/ugd/69091b_bdd167a55360410ebf64ace0d5193c21.pdf

Coming Up.....



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**St. Brendan
Council 11208**

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY Dinner

**Saturday
November 14, 2026
St. Brendan School
4475 Dublin Rd.
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Food & Drinks
Provided**

**RSVP to
Fred Kerner
614-946-7733
joc93@yahoo.com
by November 10**

**Guest Speaker
Subha Lembach
Eyewitness to 9/11**



**AMERICAN
LEGION**

NAVY vs ARMY

**Worthington Post
239**

**December 12
2026
Met Life Stadium
East Rutherford
New Jersey
Kickoff 3 p.m.**

**Free Dinner
Provided By**

**Members/Guests
receive 1-Free
drink ticket
per person**

**CORPORATE
caterers**

Watch the game
with your fellow
Legion members
and cheer on
your team!

Coming Up.....

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF



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Get ready to trade in the everyday routine for sunshine, ocean breezes, tropical beaches, and unforgettable memories because the American Legion Cruise 2028 is officially happening!

April 13–18, 2028

Departing from Fort Lauderdale aboard Celebrity Cruises

Ports of Call:

Grand Turk

Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Whether you're looking to relax on beautiful beaches, enjoy amazing food and entertainment, reconnect with fellow Legion members, or simply get away for a few days, this cruise has something for everyone.

Staterooms are available starting from just \$438 per person.

This is more than just a vacation, it's an opportunity to make memories, strengthen friendships, and enjoy an incredible experience together at sea.

Spots will fill quickly, so if you are interested, now is the time to reserve your place.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Ty Bowers

ty.a.bwrs@gmail.com



Post Calendar

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Friday Dinners	
						10 Post Anniversary
				15 Members Meeting 7:30 p.m.		

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				19 Members Meeting 7:30 p.m.		

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				17 Members Meeting 7:30 p.m.		
						
						