



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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January-March 2023 NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Events

January 1st New Year's Day	February 19th Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
January 17th Martin Luther King Day	February 21st Presidents Day
Month of February Black History Month	March 3rd Navy Reserve Birthday
February 3rd Four Chaplains Day	March 5th Seabee Birthday
February 4th USO Birthday	March 13th K9 Veterans Day
February 14th Valentine's Day	March 15th American Legion Birthday
Week of February 14th National Salute to Veteran Patients	March 25th Medal of Honor Day
	March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day

From the Commander:

Happy New Year

Baby it's cold outside! Unless it's in the 50's?? Global Warming? Regardless, it's the start of another year and repetitious gray overcast days will be followed by spring. Fingers crossed.

The American Legion is a non-partisan organization devoted to serving Veterans and America. In that vein, it's important that we participate in the political functioning of our government. Please see the two bills referenced below. The first is law, be aware. For the second, please consider contacting your Congressional representatives to show your support. It benefits us all.

1. The Secure Act 2.0 was included in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (H.R. 2617). It includes many changes intended to enhance and facilitate retirement benefits. See the Legion article: [here](#)
2. The Major Richard Star Act applies directly to many of us Veterans that receive a disability and military pension. Your disability is DEDUCTED from your pay, to maintain the same amount of income. Your support is requested to lobby Congress to fix this inequity. See resolution (attached).

Post News:

Friday Night Dinners

We continue to have dinner every Friday night. Please watch your email for the menu and join us.

Monthly meetings

The best way to keep up with what is going on at the Post is to attend the meetings. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:30. Join us.

Covid Response:

It's still out there. Get the booster! While you are at it, get your flu shot too! We are the most susceptible of Americans. **Remember:** if you feel sick, stay home to protect others!



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Membership:

If you have already paid your 2023 membership, thank you. Otherwise, please send in your renewal.

2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legionnaires - \$40, Auxiliary - \$30, SAL - \$25, Riders - \$12

If you have **NOT PAID** your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post with your check.
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Our first meeting in 2023 will be Wednesday January 18th at 7 pm in post meeting room. Our program for the evening is "Supporting our Children & Youth". We will be collecting hats, gloves, scarfs and socks for a local school to support the children in need during the cold months ahead.

Our February meeting is Wednesday, February 15th and "Give 10 to Education" is the theme. School supplies to complete the teaching year will be collected and donated to a deserving school. This will meet our Education program; all supplies are appreciated.

January 20th & 21st is Mid-Winter Conference at "Marriott Columbus Northwest", 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, Ohio. New location with sessions at 6:30pm on Friday nite and 9am - 1pm on Saturday. There will be a BGS workshop on Friday afternoon.

Our unit/post is working on a "Treat/Sweets" cart for the Columbus VA facility during the week of February 13th which honors our
Veteran Patients.

We have 3 months to complete our units work; document all of your volunteer activities, time and monies spent to support our programs.

Thank you all for your support in keeping our unit going; you are needed and appreciated.

For God and Country,
Cheryl Smith
Unit President



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Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders Chapter 239, Worthington, Ohio, in collaboration with Columbus Ohio HOG Chapter #4678, held the 2023 Polar Bear Run Breakfast on January 1st. Special thanks to the American Legion Young-Budd Post 171 in Westerville for use of their post and another successful year. \$2,200 was raised and will be donated to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund; providing college scholarships for the children of active-duty U.S. military and guard as well as reserve personnel who were mobilized and died on active-duty on or after September 11, 2001.

The annual event hosted over 150 attendees - with close to 100 riding their motorcycles. Mark your calendars for next year and join us to support the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks to those who volunteered:

Glenn Luksik	Dave Howell	Matt Favret	Laura Favret	Mark Goyer	Michael Gifford
Kari Yates	Scott Yates	Kim Mann	Mark Mann	Dan Peters	Sherry Peters
Larry Grubb	Richie Rathkopf				