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UNIT MEETING: APRIL 10, 2019

THE STORY OF THE POPPY & MOINA MICHAEL



From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on. The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war and represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of

four wars, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered. The poppy, as a memorial flower to the war dead, can be traced to a single individual, Moina Michael.



After America entered the war in 1917, Moina applied to volunteer with the YMCA Overseas War Workers, the only war effort that was open to a 48- year-old woman eager to contribute. On Nov. 9, 1919, just before the Armistice, Moina was on duty at the annual YMCA Overseas Conference.

Moina wore a poppy on her collar until she returned home to Georgia in 1919 and became known as the “**Poppy Lady.**” She continued her teaching career by instructing a group of disabled veterans. Moina’s efforts were complemented by the work of Madame E. Guerin in France, who heard of Moina’s story on a visit to America. In 1930, Moina was awarded a medal for distinguished service at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in Boston.

ALA poppy distribution is still going strong. Last year, nearly \$2 million was collected from poppy distribution and allocated to disabled or hospitalized veterans. Moina Michael’s teaching career lasted 54 years, but her lesson is still being taught today as poppies are distributed across America by Auxiliary volunteers, “teaching the lesson of Flanders Fields.”



The American Legion Auxiliary has been dedicated to serving veterans, military and their families for nearly 100 years. Auxiliary members exemplify Service Not Self through countless volunteer hours, programs, conferences and an increased presence in Washington, D.C. Although things have changed since the American Legion Auxiliary’s establishment in 1919, the one thing to remain the same is members’ unwavering commitment to honor those who serve.

OTHER UNIT NEWS

Board Member Nominations

At the April 10th meeting, **President Barbara Benz** will appoint a three person nominating committee. This committee will search for anyone interested in becoming an officer or delegate. Are YOU ready to step up and become more active in your Auxiliary? We hope to see you on April 11th when the nomination process begins. *A description of each of the offices will be explained at 6:30pm before the meeting starts.* Elections will be held at the May meeting.

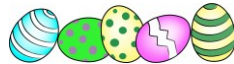


From the 1st Vice President: Hello Ladies, Happy Spring! Thank you all for helping us reach our membership goal this year! If you haven't renewed your membership, there is still time. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Hope to see you all at the ALR Spaghetti Dinner and SAL Breakfast this month!

(Sr Dues: \$30-Jr Dues (under 18 yrs): \$7) Mail to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 572, 6483 State Rd Parma, OH 44134



From the 2nd Vice President: Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Lottery Easter Basket! \$50 worth of instant lottery tickets and lots of sweets for your sweet tooth! Only \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held on Thursday, April 18th after the weekly drawing!



From the Chaplain's Corner, Peggie O'Neill-Baron:

The month of Easter holds special significance and traditional memories for each and everyone of us. Let us remember in our Father's great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. May I personally wish you and your family a very blessed and happy Easter!

"Father God, our creator and wonderful parent, we ask that we celebrate and remember the auxiliary mission, for God and Country, especially during the month of April. Let us come together like we always do and protect

us along the way. You breathe life into each of us. We are thankful for all of the successes You have blessed us with over the last few months. We continue to raise our voice together and give You the praise always.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:27



A.L.R. SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 6th from 5 - 6:30 pm

Dinner includes spaghetti, 1 meatball or sausage, salad, garlic bread and dessert for only \$8.00. Tickets are available now. Appreciated are any desserts that are brought.



S.A.L. Breakfast - April 28, 2019 - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Members and Public welcome!

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids 12 and under.

"All you can eat" scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage links, toast with coffee, tea and juice.

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>Apr</i>	<i>6 ALR Spaghetti Dinner</i>
	<i>10 Unit Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	<i>13 Children's Easter Activities Post Hall 1 - 3 pm - signup sheet in Canteen</i>
	<i>21 Happy Easter</i>
	<i>24 Unit Board - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>08 Unit Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm, Post Home</i>
	<i>22 Unit Board Dinner/Appreciation Day</i>
	<i>27 Memorial Day observed - fly your flag!</i>