



"For God and Country"

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Commander's Comments: As we start the new membership year, we sometimes tend to spend too much time looking back instead of looking to the future. Memories are great, they have a calming and settling effect, but looking back at this past year has not provided a "calming or settling" situation for me as commander. We have encountered some very unexpected incidents that stymied my path toward some goals that I had set for the progression of the post. But through it all, and with the support and help from our membership we were able to survive without taking any giant steps backward, we just didn't move forward as we had hoped this past year.

Despite the setbacks, we did have some very positive moments, especially toward our commitment to community. In June at the summer convention I received the District 13 "Legionnaire of the Year" award and last month was presented the City of Parma "Citizen of the Month". Although these awards were presented to me, they were accepted on behalf of the Post 572 membership. Commitment to community is an important part of the American Legion. Our Annual First Responders Appreciation Night has shined a spotlight on Post 572 throughout the State, the bedside last salute program for dying veterans, the Christmas Eve visit to Vets in nursing homes, the Viet Nam Veterans day tribute are just a few programs adopted in the past 4 years that has lent themselves to fulfilling our commitment to both community and veterans. I am asking this year for your help to put our Post back on a progressive track...Volunteer when you are able.

1st Vice Commander: It is hard to believe it is already August, time goes so fast. Looking back in history, on August 14, 1945 the Japanese initially announced their intent to Surrender. The dedication and valor of our Veterans granted the USA victory in the Pacific. If you are a WW II Vet, I thank you. I thank each one of you who have served your nation in military service in every conflict since that time.

As veterans we need to support one another. A way to do that is to support the American Legion and its programs by paying your dues early. When you pay your dues, your Legion and Local Post 572 can continue to support your fellow Veterans, and the community.

You can renew and pay online at: <https://www.legion.org/renew/> or mail remittance to the Post in the envelope provided with the renewal notice sent by The American Legion or drop off at the Post addressed ATTN: Legion Membership Renewal.

If you have any friends who are Veterans, encourage them to Join by going to <https://www.ohiolegion.com/forms/new-member-sign-up/> and choosing Post 572 as the desired post to join. Or grab a **Why You Should Belong Booklet** we have at the post - it has an application in the back. Please email erwin@swisscc.com or call me at 440-290-6221 if you have any questions

2nd Vice Commander: Thank you Commander for presenting me with your Commander's Member of the Year Award. I would like to congratulate Commander Kessler on receiving from Mayor DeGeeter, Parma City Council's proclamation of Citizen of the Month.

A reminder, our Annual Post Family Picnic will again be at St. Sava Picnic Grove, located at 2300 W Ridgewood Dr. Parma 44129, on Sunday August 12th from noon until 6pm. Cost for the picnic: under 6 free, 6-16 \$1.00, 16 and up \$2.00 Members in good standing please sign-up your children/grandchildren 12 and under by August 4th, so that I will have time to get gifts for them. Children signup sheet is behind the bar. I also have posted a signup sheet for volunteers. We will start at 9am on the 12th moving needed items to the picnic area and your help would be appreciated. Any questions please contact me directly at 216-470-2579 after 7pm or email: secondvice_alpost572@yahoo.com Thank you, John Rader

Chaplains Corner: As the new Chaplain, I feel Art Wesley will be a tuff act to follow but I will give it my best and I pray that Art will enjoy his retirement in good health for many years.

I would like to ask every member of our post to pray for the return of the remains of our KIA's from Korea very shortly so we can give them an honorable resting place and their families can at last have some peace.



TAPS: The Adjutant reports that these Legionnaires have transferred to Post Everlasting and now report to the Commander of us all: **OTTO KLOS - ARMY, KOREA** **CLARENCE E FASSINGER - ARMY, VIETNAM** **HERMAN R WENSEL - ARMY, KOREA**



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: In June our very own American Legion Riders Chapter 572 put a great event on June 16th by hosting The USS Cod "Torpedo" Run. Turned out to be an awesome event that included Riders from our surrounding American Legions. Thank you Riders for everything you do to support our post! Keep an eye out that this becomes an annual event!

Hope to see everyone at our American Legion Annual Family Picnic on August 12 @ 12:00pm. Come and enjoy this annual event with DJ Tammy, great food, prizes and kids activities! Or...Volunteer and support the Legion as the Sons that we are and make it a memorable experience for all!!! We can always use help!

SAL Members - Membership cards were received in July so be an "Early Bird" and get your 2019 dues in! Come to the meetings! The third Monday of every month @7:00 and learn more and be a part of the group! Welcome our new officers. Dan Carter: Commander, Kevin Litvak; 1st and 2nd Vice, Wally Koenig; Finance Officer/Historian, John Greene; Adjutant, Bob "PaPa" Howe; Sargent of Arms. Thanks for volunteering guys. If you ever need to contact me please don't hesitate to call! Thank you, Dan Carter; SAL Commander (440)773-0863.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS: No article submitted this month. Go to www.alr572parma.org for upcoming events and news.

FROM THE CANTEEN: Just started In July, come in and enjoy **HAPPY HOUR** from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Reduced prices on non-premium beer and bottom shelf spirits. Remember to drink responsibly and have a great time and enjoy the friendly atmosphere with your comrades and family.

MEETINGS

August 6th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

(Meetings are held the first Monday of every month except holidays.)

August 13th (Monday) - Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM

(Wear your Legion Cover at the meeting; refreshments will be served after the meeting)

August 20th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM

August 20th (Monday) - A.L.R. Regular Membership Meeting - After S.A.L. Meeting

EVENTS

SUNDAY AUGUST 12TH..... POST FAMILY PICNIC - Noon to 6 PM

SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH..... D-DAY BUS TRIP TO CONNEAUT - 7 AM to 8 PM

TUESDAY AUGUST 21ST..... RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

SATURDAY SEPT 22ND..... CLAMBAKE - TBA

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Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWING

SPLIT THE POT DRAWING - ON FOLLOWING THURSDAY AFTER 100 TICKTES ARE SOLD

CANTEEN & LOG CABIN GRILL HOURS

Monday - Thursday - 3:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday - 3:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Saturday - Noon - Midnight

Sunday - Noon - 6:00 PM

EVERY TUESDAY IS SANDY'S TACO NIGHT IN THE CANTEEN