



"For God and Country"

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Commander's Comments: Now that 2018 is over let me take this time to thank all of you. During this year we saw some good times and some bad, but through it all we not only survived, we excelled. Our success was because of you, our members. We once again exceeded our membership quota, all our planned events were successful, we were able to reach our contribution goals to our veteran's charities as well as contributing to our community. However, due to the extraordinary amount of unexpected expenses suffered by the post, a lot of our goals were not met, so there is still much to do, and it will take hard work, contributions and volunteer efforts by our membership. A new year brings new expectations and goals and let's not forget new challenges. Your personal goals and challenges must be faced with a positive approach. Put the past failures behind and look at the New Year as an opportunity to start over with a confidence that you and your family can achieve all that you always dreamed. My confidence to start a fulfilling new year comes from finding myself among a group of devoted, caring and talented people... our members of post 572. As I am passionate about making this post the "Best Damn Post in The State", let us grow together in achieving our Post 572 goals along with our personal goals. At this time let me wish you all a very happy New Year and hope it brings you much happiness and success...

2nd Vice Commander: Santa informed me that there were 52 children that came to see him on December 9th at Post 572, what a turnout. I would like to thank Santa for taking timeout from his busy schedule to stop and see the children. Also, a big thank you to those that donated time and money for this event. Upcoming events I'm working on: Feb. 16 Annual Chili Cook-off and March 16th Corned Beef Dinner - details coming out in the near future. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you, John Rader contact: 216-470-2579 after 7pm or email: secondvice_alpost572@yahoo.com

Adjutants Desk: There are 2 major challenges for our Post in this new year, **Post Administration** and **Financial!** Since early in 2008 income to our Post dropped considerably and expenses have increased dramatically. All the savings that the Post had has eroded away. We now operate and have been operating in the red. This trend cannot continue. In the past a handful of members supplied all the income we needed by gambling. They are gone and now report to the Commander of us all. We are thankful for the very few who still play, but it's not enough. It can take between \$10,000.00 & \$15,000.00 a month to operate this brick & mortar Post and properties. We are very fortunate to have what we have; some Posts meet in city halls or restaurants. Taxes, licenses, permits, insurances, supplies, canteen wages, mortgage, maintenance & repairs, utilities and charity donations (from gambling as required by law) are just some of the expenses. Income comes from gambling, fund raisers, Post Events, hall rentals, donations and membership dues. The Canteen & Grill are not listed as income because they tend to lose money or make very little. For every Legionnaire that renews his or her membership the Post gets \$7.65 out of the \$36.00 paid. The last membership report from Department of Ohio dated 12/19/2018 shows that we have 410 members for 2019, that translates to \$3,136.50 to our Post. What can we all do as members? Be supportive and be considerate and participate, come to the Post and eat, drink and gamble and enjoy the comradeship. When decisions by the officers and executive committee go afoul, remember everyone is doing their best and sometimes mistakes are made and can be corrected, so don't get angry after all they are members of this Post just like you. Be a part of the solution and as the Commander would say; we can be and should be the best damn Post in Ohio!

Next month's discussion will be **Post Administration**.

Chaplain's Corner: An Invocation for Peace

"God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness."

"God, diffuse the violence of our tongues and hands.

Renew our hearts and minds, so that our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!" Amen



TAPS: The Adjutant reports that Legionnaire **Tary Labyk**, WWII, Navy - 64 Year Member has transferred to Post Everlasting and now reports to the Commander of us all.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: Happy New Year to all of our members, may this new year bring you good health and happiness!

Membership cards are in! 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! Remember why you joined the SAL Squadron and became a member of Post 572. Be an active member and honor the service and sacrifice of our fathers and grandfathers and join in on the post events. Dues can be paid in the Canteen by dropping an envelope into the SAL mailbox with your name, membership number, Phone number, email and your payment by cash or check. Your dues can also be mailed with the same information to American Legion Post 572, 6483 State Rd. Parma Ohio 44134. Dues are \$20 Regular Member, \$15 Jr. and Dual Membership. This year I would like to further promote the Units of post 572 working together on all events and activities that the post has to offer. Be a part, volunteer when you can to help make each event as successful and fun as possible! 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.

FROM THE CANTEEN: The Canteen opens every-day at 12 noon! Come on in and enjoy a **Lunch Special for \$3-4 Monday-Friday 12-3pm**. Log Cabin Grill is also open if you prefer something off the menu. Happy Hour continues Monday-Friday 12-6pm with Well Drinks and Domestic Draft Beers for \$1.75. The January Bucket of the Month is Michelob Ultra. Get 5 cans of Michelob Ultra in a Bucket of Ice for \$8 during Happy Hour and 12-9pm on Wednesdays.

MEETINGS

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

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

January 14th (Monday) - Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM

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

January 21st (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM

No January Meeting (Wednesday) - A.L.R. Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM

EVENTS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH.....CHILI COOK-OFF.....STARTING AT 1:00 PM

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH.....CORNED BEEF DINNER.....4 TO 5:30 PM

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Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWING

QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING EVERY SATURDAY - MONTHLY PROGRESSIVE 50/50 DAILY DRAWINGS

CANTEEN & LOG CABIN GRILL FALL/WINTER HOURS

Monday - Thursday - Noon - 10:00 PM

Friday & Saturday - Noon - Midnight

Sunday - Noon - 6:00 PM

EVERY TUESDAY IS SANDY'S TACO NIGHT IN THE CANTEEN

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS - FRIDAY FISH FRY'S