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Commander's Comments: I mentioned in last month's article, the importance of people willing to step up and take a leadership role in the American Legion. It is worth mentioning again. Next Months (April) general meeting we will hold the nominations for the officers for 2018/2019. Membership is always the priority in keeping the American Legion moving forward, but membership has no path if not for good leadership. If you are willing to accept a nomination for any of the open elected positions, you must be present or submit in writing prior to the meeting your willingness to accept. The same applies if you are wanting to nominate a member for officer. The elected officers are: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice commander, Finance officer and 2 members to the Executive Committee (three-year terms). Remember you can only be nominated for one of these positions. Our Post also needs 3 members to be elected delegates to the 13th District council and 3 members elected delegates to the Department of Ohio Convention in Columbus June 29th to July 1st. All legionaries of Post 572 in good standing (2018 dues paid) with the heart and determination are eligible to run.

We pray for those murdered and wounded, their families and friends on Valentines Day at a High School in Parkland, Florida. As the politicians' bicker and protesters march to find an end to this violence we must carry on and be ever mindful that there may never be a perfect answer. We must all understand that life is precious and every day is a gift and that a government cannot completely protect us. We as humans have a great capacity to love one another as well as to bring harm with any implement handy. Let us all stand together for life, dignity and respect and reject the violence that has infected our land.

1st Vice Commander: March 29th at 7:00 PM Post 572 will Host the Vietnam Veterans Day Tribute at the post hall. This event is open to the public and all veterans and family that would like to honor those who served during Vietnam are encouraged to attend. Thousands of our veterans served during Vietnam in all branches of service, some did not set foot in Vietnam but supported the war effort in other ways, to honor them there will be a pinning ceremony for veterans that served during that time frame. Many family members lost a love one during the war and we would also like to recognize their sacrifice with a pin also. Follow us on face book to keep up with details of this important event. Please welcome the following new members: **Salvatore Felice, Douglas Foss, Isaiah Howard, John Josefezyk, Timothy O'Hara, Larry Rondeau, David Ruel, William Sarog, Emil Thomas, Daniel Tokar.**

2nd Vice Commander: Congratulations to the Annual Chili Cook-off winners. Judges' Choice: 1st place winner Gary Perry, 2nd place Jim Velbeck, and 3rd place Philip Kellogg. Peoples' Choice: 1st place winner Steve Skapura, 2nd place Tim Wunderle, and 3rd place Gary Perry. Thanks goes out to the Judges, contestants, those that came to have chili, and to those that volunteered to help. Saturday March 10th is the Corned Beef Dinner from 4 to 5:30pm. Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased at the bar in the Canteen. Ticket sales end March 3rd and there will be no ticket sales at the door. I also have a volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board for those that would like to help. Any questions please contact me directly at 216-470-2579 after 7pm or email: secondvice_alpost572@yahoo.com Thank you, John Rader

Chaplains Corner: Police officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering shot and killed in Westerville, Ohio; seventeen students killed and many more wounded in Parkland, Florida by a resentful expelled student. Both of these events happened within a two week period and our hearts and prayers go out to the families of these innocent victims. We Christians know we live in a sinful world, and are felt even more deeply as we enter the Lenten season. We cannot always understand why God allows such evil to happen, but as believers in the risen Lord we have faith that He came to forgive all sinners (including you and me). Lent is a time to prepare for Easter through prayer and penance. The forty days of Lent (excluding Sundays) commemorates the forty days Jesus fasted in the desert, where He underwent temptation by Satan, before His public ministry. May our Lord be with us all during this time and bless us all!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: The SAL Squadron will be bringing back the "All You Can Eat Breakfast" in March. Stay tuned and look for the flyers for details.

Are you past due with your membership? Don't let your membership expire and your key cards deactivated. Renew THIS month! 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!

Come to the meetings! The third Monday of every month @7:30 and learn more and be a part of the group! 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: HELLO from your Riders! Congratulations to Post member Norman Petkac on his winning of the Cavs basket!! Thanks to all who purchased tickets in support! Save the date.....Saturday April 21, 2018 is our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser event. Tickets will be on sale in the Canteen starting March 10, 2018 and all information will be posted. A big shout out to member Mike Burk! Mike is spearheading our first annual USS Cod riding event and we will be looking for sponsors and donations so keep your eyes open for all the information! Next Riders meeting will be held Monday March 19th at 7:30. Quick reminder...dues to be paid by April 1st. As we prepare for an eventful riding season, now is the time to become a Rider or a Supporter. Information packets are available in the Canteen at the information table.

FROM THE CANTEEN: Fish Fry has begun on Friday's during Lent season and we have a wonderful menu! Stop in and see for yourself! You have spoken and I have listened! 50 CENT WINGS will be starting Wednesday Feb 28th from 5-9 and will continue on Wednesday's only! Tickets for the Corned Beef dinner on Saturday March 10th are now on sale in the Canteen. There will be some surprises and a few drink specials on tap for this event so come on up with your appetite, it's soooo good! The Canteen is a great place to come after a long day, a rough day or the end to a great day! We look forward to seeing you!

MEETINGS

March 5th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
(Meetings are held the first Monday of every month except holidays.)

March 12th (Monday) - Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM
(Wear your Legion Cover at the meeting; refreshments will be served after the meeting)

March 19th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM

March 19th (Monday) - A.L.R. Regular Membership Meeting - After S.A.L. Meeting

EVENTS

SATURDAY - MARCH 10TH - ANNUAL CORNED BEEF DINNER - 4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM

SUNDAY - MARCH 18TH - S.A.L. ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST AT THE POST - 9:00 AM TO NOON

THURSDAY - MARCH 29TH - VIETNAM VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE - 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

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Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

CANTEEN & LOG CABIN GRILL HOURS

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

Friday - 11:00 AM - 1:00 AM

Saturday - 11:00 AM - Midnight

Sunday - Noon - 6:00 PM

EVERY TUESDAY IS SANDY'S TACO NIGHT IN THE CANTEEN

Homemade shells build your own \$2.00 each

WING WEDNESDAYS IN THE CANTEEN - 6:00 TO 9:00 PM

\$6.50 Per ½ doz. - Garlic or Cajun Fries - \$2.50

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