



"For God and Country"

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Commander's Comments: Post 572 has become one of the most active posts in the state. We are currently planning 27 various events for 2019, however amidst all the activities and social events available and enjoyed by our post members, we must not overlook the true purpose and impact of the American Legion organization. The American Legion is more than simply a veteran's organization – it is very much a community-based service organization. American Legion Baseball, Junior Shooting Sports, a High School Oratorical Contest and American Legion Boys State and Nation. The American Legion is one of the nation's largest supporters of Scouting and the largest single donor organization of blood to the American Red Cross. The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation donates over a quarter of a million dollars each year to worthy children and youth programs. The American Legion's NEF provides immediate financial assistance to fellow Legionnaires and their families displaced by natural disasters. Legionnaires record over a million volunteer-hours annually in VA medical facilities throughout the nation and they reinvest millions of dollars back into local communities through cash donations.

The American Legion provides gifts and recreational items to servicemembers recovering in U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units around the globe through Operation Comfort Warriors. Through "Heroes to Hometowns," the Legion coordinates the transition of severely wounded soldiers back into civilian life in communities across the country. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund enables the children of military members killed in action after Sept. 11, 2001 to receive a college education while its Family Support Network helps families of deployed service members. Our members steadfastly work to preserve the fabric of the United States of America. Now is the time do your part, step up and take an active role as a post officer or committee member, the future of the Legion depends on our future leaders.

1st Vice Commander: At the recent American Legion Department of Ohio Winter Conference one speaker spoke of our many members who are no longer able to attend meetings or join in Post activities. The only time that these men and women hear from the American Legion is when we "come looking for dues". In some cases, these members and former members are very bitter and feel they have been forgotten by the American Legion.

To address this concern our national Commander, Brett Reistad has founded Buddy Check. Buddy Check week will be held March 11th through 18th. It will be a week of personal contact with our members and former members that we have not seen or heard from for a while. We will reach out to ask how they are doing and if there is anything the American Legion can do for them. Maybe they have been ill, moved away, lost someone close or just need to know somebody cares.

Please remember the names of those with whom we have lost touch and forward their information to me. As the National Commander writes, "This is not a membership campaign. It's a **comradeship campaign**. We need to let them know they have friends in the American Legion who want them to be part of our drawing second century"

2nd Vice Commander: The Annual Chili Cook-off was February 16th and what a turnout. 12 pots of chili and a tray of peppers stuffed with chili, most of it gone within an hour. Thanks goes out to the contestants, my helpers and judges, and most important those enjoying the chilis. Judge's choice winners were: 1st place: **Judy Soucie**, 2nd place: **Brian Curran**, and 3rd place: **Marsha Greene**. The People's choice winners were: 1st place: **Brian Curran**, 2nd place: **Karen Ellis**, and 3rd place: **Judy Soucie** - congratulations. The Corned Beef Dinner is Saturday March 16th, serving from 4 -to- 530pm. Presale only until March 10. Dinner \$12 and Sandwich \$9, NO ticket sales at the door. Tickets are available behind the bar. I have a Volunteer signup sheet on the bulletin board. 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

Chaplain's Corner: I did not know this, I bet you didn't either. Don't let the sun go down without reading this about Martha Raye. The most unforgivable oversight of TV, is that her shows were not taped.

I was unaware of her credentials or where she is buried. Somehow I just can't see Brittany Spears, Paris Hilton, or Jessica Simpson doing what this woman and the other USO women did for our troops in past wars.

Most of the old-time entertainers were made of a lot sterner stuff than today's crop of activist bland whiners. The following is taken from an Army Aviator who takes a trip down memory lane:

"It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku. We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back.

All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear. There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a Special Forces beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard. Maggie had been visiting her Special Forces (SF) 'heroes' out 'west'. We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku.

As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a USAF Captain said to Martha.... "Ms. Raye, with all these dead and wounded to process, there would not be time for your show!" To all of our surprise, she pulled on her right collar and said "Captain, see this eagle? I am a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty.... now, take me to your wounded!"

He said, "Yes ma'am.... follow me." Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would 'cover' a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break. Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Ft Bragg.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: The SAL Squadron brought back the "All You Can Eat Breakfast" in February. Keep an eye out for the flyers for another breakfast on Sunday March 10th from 9 AM to Noon.

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: ALR Meet & Greet Saturday March 9th. ALR Spaghetti Dinner Saturday April 6th tickets available in the Canteen. ALR is raffling off a \$500 Cabelas Gift Card, tickets available from ALR Members only. Drawing will be held the day of the 2019 "Torpedo Run" Saturday June 15. All ALR meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month in the Post Hall @ 7:30 pm

FROM THE CANTEEN: The staff is looking for event ideas to bring more people into the Canteen during the week. If you have any suggestions please pass them onto a bartender or manager. We currently have a special on Sam Adams Lager and Seasonal draft beer. Purchase a glass of Sam Adams for \$3.00 and keep the glass (one per visit while supplies last). Happy Hour prices on Well Drinks and Domestic Draft Beer Monday-Friday 12-6pm. The March Bucket of the Month is Miller Lite. Get 5 bottles of Miller Lite in a Bucket of Ice for \$8 during Happy Hour and 12-9pm on Wednesdays. **Many thanks**

MEETINGS

March 4th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

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

March 11th (Monday) - Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM

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

March 18th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM

March 6th (Wednesday) - A.L.R. Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM

EVENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH.....ALR MEET & GREET.....5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH.....SAL ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST.....9:00 AM TO NOON

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH.....CORNED BEEF DINNER.....4:00 PM TO 5:30 PM

FRIDAY MARCH 29TH.....VIETNAM VET CELEBRATION.....7:00 pm TO 9:00 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 6TH.....ALR SPAGHETTI DINNER.....5:00 PM TO 8:00 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