



"For God and Country"

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Commander's Comments: The American Legion is losing numbers. From 3 million members a few decades ago, to the quota for 2019 being 1,718,548 a drop off of nearly 50%. Currently membership for 2019 stands at 1,039,574 that's 60.49% of goal. There are many factors that play a part in the drop off of membership, the major of course is the passing of all World War I and most of World War II veterans. These were the building blocks of the Legion, the newer generation of Veterans have many more options to become involved with Veterans organizations and social groups, thus splitting the pie up into many more pieces. The closing of American Legion posts throughout the country plays a part in these statistics. The main cause for these closures is the reluctance of members to take leadership roles and fill the officer's positions at the posts.

Here at Post 572 we are leaders in the membership enhancement movement, having exceeded our membership quota each and every year for the past 5 years. We have no problem with volunteers for our events and projects, but we are still in need of members to step up and take the officers roles. Right now we are seeking a Historian which is a very needed position especially this year being the Legion 100th Anniversary. One of the most important positions is that of Post Service Officer (PSO). Service officer is a very gratifying position as you are helping veterans learn about benefits that are available to them and to direct them to the proper forms and assistance they may need. Neither one of these positions take much of your time but serves a very important service to the post. Let us not become one of those negative statistics. Contact me for info on how you can help keep our post remain "the best damn post in Ohio".

1st Vice Commander: November is the month of Thanksgiving. I want to thank all of you for serving your country when you were in the military and thank you for your service to the community of Veterans with your membership in the American Legion.

If you have not paid your 2019 dues please do so before the end of October. If all current members renew by this time our post gets additional money by the Department to serve you this year.

You can renew and pay online at: <https://www.legion.org/renew/> or mail remittance of \$36 in Cash or Check 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.

In the month of October, we added Nine new Members.

I want to welcome you to our Post: **Joseph Gruszczynski, Joseph Stepka, James Roach, Dennis P. Mack, Douglas Mapes, Bryan K. Busicaki, Frank A. Pawlowski, Thomas Longo, Matthew Nobile.**

2nd Vice Commander: The American Legion Post 572 Annual Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 9th from 2 - 4pm in the Post Hall. Post members in good standing (2019 dues paid), can sign up their children/grandchildren ages 12 and under. Signup sheet will be in the Canteen, behind the bar, and you will be required to show your 2019 Membership card. Deadline for signup is Saturday, December 1st. Santa and other guests will be attending. 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: The holiday season is soon to begin. Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. Christmas is just around the corner which means its Children's Christmas Party Raffle ticket time again. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find 2 books of raffle tickets and a return envelope. We hope that you will donate money for at least 1 book or both, but you are not obligated to do so. We hope to give the children and grandchildren of our Post a great party financed by your generous donations. Remember return your completed stubs and money only to the Post. I want to thank in advance all the members of each of our organizations for your support of programs, events and our Canteen.

On behalf of the Post Family thanks to Auxiliary member **Jackie Bucchioni** for her donation of \$500.00 to the Children's Christmas Party in memory of her husband Legionnaire **Barry Bucchioni.**

Chaplain's Corner: As Election Day and Veterans Day approach, I would like to ask all of our members to carefully and prayerfully to vote for candidates whom have supported veterans needs in the past as best you can with the information available to us. Thanks, Jim



TAPS: The Adjutant reports that Legionnaire **Frank Lopuck, Army, Vietnam** has transferred to Post Everlasting.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION: Keep your eyes open for the news of SAL Sunday Breakfasts! First one this season was on Sunday October 21st 9am-12pm. YOU don't want to miss the breakfast! Open to the public.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Riders Mac & Cheese Challenge on November 17th, 2:00pm! Hope to see you there presenting your best mac & cheese or just join us for the best comfort food! SAL Members – Membership cards are in! 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! 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: Riders meetings for November and December have changed. November 7th 7:00pm will be officer nominations and December 5th 7:00 pm will be voting. Don't forget to enter the Mac n Cheese challenge! Saturday November 17th at 2:00pm. Bring in your favorite homemade recipe, prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place! Raffles and 50/50's. \$5 for a sampler platter of all entries.

- **FROM THE CANTEEN:** Canteen opens every day at 12pm! ****NEW**** Lunch Specials for \$3-4 Monday-Friday. 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 November Bucket of the Month is Bud Light. Get 5 bottles of Bud Light in a Bucket of Ice for \$8 during Happy Hour and 12-9pm on Wednesdays. 3-piece Fish Dinner for only \$7 every Friday.

- **MEETINGS**

November 5th (Monday) - Post Executive Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM

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

November 12th (Monday) - Post Regular Membership Meeting - 7: 30 PM

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

November 19th (Monday) - S.A.L. Regular Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM

November 7th (Wednesday) - A.L.R. Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM (Nominations)

EVENTS

SATURDAY NOV 3RDAUXILIARY NIGHT AT THE RACES.....6:00 PM

SUNDAY NOV 11TH.....VETERAN'S DAY DINNER.....TBA

SATURDAY NOV 17TH...ALR MAC & CHEESE CHALLENGE.....2:00 PM

SUNDAY DEC 9THCHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.....2 TO 4:00 PM

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Tickets to All Events are sold in the Canteen.

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT - WEEKLY DRAWING

EVERY OTHER FRIDAY NIGHT DRAWING

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

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

BROWNS MEAL SPECIALS DURING TELEVISED GAMES/SOMETHING DIFFERANT EVERY WEEK