

The American Legion

St Marys Post 323

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May/June

Post Adjutant

The post membership has been doing good. We are quota. I want to thank all who have renewed at this this time, I am still accepting renewal and new members, there are still several long-time members who have not renewed their 2022 dues at this time.

I always try to keep news and reports and the calendar up to date. The activities have really increased here at the post. The new manager, Frank has been scheduling more music, entertainment, and food in the canteen for all members and guest.

The election of post officers will be held May 4, from 6 to 7 in the hall. We have a slate of officers, and you may also write in your choice if you wish.

Membership, the post, the aux and the sal all are working for the best of the post and the American Legion, they all are hoping to be quota, so let's all pay dues and introduce new potential members to the post. The members are the best recruiters for the post.

Bingo anyone, come to the post and you will see that we have bingo and other games every Thursday. You will have fun; we have a great bingo crew working to make sure you have a good time. Of course, food is available. Just remember, doors open at 430, those popular games start at 5 and the Bingo starts at 7. If you would like to help the Bingo Committee, check with Ron Kline. Once a month would be a big help.

The canteen is scheduling more activities that will include music, trivia, karaoke, and food specials. I will post these activities and events on the webpage. You may also call the post for any updates. In the canteen, more going on, so stop by and say hi to Frank and everyone else there working for you. Most of the drawings are now being played, come out and play your favorite ones. Of course, the daily and weekly drawings, sign up for more chances to win. Veterans, on Mondays, Frank is paying for your first beverage.

The post will hold the Memorial Day Ceremony May 30. The day will start at the library parking lot, the parade will start at 10 am and end at Elm Grove Cemetery. A ceremony to remember the local Veterans who served and protected our country will take place at the Chapel. I hope that many of you will be a part of the morning activities.

Currently, post quota is 275 and present membership is 275.

John McJunkin

Post Adjutant

Fellow SAL Member

Membership for 2022 has end with us having 147 members paid up. As you can see we fell short of quota of 152 members by 5 members. The SAL members ship runs from May 1 to April 30, so I must close the books and send in all the end of year reports to get the new members cards for next year. If you have not paid your dues for 2022 it will cost, you \$40.00 to keep your membership up to date for next year. Thanks for all the members that have paid their dues. There is money to be had from the state and district if we meet quota % by the required dates.

The 2nd district is the only one in the state to get all their post certified and cleared by the July date. The officers are staying the same for another year and the forms are being sent into state and nationals. If you are interested in an office, please let one of the officers know. Maybe after 2 years of the pandemic we can start getting back to normal and start getting thing started again.

I want to update everyone on John McJunkin health condition. He has undergone treatments and is back doing stuff at the post. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

I hope everyone else had a good Easter and are staying healthy through this weather. The canteen has a new bar manager, and he has been having bands and other activities at the canteen so come out and enjoy some music and a few drinks.

The Bingo Committee needs help on Thursday night. Bingo is keeping the doors open at the Legion and without help we will have to discontinue it. The money that is made at bingo goes back into the community to support programs in the school and city. So, if you want to help the community come out and support bingo. Even if you can only work an hour or two that would help to keep Bingo going.

SAL Adjutant

David Coleman

Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary met on April 19th in the Hall of Post 323 in St. Marys.

2nd District President, Shirley Maurer attended the meeting and answered questions and concerns from the committee.

The Ladies put in their annual poppy order and will be handing out poppies for a donation to the veterans in the near future. Please consider donating or signing up for an hour to help

with this great benefit that helps our veterans. You can contact any one of the officers for information.

The ladies will request to attend the Men's meeting in May to discuss the "323" party that was once held in the hall.

Our next meeting will be May 17th at 6:30. We encourage and welcome you to attend.

**Post President
Michelle Sharp**

PR NEWS

I want to thank all members who have paid their 2022 dues. The post is always ready to welcome new members. There are several ways to pay legion dues, online, mail, or just pay at the post.

The AUX and SAL membership is also doing good.

Everyone, check the activity page and calendar page, we have a lot going on here at the post, I hope that many of you come out and have some good times.

The Post scholarship forms are at school, we hope eligible students will take time and fill them out.

I am still asking for students who may be interested with the American Legion Oratorical Contest, to contact me for more information.

The Legion and the AUX are sending students to Boys State and Girls State this year, that is a good thing, we wish the students the best. The students will be invited to talk about their experiences at the post Veterans Day ceremony.

Members can take advantage of renting the hall for those special occasions. For outdoor gatherings members can also sign up to use the shelter house.

Outdoor activities, we have horseshoe pits here at the post, maybe a group would enjoy getting together pitching shoes.

**John McJunkin
Public Relations Chairman**

Chained Eagles

I do want to thank another part of our post, The Ohio Chapter of the Chained Eagles, they do so much for the families and friends and the public. Once they set up their displays which includes many names of MIA/POW soldiers. It is goal, to make sure all will remember those who sacrificed for us. Thank you, Chained Eagles, for all you do for families and all Veterans.

John McJunkin

VA NEWS

The Auglaize County Veterans Commission, office is open for veterans and families every weekday.

All eligible to sign up at the County Veterans Service. Veterans in need to medical, monetary, or transportation should at least check it out. Those, who are or may have been affected with Agent Orange Illnesses should already be in contact with the VA. The lawmakers have included three more illnesses to the AO list

including, bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinson's symptoms. I believe the AO list is up to 17 illnesses that may had been a cause from the Vietnam war.

The proposed changes were posted to the Federal Register on Tuesday. They focus on ratings for respiratory conditions, as well as mental health and ear, nose and throat disorders. In some cases, such as with mental health, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, the changes would lessen the requirements that veterans need to meet to receive a 100% disability rating.

The issues have been resolved, for the Auglaize County Fair. During the fair the veterans' program will be held as in the past. I know several people did contact the fair board and I want to thank you all. I will have more fair information later.

John McJunkin
Auglaize County Veterans Commission

THE POST RIDERS' NEWS

The Riders have been busy escorting veterans to their final resting place. The families are always very appreciative of them being there to honor their veteran. Be on the lookout for them this spring and summer at numerous events and benefits.

The Riders will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast at the legion on June 18th. This will be open to public. They will be serving from 9am to noon. Prices are Adult's \$10, Kids 6-12 are \$7 and kids 5 and under are free. The meal will be scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, pancakes, coffee, orange and apple juice and milk. All money raised will go to help our local veterans.

The Riders 4th annual Toy Run will take place Saturday August 27th at the legion. Registration begins at 11am. Cost will be \$15 for a single rider and \$20 for a couple. If you bring an unwrapped toy, you will receive a \$5 discount. Limit of 1 toy discount per bike. First bike out will be at 1230pm and last bike in at 5pm. There will be vendors, The Chained Eagles will have the wall on display and Munchie Machine will have their food truck there. There will be an after party inside the canteen with FF tunes providing music. Mark your calendars to come out and participate and help us give back to our veterans and their families.

The Riders welcome and encourage new members. They currently have 25 active members. If you are a veteran, family member of a veteran, a legion member, and ride a motorcycle with a proper endorsement, it's \$10 a year. If interested, contact a Rider member or plan to attend a meeting. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm at the Legion. Come join and support a great organization for our veterans.

