

The American Legion

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Post Adjutant

It has been a busy couple months for me and the post. I am still battling the side effects of lung cancer, so often feel lousy, it seems I can have a good day or two, then the side effect gets worse, so I again have problems getting anything done. I do plan to stay positive and beat this stuff.

In November, had to get the AnG test ordered and to school for the students to take. I got the completed tests back, then to grade them with help, it was nice to see the scores were higher this year, out of the 6 winners, 3 advanced to district. I have been waiting for those scores before announcing the winners. I will let all know the question most missed on the test, the shape of the Ohio flag. Most of you better google before answering.

Also, Veterans Day ceremonies that were held November 12, the meal was great, and the program was really good. I want to thank all, Commander Mike did a good job as did all the speakers, including the students who attended Boys and Girls State. We also had continuous membership awards that evening. I want to thank Joe Yahl for being present and accepting his award.

I December, there were a couple Christmas parties, one for the New Bremen workshop and another for the post Children ceremony run by the post riders.

Also, I was doing all the paperwork for the Wreaths Across America event. Jack Hagerman and I ran the program, all went good except the weather, it was a very cold week. I want to thank all who helped and especially, to Jack. It was decided we need to make it a goal to put a wreath on every veteran grave in this area. We will need everyone help to make that work. We are talking about ways to get the money needed. Thinking about setting donation cans in the post and doing a lot of asking for donations. If anyone would like to be the chairman for this project, ley Jack or I know.

I also have a lot of pc problems; I am still working on getting everything back running with both web sites and the Facebook pages.

Post membership, we are over 80% now, I was hoping we would closer to 100% at this time, so now with everyone's help we can do it by the end of January, try signing more Veterans, Aux and SAL

The post is preparing for the Post 323 party, it is always a good time for all. The tickets should be ready this week. By the 1st of the year stop by and purchase tickets.

Post Adjutant

John McJunkin

Fellow SAL members

Membership for 2023 is under way and as I write this newsletter, we stand at 117 members. We

are about 2/3 of the way to quota. The quota for this year is 160. The key cards have been changed so

your old ones will not work anymore. Please get your membership updated to the 2023 status and help

make us quota for this year again. Thanks to all the members that have already paid up.

The Legion Christmas party for the kids was on Sunday December 11 hosted by the American Legion Riders. Thank you, Riders, for a fun and exciting day for the kids.

Another program that John got started for our post is the Wreaths Across America. This is a national program that wreaths are put on graves of veterans in all cemeteries across the nation on the

third Saturday of December each year. The post put out about a hundred this year and would like to

expand to more each year. Wreaths can be purchased and put on your loved one grave. This is a great

way to honor our deceased veteran so that they are not forgotten.

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. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable

holiday season. Let's get the new year started off right by getting your membership paid.

SAL Adjutant

David Coleman

December ALR updates

The November monthly ALR meeting brought officer elections. 2 changes to our officers which will be announced in January.

The ALR made our yearly donation to the Auglaize County Shop with The Blue (formerly Shop with a Cop). We presented that organization with a \$2000 check! This and the Kid's Christmas Party are all possible from the proceeds raised by our annual Toy Run held every August.

During December, our ALR hosted a Kid's Christmas Party for member's/guest's kids and grandkids. Each child received a gift, a gift card, candy, as well as had the opportunity to make a take home ornament. All enjoyed a kid friendly menu, pictures with Santa, and enjoyed playing games with Santa.

We hosted approximately 25 children along with their parents, grandparents, and so on. A wonderful afternoon full of fun and smiles by all. This is an annual party...we can't wait until next year's party!

Coming up already at the end of January, will be our annual ALR Pool Tournament on Saturday January 28th. Location is at Family Traditions Tavern located just off 33 by the rest area. (Formerly EZ Tavern).

We would like to thank everyone who has helped make 2022 a fantastic year!

Veteran Service

This to all veterans, especially those who spent time out of country, you should either and see if you may have compensation coming or additions to your benefits. Since the PACT ACT there have been several changes made in favor of all veterans.

Oratorical Contest

The district contest will be held in February, so if there are any students interested, please contact me now.

Post Riders

The main news for the ALR, our 3rd annual Pool Tournament to Support Veterans is Saturday, January 28th at Family Traditions Tavern, St Marys. Early Registration at 1pm, regular registration at 5pm. Calcutta at 6-6:30. Tournament starts immediately after Calcutta.

Also, the Future Events Committee has started working hard on a calendar of rides for the upcoming year.