

The American Legion

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November/December Newsletter 2017

Justin Arnold – 10/15/17

Good day Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great Labor Day weekend. Fall is here with winter quickly approaching. Hopefully the weather holds and we still have some nice weeks of weather ahead before the holiday season.

Looking at some items in the recent months, I hope everyone enjoyed the Brew's, Brat's and Beats party, and the Legion-Air party in the shelter house last month. I want to thank those who helped with both events. I think everyone had a great time and are looking forward to next year's parties. I also want to thank everyone involved with the Meet the Post event we held on October 8th. I know we didn't quite have the turnout that we wanted, however there was a lot of resources pulled to make it happen, and I think it was still a positive event for the post and those who came out. Special thanks to our District Commander Kent Long, John McJunkin, and Mel Garza for facilitating the event.

There are a lot of other functions that run "autonomously" that do not get a lot of attention in the newsletters, but need a special thanking. Items such as our Fish Fry's, Bingo,

Color Guard, and Funeral Services are some of these items that I sometimes highlight on, but don't give enough credit. Thank you sincerely to all of those who help in these events that are important to our Post and our Community.

As with everything that we do, we are always in need of help to ensure the success of continuing and upcoming events. If you are interested in helping at an event, or just want to know what you can do to contribute, please let any one of the officers at the Post, or our bar manager Jenny know, and we would be glad to help make you part of our great team.

*******MEMBERSHIP** – Membership is needed to ensure the continuing success of our American Legion Post 323. I am asking that all members, please make sure that you pay your dues, as well as help us with finding members that would enjoy our club and helping us make a difference in our community. We have already started issuing 2018 membership cards this past month. As I've mentioned in other newsletters, your card for 2017 is still good through December 31st; however, turning in our memberships early helps us in two ways: First, we want to make sure that our members are all paid before the membership expiration deadline. The second reason is that our District (District II) competes with the other districts in the state for the Little Brown Jug Award. This award is a membership based award that is based off of our membership strength at Veterans Day. Our District had won the Little Brown Jug award for 48 continuous years. Unfortunately, we fell short the past two years, but we are hoping to regroup as a District and bring the Little Brown Jug back to District II this year.

For upcoming events: October 28th, we have our Halloween Party, so bring out your best costume and have some fun. November 4th, we will be having a chili cook off in the canteen. This is your chance to beat the reigning champ from last year, so bring out your best chili and your friends!

November 11th, we have our veteran's day dinner. This is a special celebration that we, as a Post, pay tribute and show our appreciation to all veterans. All members of the Post are invited to partake in the celebration. Social Hour is at 6pm, Dinner is at 7pm, and our program is at 8pm. I strongly encourage everyone to come out and enjoy some great food and a great program. I do ask that you please come to the post and sign up, or call the post so we can have an idea on the number of members and guests to prepare for.

We also have our notorious Ohio State Party on November 25th. In December will we have our Children's Christmas Party December 10th from 12pm to 2pm in the Hall. Bring your children out to meet Santa and for some treats. We also have our Christmas Display contest again this year at the post. If you are interested in putting out a display, please contact Jim Rowen or John McJunkin for details. We will also have a Post's Christmas Party. As always, details on this event, current events and new events can be found within the newsletter, website, Facebook, and of course, in the Post itself.

As always, I would like to invite everyone to please come out and join us for bingo on Thursdays, our Fish Fry's on the 4th Friday of the month, and in the canteen for great food, cool refreshments, great conversation and fun.

This will be our last Fish Fry of the year, so bring your friends and enjoy some great fish, before the holidays!

Last, but certainly not least, everyone has a great and safe Halloween and Thanksgiving. Take care and hopefully I'll see everyone around our Post.

For God and Country,
Commander Justin Arnold

November/December

Fellow SAL members

This is the final newsletter of 2017. The first thing on the agenda is membership as always. We are at about 33% of our quota for next year. Good job for you that have already paid your dues and for the ones that have not please get them paid so we can get quota and receive money back from the state.

The SAL bought a new fryer for the post and are having frog legs fries each month. If you like frog legs come out on Wednesday nights and try some. Watch the web site for dates. We also donated money to the post to buy another big fryer for the fish fry. The emblem for the front of the building is up with the new letter and looks good. The SAL bought the emblem with the money from the steak raffles.

The next thing on the agenda is the gun raffle. All the tickets have been sold and we are going to have the drawing at the Veteran's Day dinner on November 11 at the post. Come out to the dinner and have a good meal and help honor the Vets that make our post what it is. The Buckeye Boys State students will also be there to inform us about their time at Buckeye Boys State. Since we support this program come out and listen to the students and find out what it is all about.

The SAL's are again sponsoring the Christmas decoration project at the post. We are setting up spots for different groups to decorate for Christmas and judging will be done by putting money in jars for your favorite group. All the money that is collected will go to the Child Welfare Program for the state which is the National Program for the nation. The winners for the decorations will also receive money. So, come out and pick a spot and win some money for yourself and the post.

A couple of new projects that the post is trying to get started is a "Legion Riders" program. This is a motorcycle club that supports the legion programs. So, if you ride a motorcycle and belong to the Legion you are eligible to join. One last project that we are trying to bring back is Legion Baseball. There seems to be interest in having a team again in the area. You can see that we are being active and need more help in keeping the programs moving forward.

Adjutant

Dave Coleman