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Commander's Message

Well it is getting close to election time, so It is time to start thinking about officers for 2012. Nominations take place during the April meeting and the election will be conducted at the regular May meeting. If you are interested in acquiring information about any of the Post positions please contact myself or one of our present officers.

I have enjoyed my time in office, and I will be running again. I hope that you will allow me to serve again as commander of the BEST LITTLE POST IN OHIO. I believe that I did a fair job, but competition is healthy for organizations such as ours. Some of our officers are staying at their jobs because of a sense of duty and might even welcome good replacements.

We are ready to move our post forward to better things this year. I hope all of you had a great start and are ready to go to work to continue the improvement of American Legion Post 484. As we said above, our leaders and our volunteers are growing older and I hope more of you will step forward to take the leadership or volunteer to support our many activities. **WE NEED TO GET MORE LEGIONNAIRES INVOLVED! THE SURVIVAL OF YOUR POST DEPENDS ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF ITS MEMBERS.**

We have an outstanding Post and with the continuing support of our SONS SQUADRON 484 and AUXILIARY UNIT 484 the organization will get better. I'm a little worried about the drop in the number of people attending our monthly Sunday breakfast and our monthly Fish Fry. We need to work hard to let our families, friends and others know about these events. The Next Quarter Auction will be on February 16th at 7PM. This is an enjoyable event and a worthwhile fundraiser for the post.

As you know we are getting ready for the weekly Fish Fries during the Lenten period so let people know and come down to take part. This is one way to support your Post. This series of Fish Fries will start Friday February 24th. The next Sunday Breakfast will be February 12th. Good times and good food.

Before I forget, our meeting in March will be held on Thursday March 8th because of elections. Our August and November meeting dates will also change, but I don't know what the new dates will be. Look in future Buglers to find out.

Remember your loved ones on Valentine's Day and as always, may the good Lord keep you safe and in good health.

For God and Country,

Chester L Canter, Commander

AMERICANISM AND GOVERNMENT AWARD

Americanism Chairman Glenn Johnson distributed the Americanism and Government tests to several area high schools. The tests are administered by the teachers and returned to Glenn for grading. Glenn did most of the checking with the Auxiliary handling the Turpin students.

The top scores from the 10th, 11th and 12th grades are reviewed by Post 484 and presented awards at the January Post meeting. The following is the list of students with the top scores for Post 484 this year:

- 12th grade boy Vincent Wyborski, Turpin,
- 12th grade girl Jenna Slagle, Turpin,
- 11th grade boy Prentice Bell, McNicholas,
- 11th grade girl Morgan Minx, Miami Valley Christian,
- 10th grade boy Mason Vilardo, Miami Valley Christian
- 10th grade girl Zoe Bowman, Miami Valley Christian.

We have been notified that Vincent, Morgan and Zoe had the highest scores for Hamilton County and the Fourth District. Also Jenna received the award for the top 12th grade girl's score in the County. The scores for this year were excellent and it will be interesting to see how they do at the State level.

FREE DINNER FOR OUR NINETIES

We have been blessed to have several Post 484 legionnaires who have reached the wonderful age of ninety or will reach it in 2012. At the Friday, February 24th Fish Fry, we want to let these legionnaires know how important they are to Post 484 and what an honor it is to have them as members. We want to serve each of these special people a free dinner. We do not need to know how many of you will be available, so just come by and let us serve you.

MARCH ELECTION

It seems that no matter where you go, and no matter who you listen to, people perceive our government as inept and even corrupt. People see their leaders as serving the whims of their respective parties rather than the wishes of American citizens.

Most would agree that there are some valid reasons for such perceptions, but giving up on our government will do nothing to improve the situation, and will probably cause the situation to worsen. Actions mean something, and we are fortunate to have the ballot box as a way to initiate actions.

Ohioans, like the rest of the nation, have a poor voting record for all elections, and especially in primaries and special elections.

We can't have the best people serving us in government if we don't have the best people running for office, and the means for achieving this is the Primary Election.

In the Presidential primaries of 2000 and 2004 only about 30% of eligible Ohioans bothered to vote. In 2008 it rose to a little over 40%. There is really no good excuse for not voting, as early voting by mail starts on January 31st and continues all the way through February and early March.

Few nations have the freedoms that we enjoy, and a failure to pick good people to lead us will result in a continuing erosion of those freedoms. Our servicemen and servicewomen have died in Afghanistan and Iraq so that citizens of these countries can will have the privilege of voting and begin to enjoy the rights that we take for granted.

As mentioned in the Commander's Message, the March 6th election will cause our March meeting date to Thursday, March 8th.

KUDOS AND SPECIAL THANK YOUS

Special Thank You to Joel Belcher for organizing the tree deposal on January 8th. We understand that with the help of TOM CLARK AND DON KAESEMEYER additional trimming and clean up was done around the parking area. THANK YOU for a job well done.

KUDOS to the members who contributed to the Five Mile Chapel Society at the January meeting. We donated \$120.00 to this organization and our Post 484 member Don Hogue, an officer with the Society, was surprised and THANKS YOU.

THANK YOU to CARLO SETA who presented two of our needy members with Kroger gift cards to help them during the Christmas season. Carlo has made a special donation each year since he became a member of our Post.

KUDOS to Americanism Chairman GLENN JOHNSON for the outstanding job he did with the Americanism and Government testing. Glenn has been doing this for several years and we Thank him for his dedication to this program.

There are times we need to THANK some of the people who work behind the scenes of on some of our projects. This month we would like to say a special THANK YOU to the group of people responsible for the monthly production of the Bugler. newsletter

The Bugler would be a huge task for any individual but teamwork makes it happen. This month we would like to say a special THANK YOU to BILL MICHEL who receives the articles for the bulletin, does the editing and lay out and sends it to the printer, to BILL HARRIS and his wife Sandy who apply the address labels and the tabs to each Bugler, and then divide and count them, to DAN MUGAVIN who organizes and takes the finished product to the downtown post office to be mailed to JOHN REYMAN who does the Post roster and prints the address labels, and to DICK RUZSA and BOB OEHLER who help by proof-reading for any typos that the editor missed. We also want to say THANKS to all who contribute articles or information.

A final THANK YOU to ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT COMPANY for providing the chipping & shredding equipment and personnel for the SAL Christmas Tree disposal on January 7th and 8th.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

As I said last month, It would help the post save money if members who use the rooms upstairs would turn out the lights when they are finished. The same goes for the Hall. When no one is watching the television, there is no reason for it to be on. With Monthly utility bills as high as they are, we've got to act responsibly.

Cleanliness in all areas is also an issue. Board of Health inspectors have been showing up a lot, and when they see the same problem more than once they

get upset. They hit all areas - hall, clubroom, bathrooms, service bar, and anywhere you can think of, but especially the kitchen. Remember that they have the power to fine us or close us down.

Hugh Scott, Trustee


CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Please keep the following legionnaires and/or family members in your prayers Ed Galloway as he continues recovery from recent hospitalizations. The families of Cheryl Rowe, Mike Jones, Jr, and Karen Davis on the passing of their mother, Teri Jones. Ken Klein as he recovers from a recent hospitalization. Tom Adkins as he undergoes a series of treatments in Sarasota Florida for Cancer. Brenda Berger (wife of L/M Tom and Auxiliary Unit #484 member) as she recovers from a recent hospitalization. Ginger Teeters (daughter of Walt and Teri Crowwait & a dual member of the Legion and Auxiliary) as she undergoes surgery in February at the Cinti VA Hospital. Lisa Young on her tour of duty in Afghanistan. Blackie Davin - Larry Healy - Larry Foster - Bob Ober - Bob Randolph.

Dave Hurst, Chaplain

MEMBERSHIP

Present paid membership in Post 484 is 348, which is 85.5% of quota. One new member was introduced at the January meeting. The member is Derrick Clark, Coast Guard, Persian Gulf. Welcome him to the post and encourage others to join Post 484.

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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 AAYA Self Defense 6PM HCC Mtg @ Post	2 Bingo 10:30AM S.A.L. Mtg 7PM	3 Cinti VA Hosp 6:30PM	4
5 Super Bowl Party	6 Auxiliary Exec Bd Mtg 7:30PM Boys Soccer Assn Mtg 8PM	7 Post Mtg 7:30PM	8 AAYA Self Defense 6PM	9 Bingo 10:30AM	10	11 Hall Rental 7-11PM Sat Nite MC Bow- ling League
12 Buffet Breakfast 9AM-Noon Four Chaplains Svc @St.Boniface	13	14 Auxiliary Mtg 7:30PM	15 AAYA Self Defense 6PM	16 Bingo 10:30AM Charity Quarter Auction 7-10PM	17 Happy Hour 7PM	18
19	20	21 Cub Scout Pack # 867 Blue/Gold Ceremony 5-10PM Social Night 7PM	22 AAYA Self Defense 6PM	23 Bingo 10:30AM Set up for Fish Fry	24 Fish Fry 4:30-8PM	25
26	27	28 Post Exec Bd Mtg 7PM	29 AAYA Self Defense 6PM			