

LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017

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2nd Vice – Dave Kiernan
Adjutant – Danny Austin
Finance Officer – Jeff West
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Chaplain – Roger Sloan

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President – Cuca Bowen
1st Vice – Pat Drake
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Secretary –
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Commander – Chuck Knaub
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We are sorry for the delay in the Nov-Dec edition of the Post Newsletter. We have been dealing with some issues that caused the delay. It is so late now that we will just call it the December Newsletter!

As you may have heard, our Post Commander has resigned due to personal and health issues. Since he had been in office for less than half of the American Legion Year (June-June), our by-laws require a special election. This has been previously announced to you via e-mail. At our Tuesday, November 15th meeting, we received NO nominations for the office of Commander. We will continue to solicit nominations until (1) a candidate is nominated and elected, or (2) there is less than six months remaining, at which time a Commander may be appointed and ratified by the executive committee.

We have been working with a SCORE Mentor to find ways to improve our business model, increase membership, and involve our current members in Post activities. If you would like to be a part of one of these committees, contact myself or Mary Pacinda for further information. This may be our last best chance to keep our post viable at this location. We also have several new members, I call them "The Young Guns" ...they have done a lot of research and are developing ideas to help take us to the next level. Their generation is who we need to get involved to keep our Post alive. You will be hearing more about their ideas in the near future.

I believe there is a market in the Fairborn area for a breakfast meal on Sunday. The Post used to do this, but it became harder and harder to find volunteers. If we could get four or five dedicated individuals, we could make this happen, and, I believe, make it a success. The current kitchen volunteers are not interested in taking on another function, so this would be a ground-up function, with the committee chair responsible for finding individuals to crew the function. If you are interested in trying to get something like this together for the good of our post, contact me here.

We just had our Veterans Day activities, and I believe they were a success. Our Guest Speaker was the Wright-Patterson AFB Installation Commander, Col Bradley McDonald. Special thanks to Colonel McDonald and his family, The Wright Patterson AFB Honor Guard, USAF Band of Flight "Wright-Brass", Base Public Affairs, the Fairborn High School Junior R.O.T.C. and their instructor SMSgt Dave Mackey. Also, Fairborn Parks and Recreation, Police, City Staff and elected officials. A special thanks to our Post, Auxiliary and SAL Members. Also special thanks to Paul Keller for donating the refreshments for the open house.

I'm sure I will be writing to you before the next newsletter, but in case I don't, I wish all of you and your families Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country...Chuck

Auxiliary News Cuca Bowen

***Editors Note:** The Unit 526, American Legion Auxiliary has been existence for as long as the Post...over 94 years. It goes without saying that our Post would not enjoy its success without these dedicated, hard-working women. They are so important to the daily operation of our Post; it would be hard to imagine us without them. They conduct their programs rigorously, without shortcut. They ever-remind the Commander and officers of the traditions and programs of The American Legion. Without them, we could not exist. So thanks you Cuca and your ladies, for all you do for us.*

Unit 526 continues to stay busy, even with the uncertainties of our Post Home.

First Vice President Pat Drake, Executive Committee member Mecca Breczek and I represented The Unit at the 9/11 Ceremony. The three of us plus Sharon Dotterer and Joann Trefethen attended the Department School of Instruction on September 24th. This is when we receive information on all of the Auxiliary's programs.

We continue to serve our Beef Hot Shot Dinners (last Friday of the Month- 5 till 8 pm). We assisted with Legion Dinners, Hall Rentals, worked Tacos ever Friday, and decorated tables for the October Chamber Chat. Pauline Barnhard has been a great help with tacos and serving at hall functions. We call Bingo games at two nursing homes .

The Past Presidents make candy ever Wednesday to sell on taco Friday and at other events. Special recognition and thanks should go to the following members for their help:

Pauline Barnhard Sophia Neuhart Ruth Nixon Judy Laflur Mecca Breczek Sharon Dotterer Joanne Trefethen

The Unit takes snacks and coffee to the PRP Program at the Dayton VA Medical Center, and small cans of assorted drinks to three sections of the nursing facility at the VA. We also take snacks and drinks to the Fisher House on WPAFB.

We are planning to adopt a military family for Christmas and to help the Post with the annual Children's Christmas Party.

IMPORTANT: We have changed the time of our General Membership meetings from 6:30 pm to 5:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. We hope that more of our members will attend.

Cuca

Photos from our Veterans Day Ceremony



State Representative Rick Perales greets World War Two Veterans Pete McKinney and Ed Mahan (Pearl Harbor Survivor), and Cold War Veteran Robert Beakler



Acting Post Commander Chuck Knaub, Colonel Bradley McDonald, and Chaplain/Protocol Officer Roger Sloan pose at the Legion Open House. Col McDonald was guest speaker for the event

Membership

Chuck Knaub/Pat Drake/Rick Masten

Veterans Day is traditionally the target date for current year (2017) Legion/Auxiliary/SAL memberships to be paid. We urge all members who have not yet paid, to do so as soon as possible. Since there is a time lag between the time cards are processed At Post, District, Department and National and the time National sends dues-renewal notices some of you may have received a dues notice even though you have already paid your dues. If your card reflects “2017” you are paid up and can ignore the dues notice. If you have sent another check, we will credit your account and apply your check to next year’s (2018) dues. Memberships expire on January 1st 2017.

ALL VETERANS (Active duty & retired) should check out our websites. There are many links under Sites of Interest that provide our organization’s benefits, scholarships, medication issues, Veterans Affairs and many others.

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CHANGES TO OPERATING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

- CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY
- NO TACOS DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
- NO TACOS DECEMBER 24TH
- CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
- NO TACOS DECEMBER 30TH
- POST WILL BE OPEN NEW YEARS DAY
- KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN ON ALL DAYS THAT THE POST IS OPEN

WANT TO HELP THE LEGION—ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS: Do you have a business and want to become a sponsor by advertising on our 2 websites, 6 editions of this newsletter and our TV scrolling announcements in the Canteen? Our Special Offer is \$150 for all these venues. All we need is your business card. Contact me at Chiefknaub@aol.com or leave a message at 878-3831.

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Name: _____

Member of: ___ Legion ___ Auxiliary ___ SAL_____

Old Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email Address: _____

TAPS

At the end of the year, we humbly honor *all* members who have entered the Post
Everlasting in 2016

To those who have lost a loved one, our deepest sympathy.
In memory of our deceased, we offer a moment of silence.



<i>Paul Akers</i>	<i>John Bocko</i>	<i>Elwood Dobyms</i>
<i>Gary Bays</i>	<i>Louis Corelli</i>	<i>John Ellithorp</i>
<i>Kenneth Byrd</i>	<i>Robert Cox</i>	<i>Max Fueger</i>
<i>Quentin Gifford</i>	<i>Harry Koch</i>	<i>Robert Griffith</i>
<i>John Herron</i>	<i>Fred McCullough</i>	<i>Thomas Merlo</i>
<i>Donald Nicholson</i>	<i>Kenneth Rousch</i>	<i>Melvyn Copta</i>

***“Out beyond the sunset the march; their footfalls
cause no sound”***

American Legion Family Calendar

November 2016

ALL DINNERS & LUNCHESES SERVED IN LOUNGE—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL MEETINGS IN POST HALL

CANTEEN HOURS: Sunday 1 pm-8pm Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm Friday & Saturday 11am - 1am

GUESTS WELCOME TO ALL OUR FUNCTIONS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Every Monday is Bucket Day!!! \$9.00 FOR FIVE					5 Every Saturday is Bucket Day 5 for \$9.00
			LUNCH-ALL DAY EVERY DAY			
20 Big Beer Day 22 oz \$2.75	21	22	23 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 pm Win more if you are present!!	24 Happy Thanksgiving Post is Closed	25 Open Kitchen Chef's Choice NO TACOS BUT LUNCH AVAILABLE	26 Every Saturday is Bucket Day 5 for \$9.00
27 Big Beer Day	28	29	30 Queen of Hearts Drawing			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Open for Lunch, all day, every day				1	2 TACO FRIDAY Broasted Chicken, Pork, Fish Dinner	3 Every Saturday is Bucket Day 5 for \$9.00
4 Big Beer Day 22 oz \$2.75	5	6	7 Queen of Hearts 7 pm Win More if You Are Present!!!!	8	9 TACO FRIDAY Turkey Hot Shots Or Spaghetti Dinner	10 Every Saturday is Bucket Day 5 for \$9.00
11 Big Beer Day 22 oz \$2.75	12	13	14 Queen of Hearts 7 pm Win More if You Are Present!!!!	15	16 TACO FRIDAY TRIVIA with Rob!! 7 pm Broasted Chix & Chops Grill and snack items	17 Every Saturday is Bucket Day 5 for \$9.00
18 Big Beer Day 22 oz \$2.75	19	20 Legion General Membership Meeting 6:30 PM Baked Spaghetti	21 Queen of Hearts 7 pm Win More if You Are Present!!!!	22	23 Christmas Eve Kitchen will be open	24 Merry Christmas Post Closed First Responders Breakfast

25 Big Beer Day	26	27	28 Queen of Hearts	29	30	31
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November 16, 2016

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With the resignation of Alan Burlingame as Commander, Dignam-Whitmore Post 526, a call was made for nominees for the vacant position of Commander, in accordance with our Constitution and By-laws. At the November 15th meeting, no one was nominated. The membership resolved that 1st Vice Commander Charles Knaub would become Acting Commander until a nominee should come forward or Mr Knaub can be appointed when the term of office is less than six months (January 2017).

(Signed)

Harold J. Miller

cy to: 3rd District CC

Judge Advocate

Greene County Council

Special orders 0002

November 15, 2016

The following appointments having been confirmed by the Executive Board are announced:

CHARLES E. KNAUB JR. Acting Commander

MARY PACINDA

Trustee

Harold J. Miller

Judge Advocate

Days Gone By.....



Gerald L. Moore, Department of Ohio Commander, installs Leo Kiernan as Commander-the back wall shown here is in the approximate location of the current serving window between the kitchen and the Lounge.



Left to right, Ken Scheibel, Andy Anderson, and John "Moses" Leggett enjoy fellowship in the "Old" American Legion Hall. That hallway above John leads to the current Entry door to the post lounge,



Post Everlasting Service, left to right, Ross Hamilton, Bob Cox, Pete Banner, Jack Reed, Hal Miller, Paul Moyer