

**AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY
YOUNG-BUDD POST 171
APRIL/ MAY/ JUNE 2009**



Commanders Corner

Post 171 continues to be involved with many projects. On March 29, the Legion Birthday Party was held at the Post. The Auxiliary prepared a wonderful meal and Vern Pack, our Post Historian, had a great presentation on our post's history, dating back to 1919. There were also presentations to **Harry Miller** and **Albert Diegler** for 60 continuous years in the Legion. Memorial Day is fast approaching. It is a special time to remember those who served in the past and honor those who are serving now. Please see the article in this letter for all of the details of Post 171's ceremony. We need a lot of help! I would ask that you consider participating in the Memorial Day ceremony on May 25th.

Many members of the Post have stepped up to help with building projects. Thanks for all of your efforts. See a list below of the activities that we are involved in.

Recent Building Committee Projects

- New floor in the foyer, restrooms, front entry and Auxiliary room
- Removal of cabinets, chairs from assembly area & hanging flags
- Start landscaping and drainage soon

Kids Safety And Awareness Day – April 25 at the Post.

4th Fridays – Season begins **Friday, April 24**

Meet down town at the corner of State and College at 5:30 pm

Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker – April 26 – Meet at the Post at 1:00 pm

The Garden Club of Ohio is dedicating a marker. Our Color Guard will participate

SOS – Service our Seniors Day – May 9, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm – at Westerville North H.S.

A day for seniors focusing on health & safety issues. The event is sponsored by the Westerville Police Department. Bob Arn is the liaison from our Post and the Auxiliary will have a part in this event as well.

Longfellow School Flag Raising – May 22. Meet at the Post at 8:00 am

Legion Baseball – Opening Day June 1. Watch the local papers for schedules.

(See last newsletter for further details of the return of Legion Baseball to Westerville.)



Honor flight – Post 171 has joined in with the Westerville community to sponsor an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. We will be having a pancake breakfast at the Post on **Saturday, June 27** to help raise funds. We will need help. 'Report for duty' at 8:00 am.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Flags on grave sites – Saturday, May 23.

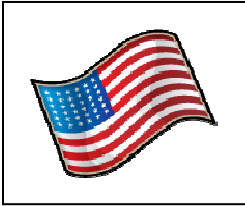
There are over 700 flags in 4 cemeteries on which to place flags. Meet at the Post at 9:00am. Your help is appreciated.

Memorial Day – May 25. Meet at the Post at 8:00am to prepare. Assemble behind City Hall at 9:00am. Step off at 9:45am. March to Otterbein Cemetery for ceremony. The Rifle Squad and Honor Guard will proceed to Blendon, Pioneer and North Lawn cemeteries for ceremonies.

Memorial Day Cookout

At 12:30 pm, we will meet at the Post for a cook out. Everyone is invited to the cook out. Brats, burgers, drinks and set up will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share. This event is open to all Legion & Auxiliary members and their families.

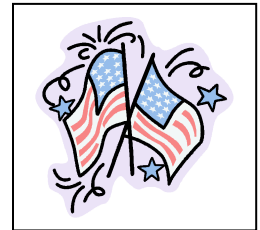
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### **Flag Retirement Ceremony with the VFW – Sunday, June 14 – 7:00 pm.**

We will again join the VFW in the community ceremony. It will take place at the shelter house area of the Parks & Recreation soccer fields on Cleveland Ave. We will need volunteers for the Rifle Squad and Honor Guard. Meet at the Post at 6:00 pm; assemble at the park by 6:30 pm.

**Fourth of July Parade** -- The VFW has again invited us to march in the community July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. We will again need volunteers for an Honor Guard and Rifle Squad. The Auxiliary will provide a float to ride on. Meet at the Post at noon.



## ***Buckeye Boys State & Buckeye Girls State & Americanism & Government Test Winners***

During the first two weeks of March, our post interviewed 15 boys and 24 girls for this year's selection of students to attend Buckeye Boys/Girls State – a week-long event in mock government from local to the state level. These are two separate events sponsored by The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary in the state of Ohio. The staffs of the three Westerville high schools carefully select juniors for the interview process. This year 8 boys and 12 girls will be sponsored from Post 171 – the most of any post in the state! At the May 4 Westerville Board of Education meeting, these students will be acknowledged, along with the 4 local winners of the Americanism and Government Testing Program. The highest scoring student, Senior Adam Shirey from WCHS, will receive a \$50 savings bond from our post. Caitlin McKenzie, a senior at WNHS, was a District 12 winner and received a \$50 savings bond from the District. Junior winners were Lot Kwarteng & Nana Owusu-Kwarteng, both of WCHS. These four students will all received a certificate from our Post at the May 4 Board of Education meeting. Post 171 can be proud of each and every student for their outstanding academic and leadership achievements.



## POPPY DAYS DISTRIBUTION



At Westerville's City Council Meeting on May 5 (7:00 pm), Westerville's Mayor will issue a Proclamation for Poppy Week in Westerville. The Auxiliary's annual event will be **Friday & Saturday May 15 & 16**. The Poppy Distribution is the main fund raiser each year for the Auxiliary. The paper poppies are made by veterans and all of the donations received are used totally for veterans or their families. Help is needed to distribute the poppies at various locations around town in 1-2 hour intervals. If you could help volunteer some time, please call Jean Evans for details (740-965-1956).

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| <b>ATTENTION, AUXILIARY!</b> |
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**May 25 – Memorial Day** – We will join the Legionnaires in marching in the parade down State Street to Otterbein Cemetery. See article above as to time & place to meet.

**May 30 -- Auxiliary District Luncheon.**

We are preparing and serving the food for this. There will be details about the luncheon at the next meeting.

**Please collect store coupons to send to USO.**

This is an ongoing project throughout the year. Please bring them to the monthly meeting.

**The 4th of July parade**

The parade kicks off at 1:30 pm. The theme is **“Community Pride-Country Proud.”** We will need help with ideas as we will sponsor a float and will want to construct something on it.

**Meeting dates:** We will have our last meeting on June 3, with installation of officers We will resume our monthly meetings on September 2 at the usual 7:30 pm time.

Please call Kim Mann (614/ 899-6922) with questions, ideas, or to volunteer.



**Post 171 Legion & Auxiliary Contacts & Information**

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REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS: Please keep your information current with the Commander, the Auxiliary President, or the membership chairpersons:

Legion members: Steve Romeo (614/ 865-4459)

Auxiliary members: Jean Evans (740/ 965-1956)

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*Veterans Still Serving America*

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### ***2009 SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

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| <b>MAY</b>                                                                          | <b>6</b>         | Membership Meeting at post – 7:30 pm (Legion & Auxiliary)                                    |
|                                                                                     | <b>9</b>         | “SOS” Day – North HS – 9 am–2 pm                                                             |
|  | <b>15&amp;16</b> | <b>Poppy Distribution Days</b>                                                               |
|                                                                                     | <b>22</b>        | Fourth Friday                                                                                |
|  | <b>23</b>        | <b>Place flags on veterans’ graves</b> – 9:00 am meet at Post                                |
|  | <b>25</b>        | <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> – See article for times & activities                                     |
| <b>JUNE</b>                                                                         | <b>1</b>         | Legion Baseball Opening Day                                                                  |
|                                                                                     | <b>3</b>         | Membership Meeting at post – 7:30 pm (Legion & Auxiliary)<br>Installation of officers        |
|  | <b>14</b>        | <b>Flag Retirement Ceremony</b> – 7:00<br>Meet at post at 6:00 pm – Assemble at park 6:30 pm |
|                                                                                     | <b>26</b>        | Fourth Friday                                                                                |
|  | <b>27</b>        | <b>Honor Flight</b><br><b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</b> – 8:00 am helpers report                     |
| <b>JULY</b>                                                                         | <b>1</b>         | NO MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH                                                            |
|  | <b>4</b>         | <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July – Parade</b> (see article)                                         |
|                                                                                     | <b>24</b>        | Fourth Friday                                                                                |
| <b>AUGUST</b>                                                                       | <b>5</b>         | Membership Meeting at post – 7:30 pm (Legion only)                                           |
|                                                                                     | <b>29</b>        | Fourth Friday                                                                                |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b>                                                                    | <b>2</b>         | Membership Meeting at post – 7:30 pm (Legion & Auxiliary)                                    |