



AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY - POST 171

October 2010



COMMANDER'S CORNER

The leaves are falling indicating the end of summer and the coming of cold weather. This also brings us into another season of veterans-related agenda opportunities. We stayed pretty busy this summer with our Memorial Day services, marching with our VFW comrades in the July 4th parade, picnics, decorating cemeteries, Legion baseball, 4th Fridays, continuing improvements of our facility, meetings, funeral details, and other events. Post 171 remains an active post. We will continue to pursue activities for the benefit of veterans, children and our community, three of the major tenants of the American Legion.

With the coming of autumn, we are starting another active year of Legion sponsored activities with Americanism and Government (A&G) Testing in early November. Ralph Hoffman will spearhead our Post's involvement by working with our Auxiliary to pursue this excellent event. Please give Ralph some help in this effort.

November also brings us Veterans Day celebrations. Our Post will have its annual Veterans Day Dinner on Friday, November 12 starting at 6:00 PM with social activities and appetizers. We will conduct a brief opening and some other Legion related activities until 7:00 PM. An excellent meal provided by our Auxiliary will start at 7:00. After dinner, we will present our Police and Fire Award of the year to Lt. John Petrozzi of the Westerville Police Department, a 50-year pin award to one of our members and hear from this year's class of our Boys and Girls State members. This night will be a great event for veterans, youth and our community. **Please make your reservations by November 1st via email to cdrpost171@yahoo.com, 783-1950 (Tom), 740-965-1956 (Jean), or 899-6922 (Kim).**

Veterans Day activities will also be celebrated with parades in various locations around the county and across the state. Columbus will hold its annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday. The 12th District is sponsoring its annual parade in Hilliard on Thursday, November 11th starting at 7:00 PM. We have been asked to join in their parade. Numerous other events are scheduled in our schools, churches and nursing homes, etc. Attend any of the events you can in support of Veterans Day.

If you have not yet paid your 2011 Legion membership dues, please do so ASAP.

Thomas Poulton, Commander
American Legion Post 171



AUXILIARY NEWS

This has been a busy fall! Thank you for all your help in making these projects so successful. We just had a wonderful Beef & Noodle Dinner that benefitted our fall programs such as: Troop FanMail and care packages. A very special thank you to Vicki Moon for the fabulous desserts she prepared for the Beef & Noodle Dinner.

Honor Flight asked for a donation of 30 dozen cookies for the flight in early October. A couple of you were available to help assemble the packages for the flight. It was a very successful flight and if you are interested in being a guardian or volunteer please let me know.

We hosted the 12th District Legion Conference in September and the Auxiliary 12th District Conference in October. Both meetings were very successful; valuable programs were discussed and described. We were asked to host the Buckeye Girls State "Tea" on May 1st.

Bev Etling, Jan Hoover, and Vicki Moon are the co-chairmen of our Americanism program and have been very busy this year. The Americanism and Government Test is currently being given in the three Westerville High Schools. We have about 900 students that take this test; District and National awards will be given to the highest scores. The Washington D.C. trip is given to the top 9 girls and 9 boys in Ohio. This is a memorable trip for these kids and we have had several students that have gone in the past. If you would like to see or take this test, copies will be available at the Veterans Days Dinner. I think you will find they are quite challenging.

Buckeye Boys and Girls State participants will attend the Veterans' Day Dinner and share their experiences with us. Girls State began in 1937 and has given more than a million girls "hands on" experience in state government. As a result of their training in this valuable Auxiliary program, many young women will take responsible positions in business and government. Hope to see you at the Veterans Day Dinner on November 12th.

We have several events coming up over the next couple of months. Please mark your calendars.

It's Troop FanMail time again!!! **Please bring your cards and letters to the Veterans Day Dinner.** If you have never participated in our Troop FanMail program, now is your chance. We collect letters and cards to distribute to deployed men and women around the world. This program is NOT limited to just the ladies of the Auxiliary. Members of the Legion, local schools, Sunday school classes and friends are all welcome to participate in this program. We were third in the nation last year for this program and as always I would like to be 1st. So, put your letters together and bring them to the Veterans Day Dinner. If you have any questions or need to make arrangements for pickup of letters in case you are unable to attend the Veterans Day Dinner, please feel free to call me at 899-6922.

On Wednesday, December 1st, we have been invited to have our Christmas Party and Dinner with Ann Williams at Feridean Commons on Freeman Rd. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be around \$12.00 per person, which includes the tip for the waitresses. More information will be available at the November meeting. The V.A. Hospital Family Christmas Party is Saturday, December 18. We have been asked to provide cookies for the party. Exact times will be announced at a later date. Anybody interested in baking cookies, we will be meeting at the Post on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite cookie recipe(s), (ingredients and/or dough) and we will bake, decorate and package them for the V.A. Party.

God Bless you and yours,

Kim Mann, Auxiliary President Unit 171



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EVENTS AND MEETING DATES

Post 171 Meeting	November 3, 7:30 PM
Post 171 Auxiliary Meeting	November 3, 7:00 PM
Veterans Day	November 11
Post 171 Veterans Day Dinner (Friday)	November 12, 6:00 PM
Thanksgiving	November 25
Post 171 Meeting	December 1, 7:30 PM
Post 171 Auxiliary Meeting at Feridean Commons	December 1, 6:00 PM
Christmas Day	December 25



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