



AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY - POST 171

January 2011



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy New Year Post 171

As we start the new year and undertake our continuing support of veterans, youth and our community, let's also remember and be thankful for our accomplishments of 2010. The new year will bring us exciting opportunities as we strive to do the things we do best and attempt some new challenges. And, as always, remember our comrades serving around the world, some in harm's way and those who are still missing or unaccounted for.

One of our continuing challenges is filling the important officer and committee positions in our Post. Without dedicated and hard working members willing to be part of the leadership of an organization, that organization will surely fail. We are very fortunate to have a great Post comprised of enthusiastic and dedicated individuals willing to step up and perform these important duties.

Woody Hayes believed that you win with people. Compared with some Posts I've visited, we are truly on the winning side of the participation equation. Our membership continues to grow thanks to the good work of our 1st Vice Chuck Hurley. Just imagine what our membership would be if we each brought a veteran neighbor or friend to join our Post or transfer from another Post. As you know, Harold Evans, our Treasurer for 29 years has announced that he will not seek re-election as Treasurer for the coming year. Dave Bergman has volunteered to fill this important position. Bill Laidley is replacing Howard Davis as Facility Manager. Ralph Hoffman is our new Post representative for A & G Testing. Richard Bird will be our Post representative for youth related programs including Boys State. Make a point to tell the guys who are stepping out of positions how much you appreciate all their hard work and congratulate the new guys and give them the assistance they need to be successful in their new endeavors.

We received confirmation of receipt of our recent care package distribution from a soldier serving in Afghanistan. SSG K.M. YocomDelgado, 2nd BDE 10^{1st} Airborne Division, Air Assault wrote:

Greetings from FOB Wilson in southern Afghanistan. I want to express my thanks for the care package and letters from your organizations. My soldiers and I were grateful to receive them. We are always glad to hear from home and those who are thinking about us as we are far away from our homes and families. Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support. They truly mean a lot to us here.

Thomas Poulton, Commander
American Legion Post 171



BEV ETLING

A&G Testing – THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who helped grade the 700+ tests for the Legion's Americanism & Government Test this past November. With the quick turn-around time (from when the tests are completed and when the official tally is mailed to District 12) your help was invaluable. Thank you to: Jackie Berg, Gloria & Kimberly Dickerson, Laura & Ralph Hoffman, Chuck & Marilu Hurley, Dianne Latiolais, Becca & Jessie Mann. I would also like to offer a huge THANK YOU to Ralph Hoffman who has agreed to be next year's chairperson for A&G Testing.

Our Post members seldom hear any more about this test after it is given. We always present a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond to the highest scoring student in our school district. This year a junior from Westerville Central High School, Sean O'Donnell, achieved a 94% on the test. This is one of the highest scores in Central Ohio. We will wait to see if this is a District 12 winner and if so, then his test will be compared with other Juniors at the State level. If there is further recognition, we will be notified in January.

Good luck, Sean!

Buckeye Boys State News

Many of you attended the Veterans' Day Dinner and you heard then from one of last summer's Buckeye Boys State students, Jacob Marburger. He has received a letter from Annapolis expressing interest in him for the Naval Academy in next year's freshman class. He shared with our audience about how moved he was by his experiences at Buckeye Boys State. When he came home from that, he told his parents he wanted to apply to Annapolis and join the Navy. His ultimate goal is to become a pilot. He was already an outstanding student when he participated in last spring's Boys State interview process. Just being chosen by his school's staff was quite an honor in itself. As members of Post 171, we can be proud of the young men and women we send to the Buckeye Boys & Girls State programs. It is very rewarding to know that these programs have such a positive impact on the lives of the students who attend.

We are proud of Jacob for making this decision to serve his country. I know we will want to continue to support him in his military career. Congratulations Jacob!

SPONSORS for Boys State & Girls State – Can you help out?

We are always in need of sponsor for Buckeye Boys and Girls State programs. It costs \$300 to send one boy and \$275 to send one girl. If you are able to help, even with a small donation, **please make a check payable to: Young-Budd Post 171.** Jan Hoover and Vicky Moon are working with Bev Etling this year. However, please send your donations to:

Jan Hoover -- 860 County Line Rd, W.—Westerville, OH 43082.

The Legion & Auxiliary share the responsibilities for both programs and funds are divided appropriately, so any donation amount is helpful.



Veterans Still Serving America

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2011 EVENTS AND MEETING DATES

Post 171 Meeting	January 5, 7:30 PM
Post 171 Auxiliary Meeting	January 5, 7:00 PM
12th District Winter Conference Bexley Post 430	January 9
Post 171 Meeting	February 2, 7:30 PM
Post 171 Auxiliary Meeting	February 2, 7:00 PM
Boys/Girls State Interviews	March 1
Post 171 Meeting	March 2, 7:30 PM
Post 171 Auxiliary Meeting	March 2, 7:00 PM
Boys/Girls State Interviews	March 8
American Legion Birthday	March 15
12th District Meeting at Post 171	March 23



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