



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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*“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves some turn up their noses, and some don’t turn up at all.”
– Sam Ewing*

APRIL/MAY 2010

DUTY AND SERVICE – We will have elections on May 20th. The Executive Committee is looking for candidates for a slate of officer for the 2010-2011. There are over 351 members in this Post, yet we have had the same 3 officers run the post for the last 8 years. Please let the Executive Board or Tom Eshelman, 1st Vice Commander, know if you are willing to step forward. We need a full slate of officers by the April meeting. Installation will take place in June.

AUXILIARY NEWS – President Sandy Goshorn, 1st Vice President Mary Grazer, 2nd Vice President Darlene Richardson, Secretary Barbara O’Connor, Treasurer Cheryl Smith, Historian Nancy Bootes, Chaplain Marlene Derry and Sergeant-At Arms, Libby Holman.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE EXTENT OF ITEMS TO BE COVERED AT THE APRIL 21st AUXILIARY MEETING, IT WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 P. M. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR ACCORDINGLY.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Children and Youth and Education is collecting Box Tops for Education. We would appreciate any that you care to drop off at the post. We will put them to good use for local schools.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE –It’s definitely NOT too late to purchase a Poppy Plate to memorialize or honor a friend or loved one. If you have misplaced your form they are available at the Post. Thanks to all who have contributed thus far. We have received \$1,431.00 in donations at this time. Remember, 100% of all donations are used entirely to benefit Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

CONGRATULATIONS TO the following high school juniors who will represent the auxiliary at Buckeye Girls State in June. Thomas Worthington High School: Sally Nichols, Djenab Conde, Kendall Gordon, Morgan Volker, Caitie Sheban and Kathleen Reed. Worthington Kilbourne High School: Milana Novgorodsky. Worthington Christian High School: Josie Miller.

YOU ARE INVITED – to join the auxiliary on Saturday, April 17th ;5:00-7:00 p.m. for a **SPECIAL BENEFIT DINNER FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS’ SHELTER** located on Harmon Avenue. Darlene Richardson will be preparing her Roast Pork Loin accompanied by Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green and Yellow Bean Medley Amish Col Slaw, Roll and Homemade Cakes! All this for the price of \$6.00 per person. The entire proceeds from this dinner will go to support our Homeless Veterans.

Please contact for Darlene Richardson for supplies if you are interested in helping make poppies for the graves of deceased veterans. Your help in making some of the 1,300 poppies needed would be appreciated.

Please contact Darlene Richardson if you plan on helping with the next VA Coffee Cart on May 24.

Contact Barb Murray if you information regarding the next HONOR FLIGHTS.

Please contact Sandy Goshorn if you are willing to provide transportation to The Buckeye Girls State Tea which takes place on Saturday, May 22 from 2-4 p.m. at Post 144.

DON’T FORGET THAT THE EASTER BUNNY IS HOPPIN TO POST 239 ON EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4 AT 2:00 P.M. WEATHER PERMITTING.

LEGION NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following gentlemen who will represent Post 239 at Buckeye Boys State for 2010: Salim Chouellei, Kyle Lamb and Colin Carter from Thomas Worthington High School; Joshua Hudson and Samuel Lazroff from Worthington Kilbourne High School and Sam Isner and Calvin Warren from Worthington Christian High School.

BILL RUTH IS OUR PARADE MARSHALL FOR THE 2010 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. BILL IS A WWII VETERAN.

The 2010 Memorial Day Parade steps off at 10a.m. sharp from the intersection of High Street and Route 161. We are still in need of assistance from our members to carry off this much anticipated annual event. Sgt-at-Arms, Don Nash needs 7 rifle men and 2 cannoners for the Village Green and cemetery flag raisings. Please let Don know if you can help. You will need to report to the Post at 5:30 a.m.

We are also in need of convertibles, drivers and stagers. Please contact Dan Murphy if you can assist with any of these duties.

SPECIAL EXTRA SOCIAL SECURITY EARNINGS FOR MILITARY SERVICE...If you had active service including active duty for training service, from 1957 through 2001, you are eligible for special extra earnings credit from the Social Security Administration. These extra earnings may increase your Social Security payments or help some qualify for Social Security benefits, who would otherwise be ineligible. For more information check with your local Social Security office or visit www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/military.htm.

Mark your calendar if you plan on attending the **Past Commanders’ Dinner Meeting**. It will be held at Post 239 on April 13th. Happy Hour will be from 6-7 p.m.; Dinner at 7-8 p.m. and Meeting will commence at 8 p.m. Cost is \$7.00.

Get out your broom, grab your scrub brush, find your shovel and your gloves! The ANNUAL GI PARTY to clean up the Post Home and Grounds for Public Inspection will take place Saturday, May 29 at 9 a.m. We need all the post members to volunteer to make this annual project go faster.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS – Dinner is served 5:00-7:00 on these nights. Please call or check the post bulletin board for dates and menus. Remember, anyone can volunteer to prepare a meal and if you don't "do" cooking, you can purchase food and someone will be glad to prepare it in your name.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST: Don't forget – We are still serving up the **Best Breakfast Bargain** in town. All you can eat for \$5.00. Please remember May's final breakfast falls on Mothers' Day, so mark your calendar so you can treat Mom!

CANTEEN NOTES: - **The Canteen is in need of additional help.** If you are available and would like to help keep the Canteen open during our scheduled hours, please see Terry Siemer or give him a call at 263-7001. Remember, **YOU** are the you in "you guys"!

TWO WAYS TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR TROOPS – Send a post card! Log on to LetsSayThanks.com, choose a postcard, then fill in your name and message and click "send" – it's completely free!!! You can E-mail them! At EmailTroops.com, you can do just that: Send online messages of support to troops fighting for our country overseas – for free!

LEGION RIDERS – Post 239's Unit has been accepted as a member of Kurtz Cares Program for non-profit groups. If you need landscape supplies, mulch, topsoil, trees, shrubs, etc, please purchase them from one of the central Ohio Kurtz Brothers locations. When you purchase, just tell them that it's for American Legion Riders Chapter 239 or Account Number Kurtz Cares 51 and the Legion Riders will receive a 10% donation.

MEMBERSHIP – Just a friendly reminder – According to Legion by-laws, a member whose dues are not paid by January 1 shall be classified as delinquent. At present we have 351 paid memberships.

2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Legionnaires - \$35, Auxiliary - \$20, SAL - \$20

If you haven't paid your dues yet, just use this, cut-off, and mail to the Post with your check.

Thank You!

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