



**LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239**

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*“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”- Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

**May/June/July/August 2009**

**Calendar of Events**

**MAY**

10 Post Breakfast – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY  
20 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
21 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m. Election of Officers  
21 Legion Riders meet after Post meeting  
23 **ANNUAL POST CLEAN-UP DAY @ 9:00a.m.**  
25 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE 10:00 a.m.  
25 Annual Memorial Day Family Pot Luck 4:00 p.m.  
30 Dist. 12 Aux. Summer Convention-Post 171 @10:00 a.m.

**JULY**

04 Post Pot Luck @ 4:00 p.m. (see Memorial Day )  
15 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
16 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
16 Legion Riders meet after Post meeting

**JUNE**

17 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
18 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
18 Legion Riders meets after Post meeting  
26-28 Aux. Dept. Convention-Dayton-see Cheryl

**AUGUST**

19 Aux. Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
20 Legion Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
20 Legion Riders meet after Post meeting

As of January 5, The Department of Veterans Affairs **reopened VA health benefits.** New higher income thresholds will go into effect June 30, 2009. More info is available on line at [www.va.gov/healtheligibility](http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility) or by call 1-877-222-VETS. If you need assistance in completing the forms, contact Service Officer, Rich Richardson.

**BRING MOMMA TO BREAKFAST ON MOTHER’S DAY-** Don’t forget to come enjoy a home cooked breakfast on May 10. This will be the last one until September.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS** - Dinner is served 5:00-7:00 on those nights. Thanks to all who have provided the tasty morsels!

**ANNUAL POST CLEAN-UP DAY**-will take place on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, there is plenty to do. Please come and help make the Post ready for the Memorial Day program. Please make this a priority in you planning as many hands make light work.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY POT LUCK** – Please join us at 4:00 p.m. for this annual event. Bring your most tasty casserole, salad, side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and paper products are provided.

**MEMBERSHIP** - First Vice, Tom Eshelman reports 340 members have paid their 2009 dues. If you haven’t paid your dues, please take a moment and do so now. Membership is the life’s blood of any organization. When it comes to the American Legion, it’s the size of membership that gives it such a strong voice in Washington and makes officials listen when we speak about Veterans Affairs.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS** –Warm weather is here. If you own a motorcycle and would like to join just contact Rich Richardson or Matt Favret. You can also visit us at [www.alohio239.org](http://www.alohio239.org). We will be riding in the Memorial Day Parade as a unit!

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** –Please see Terry Siemer if you are willing to serve as a bartender one day a week as we have a few openings. The hours are 4-8 p.m. daily.

**DUTY** - *“Now is not the time to fix the blame or dwell on the past. Now is the time to look forward and make changes.”- Beetle Bailey*

This is your Post and it needs you to become more involved. If you haven’t been to a meeting in a while, come! They’re held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. If you don’t currently participate on a committee; why not? How about serving on the funeral detail or color guard? **We still need post officers.** Election will be held in May. Please see 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Tom Eshelman to make your interest know in holding an office.

**POST ELECTIONS**-Elections will take place at the May meeting. The current nominations for elected office are: Commander-Tom Rieder, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Tom Eshelman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Terry Siemer, Finance Officer-Bill Smith, Chaplain-Dan Murphy and Sergeant-at-Arms-Don Nash. Any last minute nominations will be accepted just prior to the vote. The newly elected officers will assume the duties at the June meeting.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE:** Parade Chairman, Dan Murphy advises that the Parade Marshalls this year will Ron and Don Dill, long-time members of Post 239 and veterans of WWII. The guest speaker for the ceremony at Walnut Grove Cemetery is Mr. John Gilmartin. Mr. Gilmartin is a retired Vietnam Air Force pilot. Don’t forget to join us at 6:00 a.m. for the morning service on the Village Green.

**A BIG WELL DONE-** Thank you to every one of the officers for the outstanding job they have done this year. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary Unit, and the S.A.L. Your efforts and support this past year have contributed greatly to another successful year. -*Commander Tom Rieder*

**AUXILIARY** – New officers have been elected for 2009-2010. Congratulations to President Sandy Goshorn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Grazer, Secretary Barbara O'Connor, Treasurer Cheryl Smith, Chaplain Marlene Derry.

Thank you to **Mary Grazer** for another extremely successful Poppy Plate campaign! Please continue to support next year's Poppy Chairman, **Betty Scurlock**.

Girl's State Delegate Rachel Webb, a Thomas Worthington High School Junior, received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Being an American Essay Contest. The contest drew over 30,000 entries. CONGRATULATIONS RACHEL!

**To All Auxiliary Members:** It has been a great pleasure to serve your organization; please continue to support your new officers; the Legion Post and our programs. -Cheryl

**EUCHRE-** All members of the post are invited to play. We meet Tuesday at noon, Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Lunch is available on Tuesday. Friday Night Specials are often available through the post. Just check the posted menus on the board. Come join us and have a good time!

## 2009 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!**

**The American Legion**

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