



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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NEWSLETTER



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DUTY & SERVICE

Members of Post 239: Why is it that many of you will read this newsletter, comment on it but don't participate? Perhaps, it's a sign of the times – the general apathy / laziness toward becoming involved. Remember, Santa's watching and he keeps a list. Contact your Legion or Auxiliary Officers to volunteer.

He who does nothing for others does nothing for himself. -Goethe
I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. -Charles Dickens

Calendar of Events

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| Nov. 8 <u>ELECTION DAY</u> | Dec. ? Aux Mtg. (date to be determined Nov.16 th) |
| Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Dinner, 5 – 7:00 pm Post 239 | Dec. 7 Nat'l Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day |
| Nov. 11 Free Veteran's Day Dinner at Applebee's | Dec. 11 Post Breakfast, 9:00 am – noon |
| Nov. 13 Post Breakfast, 9:00 am - noon | Dec. 13 Coffee Cart, VA Clinic |
| Nov. 14 Free Dinner for Veteran's, Golden Corral | Dec. 16 Legion Meeting 7:30 pm |
| Nov. 16 Auxiliary Meeting, 7:00 pm | Dec. 17 Veteran's Holiday Party, James Rd. Center |
| Nov. 17 Legion Meeting, 7:30 pm | Dec. 20 Happy Hanukkah |
| Nov. 18 Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner, Post 144 | Dec. 25 Merry Christmas |
| Nov. 24 Happy Thanksgiving | Dec. 31 Happy New Year |

MEMBERSHIP MEMOS

ARE YOU A "REAL" MEMBER?: Check your wallet. If your membership card doesn't say "2012," please renew your membership. Yes, we're talking to you, the 28%, who haven't done it yet. Let's make it 100% by November 11, 2011.

IF YOU HAVE RENEWED ONLINE: Please mail or bring your temporary card to the post so that you may receive your permanent card. Your card is printed at the National Office in May and mailed to Posts. If you make any changes online, they will not be reflected on the permanent card until next year. Please check your wallet to see if your permanent card indicates 2012.

ADDRESS UPDATES: If you have moved or changed any of our mailing information we must have your current address for correspondence/mailings. If you can offer an e-mail address, that will help keep our costs down while keeping you informed of all the goings on.

NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION CHANGES: Copies of the newsletter will be available online at www.alohio239.org. A limited number of printed copies will be available at Post 239.

VETERAN'S DAY DINNER AT POST 239 – November 11th

Dinner will be served from 5 - 7:00 p.m. The evening's menu is pork roast, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, rolls/butter, veggie and dessert for all. Dinner is being prepared by the inimitable Darlene Richardson and served by the Ladies Auxiliary. As always, all veterans are served a complimentary dinner and guests are asked to pay only \$6.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST – November 13th

Come join us for our monthly breakfast. All-you-care-to-eat is \$6.00 for adults, children 12 and under \$3.00. Menu includes: eggs (any style) omelets, bacon, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee and milk. Juice is available for an additional \$.50. Guests are encouraged and we look forward to seeing you there.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS – Please call or check the post bulletin board for dates and menus.

Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on these nights. What a better way to participate in the Post than through your stomach.

CANTEEN NOTES – The Canteen is in need of additional help. If you would like to help keep the Canteen open during our scheduled hours, please see Dan Murphy. This is a good way to meet, greet and reconnect with your fellow Legion members.

FREE DINNERS FOR VETERANS – Several of our community restaurants are honoring our veterans by serving free meals. Remember to thank them and patronize them throughout the rest of the year.

- November 11th:** Applebee's Restaurant in the Graceland Shopping Center is serving veterans *all day* on November 11 beginning when they open at 10:00 a.m. (You can enjoy a free lunch there and still make it to our Post Dinner.)
- November 14th:** Golden Corral on Dublin-Granville Road is serving veterans a free dinner on November 14th beginning at 4:00 p.m. and serving until close.

AUXILIARY NEWS

SPECIAL THANK YOU – Thank you to everyone who supported the Auxiliary programs to collect school supplies and provide non-perishable food items to the Worthington Food Pantry. We were able to provide our adopted school, Salem Elementary, with a large number of school supplies that were so very appreciated by the students and staff. We were also able to provide several boxes of non-perishable food items to the Worthington Food Pantry and monetary donations to the Food Pantry and Autism Speaks from the proceeds of our dinners during October's "Make A Difference Month." We are very grateful to all of you who contributed to the success of both of these programs.

RAFFLE TICKETS – If you have not yet purchased your raffle tickets for the Auxiliary Raffle, please consider it as there is still time. These funds support the Troop Boxes we send to our service men and women. Tickets are only \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The raffle will be held on Friday, November 11th, at 6 p.m. at the Veterans' Day Dinner at the Post. You do not have to be present to win, so there's nothing to lose.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Auxiliary members: please don't forget to bring your signed Christmas Cards to the November 16th meeting. Bring as many signed cards as you can so that we may send holiday greetings to our veterans. The cards should be signed as follows: Worthington American Legion Auxiliary Unit 239.

ANNUAL VETERAN'S THANKSGIVING DINNER – November 18th

This annual dinner is hosted at Post 144 (3253 S High St, Columbus, OH 43207). This free annual dinner is in need of volunteers, so please contact Cheryl Smith to offer a bit of your time.

WHAT'S IN YOUR CUPBOARD? Check the boxes of Cheerios, Ziploc bags & Betty Crocker mixes for those valuable "Box Tops for Education." Please save them and bring them to the Post; there's a collection box in the lounge. What a simple (and yummy) way to support education at the very appreciative Salem Elementary School.

TROOP BOXES – The Auxiliary will be sending Troop Boxes in late November to those men and women serving our country away from home. Look for signs at the Post for the items that are needed. The items can be left in the box provided in the Post Canteen. Monetary donations should be made payable to "American Legion Auxiliary 239" with memo: Troop Boxes. What a simple way to spread holiday cheer to those serving away from home during the holidays.

VETERANS HOLIDAY PARTY – This annual Family Holiday Party will be held at the James Road Center, Saturday, December 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed, especially on Friday, to help us sort and wrap (bag) the children's Christmas gifts. Please contact Cheryl Smith if you are interested in volunteering. Harness your inner Santa and offer a helping hand.

COFFEE CART – Will be on Tuesday, December 13th at the VA Clinic. Volunteers are always appreciated. Contact Cheryl Smith if you would like to help. These visits are very important to the Veterans. Imagine the joy you can spread with just a few hours of your time. After all, it *is* the Christmas season.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The VA Clinic is looking for volunteers to serve as "Pop Corn Poppers" Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to be a part of this program to help the VA Clinic provide more services to our veterans, please contact Tom and Judy Rieder for information about what it takes to be a "Pop Corn Popper." Consider the perks of this job!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER – Please don't forget to pay your Ladies Auxiliary dues. Membership in the Auxiliary is quite an honor and we don't want to miss anyone.

STAND DOWN 2011 THANK YOU – There were 384 guests who were served at the 2011 Central Ohio Stand Down held October 18 at Veterans Memorial. More than 150 volunteers assisted in helping the guests take advantage of the many services provided that day. A special thank you for the volunteers from Post 239: Sandy Goshorn, Darlene Richardson, Libby Homan, Cheryl Smith, Judy & Tom Rieder, Barbara and Chuck Murray, Tom Eshelman and Don Spriggs.

2012 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legionnaires - \$35, Auxiliary - \$20, SAL - \$20
If you have **NOT PAID** your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post with you check.
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