



LEASURE BLACKSTON POST 239

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January-March 2024 NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Events

January 1st New Year's Day	February 19th Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
January 15th Martin Luther King Day	February 19th Presidents Day
Month of February Black History Month	March 3rd Navy Reserve Birthday
February 3rd Four Chaplains Day	March 5th Seabee Birthday
February 4th USO Birthday	March 13th K9 Veterans Day
Week of February 12th National Salute to Veteran Patients	March 15th American Legion Birthday
February 14th Valentine's Day / Dance	March 25th Medal of Honor Day
	March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day

From the Commander:

Happy New Year!

We attended parties, made resolutions (that last till June), and keep writing 2023 – then must fix it.

Veteran Suicide:

For 2024, the National Commander has picked Veteran suicide as his pet project for the year. He calls it "Be The One". Be the one to reach out and help a Veteran that is struggling. In case you are unaware, 22 Vets take their lives DAILY. I just heard that number is probably too low. So, reach out. For more information click [here](#).

Veteran Administration Changes:

For the last 10 to 15 years, the VA has pushed Tricare covered Veterans to use medical care outside the VA system. There is a reversal underway of that policy. The VA is hiring more staff and want Tricare covered Vets to come back to use military hospitals and clinics. If you have VA benefits, talk with your primary care doctor. You may be able to use more services offered by the VA. For more information click [here](#).

Membership:

We are down to less than 30 members who still need to renew their membership. If this is you, please send your check. If you are up to date, please disregard.

Have a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!



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Post News:

Friday Night Dinners:

Lent starts on February 14th this year. Grandma's World Famous Fried Fish starts Friday February 16. It will continue until Easter. Dinner is from 5 to 7 pm.

Monthly meetings:

The best way to keep up with what is going on at the Post is to attend the meetings. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month at 7:30. Join us.

Covid Response:

It's still out there. Get the booster! While you are at it, get your flu shot too! We are the most susceptible of Americans. **Remember:** if you feel sick, stay home to protect others!

Membership:

If you have already paid your 2024 membership, thank you. Otherwise, please send in your renewal.

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legionnaires - \$40, Auxiliary - \$45, SAL - \$25, Riders - \$12

If you have **NOT PAID** your dues yet, just use this cut-off and mail to the Post with your check.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

JANUARY – We had our 1st meeting of 2024 on January 17th. Thank you to all who attended.

- The Ohio Department Midwinter Conference was held on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20, 2023. The conference was held at the Marriott Columbus Northwest, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, Oh.

FEBRUARY – Our Meeting will be Wednesday, 21st at 7pm in the Post Meeting room. We hope to see you there!

- February 14th Villa Milano Dinner Dance featuring the Miracles -Free Event for Military or Veteran. ticket info call / 614-388-7787
- February 15th - Our VAVS Rep Cheryl Smith, has arranged for our unit to be at the Columbus VA facility on Thursday morning, Feb. 15th from 9am til ? honoring our veteran patients. Please contact Cheryl to assist. Cell phone- 614-832-6578
- February 15th – From District President Kim Mann:-District 12 members will be visiting the Chillicothe VA on Thursday, 2/15 around 1pm. We will be playing bingo with veterans and distributing gifts and snacks. If you would like to attend or donate to this visit, please contact Kim at 614-266-2695

MARCH - Our meeting will be March 20th at 7pm in the Post Meeting Room

- March 24 - The Easter Egg Hunt for District 12 will be held on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 1:30 pm. Please mark your calendar and bring those Juniors and children/grandchildren out for a day of fun and activities. The event will be at Young Budd Post 171, Westerville.

REMINDERS:

UNIT DUES --If you haven't already paid your 2024 dues, they were due the end of January. The dues amount is \$45.

UNIT WORK & REPORTING- Please document all of your volunteer activities, time and monies spent to support our programs. We will be covering items & activities that support our programs at our February 21st Unit Meeting

Thank you all for your support in keeping our unit going; you are needed and appreciated.

For God and Country,

Paula Lombardo, Unit President

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Legion Riders

The American Legion Riders Chapter 239, Worthington, Ohio, in collaboration with Columbus Ohio HOG Chapter #4678, held the 2024 Polar Bear Run Breakfast on January 1st. Special thanks to the American Legion Young-Budd Post 171 in Westerville for use of their post and another successful year. All money raised and will be donated to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund; providing college scholarships for the children of active-duty U.S. military and guard as well as reserve personnel who were mobilized and died on active-duty on or after September 11, 2001.