



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter September 2024

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Greetings,

September already and we've just had the Post Picnic. What a great time that was. We had Robin and the Auxiliary running about seeing things are done. The S.A.L. took good care of the Grilling and such. Some of our Legionnaires were working to make it a good Picnic. Money was raised, Kids had a GREAT TIME and in all so to did everyone else. I was there for three hours. Mitchell got to attend as well, his sister, Shelly, dropped him off and I made sure he got home safely. I heard kids talking about the games that they played and prizes they had won. I witnessed many smiles and heard much laughter from other attendees. The Cotton Candy Machine and the Snow Cone Machine were an added plus. Thanks to Our Lady and Ken Flaute for arranging this and to his Grand Daughter for operating these.

We've much to do yet this year. We need to get into our Membership drive and it started off badly as we had an issue with Dues. The renewal cost is \$45.00. National raised its dues. Department of Ohio attempted to do so but that increase was voted down at the State Convention. So let's everyone Pay your Dues now and let's see if we can reach 100% by November 1st. There will be an Early Bird dinner in November for those who renew by Nov. 1st. This will be a free dinner for those who have paid their dues by Nov. 1st.

We need to get our Committees manned and working to take care of things within the Post. All members are ask to join a committee. Be part of the team that makes our Post great. Be The One to step up and help make this work.

Next Legionnaire Meeting is Sept. 12th, 6:00PM. Until then, Pro Deo et Patria.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner:

Greater Faith

I feel more than fortunate to have such good friends. Lord knows, I don't deserve them. Most of my life, I have shunned the company of others. I don't seem to fit in with most crowds. These guys seem to get me or, at least, accept me as I am. I don't need to put on special behaviors or speak a certain way. I can be myself, warts and all. They don't question my faith simply because I let loose with a swear word now and then. If I am grumpy, they just laugh at me and tease me until I cheer up. If I'm happy, they join me in my joy. When I need help, they are there to do whatever they can to ease my burden. These are the ones Jesus spoke about when He said, "Greater faith has no man than he who would lay down his life for a friend." I would trade them for no one. These are my military brothers and they are the subject of my undying love and devotion.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Greetings Auxiliary members,

I want to thank all who attended our Post picnic last month. It was an awesome turnout! And I can't thank the Auxiliary and SAL members enough who helped make it happen! It was a great time despite the heat and rain shower we had.

The 3rd Annual VA Fall Festival will be held on September 14, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, at Southway American Legion Post 144, 3253 S. High Street. There will be food, carnival games, raffle prizes, face painting, petting zoo, bounce house, vintage cars and more. Musical entertainment by "Session Five". Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the festival. All Veterans and their families are invited to attend this free event.

The 12th District Auxiliary VA Hospital visit in Chillicothe is scheduled for Thursday, September 19. If you would like to go or want more information, please let me know.

Our Auxiliary Unit will be attending this year's Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down at the Columbus convention Center on October 22, 2024. We are requesting monetary donations to purchase items to hand out to our veterans at the event, as well as donate to the "Men & Women Sweats (tops & bottoms) Drive". If you're interested in supporting our Veteran Men and Women, please give your donation to one of the Auxiliary Officers or leave it with the bartender.

Our next regular business meeting is Wednesday, September 18, at 6:00 pm. It's hard to believe it's September already. Welcome to a new month full of possibilities. Happy September!

Robin Shockley,
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow Son's,

September is upon already and that means membership. Our 2025 cards on in, so get your renewals sent in by the end of October to be eligible for our early bird drawing. We do have stamped envelopes at the Post, where our cabinet is located, so just write your name on the envelope and pay your dues and drop it in the box. It's that easy! Remember to advise us if you changed address from the previous year. Dues are \$30.00 for SAL, \$10.00 for dual members and for juniors (under 21yrs old).

Our next meeting will be on September 3rd at 6pm. We had a really good turn out for our last meeting, so hopefully we continue to see more members at our meetings. It's the members that make the Post run.

I would like to say thank you to all the members that helped out with the Post Picnic, it was a great time had by all. The SAL will be having our annual Christmas Steak Fry, date to be determined, but probably will be the 2nd Saturday of December. More information will be made available next month. Remember to get your chance on the Cooler of Cheer, we will be announcing the winner at the halftime of the Ohio State vs Michigan St game (9/28/2024).

For God and Country

Dan Finnell
164 Squadron Commander