



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter November 2024

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Greetings;

We are quickly entering the season of Thanks and Giving. Thanks to everyone for supporting this Post and for Giving your time and working hard to make our Post what it is. We have come a long way these past three years. We have had problems with the IRS and met them head on, paid the necessary fees and retained our status. We recovered from the COVID shutdown and are back on solid financial footing. We have had many repairs and upgrades done within the Post that were necessary for our operations. Ladies we have not forgotten you; we have found the Stall Doors for the restrooms, and we will be getting the necessary parts to get them back in place and painted, soon. We ask your patients as these are old doors and parts are just a bit difficult to acquire. Please don't think you are forgotten, you aren't.

This Executive Committee has faced much ridicule from certain members concerning the processes we employ to conduct the operations of this post. By direction of the Department of Ohio American Legion we have been inspected by the District Officers and proven that we have followed the Constitution and By-Laws, which were Accepted and Certified by the Department of Ohio. Our Financial issues were a problem long before this Executive Committee was elected and began working to right this ship. Blame cannot be placed on this Committee for any financial or lack of maintenance. This Executive Committee is doing their utmost to legally rectify all of these issues. Keep in mind that no One individual runs this Post. This Post is run by Legion Members and their elected Executive Committee. They are the responsible entities; they are the American Legion Paschall Post 164.

It is time we moved forward; to do so you will find more information is being provided through our Website "americanlegionoh164.com" or on our Facebook Page "American Legion Family Paschall Post #164" we will soon be posting our Quarterly Finances and other information to insure you, the Members, are informed. Work on our website is ongoing to provide this. We are working to improve our Hall Rental processes to better serve the community and increase our revenue. We encourage you to use these Watch the Website for these changes.

We have the Veterans Day Ceremony on 11 Nov. at 11:00 AM at the Town Center Park on Park Street across from the Police Station. Please attend. Look for the notice on the American Legion Family Facebook Page and our Website, Calendar and Special Events. As of this post you will have seen the New Flooring in the Canteen. Thanks to the Executive Committee, and members like Mark Shockley, John Frances, along with S.A.L. member Joe Karrasch for all their hard work getting the furniture moved out of the Canteen and back when the floor was completed. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me, my memory is not the best. These floors are a big plus, and we will no longer feel embarrassed when some dignitary walks in and sees the Canteen now. It is clean, it looks amazing, and it is something that has needed attention for a long time. Scrubbing it didn't work, as you all know, replacing it did. By the time this is posted we will have hired another Bartender. We hope this will help and maybe we can get more business in the Post and increase our hours of operation. The Members of this Post can hold high their heads, we are meeting the challenges and doing what is right for all our members. See you around the Post. Let us give thanks for what we have, remember those who have given much, and let us unite for the betterment of all and work together.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner:

The Fellowship of Shared Experience
by Len Stayton, Chaplain

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17). The September issue of “The American Legion Magazine” had an excellent article on two men, both veterans of WWI. Both men survived the war and went on to distinguish themselves as writers and as Christians. Although C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien “dreaded the idea of war, both believed that war was sometimes necessary to preserve justice and protect the innocent. ” Their experience in combat did not lead them to glorify war, but did lead them to a shared conclusion. Their stories are well known, and they have one theme in common: the horrors of war and the fellowship that is forged in combat. If you have read, or seen the movies, The Lord of the Rings and/or The chronicles of Narnia, you may have noticed a common theme; the heroes of both of these epic tales grow closer in the struggles they face to defeat evil and restore what is right and true. In every civilization, since the dawn of man, there has been a warrior class. It is comprised of the citizens of each society who are willing to risk all for their families and their country. They willing face hardship because their concern is for the safety and future of their loved ones, and of their shared ideals. In our own nation, those shared ideals include liberty and justice for all. The men and women of our military, from the French and Indian War (1756-1763) to the current conflicts in the Middle East, have stood together, trained, fought and, in many cases, died for those ideals. It is that shared experience that has forged us into a fellowship that most people, who have not experienced it, can never understand.

Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13). For me, this is the duty and purpose of our organization: to provide a place for that fellowship to continue to flourish and grow. Of all the experiences I have had in my life and all of the people I have encountered, none have maintained the place in my heart and my soul that is occupied by my fellow warriors. Even those of us who have never served together share the commonality of experience that make us of one mind and one heart. We were soldiers once and soldiers we will always be. I celebrate you all in my prayers and thank God for the privilege of being among you. Continue to take care of each other and sharpen each other as “iron sharpens iron.” May the Lord of the Universe bless you and keep you until we meet in the final battle that will truly end all war. Then we can rest in His peace.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Hello fellow Auxiliary members,

Vice President Dee Capretta is currently accepting 2025 membership dues. Dues are \$35 again for 2025 and must be paid by 12/31/24 to remain an active ALA member. We currently have 138 members, and 59 members have paid as of 10/16/24, that's 26% of our membership. You can drop off your dues at the Post in a sealed envelope and give it to the bartender or pay online. Vice President Dee Capretta, Sergeant at Arms Lois Horning and I attended this year's Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down at the Columbus Convention Center last month along with members from Units 144, 171, and 532. I would like to thank everyone who donated money and their time filling the backpacks with winter gloves, body wash, lip balm and disinfectant wipes. It was a very rewarding experience, and I hope more of you can join us next year. Our Unit will be having an OSU/Michigan breakfast on November 30, 10:00-11:30 am. Lois Horning is leading this event and asks for 4-5 volunteers to help cook and serve. We will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausage links. We will also be having a 50/50 raffle that day. Please let Lois or me know if you can help.

The ALA is planning to put together a basket of various items to raffle off this month. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards buying a Thanksgiving meal for a veteran family. So far, we have had two donations for the basket. Please let me know if you're interested in donating or putting the basket together. Our next regular business meeting is Wednesday, November 20, at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there! November is a season of thanks; let each day be a reminder to count your blessings and spread kindness.

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow Son's,

Not too much going on for the Squadron. At our last meeting we discussed having a Steak Fry for December. We will have an RSVP sheet for the dinners at the canteen. Look for the sign-up sheet towards the middle of November. The dinner will be held on the 2nd Saturday of December from 5pm to 7pm. We are well under way into our 2025 membership year. So far, we have 77 paid up members, which is about ½ way to our membership quota. The winner of our Early Bird drawing was Pat McLoughlin. He will have his 2026 membership paid for by the squadron. Thanks, Pat, for being an early bird!! Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 12th at 6pm. This change is due to the elections falling on the first Tuesday of the month. Remember November 5th is voting day, make your voice heard!! Make sure you take time to thank a Veteran, November 11th is Veterans Day. I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving.

For God and Country

Dan Finnell
164 Squadron Commander