



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter June 2024

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Greetings,

Our Post has hit Quota plus, we are at 100.89 %. Thanks to all of you for getting us above the 100% mark. We are getting new people into the Post and that is always a plus. Our event calendar is starting to gather some new things going on. We had a very successful Memorial Day. So much so that we are looking forward to next year's, and we are expecting a better turn out. The Canteen was packed, and the Community seemed to have enjoyed what we had to offer. U.S. Congressman Mike Carey, 15th District of Ohio dropped by after his engagement elsewhere to make sure he met up with our members. He made his way around the room. I think he spoke to or shook every hand in the place. He too is a Veteran of the Gulf/Middle East Wars.

MG(ret) Deborah Ashenhurst, former Adjutant General of Ohio and now Director Veterans Services of Ohio, was our keynote speaker at the Memorial this year. Just in case some of you weren't aware we've had some very notable keynote speakers, in 2022 MG John Harris, Adjutant General of Ohio was our keynote speaker and last year, 2023, Assistant Adjutant General of Ohio, BG Matthew Woodruff. That is saying something about the Grove City area and our American Legion Paschall Post.

The Post Elections are over, the following Officers will take the Oath of Office during the June Membership Meeting.

Commander	Joseph (Woody) Woodrum
1 st Vice Commander	Dolly Matheny
2 nd Vice Commander	Charlie Smith
Finance Officer	Jason Norris

3 Year Trustee Mike Flannigan, though newly elected this cycle has tendered his resignation. No reason, as of the publication of this newsletter, has been given. At the Membership meeting we will entertain nominations for 3 year trustee. One individual has indicated his desire to fill the Position. If we have any more nominations for 3 Year Trustee we will hold a paper ballot election at the meeting and upon verification of count the individual who wins will be sworn into office.

We are considering reactivation of the 3rd Vice Commander position as we are getting more members this may be a good time to put it back in. The last 3rd Vice Commander was Paul (Whitey) Goldhardt.

The election results will be ratified at the membership meeting so please plan to attend. Membership Meeting June 13th at 6:00PM. Hall side. Remember this is your Post, if you have issues the meeting is the place to voice your concerns. It is also the place to tell us what you'd like to see, what you have liked that was done and in general stay informed of what is planned.

On behalf of those officers newly elected, thank you for your support.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner:

There is a lot of confusion these days. Some people don't know if they are a man or a woman. Some people think it is a good thing to protest for terrorists while denigrating the terrorists victims. Some people think they have the right to tell others what they should think, feel and say. Some people think that every time something goes wrong it is due to racism. How confusing is all that? Yet there's more. What are we to do?

The short answer is to live our lives the best way we know how. Work hard and provide for your family. Give a little extra in the offering plate or to a favorite charity without telling anyone. Help someone in need. Spend time with your children or spouse or parents. Contribute your time, talents and treasure to something bigger than yourself, especially something that benefits others who need it. That's something to be proud of.

But care must be taken. The Bible warns us that "pride goes before a fall." That refers to boastful pride, the kind that makes other people roll their eyes and want to walk away. Pride is not something we announce to the world. It is something within that gives you a warm feeling as you lay down to sleep at night. It is private, maybe even secret. No one else needs to know. God put us on this Earth to be part of the human race, to help each other. If a person can do that and take care of his or her family and be a friend and be honest and true in all their dealings with others: that's something to be proud of.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Greetings Auxiliary members,

I am pleased to announce we have two new members who transferred to our Unit in May, Karen Cox and Judy Danch. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them!

I would like to thank everyone who attended our May meeting. Amber Clark, Executive Director of the Military and Service Heroes (M.A.S.H.) Pantry and Resource Center, shared their history and the work they do for our veterans and military families. They have a location here in Grove City, 2996 Columbus St. and are always needing volunteers to help serve our heroes on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. You can find out more information on their website www.mashpantry.org. I encourage you to check it out. As in the past, we will be taking a break from monthly meetings during the summer months (June, July and August). Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 18th, at 6:00pm.

The 12th District Spring Conference went very well. Seven out of the nine units in our District were represented. I want to give a big THANK YOU to our Auxiliary members who volunteered to help make it a huge success! Our Unit received a Certificate of Achievement for meeting 100% membership goal. Yay, Paschall Unit 164!

Don't forget we are still collecting items for Care Packages to send to our troops. There is a tote with donation suggestions at the Legion. The deadline to donate is June 10th. We appreciate the donations we have received so far.

We will be having another "Grove City Adopt a Street" clean up on McDowell Road and around the Post on Saturday, June 22, 11:30 am. I will post it on Facebook when I've put out a signup sheet. The more volunteers we have the sooner we will get done!

Embrace the magic of June, where every sunrise promises new beginnings and every sunset holds the hope of sweet dreams!

Take care,

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow Son's,

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. Not too much going on this month for the SON's. Jon and I just got back from the Detachment Convention in Findlay Ohio where Tim Conway from Loundonville was voted in as our Detachment Commander for the 2024-2025 membership year. At our last meeting we approved for a raffle of "Cooler of Cheer". This has all the items to have a party and to get your cheer on!! Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Cooler can be seen at the Post and tickets are available at the bar or any SAL officer. The winner will be drawn at halftime of the OSU vs MSU football game (Sept. 28th). Our next meeting will be on Tuesday June 4th at 6pm.

For God and Country

Dan Finnell
164 Squadron Commander