



American Legion Post 164 Newsletter October 2024

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Greetings;

It's Fall, and we are coming upon Halloween. A time when we hand out candy to Witches, Wizards, Goblins, Princesses, Kings, and Super Heros. We also need to remember our Homeless Veterans in the cold without shelter; help us to help them. If you know a Vet that is homeless let's see if we cannot get them the shelter they need. Guide them to the Veterans Admin. so they may get the help they need. No Vet left behind. Be the One to make a difference.

We have new flooring for the Canteen being installed. The Post will be closed Oct 21st through Oct 27th. These days may change depending on the speed of the installation. If we open early, meaning before the 27th, it will not be a complete opening as our EBingo, Lottery, Pool Table, Dart Boards and ATM machines will not be in place before the 28th. That said, a true full open is scheduled for the 29th. We have no hall rentals during that week either, because all the machines, tables, and chairs from the Canteen will be stored in the Hall during this time. I can't wait for you all to see it. You will be very happy with the new look.

Items have been brought to my attention recently; there is a door missing in the Ladies Room and a faulty Toilet. We have a Urinal in the Men's Room on the Hall Side with a bad drain. Those issues will be fixed, hopefully before the 21st. Concerning the Toilet, and Urinal, we are trying to locate a reputable Plumber that will not charge us an Arm, a Leg and our First Born. As for the missing doors, we have those doors in the Garage. We need to purchase the hinges for them, and we will need to paint the doors and stalls. The House Committee will be working on this as well. Had we been made aware of this prior to this newsletter the Executive committee would have addressed the repairs. You see us Men are not permitted in the Lady's rooms; it is not acceptable. Please, going forward, if there is something wrong in these spaces, we need to know so that we can address these issues quickly before they become a bigger problem.

As a reminder, please check out the Post Calendar of Events on this website to see what is going on in the Post. You need to click on the Item in the Calendar and it will expand and provide further information of the event in question.

The General Election is looming, and each of us has a Civic Duty to vote. It is not just a Right; it is a responsibility. I am not telling you who you should vote for, I am simply reminding you to Vote. I am also reminding you that one President told us "Ask not what your Country can do for you - ask what you can do for your Country.". Today's population seems to think that the Government owes them a living. The current Administration thinks we have a printing press for Money. We MUST take back control of our government of and by the People. Vote your conscience, not your dislike of a candidate. Lord knows they can be jackasses. But their skills and management are what we need to bring us back to some semblance of financial stability and sensibility, so that our Grandkids and Great Grandkids are paying for our mistakes of electing people that can't manage a checkbook.

I was told a long time ago, "If you don't vote, you give up the right to Bitch. You gave up that right because you didn't vote." In other words, because I voted and I see something I don't like I can complain. However, if I didn't vote I basically agreed to accept whatever happens. We are in a fight for our Nation and the Constitutional Rights we have.

Commander Joseph (Woody) Woodrum



Chaplain's Corner:

The End of the World Is Near

The next presidential election is looming. As I write this, some of you may have already voted. Something that has always intrigued me about these election cycles is that one side or the other (sometimes both sides) always say "this election is the most important election in our history" or "this or that candidate will destroy democracy as we know it." The amount of hype that surrounds these events is surreal. As we approach the "End of the World as We Know It," I believe it is important to understand God's plan in all of this. We read in Revelation and other places that there will be a great rapture when all of those who believe in Christ will be taken up into Heaven. This event is followed closely by the rise of the anti-Christ. I won't go into a lot of detail about these times, but it is a fact that the anti-Christ cannot rise as long as the United States is a super power. He will come from an Eastern European country and, if it happens in our times, will eventually take control of the United Nations. That is how he gains his power. Therefore, in order to fulfill God's plan for the End Times, the United States must be diminished as a powerful nation.

I don't tell you this to bring you down but to hopefully bring some context to the political rhetoric that surrounds our presidential election cycles. Someday the predictions of the doom sayers will come true. No one, other than God, knows how that will come about, but it must happen eventually. So, if one of these two candidates does, as both of their opponents suggest, bring about the end of democracy, it will simply mean that those who believe in Christ as their Lord and Savior will be that much closer to a blissful life in eternity. No matter how you look at it, eternity in Heaven will be so much better than our time here on Earth. There will be no sickness or disease, no strife or contention, no aches and pains (for those of us who are old enough to have them) and no worries or anxiety for all of eternity, which I am told is a very long time.

So, don't worry about some politician bringing about the end of the world. Only God can do that and He has a plan for it. It will come like a thief in the night, when we least expect it and it will be glorious. Unless, of course, you are among those who haven't yet accepted God's grace. If you find yourself in this group, I suggest you seek Him today. I would be delighted to discuss this with anyone who is not yet convinced of the wonder of God's love and the peace that comes with accepting Him as Savior. Romans 3:23 tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." You are a sinner, which makes you just like the rest of us. What you should seek to become is a "sinner saved by the grace of a loving God." He is waiting for you, even now.

Chaplain Len Stayton



Greetings Auxiliary members,

Dee Capretta, ALA Vice President, 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 22 members have paid so far, that's 15.94% of our membership. You can drop off your dues at the Post in a sealed envelope for Dee and give it to the bartender. Our Auxiliary Unit will be attending this year's Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down at the Columbus Convention Center on October 22nd, 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 there is a Donation Can you can put it in located on the round table by the event poster. If you would like more information, please give me a call, (614) 371-5957, or email me, robinshockley@att.net. We appreciate your support!

The 12th District AL Auxiliary Fall Conference is Saturday, October 19th, at Unit 490 in Whitehall, 1117 S. Hamilton Road, Columbus, OH 43227. Registration is at 10:00 am and the meeting starts at 11:00 am. Based on our membership we are allowed 4 delegates and 4 alternative delegates for voting purposes, but all are welcome to attend. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to attend so I can send in our RSVPs for lunch. There is a charge for lunch, but it's minimal. At this meeting the Columbus VA will hold their annual "Bundle of Love" donation drive/baby shower for the Women Veterans. They have invited 55 new Moms and Dads to their annual drive thru baby shower. This includes approximately 20 babies that are yet to be born, 20 babies aged 3-6 months and 20 that are 7-12 months. They also have one set of twins on the way (gender not known). The date for the shower is set for Saturday, November 16th from 1pm-3pm. Items that they need this year include:

- Extra-large cellophane bags 40x50 jumbo huge-2 packs of 20 - <https://a.co/d/3TXowsr>
- Pull bows for baskets – 2 packs of 24 - <https://a.co/d/7OgncmR>
- Walmart 1 bushel round laundry basket-total of 35 - Starplast 1Bushel Round Plastic Handled Laundry Container Basket - Walmart.com
- Infant care kits/hygiene kits
- Sleepers – all colors
- Pacifiers
- Bath soap
- Baby lotion
- Books and toys for ages 6 months and up

Our next regular business meeting is Wednesday, October 16th, at 6:00 pm.

Happy October! May your days be filled with pumpkin spice latte and everything nice.

Robin Shockley
Unit 164 Auxiliary President



Sons of the American Legion

Greeting fellow Son's,

Our 2025 membership year is well on its way. Remember to get your membership renewed before Oct. 15th to get in the drawing for a free membership for 2026. So far, our squadron has turned in 50 memberships, so we are doing good on our renewals. Congratulations to Jeff and Cari Spence you won our "Cooler of Cheer". Thanks to everyone that donated items and to you all for buying tickets. Our next squadron meeting will be held on Oct 8th at 6pm. A discussion about the steak fry in December will be on the agenda. Hope everyone has a spooky Halloween!!

For God and Country

Dan Finnell
164 Squadron Commander