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"In Flanders Fields"

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



"We Shall Keep the Faith"

by Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields, Sleep sweet – to rise anew! We caught the torch you threw And holding high, we keep the Faith With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the
dead

In Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red We wear in honor of our dead. Fear not that ye have died for naught; We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought In Flanders Fields.





COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings American Legion Post 91 family members:

With the continuing Covid-19 crisis, your executive board continues to make changes to our canteen hours and food service. New canteen hours for Sunday are now Noon till midnight – Monday through Saturday from Noon until 1:00AM, due to the curfew being lifted. Our kitchen will now be open Monday through Friday – Noon till 2:00PM for full menu ordering. Evening hours will be Monday 6:00PM – 8:00PM (fryer foods) Tuesday 5:00PM – 7:00PM (taco's) – Wednesday 5:00PM – 7:00PM (pizza) – Thursday (6:00PM – 8:00PM) – wings, with special wing night the third Thursday 7:00 – 9:00PM. After Good Friday fish fry, we are planning Steak Night or Hamburger/Cheeseburgers night. Stop in, enjoy good food, drinks, and comradeship. Keith {our kitchen manager} is seeking volunteers to help with these evening events. If you would like to volunteer, please see Keith.

As I write this article, we are all set for St. Pat's day and gearing up for Easter (Happy Easter to all) – Legion membership meeting will be on

April 8th – please attend, we practice social distancing and wear masks. The Post needs input and fresh ideas for the future of 91. Coming in May will be election of officers for the ensuing year. Come and let your voice be heard.

The E-board meeting on April 22nd will begin finalizing the events for Memorial Day May 31st. We are hoping for our annual parade and services.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Don "FLASH "Vaji – he paid the tab of \$900.00 for our semi-annual preventative maintenance work on all our refrigeration/air conditioning equipment. As I said in the last newsletter, it costs your Post about 5K monthly just to keep the place operational – EVEN if we are not open – so if you see Don please say "thanks" for all the good he does here at 91. Another "THANK YOU" to Glen Cammerata who has purchased much needed cleaning supplies and trash can liners on his own dime, and not charged to Post. Please also give Glen a "Thanks" if you happen to see him at our meeting or in the canteen.

Please stay healthy and thank you for your continued support of Post 91.

Service above Self - Thank a Vet.

For God and Country

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Hall Rentals

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Marilla Baher, Legion Sunshine Fund

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- Post 91 provides food at no charge

Contact Legion 440-234-0091 to confirm availability of Hall

Contact Marilla Baher 216-299-7744 to organize everything.



FEATURE STORY

Grandson Finds Grandpa's Lost WWII Army Band Recordings – The Only Known Live Music Recording Near a Battlefield

A World War II recording that had been lost for nearly a half-century was discovered in an attic—and it's believed to be the only known recording by a frontline military band stationed with troops near a battlefield. The band was spontaneously celebrating the end of WWII by laying down a track of music—and now one of their grandsons has rediscovered it, and remastered the discs, with the hopes of winning a Grammy.

Jason Burt grew up hearing his grandfather playing classical and jazz music with his lifelong passion, the trumpet.

As a teen he grew even closer with his grandpa, bonding over a fascination that turned into Jason's true passion—World War II history.



They spoke often about Richard Burt's experience as a military musician during the war, where as a 19-year-old private with the 746th Far East Air Force Band in the South Pacific, he played music for front line troops, generals, and foreign dignitaries.

As the war came to an end, the 20-piece band decided to record themselves playing 10 chart-topping songs of the era, including Sentimental Journey. Upon completion of the recording session in a jungle tent, Jason's grandpa brought

the recordings home, where he pressed them into 78rpm records.

The only known album of a frontline band unit that was recorded where the war was taking place, Richard would keep the recordings safe for the next 75 years. In the 80s, he thought he had lost them—and after he passed away, the family had no idea that the records were hiding in the garage.

"In 2019, I came across my grandpa's recordings, in his garage attic," Jason told GNN. "The 75-year-old vinyl looked to be in great physical shape."

As the only grandchild in a musical family that couldn't read music or play an instrument, it wasn't clear to Jason, who became a history teacher, what he should do with his grandpa's most treasured musical items sitting in the closet.

"Six months later, as I sat alone in my house, I decided that it was time to listen to the records. When the needle pressed against the vinyl, I was transported back to 1945 for a private concert with my grandpa—and the sound of his trumpet filled me with joy." Watch these young musicians in the jungle in historical 8mm film, shot by band member Joe Milazzo, which was also found in the attic with the records.

"His skill and solos on the recordings were extraordinary for someone so young, and made it clear why he would graduate from Juilliard, after the war," recalls Jason.

"When the last song on the album ended, it was clear what I needed to do."



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Tony Mazzeo, 1st Vice Commander

Please renew your membership, either on line@mylegion.org or send/drop it off at the Post.

American Legion Post 91 91 American Legion Parkway Berea Ohio 44017

Our quota is 676 of which we have 600 renewed, which is 89% of our quota.

Tony

CHARITY REPORT

Tom Morgan

Nothing to Report

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Mike Ferrell

Nothing to Report



Jeff Myers, 2nd Vice Commander

Welcome "Spring" and new beginnings. Hopefully, we can all in some way by vaccination or other remedies put this whole COVID-19 behind us. Many of us have either suffered from it or lost loved ones as our Post lost some very cherished members.

On a good note, we are finally sending in a brick order for (32) Memorial Bricks. By the time this issue is published the blanks will have been delivered to the engravers and we can only hope to get them back prior to Memorial Day.

I want to Thank everyone that Volunteered, Purchased Tickets, and Attended the twice delayed Post Reverse Raffle that was finally able to be held on February 20th. We were able to raise over \$2,300. A great time was had by all that braved attendance and social distancing with the safety guidelines, the food was outstanding as usual.

As we wind down the final month of the Legion Calendar prior to the Elections in May I want to remind everyone that the Post will be closed on Easter Sunday April 4th. Keep Watch on the Post Facebook page for ever changing events. May brings the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 9th which follows the Auxiliary garage sale. Remember you must have your current dues card for Elections May 8th. Woodvale Grave Decorating is scheduled for Saturday May 29th with Memorial Day Services on May 31st.

Always Remember to Thank A Veteran, For God and Country!!

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COLOR GUARD

Bob Roginsky, Color Guard

Hello all.

We have 2 new members, Pat Rochford, and Cory Webber. Welcome aboard. The next meeting will be sometime in February. Anyone who would like to join the color guard call Jon Silvis 440-823-1066 or Bob Roginsky 440-582-5856. Stay Safe.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Marianna Peris, Auxiliary President

The Auxiliary is back up and running in person. We finally had a meeting, and it was great to see masked "smiling" faces. Our events are being planned for the Spring and Summer. We hope you have all collected lots of treasuries for our Garage Sale. Our plant sale will again take place. Please plan to shop. Additional information on these events will be in Nancy's article.

Spring Convention and Buckeye Girls State will be taking place again. Convention is a great time to meet members from other Posts and share ideas. Buckeye Girls State is a great way for our young girls to learn more about the working of the government.

Thanks to all who have supported our Post during these rough times. A special thank you to the bartenders, their job has not been easy.

Memorial Day is just around the corner, we will again need assistance for decorating the graves of our Veteran's, please contact me if you are interested or leave a note at the Post with your phone number. We will be decorating graves on Saturday, May 29th.

If at any time the Auxiliary can be of assistance to anyone, just give me a call at 440-223-6444 and we will try and help.

"Patriotism is the love of your country. It's about what is in your heart.

Marianna



Nina Zdravecky, 1st Vice Auxiliary

Nothing to report.

Nina

Stacey Lehmann 2nd Vice Ladies Auxiliary Nothing to report.

Stacey

Nancy Doutt, Auxiliary Membership, Garage Sale, Plant Sale, Auxiliary Scholarship, and Annual Reports

Membership

Thank you to the 341 members who have paid their 2021 dues as of the writing of this newsletter. That is 87.8% of our goal of 388 members. Just a reminder that if you sponsored a Junior, their dues are just \$6.00-they do not receive dues notice reminders. Please reach out to a friend during these COVID days and check to see if they need anything. If there's anything our Auxiliary can do to help, let an officer know

Scholarship

• The Auxiliary \$500 Scholarship applications are available in the canteen and are due back by Apr 15. Any member or relative of a member of Post 91 is eligible to apply if you/they are seeking any continuing education. Please be sure to follow the instructions on the form so the application gets into the correct hands by the deadline. Do not combine this application in the same envelope with any other Post application.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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Duane Schaft, S.A.L. Commander

The SAL is selling tickets for our annual fundraiser, the Super Cash Bonanza raffle. This drawing is conducted by the Knights of Columbus, with our SAL group benefiting. The K of C raffle supports different degrees of educational opportunities and scholarship.

Tickets were mailed out to SAL members. Jerry Kelly is the POC, please call or text at 216-225-1306 for tickets or additional information. Return stubs to Jerry Kelly, PO Box 81068, Cleveland, OH 44181. Please include checks made out to S.A.L. 91. The drawing is May 22, 2021. A \$5 ticket offers 1st prize \$49,680; 2nd \$18,780; 3rd \$12,720; 4th \$4,000 through 25 prizes.

Annually we select one deserving student for the \$1,000.00 "The Bear Hof Memorial Scholarship". An application is available on-line at http://postbythelake.org/wp-content/ uploads/2021/01/Bear-Hof-Scholarship-2021fillable.pdf

Visit our SAL Facebook page Sons-of-the-American-Legion-Squadron-91-Berea-Oh for any updates on SAL activities. If you have any questions about our organization, please contact an officer or send us an email at salpost91@gmail.com.

The SAL team encourages participation in our monthly meetings, which are held every second Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Bring a friend or family member. Please stop by and enjoy the group.

Duane

Jim Matej, S.A.L. Membership

Nothing to Report

Jim

Nancy Doutt, Auxiliary Membership, Garage Sale, Plant Sale, Auxiliary Scholarship, and **Annual Reports**

Garage Sale

 The annual garage sale is back this year in the Post hall. This is what funds our Auxiliary scholarship(s) so please consider donating your unwanted treasurers to this cause. Dropoffs begin on Sunday, May 2 thru Wednesday, May 5. The garage sale will be Thursday and Friday, May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any help would be appreciated---if you can be in the hall for drop-offs, help sort and price on Wednesday, or help with the actual sale Thursday, Friday or Saturday--please contact Nancy Doutt. We will be following COVIDrecommended guidelines.

Plant & Flower Sale

 The annual plant and flower sale is also back and will be the same days as the garage sale, and on Sunday, May 9, which is Mother's Day. This will be held by the Post garage. There are always a lot of vegetable plants, flower plants, hanging baskets, patio pots and more! If you have something special in mind, let Vonnie Kline know in advance and she will try to place/fill your order. This sale benefits all our Veterans programs. Contact Vonnie at (440) 235-2803.

Report

 As I write this newsletter, reporting crunch time is here. All reports are due in the Department and District chairmen's hands by April 15. It was difficult to do many of our regular volunteers works this past year, but we did accomplish a lot of good things. Now we tell the state of Ohio about them.





FEATURE STORY Cont'd from pg 2

Grandson Finds Grandpa's Lost WWII Army Band Recordings -

His grandfather had given up on his musical ambitions in order to raise a family, so Jason decided to publish the performances and try to win a Grammy Award on behalf of the 746th Army Air Force Band. (Buy or stream the music with links below)







Working tirelessly with two of the best sound engineers in the music industry, he produced the recordings into a full length album that features his grandpa telling the story of the band's time in the Pacific, and 9 minutes of historical film of the band practicing in the Philippines. Share this story to help Jason win a Grammy for his Grandpa

Jason says they are "relentless" in their current pursuit to earn for the wartime band a Best Historical Album Grammy nomination in 2022.

And, to that end, they've partnered with the USO, to raise money for the iconic military charity, donating a portion of the earnings while hoping to sell a million albums.

"If you want to help my grandpa reach the pinnacle of today's musicianship and raise money for the USO, you can own a piece of history by downloading a copy of the album on the 746th Band Website."

If you stream on Spotify, please follow the artist page, and create playlists of their album, and stream it every day—until the Greatest Generation has a platinum album and a Grammy to go with it. Stream it on Apple Music, too, or purchase on iTunes.

"He's told me all the stories of the band, and ever since I started the project, I always had the feeling that he was preparing me my whole life to do this for him and his bandmates," Jason told GNN. "It's the greatest feeling in the world to be doing this."

HELP Win a Grammy For This Grandpa by Sharing The Album on Social Media... Facebook Twitter

Click here to Listen. Choose Sentimental Journey https://www.npr.
org/2021/03/20/979174994/a-grandsons-gift-a-spotlight-for-his-grandfathers-wwii-band



WAR CORRESPONDENT

War Correspondent Was the First to Report V-E Day — He Was Then Fired for It

This is Ed Kennedy in Paris. The war is over and I am going to dictate. Germany has surrendered unconditionally," the war correspondent said, according to an account of the call by Tom Curley, AP's former president. "That's official. Make the date[line] Reims and get it out."

With that wire, Associated Press war correspondent Edward Kennedy landed the biggest scoop of his career — while simultaneously ruining it.

Only able to dictate about 200 words before the connection was lost, Kennedy's news about the conclusion of the world's largest and bloodiest conflict traveled with such speed that inquiries were

received in Paris even before he was cut off, according to the New York Times.

As one of 17 war correspondents to witness the official German surrender in Reims, France in the early hours of May 7, 1945, Kennedy naturally sought to file posthaste.

However, the news remained embargoed, with military handlers insisting that the momentous occasion be kept secret for several hours. As the correspondents returned to their lodgings at Hotel Scribe in Paris that day, the embargo was extended for 24 hours without explanation.

We were "seventeen trained seals," Kennedy caustically recalled in his memoir, "Ed Kennedy's War: V-E Day, Censorship, & the Associated Press."

The embargo was not, Kennedy learned, "for security reasons, which might have been an acceptable rationale, but for political reasons... It turned out that Russia's leader, Joseph Stalin, wanted to stage a signing ceremony of his own to claim partial credit for the surrender, and U.S. officials were interested in helping him have his moment of glory," writes the Washington Post.

After hearing that the German high command had broadcasted the surrender from its headquarters in Flensburg, Germany on May 7, Kennedy bristled.

"For five years you've been saying that the only reason for censorship was men's lives. Now the war is over. I saw the surrender myself. Why can't the story go?" he reportedly told a clerk at the hotel's censor's office.

The censor replied that he did not have the authority to release Kennedy's story.

"All right then," Kennedy retorted. "I give you fair warning here and now: I am going to file it."

Calling up AP's London office, the next words Kennedy uttered made history — and was on the wire within minutes.

The retribution for Kennedy was swift, however. Stripped of his credentials, the war correspondent was then ordered home by Allied leadership.

According to General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Kennedy's suspension was "due to self-admitted deliberate violation of SHAEF regulations and breach of confidence."

To add insult to injury, the following day Kennedy's fellow correspondents, perhaps as jealous retribution, condemned his actions with a vote of 54-2, for "the most disgraceful, deliberate and unethical double-cross in the history of journalism."

On May 10, Robert McLean, the president of the AP board, issued a statement saying AP "profoundly" regretted the story and, after placing Kennedy on an "indefinite suspension," the news agency quietly parted ways with Kennedy several weeks later. —Continued on page 10

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Canteen Hours Mon - Sun 12pm - 11pm Last Call 10:15pm Doors locked 11pm



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EDITORIAL

Maureen Travers Bauhof, Editor

Hi to our Post 91 Family,

In talking to people, I'm hearing that a lot of us have taken the Covid-19 injection. It will give us a peace of mind. I look forward to getting out and seeing everyone.

A big "Thank You" to the St Patrick's Day Team, There were quite a few working in the kitchen. The sandwiches were delicious and was moist & flavorful. Sorry if you missed the food!. The food ran out around 5pm.

The Legion is serving lunch "Off Our Menu Monday thru Friday 12/2p with a Wednesday Special. Evenings are Monday 6/8pm, "Off Our Menu": Taco Tuesday, & Wed Pizza, 5/7p: Thursday Wings. 6/8p Special Wing 7/9p. Stop down for a bite to eat and say "Hello".

For changes at the Post, check: Post by the Lake website: http://www.postbythelake.org/and the Facebook pages of the Units.

War Correspondent Cont'd from pg 7

Despite the public rebuke, the reporter remained adamant that his actions were justified.

Upon his arrival in New York on June 4, Kennedy told a group of reporters that he "would do it again. The war over; there was no military security involved, and the people had the right to know."

The reporter who observed the bloody Spanish Civil War; who covered Eastern Europe and the Balkans; who reported on the war in North Africa; and who joined the Seventh Army's invasion of southern France in 1944 suddenly found himself without a job.

Hired as a managing editor by the sympathetic owner of the Santa-Barbara News-Press in California, the new position was surely a step down for the veteran war correspondent.

In 2012, 67 years after Kennedy broke the news of the century, the AP issued a formal apology for its actions.

It was "a terrible day for the AP. It was handled in the worst possible way," Curley stated. "Once the war is over, you can't hold back information like that. The world needed to know."

The apology was accompanied by a push from journalists to award a posthumous Pulitzer Prize to Kennedy. Although nominated for the prize in 2013, the WWII reporter failed to win the award. However, as USA Today notes, "Pulitzer rules don't prohibit resubmissions," and there have been several pushes in recent years for Kennedy's recognition.

Kennedy, who died in 1963 after being struck by a car, did not live to see his vindication.

A monument to Kennedy now stands in Laguna Grande Park in Seaside, California, with the apt inscription: "He gave the world an extra day of happiness."





Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for

May 2 to 5 Aux Garage Sale Drop

May 6 to 9 Aux Garage Sale

May 6 to 9 Aux Plant/Flower Sale

Watch for updates on the Website, Facebook & Emails

May 29 Grave Decorating 10a

May 31 Ceremony Adams St Cemetery 8am Woodvale Cemetery 9am Parade 10:30a Ceremony to follow McKelvey Park

Luncheon to follow at the Post

The American Legion:

James Nester, Nicke Forkapa, Douglas McJunkins, Anthony Weeda, Robert Fertal, David McCollum, Sean Rutter, George Irving, Robert Dembrowski, David Paracsi Sr, David Paracsi Jr

Please welcome all our newest members!

American Legion Auxiliary

New: Catherine Law, Kimberly Paracsi, Khin Zaleski

Sons of the American Legion

Nothing to Report

Taps:

Thomas Goebel, Joe West, Howard Samad, Gerald Crittle, Ralph Rokowski, Bob Bumpus

Sick List:



May Auxiliary Events

Garage Sale Drop Off - May 2 thru 5

Garage Sale May 6 thru 8 10am—7p

Plant Sale May 6 thru 8 10/7p May 9 10/2p

Memorial Weekend Events

May 29 Grave Decorating I 0a

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Adams Street 8am

Woodvale Cemetery 9am

McKelvey Park after the Parade

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Parade Starts I 0:30am

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