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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family Members:

I hope everyone had a great St. Patrick's Day and has been enjoying the fish fries.

Just a reminder: our Blue Cap meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. We also have our work party on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30am. We serve breakfast prior to our work parties.

We are still looking for someone to run for finance officer. If you are interested, please leave your name with the bartender or let Mel, George or me know.

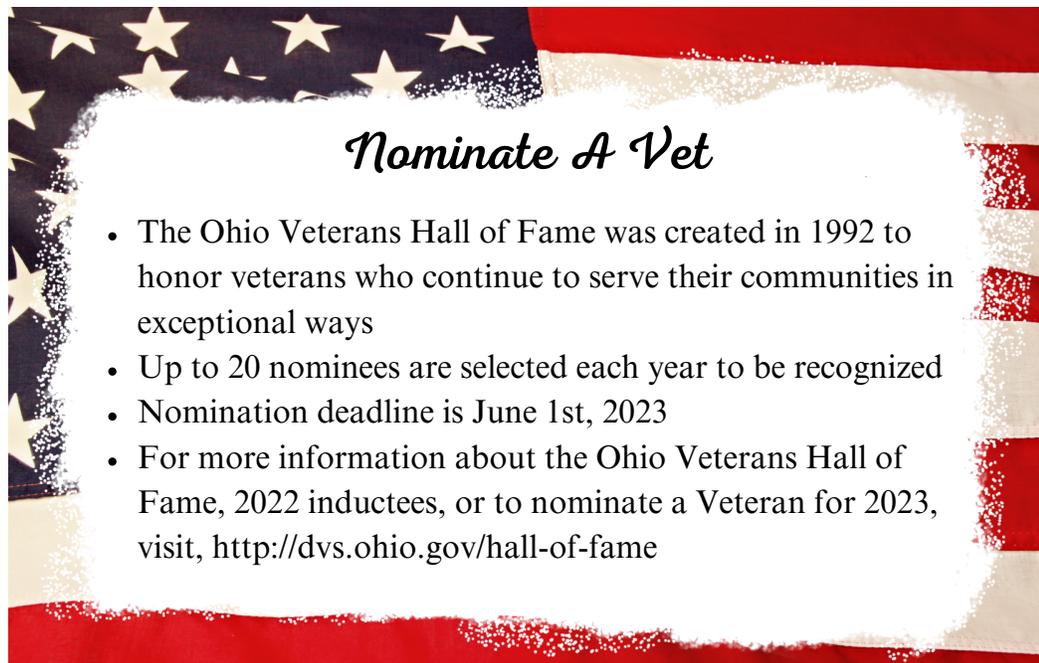
We are also still looking for individuals to clean the canteen area downstairs, the upstairs hall, and someone to clean the exhaust system in the kitchen. The exhaust system is done monthly.

The meeting in May will be to elect new officers for 2023/2024, so please attend.

Service above self - thank a vet.

For God and country

Tony Mazzeo



Nominate A Vet

- The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was created in 1992 to honor veterans who continue to serve their communities in exceptional ways
- Up to 20 nominees are selected each year to be recognized
- Nomination deadline is June 1st, 2023
- For more information about the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, 2022 inductees, or to nominate a Veteran for 2023, visit, <http://dvs.ohio.gov/hall-of-fame>

Feature Story



Canteen Hours

Monday-Friday 12-12 pm
Saturday 12-1
Sunday 12-8 pm

Kitchen Hours

Breakfast

Second Sundays 10am-12pm

Lunch

Monday-Friday 12-2 pm

Dinners

Monday 6-8 pm
Tuesday 5-7 pm
Wednesday 5-7
Thursday 6-8 pm
(Third Thursdays 7-9 pm)
Friday 6-8

Hall Rentals

For hall rentals contact
Tina Bertel (440) 532-2586
or
Legion Post 91 (440) 234-0091

Celebration of Life Events

- For members & immediate family members
- 4 hour hall usage
- Post 91 provides food at no cost
- Contact Marilla Baher of the Legion Sunshine Fund
- (216) 299-7744

A New Way to Honor Veterans

The Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) is an online memorial that allows people to search for Veterans that have been laid to rest in VA National Cemeteries. This platform can be used to locate loved-ones, friends, and ancestors within the cemetery. It also provides a unique way to honor and pay respects for those whom are unable to physically visit the site due to ailments or travel difficulties.

VLM was created in 2019 by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and currently holds profiles of over 4.5 million deceased Veterans. These include those interred in all VA grant-funded cemeteries and two National Park Cemeteries dating back to the Revolutionary War. Profiles of Veterans interred in other cemeteries have yet to be added to this online platform.

Profiles on VLM include the Veteran's cemetery information and location, branch of service, rank, war period, decorations, birthday and day of rest. The website also includes an interactive feature, through which friends and family can post photos, tributes, historical documents and other information about that Veteran and his/her life. In order to ensure proper content, the posts are reviewed by moderators before they are published onto the profile pages.

To learn more about the Veterans Legacy Memorial or to visit a Veteran's profile page, go to www.vlm.cem.va.gov.

Victoria





American Legion



1st Vice Commander, James Lockyer

Welcome to spring.

Membership renewal has slowed down quite a bit. We are currently at 87%, which is roughly 84 members short of our 100% goal. We hope as the warm weather sets in, we will see a few more renewals. New membership for this year has been steady as we have signed on 26 new members.

James

Finance Officer, Tom Morgan

In 2022, the Post regained its financial footing after the pandemic. The introduction of the video bingo machines last April has really helped us stay in the black. This will allow us take care of some overdue maintenance on our property, such as painting and repaving a portion of the parking lot. Thank you all for your financial support in the canteen, kitchen, and video/ticket bingo games.

Charitable Donations Jan-Mar 2023

Auxiliary District 13 Dinner	\$156
Berea Coe Lake Concerts	\$1,000
Berea Fire Department	\$1,189
Berea Events (Grindstone, fireworks, etc.)	\$1,000
Berea Recreation Department	\$1,000
Coast Guard Foundation	\$100
Groza Titans Youth Football	\$125
Littlest Heroes Christmas Gifts	\$2,000
Special Olympics Ohio	\$200
VA Dinner at Post 91	\$425
Veteran's Wellness Dinner	\$228
Vietnam Veterans Association 15	\$100
Wags 4 Warriors	\$340
West Denison Baseball League	\$250
	\$8,113

Tom

Color Guard, Robert Roginsky

We need some men and women to join the Color Guard. Do something for your Post. We have lots of fun training and doing activities.

For more information, contact:

John Silvis (440) 823-1066

Bob Roginsky (440) 582-5856

Bob





American Legion, Cont



Canteen Chairman, George Masie

Hello members and friends of Post 91.

We will be kicking off the summer with an outdoor concert in the Post Pavilion on May 20th. The concert will be from 6-10pm and will feature *Jump the Gun*, a Cleveland-based band. We will also have an outside bar, and food will be for sale as early as 5pm for the event. We also have a DJ every first Saturday of the month at 7pm and breakfast every second Sunday from 10am to noon. The Post Canteen will be closed on Easter Sunday.

Did you know? Post 91 offers a few amenities that we sometimes overlook:

- We rent the Post Hall to our members at a discount. The hall is a perfect place for gatherings up to 125 guests, and has a bar, serving area and a kitchenette.
- Our Sunshine Fund is also available to members. The Sunshine Fund gives you free use of the hall if it's available and some funds to use for food in the event of a death in your family. Contact information for hall rentals and the Sunshine Fund is on page two.
- The Post Pavilion is also there for use by our members. We do not rent the pavilion. Members are welcome to use it during regular business hours and has picnic table seating for about 80 people.
- The last thing I would like to mention is the city of Berea maintains walking trails adjacent to our parking lot. New trails were added this year, which gives more access to Coe Lake and a view of historic Adam's Street Cemetery from the woods. The trails also give you access to Coe Lake Park, located behind City Hall, and there's always something going on over there.

As always, please respect our Post and your fellow members. We're all in this together. Enjoy your visit to the canteen.

George

National Poppy Day and Poppy Memorial Garden, Stacey Lehmann

May is National Poppy Month! The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms. We are asking our members to wear a poppy on May 26 (National Poppy Day) through May 29 (Memorial Day) to remember the sacrifice that our service men and women made for America.

Please donate to the Auxiliary Poppy Fund, which raises funds to provide rehabilitation and assistance to Veterans and their families. You can donate and take a traditional poppy flower from a donation can at the Post. These flowers are handmade here in Ohio at the Sandusky Veteran's Home by a small number of residents for all of Ohio's American Legions. This service provides a financial and therapeutic benefit to thousands of veterans. Members can also donate to the fund by making a check out to ALA Unit 91 with Poppy Fund in the subject line.





American Legion Auxiliary



Auxiliary President, Donella Kline

Happy Spring! Baseball season is here – Step up to the plate and volunteer!

Sleeves-up Campaign

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. Join the 13th District Auxiliary and pull up your sleeve to donate blood. The nice thing about this blood drive is convenience.

Simply go online to

[https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/american-](https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/american-legion-auxiliary-district-13/)

[legion-auxiliary-district-13/](https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/american-legion-auxiliary-district-13/) and pledge to give blood

between now and May 31st. You pick the time and place.

How easy is that! Take a friend or family member – all are welcome!

Remember to look around the Post for fliers on all the opportunities to volunteer or just have a good time with your Post family!

Donella

Auxiliary Membership, Nancy Douth

As of this writing, we have processed 383 memberships, which is 98.71% of our 388 goal. Thank you! Based on the increase of National dues, our Unit will also be raising their dues for the 2024 membership year.

Some of our members have had surgeries or are battling other issues. If you know of anyone who needs a little sunshine in their life, let us know and our Chaplain will send them some. If someone needs additional help, let us know as well. Thank you.

Auxiliary Scholarship & Annual Garage Sale

Applications for the \$1,000 Auxiliary scholarship are due on April 15th, 2023 and are still available in the canteen.

Submit application in an envelope and address it: Attention Auxiliary Scholarship Committee. The scholarship is funded from the annual garage sale, which is May 4th-6th, 2023. Donation drop-offs will be April 30th through May 3rd, between noon and 7pm in the Post hall. If you'd like to help with accepting drop-offs, sorting and pricing, or volunteering at the sale, please let me know at (440) 552-4713.

Nancy



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1st Vice Auxiliary, Nina Zdravecky

Hello Happy People! I just want to remind you all that our spaghetti dinner is on April 1st from 5-7pm. The dinner is \$12 and includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. I hope to see you there. Our garage sale will be on May 4th-6th. We can begin accepting your donations on April 30th. Thank you and God Bless.

Nina

2nd Vice Auxiliary, Stacey Lehmann

Our flower sale fundraiser will be going on this spring and we will be working with Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake. Paper order forms and online order information will be available on the Auxiliary bulletin board at the Legion from April 1st through April 20th. You can pick up your purchases at the Post on May 27th from 9am-1pm. There is a walk-in option from May 1st through June 15th at Dean's Greenhouse. Be sure to inform them your purchase is for Post 91 because 30% of all sales will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary.

Stacey

Children's Easter Brunch

April 8th, 11am-1pm

\$5 Adults, Children Free Under 10 Years

Sign-up sheets available in Canteen



American Legion Auxiliary, Cont



Community Service and VA&R Chairman, Nancy Doutt

Americanism & Government Test Winners

Over 300 Americanism and Government tests were given at Berea-Midpark, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville High Schools. Congratulations to the following students who achieved the highest test scores for their grade/schools. They were awarded certificates, American Legion pins and \$25.

Key:

- * District winner
- # Department alternate

Berea-Midpark

Mason Moskal, 12th grade boy
 Katherine Errington, 12th grade girl

Olmsted Falls

David Vidovich, 12th grade boy *
 Katherine Iannicca, 12th grade girl *#
 Brady Link, 11th grade boy
 Taylor Murphy, 11th grade girl *
 Andrew Dreifke, 10th grade boy *#
 Izabela Zelnicek, 10th grade girl *

Strongsville

Gabriel Griffiths, 12th grade boy
 Maiti Walsh, 12th grade girl
 McCalister Klinzing, 11th grade boy *
 Chloe Mance, 11th grade girl
 John Papandreas, 10th grade boy
 Ava Sariego-Mate, 10th grade girl

Veterans Events

- Thank you to everyone from Post 91 and our friends in the Berea Kiwanis who contributed to the Sweats for Vets program. We received some wonderful pants and tops for the Veterans at Wade Park VA Hospital.
- Thank you again to the Legionnaires for their support in collaboration with Berea Elks Lodge #1815 for the Veterans Wellness Event on March 5th. The main presenter was Patrick Greenhill and Marianna Peris prepared another delicious meal for the 15 in attendance from Post 91 and Berea Elks.

- The Veterans from the Wade Park Domiciliary had a wonderful time on their bus trip to our Post on February 16th. Thank you to all of the Post 91 members who volunteered and helped make it a memorable evening: the Legionnaire's support; the Honor Guard who saluted them as they got off the bus and went into the Post; Tony Mazzeo and Ed Leopold who greeted them; SAL member and Berea Elks VAVS, Gary Farkas, for coordinating with the VA; SAL Chaplain Doug Bloch for his greetings and blessing; Marianna Peris for her delicious meal; Stacey Lehmann for coordinating the DJ for Friendly Feud; Auxiliary members and friends who made afghans, hats, scarfs and slippers; and the Auxiliary members who visited with the Veterans, making them feel so welcome. It was truly a Post 91 family event.



Nancy



Sons of American Legion



SAL Commander, Duane Schaft

The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) had some events in the last couple of months. In February, we had our annual Super Bowl Party at the Legion Hall. This event was very successful. Following the Super Bowl party, we sold squares for the college basketball March Madness tournament. The squares were for the "Sweet 16" part of the tournament. For a total of \$20, you had 15 chances to win. Funds raised by SAL events directly benefit our organization and provide the ability for us to sponsor scholarships, and various local civic events and organizations. Thank you all for supporting our American Legion Post 91 Sons of the American Legion.

It's scholarship time! April begins our selection process for awarding a deserving student with the annual Bear Hof Memorial Scholarship. A 2023 application is available on the SAL page of the Post 91 website, www.postbythelake.org. (Click on "About Us," "Scholarships," and then scroll down to Bear-Hof-Scholarship-Application-Form.) The application deadline is April 30th, 2023.

The SALs voted to sponsor various events held throughout the year upon the city of Berea's requests. These include the Summer Concert Series, the Grindstone Festival, Harvest Festival, the Jack Frost Festival, summer movies at Coe Lake and the Berea Kiwanis Empty Bowl Fund. Sponsoring these events will directly benefit our community.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument upcoming activities:

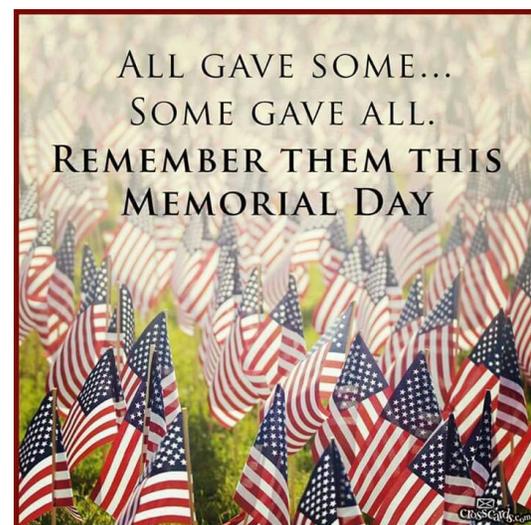
- April 29th-30th: Tunnel tours
- May 20th: Mental Health Fair at the monument involving the VA and associated groups
- May 30th at 11am: The traditional Memorial Day ceremony
- June 17th: Color Guard, Jon Silvis, will deliver a dedicatory speech at the Grand Army Plot in Woodland Cemetery

For more information on the Monument and activities, visit www.soldiersandsailors.com. Also visit our SAL Facebook page, [Sons-of-the-American-Legion-Squadron-91-Berea-Oh](https://www.facebook.com/Sons-of-the-American-Legion-Squadron-91-Berea-Oh) for any updates on SAL activities.

If you have any questions about our organization or membership, 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 7:30pm in the hall.

Duane

Volunteers are needed to help place flags on gravesites over the Memorial Day weekend. If interested, please see Marianna Peris.





American Legion Riders



ALR Director, Ed Leopold

Hello Everyone,

Well riders, I'm back. Once again, the riding season will be here before you know it. This year will be a great year because we have a lot planned. David, our Road Captain, has some great rides that he is putting together for us and will give us a run-down about them at our meeting.

Our Third annual Riddy Run will be on June 10th, and more information will follow once we have all the stops confirmed. We will be needing help for that ride. All help is appreciated.

Next on the agenda will be our Pig Roast, which will be held September 9th, so keep that date open. This year it will be sponsored by both Post 91 and Post 610 Riders, and we are currently in the planning stages for that event. We will also need hands-on-deck for that function.

I'm not sure how many of you remember that our Chaplin, Dan, used to have a tractor and wagons in the parades for the kids to ride in. Well, we purchased it from Dan and will be using it in the parades again. I'm in the process of getting them cleaned and ready to roll. This is something we should be proud to present to Berea residents.

Don't forget our meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Noon. Come to express opinions and enjoy other fellow riders. Let's make this a great season.

Big Ed

National Poppy Day and Poppy Memorial Garden, Cont

This year I am asking our members to help create a poppy memorial garden in front of our post, inspired by a Remembrance Day display I saw in London and by the garden at the American Legion Post 211 last year. This would be a beautiful addition to our post over this Memorial Day weekend and for years to come. The Auxiliary is teaming up with local business owner, Jason Giaco, to create beautiful metal poppies. They which will be placed in the Poppy Field beginning May 26th and will remain until Memorial Day, May 29th. On May 30th your poppy can be collected to take home or stored with the Auxiliary to be placed in the poppy field again next year. Each poppy flower is approximately 6 inches in diameter and stands 3 feet tall. Poppies can be purchased from the Auxiliary for a donation of \$30 or more. Starting April 1, 2023, I will have a few on display inside the canteen along with order forms. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (440) 465-3868 or leave me a message in my mailbox at the post.

ALL funds derived from the distribution of poppies are used exclusively for the rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to active-duty military and their families in Ohio.

Stacey

Bulletin Board

April

- 1st: Annual Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7pm
DJ, 7pm
Auxiliary Flower Sale Begins
- 8th: Children's Easter Brunch 11-1pm
Work Party, 8:30am
- 30th: Garage Sale Donations Begin

May

- 4th-6th: Annual Garage Sale
(4&5) 9-4pm, (6th) 9-12pm
- 6th: DJ, 7pm
- 13th: Work Party, 8:30am
- 20th: Armed Forces Day
Outdoor Concert, 5-10pm
- 26th: National Poppy Day
- 29th: Memorial Day



TAPS

Andy Peculis

*The Memorial Day Parade
will be back in action this year!
It will kick off at 10am
from the library behind City Hall.
The Memorial Day Ceremony
will follow the parade.
(More info to follow)*