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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family Members:

In May, we elected new officers for the 2023 / 2024 term. Thanks go out to the officers that just completed their term; previous Commander Tony Mazzeo, previous Finance Officer Tom Morgan, and previous 1st Vice Commander James Lockyer, who is currently elected as the new Commander.

Our new Officers for the year:

- Ed Leopold, 1st Vice Commander
- Keith Mattison, 2nd Vice Commander
- George Masie, Adjutant
- Mel Baher, Finance Officer.

Our Blue Caps meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. I would like to see our numbers increase at these meetings. Every member has a voice, and every Veteran has a vote, so please attend and be heard. Your input is of value.

For God and Country,

James Lockyer

Post 91 Officers for 2023-2024

American Legion Blue Caps

Commander, James Lockyer
1st Vice Commander, Ed Leopold
2nd Vice Commander, Keith Mattison
Adjutant, George Masie
Finance Officer/Historian, Mel Baher
Color Guard, Robert Roginsky
Chaplain, Linda Heffern

Sons of American Legion

Commander, Duane Schaft
1st Vice Commander, Sean Boddy
2nd Vice Commander, Jeff Haas
Adjutant, Randy Genther
Membership, Jim Matej
Advisor, Jeff Myers
Finance Officer, Chuck O'Malley
Historian, John Silvis
Chaplain, Douglas Bloch
Sergeant-at-Arms, Chance DeWerth

American Legion Auxiliary

President, Donella Kline
1st Vice, Nina Zdravecky
2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann
Treasurer/Membership, Nancy Douth
Secretary, Christine Dellapenna
Chaplain, Nicki Haire
Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeanne Haas

American Legion Riders

Director, Ed Leopold
Assistant Director, Mike Farrell
Road Captain, David Rodriguez
Treasurer, Margie Leopold
Membership, John Weaver
Recording Secretary, Paul Baher
Chaplain, Dan Szerszen
Historian, Tom Dees
Sergeant-at-Arms, Todd Riedel



Canteen Hours

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

Kitchen Hours

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
Marilla Baher (216) 299-7744
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

Meet the New Post 91 Commander for the 2023-2024 Term

James Lockyer began his journey with the Navy 42 years ago. At the time, he was living on the south side of Cleveland and working for Ameritrust, which is now Key Bank. He took some college courses and realized that this was not the path for him. Since James had always felt the urge to travel, he decided instead to join the Navy in 1981.

While in the Navy, James was stationed aboard the USS Dwight D Eisenhower, which is a nuclear power aircraft carrier. His duty was to run the ship's retail outfits, which included managing the laundry, drycleaning and the barbershops onboard. He worked his way up the ladder and was eventually in charge of the storerooms and inventory control for all the items in the ship's stores.

James did three Mediterranean Cruises in the North Atlantic and was a part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces stationed in Beirut, where he sailed off the coast of Lebanon for five months. He says,

“We were never in our home port. A carrier is never in their home port. They call a carrier the ‘USS Never-Dock.’ In the first two years, I saw more of Italy than I saw of Ohio. In the six years I was in, I saw more of the Mediterranean than I saw of Ohio...Going out to sea was something I enjoyed.”

In 1986, James left the Navy as an E4 and resumed his career at Key Bank. He started his involvement with the VFW serving as District Historian, has since served on the Executive Board for the American Legion and has held other positions throughout the years. He is currently the 13th District Commander for the American Legion, and he retired from Key Bank in January after 43 years. On May 11th, 2023, James Lockyer was elected Commander for the American Legion Post 91.

James lives in Parma with his wife of 34 years, and has three children and three grandchildren. He enjoys reading, photography and going on train rides. He is also interested in model trains, a hobby he's had since he was a kid. This year, he plans to build a 60-year-old American Flyer model train. And, of course, James will never stop making travel plans.

Victoria

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(Previous) 1st Vice Commander, James Lockyer

Summer is partially here. Hopefully the warm weather will arrive and stay for a while. Membership renewal has slowed down quite a bit. We are currently at 92%, which is roughly 65 members short of hitting our goal of 100%. Hopefully during the warm weather, we will see a few more renewals. New membership for this year has been steady. We have signed 28 new members.

James

2nd Vice Commander, Keith Mattison

Hi to all. As we bring in spring and hopefully welcome summer, I want to remind you to fly your flag on June 14th for Flag Day, and would also like to wish everyone a happy Independence Day. As you all know, the elections are over for Post Officers and I once again was elected 2nd Vice.

We are planning good things for summer.

- We have had bar bingo every Wednesday. Starting in June for the summer, bar bingo will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.
- June 10th will be our 3rd annual Riddy Run, rain or shine. The first bike will be out at 11am. There will be tickets available for basket raffles and for our griddle raffle.
- On Friday nights in June and July, we will be having burgers and dogs on the grill. On Friday nights in August and September, we will once again have our delicious BBQ ribs on the grill.

Remember that the post is a great place to gather for fun and friendship. This is your Post and you all should be proud of what we all do here. Unfortunately, the Post cannot run without volunteers to help in the kitchen and for other functions we have where volunteers are needed. Please give a night to help your Post and to enjoy the camaraderie.

Also, if you have any ideas or thoughts for legion gatherings, feel free to see me, Sarah or Kaylin.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Flag Day and Fourth of July. Enjoy the summer. Remember to thank a Veteran.

God Bless America!!!

Keith





American Legion, Cont



Adjutant, George Masie

Hello members and friends of Post 91.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Post 91 Officers, who will lead our Post through the upcoming year. Congratulations Commander James Lockyer, First-Vice Commander Ed Leopold, Second Vice-Commander Keith Mattison, Finance Officer Mel Baher and Adjutant George Masie. To our previous Commander Tony Mazzeo and our previous Finance Officer Tom Morgan, thank you for your service to the Post.

Some of our upcoming events in the Canteen:

- We will have a paper shredding truck at Post 91 on June 2nd. The truck will be here from 12:30-2:30pm. We welcome our members to take advantage of this opportunity to do a little spring cleaning.
- There will be a DJ in the Canteen on June 3rd and July 1st from 7-11pm.
- We then kick off July with a great place to watch the City of Berea fireworks display. There will be food, beer and fun offered outdoors prior to and during the show.
- The Canteen has acquired a margarita machine! Watch for frozen drink specials on weekends throughout the summer.

We are always looking for volunteers for many of the things we do at Post 91. Without our volunteers, many of the meals we offer and maintenance to our Post would be impossible. We are currently looking for Friday night cooks, so we can grill burgers in June and July. In August and September, we will be serving ribs on Friday nights. THANK YOU to all our volunteers, and please consider signing up to help in the kitchen and for the work parties on the second Saturday of each month. The opportunity to volunteer is open to all members. Contact a Post Officer or one of our staff with questions about how to get involved.

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

George

Color Guard, Robert Roginsky

Have some fun this summer. We need men and women Veterans, and daughters and sons of Veterans to join the Color Guard. It's a fun, satisfying experience. Do something for your Post. For more information call;

Jon Silvis
440-823-1066

OR

Bob Roginsky
440-582-5856

Bob

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American Legion Auxiliary



Auxiliary President, Donella Kline

Thank you to the 2022-23 Auxiliary Officers. Your guidance and support is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to the 2023-24 Auxiliary Officers!

Thank you for your willingness to share your time supporting our Veterans, children and the community!

- 1st Vice President, Nina Zdravecky
- 2nd Vice President, Stacey Lehman
- Secretary, Christine Dellapenna
- Treasurer/Membership, Nancy Doult
- Chaplain, Nicki Haire
- Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeanne Haas

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact an Auxiliary Officer.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to the plate and donated blood for the Sleeves-Up campaign!

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

2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Bunny Brunch. A special thank you to Marianna Peris and Gayle Bradish for all their hard work and making the place so festive!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the flower sale and everyone who supported my poppy garden project.

Stacey



1st Vice Auxiliary, Nina Zdravecky

Hello happy people! I want to start out by thanking everyone that donated to our garage sale this year. To all the awesome volunteers that gave of your time to help with sorting, pricing and packing up, we could not have done it without your help. As most of you already know, the money we raised is for our scholarship fund. I am so very happy to report that our sales exceeded our expectations. Nancy Doult will be reporting on the recipients.

The deadline for walk-in-sales at Dean's greenhouse to support our flower sale is June 15th. It is in Westlake, but if you do go there you will need to mention at checkout, before they start to ring up the sale, that you are supporting Post 91.

Lastly, the Auxiliary will be manning the food station for the 4th of July fireworks once again, and we hope to see you and your families there.

Nina

Welcome New Auxiliary Members!

Tracie Bowers
 Dorothy Buzzard
 Martha Flow
 Amy Johnson
 Debra M. Jones
 Emma Lautzenheiser
 Jo Ann Reiss
 Jane Romankowski
 Linda Root
 Allison Schulte
 Kelly Vennetti
 Carmen Whiteaker
 Lisa Zamrzla



American Legion Auxiliary, Cont



Auxiliary Membership, Nancy Doutt

As of this writing, we have processed 390 memberships, which is 100.5% of our 388 goal. Thank you! The 2024 membership drive starts August 1st, 2023. Members are encouraged to pay their dues by December 31st, 2023, because on January 1st, 2024, you are considered delinquent. Based on the increase of National dues, our Unit will also be raising their dues starting August 1st, 2023.

Auxiliary Color Guard

The Auxiliary Color Guard needs YOU! We are in need of additional members. We participate in local parades, are occasionally asked to post Colors at ceremonies, and have participated in the Auxiliary memorial service when a family member requests it. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more information before saying "yes", please contact Nancy Doutt at (440) 552-4713.

2023 Auxiliary Scholarship Award Winners

Thanks to the generosity of donors and buyers at this year's garage sale, the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee was able to award three scholarships this year: Congratulations to Emma Lautzenheiser, Celeste Leopold, and Joseph Zacharyasz!

Nancy



A Note from the Editor

Do you have a story you would like to share about an experience you had as a Veteran or during active duty? Whether your story will make us laugh or cry, it could become one of the feature stories in a future newsletter. Names in the story can be changed to protect the identities and privacy of those involved. You can write it yourself, or we can schedule an interview and I can write it for you. If you have a story you would like to share with the members of Post 91, please contact me at vschaft@outlook.com and write Post 91 in the subject line.

Victoria



Sons of American Legion



SAL Commander, Duane Schaft

Following a busy football and raffle season, things can slow down a little as we enjoy the summer.

The SAL scholarship committee performed their evaluations for awarding a deserving student with the annual Bear Hof Memorial Scholarship. Final results will be announced at the June meeting.

The SAL conducted our elections in April. I am pleased to announce that the entire board rolled over for the 2023-2024 season. Thank you to everyone for continuing to serve.

The 13th District SAL board held their elections in April for the upcoming season. The existing officers mostly rolled forward. Chuck O'Malley (91) continues as Adjutant. Chance Dewerth (91) volunteered for the open position of POW / MIA Chairman. The next 13th District SAL meeting is June 11th at Post 627 in Newburgh Heights. Doors open at 10:00am and the meeting begins at 10:30am.

On June 23rd-24th, Chance DeWerth will be participating in the Ohio Scottish Games Competition held at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds.

In April, I was fortunate to participate with my daughter in the Tunnel Tours of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. It was a rewarding experience. Jon Silvis was our tour guide and made it both fun and educational. Also, on 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 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



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American Legion Riders



ALR Director, Ed Leopold

Hello Fellow A.L.R. People,

Well, it is almost June and so far every Saturday has been a wash-out to ride. Hopefully that will change soon. Keep your fingers crossed.

We have the Riddy Run on June 10th, and Sarah has a lot planned for us. DJ Jerome will be playing tunes after the food. Our first stop has been changed to Brunswick VFW, and then we'll go on to Streetsboro, Newburgh Hts., AL Post 610, and then back to Berea. I hope to see all Riders attend. We need a good showing in front of everybody for this run, especially our own Post. This run supports college scholarships.

Dave has a couple of runs lined up for us and will inform us of those at the next meeting. Hopefully we can get a few rides in after a few of our meetings.

On September 9th, we will be having our pig roast. We will have tickets available at the Post beginning June 1st. This is our only function so far this year, so let's make it a great one.

Bike Nights to visit other posts and meet fellow Riders are on Wednesday evenings. The schedule is on our Facebook page. Please feel free to call me anytime with any questions or comments. If I do not answer, leave a message and I will get back to you ASAP. (216-396-3099)

Remember to keep the wheels down and head in the wind.

Thank A Vet,

Big Ed



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Bulletin Board

June

2nd: Paper Shredding Truck, 12:30-2:30pm

3rd: DJ Jerome, 7pm

10th: Work Party, 10:30am
Riddy Run

14th: Flag Day
Flag Disposal Ceremony, 7pm

18th: Father's Day Breakfast, 10-12pm

July

1st: DJ Jerome, 7pm

4th: Independence Day

8th: Work Party, 8:30am



Flag Disposal and Purchasing at Post 91

- *Drop torn and faded flags into the blue mailbox by the entrance of the canteen to be properly disposed of at the Flag Disposal Ceremony*
- *Flag Disposal Ceremony at Post 91 is on Feb 14th at 7pm. The ceremony includes a Color Guard salute, ceremonial burning and a burying of the ashes. Open to all.*
- *New flags can be purchased at Post 91*
 - *3x5 American Flag, \$30*
 - *3x5 All Branches of Service Flags, \$30*
 - *3x5 POW/MCA Flag, \$45*
 - *Pole Kits (includes bracket, pole and cap), \$40*
 - *Never Furl Unfurler, \$12.50*
 - *Fiberglass Pole, \$15*
 - *Bracket, \$15*
 - *Pole Cap, \$5*

Sick Call TAPS

George Masie Leo Chainey
Philip Tavani