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From Sea to Shining Sea!



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family Members,

Welcome to fall! I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer, and enjoyed some of the activities and services at our Post. We have had some great events this summer with good turnouts.

Please watch the bulletin board in the canteen for fall events and any special holiday events. They are just around the corner.

We are currently looking to hire one more cleaning person for the hall. If anyone is interested, please give me a call at 216-470-3858. Also, our kitchen staff could use a few more volunteers to keep our dinners going.

Our Blue Caps meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. I would like to see our numbers increase at these meetings. Every member has a voice and every Veteran has a vote. Please attend and be heard because your input is valued.

For God and Country

James Lockyer



**POW/MIA
Ceremony, 2023**





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

Helping Those That Served

Sunday, November 5, 2023 - 1:00 - 5:00 PM



EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE MISSION READINESS HEALTHY REINTEGRATION



In honor of those who served, Berea Elks Lodge #1815 and American Legion Post 91 of Berea have partnered to host a **FREE Veterans Wellness Program** addressing reintegration to civilian life, PTSD mitigation, and learning personal health warning signs.

- Learn how to impact your personal health and wellness and learn the warning signs of deteriorated wellness for fellow veterans and others.
- Take aways will include an ability to track wellness metrics through wearable devices provided by our program.
- Learn how to build a foundational routine for an understanding about HOW and WHY, rather only learning WHAT impacts wellness.

We will feature a presentation on building foundational routines to improve resilience:

The 3Rs Path: Emotional Resilience

Mission Readiness

Healthy Reintegration

The program is free to active military and all veterans and will include gift bags for the first 30 veteran registrants containing personal health monitoring equipment, health diaries, and other supplies essential to the program.

To register, go to bereaelks.com/3RS

Light snacks will be served during the presentation, with a dinner at 5pm to honor the service of our Veterans. RSVP by October 28, 2023.

EVENT LOCATION

American Legion Post 91
91 American Legion Parkway Berea, OH 44017

This program is funded by a Freedom Grant awarded to Berea Elks Lodge #1815 From The Elks National Foundation



Building Chairman, Gene Joy

You pay your dues so we can make the Post what you would expect. If you see something that needs our attention, text 513-315-9557 or email genojoy@gmail.com, and we'll address your comment.

Also, please consider joining our work parties on the second Saturday of each month. Breakfast is provided at 8am, and the work is basically light.

Thanks!

Gene



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American Legion



1st Vice Commander, Ed Leopold

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to fall everyone. There's not much to report this time, except to remind you to get your dues paid. So far, we are about 55% of our Post's goal for membership. Soon, the early bird memberships will come to an end, so get your membership paid. It sure would be nice to hit our Post's quota this year.

I hope to have more info in the next newsletter.

Big Ed

Color Guard, Robert Roginsky

Please consider joining the Color Guard.

The Color Guard has been around for many years and serves many purposes by celebrating those that have served in the past, present and future. These include:

- Color Guard Events
- Parades
- Cemeteries
- Funerals
- Ceremonies
- MIA / KIA Memorials

For more information call

Bob Roginsky
440-582-5856

OR

Jon Silvis
440-823-1066

Bob

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2nd Vice Commander, Keith Mattison

Hello to all.

As I am sitting on my patio writing this, I can start to feel the nip in the air. It's hard to believe another summer is almost over as September 23rd is the first official day of Autumn. The weather will start to change and you will be able to smell fall in the air.

As we wind down, we will be bringing back steak night starting October 6th. Also, on October 14th we are hosting our annual clam bake: chicken bake is \$30, 8oz strip steak bake is \$40 and an extra dozen clams are \$10. There is a limited number of tickets available so make sure you get them before they sell out.

Also remember that November 11th is Veterans Day and a free lunch will be served at the Post to all Veterans.

Members have been asking if we are going to be doing another Night at the Races, and hopefully sometime after the first of the year, my dream team will help me put it together. We had a conflict with dates for the hall, so that's why it will be scheduled in the first half of 2024.

If there is anything that you as members would like to see us do, please feel free to make suggestions to Sarah, Kaylin or myself.

As fall approaches, this is a good time to get your house ready for winter. Have your furnace checked to make sure it is in good working order.

As always, the Post would not run without volunteers so, if possible, please sign up for a night. It only works with everyone's help.

Keith



American Legion, Cont



Finance Officer, Mel Baher

DONATIONS SINCE JULY

Name	Memo	Amount	Friends Forever	Children & youth	
AED Superstore	Order #11145	\$1,189.00	Girl Scouts of North East Ohio	Donation	\$250.00
AED Superstore	Order #624812	\$2,390.05	Greater Cleveland Young Marines	Marines program	\$250.00
Alex Dettmer	Memorial Day Bugler	\$50.00	Groza Titans Youth football	Team Sponsor	\$125.00
Alpha Dawg Flag Football	Annual Donation	\$500.00	Hanson House	Friend of Hanson House donation	\$150.00
Alpha Dawg Flag Football	Annual Donation	\$500.00	Jason Malone Scholarship	Golf Outing Hole Sponsor	\$100.00
Amazon	VA Hospice - 16 echo dots	\$759.84	Jeff Gabel	Donation to help with Medical Exp	\$1,500.00
Amazon	Gas dectector / Fire Dept	\$985.00	John Rader	Post 91 Santa	\$200.00
American Cancer Society	Annual Donation	\$100.00	Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County	Full page Ad	\$404.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91	Halloween Childrens trick or treat	\$300.00	Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County	ful, page ad & 8 tickets	\$404.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91	Memorial Day Breakfast	\$91.60	Name	Memo	Amount
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91	Donation	\$5,000.00	Louis Schmidt Annual Grant	Christmas Family grants	\$1,000.00
American Legion Department of Ohio	Boys State Program	\$1,500.00	Ken Gilder	VA Triva night	\$258.00
American Legion Department of Ohio	Gift for the Yanks Donation	\$1,248.91	Marianna Peris	Veteran's dinner meeting	\$227.98
American Legion National	Dues payment for WWII veterans	\$400.00	Marianna Peris	Veteran's Domicillary dinner	\$200.00
American Legion Riders	Donation	\$5,000.00	Mary Ann Deimling	Auxiliary District Dinner	\$56.12
American Legion S.A.L. Squadron	Donation	\$5,000.00	Mel Baher	National Convention / donation	\$500.00
Amsterdam Printing	pocket calendars	\$350.92	Mel Baher	National Convention / donation	\$500.00
Berea Arts Fest	donation	\$250.00	Mission Wags	Donation	\$340.00
Berea City Club	Christmas Trees	\$100.00	National World War II Museum	Donation	\$100.00
Berea High School Alumni Association	Golf Outing Hole Sponsor	\$100.00	National Multiple Sclerosis Society	Annual Donation	\$150.00
Berea-Midpark Athletic Boosters	Tom Madzy 5K sponsor	\$150.00	Paralyzed Veterans hole sponsor	Annual Donation / Hole Sponsor/ Donation	\$250.00
Berea Kiwanis Club	placemat ad	\$50.00	Post 91	Active Duty frames	\$30.00
Berea Kiwanis Club	American Flags over Berea	\$180.00	Ride with Valor	Bedford Hts., Home repair donation	\$1,000.00
Brian Riddle Memorial Fund	Post 91 Rider's event	\$1,000.00	Ride with Valor	Top golf hole sponsor	\$775.00
Cardio Partners Inc.	Police Department AED	\$2,249.68	Ray Kozlowski	VA Hospice	\$500.00
Cardio Partners Inc.	Police Dept. Training AED	\$423.70	Ray Kozlowski	VA Hospice	\$500.00
City Of Berea	Annual Events Sponsor	\$3,000.00	Ron Covrett	color guard equipment	\$28.54
Coast Guard Foundation	donation	\$100.00	Salvation Army of Northeast Ohio	Annual Donation	\$100.00
Coast Guard Foundation	donation	\$100.00	Second Mile Outreach	Donation	\$100.00
Cub Scout Pack 107	Banner re-imbursement	\$90.00	Sensible Products	Fire Dept invoice 11145	\$1,189.00
Cub Scout Pack 107	Neckerchiefs, Slides, Handbooks	\$1,500.00	Special Olympics	Donation	\$200.00
Emma Escalier	Memorial Day Bugler	\$50.00	Stacey Lehman	Re-imburse for Littlest Hero Gifts	\$2,000.00
			Stan Popek	support for Post 31 - E. Palistine Ohio	\$500.00
			Southwest Hospice Luminaria	Donation	\$150.00
			Susan B. Komen	Annual Donation	\$100.00
			The Education Foundation	Silver level sponsor	\$2,500.00
			The USO	Donation	\$250.00
			Tom Kosicki	Memorial Day Bagpiper	\$100.00
			VFW Post 3345 Auxiliary	Golf Outing Hole Sponsor	\$100.00
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			VVA Chapter 15	full page Ad	\$100.00
			West Denison Baseball League	Team Sponsor	\$250.00
			Wounded Warrior Project	Annual Donation	\$150.00
			ZAP Entertainment	Post 91 Christmas Party	\$275.00
					\$52,771.34
			Issac DiVencenzo	Albert E. Baesel Scholarship	\$1,000
			Devin Boyle	Thomas Marks Scholarship	\$1,000
			Andrew Leopold	James C. Masie Scholarship	\$1,000
			Talia DelVecchio	Virginia R. Offenbergs Scholarship	\$1,000
			Joseph Zacharyasz	Don & Barb Vaji GFY Scholarship	\$1,000
				SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS TOTAL	\$5,000

Mel

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American Legion Auxiliary



1st Vice Auxiliary, Nina Zdravecky

Hello Happy People!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer! Thank you to everyone that supported us at the last outdoor concert of the year with the band, Voodoo Child.

Remember, it is our pumpkin roll season. Get your orders in because as of now, we have just two more baking days to go.

We have decided not to move forward with the Trunk-or-Treat this year due to lack of participation. I believe it is due to the majority of our membership aging out of young children and grandchildren, so let's get some young blood in here!

Wishing everyone a safe Halloween and a blessed Thanksgiving with your loved ones,

Nina



Family Picnic, 2023

2nd Vice, Stacey Lehmann

I hope that everyone is doing well and enjoying all of the unique fall festivities in our area. With that being said, this year the Auxiliary has decided not to host any Post 91 children's Halloween events. Over the past few years, less members have signed up their children/grandchildren and it has become harder to get participation from our members. Although we will not be hosting the event, we will be participating again this year in Berea's Trick-or-Treat Trail during the Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 15th. This fun family festival is open to all, but the Trick-or-Treat Trail portion of the day is by ticket only for children in the Berea city school district. We are asking for donations of Halloween goodies to be passed out at our Auxiliary table within the trail. (Examples of Goodies include: candy, suckers, fruit snacks, small bags of chips/pretzels, Halloween pencils, plastic rings, glow sticks, plastic toys, small playdough, vampire teeth and stickers). Donations can be left for the Auxiliary in the canteen.

On Veterans Day, the Auxiliary will be providing lunches for all Veterans at the Post. On Sunday, November 12th, we will be honoring Post 91 Women Veterans at our annual Lady Veteran Luncheon.

If anyone has any questions about the Veterans Day activities, call Stacey at 440-465-3868.

Stacey

Welcome New Auxiliary Members!

Lynne Zajac



American Legion Auxiliary, Cont



Auxiliary Membership and Community Service Chairman, Nancy Doult

Membership and Dues Increase

The 2024 membership year has begun. We've already processed 40 senior members and 2 junior members, putting us at 10.77% of our goal of 390. As of the writing of this letter, the first renewal notice has not yet arrived from the National Auxiliary but should be in your mailbox very soon. Dues are \$40 for seniors and \$6.25 for juniors. Please call me at (440) 552-4713 if you have any questions. Thank you.

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 participate in Auxiliary memorial services 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 Doult at (440) 552-4713.

Nancy

Giving Tree

By popular demand, the giving tree will again be going up the weekend before Thanksgiving on either November 18th or 19th, 2023. This will give you an opportunity to pick up your tags and to make out your list for all the Black Friday and Cyber Monday specials. Thank you.



**Voodoo Child
Band Concert, 2023**



Sons of American Legion



SAL Commander, Duane Schaft

The Sons of the American Legion (SALs) are ready to begin our fall and winter activities.

Please come enjoy the fun and camaraderie at our football tailgate parties this season. Join us in the pavilion to watch the Cleveland Browns @ Indianapolis Colts on October 22nd at 1pm. Food and beverages will be available for \$10. Tickets are sold on-site on game day. We always have plenty of burgers, hot dogs, brats, canned beer, pop and various raffles. Feel free to bring a side dish. This is always a great time! Our second tailgate party is the Michigan Wolverines @ Ohio State Buckeyes on November 25th, and kickoff is at noon. This tailgate will be in the Post 91 hall. This event was very successful last year, and the tradition continues. Watch future postings for more information.

The SALs are holding our annual Veterans Day dinner on Saturday, November 11th. Dinner is served from 5–7pm.

Our annual Super Bowl Party is February 11th, 2024, and will be held in the Post 91 hall. This SAL fundraiser benefits our annual Bear Hof Memorial Scholarship. Doors open at 5pm for a 6:30pm kickoff. More information will follow as we get closer to the event.

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

Do you have something you would like to share with your Post 91 family members? You can have it published in the Post By The Lake!

Items that may be selected for publication within the newsletter or the cover page include:

- Photographs of your time in active duty
- Photographs of Military and Veterans events
- Creative patriotic photographs or artwork including drawings (such as the one featured on this issue's cover page), paintings, crafts, etc.
- Original short-short stories or short poems

Submit your item(s) to vschaft@outlook.com and type "Post 91" into the subject line. Please include your name and any other information that is pertinent to your submission. (If necessary, I can help you scan a hardcopy into a digital format.) Submissions will be published based on content and available space.

Deadline for the December / January issue is November 17th and is open to all who love our country.



American Legion Riders



ALR Director, Ed Leopold

Hello Riders,

Well, it looks like the riding season is coming to a quick end after a year with a lot of rain.

I would like to say our ALR Pig Roast was a success this year. I don't have any details yet but will hopefully have them by the meeting. I would like to thank all the people who supported our fundraiser this year, and all our peeps that came in the morning to set up and broke down in the evening. You know who you are. Thank you again.

I have nothing else to report at this time. See you at our meeting on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

Big Ed



Bike Night, 2023



ALR Pig Roast, 2023

Bulletin Board

October

2nd: Troop 107 popcorn sale, 6-7:30pm

7th: DJ Jerome, 7pm

14th: Work Party, 8:30am

22nd: SAL Browns Tailgate Party, 1pm

31st: Halloween

November

4th: Dj Jerome, 7pm

5th: Veterans Wellness Program, 1-5pm
(More info and RSVP info on pg. 2)

11th: Veterans Day
Work party, 8:30am
AUX Veterans Day Luncheon, TBA
SAL Veterans Day Dinner, 5-7pm

12th: AUX Lady Veterans Day Lunch, TBA

23rd: Thanksgiving

25th: SAL Ohio State Tailgate, 12pm



TAPS

Allen DuBois

Ron Fazekas

Paul W. Marten

Justin Whittaker

SICK CALL

Darlene Schaefer

Natalie Woelfle

*Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
is scheduled for
November 9th, 2023 at 10am
at the Fawcett Center*

*2400 Olentangy River Rd
Columbus, Oh 43210*