



POSTINGS

Newsletter of American Legion Young-Budd Post 171, Westerville, Ohio

December 2019

Commander's Notes:

As December holidays rapidly approach, we can look back on a very eventful and successful November. The Veterans Day Dinner was attended by no less than 97 people, including the Mayor and City Manager of Westerville, the Chief of the Department of Fire, our guest speaker Warren Motts and Udo Maroscher who sang the National Anthem. Mayor Treneff presented the Post with a Certificate of Recognition in observance of our 100th Anniversary. We in turn recognized with certificates and plaques, Officer John Jeffries as the Westerville Police Officer of the Year and Lt. Mike Ullo as the Westerville Firefighter of the Year.

On the actual Veterans Day a contingent from the Post joined other veterans at Heritage Middle School where each veteran was given a gift bag with homemade bread and a hand crafted medallion and then at Huber Ridge Elementary School where we were greeted by the sign shown in the following photo taken by Sheila Nocks.



Unfortunately, we failed to make our goal of 100% membership renewal by Veterans Day, but we are now shooting to make that goal by the Department Mid-Winter Conference on January 24th. If you haven't yet renewed see 1st Vice Commander Dave Bergman or simply go on-line to mylegion.org and renew.

One final note, as the first Wednesday in January is New Years Day, there will be **NO MEETING IN JANUARY**. We will return to our scheduled programs and activities with the Veterans Breakfast on January 15th.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

—John R. McElhaney, Commander

News You Can Use:

Ask Joe: Your Benefits Guru

Dear Joe,

My husband, Bert, served in the Army for 22 years, retired in 1995, and we were RV'ing around the country visiting the grandkids until we decided to live in Tucson, AZ. He became ill a few years back with what the VA says is Agent Orange related cancer and he did okay for a while, but then began to decline. Sadly, he's now in hospice care and the doctors don't give him much time. Bert always said he wanted to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, so that's what I'm going to do if I can. But I heard it might be months after the death before his funeral can even happen. That isn't true, is it?

Adele in Arizona

Dear Adele,

First, thanks to both of you for your service to the country. I'm sorry to hear about Bert's state of health but glad to see you're trying to get a handle on what can sometimes be a confusing process during a difficult time. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery is truly beautiful because the rich history of military honors makes the service special and it's obvious, they consider caring for our nation's heroes and their families during their time of need a sacred duty.

Yes, Adele, your information is correct, and it can take months after the death before interment can happen at Arlington National Cemetery. On average, the cemetery conducts between 27 and 30 funeral services each day with varying degrees of military funeral honors, chaplain support, chapel services, and fly overs; they schedule services based on available cemetery and military resources. The demand for Arlington National Cemetery burial is great, but resources are limited.

I would advise beginning to put together the necessary documentation i.e., Bert's DD Form 214, Release or Discharge from Active Duty, researching potential funeral directors and, upon death, contact the Arlington National Cemetery Customer Service Center at (877)907-8585 to begin arrangements for the interment service.

As always, MyArmyBenefits has details on all your benefits. Check the Arlington National Cemetery and Burial and Memorial Fact Sheets at <https://MyArmyBenefits.us.army.mil> for further information.

Joe

MINUTES: Below are the minutes from last month's meeting. Please read them and offer any corrections to the Adjutant prior to the call for approval at the 4 Dec 2019 meeting.

Membership Meeting Minutes, 6 Nov 2019

- Called to order Commander John McElhaney at 1900 with customary ceremonies.
- Resolution 288 for 67th National Convention read aloud by Mike Boone.
- Quorum declared by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Laidley. The members voted, approved and the November minutes are published online.
- Commander recognized following special guests from the 12th District: Commander, Rick Garren, First Vice Commander and Past Post 171 Commander Thomas Poulton, 2nd Vice Commander Malcolm Glasgow, Executive Secretary Steve Ebersole, and 12th District and Post 171 Judge Advocate Chris Curry
- Commander recognized past Commanders in attendance: Fred Winckelman, Mike Etling, Steve Romeo and Pete Otteson.

Committee reports:

- Finance - Flo Evans not in attendance.
- Membership – Dave Bergman stated that we were 78.6% of our goal for paid memberships. For those who ordered 100th anniversary shirts, they are in. See Dave for your shirt.
- Building – The concrete for the old shelter house has been removed and the bid to replace the concrete just outside the west door was approved for \$2,500.00.
- Rental - No issues.
- Americanism - The Americanism tests are being given to 575 students at the three high schools. Glenn Golden is the chairperson for distributing and grading this test.
- Service Officer - Tim Dickerson Tim Dickerson, emphasized that veterans should have a living will so that their families can carry out their wishes in the event of illness or death.
- Adjutant - Not in attendance. David Troutman emailed the November 2019 minutes and newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

- Nothing to report

New Business:

- Adoption of revised constitution and by-laws was approved. The purchase of a projector for use by The American Legion was approved with a budget of \$500.00.

Good of the Legion announcements:

- Tom Poulton and Jack Cashman were welcomed back at the November meeting after their surgeries.
- Dave Burnett will be having back surgery soon. We wish him well.
- John Day, World War II Veteran, who recently received the French Legion of Honor Award, has passed away.
- The Veterans Day Dinner is November 9th. About 95 people have signed up to attend.
- Heritage Middle School and Huber Ridge Elementary are having Veterans Day programs on November 11th at their schools and have invited Post 171 to come and speak to the students about their service.
- Remember that Wednesday, November 20th, is the Veterans breakfast here at the post.

Meeting adjourned at 2015 – *Respectfully submitted, David Troutman, Adjutant*

Meetings and Events Calendar

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, all American Legion Post 171 meetings and events are at the Post Hall at 393 E. College Ave., Westerville, Ohio 43081. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7883 also meets at the Post Hall.

- 4 Dec 2019: Post Meeting at 1900
 - 18 Dec 2019: Cancelled: Veterans Breakfast at Post 0900 until complete
 - 1 Jan 2020: Cancelled: Post Meeting at 1900
 - 15 Jan 2020: Veterans Breakfast at the Post from 0900 until complete
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