



POSTINGS

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

June 2019

Commander's Notes:

Following the Monthly Veterans' Breakfast May 15th a group of 10-12 veterans and their better halves, a mixture of prior and first-time visitors, journeyed south to Groveport to the Motts' Military Museum. An enjoyable and instructive time was had by all as we toured the many and varied displays. Mott's is a "must visit" for anyone interested in military history and memorabilia.

Saturday May 25th a dedicated group of members, over a three hour period at Northlawn and Otterbein Cemeteries, placed flags on the graves of several hundred veterans. The group then returned to the Post and sorted and moved usable picnic tables into position for our cook-out Monday the 27th.

Speaking of the cook-out, thanks to all involved from buying the food, to doing the cooking, to the ladies who made all the great deserts and to those who set up and cleaned up. Your efforts made it aa great success! A great big **"WELL DONE"** to all those involved in the Memorial Day March and Program, especially to the Honor Guard and Firing Squad who rendered the Honors at the four cemeteries. A special note of thanks to Pete Otteson for organizing the day's activities and getting us such a good speaker in Deputy Chief Chandler.

Wednesday June 5th will be our monthly meeting and installation of officers for the 2019-2020 American Legion Year. Conducting the installation will be 12th District Commander George Mussi and 12 District Executive Secretary Steve Ebersole.

As in past years there will be no meeting in July, but in August the Buckeye Boy and Girl State Candidates will be at our meeting to tell us about their experiences during their week at the respective programs. This is always an impressive and inspiring evening. Past Post 171 Commander and 12th District 1st Vice Commander Elect Tom Poulton has arranged for Congressman Balderson to be our guest speaker at the September 4th meeting talking about Veterans' Legislation. Come on out to the Post and support both of these excellent opportunities.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

—John R. McElhaney, Commander

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 5 Jun 2019 meeting.

Membership Meeting Minutes, 1 May 2019

- Called to order by Commander John McElhaney at 1900 with customary ceremonies.
- Resolution 288 for 67th National Convention read aloud by Commander.
- Meeting resumed: Quorum declared by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Laidley. Motion forwarded by Ron Leonard and seconded by Glen Golden to approve the May 2019 minutes. The members voted, approved and the minutes are published online.
- Dorothy Williams, Ladies Auxiliary, discussed the boxes they are sending to troops. She asked for used shoes that are still good and usable. Bring to the June meeting.
- Dave Gerhardt discussed the book he wrote about his experience in Vietnam. He said it took him 44 years to decide to write it.
- Commander recognized past Commanders in attendance: Fred Winckelman, Mike Etling, Tom Poulton, Pete Otteson, Dave Burnett.

Committee reports:

- Finance - Flo Evans passed out financial report and stated that she transferred \$10,000 investment interest.
- Membership – Chuck Hurley reported we are six members short of making the goal and Dave Bergman will be taking over after the election.
- Building – Tom Poulton announced that that we have an approved permit for the demo of the shelter in the back of the Post. The Work Day has been cancelled.
- Rental - Mark Eucker not in attendance. He forwarded that the rentals are going well.
- Americanism - Glen Golden reported the Buckeye Boys State Orientation was last Saturday and all our nominees including alternates will attend. Several groups donated money resulting in only \$210 in cost to the Post.
- Service Officer - Tim Dickerson no report.
- Adjutant - David Troutman posted the May 2019 minutes and newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

- Mike Etling announced the proposed slate of officers.
 - Commander John McElhaney
 - 1st Vice Commander Dave Bergman
 - 2nd Vice Commander Ron Leonard
 - 3rd Vice Commander Chuck Hurley
 - Adjutant Dave Troutman
 - Finance Officer Flo Evans
 - Post Historian Vern Pack
 - Post Service Officer Tim Dickerson with the assistance of George Williams
 - Sgt-at-Arms Bill Laidley
 - Trustees Tom Poulton, Mike Etling, Sonny Evans
- The Commander asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. Tom Poulton motioned to close the nominations and Glen Golden seconded the motion. The members voted and approved to close nominations. Tom Poulton motioned to

move the slate forward. Jack Cashman seconded the motion. The members voted and approved moving the slate forward.

- Pete Otteson provided an overview of the Memorial Day March. It will take place on 27 May 2019 at 0945. We will meet behind City Hall. We will march south on State Street, stop at the Armory to place a Wreath and continue to the ceremony at Otterbein. Westerville North High School is the band for this year.
 - Charles Chandler, Westerville Acting Chief of Police, is this year's speaker.
 - City of Westerville will provide a bus for the Firing Squad.
- Jack Cashman is coordinating for Warren Motts to be the speaker at the Post's 100th Anniversary Dinner.
- The website is still being worked.
- Tom Poulton discussed the opportunity to attend the Columbus Clippers game on 6 Jun 2019 at 1905 as a D-Day remembrance. He is recommending members wear the Legion Cap and for the Post bring the Colors.

New Business:

- Tom Poulton discussed the Resolution he is recommending to forward to change the requirements for the National Level \$10,000 College Scholarship for Eagle Scouts. The Scholarship currently requires the Eagle Scout to be in a Troop Chartered at an American Legion Post and to be a descendant of a Veteran. The proposal would change the requirement to all qualified Eagle Scouts in all chartered organizations. There was a discussion by the Post members. Tim Dickerson motioned to approve the Resolution with the proper Scouts BSA language. Jack Cashman seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve the resolution.
- Motts' Museum Tour. After discussion, the Commander announced the Post would coordinate to attend the museum after the breakfast on 15 May 2019
- George Williams invited all members to visit the National Veterans Memorial and Museum the first Saturday of every month. Admission and parking are free and he recommends a Rally Point at the museum at 0900.
- 4th Friday Reminders that we are out shaking cans to raise money to send packages to deployed troops. We will cover every other month with the VFW covering the months in between. We will tentatively start in April and will cover 3 months.
- There will be a golf outing on 10 and 11 Aug 2019 in Dayton. It is \$80 for the 4 man scramble.
- David Troutman announced that we have three slots for delegates to attend the Department Convention from 28-30 Jun 2019 in Toledo.
- Dave Bergman reminded members of the Honor Flight Pancake Breakfast on 11 May 2019 from 0730 to 1030 at the post.

Good of the Legion announcements:

- Ohio Flags are held in Wapakoneta, OH from 26-28 Jul 2019.
- The Traveling Vietnam Wall will be in Marion, OH from 18-21 Jul 2019.
- Dave Burnett cannot attend Boys State this year. He needs someone to transport the Utility Department information since it will be needed for Boys State.

Meeting adjourned at 1955 – *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.

- 5 Jun 2019: Post Meeting at 1900
 - 6 Jun 2019: Clippers Game at 1905. D-Day remembrance. Wear Legion Cap and Post bring Colors.
 - 18-21 Jul 2019: The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at the Marion Community Credit Union
 - 9 Nov 2019: Combined Veterans Day Dinner Honoring Police and Fire and Post 171 100th Anniversary at Post 171 Facility
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