



POSTINGS

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

October 2019

Commander's Notes:

As I write this I am looking forward to 10 days with friends from West Virginia and a trip to Charleston, South Carolina to visit some of the historic sites. Because of the trip I will be absent from the October meeting, however, I have full confidence that 1st Vice Commander Dave Bergman will do a stellar job of filling my post. One of the items I'm sure he will address is the renewal of memberships and signing up of new members. With nearly two weeks to go until the October 2nd meeting, we are at 68% of our renewal goal. Those who have not renewed, **PLEASE** go online and renew or see Dave to complete the process. This is important, we want to have 100% of our membership goal by the Veterans Day Dinner. The Mayor of Westerville along with Police Department Officials will attend the October meeting to discuss the Bond Issue to fund the new Police and Mayor's Court facility and is scheduled for the November Ballot.

Coming up in November is our annual Veterans Day Dinner and Police and Firefighter of the Year Awards presentations. We have confirmed Warren Motts will be in attendance as our guest speaker, so get your reservations in early. A copy of the flier is attached with times, cost etc. November will also afford us the opportunity to interact with the youth of the community. As in years past, we have been invited to participate in the Veterans Day Program November 11th at Heritage Middle School. This program takes place at the start of the school day and normally last about 30 minutes. We march into the school gym after the students have arrived and we Post the Colors to begin the program and at the end we Retire the Colors. If you have never participated, it is a golden opportunity to share one of The Legion's 4 Pillars – Americanism with another of the Pillars – Youth. Historically, those who still have (and can still fit into) wear their service uniforms with the others wearing Legion shirts and caps. This year the Westerville Senior Center will be holding its Veterans Breakfast at our Post so if you sign up for the breakfast you can eat and visit the school as well. Also, Westerville South High School will be hosting a buffet style dinner for veterans on Tuesday November 5th from 5:30 to about 7:30. There is **no charge for veterans and family members** and since this is an appreciation dinner, there will be several students at the event eager to engage in conversation with the veterans and offer their appreciation for our service. The deadline for registering is **29 Oct 2019**.

E-mail is the preferred way to RSVP with voicemail as the alternative way. An email with the following information should be sent to westervillefvw@gmail.com:

Subject line should indicate "RSVP for WSHS Veteran's Banquet"

Body should include:

Name and contact information

Number in party including self

Branch of Service

Dietary restrictions (list as applicable for each member of party); examples might include dairy, gluten, vegan, etc.

The telephone number to RSVP if an email reply is not possible is **614-392-7194**. Please leave the same information as indicated above when the voicemail answers.

A reminder for the Executive Committee; the meeting has been changed from Wednesday at 1800 to Tuesday at 1830.

One final note, due to health issues Jack Cashman is stepping down as Commander/Coordinator of the Honors Detail. Anyone who would be interested in picking up the mantle please contact either Jack or myself.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

—John R. McElhaney, Commander

News You Can Use:

MSgt Frank Lawrence, USAF (Ret.) on Living at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC

The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) – which offers affordable independent living to eligible veterans in its Washington, DC, and Gulfport, MS locations, [is now accepting applications for immediate residency](#).

MSgt Frank Lawrence, USAF (Ret.) moved to AFRH-Washington in 2014 – and loves it there.

“There is so much to do,” he says. “We have a great gym, a therapeutic pool, a bowling alley, acres of land to walk around, a nine-hole golf course (free to residents), gardens and a pond. There are several trips a month to various restaurants, shopping centers, ball games, theater events and military commissaries. If I want, I can drive to these myself or even take a bus or metro.”

Another advantage: nearby world-class medical facilities. “Along with our excellent wellness center here on campus, we offer daily shuttle service to the Washington, DC VA Medical Center and to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. You can’t beat the care,” he says.

Frank’s never bored – he volunteers at the Home and takes part in multiple recreation activities each week. “It’s a new lifestyle here. I made some wonderful friends that I can sit in our great dining facility and when my family comes to visit, I can book a room in our guest rooms. I wouldn’t change a thing!”

Learn more about the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC or Gulfport, MS. Contact

AFRH at 800.422.9988 Ext. 1 or by email at admissions@afrh.gov

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 2 Oct 2019 meeting.

Membership Meeting Minutes, 4 Sep 2019

- Called to order by Commander John McElhaney at 1902 with customary ceremonies.
- Resolution 288 for 67th National Convention read aloud by Mike Boone.
- Commander introduced Congressman Troy Balderson who spoke on a range of issues and took questions. He is committed to supporting Veterans. Formed a Veteran's Advisory Committee to keep him abreast of local Veteran concerns and issues
- Meeting resumed at 1953: Quorum declared by Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Laidley. Motion forwarded by Ron Leonard and seconded by Bobby Nocks to approve the Aug 2019 minutes. The members voted, approved and the minutes are published online.
- Commander introduced special guests from 12th District, George Mussi, Immediate Past Commande, Steve Ebersole, Executive Secretary, Chris Curry, Judge Advocate
- Commander recognized past Commanders in attendance: Fred Winckelman, Mike Etling, Steve Romeo and Pete Otteson.
- Introduced Mary Ricci, former Army Captain stationed at Fort Monmouth, NJ. She is a current member who has not attended recently and wanted to introduce herself.

Committee reports:

- Finance - Flo Evans had Profit and Loss Statement on hand, but did not pass out due to large number of people at the meeting. Also, reminded members the reports are confidential and should not be shared outside the organization. There have been instances of members giving to other organizations and individuals.
- Membership – Dave Bergman stated that we are at roughly 65% of goal and 3rd in the District. We are a much larger Post than the number 1 and 2 Posts. The Goal is 100% by December. Renew now. Don't wait. Dave also reminded the membership there is an Honor Flight returning this Saturday, 7 Sep 2019 around 2100. The Westerville South Highschool Band will be there to welcome them home.
- Building – Mike Etling reported for Tom Poulton. He discussed several pending projects to include:
 - Replace floor coverings in several areas to include the Office, Foyers, Restrooms, Auxiliary Room. We received a quote for \$4,500. Motion forwarded by Dave Bergman and seconded by Glen Golden to approve \$4,500 and move forward with the project. The members voted and approved the motion. .
 - Demo the Picnic Shelter concrete and move the rocks. We received a quote for \$1,200. Motion forwarded by Ron Leonard and seconded by George Williams to approve moving forward with the project. The members voted and approved the motion.
 - Notice of Installation of drop ceiling or replacement of current ceiling is upcoming.
 - Notice of building new picnic shelter.
- Rental - Mark Eucker stated everything is fine. No issues
- Americanism - Glen Golden stated the Americanism and Government program will start in September. He stated there have been challenges coordinating with Westerville South High School. He request \$1,275 for prizes for the competition. Motion forwarded by George Williams and seconded by Bill Laidley to approve moving forward with the project. The members voted and approved the motion.

- Service Officer - Tim Dickerson said nothing to report.
- Adjutant - David Troutman emailed the September 2019 minutes and newsletter.

Unfinished Business:

- Commander reminded the membership about the 9 November Dinner that will honor First Responders. Cost will be \$15. Menu is posted in back of Post.
- Firing Squad needs additional members. Looking for volunteers.
- Proposed Committees asking for volunteers:
 - Buddy Check: Mike Boone chair. Steve Latiolais and Steve Romeo
 - Contact veterans who have not been attending meetings to check on their health and welfare.
 - Americanism: Glen Golden will continue to chair.
 - Coordinate Boys and Girls State with Auxiliary.
 - Americanism and Government testing.
 - Oratorical Contest
 - Membership: Dave Bergman is chair. Chuck Hurley and Steve Romeo.
 - Outreach: John Robbins
 - Aid to local veterans
 - Social: Need Chair
 - Greeting members and guests
 - Post Birthday
 - Veteran's Day Dinner
 - Special Event: Need Chair
 - Memorial Day Observance
 - July 4th Rotary Club Parade
 - 9/11 Observance
 - Publicity: Flo Evans
 - Articles and photos to 12th District, Department and local media
 - City Relations: Pete Otteson and Dan Carey.
- Stage refinishing is complete.

New Business:

- Webmaster charges \$50 per hour. Commander approved early \$435. Requests approval to pay invoice. Motion forwarded by Jack Cashman and seconded by Tim Dickerson to approve paying the invoice. The members voted and approved the motion.
- Veterans Day at Heritage Middle School. We will Post the Colors and may be asked to speak. The school administration may change the ceremony and are open to suggestions.
- The Mayor of Westerville along with Police Department Officials will attend the October meeting to discuss the Bond Issue to fund the new Police and Mayor's Court facility and is scheduled for the November Ballot.

Good of the Legion announcements:

- Westerville's 9/11 Ceremony will be at Fire Station 111 this year due to construction.
- Reminder about Veterans Breakfast on 18 Sep 2019 at 0900 at the Post.
- Check out the pictures of recent events on the 12th District website and newsletter.
- Discussion about combining the American Legion and VFW Color Guards for a better usage of personnel and to address shortages. Steve Ebersole stated that the Gahanna Post has been doing this for years with success.

- Steve Ebersole stated that he brags about Post 171 since we are one of the few posts who consistently sends info. Keep publicizing what we are doing. Reminder about the new membership rules. If someone has served 1 or more days honorably since 7 Dec 1941, they are eligible. All spouses now eligible for auxiliary, not just female.

Meeting adjourned at 2022 – *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.

- 1 Oct 2019: Executive Meeting at 1800
 - 2 Oct 2019: Post Meeting at 1900
 - 5 Oct 2019: American Legion 12th District Auxiliary Conference at 1000 at Post 144
 - 12 Oct 2019: Membership Recruiting Training Seminar at 1300 at Post 797
 - 16 Oct 2019: Veterans Breakfast at the Post from 0900 until complete
 - 18 Oct 2019: 12th District Chaplain Training with Lunch from 0900-1700 at location TBD
 - 5 Nov 2019: Veterans Dinner at Westerville South High School from 1730 until 1930
 - 9 Nov 2019: Combined Veterans Day Dinner Honoring Police and Fire and Post 171 100th Anniversary at Post 171 Facility
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