

# The American Legion

*For God and Country*

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## **Post Parade**

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*God Bless Our Troops – Past, Present, and Future*

### **Employment Seminar**

Our first employment seminar went very well, with the only disappointment being the attendance. There were only 6 participants, but they all felt that presentation was very informative and worth their time. They received information that most had not heard before on the do's and don't's of job hunting, interviewing, and other aspects of looking for and obtaining a good job. We did not expect an extremely high turnout due to the short amount of time we had to get the word out.

**Our next seminar will be held on  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am to 4pm at the Post.**

We have decided to open this seminar to any interested participant, not just veterans and their

immediate families. So again, if you know anyone who is looking for employment or wants to find a better job than they have currently, please encourage them to attend. There is no cost, but we ask that you call the Post to reserve a spot.

~ Mark Weldon, Commander



### **Ready for a Spring Fling?**

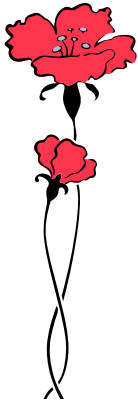
We've got just the thing!

The Auxiliary will be hosting  
A Hawaiian Luau

To be held in the Tavern

May 12, 2007 beginning at 7:00 P.M.

**POPPY DAYS and  
The American Legion Auxiliary  
Martha Lee Thatcher, Unit President**



Today is dreary and it has been drizzling rain. But the calendar says that May is just around the corner, and May (at the American Legion) means POPPY DAY.

**Poppy Day** has become a familiar tradition in almost every American community and Massillon is no exception. The distribution of this bright red memorial flower to the public is one of the oldest and most widely recognized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

This tradition began in 1918 and it continues today. It is estimated that twenty-five million people wear a poppy each year giving them the opportunity to join with us in expressing appreciation to the Veterans who survived, in remembering those who gave their lives for the security of this nation, and in giving aid to those Veterans and their families who are in need. All of this is expressed by the wearing of the poppy.

Poppy letters have been stuffed and will go out in the mail on May 1st to all members of the Massillon Post 221 American Legion family. In this letter, we explain that all of our poppies are made by Veterans and that all monies collected from their distribution are restricted and can only be used for the rehabilitation of discharged veterans and the welfare of their families as well as for servicemen and women returning home and awaiting discharge from service hospitals. We close the letter by asking that you donate what you can by mailing your donation in the return envelope enclosed.

In our letter closing, we also explain that volunteers are needed for Poppy distribution to the public on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> at Wal-Mart and Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> at both K-Mart and Giant Eagle. Time slots on both days are from 10am to 4pm divided into two hour shifts. Usually we can depend on members of our Post Color Guard to fill most of those shifts. However, this year those men have been asked to provide military honors at Western Reserve National Cemetery on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> and again on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. That means we really need people to step up and fill the time slots for the 26<sup>th</sup>.

This is a very non-threatening job. You simply stand (or sit) at the entrance to the store and ask shoppers if "they will wear a poppy to honor a veteran". Most people are polite and receptive; especially when they see we are not pushy or demanding.

If you are willing to work a shift, please call the tavern at (330) 833-4545 and they will let you know what time slots are open. Donuts will be available in the morning and a light lunch will be provided courtesy of the Auxiliary for all Poppy Distribution workers.

**Thank you in advance for your generous donation of both money and time.** We certainly agree that our Veterans deserve all of that and more!

**PONY PAYDAY**

The "Races" are over and it was a good season. The last race "Winners Pool" winner, Linda Ruppert won \$76.00 and the 50/50 winner, Bob Lunsford, received \$133.00, Congratulations!

Say THANK YOU to those that worked the April 7<sup>th</sup> race when you see them. They are:

Jeff Arthur, Jack Bigler, Jack Dedmon, Ed Deiringer, Dale and Rosanne Estep, Bob Emmert, Dale Fulk, Ben Gutscher, Rick Hendershot, Denise Jacobs, Bob Lunsford, Ed Lynch, Bill and Gail Miller, Rich Patti, Bruce Poulain, Gerry and Alice Stanko, Rich and Martha Lee Thatcher, John Vondriska, Danny Webber, Dixie Witter, and Bill Whitmore.

As promised, here is a list of our supporters in the local business community. They generously donated door prizes that helped us keep people coming back to the races. PLEASE visit them, thank them, recommend them, and most of all, DO BUSINESS with them!

- APPLEBEE'S
- ARBY'S
- BW3
- CICI'S PIZZA
- THE COFFEE CUP
- ENGRAVERS GALLERY
- BOB EVANS
- GIANT EAGLE
- HEARNS PREC AUTO
- HOWARD'S TIGER RAGS
- MARCO'S PIZZA
- T MELDRUM'S
- MONROE MUFFLER
- THE MOVIE GALLERY
- R NORRIS HOME INSP
- PANERA BREAD
- PIZZA HUT WALES RD
- ST JOSEPH'S



**S.A.L. NEWS**

Okay, it's official; I'm giving up trying to predict the weather in this state.

Anyway, I would like to announce the S.A.L.s nominations for officers for the 2007-2008 membership year. They are:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Commander:                      | Ben Gutscher    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: | Bob Lunsford    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: | Rick Hendershot |
|                                 | Doug Webber     |
| Finance Officer:                | Bob Emmert      |
| Sergeant at Arms:               | Justin Bretz    |

Be sure to come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** to vote for these offices. I would also like to welcome our newest member to the S.A.L., **Troy Vaughn.**

*For God and Country,  
~Ben Gutscher, Commander*

## The Chaplains Corner:

### Serving Our Country:

Joshua T Green  
PSC 557 Box 2975  
FPO AP 96379-2975

E4 Jerrod Beck  
PSC 80 Box 22018  
APO AP 96367

PFC Diana Wagner  
HHC 229<sup>th</sup> FSB  
APO AE 09344

Sgt Bryan Jennings Hedrick  
785 Maintenance Co.  
Camp Bucca, APO AE 09375

AMZ Andrew Tressel  
Patron One Unit 25444  
FPO AP 96601-5900

Sgt. Maj. T. H. Howard  
1 MEF (SSEC)  
UIC 42510 FPO AP 96426-2510

MM3 Phillips, Charles A.  
USS Kearsarg (IHD-3)  
ENG/MPA  
FPO AE 09534-1662

GY Sgt. Timothy Toy  
II MEF FWD/II MMGS-6  
Unit 7390 FPO AE 09509-3920

The Legion and the Auxiliary of Post 221 have sent 43 care packages (as of April 11, 2007) to our service men and women overseas.

Thanks to Dick and Carol Dye from the Canton Baptist Church's Oasis Military Ministry for providing 14 addresses of Armed service personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will be receiving their packages soon.

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers and grandmothers from Post 221.

### REMEMBER 9-11-2001

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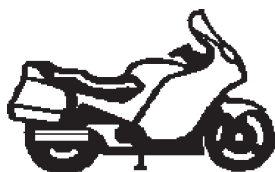
## ATTENTION BIKERS

Anyone interested in motorcycles who would like to belong to the **American Legion Riders**; plan to attend an **Informational Meeting** to establish a Post 221 Chapter;

Meet Saturday **May 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am** in the fireplace room at the Post.

Criteria for membership includes Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members and their spouses. At this meeting we will answer questions and discuss dues, officers, meeting and ride dates.

ALR is one of the fastest growing segments of the American Legion, and Post 221 wants to "run with the big dogs".



**Help is needed** to place flags on veterans' graves at Rose Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day.

There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board at the post; OR, call Don Engelhardt at (330) 832-7209 for additional information.

With enough volunteer help this is only about a (1) hour job. You'll end up feeling good about giving time for a worthy cause, and the cemetery will look GREAT for the holiday.

*Thank you in advance for volunteering!*

## IT'S STILL COLD BUT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR BUDS

The membership goal for the year has been met, so we can relax a bit; BUT, let's not fall asleep! Look for signs of new growth; that is buds, you didn't really think I meant beer did you?

Keep in mind that our organization thrives primarily with new and renewed membership. So let's look to next year and keep focused on the fact that, whoever is membership chair, he or she will need the help of each member, social member, SAL member and Auxiliary member for leads and support to maintain and generate membership.

If you belong here, you do so for valid reasons. TALK to potential members about those same reasons as they may well apply to them. Thanks again to all of you that have been doing the necessary duties to perpetuate membership.

We are now at 102% of our goal for the year. The total paid membership now is 724.

Please welcome the newest members:

	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>RECRUITER</u>
EDWARD E. BRAND	US NAVY	Clayton Brand
TERRY FORBES	US ARMY	Harvey Witter
(Active, serving in Iraq)		
NORMAN T. MYERS	US ARMY	Rich Patti

.....AND RECENT TRANSFEREE:

PHILIP FACIANA

~Rich Patti, First Vice Commander

## John Tsocheff Memorial Museum and Library May, 2007

**From the Estate of Frank Fussner**, M.M. Post 221 member: 2 merchant marine caps (baseball type), One M. M. dress hat, seven ribbons, one Post 221 Legion cap.

**From John Tsocheff**: One WW2 boatswain's whistle on a chain. Also bullets, 45 caliber pistol shells WW2, 160 of them.

**From Don Doyle**: One spoon and one fork stamped U.S.A. M.D.

**From Charles Jacobs**: Vintage 1958 Army overcoat.

**From Clair V. Walters**: One large book 504 pages, titled "The National Air and Space Museum" by C.D.B. Bryan, also a 64 page book packed with colors, history of the world wars special-heraldry of war medals, badges, and uniforms.

### DID YOU KNOW? TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES

1988- A Pan Am Boeing 747 is blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland. A bomb is believed to have been placed on the plane by two Libyans at Frankfurt airport in Germany. All 259 passengers on the aircraft, including 189 Americans are killed.

1993- A massive truck bomb explodes in a World Trade Center garage in New York, killing six and injuring more than 1000. Six Islamic extremists are later convicted of the crime.

To be Continued.

~John Tsocheff

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
TAVERN HOURS 11am – 11pm BINGO Noon to 6pm	TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	1 Legion Regular Meeting – 7pm Auxiliary Regular Meeting – 7pm	2 SPECIAL Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Salad	3 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am	4 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Fish Fry 4-8pm	5 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am  DERBY DAY
6 TAVERN HOURS 11am – 11pm BINGO Noon to 6pm	7 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	8 Legion Executive Board – 7pm	9 SAL Regular Meeting – 7pm SPECIAL Liver & Onions Home Fries Salad	10 40/8 Regular Prom Post 221 -7pm La Femme Rendezvous – 7pm	11 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Fish Fry 4-8pm	12 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Auxiliary Luau 7PM
13 MOTHER'S DAY BINGO Noon to 6pm	14 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	15 Auxiliary Stk. County Council 12noon - #44 Legion regular Meeting & Aux Exec Board – 7P	16 SPECIAL Scalloped Potatoes Ham, Vegetable Salad	17 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	18 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Fish Fry 4-8pm	19 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Poppy Day 10a – 4p Wal-Mart
20 TAVERN HOURS 11am – 11pm BINGO Noon to 6pm	21 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	22 Label Parade 6:30 Color Guard 7pm	23 SPECIAL Hamburg, Fresh Cut Fries, Salad Men's Stk. Co Council - #166	24 8/40 Salon Brewster #160 1PM – White Night 40/8 Regular Prom Post 221 – 7pm	25 TAVERN HOURS Noon – 1am Fish Fry 4-8pm	26 Poppy Day K-Mart or Giant Eagle 10am – 4pm
27 TAVERN HOURS 11am – 11pm BINGO Noon to 6pm	28 Memorial Day Parade With Miss and Master Poppy	29 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight	Brecksville 9a 30 SPECIAL Lasagna Garlic Bread, Fruit & Salad	31 TAVERN HOURS Monday thru Thursday Noon – Midnight		

## MAY TAVERN NEWS

**ATTENTION MEMBERS! YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
CARD WITH YOU TO BE SERVED ALCOHOL. NO EXCEPTIONS!  
NO CARD—NO SERVICE - TAVERN NOW NON-SMOKING**

HOURS: SUNDAY ..... 11 A.M. TILL 11 P.M.  
(Also, regular sign-ups on Sunday)

MONDAY-THURSDAY..... 12 P.M. TILL 12 A.M.  
(Instant Bingo Tickets from 12 p.m. till 12 a.m.)

HAPPY HOUR – MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY ..... 4-6 P.M.

FRIDAY FISH FRY ..... 4 – 8 P.M.

FRIDAY SPECIAL: CITY CHICKEN

### WEDNESDAY SPECIALS FOR MAY

- MAY 2 – MEAT LOAF, MASHED POTATOES, SALAD
- MAY 9 – LIVER & ONIONS, HOME FRIES, SALAD
- MAY 16 – SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM, VEGETABLE, SALAD
- MAY 23 – HAMBURG & FRESH CUT FRIES, SALAD
- MAY 30 – LASAGNA, GARLIC BREAD, FRUIT, SALAD

THURSDAY: WING DINGS 25 CENTS EACH FROM 3-7  
(minimum order of 6/ **TO GO REGULAR PRICE**)

SUNDAY SPECIAL- "MUG OF ANY DRAFT" \$1.00 3PM-7PM  
Food available daily – Monday through Thursday and Saturday – Noon until 9 p.m.

**MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY MAY 28- HOURS 11 A.M. TILL 5 P.M.**

Bob, Dixie, Deb, Alice, Denise, Char, Mike, Bonnie, Frankie, Smiley, Lianne,  
David, Brandon, Michael, Steve & Eric

**KENTUCKY  
DERBY DAY  
PARTY  
MAY 5th  
STARTING  
AT 2:00 PM  
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DISH IF  
YOU CAN  
POST TIME  
5:30**