



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

Happy Summer everyone!!

I'm very excited to be back as the Post 468 Commander. I'd like to thank Joe Navarre for the outstanding job he did as Post Commander this past year. Joe has served as Post Commander five times over the years. This past year, I served as the Lucas County Commander, the 1st District 2nd Vice Commander, the Department of Ohio Sgt-at-Arms and a member of the Department Finance committee. Yes, I was a little busy. This year...let's just say it's shaping up to be a busy one also. It really doesn't matter if the left side of my Legion hat says Lucas County, 1st District, or OHIO because the right side will always say 468 and I'm proud to represent Post 468 in everything I do.

Dues renewal notices should be out by now. If you have not received yours yet, fear not, it will be coming soon. You will notice that your dues have increased from \$45 to \$50. This is due to a \$5 dues increase by National that was approved at the National Convention last August. The increase went into effect on July 1, 2024 for the 2025 membership year. The Department of Ohio proposed a \$5 dues increase also but it was turned down at the Department convention on July 13. This in my opinion was not a win. So, what's the best way to keep the Department Finance committee (which I'm still on) from proposing another dues increase a couple of years from now? Recruit new members!! We all know Veterans that are not members. Talk to them, bring them to a function at the Post, give me their phone number and I'll personally talk to them. Whatever it takes to let them know that the American Legion is a Veterans Service organization that is here for them and our fellow Veterans. Here's what we're going to do. Any member who recruits 3 new members will receive half (\$25) off their 2026 dues and any member who recruits 5 new members will get their 2026 dues paid in full. **So, who wants a free 1-year membership?** To top it all off, the person who recruits the most new members will receive \$100.

We are still working to finalize the plans for the renovation of the "big hall". Once the plans are complete, we will move to the financial planning phase. After that, hopefully we will be able to move to the "get the work done" phase.
Dean Boyers, Commander



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**JOSEPH W. DIEHN
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 468
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-882-9080**

**Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

**AUXILIARY UNIT 468
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings First Tuesday
6:30 PM**

**Facebook Pages:
Joseph W Diehn Unit
468, Sylvania, and
Group Page:
Joseph W Diehn Unit
468 Members, American
Legion Auxiliary
Email
DiehnALA@yahoo.com**

SONS SQUADRON 468
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings 3rd Tuesday
7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION
RIDERS
Chapter 468
Meetings 4th Tuesday
5:30 PM**

**Newsletter Editor:
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Post #468**

From The Auxiliary President



Happy Summer!

I am so honored to begin my second term as your Unit President! This past year has been full of so many wonderful events, and I look forward to all the exciting things our Unit is going to accomplish in the coming year.

At the Department Convention held in Independence from July 11-13, 2024, our Auxiliary Unit received several Certificates and Awards for our year end reports. These reports highlighted the events our Unit participated in over the past year, and we did an amazing job! Our Unit received Certificates of Achievement for History, Education, Membership for meeting our Juniors Goal, 2nd Place for National Security, Chaplain, and Poppy. Deb Tucker received recognition for the Chaplain Year End Report for her Outstanding Narrative. I received 1st Place for the Poppy Report and our Unit received recognition for the Most Outstanding Unit Poppy Program. Our Unit also received The Department President's 2024 Special Citation for submitting the required reports to Department. Well done everyone!

At the Department Convention I was installed as the 2024-2025 Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain. I look forward to serving the Department of Ohio as Chaplain this next year.

As you can see, what we do for our Community, Veterans, Active-Duty Servicemembers, and their families matters! Our Unit has always gone above and beyond to meet the needs of others. In the Spirit of Service, not Self!

Several Unit Members recently volunteered their time to clean the Auxiliary Office at the Post. The Auxiliary office looks awesome, and we were able to move our new copier/printer into the office. Thank you to all those who continue to volunteer your time, you are so appreciated.

Don't forget to pay your annual dues. You can begin paying your 2025 dues now to our Unit Membership Chairman, Melissa Billis. Melissa Billis also has your membership cards.

We have a lot going on so be sure to follow us on Facebook, @Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania, so you don't miss a thing!

I would like to personally invite you to attend a Unit meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM. I am looking forward to another great year!

Melissa Boyers, President





Thank you for your generous donations for our Auxiliary Poppy Fund. We have collected over \$1000.00 so far. Most of this is through mail and canteen donations. Many thanks to those who volunteered to stand at Main Street Sweets and Ricks City Diner on Poppy Day. Donations to this fund are always welcome.

**Post 468 Officers****2024-2025****Auxiliary Unit 468 Officers**

Commander— Dean Boyers
1st Vice Commander— Joe Navarre
2nd Vice Commander— Jeff Meyer
Adjutant— Mark Wexler
Finance Officer—Thom Cafferty
Sgt at Arms— Dave Rudey
Chaplain— Randy Roberts

President—Melissa Boyers
1st Vice President— Melissa Billis
2nd Vice President—Jane Ann Brenneman
Secretary— Susan Ankney
Treasurer— Evelyn Navarre
Sgt at Arms—Patti Erdmann
Chaplain— Deb Tucker

POST MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Mark Wexler, Post Adjutant

Membership Cards for Legionnaires are now available. We should have the Sons cards by the time you read this.

Now is the time to pay your dues. Post Dues are \$ 50.00 and Sons are \$25.00. Mailing information is to the right of this message. You may also drop off your check at the Canteen and I will pick them up. Another option is to go to mylegion.org and pay your dues online. What ever way you choose, we need the following information from you: Date of birth, correct address, and your email address. Fairly soon the newsletter will be sent email only, due to postal charges. It helps if you utilize the mylegion online to update your information, as we get our mailing lists from this site.

The Following Post Members have achieved 50 Years or more years Membership!

Arthur Peterson 54
Earl Brannon Jr 57
Richard Link 51
Phillip Kaufman 51
Willis Smith 56
Congratulations!

William Nicholas 58
Paul Herman 57
Charles Bracken 53 (WW II)
Paul Roll 59 (WW II)
John Weaver 51 (WW II)

MEMBERSHIP INFO

**Dues for 2025
now being
collected.**

**POST DUES
\$ 50.00**

***Checks payable to
Joseph W. Diehn
Post 468***

Mail to
Joe Navarre
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
PH 419-478-9202

AUXILIARY DUES

Sr: \$ 35.00

Jr: \$ 6.50

***Checks payable to
Joseph W. Diehn
Unit 468***

Mail To:
Melissa Billis
6106 Peppermill Dr
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-215-8337

**SONS DUES
\$ 25.00**

***Check payable to
Joseph W. Diehn
SQ 468***

Mail To: Mark Wexler
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-882-9080

SONS Squadron 468



Hi everyone,

Well summer is here and everybody has a lot going on. We are currently assisting with the steak frys and would encourage volunteers to come up and help out. Our next one is August 23. We did a quick raffle selling tickets to win four tickets to a Mudhens game and will draw the winner on Friday July 26th during the steak fry. Our July 3rd picnic was a success and thanks to all that helped make it all come together. This fall we will be getting a four ticket voucher for a Toledo Walleye game to raffle off.

Thank you,

Jeff Meyer , SAL Commander

STEAK FRY



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 4:30-7 pm

Your choice: Rib Eye or NY Strip Steak, Potato, & Salad

\$12.00

COUNTRY MUSIC DANCE



Sat, September 28 7-11 PM

Music By Bob Wurst and Cindi

\$ 10.00 per person

Bring appetizers to share!



COMING UP: IN LATE OCTOBER:



Plan now to decorate your car, bring the kids, and enjoy the fun!!

Time and Date TBA

Chaplain's Thoughts

Our world is full of sound, movement, noise and distractions. Some are constructive and others are destructive. Do we understand what makes us anxious, frustrated, scared, and unbalanced?

Our head is a noisy place, and a lot of the time it is a good thing or constructive. We daydream – a sign of intelligence. We work out solutions to our problems or strategize. But sometimes the noise or chatter is destructive. We beat ourselves up, second guess our decisions. This type of talk will paralyze you. We get stuck in loops of worry, shame, anger, and guilt. We replay it over and over in our minds.

The world's noise is non-stop, 24-7 bombardment. We get it from radio, television, computers, advertisement, political stuff, our jobs, sports, hobbies, and extracurricular activities. We are inundated with information to keep us busy. In balance it can be constructive, but unbalance it is very destructive and pulls us away from God.

God tells us in several places that we need to be still, be quiet and rest. We need to rely on Him to solve the problems and not try to fix things.

In Psalms 62:5 David tells us "Yes, my soul, finds rest in God; my hope comes from Him. & breaking into a thought ... I Thessalonians 4:10-12 And, in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more. And make it your ambition to lead a quiet life. You should mind your own business and work with your hand, just as we told you.

It is important that we all remember: Your journey is your journey; your solutions are your solutions. There are three types of business – your business, others business & God's business. We need to learn to stay in our lane. Do give advice unless you are asked. You will have a happier life – believe me!

Respectfully,

Randy Roberts, Post Chaplain

HERES WHATS HAPPENING AT THE POST CANTEEN!

Daily Drink Specials

Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Wednesday at 7:30 PM For members only, the jackpot continues to grow!

The weekly drawing is every Saturday, get your tickets from any bartender, \$ 1.00 each, six for \$5.00 . Need not be present to win.

We have a raffle going on for a gift basket donated to the canteen. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Drawing for the basket will be on August 23, need not be present to win.

We do our best to make the canteen a place where you can relax and enjoy your self. Your comments and suggestions are welcome!

Stop in!!

Verna





LEGION RIDERS

Hello Riders!

Summer is in full swing and so are we!

We have been out riding and supporting our other First District Legion ALR's.

Our poker run was a big success! It was great to see so many fellow riders and supporters out having a great time all while we are raising money for our local veterans. Thank you to all who came out and donated their time and for their support.

Our next blood drive will be Thursday, August 29th from 11am-5pm. Be sure to come out and donate. We donated a total of 52 units from our blood drive on July 12th. Everyone who donated received a free Cedar Point ticket.

Ride Safe!

Kathy Boerst
Director



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 28

1-6 PM

@ Joseph W. Diehn Post 468, 5580 Centennial Rd, Sylvania

WALK INS WELCOME, Or you may schedule an appointment for your donation. You can go to their website: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD.

For Info Contact Kathy Boerst 419-290-1530



Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 Calendar of Events 2024



**ATTENTION: Call the post (419-882-9080) , access our Facebook pages and watch our marquee sign to stay current on events we are having.
“There is always something going on at Diehn Post.”**

AUGUST

Tues,8/6: Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM
Tues,8/13: Post Meeting 7 PM
Tues,8/20: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Fri,8/23: SAL STEAK DINNER 4:30-7 PM
Tues,8/27 Riders Meeting 5:30 PM
Wed,9/28: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE details on page 6
Fri,8/23-Thur 8/29: National Convention, American Legion , Auxiliary & SAL, New Orleans LA

SEPTEMBER

Mon,9/2: Labor Day
Tues, 9/3 Aux. meeting 6:30 PM
Wed,,9/11: Patriot Day
Tues,9/10: Post Meeting 7PM
Tues,9/17: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Tues, 9/24: Riders Meeting 5:30 PM
Sat, 9/28: COUNTRY MUSIC DANCE 7-11 see details on page 4



OCTOBER

Tues,10/1: Unit Meeting 7 PM
Sat, 10/5: 1st District Auxiliary Fall Conference/School of Instructions,
@ Joseph W Diehn Post 468 Sylvania, register 9:30 ,Mtg 10 AM
Sun, 10/6 : Legion First District Fall Conference , Winnow-Arn Post 541, Continental,
. EBoard 9:30 AM. Conference 10:00 AM
Tues,10/8: Post Meeting 7 PM
Tues,10/15: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Tues, 10/22: Riders Meeting 5:30 PM
TRUNK OR TREAT- DATE TBA: WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND MARQUEE
(see info on page 4)
Thurs,,10/31: Halloween



QUEEN OF HEARTS every Wednesday, 7:30 PM
WEEKLY DRAWING EVERY SATURDAY

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next issue will cover November/December 2024,and January 2025 .Articles and Info deadline is **October 15, 2024**. Email me at evenav1984@aol.com.
Please send articles in an attachment, and in Word format . Thank you, Evelyn Navarre,

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