



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

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FROM THE POST 468 COMMANDER

Happy New Year!!

I'd like to start by thanking Mark Wexler for all the work he put into the most recent Gun raffle fund raiser. This is the second gun raffle that Mark has organized for us, and we have done very well on both. Mark serves in several different capacities in the Post and the Sons organizations and I truly appreciate everything he does. We netted \$4,000.00 in profit on the raffle.

Fund raising is something that is essential to all of our Legion Family organizations so we can together, complete the overall missions of the American Legion. I appreciate all the ideas and effort that are put into our fund-raising events. If you have an idea for a fund raiser (raffle, dance, dinner, ect.) I ask that you bring your idea to a meeting of your respective organization (Post, Sons, Auxiliary or Riders) and present the idea for approval by the body prior to the fund-raising event. Our organizations cannot survive on the income from dues alone. When your group does a fund raiser please step up and help as much as you can. The more people that get involved the easier it is for everyone and the more successful the fund raiser will be.

It's once again Fish Fry Season!! Our first Fish Fry will be February 25, 2022, and runs every Friday through April 15, 2022. Last year we averaged over 250 meals a week, which means we were really busy. **Your help is very much needed.** We have a lot of fun each week so please come out and join us.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your 2022 dues your membership expired on December 31, 2021. You can pay your dues one of the following ways:

Go to: <https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Membership/Renew> and follow the online steps

A renewal notice has been sent by the American Legion National Headquarters. Simply place a check and the renewal notice in the provided envelope, put a stamp on it and drop it in the mailbox.

Mail a check for \$45 to: American Legion Post 468, Attn: Tim Gangway, 5580 Centennial Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560

Put a check or cash (\$45) in an envelope, write your name and Attn: Tim Gangway on it and give it to the Bartender in the Post Canteen

See you all at the Post,

Dean Boyers, Commander



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From The Auxiliary Unit 468 President

Hello Everyone! I

I just came back from Department Mid-Winter meetings and as always I learned a few new things and greeted many friends. Our National Presidents Theme, Caregiving, was mentioned many times. At some point in our own lives, we have all been a caregiver, be it spouse, parent, child or even friend or neighbor. The Auxiliary honors you for your efforts. Your well being is important to us, and in that respect, we need to know who our caregivers are in our own unit and find out if there are any needs we can help them with. If you know of or are a caregiver, give me a call at 419-478-9202.

I also hope you are keeping track of the hours you have been volunteering. Many of you are also helping with post programs, so remember those hours count too. If you are not sure just write them down anyways and note what it was for and if any hours were for Veterans or active military, or just community in general. Please get them to us before March 31. Our calendar year for volunteer hours and money spent is April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. We will need those hours in order to do our reports for Department and National. Almost all of us do some form of Community Service.

Mariam Wuwert and Teresa Whitney have been busy knitting and sewing items for our Vets, including no sew blankets made by Teresa and her granddaughters that were taken to Mid Winter for the Dept. Junior Presidents project. Some were also given to Veterans Matter for our homeless veterans. No sew Blankets and stocking stuffer gifts made by Teresa and her sister were also taken to Ronald Mc Donald House in December. Thank you ladies!!

AUXILIARY FIRST DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE will be Saturday, March 5 at 9:00 AM at Maumee Post 320. We will join fellow Auxiliary members in learning about the annual reports and help in filling them out. Our District Chairmen will be there to answer questions. Anyone interested in attending, let me know, I have room for 2 in my car.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, Sunday February 13 AND ALSO DESSERTS are needed!! The Unit will be making the Dinner for Super Bowl Sunday. See info below! Let me know if you can help.

See you all at our meetings, the First Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 PM. Stay healthy and safe!!

Evelyn Navarre, President

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**Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

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

**SONS SQUADRON 468
Meetings 3rd Tuesday
7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION
RIDERS
Chapter 468
Meetings 4th Tuesday
7:00 PM**

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468, Sylvania**



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 13

**Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich, mashed potatoes,
vegetable, and dessert.**

Serving from 5 PM until sold out

\$ 9.00 per person



AMERICANISM PROGRAM



Due to ongoing Covid concerns, we will not have our annual program this year.

In place of the program, we will host an Awards Ceremony at our Post on March 8, at 7:00 PM.

This is the night of our Post meeting. The Two Scholarship winners and the 4 Essay winners, will be presented their awards. Their parents and a representative from Northview and Southview High Schools will be invited.

This annual program honors our students, and we present scholarships to the two who score the highest grade on the annual Americanism and Government Test. We also honor students who write the best answer to the Essay Question that is part of the test.

We hope you will join us!

ATTENTION ALL POST, AUXILIARY AND SONS MEMBERS!

If you have not paid your 2022 dues, please be advised that this is considered delinquent, and publications such as this will be cut off from mailing. You will also lose other privileges, including Canteen access. We will be purging the mailing lists and the newsletter will ONLY be sent to those who are paid for 2022.

Please check your membership card, and if it says 2021, Please pay your 2022 dues!!

Thank You!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN:

Post: Tim Gangway, Unit: Connie Pilkinton, Sons: Jeff Meyer.

Contact info is on this page.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

ARE YOUR 2021 DUES PAID?

POST DUES

\$ 45.00

Checks payable to Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

Mail to:

Tim Gangway
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
(PH 419-304-2140)

AUXILIARY DUES

Sr: \$ 25.00

Jr: \$ 6.25

Checks payable to Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468

Mail To:

Connie Pilkinton
14117 Mulberry Rd
Ottawa Lake, MI 49267
Ph 517-605-2775

SONS DUES

\$ 25.00

Check payable to Joseph W. Diehn SQ 468

Mail To:

Jeff Meyer
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560

FISH FRY SEASON!!
Starting FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 ,
AND EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH
APRIL 15

All you can eat Fish.
Served with Fries, coleslaw and dessert.
Chicken strips also available
Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM
Cost: \$12.00



Fish Fry Cleanup Schedule 2/25 – Post, 3/4 - Sons, 3/11 - Post,
3/18 – Sons , 3/25 – Post, 4/1 – Sons , 4/8 – Post , 4/15 – Sons

QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

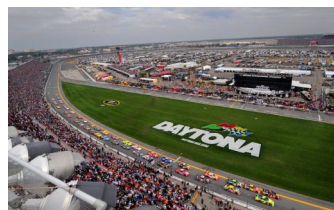
To date the 'Queen of Hearts ' has not been found! Take a chance, find the Queen and win the progressive jackpot (now over \$ 800.00 at this writing). The Drawing is held every Wednesday at 7:30 PM, tickets are \$1.00 each, purchase as many as you want. Only one ticket is drawn.

POLISH DINNER

Saturday, February 5, serving 5-7
Cost \$ 12.00

DAYTONA 500 PARTY

Sunday, February 20
Pot-luck 2 PM. Drink specials



WINE TASTING EVENT

Saturday, March 5 5-7 PM
\$ 20.00 per person-pre registration needed



From The Squadron Commander, Sons of The American Legion



GREETINGS EVERYONE!

I don't have a lot to say in this edition of our newsletter. Planning events is hard to do with the new covid variant. In our last meeting we discussed fund raising ideas and are looking for new ideas on what we can raffle off. If you have ideas for a raffle item, please bring your ideas to a meeting or discuss them with one of the officers in the canteen. Thank you!

Membership cards are in. We need your dues paid if you haven't already done so. They can be paid at a meeting or in the canteen. Visiting the canteen will give you a chance to get out of the cold.

Fish fry's are coming up. They begin February 25th and run thru Good Friday. Come out and enjoy the best fish dinner in town. We would also like some help with the cleanup afterwards. Come in and give us a hand, I'll buy you a beer!

I guess that's all for now. Hope to see you all soon.

Thanks for your support,
Jim Pilkinton, SAL Commander

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



The Great First District Birthday Bash

On March 12, 2022, our Post is hosting The Great First District's Birthday Bash.

The doors open at 5:30PM, dinner will be served at 6:30PM, games, music and entertainment to follow dinner. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost is \$20.00 per person. This will be a very fun evening.

Volunteers are needed for: decorating, games/entertainment and raffles.

The Auxiliary will be preparing the food for this event. We will be holding a silent auction, anyone wishing to make a gift basket for this or would like to donate an auction item, it would be very much appreciated, See Dean Boyers or Evelyn Navarre for more information.

ENGRAVE A BRICK Have you walked around the Post to the area of the Sign? If so, you will notice that there are several individual bricks that are engraved. Do you have a spouse or loved one that deserves to be remembered? By purchasing a brick, you are not only supporting the Post but making it so that your loved one will never be forgotten. Each brick can have an inscription of 3 lines. 20 characters per line. The cost is only \$75.00. We need to turn in an order of at least 10 bricks to keep the cost down. All donations are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution and support the Joseph W. Diehn #468 Electronic Sign Project. Order forms are available at the post.

Chaplain's Corner

From time to time, we reflect on events in our lives and wonder how we made it through. It is interesting that when we go through life's struggles, and we are literally in the valley of despair, we plead with God to help and protect us, but when things are smooth, we don't give Him a second thought. The other day I was recalling a scary time that my fellow shipmates and I went through out at sea. It was mid-Summer in 1979, and we were in the Caribbean Sea East, of the Leeward Islands, playing war games with US and NATO ships. The Captain broke the news over the 1MC about a hurricane headed our direction. His original plan was to skirt around the outside of the hurricane to the North, which would keep us out of harms way, but it did not turn out that way.

The USS Harry E. Yarnell CG-17 was a Guided Missile Cruiser which was 547 feet long and 55 feet wide. The ship was equipped with various kinds of radar that could scan for surface, subsurface, and air threats. At the time, there were 395 crewmen on board, and some were seasoned salts and others were fresh out of boot camp.

Twenty-four hours into the storm the ship was rocking back and forth from 10-to-12-foot swells and the wind along, with the rain was very uncomfortable when it hit your skin. The Captain was sticking to his plan to stay on the outer edge of the hurricane but then a distress call came from a fishing vessel approximately 340 miles to the South of us. Calls were made, orders given, and we changed course headed due South. All non-essentials were ordered below deck, the galley was secured, and the order was given to secure the ship and close all watertight doors. Since we were going in harm's way, the Chaplain was called to the mess decks because quite a number of individuals were having anxiety attacks and were frightened to the point, they needed someone to hang on to. They wanted the reassurance that God was there, and He would protect us. Others wanted to pray for the individuals on the vessel in distress.

A few hours later, we had increased our speed to 17 knots, and we were doing 45-degree angles into the swells that had increased to over 20 feet. The only individuals allowed outside the skin of the ship were the 2 signalman who were scheduled for 12 on and 12 off watches. We were the lookouts for visual communication between other ships and in this case the fishing vessel. We were ordered by our Chief to put harnesses on with tethers that would secure us to a stanchion. The sea had become a frightening monster, throwing the ship around like a rag doll. The deeper we got into the hurricane the more violent it became. The winds were gusting close to 100 miles an hour and the rain was blinding to the point we couldn't see from one side of the ship to the other. The swells had increased to 30 feet. Once the sun had come up, I remember seeing the magnitude of a 30-foot swell. It towered over my head as I stood outside on the 03 level of the ship. As I looked up at the swell in front of us, the ship started the climb up the massive wall of water. I planted my feet firmly on the deck and put my hands straight out in front of me at a 90-degree angle. Because of the rolling of the ship, the deck would literally touch my hands. We were still doing 45-degree angles and as we topped a swell, and the front of the ship was suspended in midair. The expansion joint on my level would open up over 12 inches as the center of the ship crested the top of the swell. Once we got past that point, the front of the ship would slam down on the back side of the swell with such force that it felt like an earthquake. Everything shook violently, and some of the welds that held the ship together began to break. Chairs became missiles flying across berthing compartments, injuring some. The cooks in the galley couldn't cook anything. It is hard to cook when you can't keep the food in the pot. As a result, we ate crackers along with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for days.

As terrifying as it was to be on the outside of the ship, it was a totally different world on the inside. From the signal bridge, there was no internal access into the ship, so we had to take our harnesses off and ride the swell as we walked to the starboard side of the ship. Hanging on to handrails and carefully maneuvering our way down two flights of stairs to the main deck. Once there, we had to hug the wall and hold on to anything we could get our hands on for 20 feet until we reached the hatch that would allow us inside. The simple task of walking became a huge challenge. As the ship would roll from the massive swells, the walls became our floors. We were literally putting footprints 6 feet high up on the walls. The simple task of opening and closing hatches to get from one section to another was very dangerous. When we would roll, the metal hatch would jerk out of your hands and slam against the wall or the knife edge of the hatch. They say sights and smells trigger memories. I do agree with this because I have a vivid memory that is etched into my brain of the smell of throw up circulating through the ventilation system and the smell of sewage coming up from the floor drains. When it first hit me, gagging was the first reflex and I almost lost it.

We finally made it to the last known latitude and longitude of the vessel that was in distress, but there was nothing to be found, not even floating debris. We managed to stay in the area for several hours searching for survivors, but to no avail. We proceeded to work our way out of the storm. We had successfully made it through the valley and the sense of urgency and concern was a distant memory.

A few days later, Sunday Services were going to be conducted on the mess deck at 10 AM. The Chaplain had coffee with us up on the signal bridge early that morning and we could tell from the conversations that he was expecting a huge crowd because of what we had just been through. Much to his dismay only 9 people showed up. The crisis was over, and we weren't in the valley anymore. Our need for supernatural intervention was gone. Sad to say, the message the Chaplain gave was very applicable to all of us, but only a very few got to hear it.

The gentle rolling of the sea and the steady calm voice of the Chaplain reaffirmed that life is worth living. Whether it be in the storm of uncertainty or the calmness of an early summer morning, the life that we all have is truly a gift; one to be appreciated and relished. It is only through living this life that we can experience both ends of the spectrum. The storm that we had just come through gave proof that our lives can be difficult at times. It is in those times that our well-established relationship with God holds us up to the test, and we have a peace that cannot be explained. Others only reach out when the trails or obstacle are greater than they can personally carry. Those types of relationships providing little comfort or hope. A trusting, meaningful, ongoing relationship with God must be more than crisis based. So, wherever you are today, stop. Be still and give thanks for this amazing opportunity of life that you have been blessed with. Let God into your everyday life and spend time developing that intimate relationship with Him. If you see someone else in the valley, lend them a hand and let them know that there is hope.

Respectfully, Randy Roberts, Post Chaplain



Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 Calendar of Events 2022

Please note: This Calendar is subject to change. Call the post or access our Facebook page and website to stay current on events at our Post!

Please, when visiting our Post, follow the guidelines set up for social distancing and assembly. We are complying with all County and State requirements, and although this may be inconvenient, it is for the good of ALL of our members and guests.

FEBRUARY

Tues, 2/1: Auxiliary Unit Meeting, 6:30 PM

Sat, 2/5 POLISH DINNER 5-7 PM \$ 12.00

Tues, 2/08: Post Meeting 7:00 PM

Sun, 2/13: SUPER BOWL-DINNER & PARTY Dinner @ 5pm- \$ 9.00 See Details page 2

Mon, 2/14: Valentines Day

Tues 2/15 Sons Meeting 7 PM

Sun, 2/20: DAYTONA 500- Pot Luck 2 PM

Tues, 2/22: Riders meeting 7 PM

Fri, 2/25: FISH FRY 4:30-7 pm



MARCH

Tues, 3/1: Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM

Fri, 3/4: FISH FRY

Sat, 3/5: WINE TASTING EVENT-5-7 PM, PRE REGISTRATION NEEDED-DETAILS ON PG 3

Sat, 3/5: 1st District Auxiliary Spring Meeting / Maumee Post 320, 9:00 AM

Sun, 3/6: 1st District Legion Conference, Hamler Post 262

Tues 3/8 Post Meeting 7:00 PM

Fri, 3/11: FISH FRY

Sat, 3/12: DISTRICT BIRTHDAY BASH/& Dinner @ Diehn Post Help needed-see page 5 for more info.

Tues, 3/15: Sons Meeting 7 PM

Thurs, 3/17: St Patrick's Day

Fri, 3/18: FISH FRY

Tues 3/22: Riders Meeting 7 PM

Fri, 3/25: FISH FRY



APRIL

Fri, 4/1: FISH FRY

Tues, 4/5: Auxiliary Unit Meeting 6:30 PM

Fri 4/8: FISH FRY

Tues, 4/12: Post Meeting 7 PM

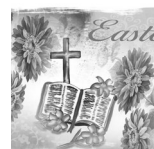
Fri, 4/15: FISH FRY Last one of Season (Good Friday)

Fri, 4/15: Passover begins@sunset

Sun, 4/17: Easter

Tues, 4/19: Sons Meeting 7 PM

Tues 4/26: Riders Meeting 7 PM



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next issue will cover May, June and July. 2022

.Articles and Info deadline is April 15, 2022. Email me at evenav1984@aol.com.

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