



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

Happy Summer!! I would like to start by congratulating Joe Navarre on becoming the Commander of the Great First District. Joe was elected at the District Convention in May and was sworn in at the Department Convention on July 11. I look forward to serving as the District Sergeant-at-Arms under Joe's leadership.

You will be receiving your membership renewals in the mail very soon. I encourage each of you to go to www.mylegion.org and set up your online account if you have not done so already. Once you do this you will be able to pay your dues online and verify that all your information is correct. I can now send out our newsletter to Post and Sons members using this new system so please make sure your email address is correct. If you would like to continue to get the newsletter this needs to be done as soon as possible. National did an "upgrade" to mylegion.org in March and it has NOT been a smooth transition, but they are getting the bugs worked out and it's looking like it will be a very nice system when it's finished. If you have any issues with getting your account set up, give me a call and if I can't help you, I'll find someone that can.

Fund Raising – We need your help. Our biggest fund raiser for the Post for several years has been working the race weekends at the Michigan International Speedway. This did not happen last year due to COVID and will not be happening again this year due to management changes at MIS. So... we need some new ideas and your support/help when we do have a fund raiser. This is your Post, your active participation and support are always very much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS ! The Post 468 – Black Swamp Raiders American Legion team captured the American Legion Junior State Title in Lancaster, Ohio on July 17th. The team went 4-0 in the state tournament and captured the first ever state title for Post 468. In addition to the state title the Black Swamp Raiders won the Pastime – Lake Erie Tournament of Champions tournament at The University of Toledo on June 20th. Black Swamp Raiders record currently stands at 13-5-1 and concluded the summer season by playing in the Motor City Classic baseball tournament (July 22nd – 25th) in Detroit, MI. The Black Swamp Raiders roster consist of players from the following high schools: Sylvania Southview, Sylvania Northview, Evergreen, Ottawa Hills, St. Francis de Sales, and Central Catholic. The Black Swamp Raiders team will be presenting the state tournament championship trophy to Post 468 our next Post meeting on August 10th.

Joe Navarre and I had a very busy weekend representing Post 468, Lucas County, and The Great First District at the Department Convention the weekend of July 9-11 and we are both planning to attend the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona August 27 – September 2

See You at the Post!!

Dean Boyers



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**JOSEPH W. DIEHN
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POST 468**

**5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
419-882-9080
Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

**AUXILIARY UNIT 468
P.O. Box 252
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings First Tuesday
6:30 PM

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

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

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Sylvania
American Legion
Post #468**

LIVE STREAM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log on
www.bluejeans.co(or
download the free
bluejeans app to your
phone or tablet)
2. Click "Join a
meeting"
- 3 Enter meeting ID
225141443
4. Meetings will start live
streaming by 6:45 PM.
4. Be sure to turn on your
video and audio

From The Auxiliary President



Hello Everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022: President, Evelyn Navarre; 1st Vice President Connie Pilkinton; 2nd Vice President Jane Ann Brenneman; Secretary Melissa Boyers; Treasurer Evelyn Navarre; Chaplain/Historian Mariam Wuwert and Sgt at Arms Patti Erdmann.

WE REACHED OUR MEMBERSHIP GOAL!! Thank You to every member who paid their dues and helped us reach this milestone. At our District Convention in June, we received several awards for our reports: 2nd Place for our Americanism and Community Service reports, 3rd Place for Junior Activities, and Honorable Mentions for our Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and Children & Youth reports. At Department Convention in July, our unit received Certificates for our Public Relations, and Education (Give 10 for 10 To Schools) and Legislative reports, and Deb Tucker received a First Place for her Green Report and Essay for her Constitution and By-Laws report. We also received a Certificate for our donation to the Department Presidents Special Project. Congratulations to all!

OUR NEXT AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER SUNDAY DINNER—AUGUST 15- will be chicken, potato salad and baked beans for \$10.00. Help will be needed on that day, see me or Connie.

MEMBERSHIP 2022 Dues are now being collected. You can mail them, pay at the canteen or... DID YOU KNOW you can pay your dues online and avoid waiting for a notice? All you need to do is go to the ALA Website: alaforveterans.org. Go to the "member Log In" tab at the top, click on it and follow the instructions to register. You will need your Membership number, which is on your card. (Cannot find your number? Call Connie or me and we can look it up!) Once you are registered, you can pay your dues, make any changes to your information, and print out your card. It IS that easy! It saves time and postage and is very secure, and the unit is notified when you pay. My # is 419-478-9202 if you need help or call Connie at 517-605-2775.

Joe and I are getting ready to venture out to Phoenix Arizona for our National Convention, coming up in late August. Melissa and Dean Boyers and Jane Ann Brenneman are also going, and we all are looking forward to a great time.

NOTICE: At our July meeting the body voted to MOVE our September meeting to MONDAY-September 13 at 6:30 PM. (from reg. night of Sept 7) Both your President and Secretary will be coming from National Convention, thus this once only change.

See you soon,!! **FRIEND the Unit on Facebook: Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania**

Evelyn Navarre, Unit President

AUXILIARY FUND RAISER

SUNDAY AUGUST 15

CHICKEN DINNER

4:30-7 pm

Dinner- \$ 10.00 includes dessert!



Mark your calendar!!**MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION NIGHT****SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 POT-LUCK 5:00 pm**

Please bring a dish to share (vegetable, potatoes, salad or dessert). Post/Auxiliary will provide the meat.

Continuous Years membership certificates will be awarded to our Post Unit and Sons members. We start at 5 year increments (5,10,15,20 etc.) We will be notifying those eligible for a certificate prior to this event.

This is a night to show our appreciation of you and your support of our organizations. Other honors will also be presented, we hope you will join us!

**MEMBERSHIP INFO**

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
419-882-9080



Thank you for your generous donations through our mail campaign for our Auxiliary Poppy Fund. We have collected over \$1600.00 so far!

Poppy Day itself was a nasty, rainy day. We were able to place a table inside McCord Coney Island and we had a great response in donations. Many thanks to Mariam Wuwert and Jeff Brenneman who helped me there that day. Thanks also to Evelyn and Joe Navarre, Deb Tucker, Melissa and Dean Boyers and Teresa Whitney who had volunteered but could not stand at one site due to the weather conditions. And heartfelt Thanks to McCord Coney Island for their hospitality and support of our veterans.



Auxiliary Poppy Chairman Jane Ann Brenneman.



SONS Squadron 468



Greetings everyone!

GREETINGS EVERYONE!

What a weekend we had! Steak fry and band on Friday and a car show on Sunday! I missed seeing a lot of you, but we are going to do it again in August. Come join us on August 27th for the steak fry 4:30 till 7:00 and Thunder Road will be playing from 7:00 till 10:00pm. On Sunday, August 29th, we will be having another car show. Stop by for fun and food, we will be serving Burgers, brats and hot dogs from 1pm till ???.

Also the new membership cards are in. Dues can be paid in the canteen or at a meeting. Meetings are the third Tuesday of every month and I hope you can attend.

There are lots of other things coming up at the post so keep you eye on the sign out front for upcoming events

Thanks for your support,
im Pilkinton
SAL Commander

STEAK NIGHT

Friday August 27

Steaks on the Grill

4:30-7 PM \$15.00

Includes potato, salad and roll.

DANCE to the Music of :



THUNDER ROAD

7-10 PM \$ 10.00 entry to dance

POST CHAPLAINS CORNER:

Greetings to all,

I hope and pray this letter finds you well. Thought I would start out by introducing myself and my family. My name is Randy Roberts and my wife's name is Connie. I served in the US Navy from 1979 to 1983 and my first major deployment was to the Indian Ocean for the Iran hostage crisis and my second was for the invasion of Grenada - code name Operation Urgent Fury. My MOS was Signalman onboard the USS Harry E. Yarnell CG-17. My highest rank was SM2. My wife and I live on Stonehenge Drive in Sylvania with our dog Millie. I work for RMF Nooter (Heavy Mechanical and Electrical Construction Company) as a Safety Manager. Connie is a baker at Chandlers café downtown Sylvania. We have two married children both daughters - Elizabeth & Trevor live in San Diego CA and Mary & Kevin live in Sylvania.

I must say this has been a year that I will never forget because of the many challenges the entire world, our country, state, and even our families have faced. At times it has been very difficult to be optimistic. With that said, when we go through difficulties, challenges, or trials, whatever you want to call it, we see what we are truly made of.

I was in a seminar several years ago and the instructor pointed out there are four types of people in this world and he used the comparison of add, multiply, subtract and divide. People in your life who add and multiply enhance your life and they build you up. They make you feel important and they value you. These types of individuals are optimistic and are more thankful, grateful, and satisfied with what they have. With optimism our view changes from inward to outward. We have hope for the future, and we have a reason to get up in the morning.

On the other side of the coin is subtraction and division. These people I call "Energy Vampires" ... they just suck the life right out of you, and they work to tear you and everyone else down. They are pessimists and they tend to not be thankful, grateful, or satisfied with anything. Their view is inward, and they have no hope for the future. Sad to say they tend to be very unhappy people.

So, how do we choose to be people who add and multiply? How do we choose to be an optimist and view the future with hope? Is there any external source we can tap into that can help? The answer is a resounding yes. We have the privilege to have a relationship and experience unconditional love with the living God. He can help us in ways we can't even begin to understand, and that relationship literally changes us to be more like Him. We will begin to see through a different lens and the future will be brighter with hope. He will give us help to make it through the valleys when things are hard and there doesn't seem to be a way out. He will also celebrate with us when we are on the top of the mountains and things are going great. We do have a bright future, believe it or not, and our God will show us the way.

I look forward to serving you. Take care,

Randy Roberts, Post Chaplain

CLASSIC CAR SHOW SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

1-5 PM

BURGERS, BRATS, HOTDOGS ON THE GRILL

***CRUISE IN AND ENJOY THE SHOW, FOOD AND
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT***

BRING YOUR CLASSIC CAR AND JOIN THE FUN!





LEGION RIDERS

Legion Riders

We hope everyone is having a great Summer the weather has been fantastic to do just about everything!

On July 10th of this year, your 468 Legion Riders had their annual Poker Run which raised over \$3100.00! Most of this will be donated back to our post for a remodeling project.

This event was successful because of the support that our post, sons, and auxiliary members who helped us with their raffle donations and their volunteer time to make it happen. We Riders want to thank all of you!

Our last Riders blood drive had over seventy people donate blood at a time when there is a shortage of blood to be had for people in need.

Remember we do standing flag lines so if you know a family who would like this service please contact our commander.

On a sad note, the riders would like to say goodbye to our friend Sammy Marsico who served his country well and passed away recently, he will be missed

Tony Roemmele , Director



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

August 30

1:00-6:00 PM



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

You must schedule an appointment for your donation. You can go to their website: redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-GIVE BLOOD.

For Info Contact Tony Roemmle at 419-276-3062



Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 Calendar of Events 2021

ATTENTION: Call the post or access our Facebook page and website to stay current on events we are having. We are continuing to follow all Local State and National guidelines as to distancing and sanitizing measures.

AUGUST

Tues, 8/3: Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM
 Tues, 8/10: Post Meeting 7 PM
 Sun, 8/15: Aux. Sunday Dinner– 4:30-7 PM– Chicken \$ 10.00
 Tues, 8/17: Sons Meeting 7 PM
 Tues, 8/24: Riders Meeting 7 PM
 Fri, 8/27: Steak Dinner 4:30-7 PM \$ 15.00
 Sun, 8/29: Car Show– Food Entertainment- Fun-Classic Cars 1-5 PM
 Mon, 8/30: Riders Blood Drive– See page 6 for appointment details.
 Fri, 8/27-Thur 9/2: National Convention, American Legion & Auxiliary, Phoenix AZ.



SEPTEMBER

Mon, 9/6: Labor Day
 Tues, 9/7: NO AUX MEETING-MOVED TO 9/13
 Sat, 9/11: Patriots Day
 Mon, 9/13: Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM
 Tues, 9/14: Post Meeting 7PM
 Tues, 9/21: Sons Meeting 7 PM
 Tues, 9/28: Riders Meeting 7 PM



OCTOBER

Tues, 10/5: Unit Meeting 6:30 PM
 Sun, 10/10: First District American Legion Fall Conference-Police Post 512, Toledo ,9:30 AM
 Tues, 10/12: Post Meeting 7 PM
 Sat, 10/16: First District Auxiliary– Fall Conference/Instructions, Post 541 Continental ,9:30 AM
 Sun, 10/17: Member Appreciation/Recognition Night-see page 3 for Details-(Pot-Luck)
 Tues, 10/19: Sons Meeting 7 PM
 Tues, 10/26: Riders Meeting 7 PM
 Sun, 10/31: Halloween



Line Dancing Every Thursday 6:30 PM
Ballroom Dancing every Wednesday 6 PM
Swingmania every other Tuesday, 8 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next issue will cover November/December and January 2022 .Articles and Info deadline is **October 15, 2021**. Email me at evenav1984@aol.com.
Thank you, Evelyn Navarre, Editor.

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