



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

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From the Post Commander

Greetings

In January I attended the Legion and Sons Mid Winter meetings in Columbus. It is always nice to reconnect with fellow Legionnaires across the state, the meetings are informative, and there are workshops and exhibits that are of interest to all. Meeting with fellow members helps us get ideas that we can apply to our own post as to activities and programs to work on. All members are welcome to these meetings and it gives us a chance to get information to share and plan the rest of our administrative year. Our District meetings are open to everyone too and the next one is on Sunday, March 10 at Conn Weissenberger Post 587 in Toledo. EBoard meets at 9:30 AM and the General meeting starts at 12:30 PM . Please join us for these District meetings.

Our Americanism and Government test winners will be invited to our Post meeting on March 12, where the two top winners will receive scholarships. We have also chosen four students Essays for awards. The awards will be presented after we open our meeting, and it will be in the Large Hall at 7:00 PM. Please show your support of the students of Sylvania Northview and Southview High Schools and plan to attend.

Fish Frys are starting soon and we need volunteers. Its no secret that this is an important fundraiser for our post, and that we need more members to step up and help out. Even if you can only help an hour, it would mean a lot to those who faithfully do it every week. Being a member means supporting your post and its activities. Our first Fish Fry is February 9. Come join us and give us a helping hand.

Immediate Past Post Commander Dean Boyers is currently serving as Second Vice Commander of First District and there are several District activities that he is working on. Two important ones will be hosted by our post. Volunteers will be needed as well as participants.

FIRST DISTRICT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
Saturday March 2, \$20.00 per team

THE GREAT FIRST DISTRICT ARMED FORCES DAY 5K RUN
Saturday May 18

Contact Dean at 468commander@gmail.com for details on these two events.

As I write this the deep cold has finally left, but now there's fog and rain. Ahh winter. Keep safe, drive carefully, see YOU at the Post!

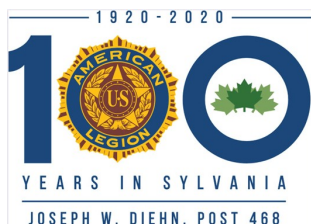
Joe Navarre, Post Commander

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POST 468**

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**Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

**AUXILIARY UNIT 468
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings First Tuesday
6:30 PM

**SONS SQUADRON 468
5580 Centennial Rd.
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings 3rd Tuesday
7:00 PM

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

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Joseph W Diehn Unit
468, Sylvania**

From The Auxiliary President



Happy New Year! 2024 is going to be an amazing year!

I was thinking about what it means to be a member of a Unit. When I looked up the definition of the word "Unit" this is what I found: "An individual thing or person regarded as single and complete, but which can also form an individual component of a larger more complex whole." You may not realize it, but you are a valuable component of our Auxiliary Unit! Your participation and support of our programs is important to the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. I hope you will consider attending a Unit meeting in the future to see the many ways you can get involved. Our Unit meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM.

On January 19, 2024, items collected for female Veterans by our Unit were taken to the Mid-Winter Conference in Columbus and given to Brooklyn Taylor, Honorary Department Junior President, for her Special Project. Thank you so much for your support, your donations are so appreciated.

In February, the Post Fish Fry's will begin, and the Auxiliary will be selling desserts to generate funds for our Veteran's Programs. Please consider donating a dessert and/or volunteering at these upcoming events.

Our Unit is selling raffle tickets for two beautiful Poppy Quilts! Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00 and the drawing will be held on March 5, 2024. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit HOOVES and Little Blessings Equine Veteran Outreach Programs.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, @Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania, so you do not miss out!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Melissa Boyers, President

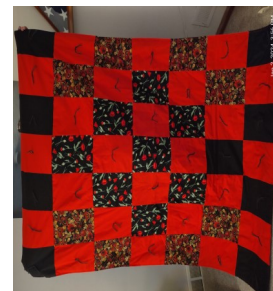
Auxiliary Quilt Raffle

Two Poppy Pattern Quilts

\$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00

Drawing March 5

**Proceeds will go to
H.O.O.V.E.S and**



Little Blessings Equine Outreach programs for Veterans.

AROUND THE POST:

FROM POST ADJUTANT MARK WEXLER: Please don't let your membership expire. There is still time to renew for year 2024. For those of you who have already paid your 2024 dues, Thank You. You may be asking yourself, why should I renew my membership? I never go to the post and even if I do, I don't know anybody. What has the Post done for me? Let me tell you a few things you may not know....

The American Legion is the Nation's most influential, effective, and dependable advocate of veteran affairs fighting for better active duty pay, improved housing for active-duty families and helping to ensure that the VA's medical system can properly care for its veterans. A \$30 value monthly American Legion magazine. Do you have a Service Connected Disability? Thank your Veterans Service Officers (VSO) who prepare your claims so that you receive compensation. Locally, we donate to 501C3 organizations that support our Veterans in one way or another. Last year, we donated over \$18,000.

You may not physically see where your money is going to, but the American Legion is working hard to support you locally and nationally. Post dues are \$45/year and Sons dues are \$25/year

Currently our Post dues are \$45 per year. By 2025, our dues "will" increase. Department and National will be increasing the amount of money that they take from our dues. Below is a breakdown how our dues are currently being distributed. From your \$45, National keeps \$18.50, Department gets \$9.00, and County gets \$1.50. This means that from your \$45, the Post keeps \$16.00 for operating expenses. Consider this.....Have you ever heard of a PUFL (Paid Up for Life) membership. It may seem like a lot of money but with dues increases, you won't have to worry about it. Payment options are available.

AGE	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90+
FEE	\$1,535	\$1,399	\$1,229	\$1,025	\$815	\$599	\$429	\$329

FROM 1st Vice Commander/Membership Chmn Dean Boyers: Multiyear membership renewals

If you renewed your 2024 American Legion membership prior to the new multiyear membership rollout on Dec. 4, you can now take advantage of a three-year membership starting with the 2025 membership year. This will renew your membership for 2025, 2026 and 2027 at the current \$45 annual dues rate.

Legionnaires still needing to renew for 2024 or veterans joining the organization for the first time can also lock-in a three-year membership (2024, 2025 and 2026) at the current \$45 annual dues rate.

A National \$5 per-capita dues increase effective July 1, 2024, was approved at the National convention in August 2023. The Department of Ohio is proposing a \$5 per-capita dues increase and if approved at the Department convention in July will be effective for the 2025 membership year also. These combined will result in our Post dues increasing to \$55.

Here is what you need to know about the three-year membership:

- Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website (legion.org/renew and legion.org/join). Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.
- Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.
- There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.
- Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.
- Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multiyear membership.

If you have been considering a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership now would be a perfect time to do it before the dues increase.



AMERICANISM PROGRAM

We will be hosting an Awards Ceremony at our Post on March 12 , 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!

Sons of The American Legion



MEMBERSHIP

COLLECTING DUES FOR 2024

POST DUES \$ 45.00

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

Mail To:
Dean Boyers
5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, Ohio 43560
(PH 419-250-6972)

AUXILIARY DUES

Sr: \$ 35.00

Jr: \$ 6.50

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

Mail To:
Connie Pilkinton
14117 Mulberry Rd
Ottawa Lake, MI
49267-9306
Ph 517-605-2775

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

Hello everyone,

It's that time of year again, our fish fries are starting back up on Friday February 9th. They will run for 8 weeks ending on Friday March 29th. Serving times will be from 4:30 until 7:00pm. The cost is \$12.00 all you can eat fish and \$14.00 for a shrimp dinner. As always we are looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen and clean up afterwards. Also keep an eye out for Toledo Walleye raffle tickets that will be available soon.

Jeff Meyer, SAL Commander

Sons, By the time you receive this newsletter, and you have not paid your 2024 membership dues, you are considered EXPIRED. Don't let this happen to you. Thank you to everyone that have already paid your dues. For those who have not paid, dues are only \$25.00 per year. Last years Sons membership topped 140. Currently, we stand at less than 100 paid. We do so much to help and assist the Post. Without Sons members like you, the organization would be in trouble. You can pay your dues in a number of ways...1. Come to the Post and leave your money with the Bar Manager or Bartender. When I go to the Post, I will get the money from them and process the paperwork for your card. Mail your check for \$25.00, made out to the Sons 5580 Centennial Rd. Sylvania, OH 43560 or 3. Pay your dues online at MYLEGION.GOV.

Mark Wexler SAL 1st Vice/membership Chmn.

LEGION RIDERS

Tony Roemmele, Director



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE



Wed. February 7, 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 Tony Roemmle at 419-276-3062

From The Post Chaplain

Chaplain's Thoughts

Every once in a while, it is important to remember heroic life lessons others can teach us. During the early morning hours of February 3, 1943, at 12:55 am, the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was sailing across the Atlantic when it was torpedoed by a German U-boat. She was carrying slightly more than 900 personnel and crew.

The torpedo knocked out the electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. There were four chaplains on board who sought to calm the men, organize an orderly evacuation of the ship, and help guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out, the supply quickly ran out. The chaplains removed their own and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into the lifeboats. Then chaplains' joined arms and began to say prayers and sing hymns as the ship went down. According to some reports, survivors could hear different languages mixed in the prayers of the chaplains, including Jewish prayers in Hebrew and Catholic prayers in Latin. Only 230 of the 904 men aboard the ship were rescued. Life jackets offered little protection from hypothermia, which killed most of the men in the water. The water temperature was 34 degrees, and the air temperature was 36 degrees.

According to Grady Clark a survivor – “As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lit everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could, I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.”

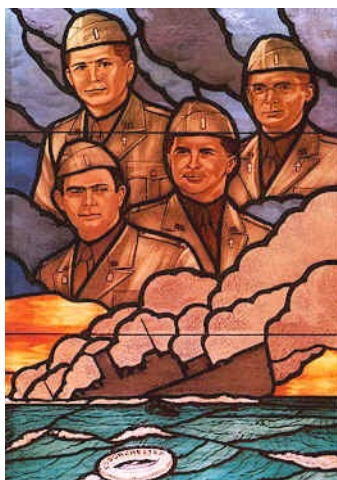
The four chaplains gave no favor to status, color, ethnicity, or denomination of the men on that ship. All were equal and worthy of being saved. The chaplains gave up their lives so that others could live. What an impressive example they set for us.

The Four Chaplains were Reverend George L. Fox of the Methodist faith, Jewish Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Father John P Washington of the Catholic faith, and Reverend Clark V. Poling from the Dutch Reformed Church. The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation was set up as a way of promoting interfaith unity and a spirit of service among individuals. The United States government awarded all four the Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Cross medals in 1944. They were nominated for the highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, but because they had not engaged in active combat with the enemy, they did not qualify. Congress, therefore created a “Special Medal for Heroism” as an honorable substitute.

On February 3, 2024, let us remember the heroic deeds of these gentlemen on “Four Chaplains Day” and help us remember their sacrifice and the valuable lesson they demonstrated - that every human has value and worth.

Randy Roberts

Post Chaplain



IT'S FISH FRY SEASON!!
Starting FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 ,
AND EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH
MARCH 29.

All you can eat Fish. Served with Fries, and coleslaw.
Shrimp with Fries and coleslaw

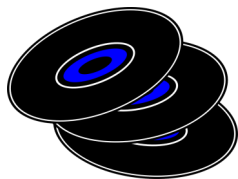
Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM

Cost: \$12.00 Fish Dinner \$ 14.00 Shrimp Dinner

The Auxiliary will be selling Desserts. Dessert Donations needed!

No need to pre-cut, bring to post by 3PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH PREP/COOK/SERVE/
CLEANUP**



MARCH 23, 2024

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

50s & 60s DANCE

D. J. BOB WURST

7-11 PM

\$ 10.00 per person



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday February 11

Pot-Luck

Drink Specials



DAYTONA 500 PARTY

Sunday, February 18

Pot-Luck

Drink Specials



Joseph W. Diehn Post 468 Calendar of Events 2024

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

FEBRUARY

Sun.2/4: Four Chaplain Sunday
Tues, 2/6: Auxiliary Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wed, 2/7: Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM Walk ins welcome.
Fri, 2/9 FIRST FISH FRY OF SEASON 4:30-7 pm
Sun, 2/11: SUPER BOWL PARTY IN CANTEEN
Tues, 2/13: Post Meeting 7:00 PM
Wed,2/14 Valentines Day
Fri.2/16 FISH FRY
Sun, 2/18: DAYTONA 500 PARTY/CANTEEN
Tues 2/20: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Fri,2/23:FISH FRY
Tues,2/27: Riders meeting 5:30 PM



MARCH

Fri,3/1: FISH FRY
Sat, 3/2: 1st District Auxiliary Spring Meeting , Maumee Unit 320 Register 9:30-Mtg 10:00 AM
Sat, 3/2: 1st District Cornhole Tournament Diehn Post 468
Tues,3/5: Auxiliary meeting 6:30 PM
Fri,3/8 FISH FRY
Sat, 3/9: 1st District Birthday Bash CW Post 587, Toledo
Sun,3/10: 1st District Legion Conference, Conn-Weissenberger Post 587, Toledo ,EBd 9:30 AM ,Gen Mtg 12:30PM
Tues 3/12 Post Meeting 7:00 PM
Fri,3/15: FISH FRY
Sun,3/17 St Patrick's Day
Tues,3/19: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Fri, 3/22 FISH FRY
Sat 3/23: 50s/60s DANCE 7- 11PM \$10.00 per person
Tues 3/26: Riders Meeting 5:30 PM
Fri,3/29: FISH FRY LAST ONE OF THE SEASON (Good Friday)
Sun,3/31 Easter



APRIL

Tues,4/2: Auxiliary meeting 6:30 PM
Tues,4/9: Post Meeting 7 PM
Tues,4/16: Sons Meeting 7 PM
Mon ,4/22 Passover begins
Tues 4/23: Riders Meeting 5:30PM
Tue,4/30 Passover ends @ sundown.



QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME 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.

Monthly drawing, last day of the month, 7:00 PM

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next issue will cover May, June and July.2024

.Articles and Info deadline is April 15, 2024. Email me at evenav1984@aol.com.

Please put your message in a WORD document ! Thank you, Evelyn Navarre, Editor.

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