



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

FROM THE POST COMMANDER

Is it really Spring?

Seasons are changing and things are picking up at the post. Our Elections of Post, Unit and Sons officers all take place in these months and we encourage new faces to join us in serving in these positions. The future of our Legion Family depends on those willing to do the 'grunt work'. You all know what I mean. Please watch our Facebook pages for information on our Installation of Officers.

By the time you receive this, our Post will have achieved their membership quota. Many thanks to everyone who paid their 2024 Dues. I do know there are still some who have not sent theirs in, and I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

As many of you know, a personnel change was made in March. I want to take this opportunity to thank Connie Pilkinton for her many years serving as our Canteen Manager, her time and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our new Canteen Manager is Verna Henderson a Post member and a Gulf War veteran. Stop in and say hello.

Memorial Day is right around the corner and as of now we have our usual events planned for Memorial Day weekend. Saturday May 25 we will place flags on graves starting at 9:00 am at Ravine Cemetery. Monday May 27 will consist of memorial services at the Sylvania area Cemeteries, the Sylvania Memorial Day parade and concluding with a Graveside memorial service at the grave of Joseph W. Diehn. Please contact me or Dave Rudey if you would like to participate in the Color Guard and any of these events.

Please continue to do your Buddy Checks. Be The One and help someone by listening.

See you at the Post!!

Joe Navarre, Commander

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AMERICAN
LEGION



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From The Auxiliary



Happy Spring!

**JOSEPH W. DIEHN
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 468**

**5580 Centennial Rd
Sylvania, OH 43560
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**Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

**AUXILIARY UNIT 468
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
5:30 PM**

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Post #468**

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Joseph W Diehn
Unit 468, Sylvania**

**CANTEEN HOURS
Mon-Sat.
Open @ 3PM
Sun. Open 1-7 PM**

If April showers bring May flowers, then we are hopefully in for some beautiful flowers soon! I had the opportunity to see the numerous fields of poppies on a trip to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of the sacrifice worn by all Americans since WWI to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. The Friday before Memorial Day, May 24, 2024, is National Poppy Day and Unit Members will be in the Community collecting donations for Veterans, Active-Duty Servicemembers, and their families.

I would like to invite all our auxiliary members to join me at the American Legion – Great First District of Ohio - Armed Forces Day 5K on May 18, 2024. You can walk, jog, or run the 5K! The course will start and end at Fossil Park located across the road from our Post.

The Sylvania Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:15AM in Downtown Sylvania. Unit members are encouraged to participate in the parade and walk/ride with our Legion Family.

The First District Summer Convention will be held at the Adams Township Post 553 in Toledo, Ohio, on Saturday, June 1, 2024. In addition, the Department of Ohio Convention will be held in Independence, Ohio, July 12-14, 2024. Attendance at the District and Department Conventions is not mandatory, but you are encouraged to attend. These Conventions provide a wonderful opportunity to network and learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary and its 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 at a Unit meeting. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30!

Melissa Boyers, President

POST NOTES

It may have taken us until the month of April, but we have hit our membership quota for 2024 for both the Legionnaires and the Sons. Did you know that approximately 25% of our Legionnaires are over the age of 80? Every year we lose membership due to deaths, individuals forgetting to pay, moving, or just don't want to belong anymore. And every year it is getting harder and harder to recruit membership. That is where you come in. It is up to everyone to recruit. Do you know a veteran? Invite them to the post, buy them a drink, talk to them about the Legion and what we do, get them an application, and sign them up. It's that easy.

Next year, Legionnaires dues will increase from \$45. To \$50. You may want to consider paying your dues at the \$45. rate good for the next 3 years. Go online to MYLEGION.ORG. If you have questions on how to do it, talk to Dean or Mark for information.

Do you have any ideas on activities that you would like to see at the post? Bands, dances, craft beer tasting, wine tasting, etc. There is a suggestion box located on the wall just before you would enter the canteen. We would like to hear from you.

Mark Wexler

Post – Adjutant

Sons – 1st Vice Commander



JULY 3RD POST PICNIC

Mark your calendar, and plan to come and set your chair on our front lawn and enjoy the spectacular fireworks show from Centennial Terrace!

Watch our Facebook pages for Picnic details.



News

New things are happening at the Post Canteen!

Drink Specials Every Day. There's a Pot-Luck every Sunday from 2-7 PM. Our Queen Of Hearts Drawing continues on Wednesday nights, as well as the weekly drawing.

Lots of fun table games are taking place, including Dice game and Left, Right, Center. If we have a large enough crowd, we will also do Bar Bingo.

Once the weather gets nicer we are planning cookouts on the patio.

Come and join us and enjoy your favorite beverage and the company of fellow vets. Bring me your ideas for activities !

Verna Henderson, Canteen Manager

MEMBERSHIP INFO

2024 Dues

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

2024

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

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

Sons of The American Legion, Squadron 468



Well fish fry season is over and it's time for warmer weather. The fish frys were very successful this year and thank you too all that volunteered. We were able to purchase a new two door freezer with some of the proceeds to help with all our storage needs. We are currently working on getting Toledo Mudhens Tickets to raffle off. Also the riders are having their annual ride on Saturday July 6th. If you are interested in helping out, please get ahold of Kathy Boerst..

Thank you for all you do,
Jeff Meyer, Commander



LEGION RIDERS

First and foremost I would like to thank Tony Roemmele for the many years of dedication to our riders group. Tony was an amazing leader for all of us. He always had our veterans as his number one priority and I will continue to uphold that as well.

As the new Director of the riders group, I look forward to working with all of you as a new riding session begins.

July 6 will be our annual Poker Run, and we are looking forward to that. We have a great group putting together raffle baskets, food and a great ride making stops along the way to support other Legion posts. Lets hope the weather holds out! If you would like to donate an item for the ride, we would appreciate it. You may drop it off at the post and I will be sure to get it.

We are currently selling raffle tickets for a \$ 500.00 Visa Card. Tickets are \$10.00 each. See any Legion Rider to purchase . Only 250 will be sold.

Ride Safe!

Kathy Boerst, Director



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE DATES:

Wednesday, June 5, Friday July 12, and 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

AUXILIARY ANNUAL POPPY FUNDRAISER

Poppy Day will be Friday, May 24th.

Poppy day funds are collected by our auxiliary unit and put into a restricted fund that can only be used to support our veterans, active duty military and their families. We do this by using the funds for rehabilitation of all, including those veterans in the various veteran hospitals or who visit our local V A clinic.

Due to a production shortage, we did not receive our poppy order in time to include them in this mailing. Poppies will be available at the post canteen if you would like one. This is an important fundraiser for our unit and we appreciate all donations. We have put an informational bookmark in place of a poppy in this newsletter.

ENCLOSED IS A RETURN ENVELOPE FOR YOUR DONATION.

**Make checks payable to: Joseph W. Diehn
Unit 468 (not Post)**

Mail to: ALA Joseph W Diehn Unit 468, 5580
Centennial Rd, Sylvania, OH 43560.

Please donate when you see a member distributing poppies.

We need volunteers to help distribute poppies at at two locations on Poppy Day. They are Main St. Sweets and Ricks City Diner. See Melissa Boyers or Jane Ann Brenneman if you would like to help.

**Thank you for your
support of our Poppy
fund!**



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

*Lt.Col. John McRae
May 3, 1915*

Post Chaplains Corner

Chaplain's Thoughts

People imagine God in vastly different ways. Some people imagine Him to be incredibly kind and loving, whereas others perceive Him as angry, punishing, or unfair. What are the consequences of how we imagine Him to be? Does it matter if we feel He is intimately close or distant? Does it matter how we think He sees us? Yes! It absolutely matters.

Our image of God shapes how we see ourselves and it shapes our relationships with our family and others. People who imagine God as loving, tend to see themselves as more loveable. Those who imagine God as forgiving, are more forgiving of others. Those who view God more benevolently have better self-esteem and fewer religious doubts and struggles. These perceptions set the perimeters for our relationship with God. God is very concerned with our perception because He knows the devastating effects of having a distorted image of Him.

Our perception of God can alter our relationship with Him. We can turn Him into an adversary, into a mean and unfair being that wants to squash us. A being that wants to deny us happiness. If that is your perception, please re-read the gospels because I can assure you that -- that perception is 180 degrees from the truth.

The way we forgive others and don't hold grudges, the way we respect others, the way we treat others in general. Life on this earth is short and unpredictable. It could end in an instant. Don't wait – make amends NOW! Likewise, our perception of God can alter our own happiness, peace, and our reason for being.

So, I am asking all of us to examine our premise to ensure we perceive God the way He intended us to look at Him. Do a search in the Bible to see how many times God says He loves you – I found over 40. Look at what He was willing to do to keep a relationship going and bring us into His family.

God did not say it was going to be easy, in fact He said right the opposite, but the struggle is worth the effort. Don't give up, don't lose heart! **Matthew 28:20** tells us - Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. **Matthew 22:37-40 & Mark 12:29-31** The Pharisees asked what is the greatest commandment? Jesus answered – The Lord our God is one. Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind and with all your strength.

What does that mean: We love God with all of our soul when we find more satisfaction in Him more than any other person or thing; We love God with all of our mind when we make decisions to obey His every command. We love God with all our strength when we persevere (in faith) through trials.

The second is this, "Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Meaning, you need to have a good self-image and be comfortable in your own skin so you can love others.

Respectfully,

Randy Roberts

Post Chaplain



Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

Calendar of Events 2024



ATTENTION: This is just a few of our planned activities. Call the post or access our Facebook page and website to stay current on events we are having.

MAY

Tues. 5/7 Auxiliary meeting-Election of Officers 6:30 PM

Tues.5/14: Post meeting, Election of Officers 7:00 PM

Sat, 5/18: Armed Forces Day

Sun, 5/17-19 Dept. Sons Convention, Findlay

Tues.5/21: Sons meeting, 7:00 PM

Fri. 5/24: POPPY DAY See Message on Page 5

Mon.5/27: MEMORIAL DAY

Tue.5/28: Riders meeting 5:30 PM



JUNE

Sat. 6/1: Auxiliary First District Convention, Adams Post 553, Toledo ,register, 9:30 AM, Mtg @ 10 AM

Sun, 6/2: 1st District Legion Convention, 9:30 AM, Post 265,Wauseon

Tues, 6/4: Auxiliary meeting 6:30 PM

Wed, 6/5: BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM

Tues.6/11: Post Meeting 7:00 PM

Tues.6/18: Sons meeting 7:00 PM

Sun.6/16: Fathers Day

Tues,6/25: Riders meeting 5:30 PM

JULY

Tues, 7/2: Auxiliary meeting 6:30 PM

Wed, 7/3: Sylvania Fireworks/ POST PICNIC SEE Page 3

Thurs ,7/4: Fourth of July

Sat,7/6: Riders POKER RUN

Tues 7/9: Post meeting 7:00 PM

Fri,7/12-Sun,7/14: Department Conventions-Legion & Auxiliary, Independence OH.

Fri, 7/ 12 BLOOD DRIVE 1-6 PM

Tues.7/16: Sons meeting 7:00 PM

Tues.7/23: Riders meeting 5:30 PM



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 15. The next Issue will cover August, September and October.

Please put in Word doc. and Email articles and info on any events to evenav1984@aol.com, or leave at canteen for me to pick up.

Evelyn Navarre, Editor



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