



American Legion Joseph W. Diehn Post 468

The Doughboy

FROM THE POST COMMANDER:

Greetings Legion Family,

I was recently asked this question by a member: "Why do I pay \$50 a year for an American Legion membership when I can get drinks cheaper at the bar down the road?"

Here's four reasons: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth

These are the "Four Pillars" that the American Legion was founded upon.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation – Under this Pillar The American Legion assists our fellow Veterans in many ways.

Improved access to VA Health Care

Network of Service Officers to assist with VA claims

GI Bill Benefits

Assist Veterans with Special needs (mental and physical disabilities) with programs like "Buddy check" and "Be the One"

Assist Homeless Veterans

Final Respects to Departed comrades

National Security – Under this Pillar The American Legion ensures that we have a well-staffed, well-equipped and well-trained military. The American Legion also supports members of the military to ensure that they receive adequate pay and housing and provide assistance to their families while they are deployed.

Americanism – Under this Pillar The American Legion does many things such as:

Flag Protection and Education

Encourage Voter Registration and Participation

High School Americanism and Government Test

Participate in flag raising ceremonies, Veterans Day events, Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parades

Boys State program

Boy Scouts of America

Children & Youth – Under this Pillar The American Legion works to help keep our children healthy and safe by supporting programs that encourage Immunizations, Family Integrity, Temporary Financial Assistance and Scholarships. This Pillar also supports programs that work to eliminate Catastrophic Illness, Media Violence, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation.

The list above just gives a very brief description of each of the "Four Pillars" of The American Legion. This is what The American Legion is and what The American Legion does.

The American Legion is not a Bar. The Canteens in American Legion Posts were established to provide a place for Veterans to come together for socialization with fellow Veterans. For many years this was one of the only sources Veterans had to deal with being "shell shocked", now known as PTSD. Over the years the Post Canteen has transitioned to welcome all Legion Family members and provides a place where everyone can come together and have a good time.

It's my hope that when you renew your membership in The American Legion you understand that you are committing to support a Veteran Service Organization that has been serving our fellow Veterans and their families for over 105 years. With your continued commitment and support of the "Four Pillars", The American Legion will be here for another 105 years.

Dean Boyers, Commander



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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2024 JANUARY 2025



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POST 468
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Sylvania, OH 43560
419-882-9080
Post meetings
2nd Tuesdays 7PM

**AUXILIARY UNIT 468
Sylvania, OH 43560
Meetings First Tuesday
Nov-March-5:30 PM
April-Oct -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**

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From The Auxiliary President



Happy Fall Everyone!

As the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, Fall will soon be replaced by Winter! Every season is an opportunity for our Unit to host events for our Community, Veterans, Active-Duty Servicemembers, and their families. Several Unit members attended School of Instruction training that was held in Columbus, Ohio on September 21st & 22nd. We received training on the Plan of Action for each of the Auxiliary programs (i.e. Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Juniors, etc.) and we look forward to sharing these programs and ideas with all of you. On Saturday, October 5th, our Unit hosted the 1st District Auxiliary Fall Conference. I'd like to thank the members who helped with decorations, door prizes, and donating breakfast items for this event. Participating in District Conferences is a great way to network with other Auxiliary members and units. We hope you plan to participate in the Trunk or Treat being held on October 27th from 1:00-3:00PM. Trunk or Treat is always a fun event and I know several of us are looking forward to decorating our vehicles and passing out treats! Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Children's Christmas Party which will be held on Sunday, December 15th from 1:00-3:00PM. Additional information on how to sign up to participate is included with this newsletter. Volunteers are needed to assist with this event.

This is the last newsletter that will be sent via US Mail! To ensure that you receive the new electronic newsletter going forward, please be sure to update your email address when you pay your annual dues! You can pay your 2025 dues to our Unit Membership Chairman, Melissa Billis. You can also pick up your membership cards from Melissa or in the Canteen.

We have a lot going on so be sure to follow us on Facebook, @Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania. Our Facebook page follows/posts information about the 1st District and Department of Ohio, so you can stay current on everything going on with the Auxiliary.

In conjunction with Daylight Saving Time, our Unit meetings will be held at 5:30PM on the first Tuesday of the month from November 2024 through March 2025. Because the first Tuesday in November falls on Election Day during a Presidential Election year, our November meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30PM.

I look forward to seeing you at the Post!

Melissa Boyers, President



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

This issue of the Doughboy will be the last sent by US Mail. Starting with the issue in February, The Doughboy will be sent by Email only. Please make sure your email is updated on Mylegion.org for Legion and SAL members, and on alaforveterans.org for Auxiliary members. (if not already registered you will need to create a user name and password). We use these databases for our mailings. You can also pay your dues online this way, and print out your card. If you would like a newsletter mailed to you, please let me know, my address is 1036 Branleigh Dr, Toledo, OH 43612 or email me @ eve-nav1984@aol.com.

Evelyn Navarre, Editor

POST INFORMATION

The health of our Legion family depends on you, the individual member. If you are strong in your membership, then we are strong as a family. Our family story started 103 years ago. We lose key members, and gain new members. Some of our members have been involved with a few pages in this story. Now with any book, you must turn the page. If not the story repeats and gets old. We want to introduce new characters to our story, and we hope you can be one of them. You don't have to be the lead, but you can play a part. If we all play a part, then it is easier for our story to be written. Our Post story's continuing viability into our second century would benefit from the valued part you play, fresh ideas and participation in Post affairs. Remember, the Joseph W. Diehn, Post 468 family is your family as well. Please help keep it strong and active as we continue to support fellow veterans, their programs, and local community activities. Recruitment is vital. We need your help in this venture.

We are in the middle of our 2025 membership drive. As of this date, we stand at just over 70% of paid Legionnaires. The Sons memberships are lagging behind at 20%. It is imperative that all dues be collected prior to the start of the new year. How can dues be paid? There are three ways.....

Pay your dues online at www.mylegion.org If you have never been online before, you must create an account.

Send in your dues by mailing your membership money to the Post. The address is 5580 Centennial Rd. Sylvania, OH 43560

Leave your money at the Post. Give it the bartender and when I come into the Post, they will give it to me.

When I receive your money, I will send your new 2025 memberships out in the mail.

Mark Wexler, Post Adjutant

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,

Just a reminder that the son's are still selling raffle tickets to win 4 tickets to a home Toledo Walleye game. The tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing will be held on Tuesday November 19th. Winner does not need to be present to win. The son's are also having **a chili dog and chips dinner twice a month. The dates are November 12 and 26th, December 10th and January 14 and 28th. The cost is \$5.00 and you get two chili dogs, with homemade sauce and chips.** You'll not find a better deal anywhere. The son's once again will be providing the gifts for the children's Christmas party at the post in December. We are also always looking for volunteers to help us out with all our activities. Please consider volunteering.

Thank you,

Jeff Meyer SAL Commander



We are now collecting food items to fill baskets that will be delivered to Veterans and their families in our area for Thanksgiving. Suggested items include potatoes, dressing, vegetables, dessert mixes. Turkeys and other perishables are welcome, just let the Canteen staff know, so they can be put in refrigeration. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

DONATIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 18. Please, no expired items!! Distribution will be the week of Thanksgiving



We would like to find out if members would be interested in Dart Ball and perhaps joining a League. Please let us know by leaving a message with the bartenders.

TACO NIGHT Wed, NOVEMBER 13, 4:30-7 pm

Tacos \$ 2.50, Taco Salad \$ 3.50, Refried Beans \$ 1.00



Stop in a see our new machines, enjoy your favorite drink and fellowship with fellow members!

Queen of Hearts is Every Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

AMERICANISM & GOVERNMENT TESTS will be given to students at Sylvania Northview and Southview High schools the first two weeks in November. **We will need VOLUNTEERS to come help grade these tests. There will be approximately 450 to grade.**

We will grade these tests on Thursday, November 21, at 6:00 PM .Come when you can, stay as long as you like, the more that help, the quicker they get graded.

Chaplain's Thoughts

Growing up, I had the mistaken idea that real men don't cry. Well, I'm afraid I don't agree with that anymore. There are times in my life when I find myself crying in the middle of the night. Most of these moments happen when I'm talking to God after midnight. I think God and I have a standing appointment around 3:30 in the morning. Somehow, I wake up at that time. Most of the time, however, that feeling of despair turns to joy in having a talk with God.

As I've gotten to know people, I find great comfort in knowing I'm not the only one spending sleepless nights in anguish. You see, I am a feeler. I ache inside of me whenever I see others in pain and suffering even if they live on the opposite side of the globe. Recently, I was reading Psalm 77 and found the writer expressing the same sentiment:

"I searched for the Lord. All night long I prayed, with hands lifted toward heaven, but my soul was not comforted." (Psalm 77:2)

Perhaps you've asked the same questions or shared similar doubts? The Psalmist continues in his despair:

"Has the Lord rejected me forever? Will He never again be kind to me? Is His unfailing love gone forever? Have His promises permanently failed? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He slammed the door on His compassion?" (Psalm 77:7-9)

During times of trials and affliction—when God seems distant—it's easy to fall into despair and feel as if God has forgotten us. But when we experience deep despair and question God's faithfulness, we must do as the Psalmist did: recall and remember what God has done.

"But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works." (Psalm 77:11-12)

Are you in a place of despair and doubt?

Recall all that God has done for His people, as recorded in the Scriptures. Turn to the pages of the Bible and remember His mighty works. Reflect on the times God has worked in your life and in the lives of your loved ones. Remember the moments when you knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that God was present and active.

Recall God's promises for you and remember the times He was faithful in fulfilling those promises. Then, remember the hope we have as precious children of God, because of the Lord's great love, compassion, and faithfulness.

The prophet Jeremiah, a man full of distress and worries, wrote these words to encourage us: "I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness, and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:19-21)

In the New Testament, remembrance is just as vital. In fact, one of the Holy Spirit's key roles is to help believers remember:

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)

Remembering what God has done for us is foundational for living life. How can we forgive if we forget the pardon God purchased for us? How can we be motivated to sacrifice for others if we forget the sacrifice the Father made for us?

So, if you find yourself wide awake at night, unable to sleep, perhaps God wants to hear from you. Perhaps He wants you to listen. Either way, remember what God has done for us, and meditate on what God continues to do for you, giving you hope for a better life and future.

Randy Roberts, Post Chaplain

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**VETERANS
APPRECIATION DAY**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

9:30AM-10:15AM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
IN THE CAFETERIA
10:30AM NORTHVIEW
WALK OF APPRECIATION

ANY VETERAN IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP!



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, December 19 11 AM-5 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 2024-2025

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.”

NOVEMBER

Mon, 11/4: VETERANS Appreciation @ Northview HS 11-1:30 PM pre-registration required see page 6

Tues, 11/5: ELECTION DAY VOTE!!

Note: Due to Election Day, Auxiliary meeting has been moved to Tues, Nov 12, 5:30 PM, NOTE NEW TIME!

Mon, 11/11: VETERANS DAY

Veterans Program @ Maplewood Elementary 1:30 PM

Tues, 11/12: Post Meeting 7:00 PM

Auxiliary Unit Meeting 5:30 PM

2 CONEY DOGS & CHIPS \$ 5.00 4:30-7 PM

Wed 11/13 : TACO Night 4:30-7 PM -SEE MENU Pg 4

Tues 11/19: Sons meeting 7 PM

Thurs, 11/21: GRADE A&G Tests 6 PM

Tues, 11/26: Riders Meeting 5:30 PM

2 CONEY DOGS & CHIPS \$ 5.00 ,4:30-7 PM

Thurs 11/28 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

Tues 12/3: Auxiliary Unit meeting 5:30 PM

Sat, 12/7: Pearl Harbor Day

Tues, 12/10: Post meeting 7 PM

2 CONEY DOGS & CHIPS \$ 5.00 , 4:30-7 pm

Sat, 12/15: CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR SIGN UP

Tues, 12/17: Sons meeting 7 PM

Thurs, 12/19: Riders sponsored- Red Cross Blood Drive 11 AM – 5 PM details pg 6

Tues, 12/24: Christmas Eve

Wed, 12/25: Christmas Day

Hanukkah begins at sundown

Tues, 12/31 New Years Eve

JANUARY 2025

Wed, 1/1/2025: New Years Day

Tues, 1/7: Auxiliary Unit meeting 5:30 PM

Sun, 1/12: 1st District Legion Mid-Winter mtg, Adams Post 553, E Bd 9AM, General Meeting 10 AM

Tues 1/14: Post meeting 7 PM

2 CONEY DOGS & Chips \$ 5.00 4:30-7 PM

Fri,1/17-Sun1/19: Dept Mid Winter Meetings– Marriot Columbus NW /Dublin OH.

Tues 1/21: Sons Meeting 7 PM

Tues 1/28: Riders meeting 5:30 PM

2 CONEY DOGS & Chips \$ 5.00 4-7 PM



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next issue will be sent via EMAIL ONLY and will cover February, March, April 2025. Articles and Info deadline is **January 17, 2025**. Email me at evenav1984@aol.com. **Please send articles in an attachment, and in Word format . Thank you, Evelyn Navarre, Editor.**

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