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The Doughboy

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MEETINGS:

LEGION
2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM

AUXILIARY:
1st Tuesday 6:30 PM

SONS
3rd Tuesday 7:00 PM

RIDERS
4th Tuesday 5:30 PM

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Commander's Corner

Greetings Everyone,

I believe we are all looking forward to spring. It seems winter got here early and just keeps hanging around.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make the Sons Fish Fry's a success. From prep and setup, cooking and serving to clean-up and tear down, it could not get done without those of you who give so generously of your time. Again, THANK YOU.

Also, I want to say thanks to Nancy Newman and the folks that helped her plan and host the 50-60's Dance. It was great success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Events like the Dance and the Fish Fry's have given a lot of positive press to our posts and gives the public more ability to see how nice our post really is. More exposure means more rentals which contributes to the financial wellbeing of our post.

Being a volunteer is especially important to the success of our post and its upkeep. We have made some significant upgrades to the post in the last 18 months and it is a place of which we can all be proud and enjoy. I wish we had unlimited resources to do all the things that need to done just for upkeep and maintenance but unfortunately, that is not the case. We have been mandated by the City of Sylvania and the Health Department to tie into the City Sewer system. Because of the terrain and distance involved to accomplish the tie-in, the cost is going to be significant. Our funding priority will have to go toward meeting the City and the Health Departments' mandate.

To that end, I am asking that you join me in helping to maintain our post by volunteering your time to help keep our post and the grounds clean and looking like a place of which we can all be proud. I know everyone is busy and has their own place to take care of but those of you that can give a few hours a month can make a huge difference in accomplishing routine maintenance. Please consider helping if you can. Let me know if you have the time. I will have a project for you with which to assist.

I thank all of you for remaining loyal to our post and the American Legion.

Verna Henderson, Commander

Our new Website

Last summer our Post's website underwent a complete overhaul with a completely new look and feel. If you haven't visited it yet, you're in for a real treat. All the news & info in one place.

Just point your browser to…

SylvaniaPost468.org

A Word on our Newsletter and Submissions

Along with our new look, we are attempting to bring fresh life to The Doughboy. We are minimizing those familiar and (let's admit it) lengthy missives from the leadership within our Family. Instead, we hope to fill this Newsletter with NEWS and interesting information that will serve a truly useful purpose for our members.

We encourage our members, whether in a leadership role or just as a fellow Veteran, to submit any related information so that we might share our knowledge with our total community. We won't know about stuff unless YOU share it with us.

There is no need to submit finished text and graphics/photos to be a contributor. Simple ideas can become full-featured articles with a little help from the Doughboy staff. This is YOUR newsletter and you should feel comfortable letting us know about things that interest you.

Just drop us an email or give us a call or text message. There is NO deadline for submissions but we only publish QUARTERLY so the earlier – the better.

News from Your Legion Family.

We've gathered all of the latest happenings about your Legion, our Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons.

Riders

The riders really don't have much going on. Ol' Mother Nature is not cooperating for us. So, we are kinda just chillin' out waiting for the weather to turn better so we can break out our bikes. I'm sure many of us are getting work done on our bikes and shinning them up for riding season.
Stay tuned.

Kathy Boerst
Director

Summer Ride Planned

While it's still in the early stages, the Riders are making plans for **a RIDE on July 11th**, this summer. Get in touch with City Rick for the particulars.

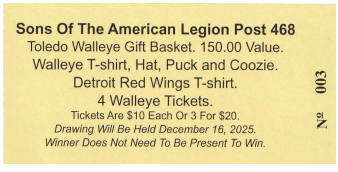
Sons

Again this year, the Sons of Post 468 will be offering **Engraved Red Memorial Paving Bricks** to be installed in the walk to our electronic sign in front of the Post.

For details on this project, including the number of characters per line, pricing, etc., contact Mark Wexler

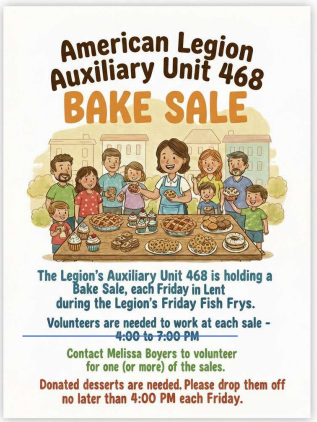
Walleye Gift Basket

The winner of the 2025 Walleye Gift Basket, drawn on December 16th, was none other than your Newsletter Editor, Mike Zets.



Auxiliary

In conjunction the Sons' Fish Frys during Lent this year, the Auxiliary offered Desserts For Sale via a **Bake Sale**. With pies, cakes, and cookies, each Friday's offerings were a great finishing touch to dinner.



Canteen Specials

Every month the Post runs *Daily Beer Specials*. Look for the current list on the small TV above the Window in the Canteen or ask the Bartender what's special that day.

JOSEPH W. DIEHN
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 468

Sylvania, OH 43560

More News from around the Post…

Friday means FISH !!!

The Sons did it again with their Fabulous Fish Fry Fridays. With the help of many member volunteers, our ever helpful Boy Scout Troop154, and countless valued diners, this year's Fish Fry Fundraiser was again a success. Thanks to all helped from Set Up & Prep on Thursday, to Cooking, Serving, and final Clean Up on Friday, we could never do it without you.

Fish $14
Hand Breaded, Deep Fried Alaskan Pollock — Children 10 & Under - $7
All You Can Eat - DINE IN ONLY

Chicken $14
Breaded, Tender White Meat — Children 10 & Under - $7
Gluten Free Available - $16

Shrimp $16
Breaded, Deep Fried — (Adults Only)

Desserts, Soda, or Water $1

All Dinners include Fries & Coleslaw

And let's not forget those tiny helpers who so energetically collected and returned empty trays to the kitchen for rewashing. Without those helpful little hands, there were many times we might have been short of new serving trays.

Visit our New Website
SylvaniaPost468.org

Could you pass this test?

Every year our Post, in conjunction with The Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, administers the *Americanism & Government Program Test* to students in grades 10 thru 12.

The State Award from the Ohio American Legion for the 18 State winners is a five (5) day, all expenses paid trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

50 Questions plus a 300 word essay, must be completed in 1 hour. Over 65,000 Student participate annually in Ohio.

Here's your chance to see if you really know your stuff.

Just answer the first 10 questions and then think about this Essay topic.

"Envision yourself over 18 years old and able to vote. Which of the Constitutional Amendments is the most impactful to you? Please explain your answer."

Answers to the questions are below. Could you finish in an hour?

Answers…

1. T
2. F
3. T
4. T
5. F
6. B
7. B
8. A
9. B
10. D

2025

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary
Americanism & Government Program

High School _____

Grade _____ Gender _____ Age _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

E-Mail _____

Phone Number _____

To be filled out by Post or Unit

Post/Unit Number _____

District Number _____

District _____

Here is a sample of The American & Government Program Test administered in 2025 by the Post Auxiliary.

50 Questions + an Essay in ONE Hour.

Student Instructions (Read Carefully)

Print clearly in the allotted spaces. Erasers are not allowed. Answers may be crossed out and reprinted. ***THE ESSAY MUST BE COMPLETED TO QUALIFY FOR COMPETITION.*** *Open books or other guides are not permitted. The test must be completed within one hour.*

The United States Flag & State of Ohio Flag *Please answer the following questions as* ***True*** *or* ***False.***

1. The proper name for the State of Ohio's flag is a burgee. 1. ☐
2. "God Bless America" is the National Anthem of the United States. 2. ☐
3. The United States flag should always be taken down in inclement weather, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. 3. ☐
4. The 17th star on the United States flag represents the admittance of Ohio into the Union as a State. 4. ☐
5. The first United States flag was created by Martha Washington. 5. ☐

United States Constitution & Declaration of Independence
Choose the best answer.

6. Adoption of the United States Constitution required ratification by _____ of the original 13 States? 6. ☐
   a) All b) 9 c) 12 d) 2
7. Who was the main author of the Declaration of Independence? 7. ☐
   a) John Adams b) Thomas Jefferson c) Abraham Lincoln d) James Madison
8. Which Amendment of the United States Constitution grants the right for 18 year olds to vote in the United States election? 8. ☐
   a) 26th b) 24th c) 21st d) 18th
9. Prior to the adoption of the United States Constitution, this document established the form of government the United States operated under: 9. ☐
   a) Magna Carta b) Articles of Confederation c) Fairfax Resolves d) Federalist Papers
10. How many people signed the Declaration of Independence? 10. ☐
    a) 13 b) 26 c) 34 d) 56

Reminders

Have you purchased your tickets for the Monthly drawing or our weekly Queen drawings?
You can't win if you don't play!

Remember – Only Paid Up Members of the American Legion may participate in any of our games of chance or our Video Machines.

The Very Latest News…

For up-to-date information and late breaking news, visit our Facebook Page

Scan the QR code below.

News from around the Post…

$10,000 Donation

On Saturday March 14th, **Little Blessings Veteran and Community Outreach** held its 2nd Annual Reverse Raffle at **Sylvania American Legion Post 468**.

Post Commander Verna Henderson and 1st Vice Commander **Dean Boyers** were instrumental in their success with a donation of $10,000 from the American Legion Post 468, given to directly support their Capital Campaign!

In total, the Fundraiser made over $16,000.00 that night!

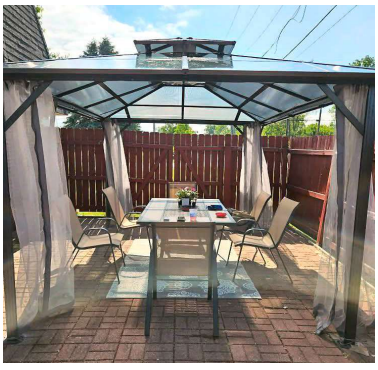
In Memory of Doug Hancock

March 19, 2026 – The American Legion Post 468 made a donation of $5,000 to **H.O.O.V.E.S.** in memory of Doug Hancock.
Behind every gift is a story, a person, a legacy, and a reason someone chose to invest in healing. This gift will allow a part of Doug Hancock's memory to continue making an impact through the H.O.O.V.E.S. mission.

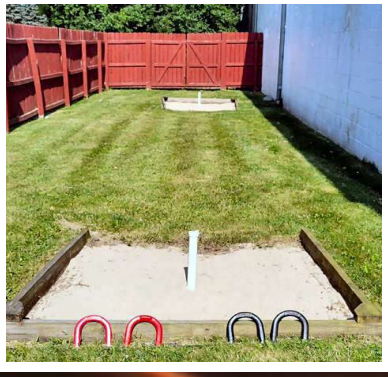
H.O.O.V.E.S. brings veterans and rescued horses together in life-changing experiences.

Our Backyard…

Walk right in, it's around the back, just a few steps past the ATM…
A secluded shady spot to sit and chat with friends, smoke a cigar, or sip a Margarita.



You might even find time to toss a Horseshoe or two.
You might even enjoy the sun in the grass or a **private** bit of the evening sky.



From the Sons' 1st Vice Commander

Recruiting members has important benefits.

The American Legion Family

This past year, there were 17of our Post members who passed away. Getting a new member makes up for those who passed. But there is another benefit for the person that recruited them.

Every year, there are two District Conferences - The Summer and the Mid-Winter Conferences. Did you know that when "you" recruit someone, the 1st Vice Commander submits a card containing your name and the name of the person who you recruited. It is sent to the District and put into a hopper. Since there are many Posts within District 1, based on the recruitment of those posts, the number of cards could be a lot.

At each conference, 15 of those cards are drawn at random. **If you are lucky enough to have one of the cards drawn with your name on it, you win $100.** Now, I am not bragging, but I have recruited quite a few of our new Post members over the past years. I have been very fortunate, or should I say lucky, that my card was drawn 3 conferences in a row. In other words, I've won $300.

How do I recruit? It's simple. I walk my dog a couple times a day, every day. I look at license plates. If I notice a military insignia on the plate, they are a potential recruit. All you need to do is ask.

Mark Wexler

Legacy Donations and Bequests

Many of us have found lasting camaraderie, service, and purpose through our Legion Post.

As you consider your long-term plans and the legacy you wish to leave, you might consider the Post an organization that has benefited your life and the lives of fellow veterans in our community. A thoughtful gift, no matter the size, can help ensure that our mission of supporting veterans, their families, and the values we share continues for generations to come.

Including the Post in your estate planning is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact.

From the Auxiliary President

A Special Message for our Auxiliary Members

Spring is finally here! As we wrap up another Fish Fry season, I want to send a big thank-you to everyone who helped with our Auxiliary bake sales—whether you volunteered your time or dropped off delicious goodies. You are truly appreciated!

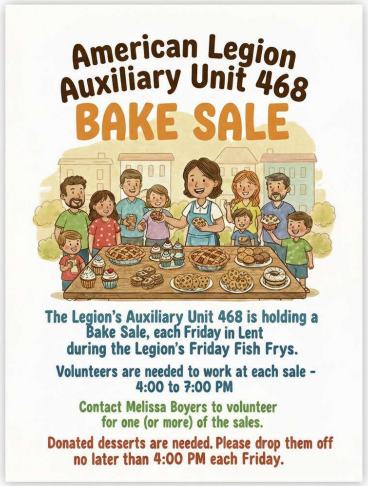
If you haven't renewed your membership yet, it has officially expired. You can renew online, at any meeting, or by reaching out to our Membership Chairman, Connie Pilkinton. When you renew, take a moment to think about your "why." What inspired you to join the American Legion Auxiliary? What keeps you connected to our mission?

There's a place for everyone in our programs—Americanism, Buckeye Girls State, Children & Youth, Junior Activities, Education, Public Relations, Historian, Leadership, Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Membership, Community Service, National Security, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Legislative, and Poppy. I hope you'll consider getting involved in one or more of our programs.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. With lots of events coming up, make sure to follow us on Facebook at Joseph W. Diehn Unit 468, Sylvania so you stay in the loop.

Can't wait to see you soon!

Melissa Boyers, Auxiliary President



The American Legion Family

Luck be a Lady....

Wether you're a "*Gambling Man*" or you're just the sort that just wants to try it for the first time, Our Post has something for your level of expertice.

With ten Video Slots, Ohio Lottery Tear-Offs, Keno, and local boards via Nascar, Sporting Events of all kinds, and even our very own weekly Queen Drawing, we have something for everyone.

Stop by and give it a try. Somebody's always playing AND winning!

Rember:Only MEMBERS of our post are permitted to play or games.

A Message from the Membership Chairman…

Why Isn't More Happening at Our Post?

Have you ever wondered why there aren't more activities or programs taking place at ***your*** American Legion Post?

The simple answer is volunteers.

The American Legion is a volunteer-driven organization. Every event, program, fundraiser, and community activity happens because members are willing to step forward and make it happen. Without volunteers, even the best ideas never get off the ground.

As we look ahead to the coming year, our Post is in need of members who are willing to serve in leadership and committee roles. Elections for Post officers will take place at our **May meeting on May 12, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**, and we encourage any member interested in helping shape the future of our Post to consider running.

The positions to be voted on include:

- Post Commander
- 1st Vice Commander / Membership Chairman
- 2nd Vice Commander / Activities Coordinator
- Adjutant
- Finance Officer
- Chaplain
- Sgt-at-Arms

In addition to elected officers, we also need volunteers to serve on **all Post committees**. Committees are where many of the programs and initiatives of the Legion truly come to life.

Volunteers are also needed throughout our **American Legion Family organizations**. The **American Legion Auxiliary**, the **Sons of the American Legion**, and the **American Legion Riders** all play an important role in supporting the mission of the Legion and strengthening our impact in the community. Each of these groups relies on dedicated volunteers who are willing to step forward and help organize events, lead programs, and support our veterans and their families.

Everything we do is built around the **Four Pillars of the American Legion**:

- Americanism
- Children & Youth
- National Security
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

These pillars guide our mission to serve veterans, their families, and our communities. However, without members willing to donate a little of their time and energy, we simply cannot fulfill that mission.

If you have ever thought about getting more involved, **now is the time**. Your ideas, your leadership, and your willingness to serve can make a real difference in the strength and success of our Post and our entire American Legion Family.

Together, we can ensure that our Post remains active, engaged, and committed to the values that have guided the American Legion for more than a century.

If you have any questions on how you can get involved, please feel free to contact 1st Vice Commander Dean Boyers @ 419-250-6972

Looking for a few good Members

Your Post has been looking for ways to increase the usage of our facilities. Too often, our Main Hall & Meeting Room have been under-utilized when they could be serving our members and the community at large in much better ways.

Your Post is putting together a Committee of volunteers to brain storm better ways to generate interest in our many available Post facilities. Make a difference and get things done.

A new Addition to Our Canteen…

We are please to announce the hiring of a new Canteen Manager.

Meet **Crystal Zattau**, a resident of Sylvania with kids attending Evergreen Elementary School.

When she's not at the Post, you'll find her tending bar at Shawn's Irish Tavern and working as a Real Agent for Key Realty.

Sons

On May 9th members of the Sons will raffle off TEN highly desirable guns.
Winner need not be present.
THREE additional winners will be drawn on the day of the raffle.
These tickets will ONLY be sold on the day of the raffle and these winners must be present to win.
See below for details.

2026 Armed Forces Day

"Chill out at the Grill Out!"

We invite all members of the public to join us at this event to honor our currently serving Active, Guard and Reserve military forces

• Saturday, May 16th, 2026 •

• 11 am to 4 pm •

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or visit: lucascountyvets.org

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THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW GANG
KNOWN AS THE

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MUST HANG OUT, DRINK HARD LIQUOR, AND NOT BITCH
WHILE WORKING ON IDEAS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

FROM A PREVIOUS GANG FORMERLY CALLED

LEGIONNAIRES, SONS,
THE AUXILLIARY, OR RIDERS.

PAY IS CHICKEN FEED OR LESS

NEEDED TO SEE EACH EVENT FROM

INSPIRATION TO COMPLETION.

CONTACT MARK WEXLER OR MIKE ZETS

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