

# VFW



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# News and Notes

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT — FEBRUARY IS COMMONLY THOUGHT OF AS "THE DEAD OF WINTER" IN OHIO — A GOOD TIME TO STAY INSIDE AND BE GOOD AND WARM. IT IS A GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER HOW WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR VFW POST EVEN BETTER. GOOD IDEA? LET'S DO IT!!**

**VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON**

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## FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

### FROM THE COMMANDER:

Our post started the new year of 2018 with 18 of us attending the meeting on a very cold Thursday evening. I showed up with a severe cold and with 20/20 hindsight probably should have stayed home since it turned into full blown case of the flu. So much for the flu shot that only protects us from 10 to 30 percent of the current virus this year - but getting the shot kept me at a shorter time with the flu. I still and always will support getting the flu shot since I realize that the Center for Disease Control tries to guess the correct strain of the virus that will be around every flu season. The flu season is not over yet so if you didn't get your shot it's not too late. We undraped our post charter for one fellow comrade and then turned around and draped it in memory of the three comrades that we lost at the close of 2017. This is always a sad and somber ceremony that we perform in their memory but is an essential part of who we are as a post. This is another function as your commander that I do not take lightly and will continue to do with the pride and dignity this ceremony deserves. As we begin 2018, I and your fellow post officers are planning for another year of doing what our post is known for and that is helping our fellow veterans and their families, being involved with our community, educating the youths about military history past and present. At the same time we plan on visiting nursing homes, veterans hospitals, and all the many patriotic projects we have done in the past. Busy year planned but with your help and involvement we will be as successful in 2018 as we have since our beginning in 1989. I will close for now and look forward to seeing all of you at the February meeting willing to step-up and support our many projects. Let's all take it a little easier during the winter months left and stay healthy and active to keep that flu bug away. **" VETERANS IN ACTION - BECAUSE WE CARE"**

J. Rick Williams, Commander  
VFW Post 10523

## FEBRUARY IN OHIO — "BAH-HUMBUG" OR WINTER WONDERLAND??

It's FEBRUARY 2018 — TYPICALLY THE HEIGHT OF "WINTER IN OHIO" FOR MANY (POSSIBLY MOST) WINTER IS "NOT SO GOOD". OFTEN, IT IS JUST TOO COLD AND CLOUDY WITH TOO DARN MUCH SNOW!!



FOR OTHERS, FEBRUARY IS A WINTER-WONDERLAND — BEAUTIFUL WINTER SCENES, ICES SKATING, SKIING, AND YES — A FEW SNOW-BALL FIGHTS!! TOTALLY, FEBRUARY IS A PRETTY GOOD MONTH!! LET'S JUST BUNDLE UP A BIT... AND

*Enjoy It!*

These cold winter months are good times to sit by the fireside and enjoy our top quality VFW Post — our strong comradeship, our excellent strongly committed leadership, and our loyal post membership. How fortunate we are to have it all!!

Our greatest challenge is — to maintain our momentum... to remain a top, classy, proud VFW Post!! Together we can do it, and together WE WILL DO IT!!

*Have a Fun February!!*

## COMING UP... IN THE POST



- Feb 5... Post Officers' Monthly Meeting
- Feb 8... Feb Meeting, VFW Post 10523
- Mar 8... Officer Nominations Made
- February... 2018 VFW Golf Planning Starts



## DISTRICT VFW YOUTH AWARDS WINNERS ANNOUNCED



THE 2018 DISTRICT II VFW VOD BANQUET FOR AWARD WINNERS WAS HELD SATURDAY, JAN 6 AT THE VFW POST, REYNOLDSBURG. GREAT APPRECIATION WAS GIVEN TO YOUTH FOR THEIR INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION IN OUR VFW VOD ESSAY CONTEST.

The 2018 District winner was Lucas R. Unver of Olentangy Liberty High School, sponsored by Post 7883, Westerville. His entry will now advance to National Competition!

Canal Winchester's entry, Austin Beauchamp, did very well, coming in at mid-range. Congratulations go to Lee Gifford (Madison Christian School's VOD Coordinator) and to John & Marshall Crabtree (CW's VOD Coordinators) for their dedication to Post 10523's VOD Youth Activities.

## NOW HEAR THIS...



### SUMMARY OF JANUARY VFW MEETING

- 7:30 p.m. Commander Williams opened the meeting.
- De-draped the 30 day charter honoring Jerry Mossing, deceased.
- Draped charter for Deceased Comrades Conrad Yeater, David Johnson, and Ray Detty.
- Darrell Driver gave strong financial report.
- Rich Holter reported on good constitution meeting.
- Members in (health) Distress—  
Tom Yost, Gerry Garbe, A.L. (Swede) Eslick
- District VOD Awards Banquet held Jan 6. District Winner — Lucas Unver (\$1500 Award). CW Post 10523's entry did well and will be an inspiration for next year.
- Commander Williams reviewed the 2017 VFW Family Christmas Party, thanking all for a great event!
- Thank-you notes read for 10523 contributions.
- Bob Vance reported that he, as assistant QM, will be pleased to order anything members need.
- New Officer Elections are coming up, starting in March.
- 8:20 p.m. Meeting adjourned  
50-50 Winner — Jim Jauert  
Refreshment Host — Lou Carman

## NEW OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR VFW POST 10523



THE ELECTION OF 2018-2019 OFFICERS FOR POST 10523 IS COMING UP SOON —

MARCH VFW MEETING... NOMINATIONS DUE  
APRIL VFW MEETING... OFFICIAL ELECTIONS HELD  
MAY VFW MEETING... INSTALLATION CEREMONY  
JUNE VFW MEETING... OPEN (PREP. FOR NEW YEAR)  
JULY VFW MEETING... NEW TEAM IN CHARGE

TRADITIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO SURVEY INTEREST OF CURRENT TEAM — NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

## TEN (10) NEW MEMBERS FOR POST 10523



FEB... Jerry Mossing (Deceased, Dec 2017)  
MAR... A.L. (Swede) Eslick  
APR... Dan Matheson, Bruce Geneskie  
JUN... Tom Yost  
JUL... Dr. Dana Street, Michael (Mike) Taylor  
OCT... John Prichard, Dennis Cassidy,  
Andrew (Andy) Minnette

**We extend a hearty welcome to these new members and urge them to be active in post activities.**

## NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING MARCH 8, 2018



C.W. COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER  
22 S. TRINE ST.  
CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: **Thursday, March 8**

TIME: 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP  
REFRESHMENTS HOST—TBD