

# VFW



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# News and Notes

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT — SPRING IS HERE, — REALLY?? ALTHOUGH THE CALENDAR SAID SO ON MARCH 20, IT HASN'T ALWAYS LOOKED AND FELT LIKE SPRING! HOLD ON, HOWEVER — OUR "REAL SPRING" IS TRULY HERE!! NOW WE CAN REALLY ENJOY SPRING, 2018!!**

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

**FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988**



## FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

**FROM THE COMMANDER:** We had another good turn-out for our election night meeting of 25 comrades. The recommended list of new officers submitted by the post election committee was voted on and approved by all 25 in attendance. There were no major changes other than Bob Vance as our new quartermaster, Lou Carman as surgeon, and Dave Francis as our post guard. Congratulations and welcome aboard to the newly elected and thanks to the continuing comrades that decided to hang on another year. Our May meeting will be the swearing in of all the 2018-2019 officers.

Besides the ceremony for swearing in our new officers during the May meeting we have a busy schedule for the month of May and I want to talk about a couple of them. Our own Blake Firestone, who works for the Budweiser Brewing Company, has set up a tour of their facility and we need to support this with as many as we can. They are going to sponsor a lunch for all at 12:00 noon and a beer tasting event prior to the tour of their plant. They will have scooters for the folks needing one and are really looking forward to meeting some of our WWII and Korean war members as well as our Viet Nam and Gulf war veterans. This is going to happen on May 11th, a day after our meeting so I will be calling to confirm the names of all who will be attending. They will need a good headcount for ordering of food for the luncheon. Please try and support this with your attendance and let's show our appreciation for this outreach to veterans from one of the central Ohio's major employer.

The other major event we have is the Memorial Day ceremony at the Union Grove Cemetery on May 28th. Our post is picking this program up from American Legion Post 220 and their ladies auxiliary Unit, most notably Pat Hartman, who has conducted this ceremony for the past 30 years. We will need shooters, flag bearers, and folks to pass out flags to the crowd. We really need to support this with all the folks we can, I don't want to let down the community and our own credibility as the sponsors of this worthy program. Dr. Dana Robinson-Street, post member, will be the guest speaker so let's all show our support by participating.

I will close for now so you will be hearing from me soon to sign up so please don't hesitate. **"VETERANS IN ACTION - BECAUSE WE CARE"**

J. Rick Williams, Commander  
VFW Post 10523

May 28



2018

## Memorial Day

*Never Forget*

*Ever Honor*

**MEMORIAL DAY 2018...**

**A DAY TO REMEMBER**

**AND HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR ALL!!**

**MEMORIAL DAY IS A US NATIONAL HOLIDAY TO HONOR AND REMEMBER ALL THE COMRADES WHO GAVE "WHATEVER IT TOOK", EVEN THEIR VERY LIVES, FOR THEIR COUNTRY.**

**AMID THE HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES — THE FAMILY GATHERINGS, INCLUDING BACKYARD BARBEQUES, FUN GAMES AND FAMILY FELLOWSHIP — WE MUST BE SURE TO REMEMBER OUR COMRADES WHO GAVE THEIR VERY LIVES... FOR US.**

**THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD MONDAY, MAY 28, 10:30 A.M. AT UNION GROVE CEMETERY IN CANAL WINCHESTER... VFW TO HOST.**

## COMING UP...IN Post 10523

- May 7... Post Officers Meeting
- May 10... May Meeting, Post 10523
- May 25-26... Poppy Distribution—2 Areas
- May 28... Memorial Day Ceremonies, Union Grove Cemetery



## A PASSING OF THE TORCH



**AFTER 45 YEARS — CANAL WINCHESTER'S AMERICAN LEGION POST 220'S AUXILIARY UNIT, IS "PASSING THE TORCH" TO A NEW MEMORIAL DAY HOST — VFW Post 10523. (A HISTORIC MOMENT IN TIME) PAT HARTMAN, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER, HELPED DEVELOP AND HOST THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES FOR SOME 30 YEARS. SHE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT — A MAJOR SURPRISE TO ALL!**

**Pat recently said, "It's been a pleasure to help develop the Memorial Day Ceremonies and host the program. We truly need to remember and honor our fallen veterans."**

**Rick Williams, Commander of VFW Post 10523 added, "A lot of credit is due Post 220 Legion's Auxiliary, for developing the Memorial Day idea and to Pat Hartman who was "Mistress of Ceremonies" for so many years. Great job, Pat!**

**VFW Commander Rick Williams said "Every effort will be made as we carry on... with the fine Memorial Day Program initiated by The American Legion's Auxiliary Unit.**

## NOW HEAR THIS...



### SUMMARY OF APRIL VFW MEETING

- 7:30 p.m. A.L. "Swede" Eslick awarded the Honor Quilt.
- Commander Rick Williams opened the April VFW Meeting.
- VFW Charter was draped for three departed comrades: Gene Jordan, Rick White, Louis Swain.
- Rick Williams attended the District Meeting.
- Georgetown Regional VA Home visit, April 18 (bus trip)
- Memorial Day Ceremonies — Pat Hartman (American Legion Auxiliary) is retiring — VFW to inherit leadership.
- Post (voting) Election.
- May dates announced (and discussed) —
  - May 22 ... Post 10523 Sponsors Senior Citizens' Lunch
  - May 23 ... New CW Rest Home Visit/Tour (6800 Gender Rd.)
  - May TBD ... Budweiser Tour (Cols.)
  - May 25-26 ... Poppy distribution, Columbus Sam's Club
  - May 28 ... Memorial Day Ceremonies (By VFW — Commander Rick Williams, Emcee)
- Rogers Marshall spoke on Korean War.
- All-State — Still waiting!
- 8:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.
  - 50-50 winner Holly Phillips
  - Refreshments, Walmart!!

## REMINDER TO NEW OFFICER TEAM —

**THIS THURSDAY AT THE VFW MEETING, THE OFFICIAL OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD. OFFICIAL DRESS WILL BE IN ORDER. THE USUAL "CLASS PICTURE" WILL BE TAKEN.**



**BE SURE TO ATTEND!!**

## NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING MAY 10, 2018



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

**DATE: Thursday, May 10**

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

**FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP**

**REFRESHMENTS HOST— John Pritchard**