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News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT — JUNE 30 MARKS THE END OF VFW'S FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018 — AND A GOOD YEAR IT WAS! IT WAS THE 16TH YEAR OUT OF THE PAST 18 YEARS THAT POST 10523 HAS EARNED ALL-STATE HONORS!! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: Once again I'm proud to announce that our post has been awarded as an All-State post for the 2017-2018 VFW year. This award is by no means an easy award to get. Out of 39 post in District 11, we were one of two that earned this well deserved recognition. Westerville post was the other one awarded.

This meant a lot of hard work by each and every one of you by doing what the VFW stands for and that is helping our fellow veterans and their families. I know only the commander and quartermaster get the white caps to signify this accomplishment but neither of us could have earned this without the outstanding work of our adjutant, Tom Richards. His ensuring that all the many reports of what our post does for the year gets to the right person and on time. He does an excellent job on reports as well as keeping me up to speed with our standing on meeting recruitment goals. Our recruiting team has always been able to find the right quality of new members we need each year to keep us solvent and help us to be 100% plus one. Of course we couldn't be All-State without you as members, doing all that you do to make us successful, and my thanks to all of you.

We swore in the new officers for the 2018-2019 VFW year and my thanks to all who stayed on and to the new comrades to their positions, welcome. The new year begins July 1st!

I will close for now and I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you at our June meeting, the last of the year and we will dress in our VFW shirts and grey slacks to be a little bit cooler for the summer months. **"VETERANS IN ACTION - BECAUSE WE CARE"**

J. Rick Williams, Commander
VFW Post 10523

**Post 10523's
CURRENT YEAR
IS NEARLY OVER
So...
How'd we do?**



Most (all, without a doubt) would say... We've had a great year! Many who have been around for a long time would affirm that the current VFW Year, July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, is among the best ever!!

The strengths of the 2018 Year would undoubtedly include —

- "Carrying on" for our departed comrades
- Maintaining high goals and standards
- Great members, exceptional fellowship
- Great Post activities

IN ADDITION TO OUR OWN OPINIONS THAT POST 10523 IS A HIGH QUALITY POST, THE DISTRICT/ STATE VFW THINKS SO TOO. AFTER ANALYZING OUR 2017-2018 CREDENTIALS, THEY OFFICIALLY RANKED 10523 IN THE TOP CATEGORY — ALL-STATE, 2018!!

**How great it is —
Let's keep rollin', Comrades!!**

COMING UP...IN Post 10523

- June 11... Officers Planning Meeting
- June 14... June VFW Meeting, Post 10523
- June 14... Flag Day USA (flags given in honor)



ANHEUSER-BUSCH... ...AMAZING!!



Great idea, Blake!! It was Post 10523's Blake Firestone who conceived the idea of Post 10523 visiting the Anheuser-Busch plant in North Columbus where he is employed in the Quality Assurance Group.

Commander Rick Williams approved the idea, saying, "Even if you don't drink beer, it'd be interesting to see such a big and successful business in action." The Post agreed!!

Sixteen (16) VFW members and wives made the visit on Friday, May 11. They were treated royally, starting with welcoming statements, lunch and orientation. A VIP Tour of the entire brewing and shipping facilities followed — A Highlight of the visit!!

Tom Richards reported, "We were really impressed with the size and immensity of the plant. The automation (including little robots running all over the place) was truly amazing."

POST MEMBERS LEARNED THAT ANHEUSER-BUSCH IS A WORLD-WIDE BUSINESS, BASED IN BELGIUM. THEY HAVE 12 MAJOR PRODUCTION PLANTS IN THE USA — ONE RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, PRODUCING 230 TRUCK-LOADS OF BEER DAILY! AMAZING!

GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR POST 10523!

TWO NEW MEMBERS... FOR POST 10523

Post 10523 keeps growing!! Two new comrades were voted into the Post at the May 2018 Post Meeting —



Melvin Herb — Melvin is a transfer from the Obetz VFW Post. He is a veteran of WWII, having served in the European Theatre with the US Navy. He is currently retired and lives in Groveport.

Brick Bankes — Brick is a veteran of the "Global War on Terror," having served in several overseas areas. He is a US Army Veteran. Brick's civilian status includes community service as an insurance representative.

*"Welcome, Melvin and Brick!!
We look forward to having you with us!!"*

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF MAY VFW MEETING

- 7:30 p.m. Commander Rick Williams opened the May VFW Meeting.
- VFW Charter was undraped for three departed comrades: Gene Jorden, Rick White, Louis Swain.
- QM Darrell Driver gave financial report
- Two new members were welcomed — Melvin Herb and Brick Bankes
- Rich Holter announced the 2018 Golf Classic is set for September 9
- The May 27 Georgetown, VA Home visit went very well
- Commander Rick reported Post 10523 was named All-State for 2018! (very prestigious — only two (2) selected from District 11, CW and Westerville)
- Blake Firestone invited all to the May 11 Anheuser-Busch Tour
- Memorial Day Ceremonies (May 28) will initiate a new host — VFW Post 10523. Commander Rick Williams will emcee, replacing longtime host Pat Hartman
- 2018 Officer Installation Ceremony held
- Upcoming Dates: May 11 Anheuser-Busch tour, May 23 new Rest Home Visit (S. Gender Rd.), May 25 & 26 Poppy Distribution (Cols. Sam's Club), May 28 Memorial Day Ceremonies, Rick Williams Chair
- 8:40 p.m. Meeting adjourned.
 - 50-50 winner Marshall Crabtree
 - Refreshments, John Prichard

NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING JUNE 14, 2018



C.W. COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
22 S. TRINE ST.
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DATE: **Thursday, June 14**

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

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP

REFRESHMENTS HOST— **Bob Vance**