

# VFW



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America's foreign wars

## News and Notes

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT - WHILE CHRISTMAS IS A MOST DELIGHTFUL TIME OF THE YEAR — IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS — THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST-CHILD, SO MANY YEARS AGO (READ (AGAIN) LUKE 2, VERSES 1-20 IN THE SCRIPTURES.)**



### FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

**FROM THE COMMANDER:** Our November meeting went well with 24 comrades in attendance; I think they all knew I was making my famous chili since lots had big appetites! On a serious note, it was a very productive meeting with issues being brought up and discussed, with sound decisions made. We had a very busy week up to and following our meeting with all of the items on our plate for Veterans Day week. We had school visits with our members going and discussing their military experience and answering questions from the many children in attendance. Believe me, they can ask some pretty good questions for their ages but we got through it with no problems. The Saturday after our meeting, we had the Veterans Day ceremony that Canal Winchester puts on and other than the very cold weather, it went well. I know you may find it hard to believe but it was so cold I had trouble getting the words out of my mouth with all the shivering I was doing! Our folks with the color guard and firing squad did an excellent job and I'm pretty sure everybody was as impressed as I was. During all of the school visits we still managed to distribute poppies downtown and at Sam's Club.

Our year is almost over with 2 major projects yet to do - the first is our annual visit to the Chillicothe VA Hospital on December 11th where we visit the wards and distribute cards and cupcakes. Then, we have the luncheon where we hand out bags of fresh fruit, cake and punch plus some music by the Bluegrass Ramblers. I hope to see many of you make the trip since this is one of the few times some of the patients have any visitors. Come along! I trust you will not regret it. The last item on our list is the annual Post Christmas/Post meeting on December 13th. By now, you should have received your invite so please come and enjoy with your fellow comrades and their families. We will have our VOD and photo journalism winners in attendance with their families, so let's show them how a great VFW post can recognize our winners and enjoy each other's company outside of meetings. I will close for now but I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2019 New Year. **"VETERANS IN ACTION — BECAUSE WE CARE".**

J. Rick Williams, Commander  
VFW Post 10523

*Merry  
Christmas*

**A WONDERFUL SEASON OF THE YEAR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER — CHRISTMAS 2018!! VFW Post 10523 WILL KICK-OFF THE SEASON WITH ITS ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13. AN AGE-OLD CHRISTMAS CAROL DESCRIBES THE SEASON PERFECTLY—**



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas  
Soon the bells will start  
And the thing that will make them ring  
Is the carol that you sing  
Right within your heart*

**We will all want to "slow down a bit" to appreciate and enjoy the Christmas season — the joy, the happiness, and the goodwill toward all. The giving and receiving of gifts, and of course family time together — All add up to an absolutely wonderful season of the year!!**

*Merry Christmas, Everyone!!*



### CHRISTMAS 2018

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

**OUR POPULAR VFW (FAMILY)**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY IS THURSDAY, DEC 13  
ARRIVAL, HORS D'OEUVRES 6:00 P.M.**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER, 6:30 P.M.**

**DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH PARTY ROOM**

**DON'T MISS IT!**



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## CITY HONORS AREA VETERANS



THE CW CITY AGAIN HONORED ITS AREA VETERANS WITH THEIR ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES" ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — A GRAND EVENT.

Area veterans deeply appreciated the honors, including -

- An 8:30 A.M. Family Breakfast
- A Post-Breakfast Program
- A Veterans March to the City Plaza
- A Veterans Honors Program

Great appreciation goes to the city of Canal Winchester for recognizing and honoring the sacrifices and service of its area veterans. Rick Williams, Commander of VFW Post 10523, served as Master of Ceremonies.

*Thank you, Canal Winchester!!*

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS OF POST 10523



**OCT 31...**

Halloween Party for Kids



**NOV 5-9...**

School Show 'N Tell School Programs



**NOV 9-10...**

Poppy Distributions



**NOV 10...**

CW City Veterans Day Honors



**NOV 11...**

Veterans Day, USA

## NOW HEAR THIS...

### SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER MEETING



- 7:30 pm Commander Williams opened Meeting
- Opening ceremonies
- QM Bob Vance gave financial report.
- No New Members
- Members in Distress — Tom Yost holding on.
- Halloween Party for Kids, Limited (rain)
- Homeless Vets Standown (Cols) went very well.
- Veterans Week activities strong
- CW School Veterans •Flag •Pole •Plaza Discussed.
- Dave Francis to do "Honor Flight."
- Keystone H/AC made major financial support to 10523!
- VFW Youth Activities in progress.
- QM Bob Vance distributed new personal calendars.
- Nov 10 Poppy Distributions (Cols, Sam's Club).
- Coming up in December —  
**Dec 13 ... Annual VFW Family Christmas Party**  
**Dec 11 ... Annual VFW VA Visit, Chillicothe**
- 8:45 pm Meeting Adjourned  
50/50 Drawing, won by Ray Eckles  
Refreshments Host, Rick Williams  
Meeting Attendance — 22



## 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS VFW POST 10523

- 01-02 ... Monthly Meeting Attendance, 31
- 01-02 ... State Teacher of the year
- 01-02 ... Thirty-One (31) New Members
- 02-03 ... Larry Turner Elected Post Commander



## NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2018

PARTY ROOM  
DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH  
300 GROVEPORT PIKE  
CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: **Thursday, DECEMBER 13**

TIME: 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

FOR: **ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**