

# VFW



An organization of Veterans  
Who have fought  
America's foreign wars

## News and Notes

From: HAROLD R. RAY  
Post 10523  
P.O. Box 172  
Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Volume 8 No. 2 February 2019

**EDITORIAL COMMENT - BELIEVE IT OR NOT — IT'S ONLY 2 WEEKS... 10-12 DAYS, UNTIL MARCH — THINK SPRING! WINTER, SO FAR ITS TREATING US WELL, WITH THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT SNOW IN MID-JANUARY. WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR WHATEVER IS THROWN AT US — UNTIL THAT MAGIC MONTH — MARCH!!**



### FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

**FROM THE COMMANDER:** Our first meeting of 2019 went well with 23 members in attendance while we all had the pleasure of welcoming 2 new members into our post. I once again had the pleasure of swearing them into the Veterans of Foreign Wars. One of the most important roles I take on as your commander is the reading of the oath, which reminds us all of why we joined this great organization and to dedicate ourselves to helping our fellow veterans. Our meeting was a little somber with the draping of our charter for the four comrades that passed away at the end of 2018. May they rest in peace and their families find comfort while dealing with their sorrow. Our post final salute ceremony not only helps the families, but it serves to help us honor our fallen comrades with the respect they earned as veterans. Bob Vance and I will attend the state's mid-winter conference and will brief comrades during the February meeting. John and Marshall Crabtree, joined me and my wife, Georgia, as we attended the Voice of Democracy (VOD) banquet early in January. Our winner, Matthew McKeon, won \$200.00 for his efforts. Congratulations to him and to John and Marshall for the tireless work they do getting students to participate in this worthwhile program. We need to try and get more students involved in the VOD program which provides money for college, and all it takes is to write an essay and read it on tape and be judged. We passed out Distinguished Service Awards to 5 of our comrades who have demonstrated their willingness to go the extra mile for our post and fellow veterans by participating in the many activities we do throughout the year, plus they have at least 5 years with the post. Congratulations to John & Marshall Crabtree, Cliff Smith, Tom Richards, Rich Holter, and Dave Francis. I'm working on a post visit to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in the near future. Look for more on this later.

I'm hoping that all are doing well during the cold and snowy weather we have been having, but try and be safe and not overdue it. See you all in February.  
**"VETERANS IN ACTION — BECAUSE WE CARE".**

J. Rick Williams, Commander  
VFW Post 10523

## BAH!! HUMBUG!!

### IT'S FEBRUARY— THE TRUE HEART OF WINTER!!

"WINTER WONDERLAND"  
OR  
"TOO DARNED COLD"

**FOR SOME — WINTER IS A TRUE "WINTER WONDERLAND"... BEAUTIFUL WINTER SCENES, FALLING SNOW (HEY, ITS "SNOWIN'!") SLED-DING, SKIING, SLIPPING AND SLIDING, SNOW-**

**"FIGHTS", AND — COLORFUL WARM AND SNUGLY WINTER-WEAR!! FOR MOST OF US — WINTER (AGREEABLY A BIT CHALLENGING AT TIMES) IS A PRETTY GOOD ONE OF THE 4 SEASONS!!**

**BUT FOR SOME — WINTER IS "NOT SO GOOD" — COLD, WINDY, CLOUDY, SNOWY, SLUSHY, MESSY, AND ... JUST PLAIN UNCOMFORTABLE !! IT CAN CAUSE UNSAFE DRIVING CONDITIONS (AT TIMES), DRESSING WARM, STAYING INSIDE AS MUCH AS WE CAN, AND ... "BEING HIT" WITH A HIGH HOME-HEATING BILL!!**

**SO — IT'S FEBRUARY — THE TRUE HEART OF WINTER!! AN OLD CHILDREN'S NURSERY RHYME SUMS IT WELL (IN PART) — "SOME LIKE THEIR PORRIDGE HOT... SOME LIKE IT COLD"!! SO IT IS WITH WINTERS!! — SOME LIKE THEM HOT (MODERATE). SOME LIKE THEM COLD (MOSTLY). MAYBE IT WILL BE EQUALIZED AND WE'LL ALL BE HAPPY!!**



### COMING UP ... In 10523

Feb 12... Post Officers Planning Meeting  
Feb 14... Feb Meeting, VFW Post 10523  
Feb... 2019-2020 Early Golf Classic Plans  
Mar TBD ... Rest Home Visit  
TBD ... Bus Trip, Veterans Memorial & Museum



VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988





## HIGHLIGHTS — OF POST 10523

**HOW GREAT IT IS — TO BELONG TO A TOP RESPECTED ORGANIZATION — LIKE VFW Post 10523.**

(WHO WOULD WANT TO BELONG TO A "FUNKY BOTTOM DWELLER"?)

FOLLOWING ARE SOME RECENT HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES OF POST 10523 —

- ★ **POST OFFICER ELECTIONS — COMING UP**  
— NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS MET TO PLAN
- ★ **2018 YOUTH ACTIVITIES — COMPLETED!!**  
— POST CONTESTANTS DID WELL
- ★ **ANNUAL VFW CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
— STILL REMEMBERED, HONORED
- ★ **10523's CHARITY SUPPORT — GOOD**  
— POST SUPPORTS WORTHY CAUSES
- ★ **GROUP BUS TOUR CONSIDERED**  
— NEW NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL, COLS
- ★ **"REMEMBER VALENTINE'S DAY" - FEB 14**  
— GREAT REMINDER BY "COMMANDER RICK"

## TWO (2) MORE COMBAT VETERANS — JOIN 10523

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE TWO GOOD VETERANS

JOIN US AT THE JANUARY VFW MEETING —

**DR. EDWARD TAYLOR KIMBLE III (TED)**, MAJOR, US AIR FORCE, RETIRED. "TED", NOW A CIVILIAN, COMES TO US A 25-YEAR VETERAN OF VIETNAM AND DESERT STORM. HE WAS A MEDICAL DOCTOR WITH MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE WOUNDED. AFTER ACTIVE DUTY IN THE AIR CORPS, (1964-70) TED CONTINUED IN THE US AIR FORCE RESERVES (1980-99). TED AND HIS WIFE, ROBIN, (A NURSE AT CHILDRENS HOSPITAL) LIVE IN PICKERINGTON.

**JESSE TURPEN** — JESSE COMES TO OUR POST AS A LOYAL VETERAN OF THE US MARINES, SERVING IN MARINE MAINTENANCE. HE WAS PART OF "EXPEDITION OPERATIONS" IN THE MIDDLE EAST — (SOMETIMES CALLED "THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE"). HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE MILITARY IN 1984. IN CIVILIAN LIFE, JESSE IS "AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN" — CAMPLING, HIKING, HUNTING, FISHING — ANYTHING "OUTDOORS." (MAYBE THINK...DAVY CROCKET!)

*Welcome Ted and Jesse!!*

*We are pleased ~ to have you as comrades!!*



## 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS VFW Post 10523

- 05-06 ... Earl Kantner is district officer from 10523
- 05-06 ... Larry Turner, 5-year Commander, Retired
- 07-08 ... Bill Fisher — National Teacher of the Year
- 07-08 ... Post contributed to Children's Hospital
- 07-08 ... Post started 1<sup>st</sup> Post Website

## NOW HEAR THIS...



## SUMMARY OF JANUARY MEETING



- 7:30 pm Commander Williams opened meeting
- Charter draped for four departed comrades  
Fannie Belick — Tom Yost — Robert Moore — Roy Scott
- Bob Vance gave Financial Report
- Two (2) New Members —  
Dr. Edward (Ted) Kimble III & Jesse Turben
- Members in distress — Darrell Driver (hip)
- VOD Banquet — Post Entry ranked eighth (\$200)
- Post donated to VFW Combs Cancer Fund
- 2019 VFW Calendars available at entry
- Possible visit to National Veterans Memorial in Columbus. Date TBD
- Snacks at 2019 VFW Meetings — Hosts needed!!
- Thank-You notes noted
- Service Plaques awarded to six (6) comrades
- 2019-2020 Post Officer Nominations Committee Meeting — *Date TBD*
- 8:30 pm. Meeting adjournment  
— 50/50 Drawing - won by Earl Kantner  
— Refreshment Host - Lou Carman  
— Meeting Attendance - 24!!



## NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14



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

DATE: **Thursday, FEBRUARY 14**

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

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP  
REFRESHMENTS HOST: BOB TAYLOR