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# News and Notes

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT -** IMPOSSIBLE — SPRING IS HERE!! MARCH TYPICALLY IS THE START OF SPRING WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL BURSTS OF SNOW AND COLD. MARCH IS AN INSPIRING AND ENJOYABLE MONTH. <u>Let's enjoy</u>!!



#### FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: Our February meeting went well with 18 comrades in attendance and we welcomed a transfer into our post, Jacob Waller. Our newest member, James Reed, was unable to attend for his swearing-in ceremony but hopefully will attend in March for all to meet him.

Rich Holter briefed us on the post's website crash; it's in the process of being built from the ground up as there was no backup. With a little luck and hard work, our web site should be up and running before long. March meeting is the time of the year that we have nominations of officers for the upcoming VFW year 2019-2020. As it stands now, there aren't very many changes expected for officers, but it could change at the March meeting. If you are interested or know a comrade who's interested, please nominate or make it known to the election committee. Our post is interested in comrades that can and will make a difference in how our post operates and not lose sight of our goals of helping fellow veterans. Once the nominations in March are complete, we will vote for officers during the April meeting and swear them in during our May meeting.

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I hope by now all comrades have read the January meeting minutes package that our Adjutant Tom Richards passed out at the February meeting. Tom attached information from the Ohio Veterans Services that can benefit all of our members as well as services that non-members that can use for their loved ones. Thanks for this important benefits information, Tom, and keep up the great work!

I will close for now so here's hoping to see you at the March meeting and remember as spring is approaching not to overdue activities outside till you build up to the change of weather. "VETERANS IN ACTION — BECAUSE WE CARE".

J. Rick Williams, Commander VFW Post 10523



BELIEVE IT... OR NOT — SPRING, 2019 IS HERE!! MARCH IS NORMALLY CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST REFRESHING MONTH OF THE YEAR!! HOW GOOD IT IS TO GO "OUT AND AROUND," WITH MODERATING TEMPERATURE, AND LOTS OF SUNSHINE!!

TO BE SURE... THERE WILL BE SOME COLD AND SNOW BLASTS, BUT THEY ARE USUALLY OF SHORT DURATION. WE CAN GENERALLY THINK OF MARCH BEING AN EXCITING MONTH, WATCHING FOR THOSE NEW GREEN LEAVES ON OUR "LONELY" TREES, OUR LAWNS COMING ALIVE, SPRING FLOWERS AND SPRING PLANTINGS!! It'S SURE TO BE GREAT!!



### COMING UP ... IN 10523



Mar 11 ... Post Officers Planning Meeting

Mar 14 ... CW Place Rest-Home Visit, 2:30pm

Mar 14 ... March Meeting—Post 10523

Mar 14 ... Officer Nominations Due







### VFW OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2019-2020



- \* MARCH ... NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS
- \* APRIL ... ELECTION OF 2019-2020 OFFICERS
- **MAY ... INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICER TEAM**
- 🖈 July ... Duties assumed by 2019-2020 Team

THIS THURSDAY AT THE MARCH VFW MEETING, THE 2019-2020 POST OFFICER ELECTIONS WILL BE KICKED OFF. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS MET AND WILL PRESENT THEIR SUGGESTED SLATE. OFFICER NOMINATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. ALL ARE URGED TO ATTEND AND HELP ELECT LEADERSHIP FOR 2019-2020.

# TWO (2) NEW MEMBERS — FOR POST 10523

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME TWO MEMBERS OF POST 10523, FEBRUARY 14, 2019. ELIJAH WALLER &

JAMES A. (BILAL) REID —

ELIJAH J. WALLER — ELIJAH COMES TO US A US

MARINE VETERAN WITH SERVICE IN GWOT (GLOBAL WAR ON
TERROR). HIS DUTIES TOOK HIM NEARLY "ALL OVER THE WORLD."
HE IS NOW A STUDENT AT COLUMBSU STATE UNIVERSITY AND
LIVES IN CANAL WINCHESTER.

JAMES A. (BILAL) REID — BILAL IS A PURPLE HEART VETERAN OF VIETNAM. HE WAS A PROUD US MARINE, WITH THREE YEARS OF SERVICE. HE AND HIS WIFE, FAATIMAH, AND FAMILY LIVE IN CANAL WINCHESTER. THEY SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY, ASSISTING WITH "MEALS ON WHEELS!!"

Welcome Elijah & Bilal!!

We are pleased — to have you as comrades!!



#### 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY VFW Post 10523

#### MEMORIES & HIGHLIGHTS

08-09 ... Golf Classic cancelled, Larry Turner ill

08-09 ... Human Services supported Halloween Party

09-10 ... Bus trip to Sandusky Veterans Home

09-10 ... Six comrades attended POW/MIA

10-11 ... Sam Armstead became VFW Poppy Chairman

#### NOW HEAR THIS...



#### SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY MEETING



- 7:30 pm Commander Williams opened meeting
- Charter de-draped for deceased members
- QM Report given by Rick Williams for Bob.
- Post website being revised.
- Members in distress —
   Brenda Allen, Darrell Driver
- Snack sign-up sheet distributed— filled!!
- Thank-you notes read.
- Post officer Meeting reviewed.
- Officer Nominations Committee to meet.
   Date TBD.
- New Active-Member Directory in process.
- Two (2) new members approved Elijah
   Waller and James A (Bilal) Reid
- Thursday, March 14, Spring Rest Home Visit,
   Winchester Care, 2:30 pm
- 8:20 pm. Meeting adjournment
  - 50/50 Drawing won by Tom Richards
  - Refreshment Host Bob Taylor



#### NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 14



CW Community/Senior Center 22 S. Trine St. Canal Winchester, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, March14

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

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP

REFRESHMENTS HOST: TOM PELLIOR