

# VFW



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## News and Notes

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**EDITORIAL COMMENT-** SPRING IS (TRULY) HERE!! ALTHOUGH MARCH IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED THE START OF SPRING, IT TAKES A WHILE TO GET INTO FULL BLOOM!! ISN'T IT GREAT TO HAVE WARMING WEATHER, SPRING FLOWERS, GREEN GRASS, GREEN LEAFY TREES, ETC. ETC. SPRING IS TRULY INSPIRING!! ENJOY!!



### FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

**FROM THE COMMANDER:** Our April post meeting was attended by 26 comrades who all voted for our post officers for the VFW year 2019-2020. The majority of your officers continued in the positions they were in and there are a couple of new names stepping up to take an active role in running our post. My thanks to the comrades continuing and for the new comrades stepping up to help run this great post of ours. Please congratulate and thank your officers that will continue our legacy of "**Veterans in Action - Because We Care**".

A motion was brought up to thank our golf sponsor and largest charity provider, Keystone Heating & Cooling, with a flag pole to be installed at their business as well as the flags. This honor is not only what they do for veterans it also recognizes what they do for the community. The motion was approved overwhelmingly by all in attendance.

The post made a visit to the National Veterans Memorial & Museum April 17th with 11 comrades and 4 wives in attendance. The visit was very rewarding and I would recommend any who have not yet visited the museum to do so.

The month of May has several functions we are involved in so please pay attention to the e-mails, newsletter, and what is discussed at the post meeting. Two of the biggest functions will be poppies distribution downtown Columbus on May 24th as well as Sam's club and Sam's Club on the 25th, please sign up to help. The 27th is our Memorial Day Ceremony at Union Grove Cemetery and we will need shooters and flag carriers.

The last but most important item to talk about will be the swearing in of our 2019-2020 officers at the May post meeting. All officers involved please try to attend so we can swear in as a group.

I will close for now so looking forward to seeing another great turn-out for your post meeting.

J. Rick Williams, Commander  
VFW Post 10523



### A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBERANCE

**MEMORIAL DAY TRULY IS — MORE THAN JUST A DAY OFF FROM WORK!! IT'S A DAY TO PAUSE — AND REFLECT ON ALL OF OUR DECEASED MILITARY COMRADES WHO LAY IN MILITARY GRAVES — ALL OVER THE WORLD!!**

**IT'S SO HARD TO COMPREHEND — WE, WHO ARE LIVING PEACEFUL, HAPPY LIVES, TO FULLY APPRECIATE, REMEMBER AND HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR VERY LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY!! WE MUST HOWEVER, DO OUR BEST TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THEM!!**

**VFW Post 10523 WILL HOST THE ANNUAL CW MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY MONDAY, MAY 27 FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. AT UNION GROVE CEMETERY IN CANAL WINCHESTER.**

**ALL ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. RICK WILLIAMS, COMMANDER OF VFW POST 10523 WILL PRESIDE.**

### COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- May 6 ... Post 10523 Officers Planning Meeting
- May 9 ... May Meeting, VFW Post 10523
- May 16 ... Post visit to CW Retirement Center, W. Gender
- May 24, 25... Poppy Distribution, Cols. Sam's Club
- May 27... CW Memorial Day Ceremonies, Hosted by VFW

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## VFW OFFICER INSTALLATION THIS MONTH — MAY MEETING!!



**IT WILL BE OFFICIAL AT THIS MONTH'S (MAY) MEETING OF VFW Post 10523 WHEN THE 2019-2020 OFFICER TEAM WILL BE INSTALLED!! THIS WILL BE THE FINAL LEG OF OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR NEXT VFW FISCAL YEAR.**

**JOIN US...**

**THIS THURSDAY, MAY 9 VFW MEETING!!**



## ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT FOR VFW POST 10523



**A BUS-TRIP ALWAYS MAKES FOR A FUN TRIP!! SO IT WAS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, WHEN THE POST VISITED THE NEW NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL — RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO. FIFTEEN COMRADES ENJOYED THE TRIP AND THE MEMORIAL ITSELF. A GOOD FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TOPPED OFF A GOOD DAY!!**

## NEW MEMBER For VFW Post 10523



We are highly pleased to announce that Post 10523's newest member is Patrick (Pat) M. Durbin. Pat comes to us as a former Lt. Colonel in the US Army, with thirty-one (31) years of service. He was a helicopter pilot in the Middle-East, serving in Kosovo, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan and Bahrain.

Pat is now retired from military service. He serves as Athletic Director and Coordinator of Student Activities at Canal Winchester High School. He and his family live in Canal Winchester.



## NOW HEAR THIS...

### SUMMARY OF APRIL POST MEETING



- 7:25pm Approval and welcome to new member, Lt. Colonel Patrick (Pat) M. Durbin
- 7:30 pm Commander Williams opened April meeting
- Draped Charter for Comrades Darrell Driver and Harry Pierson
- QM Bob Vance gave Finance Report
- Members in distress —  
Swede Eslick (at home, following a stroke)
- Flag pole assembly approved for CW Keystone business in honor of their financial support of military veterans, VFW Post 10523
- Honor Quilt awarded to Chas Higginbotham, at his home.
- April 17 Bus Trip to Nat'l Veterans Museum, Columbus
- May 24, 25 Poppy sales, Columbus, and Sam's Club.
- May 16—Visit to CW Rehab Center (S. Gender Rd.)
- April 14, Darrell Driver Final Salute (Deceased)
- 8:35 pm Meeting adjourned.
  - 50/50 won by Don Kershner
  - Refreshment Host - Ray Eckles
- Meeting Attendance—26

## NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING

**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019**



**CW COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER  
22 S. TRINE ST.**

**CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110**

**DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2019**

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

**FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION,  
COMRADESHIP**

**REFRESHMENTS HOST: GERRY GARBE**