

VFW



News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT- IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR... 2020 – AND A CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM FOR A GREAT VFW YEAR!! LET'S STAY ON THE HIGH ROAD — ENJOYING KEEPING OUR POST, 10523, ONE OF THE VERY BEST IN OHIO!!



**FROM
THE COMMANDER
VFW Post 10523**

FROM THE COMMANDER:

HAPPY 2020 NEW YEAR to all of you comrades and your families, It has been a busy 2019 year and I hope all are ready to do just as much this year for our fellow veterans as we have done in the past. Our post finished out the year with our December meeting/Christmas party and we had a great turn-out and fun was had by all. As usual Santa Claus was a big hit with the young and old and our dinner was enjoyed by all!
The post members made our annual trip to the Chillicothe VA Hospital to visit the wards and pass out Christmas cards, cup-cakes, and canteen coupons to the patients. We had the party for all that were able to attend and this year we had more in attendance than any of us could remember in prior years. The bags of fruit we pass out to all is always a big hit as well as the cake, punch and peanuts. They all enjoyed the Blue Grass Ramblers band we provided as well as one of the patients entertained us with her joining the band playing her saxophone for a couple of songs. This visit we always look forward to since most of the patients haven't had any visitors since we were there last year and they are the reasons we work so hard through-out year raising funds to pay for this visit. We accomplished a lot this year to help our fellow veterans and the year 2020 will be just as busy so please continue to help your post with all of our projects we have in store for the year. I will definitely keep this article short since I don't have much to say at this time and I hope everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to working with all of you this year helping our fellow veterans. **"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander
VFW Post 10523

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR** 2020

OFF WE GO — INTO A BRAND NEW YEAR ... 2020!! ("2020" SOUNDS A BIT UNIQUE AND INSPIRING).

WE'LL WANT TO MAKE OUR NEW 2020 YEAR ANOTHER GREAT ONE!! COMMANDER DELUXE RICK WILLIAMS ASSURES US ... "We're ready to roll"!!

OUR STRONG FIRST-HALF OF OUR CURRENT 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR SETS US UP FOR ANOTHER FINE SECOND HALF— RESULTING IN A GREAT TOTAL VFW YEAR!!

ONE CAUTION — WE MUST GUARD AGAINST... "COMMON-PLACE" CREEPING IN!! WE ABSOLUTELY WANT TO KEEP OUR ENTHUSIASM — OUR HIGH STANDARDS AND OUR "FUN" AT BEING A TOP VFW POST IN OHIO!!

REMEMBER, WE ARE CARRYING ON FOR OUR "DEPARTED" COMRADES!! WE WANT (AND NEED) TO DO IT WELL!!

**COMING UP...
IN THE POST**



- Jan 5... VOD, District Award Banquet
- Jan 6... First Officers' Meeting of 2020
- Jan 9... First Post Meeting of 2020
- Jan 15 - 19... VFW Mid-Winter Conference

Remember Valentine's Day (Feb 14)!!

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988





THE 2019 CHRISTMAS PARTY ANOTHER GREAT ONE



THE WARM CHRISTMAS GREETINGS OF THE HUGE CROWD, AND THE GREAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MADE FOR A PERFECT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SETTING!!

THE READING OF THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST CHILD, THE YOUTH AWARDS, THE BOUNTIFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER, THE CAROL SINGING AND OF COURSE THE ARRIVAL OF SANTA CLAUS MADE FOR A WONDROUS, JOYFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

A great Kick-off — to 2019 Christmas!!

A SPECIAL NOTE — THE 2019 CHRISTMAS CHEER VISIT TO THE VA REGIONAL HOME IN CHILlicothe, OHIO WAS A “BEST EVER” — NEAR FULL-HOUSE WITH A STRONG VFW POST 10523 DELEGATION OF 16-18 HOSTING!!

WAY TO GO, 10523 — ANOTHER WINNER!!

GREAT COMRADESHIP IN REFRESHMENT HOUR



A HUGE “THANK-YOU” IS DUE THE LOYAL COMRADES WHO HOSTED OUR FELLOWSHIP HOURS AT OUR MONTHLY VFW MEETINGS IN 2019!!

THESE “EAT AND VISIT” TIMES ARE TRULY IMPORTANT IN DEVELOPING THE GREAT FELLOWSHIP WE HAVE IN OUR POST.

GREAT APPRECIATION GOES TO —

Lou Carman—Jan
Bob Taylor — Feb
Tom Pellior — Mar
Ray Eckles — Apr
Gerry Garbe — May
Bob Vance — June

Bob Tinnerello — Jul
Richard Perrault — Aug
Jessie Turpen — Sept
Cliff Smith — Oct
Rick Williams — Nov
Christmas Party — Dec

APPRECIATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO COMRADE LOU CARMAN FOR COORDINATING THIS ACTIVITY.

THANKS, ALL — KEEP IT COMIN'!!

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF DECEMBER POST MEETING



(MINUTES COURTESY OF TOM RICHARDS)

- 5:30pm Commander Williams opened the VFW Business Meeting, prior to the Annual VFW Christmas Party

The Annual VFW Christmas Party — Another Winner!!

- 6:00 pm Arrival — fellowship/ hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 pm Call to order, Commander Rick Williams
- Welcome... Introductions
- POW/MIA Recognition, Memories
... Rich Holter, Bruce Ceneskie
- Invocation ... Cliff Smith
- **A Merry Christmas Dinner**
- 7:30 pm Introduction of Youth Award Winners
 - VOD (Voice of Democracy)
 - Photo Journalism
- 7:45 pm The Christmas Story — Blake & Lisa Firestone
- 7:45 pm The Very Special Arrival of Santa Claus!!
- 8:00 pm FINALE: A Christmas Carol Sing!
- 8:25 pm Adjournment — **Merry Christmas, everyone!**



NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020



CW COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
22 S. TRINE ST.
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DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2020

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

FOR: VFW Business Session, Comradeship
Refreshments Host—TBD