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News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT— OUR 2020-21 VFW YEAR IS OFF AND RUNNING!! WE ARE DOING OUR NORMAL “TOP OF THE LINE” ACTIVITIES WITH OUR WELL-ESTABLISHED HIGH GOALS AND STANDARDS!! IT’S INSPIRING ... (AND FUN) TO BE — ONE OF THE BEST!!



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER:

Our first meeting of the year 2020 went well with 20 comrades in attendance and lots of discussions on our prior years' activities. Our Adjutant, Tom Richards, passed out our post projected activities for 2020, and like prior years they are many and if you didn't get a copy please get with him to obtain one. The schedule lays out each month and what we have planned; you can use this for your own info and planning purposes to try and attend the activities to help support your post.

Since our January meeting we lost one of our post charter members, Robert W. Barnett (Bob). Bob was not only a charter member but he was our post Quartermasters 5 times, post Advocate 4 times and post Surgeon one time. Bob was one of 45 men who decided that we needed a VFW post in Canal Winchester to help our fellow veterans in our area. In the early years of our post they didn't have much money to do what they wanted and when there wasn't enough money he donated his own money to keep the post alive and functioning. Bob has always been involved in what was going on in the post and in his later years where it was hard for him to attend meetings and activities he was always in contact with our past Post Commander, Earl Kantner, to keep up on the status of our post. Bob was always there when any of the post commanders needed advice or help with a problem, and he would give sound advice. Bob will be missed by all of us that knew him and respected him and we gave him our traditional post final salute by 15 members of the post that he and 44 others started in 1988. R.I.P. Bob.

I will close for now but I hope to see many of you at our February 13 meeting.

"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."

J. Rick Williams, Commander
VFW Post 10523

IT'S FEBRUARY... THE HEART OF WINTER!!

“WINTER WONDERLAND”
OR
“BAH HUMBUG!!”
— A PERSONAL CHOICE —

IF A POLL WERE TO BE
TAKEN ... WINTER WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY RATE —
A SPLIT VOTE. SOME
LIKE WINTER — SOME
(POSSIBLY MORE) DO
NOT... TYPICAL!!



The “WINTER WONDERLANDERS” (those who like winter) would point out — the beautiful winter scenes ... falling snow ... cozy fireplaces ... winter games!!

The “BAH-HUMBUGGERS” (those who no not like winter) would bash the cold, cloudy days... The early darkness ... the chore of heavy clothes ... the snowy, slippery roads. — HUMBUG!!

WE HAVE TRULY BEEN BLESSED WITH A “MILD WINTER” ... SO FAR!! THE TEMPERATURES IN THE 30's | 40's | 50's HAVE BEEN **GREAT FOR MANY — NOT SO GOOD FOR OTHERS!!** (ALL ARE HAPPY, HOWEVER.) WE TRUST “LATE WINTER” WILL BE GOOD ... WITH SPRING JUST A FEW WEEKS AWAY!!

COMING UP... IN THE POST



- Feb 10 ... Officers Planning Meeting
- Feb 13 ... February Meeting, Post 10523
- Feb TBD ... 2020 Golf Classic Plans Start
- March ... 2020 Officer Elections Begin

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988





INVITE A FRIEND AND/OR A NEIGHBOR



— ALL-STATE POSSIBLE ... IN 2020!! —

COMMANDER RICK WILLIAMS HAS REPORTED THAT POST 10523 NEEDS JUST 8 MORE MEMBERS TO MAKE "ALL-STATE" IN 2020!!

IT IS SO SIMPLE — JUST INVITE A FRIEND AND/OR NEIGHBOR TO JOIN YOU IN VFW — OR — GIVE "PROSPECT NAMES" TO BOB TAYLOR AND HIS NOMINATING COMMITTEE!!

LET'S MAKE "ALL-STATE" IN 2020!!

DINNER MEETING ... FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS



A FAMILY DINNER FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS OF POST 10523 — IS BEING PLANNED TO HELP THEM TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE. THEY WILL BE MADE AWARE OF ALL THE GOOD ACTIVITIES AND VALUES OF THE POST!! WATCH FOR DETAILS!!

ROBERT W (BOB) BARNETT HAS PASSED AWAY!! — SAVED POST 10523 —



"BOB" BARNETT, EARLY VALUED LEADER OF POST 10523, PASSED AWAY JANUARY 13, 2020!! HE WAS A STRONG, LOYAL, VFW COMRADE, DEDICATED AND ACTIVE, ... A FRIEND.

NOTE — IN THE MID 1990's THE STATE VFW (PROPERLY) WAS PLANNING TO DE-CHARTER POST 10523!! (LEGITIMATE REASONS... AVAILABLE) ONE COMRADE, BOB BARNETT (WITH SEVERAL OTHERS) WAS DETERMINED TO SAVE THE POST!! HE SUCCEEDED — AND ... POST 10523 WAS SAVED!!

TODAY — VFW POST 10523 IS A THRIVING VFW POST IN OHIO. CREDITS, APPRECIATION AND A GREAT BIG "THANKS, BOB" — GOES TO...

BOB BARNETT — A TRUE VFW LEGEND!!

NOW HEAR THIS... SUMMARY OF JANUARY POST MEETING



- 7:30 pm Honor Quilt awarded to Rick Compton
 - Commander Williams opened the meeting
 - Charter was draped for Donald R. Harp, Deceased
 - QM Bob Vance gave the financial report
 - Bobbie Mershon, Board Member, Franklin County Veterans Service Commission
 - CW High School to host a Military Appreciation at the January 24 basketball game
 - Post 10523 will host a Family Dinner for younger members and their families
 - Thank-you notes read from Amanda Lemke, Dennis Cassidy, George Lambert, VA Home.
 - Note from Youth VOD Winner — Maddie Logsdon
 - Note From Keystone customer
 - Post 10523 sponsored a Christmas family
 - Tom Pellior participated on Honor Flight
 - Christmas Party reviewed — 91 attended!!
 - 8:30 pm Adjournment
- 50/50 Drawing — Tom Richards
Gerry Garbe — Refreshment Host
Meeting Attendance — 21

NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020



CW COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
22 S. TRINE ST.
CANAL WINCHESTER, OH
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DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

FOR: VFW Business Session, Comradeship
Refreshments Host—Bob Taylor