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News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT – JANUARY 2021, THE START OF A BRAND-NEW CALENDAR YEAR—AND WE JUST HAVE TO EXCLAIM — *Happy New Year!*

HOW EXCITING IT IS — TO WELCOME SOMETHING NEW—CLEAN—AND FRESH!! IT'S SURE TO BE A GOOD YEAR — 2021!! LET'S ALL ENJOY!!

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: Happy New Year 2021 and wishes for a better year than 2020. I'm hoping that we all can get the vaccination, and everything can finally return to somewhat normal for our country soon. I know the past 9 months have been anything but normal, but we as a post still managed to do some of what we have done in past years to help our fellow veterans.

We had the last meeting of 2020 at my house with 7 in attendance due to restrictions still in force on the numbers allowed to assemble and it looks like these restrictions will be moving into the new year until the majority of America gets vaccinated. We will all have to sacrifice just a little longer to keep from taking the chance of getting the virus and spreading it to our loved ones.

Our local Meijer store in Canal Winchester came through again this year and made their donation to the post so that we were able to buy fruit for the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Four of us delivered the fruit, Christmas cards, and purchased canteen coupons for delivery to the 175 residents. We were not permitted to even bag the fruit, so we dropped everything off and the VA Volunteer Services Staff handled the distribution of the cards and coupons and the hospital cafeteria distributed the fruit. Our own post-Christmas meeting/party was canceled but we did manage to deliver some bags of fruit to about 30 of our members; sorry that we couldn't do everybody, but we were limited on people and fruit.

I have had many local churches offer up space to have our meetings, but I don't know if we would have the attendance of 20 to 25 members to make the effort and set-up time worthwhile. I know many of us are at the age where health issues might make us very vulnerable to this disease and I don't want to take the chance of any of you getting sick. Continue to stay safe and strong and as the country continues with the vaccinations, this epidemic will be a thing of the past and we will get back to normal!

I will close for now and I want you all to try and keep in touch and please let your post officers know if there is any way we can help you out with any needs. **"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021



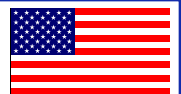
IT'S JANUARY 2021 — A BRAND-NEW CALENDAR YEAR FOR AMERICA!! WHILE WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM NATIONWIDE (COVID-19) — WE HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO!! LET'S BE POSITIVE!!

WE WILL OVERCOME THIS DREADED VIRUS!! THINK OF ALL THE RECENT DEVASTATION THAT OUR GREAT NATION HAS ENDURED — THE DREADFUL PEARL HARBOR ATTACK — WORLD WAR II — THE NEW YORK TWIN TOWERS BOMBINGS — AND A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CALAMITIES!! WE OVERCAME THOSE — AND WE WILL OVERCOME OUR CURRENT EPIDEMIC!!

A NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR NEW ENTHUSIASM — NEW GOALS, NEW DREAMS AND NEW AMBITION!! LET'S ALL GO FORWARD TOGETHER... AND MAKE 2021 A GREAT YEAR!!

*Happy New Year,
Everyone!!*

COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- Jan 1... First day of new calendar year
- Jan 11... Post Officer Planning Meeting (Cancelled)
- Jan 14... January Meeting, Post 10523
- Jan... Limited activities (COVID-19 virus)



VFW ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

— **CANCELLED** —



HOW WE MISSED...THE 2020 ANNUAL VFW FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY!! — THE TOTAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — THE EXCITEMENT — ALL THE VFW COMRADES AND FAMILIES, AND OF COURSE...SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS!! HOPEFULLY — ORDER WILL BE RESTORED — AND— WE'LL SEE YOU ALL — IN 2021!



COVID-19 UPDATE

VACCINATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN ALL 50 STATES. IN OHIO, THE FIRST PHASE INCLUDES **HEALTHCARE WORKERS AS WELL AS RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF NURSING HOMES AND VETERANS HOMES!** THE SECOND PHASE OF VACCINATIONS WILL INCLUDE ELDERLY AND OTHER AT-RISK POPULATIONS. TRULY, **THIS IS A TURNING POINT** IN DEALING WITH THIS DREADED VIRUS, BRINGING HOPE FOR RESUMED ACTIVITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!



IN OUR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER LISTING VOD WINNERS, CWHS STUDENT **RYAN "CHRIS" AUTULLO** WAS OMITTED. **CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN AND ALL WINNING STUDENTS!**

VETERANS AT CHILlicothe VA HOME — REMEMBERED

ONE OF THE NEEDY VETS AT THE US CHILlicothe VA HOME TOLD US —

“To be truthful, most of us feel like we are the forgotten ones.”

THIS IS TRULY SAD. VFW Post 10523 HAS BEEN LOYAL IN MAKING TWO MAJOR VISITS EACH YEAR — TO HELP CHEER OUR COMRADES UP... A BIT.

THIS WINTER, OUR POST COULDN'T GO INTO THE HOME AS A GROUP BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS. SO WE OFFERED A MOST ADMIRABLE SUBSTITUTE — BY TAKING BASKETS OF FRUIT, CHRISTMAS CARDS... ALONG WITH A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR EACH.

Merry Christmas to all of our “Forgotten Comrades”



NOW HEAR THIS...

SUMMARY OF DECEMBER POST MEETING



- 1:00 P.M. Commander Williams opened the December Post Meeting
- The December (2020) meeting was held at Commander Williams' home due to virus.
- Opening Ceremony
- Members in (physical) Distress
 - Blake Firestone — hip surgery
 - Don Kershner — cancer free!
- District VOD Winner to receive checks — and District Commemoration by mail (virus).
- Blake Firestone chaired the 2020 Youth VOD Contest.
- Commander Williams has contacted 50 possible calendar sponsors.
- Post 10523 (Rick) has been invited to host the 2021 CW Veterans Day Celebration.
- The Chillicothe VA Christmas trip was cancelled — fruit baskets were sent.
- The 2021 Golf Classic will be held Sunday, September 12, 2021.
- 2:00 P.M. — December meeting was adjourned.



NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

PLACE — TBD

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2020

TIME: 1:00 PM

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP