

VFW

News and Notes

An organization of Veterans
Who have fought
America's foreign wars
on land and sea and in the air



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Veterans Day 2021 – This year, Veterans Day falls on the same day as our post meeting and as usual, we have school visits during the week to educate the students about veterans. Many of the community eateries will have free meals to honor our veterans so take advantage and enjoy. Our meeting is scheduled at our regular time and make sure you save room for the Commander's chili and perhaps some other fixings, too!

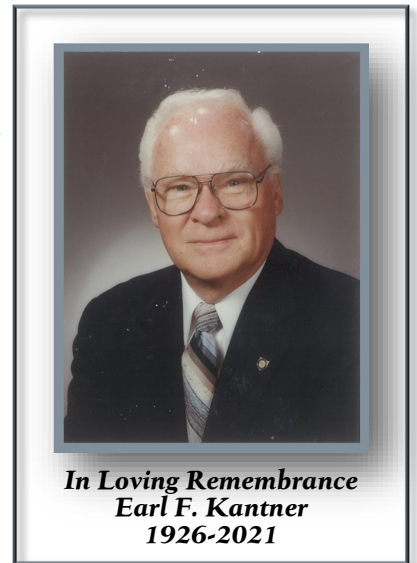


FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: We had our regular post meeting on October 14th with 16 of us meeting and discussing upcoming activities and other issues. I briefed all present on Earl Kantner's virtual Honor Flight ceremony conducted at his home (September 10th) with his son, daughter, wife, and many post members in attendance. I received a call the next morning with the news of his passing, and it was hard to take. Despite his declining health, Earl enjoyed all of the accolades bestowed upon him during the Virtual Honor Flight Ceremony, and I want to dedicate this space to the memory of Earl F. Kantner.

During his funeral service, speakers talked about Earl as the family man and educator, and I had the pleasure of speaking about Earl as the veteran and patriot. I talked about Earl as the U.S. Army Staff Sergeant fighting in the Pacific Theater on the island of Okinawa, Japan (which was to be the last major battle of the Pacific with the famed 7th Army Infantry Division) and about him being wounded by enemy artillery fire. Earl left the Army on June 29, 1946, with the following awards and decorations: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, WWII Victory Medal, Japanese Occupational Medal, Sharpshooter Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

When his career in education came to a close, his other goal to fulfill was "Service to his Country" by joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 10523. Earl held every officer position in the post - including two years as our Commander. He was our newsletter editor for 14 years and singlehandedly wrote our 25-year and 30-year history of the post. Earl rarely missed a post meeting or post functions and was always at all the final salutes to our departed comrades. Eighteen of his fellow comrades were at his final salute to honor a true patriot and gentleman. Earl will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him and he lived up to our post motto "**Veterans in Action - Because we Care.**"



*In Loving Remembrance
Earl F. Kantner
1926-2021*

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

For the eighth year now the City of Canal Winchester had a celebration honoring all veterans who have served during war or peace time. It started with a pancake breakfast, and then a brisk walk to Stradley Place Greenspace where a tent was erected for attendees and with Commander Williams as the master of ceremony. We heard patriotic songs performed by the CWHS Select Vocal Ensemble. Our keynote speaker was Rick Compton, 1st Sgt. (Ret.), Ohio Army National Guard, and a member of VFW Post 10523, who spoke on leadership. Sgt. Compton spoke about Dr. Joseph B. Potter, from Canal Winchester who served during the Civil War and about Robert L. Dutro, USMC, from Groveport who served during WWI.



COMING UP ... IN THE POST

- Nov 8... Post Officer Planning Meeting
- Nov 11... Veterans Day
- Nov 11... VFW Meeting, Post 10523
- Dec 9... Post 10523 Christmas Party

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988





CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL VISIT



FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, OUR ANNUAL VISIT TO THE CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL WILL HAVE TO BE MODIFIED DUE TO COVID-19. IN YEARS PAST, IT WAS OUR TRADITION TO GO THERE AND VISIT THE WARDS, DROPPING OFF CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CUPCAKES. THEN, WE WOULD HAVE A PARTY WITH A BLUEGRASS BAND AND SHARE CAKE AND PUNCH AND BAGS OF FRESH FRUIT WITH ALL WHO ATTENDED. JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, WE WILL DELIVER FRUIT AND CHRISTMAS CARDS. AND, THANKS TO DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH QUILTERS, WE WILL ALSO DELIVER 60 QUILTS FOR THE PATIENTS. HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL FOR VISITS SINCE WE KNOW HOW MUCH THE PATIENTS ENJOY OUR VISIT AS MUCH AS WE DO.

Voice Of Democracy Program (VOD)



Our VOD program is off and running with chairman Blake Firestone getting over 61 essays to narrow the selection down to four overall winners for submission to District 11. He had three different nights to judge the essays with the help of John & Marshall Crabtree, John Pritchard, Nate Dana, Bob Taylor, Bob Tinnerello, Bob Vance, and Bruce Ceneskie. When it was all done, they selected four winners from Canal Winchester High School to move forward to district and they are: Andrew C. Sycks, Kaylin L. Stover, Libby E. Blades, and Margaret K. McCarty. We want to congratulate them and wish them well for judging from the district and state and hopefully...national.

Post 10523 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Just another reminder about our annual post Christmas Party/ meeting, scheduled for **December 9th** at **David Lutheran Church**. The invites will be going out in the mail shortly. Return them as soon as possible so our caterer will get a good headcount for the food and for the committee to have enough goody bags to pass out at the conclusion of the party. I'm still waiting to hear from Santa Claus on him making his appearance! This is always a good time to get together with our members and their families to thank them for their support of what we do for our fellow veterans.

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF OCTOBER POST MEETING



- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMANDER WILLIAMS AT 7:30PM
- TALKED ABOUT THE UP-COMING HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 28TH AND THE NEED FOR FOLKS TO HELP
- TALKED ABOUT THE UPCOMING VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AND MARCH ON NOVEMBER 6TH
 - NEEDING COLOR AND HONOR GUARDS SIGN-UP
- BLAKE FIRESTONE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP JUDGE 61 ESSAYS FOR THE VOD PROGRAM
- CLIFF SMITH ORGANIZING A POST 10523 NURSING HOME VISIT DURING VETERANS WEEK
- BOB TINNERELLO TALKED ABOUT GOING TO DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS FOR POPPY DISTRIBUTION ON NOVEMBER 5TH IF WE GET ENOUGH FOLKS TO SIGN-UP.
 - DISCUSSION ALSO TOOK PLACE ABOUT THE POST DISTRIBUTING POPPIES AT SAM'S CLUB ON NOVEMBER 12TH & 13TH.
- COMMANDER WILLIAMS HAS BRASS GRAVESIDE FLAG HOLDERS FOR WWII, KOREA, AND VIETNAM VETERANS WHO MIGHT WANT ONE FOR A FRIEND OR RELATIVES GRAVE SITE. PLEASE SEE COMMANDER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- SNACKS PROVIDED BY CLIFF SMITH
- MEETING ADJOURNED 8:30PM
- NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 11

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VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

CW COMMUNITY CENTER

22 S. TRINE ST.

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, November 11, 2021

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP