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News and Notes

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Happy New Year! – IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR... 2022 –



POST 10523 CONTINUES OUR HIGH STANDARDS AND OUT-REACH INITIATIVES. LET'S STAY CONNECTED — AND KEEP WORKING TO MAKE POST 10523 ONE OF THE VERY BEST IN OHIO!!



VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: Well, we had our last post meeting of the year 2021 on December 9th in conjunction with our annual Christmas Party. Our post meeting consisted of officers in attendance as well as 3-4 comrades also attending the party. During this brief meeting a motion was made to postpone all reports to our regular post meeting in January 2022, and motion was approved.

Our Christmas Party went well with about 52 in attendance and I suspect due to COVID-19 many chose to stay home and I understand their concern. I will go into more details about the party later in this newsletter.

The year of 2021 was almost a repeat of 2020 with COVID-19 concerns at the forefront of everything we tried to do for our fellow veterans. Fortunately, we were able to have post meetings at the community center starting in May with good attendance by our members. Prior to May we had our meetings twice at my home and twice at Hope United Methodist Church with good attendance at the church meetings as space was limited at my home and only the officers attended them. Hopefully 2022 will be a better year for all of us!

I will keep this short and put more items in the newsletter and we are still looking for a editor for our newsletter!! **“Veterans in Action - Because we Care.”**

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

Post Loses Another WWII Comrade



It's with heavy hearts that we report the passing of post member Michael J. Pohorilla on December 20th 2021. Mike was a very active member of our post since 2000 after moving here from his hometown of Philadelphia Pa. to be closer to his family. Mike was also a very active volunteer at Motts Military Museum where you would find him every Friday giving tours or talking about his service as a navigator aboard B-17 aircraft while flying with the United States Army Air Force over Germany during WWII. Mike was instrumental in making Post 10523's VOD program the success that is today. Mike was on the board of directors for Motts Military Museum as well as very involved in all Post functions. Mike would often be a guest speaker for many veteran ceremonies and always loved reciting the poem "In Flanders Field" any time he had the opportunity to speak. Final arrangements aren't completed at this time; however, the Post is aware that he will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors and there will possibly a memorial service at the Motts Military Museum in the near future. Post members will be updated regarding his memorial service and his official obituary.

Mike will be sorely missed by all who have had the pleasure of knowing this fine gentleman and veteran and I'm honored to have known this fellow airman from the "Greatest Generation" that saved this great country of ours from the evil axis of WWII.

CHILLICOTHE VA HOSPITAL VISIT



Commander Williams and Junior Vice Commander Bob Tinnerello delivered the fruit from the CW Meijer store, our signed Christmas cards, canteen coupons, and the 60 quilts provided by the David Lutheran Church quilters to the hospital on December 7th. Once again, we were not permitted contact with the residences due to COVID-19 concerns, hopefully 2022 will be the year we return to our normal visits!



POST 10523 CHRISTMAS PARTY

OUR ANNUAL POST CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS HELD AT THE DAVID LUTHERAN CHURCH ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH STARTING AT 6:00PM. ALTHOUGH COVID-19 KEPT MANY FROM ATTENDING, 52 POST MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES DID ATTEND THE EVENT. OUR CATERER, BLUE MOON CATERING FROM CANAL WINCHESTER, PUT ON A VERY DELICIOUS MEAL FOR ALL TO ENJOY. OUR SANTA CLAUS WAS THERE BUT WITH NO SMALL CHILDREN, HE JUST ENJOYED THE EVENING LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.



THE POST'S FOUR VOD WINNERS FROM CANAL WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WERE HONORED AND EACH WERE PRESENTED A CHECK FROM THE POST FOR PARTICIPATING AND HAVING THE BEST ESSAYS OUT OF 60 PARTICIPANTS. THE FOUR WINNERS WERE ANDREW SYCKS, KAYLIN STOVER, LIBBY BLADES, AND MARGARET McCARTY. THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES ENJOYED THE EVENING AND EACH THANKED POST MEMBERS FOR EVERYTHING WE DID ON THEIR BEHALF. OUR THANKS TO BLAKE FIRESTONE WHO IS OUR VOD CHAIRMAN AND HAS REALLY VITALIZED THIS VERY WORTHY PROGRAM THE VFW HAS FOR STUDENTS.

THE POST PRESENTED JOYCE BARRETT WITH THE VFW MERITORIOUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE TO FURTHERING THE AIMS AND IDEALS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. HER LATE HUSBAND DONALD WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SAME FOR ALL OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS OUR SINGER AT VARIOUS FUNCTIONS AND UNFORTUNATELY, HE PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 11, 2021. ON BEHALF OF THE "QUILTERS ON THE CANAL", JOYCE PRESENTED THE GROUP'S 75TH QUILT TO POST MEMBER JOHN PRITCHARD FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE U.S. ARMY DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM VI IN AFGHANISTAN 2002-2006.

THE POST ALSO PRESENTED AMANDA LEMKE, FORMERLY CW EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, WITH OUR VFW MERITORIOUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR ALL THAT SHE HAS DONE FOR VETERANS WHILE IN THAT POSITION WITH THE CITY AS WELL AS WHAT SHE CONTINUES TO DO FOR OUR POST. AMANDA NOW WORKS FOR HOCKING COLLEGE AS THEIR DIRECTOR OF WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND CONTINUES TO OFFER HER SERVICES AS OUR UNOFFICIAL NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF DECEMBER POST MEETING



- SINCE OUR REGULAR POST MEETING WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POST-CHRISTMAS PARTY, WE DEFERRED ALL REPORTS UNTIL OUR JANUARY 13TH, 2022 MEETING.

STATUS OF CW COMMUNITY CENTER

After discussions with Linda Tennison from the community center, it appears we will be able to continue to have our meetings of January 13th and February 10th at the center with their move to the new city complex (Former Bob McDorman Automotive Museum) on February 18th. If there are any chances to this schedule, we will notify all via email. There will be limited kitchen use due to kitchen items being moved to new building but shouldn't affect the individuals who will be providing snacks for those two months. Linda also notified me that she will be leaving her position at the end of January, which is definitely ours and the community center's loss. We and all who use the community center will miss her always-smiling face and willingness to help folks with everything. We don't know who her replacement is at this time, but we will let Post members know once we find out.



COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- Jan 10... Post Officer Planning Meeting
- Jan 13... VFW Meeting, Post 10523
- Jan 22... District 11 VOD Banquet

JANUARY

VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

CW COMMUNITY CENTER

22 S. TRINE ST.

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, January 13, 2021

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP