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News and Notes

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VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

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Six More Weeks of Winter? — EACH GROUNDHOG DAY (FEBRUARY 2), WE WATCH TO SEE IF OHIO'S "BUCKEYE CHUCK" AGREES WITH "PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL" AND IF THE GROUNDHOGS PREDICT ANOTHER SIX WEEKS OF WINTER. WHETHER THE GROUNDHOGS SEE THEIR SHADOWS OR NOT, ONE THING IS TRUE...SPRING WILL ARRIVE RIGHT ON TIME!



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: Our January 13, 2022 meeting was attended by 13 members and despite the low numbers we managed to accomplish many items as you will see in the minutes. The first 4 months of the year for us is normally pretty quiet with not much going on but I do want all to think about March, April, and May. In March we have the nomination for post officers, In April we vote on the new post officers and in May we swear the new officers in their respective positions. If you are interested in an officer position, please let us know so that we can get you elected. New blood is always good for any organization and if there are no new nominations, the current officers will continue on as none of us want our post to not be a viable post - and we want to continue to help our fellow veterans. I will close for now, but I want to remind everyone that we're still looking for a post newsletter editor!! **"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523



I forgot something in last month's newsletter! I failed to mention in my last newsletter about the "Distinguished Patriot Award" that was presented to my wife Georgia for all that she contributes to the post with helping me to succeed. She is always at my side for all of the functions where her help is needed. She has stuffed numerous goody bags for the post Halloween parties, our Christmas parties as well as helping out at the annual golf outings. I never take her for granted and we want to thank you all for this award as well as the gift cards for dinner.

Post VOD DISTRICT 11 WINNER



One of Post 10523's four VOD post winners took third-place and was recognized at the District-11 VOD Banquet on January 22, 2022. Kaylin L. Stover, a junior from Canal Winchester High School, won third place and was awarded a check for \$750.00. Kaylin and her parents Clyde & Trina Stover were extremely proud and thankful for the award which Kaylin will use for her college fund. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the top 3 winners attended the banquet.

VOD Chairman Blake Firestone and his wife Lisa, as well as Commander Rick Williams and his wife Georgia, attended the banquet and celebrated Kaylin's achievement. This wouldn't have happened without Blake and his team's tireless efforts judging the 60 essays that were submitted. Blake's team consisted of Post members John & Marshall Crabtree, John Pritchard, Nate Dana, Bob Taylor, Bob Tinnerello, Bob Vance, Bruce Ceneskie, and Andy Minette. The Post thanks them for all of their hard work and their dedication to keeping the VOD program alive and well in Post 10523.



District 11 Commander Rick Mason presenting Kaylin Stover with her check



DEPARTMENT OF OHIO VETERANS PINS FOR 2021-2022

VETERANS PINS FOR 2021-2022 WERE PICKED UP AT THE RECENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AND WILL BE PASSED OUT AT THE POST'S FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING.

THESE PINS ARE UNIQUE AND HELP TO REMIND US ALL OF THE MANY SUICIDES THAT ARE ON THE RISE AMONG ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

THE PINS READ **KNOW THE SIGNS** AT THE TOP, WITH THE WORDS **AGITATED • SAD • HOPELESS • WITHDRAWN** UNDERNEATH -- AND IN BOLD LETTERS, **FOREVER STRONG**. IT'S LIKELY THAT MANY OF US KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE, SO WE MUST TRY TO RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS AND TRY TO GET THEM THE HELP THEY NEED. THERE ARE MANY SUICIDE PHONE NUMBERS FOR THEM TO CALL AND TALK TO SOMEONE, INCLUDING THE VETERANS CRISIS LINE AT 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1).



NATIONAL DESERT STORM WAR MEMORIAL

Designed based on the feedback of hundreds of Desert Shield and Desert Storm veterans, this memorial will provide a meaningful and deeply moving sequential experience for visitors. This memorial will memorialize the names of the more than 300 American men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice; and leave visitors with an enduring memory of the historical significance and moral accomplishments of the war. They are to break ground in 2022 and dedicate the memorial in 2023.



National Desert Storm Memorial
<http://www.ndswm.org/>

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF JANUARY POST MEETING



- Meeting called to order by Commander Williams at 7:30PM
- Undraped Post Charter for Earl F. Kantner and Earl E. Richardson
- Draped the Charter for Mike Pohorilla, Vivian C. Benavidez, Harry H. Hanna, Fred W. Kreutz, Gerald P. Walker, and Charles H. Williams and may they rest in peace.
- Quartermaster Bob Vance gave his reports for Nov and Dec 2021 as well as the quarterly report that ended Dec 2021.
- Service Officer Bruce Ceneskie reported that the VA has extended the presumption period for illnesses related to Gulf War burn pits exposure to December 2026.
- Motion by Rich Holter to donate \$500.00 to Combs Cancer fund at the upcoming mid-winter conference and it was approved.
- Motion made to donate \$500.00 to the "Kentucky Disaster Relief" and motion was approved.
- Commander Williams will be attending the Department of Ohio mid-winter conference on January 15, 2022.
- VOD banquet for District 11 will be on January 22 and Commander Williams, Blake Firestone and their wives will attend along with our winner.
- Post received a thank you from Joyce Barrett for the flowers we provided for her husband Don's funeral.
- Received a thank you from the Chillicothe VA hospital for all we took to them for our annual Christmas visit.
- Snacks provided by Bruce Ceneskie.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

COMING UP ... IN THE POST



Feb 7... Post Officer Planning Meeting
Feb 10... VFW Meeting, Post 10523

FEBRUARY

VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

CW COMMUNITY CENTER

22 S. TRINE ST.

CANAL WINCHESTER, OH 43110

DATE: Thursday, February 10, 2022

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP