

VFW



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Who have fought
America's foreign wars
on land and sea and in the air

News and Notes

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Welcome Spring — SPRING IS ON THE WAY! WE WILL SOON BE WELCOMING FLOWERS, LEAVES, AND FRESH GREEN GRASS! REMINDER: MAKE SURE TO "SPRING FORWARD" BY MOVING YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13! HAPPY SPRING!



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: We had 14 members show up for our February 10th post meeting and it was a very productive meeting with several topics discussed. Be sure you read our post meeting minutes for more details on what happened at the meeting. This was our last meeting at the Frances Steube Community Center as the conversion of the former Bob McDorman Car Museum to the City of Canal Winchester's new municipal complex and Community Center is nearing completion. As of now, it looks like the city's new complex will be opening late March so we will have to have our March 10th post meeting at a different location. I'm not certain where but will send out an e-mail to let all know what's going on with the March meeting. Since I'm still editor of our Post newsletter, I will keep my comments short and fill you in with what went on with articles in the newsletter. Now that spring and summer are around the corner, I hope to see many of you back at our monthly meetings and participating in the numerous functions and projects we do to help our fellow veterans.

"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

FEBRUARY— BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Although it's March and we discussed at the February Post meeting the articles in the February VFW magazine honoring and saluting the nation's African-American veterans of the past and present, I wanted to point out one of the individuals in our post that been fostering the history of our African-American veterans and that would be Edward W. Morast. Ed Morast is retired from the U.S. Air Force with over 20 years active duty, he was our post adjutant for many years, and he has been involved with the Tuskegee Airman, Inc organization for many years and served as the President of the Ohio Memorial Chapter. As chapter president, Ed was able to get more donations for their organization's scholarship funds for local high school students as well as getting the communities involved in furthering the educational opportunities of lower income students. With all that Ed has and continues to do furthering the history of the Tuskegee Airman organization, he still manages to be very involved with our post and assist in any way he can with our many functions and activities for the community and his fellow veterans. A salute and thanks to Ed Morast for his untiring devotion to both organizations.



NEW MEMBERSHIP MEDAL —



The VFW has a new membership medal (see photo) that can be purchased and displayed on your jacket to show others the pride you have with belonging to the oldest veterans organization in the country. At our February post meeting, the members in attendance showed an overwhelming desire to have the medal and it was voted on for the post to offset the cost of \$30.00 each for the medals and the life membership bar to where the members will pay \$20.00 and the post will handle the remainder. Since there was a strong desire from members in attendance to have one, our Post Quartermaster, Bob Vance ordered 30 pins to have on hand for the 14 that raised their hand to show their interest in obtaining the medal as well as any other members not at the February meeting.

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988





FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



DURING OUR JANUARY 10, 2022 POST MEETING THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE [FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION](#) ON THEIR HANDLING OF CLAIMS AND RESPONDING TO E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS. I INVITED OUR POST MEMBER AND PAST POST COMMANDER BOBBIE MERSHON TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERSHIP AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING. BOBBIE ATTENDED OUR FEBRUARY 10TH MEETING AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FCVS PURPOSE - - AND AS THE CURRENT FCVS COMMISSION PRESIDENT, SHE WILL WORK WITH THE VARIOUS DIRECTORS AND GET SOME ANSWERS FOR OUR POST MEMBERS COMPLAINTS. THE POST MEMBERS THAT SPOKE TO BOBBIE ABOUT A COMPLAINT AND WERE TO E-MAIL HER THE PARTICULARS; PLEASE FOLLOW-UP SO SHE CAN ANSWER YOU PERSONALLY. (BOBBIE'S E-MAIL: ROBERTAMERSHON@YAHOO.COM)

FROM OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER



Article submitted by Bruce Ceneskie

The American Legion recently published an article about *Buddy Check*, a program where a group of active Legion members call those members not so involved to check on their health and welfare. Many of us have been calling VFW Post members on a regular basis, but this sounds like a program we may want to do for our Post and the officers are looking at a way we can adopt this program using a modified version of the checklist on the American Legion web site. More to come on this program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS WHEN WE AS A POST NOMINATE FOLKS FOR THE VARIOUS POST OFFICER POSITIONS AND WITH OUR MEETING LOCATION THIS MONTH UNDECIDED AT THIS TIME THERE IS A POSSIBILITY, WE WILL HOLD A SHORT MEETING AT A SMALLER LOCATION AS REQUIRED BY VFW GUIDELINES. IF THERE ARE ANY NOMINATIONS FOR ANY OFFICER POSITIONS, PLEASE E-MAIL NAMES TO THE COMMANDER OR POST ADJUTANT. IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, WE WILL THEN VOTE FOR THE NOMINATIONS AND INSTALL THEM DURING OUR MAY POST MEETING.



NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY POST MEETING



- Meeting called to order by Commander Williams at 7:30PM
- Undraped the post charter for January fallen comrades
- New member Jeremy A. Corrill, USAF veteran, voted in as a new member. Not present to swear in.
- Received the grant money from the city of Canal Winchester for the November Veterans Day Ceremony.
- Blake Firestone spoke of the great participation from 2 of our local schools for the VOD program and expects more students' involvement for next year's program.
- QM Bob Vance talked about the new VFW membership medal and members voted on ordering some and the post will pick-up some of the members' cost.
- Post member Bobbi Mershon talked about Franklin County Veterans Service Commission and her role with them and answered questions and problems from those in attendance.
- Commander Williams talked about our last meeting at 22 S. Trine St. (Community Center)
- Prior to our post meeting, Joyce Barrett, from the Quilter on the Canal presented a quilt to Eli Waller.
- Commander Williams announced the passing of Judy Eckles, wife of the late Comrade Ray Eckles.
- No further business — Commander Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

COMING UP ... IN THE POST



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

MARCH

VFW POST 10523 MEETING



THURSDAY, MARCH 10

**LOCATION:
TBD**

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2022

TIME: TBD

FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP