

# VFW



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Who have fought  
America's foreign wars  
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# News and Notes

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**In Your May Newsletter— Make sure to read about upcoming events and important news for Post members! With warmer weather on the way, many activities are planned for outdoors!**



## FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

**FROM THE COMMANDER:** There were 15 of our members that attended the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at our new location. We met at the new Canal Winchester City Hall complex where the community center is now occupying and the area is really great. We were able to vote in the officers for the VFW year 2022-2023 and I'm very grateful for those stepping up to help our post to continue to serve our fellow veterans with all that we do. The list of names and positions will be listed in the May newsletter. We discussed the upcoming final salute for Mike Pohorilla and our Memorial Day Ceremony at Union Grove Cemetery. The "Eyes of Freedom" display honoring those killed from Lima Company will once again be on display at the CW Labor Day Celebration and we made a donation to the city to make this happen. Seeing that I'm still editor, I will keep my notes short but please read the newsletter for more details on our upcoming events.

**"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."**

J. Rick Williams, Commander— VFW Post 10523

## VETERANS HOME IN COLUMBUS??



With the possible closing of the VA Hospital in Chillicothe and what they do for our veterans might give way for the proposal that our own Dr. Dana Robinson-Street is pursuing to have a Veterans Home built in central Ohio. With more than 866,000 veterans in Ohio and only two existing veterans homes in Sandusky and Georgetown capable of handling around 900 veterans, there is an urgent need for a centralized veterans home in the Columbus area. Most of the central Ohio veterans' families don't want to use the two existing homes due to the distance they must travel to visit their loved one that needs assisted or independent living arrangements. This might be the time that we start writing our state representatives to support a veterans home in central Ohio. We are checking to see if Dr. Dana can take time out of her busy schedule to give us a briefing on where her initiative stands and what we can do to help.

## 2022-23 Post OFFICERS

OUR POST MEETING OF APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> WE SELECTED OUR POST OFFICERS FOR THE VFW YEAR 2022-2023 AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Commander: J. Rick Williams	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee: Rich Holter
Senior Vice Commander: Bruce Ceneskie	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee: Ed Morast
Junior Vice Commander: Bob Tinarello	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee: Gregg Isett
Quartermaster: Bob Vance	Judge Advocate: Rick Compton
Adjutant: Tom Richards	Surgeon: Nate Dana
Chaplin: Cliff Smith	Officer of the Day: Bob Taylor
Service Officer: Tom Pellior	Post Guard: Jeremy Corrill

THE POST OFFICERS WILL BE SWORN IN DURING OUR MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MEETING SINCE THEY WILL ASSUME THEIR POSITIONS PRIOR TO THE JUNE VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION. OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR ALL OF THEM STEPPING UP TO LEAD OUR POST IN ANOTHER YEAR OF HELPING OUR VETERANS WITH ALL WE DO.

## POPPY DISTRIBUTIONS

OUR POST WILL BE DISTRIBUTING POPPIES AT SAM'S CLUB ON FRIDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>. THIS IS A GOOD SOURCE OF RECEIVING DONATIONS TO ALLOW US TO HELP OUR FELLOW VETERANS. IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUT AND MEET OUR SUPPORTERS AND THIS GIVES US POST RECOGNITION AND SOMETIMES NEW MEMBERS. WE NORMALLY WORK FROM 9:00AM TO AROUND 6:00PM WITH ANY WHERE FROM 2 OR 3 HOURS PER 2 INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOGETHER. WHEN YOU SIGN-UP YOU CAN WORK THE HOUR'S BEST SUITED FOR YOUR NEEDS. SIGN-UP SHEETS AT THE MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> POST MEETING.



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## HONORING MIKE POHORILLA



ON MAY 9TH, 2022 OUR POST, IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM, WILL BE HONORING LIFETIME MEMBER MIKE POHORILLA WITH A FINAL SALUTE CEREMONY. MIKE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 20, 2021 AT 97 YEARS OLD. MIKE WAS A WW II VETERAN SERVING IN THE USAAF AS A NAVIGATOR ON B-17G AIRCRAFT AND AFTER THE WAR HE WAS A RENOWNED PETROLEUM AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST AT ROHM AND HASS. AFTER RETIREMENT, MIKE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH VFW POST 10523 AND A VOLUNTEER DOCENT AT MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 11:00AM WITH A FEW SPEAKERS AND CONCLUDE AROUND 12:00PM WITH A FINAL SALUTE, 21-GUN VOLLEY AND TAPS. CAKE AND PUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE POST AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT TURN OUT BY OUR POST MEMBERS TO HONOR MIKE. MIKES' INTERMENT WILL BE AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AT A LATER DATE ALONGSIDE HIS LATE WIFE, ELLEN.

## FROM OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER



Post Service Officer Bruce Ceneskie reports that the Department of Veterans Affairs is adding the following 9 rare respiratory cancers to the list of presumed service-connected disabilities due to exposure. 1. Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx, 2. Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea, 3. Adenocarcinoma of the trachea, 4. Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea, 5. Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung, 6. Large cell carcinoma of the lung, 7. Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung, 8. Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung, and 9. Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung. For more info visit VA.gov.



## MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

OUR MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT UNION GROVE CEMETERY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 30TH IS READY WITH ALL INVOLVED NOTIFIED AND ON BOARD TO PARTICIPATE. OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS CHAPLIN, MAJOR THOMAS H. WHITEMAN FROM THE 121ST AIR REFUELING WING, RICKENBACKER AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, OHIO. OUR HONOR AND COLOR GUARD UNDER THE DIRECTION OF BOB TAYLOR WILL BE ASSEMBLING AT THE CEMETERY AT 9:30AM. BOB WILL BE CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS; PLEASE STEP-UP FOR THIS CEREMONY TO HONOR THOSE THAT HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR OUR FREEDOM. CEREMONY STARTS AT 10:30AM AND LAST ABOUT 45 MINUTES TO AN HOUR.

## NOW HEAR THIS...



## SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY POST MEETING



- Meeting called to order by Commander Williams at 7:30pm
- Charter draped for Raymond Stemen & Daniel Smith
- Quilt presented for Dr. Ted Kimble
- Elected post officers for 2022-2023 (See newsletter for names)
- Talked on upcoming final salute for Mike Pohorilla
- Talked on upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony & Poppies distributions @ Sam's Club
- Motion approved for donation to the "Eyes of Freedom" display at CW Labor Day Festival
- Voted in new member Philip Dunbar
- Keep Dave Francis & Gerry Garbe in your thoughts and prayers
- Commander briefed on recent District II meeting
- No further business- Commander Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

## COMING UP ... IN THE POST



- May 9... Post Officer Planning Meeting
- May 12... VFW Meeting, Post 10523
- May 27 & 28... Poppy Distribution, Sam's Club
- May 30... Memorial Day Ceremony, Union Grove
- Jun 13... Post Officer Planning Meeting
- Jun 16... VFW Meeting, Post 10523

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## VFW POST 10523 MEETING



**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

**LOCATION:**

**NEW CW COMMUNITY CENTER  
45 E. WATERLOO ST.**

**DATE: Thursday, May 12, 2022**

**TIME: 7:30PM**

**FOR: VFW BUSINESS SESSION, COMRADESHIP**