

# UNIT 484 HAPPENINGS

*Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month*

## **JANUARY 2024**

Happy New Year to all! I'm excited to begin 2024 and see what we can accomplish.

The Legion has already seen the benefits of improved marketing with increased attendance at the December Sunday Breakfast and Lunch with Santa. The power of a Facebook post is remarkable and so thrilled to see the impact in 2024. Thank you to all who contributed to its success.

We hope to see everyone at the New Year's Day Eye Opener event from 10 am to 2 pm. The bar will be hosting this year with a breakfast option from That Guy's Barbeque. Please come join the Legion Family and celebrate the start of 2024.

With the increased visibility of events because of our marketing efforts, we have opportunities to increase our membership. We began seeing new faces at our December events and it's a great chance to hand out membership pamphlets and share all the great events, volunteer work, and fun we have. Our local community has a volume of hidden legion members just waiting to join, they just don't know it yet. 😊

If you have your New Year resolutions selected and ready, I congratulate you. As always health and wellness are at the top of the list. I challenge you to recommend an Auxiliary Legion resolution or a new activity we can start in 2024. It's a great opportunity to invigorate new life and fun into our Legion family that may generate funding or just a great time!

Please remember to honor Martin Luther King's Day on Monday, January 15, 2024. The Department of Defense ensures that everyone able and willing to serve has the full and equal opportunity to do so and will be treated with dignity and respect. America's military branches remain mission-ready by leveraging a diverse group of all-volunteered forces. We thank you for preserving and defending our land of the free.

For God and Country,  
Cindy E Zimmerman



## BREAKFAST BUFFET

**January 14 – 9am- Noon**

We will again be serving our all you can eat buffet from 9-12 (\$10 adults, \$5 children 5-16)

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## VA & R

**Liz Castle 513-232-5648**

Last month we were able to have our first event at the CLC unit at the Cincinnati VA since the beginning of the pandemic. I would like to thank everyone that came and helped that evening. At this time, we will be hosting an event each month on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the center. Anyone interested in helping and volunteering a few hours give me a call.

If you know any Veterans who are alone give them a call or a visit, a small amount of your time can make a huge difference in their day.

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## QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231—3572

After taking a break for the [Christmas](#) holiday, our Quarter Auction is back on [January 18<sup>th</sup>](#). The doors open at 6:00 and the Auctions starts at 7:00 with lots of great items for you to bid on. That Guy's BBQ has lots of great menu items so you do not have to cook before coming down. Come down and bring your friends for a fun evening.

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## POPPY

**Debbie Holden 513-400-7485**

There wasn't an activity for poppies in December due to the Auxiliary Christmas party. An activity will be planned for this month.



## MEMBERSHIP

**Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572**

We are doing OK in our membership. We are currently at 76% of our goal of 85. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send it in. If your dues have not been paid as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, you are considered delinquent.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Liz Castle 232-5648**

Happy New Year to all, last year our unit was able to provide assistance in many ways to not only members of our 484 legion family but to also the many people of our Mt. Washington community. I, for one are praying that this new year will be better than any of the previous.

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## EDUCATION

**Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697**



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Donated gifts from our members were delivered to Mt. Washington Elementary in time for their [Christmas](#) Store event: all items were very appreciated, especially the health and hygiene items from member Carol Reyman. Resource Coordinator Nikki Marksberry was really pleased at the variety of gifts our unit had given to them ... And, both Mt. Washington, and Sands Montessori were given flyers inviting their students to Post 484's Lunch with Santa on [December 17<sup>th</sup>](#)! For those of us who do not have young, excited children jumping up and down and SQUEALING with excitement, being there was a real experience! All members of the Legion family, Post 484, the Auxiliary, the SAL and the Riders, all joined hands - and, er, patience! - to take part in the lunch of hot dogs, or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chips, pop and cookies, that seemed to make everyone pretty happy! Then there was an array of books and toothbrushes that all children were invited to take for themselves, and that was before the mountain of [Christmas](#) Raffle of gifts that were handed out too! A

visit from Santa was of course the topper to the day's event, and children could have pictures taken with the big guy himself! All in all, Bill Hoskins, and our own Liz Castle, plus all the others of the Post family who volunteered, made that day a memorable one for our neighborhood children. Happy holidays and Happy New Year to our members! Thanks to all who have donated and supported our Children and Youth, and Education programs!

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### Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



**Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697**

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States

"New Year - a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours." Alex Morritt, author and poet

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### LEGISLATION

**Carol Reyman [creyman44@gmail.com](mailto:creyman44@gmail.com)**

Happy 2024.

The new 119th Congress begins its new session in January.

There are major issues facing the U.S. Congress.

1. Authorization of senior military promotions.
2. Military funding for Ukraine.
3. Military funding for Israel.
4. Funding for the U.S. government

The holdup of authorizing the senior military personnel affects. military readiness.

Military funding to Ukraine assists in protecting Democracy and preventing dictatorial expansion. Military funding for Israel is in keeping with our NATO Alliance.

The best way to keep further, additional U.S. involvement in these conflicts and from putting boots on the ground is to continue military funding to these nations.

If the government shuts down due to a lack of funding, not only are individuals out of work without a paycheck, citizens are without the services that these agencies provide.

Please. . . Call, text, email, write, or peacefully demonstrate to your congressional members in both the US House and US Senate. Ensure that your VOICE is heard. In God we trust.

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**AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 231-3572**  
**BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE**  
Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

I am beginning the search for 6 young ladies to attend BGS in June. If you know of any girls in their junior year of high school that you believe would make good candidates to attend BGS, Please give me their contact information and I will interview them.



**CHAPLAIN Karol Monroe 513-384-2351**

Joanne Wolfinger passed away, please pray for her family.

As the new year begins, please pray for those who are sick, alone or in need. Pray for our unit, the ALA, our nation, community, state, world, children, our veterans and active military.



Please pray:

Lord, thank You for this brand new year.

Give us wisdom when ours fails, courage when we lack, strength when ours is gone and kindness that changes the bad to good, glorifying You.

Help our sick and suffering, hold them firmly this year.

Thank you for this new year of beginnings.

Amen

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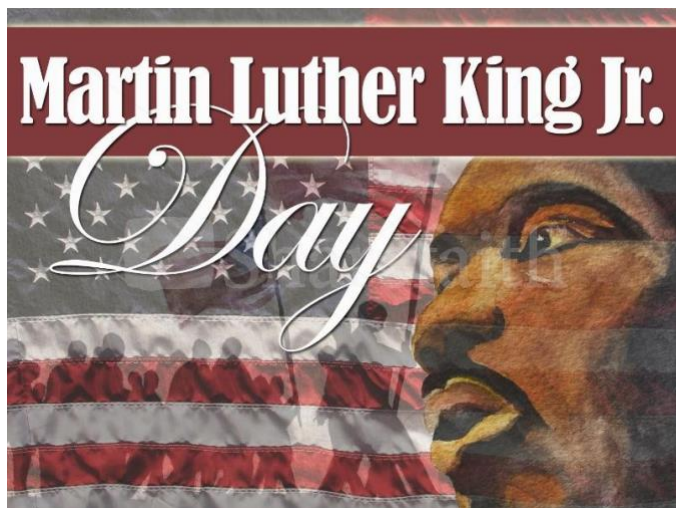
**COMING SOON! – SAVE THE DATE**

The Chili Cook Off will be held on February 4, 2024. If you are interested in being a contestant, or need more information, please contact:

Debbie – 513-400-7485 or dholden824@gmail.com

Entry fee for contestants - \$10.00

All others \$5.00 at the door



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**JANUARY EVENTS**

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 1 - Eye Openers 10 am to 2 pm
- 3 – Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 9 - Regular meeting – Social at 7pm mtg 7:30
- 6 - Hanukkah begins
- 14 – Breakfast 9 am – Noon
- 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18 – Quarter Auction 6:00



**JANUARY BIRTHDATES**

- 2 - Tammy Reynolds
- 5 - Karol Monroe
- 6 - Joan M. Davis
- 10 - Lauren Campbell Kong
- 12 - Lois Henson
- 23 - Nancy Morris



**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS\***  
**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**  
**PAM YOUNG 232-5084**

Please send articles or information to [pjyoung@fuse.net](mailto:pjyoung@fuse.net) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Please continue to send email addresses or updates to Jackie at \* [jackieruzsa@gmail.com](mailto:jackieruzsa@gmail.com) or call her at 474-6710.

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