

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

MAY 2023

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

It's election time again for year 2023-2024. Elections will be held at the Unit's regular meeting on May 9 between 6:00 – 7:30pm. The nominees for office are:

President	Cindy Zimmerman
1 st Vice	Vicki Monroe
2 nd Vice	Kim Berry
Secretary	Lauren Campbell Kong
Treasurer	Lizanne Castle
Chaplain	Karol Monroe
Sgt. @ Arms	Tricia Oehler
Historian	No nominee
Executive Board:	Annabelle Franz, Mary Nash Sandy Pennington

Absentee ballots are available upon request 3 (three) days prior to the election by informing the Head Teller, (Arlene Potter), that you would like an absentee ballot. Her contact information is: 513-231-6618.

Upcoming conventions:

District: June 5 Waynesville, registration is Noon and meeting begins at 1:00pm. Please respond to the District President @ aux194@embarqmail.com or 513-398-6566
Summer: June 30 thru July 2, 2023 – details soon

As always, stay safe.

Debbie



POPPY

Debbie Holden 513-400-7485

The Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized Auxiliary program. Each year around Memorial Day, Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. Auxiliary members endeavor to explain the true meaning of this little flower to all those who receive it. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn and used by Auxiliary members to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

Letters will be sent to members requesting donations to the poppy program.

BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597

Details to come.

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VA & R

Liz Castle 513-232-5648

At this time, we do not have any events scheduled at the Cincinnati VAMC. I know that I have said this before, but we hope someday soon to be able to visit again.

Memorial Day is May 29, please wear your poppy in remembrance of the veterans we have lost and to thank all veterans for their service to our Country.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Liz Castle 232-5648

If anyone participates in a walk or run for a charity, please let me know. We would like to donate to the charity you are helping.

Please remember to "Pull Together" for the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati. Save your pull tabs (drink cans, pet food cans, food cans, etc.) and bring them to our meetings and I will get them from you and take them to the Ronald McDonald House. They raise thousands of dollars every year to help keep critically ill children and their families together.

AMERICANISM

Vicki Monroe 231-3572

Post 484 will be commemorating Memorial Day on **May 29th**. We will begin by serving breakfast to the Drill Squad and anyone who will be going with them at 6:30 am. The Drill Squad will then be going to 5 cemeteries to perform very memorable ceremonies to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. They will then have a program at the Monument at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

We have 6 wonderful girls that we will be sending to Buckeye Girls State. 3 are from New Richmond High School, 2 are from Oak Hills High School and 1 from Indian Hill High School. Two of the girls' fathers actually attended Buckeye Boys State and one of those attended West Point. His daughter also aspires to attend thee. I am very excited to be sending these very talented young ladies. I know you will be proud of their accomplishments at Buckeye Girls State.



EDUCATION

Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Sandy Pennington

Well - it's been a busy year for this chairman attempting to work with some area schools, Mt. Washington Elementary and Sands Montessori in particular! This past year we've brought breakfast treats to teachers in those two schools, have delivered snacks, school supplies, socks, and scarves, and even helped stock one school's "**Christmas Store!**"

Unit 484 has also helped with a few educational programs not within a school budget, helped support military families through the U.S.O. and Department of Ohio programs, and made many charitable donations in the Greater Cincinnati area to assist families and children in need. When I say I have been busy, I really mean all of *you* have been busy too - volunteering to be part of many programs and events that really do "contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion..." Money raised has funded our veterans' programs, our donations to food pantries, donations to many community charities and events, our incredible POPPY program, Girls State, and so much more! We really try to make a difference in our little corner of southwest Ohio... and our membership proves it time and again.



QUARTER AUCTION

Vicki Monroe 231--3572

Now is the time to have some fun and win some great items. Our next Quarter Auction is on **May 18th**. Doors open at 6:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. We have lots of great vendors with lots of great items up for bid. The Auxiliary also has items for bid. Have your dinner with us from This Guy's BBQ. They have lots of menu items for you to choose from. Come on down for a great time and help support the American Legion Auxiliary!

MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are coming along. We have 75 members, which is 92% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. If you have not, please take a minute to send in your dues to me or you can pay online. You still have time to recruit a new member to be eligible for the May drawing. You could win \$25.00.



LEGISLATION

Carol Reyman

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Unlike other Auxiliary programs, the Legislative program requires the active participation of unit members. Advocacy needs NUMBERS. It is in working together that our collective voice can be heard.

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary ADVOCATES for Legislation that affects our nation's veterans. Our American Veterans are part of society as a whole; therefore, veterans are affected by all national, state, and local legislative acts.

It is important that all auxiliary members become informed about issues that are placed before their legislatures.

Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



Sandy Pennington.

513-231-6697

"We must dare to be great; and realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage." Teddy Roosevelt, 26th President of the U.S.

" If we do not believe in freedom of speech for those we despise we do not believe in it at all." Noam Chomsky, American public intellectual, historian, and social critic.



CHAPLAIN

Karol Monroe 513-384-2351

In May, we honor our beloved who fell in combat. This is a time to reflect on their sacrifice for our freedoms. This Memorial Day, as we gather with friends and family, take a few minutes of silence to thank those brave young men and women who gave of themselves willingly.

This is also a time where, as Auxiliary members, we take time to honor the members of our unit who have left us, going ahead of us to do heavenly duties. We always honor those ladies (and now men) who have served veterans in our unit. At our May meeting, we will hold a ceremony for Laura Elbe. Please join us as we honor her and drape our charter.

Please continue to pray for Terri Crosswait. As of last month, she has been out of ICU, but I haven't received any recent news. When I get an address on where she is currently, I will let you know so that you can send her a card.

Continue to pray for each other, especially those who have not been able to be with us because of various reasons. If you can, reach out to them, remind them that we miss them.

If you know of any members who are ill, in the hospital or have passed, please contact me at (513)384-2351 or (513)407-6759. You can also contact me via email at karol.monroe@aol.com

I am continually praying for all of you!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

SAVE THE DATE!

Even though this is a few months away, you will want to mark your calendars for SEPTEMBER 23, 2023! The Riders from Post 484 are having a dance that night with **'HARRY STRAWBERRY BAND'**. You don't want to miss this amazing band when they play music you can dance, and you can sing-a-long with them.

So, mark your calendars so you don't miss this event! More details to come!

Debbie



MAY

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY EVENTS

- 1 – May Day
- 3 - Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 6 - Kentucky Derby
- 8 – VE Day
- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time 7:30 mtg
- 13 - Spaghetti Dinner 4-8pm
- 14 - Mother's Day
- 18 - Quarter Auction 6:00 – 7:00 Auction begins.
- 20 - Armed Forces Day
- 26-28 – Poppy Days
- 29 - Memorial Day
- 29 - Memorial Day service at monument 11:30



MAY BIRTHDATES

- 11 - Patty McAfee
- 11 - Nancy Wright
- 14 - Karen Leonard
- 26 - Lana Makin



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 - Bonnie & John Rossi
- 12 - Mavis & Jim Briede
- 19 - Kimberly & John Cumby
- 20 - Rebecca & Christopher Daeger
- 22 - Julie & Donald Broughton
- 28 - Lynn & Charlie Sollberger
- 28 - Valerie & John Ratchford

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

PAM YOUNG 232-5084

Please send articles or information to pjyoung@fuse.net before the 15th of the month. Please continue to send email addresses or updates to Jackie at jmederruzsa@ERSLIFE.ORG or call her at 474-6710.

Thanks to everyone for sending articles for the newsletter!