

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

MAY 2024

April showers bring May flowers, and this year has proven that to be true. This is the time of year to see the next generation of flowers and bulbs blooming, trees turning green, and the eclipse of a lifetime.

It's also that time of year to refresh the Post 484 Legion Auxiliary Committee and Executive Board.

Elections will be held May 14th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Absentee ballots shall be allowed if the member places their request to the Head Teller no later than three (3) days before the election. The Head Teller is Arlene Potter.

A member may have their name presented as a write-in candidate for any office, however, their intentions must be made known to the Unit President and the Chairman of Tellers before the election. A sign must be prominently posted in the main entrance hallway on the night of the election.

President – Cindy Zimmerman

1st Vice President – Vickie Monroe

2nd Vice President – Kim Berry

Secretary – Lauren Kong

Treasurer – Liz Castle

Chaplain – Karol Monroe

Sgt at Arms – Trisha Oehler

Historian – **Open**

Executive Board (Top 3):

- Jackie Rusza
- Mary Nash
- Sandy Pennington
- Brandy Sudberry
- Ginger Teeters
- Debbie Holden

As always, social hour with food served occurs before our meeting at 7:30 pm. Please come chat and grab a meal. This is a great time for you to chat with our candidates before placing your vote.

We will also be remembering members lost from this past year, Terri Croswait and Joanne Wolfinger during our May member meeting. This is a very special event held every May, with a prayer ceremony with candle lighting.

Please make every effort to attend, vote, mingle, and honor those past.

For God and Country,

Cindy E Zimmerman





BREAKFAST BUFFET

September 8 – 9am- Noon

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

VA & R

Liz Castle 513-232-5648

For the "Monthly Bingo" last month at the Cinti. VA CLC Unit, instead of playing bingo we had horse racing. The residents had a great time and said they were looking forward to next month's event. I want to thank our own Bill Hosking for calling some exciting races.

Remember this month our bingo will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.

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.

POPPY

Debbie Holden 513-400-7485

It's Poppy month! This month letters will be sent to members requesting a donation for the Poppy Program. This program helps to assist all Veterans in their time of need. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We have just a short time to go to achieve our goal. We are currently at 91% of our goal of 85. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please sent it in. We would love to welcome your renewed membership.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Liz Castle 232-5648

I would like to thank Michelle Cremering and her mother for bringing in the pull tabs at last month's Quarter Auction for the Ronald McDonald House "Pull Together" Project. It is easy to do and takes very little effort. Please remember to "Pull Together" for the Ronald McDonald House. Again, I ask that you save your pull tabs from drink cans, pet food cans, food cans etc. and bring them to our monthly meeting and I will get them from you and take them to the Ronald McDonald House. Each year thousands of dollars are raised to help keep critically ill children together with their families. Together we can make a difference. Also, this is the time of year that members are participating in charities walks or runs. If you are, we can donate to that event.

AMERICANISM

Vicki Monroe 231-3572

BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

We currently have 7 amazing young women who will be attending Buckeye Girls State. We are very lucky that an outside gentleman gave us money to send 2 extra girls. The young ladies are from McNicholas High School, New Richmond High School, and Summit Country Day. I cannot wait to hear about their experiences.



Our tribute to our fallen soldiers will begin with breakfast for the Drill Squad and any other who wish to go visit the cemeteries at 6:15 am. The Auxiliary will be providing the breakfast. At 7:00 am the Drill Squad and any weather who want to go will leave the Post and head for Salem Methodist, Hillcrest, 5 Mile, Mt. Moriah, Guardian Angels, and McNicholas Monument. where they will perform Memorial Ceremonies. It is a very touching and beautiful service. They will come back to the Post for "seconds" on breakfast then head to our monument for a service there. Please come and show your respect for our fallen heroes.



QUARTER AUCTION **Vicki Monroe 231—3572**

The next Quarter Auction is [May 16th](#). The doors open at 6:00 and the Auction 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.



EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

Unit 484 has sent out two... yes, two!... scholarship applications! Hoping to have more information on that later! This week I will be going back to SAM's for some snacks for Sands Montessori School- they had also requested more Kroger gift card earlier this year and I will be bringing those also. And it's hard to believe but it is getting close to the end of the school year already! What better way to show appreciation than during TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK [May 6-10!](#) Some of you have children and grandchildren at area schools- how about dropping off a note of thanks to their teachers, or if you wish, drop off a cake or cookies? It's often the simple things that often are much appreciated by everyone.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

This year we have donated to many charities supporting homeless and at-risk families, as well as to health care agencies for the many children in the Greater Cincinnati area. One other way we showed we care was by creating a memorial wreath, with white and purple flowers, lavender lilacs, greenery, and lots of purple ribbon threading its way through a grape vine wreath for the children of those in the armed forces who are deployed. April is Children and Youth month, and [April 15th](#) is Military Children's Day... as I stated previously, we should always "purple up!" for these kids. A dear friend decorated the wreath, and it was presented to President Cindy as a gift from all of us. Thanks to all our unit members who have donated items and supported C & Y programs this year!



Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

" If you don't think you have anything to be grateful for, keep looking. Because you don't just receive optimism. You can't wait for things to be great and then be grateful for that. You've got to behave in a way that promotes that."

Michael J. Fox, actor, and activist

LEGISLATION

Voters affect Elections and Elections affect Legislation.

Are you registered to Vote?
When did you last Vote?
When did last encourage someone to vote?
Have you ever helped someone to Register to Vote?
Each member is encouraged to assist an Unregistered Person to Register to Vote. Most Importantly, each member should realize their unique value as a Voter. Voters are the backbone of America's democratic process for elections. Voters are responsible for the foundation of our republic form of government



CHAPLAIN

Karol Monroe 513-384-2351

Jasmine Teeters was in a car accident, please pray for her. Arlene Potter's tests came back positive.

The new Auxiliary year is beginning, please pray for your elected executive board members.

June is a time when the weather gets warmer, stay hydrated and cool.

As always pray for each other, the American Legion Auxiliary, our world leaders, children, community, active military and always for our veterans.

Let us pray:



Lord, we are forever grateful to you for the opportunities we have every day. Your heart has always been open to everything we ask.

Lord, we ask You to watch over and bless the new Auxiliary year and its executive board members, help them to use Your wisdom when theirs fails, Your courage when there's none left in themselves, Your kindness in every word they speak, and compassion as You've always shown in everything. Help us to be patient when we are with our Auxiliary family.

As spring turns to summer and we go outside more, protect us from the dangers of the elements, keep us safe from harm.

Lord, we ask You for a peaceful solution to all of the strife and pain that the world is going through. Help those who are in war torn places.

In Your name we pray,

Amen



DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY EVENTS

- 1 – Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 4 – Kentucky Derby
- 5 – Cinco de Mayo
- 12 – Mother’s Day
- 14 – Voting – 6:00 to 7:00
- 14 - Regular meeting – Social at 7:00 mtg 7:30
- 16 – Quarter Auction 6:00
- 18 – Armed Forces Day
- 27 – Memorial Day service after visiting cemeteries



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 513-910-6875**

Please send articles or information to pjyoung@fuse.net between the 15th and the 20th of the month. Please continue to send email addresses or updates to Jackie at 513.460.2573.

Thanks to everyone for sending articles for the newsletter.