

# UNIT 484

# HAPPENINGS

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

## APRIL 2024

In honor of all the volunteer efforts our Post 484 Legion Auxiliary members do for our Veterans, their family members, and our local community, I thought a "Positive Thought of the Month" (PTM) would be a great way to start the monthly articles moving forward. The goal is to say thanks to each of you and hopefully bring you peace and positivity as we work our way through life and all the challenges that it brings with it.

### April-PTM:

There is no glory in star or blossom till looked upon by a loving eye; There is no fragrance in April breezes till breathed with joy as they wander by."

### What is this?

"The secret of happiness, you see, is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less."  
-Socrates

**April Fools!** April Fools' Day starts off our month. I completely fooled Pam Y and sent in my April article a month early. I'm sure she thought it was someone foolin' her because she's usually chasing me down for my article. She may need oxygen to recover. 😊



Don't forget this is the Month of the Military Child, #MOMC. Military families move three times more often than most families and since 2001, approximately two million children have experienced a partial deployment. For these reasons, the dandelion has been chosen as a symbol to represent military children.



April 5 is Gold Star Spouses Day to recognize and honor the spouses of fallen service members. The loss of a spouse in the line of duty causes an incomprehensible amount of grief and life altering challenges for a Gold Star Spouse. This recognition of the sacrifices made by military spouses is a memorial for the fallen, a remembrance day for the survivors, and an appreciation for those who are sometimes at risk of being overlooked for their support and service to our country.

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)

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## VA & R

**Liz Castle 513-232-5648**

In March we had our monthly bingo at the Cinti. VA CLC Unit. We played bingo with the CLC residents and they all received a chocolate bunny for Easter.

Remember this month our bingo will be on April 25 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.

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## POPPY

**Debbie Holden 513-400-7485**

St. Patrick's Day bingo was played and there were four winners. Two with St. Patrick's Day prizes and two with Easter prizes.

Congratulations to the winners! No activity is planned for this month, but in May, donation letters will be sent to members to support the "Poppy Program". This program helps to assist Veterans and their families in time of need.



## MEMBERSHIP

**Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572**

We are moving along in our membership. We are currently at 87% of our goal of 85. We are, however, running out of time. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send it in. We would love to welcome your renewed membership.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Liz Castle 232-5648**

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.

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## ELECTION, ELECTION! Upcoming Unit 484 Election

Hey everyone- it's that time of year when the changing weather is playing tricks on us- thank you, Madam Spring! But it also is the time of year when the Unit starts gathering names for the upcoming election of officers in May. Please consider running for an office, and do not be afraid if someone else is running for that same office either! The list of offices is as follows: President, First Vice, Second Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at Arms, Chaplain, Executive Board Committee members (3), and Historian. If you are interested, or have questions regarding duties of officers, please contact your exec. board committee members; Sandy Pennington @ 513.231.6697, Mary Nash @ 513.502.4467, and Jackie Ruzsa @ 513.460.2573. Thank you!

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## LIFE MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-706-0524

We are currently taking applications for Life Membership. The application and letter must be submitted by someone other than the person being nominated. The candidate must have been a member of Mt. Washington Unit 484 for 10 years. They must have provided invaluable service to Mt. Washington Unit 484. Please contact me if you wish to nominate someone so I can give you the form to fill out. A letter of recommendation must accompany the form. Both the form and letter must be received by me before April 1, 2024.

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## QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231—3572

The next Quarter Auction is **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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

First of all, a great heartfelt shout out to the young folks who are volunteering at Post 484 Fish Fry! Many are from McNicholas High School, earning their community service hours, and it's been a real pleasure to get to know them!

Also, the Education budget has a scholarship that is awarded to a deserving student. More on this later! But again I thank our unit for making this dream possible for the lucky student who earns it!



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697**

Hello everyone! Once again as the month of April approaches, we are reminded to honor the children of military families of those who are deployed. Please wear the color purple -or- tag on some purple ribbon on your hat, purse or whatever! It's a reminder to think of the ones serving in the armed forces, and the loved ones they left behind. Also, April is Children and Youth month- there is no special speaker or program at this time but hoping to rectify that later this year. The Unit will be donating to two organizations that have children and young adults in their scope of programs: one is the USO, and the other is Lighthouse Youth Services. Most of us are familiar with the USO, which hosts a variety of programs to assist and entertain children who has a family member away from home; the other is Lighthouse Youth on E. McMillan, which has an integrated system of care serving ages 0- 24 years of age, including mental and behavioral health services, youth housing, emergency shelter, community juvenile justice oversight, and residential treatment foster care AND adoption. This organization has the distinction of being a pioneer in youth homelessness in Ohio too. It is an honor to be able to donate to these incredible worthwhile organizations! Thank you to Unit 484 and to all our members who make this possible!

**Welcome to The Inspiration Box!**



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

From U. S. President Abraham Lincoln:

"I walk slowly but never walk backward."

"The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."

From Albert Einstein, theoretical physicist:

"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

**LEGISLATION**

**Carol Reyman creyman44@gmail.com**

All votes affect Legislation. Each vote is like a snowflake small and different yet, when they can become anything from a dusting to an blizzard. Let's have an avalanche of votes this election. Each of you are challenged to encourage and help someone or many someone to REGISTER to VOTE,

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

We currently have 8 applications for 6 slots. I am in the process of interviewing the young ladies to select the 6 we can send.



**ST. PATRICKS DAY DANCE  
Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the St. Patrick's Dance a big success. We had a wonderful crowd, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Special thanks go to Denny Lahey, Bill Hosking, Sandy Pennington, Ron Wissman, Chuck Castle, Liz Castle, Jackie Ruzsa, Karol Monroe, Donna Ray and Jerry Ray. I truly appreciate all of your hard work and dedication.



## CHAPLAIN

**Karol Monroe 513-384-2351**

Brandy Stansbury's father passed, please pray for her family.

Arlene Potter is going in for tests. Keep praying for a positive outcome.

Julie Broughton had seizures, keep her in your prayers.

Karol Monroe and Lauren Kong have had their scans, and everything is still great!! Congratulations ladies!

Congratulations to Ginger Teeters on the birth of her newest grandchild!!

Please pray for our nation, leaders, veterans, active military, children, and each other.

Please remember that in May we also honor our beautiful Auxiliary members who have passed from this world and into the service of their creator, please save the **second Tuesday** to join us in memory of them. More details will be given at our April meeting. If you know of a member who's passed, please let me know.

Remember that Spring is here so try to get outside and smell the flowers if allergies don't prevent it, call a friend, spend time with family.

Let us pray:



Lord, thank You for the beauty that is springing up around us. Remind us to stop when life is getting harder to stop and admire the beauty around us.

Please watch over us, guide our hearts towards the poor, sad and hurting people of the world. Give us helping hearts and tongues.

Help us, oh Lord to see our friends, children and family as they are, help us love them.

Lord, give wisdom to the American Legion Auxiliary and its members as we finish out this year.

In Your Name we pray, Amen



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL EVENTS

- 1 – April Fool's Day
- 3– Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 8– Eclipse – protect your eyes!
- 9 - Regular meeting – Social at 7pm mtg 7:30
- 15– Tax Day!
- 18 – Quarter Auction 6:00



### APRIL BIRTHDATES

- 5 - Jasmine Teeters(JR)
- 9 - Jan Lucier
- 9 - Ruth Gardner
- 14 - Kimberly Cumby



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 - Debbie & Gary Holden

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## **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR** **PAM YOUNG 513-910-6875**

Please send articles or information to [pjyoung@fuse.net](mailto:pjyoung@fuse.net) between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.