

# UNIT 484

# HAPPENINGS

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

**December 2021**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Debbie Holden**

**513-400-7485**

Thanksgiving is over and winter (even though it has been cold at times) is almost here. December 21<sup>st</sup> is the first day of winter and I've heard that it will be a cold one!

November was a busy month at Post 484 for the Legion Family – everyone turned their clocks back an hour, Veterans Day Dinner and Program, Quarter Auction, Turkey Raffle and decorating the hall for Christmas, just to name a few. December will be just as busy – Legion meeting and Christmas Party, Auxiliary meeting and Christmas Party, breakfast, Quarter Auction and of course, Christmas Day.

Christmas is another day to spend with family. Often, we take for granted what others need: a warm home, food, a job, etc. If you are able, please donate items to a needy family this year so that they can enjoy some of the things we have.

Have a great holiday and stay safe!

From me to you and your family –



Debbie



## **Poppy**

A word scramble was played at the November meeting using words from Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Vicki Monroe won the game and received an Autumn Decoration. Congratulations Vicki!

No activity is scheduled for the December meeting due the Auxiliary Christmas Party.

We would love to see you join us!



**BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597  
November 12- 9am- Noon**

December breakfast will take place on the 12th from 9-12 and we are expecting a visit from **SANTA!** It is getting cooler so come inside and have a warm breakfast to get your day going! As always adults are \$9 and children are \$5 - all you can eat! Questions? contact Tricia Oehler at 513-476-8597 or [tricias.work@gmail.com](mailto:tricias.work@gmail.com).

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**VA & R Liz Castle 513-232-5648**

We were able to go Mt. Washington Care Center for Veterans Day. The Auxiliary and The SAL had a small ceremony and passed out certificates, flags and poppies to all the veterans. We had cake and ice cream for all. It was a wonderful to be able to visit face to face again.

Remember our Veterans need us more now than ever. If you know of any veteran shut in because of the pandemic please reach out to them, even just to talk.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE Liz Castle 232-5648**

We would like to thank all of you who participated in the Wine and Cheese Tasting Split the Pot, our president, Debbie Holden won. Debbie donated \$100.00 back to the Unit. The Unit will donate \$750 to Inter Parish Ministry's Food Pantry.

If anyone is doing any runs or walks, maybe virtual, your Unit would like to donate and help your charity. We would like to congratulate Tricia Oehler for running in and raising over \$1,000.00 for the DAV Run. Great Job Tricia.

We are still collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. You can bring them to the meeting or contact me and we can arrange to pick them up.

**TOYS FOR TOTS:**

Toys For Tots - Once again this year the Auxiliary is teaming up with the Marines to bring some **Christmas** cheer to children in need. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys through **December 14th**. If you would like to contribute, please bring your gift to the December meeting on the 14th. If you cannot make the meeting or would like to send earlier, please contact Tricia Oehler at 513-476-8597 or [tricias.work@gmail.com](mailto:tricias.work@gmail.com) and she can arrange to come pick it up. Thank you in advance from the kids!!

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

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**JUNIOR GIRLS**

Please contact Shannon (859) 640-8793 if you have a girl interested in becoming involved. If there is anything the girls can help with, please let us know.

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

We will be Christmas shopping for some of the students at Mt. Washington Elementary this year: we have been asked to purchase puzzles and games for certain classes. I hope to have shopping done so we can do a wrap event at our next meeting (our holiday get together) in December. Also, all those adorable stuffed animals that were donated to me for a Children and Youth project have a new home... the Little Miami Fire Department. The Post decided to not sponsor a community **Christmas** Party which freed those toys for another use; also, because they were not individually wrapped, they could not go to the TOYS FOR TOTS program. Instead, they will be traveling with local ambulances to give some comfort to area children who require emergency care. So glad we could provide that sort of comfort to children! The Unit has also given monetary donations to Ronald McDonald House in Cincinnati, St. Jude Children's Hospital, and Bethany House, which supports and assists local families in need. I will be collecting shampoo, conditioner, bars of soap, etc., for Mt. Washington and Sands Montessori schools over the next few months, so please bring these items to our meetings. And since we do not currently adopt families to do **Christmas** shopping for, if you would like to donate money of any amount to the school holiday shopping I am doing, please let either Treasurer Liz know or myself. Thank you, ladies... have a wonderful holiday!

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**MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572**

Congratulations to Carol Kirby, our Early Bird Drawing winner. She received a check for \$25.00! We are currently at 75% of our goal. Please take time before **Christmas** to send in your dues. After **December 31st**, you will be considered delinquent. Give yourself an early **Christmas** present and renew your membership!!! We would love to welcome any new members you may bring in. There will be a drawing in May for a chance to win \$25.00 if you recruit a new member.

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**QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231--3572**

Our next Auction will be on **December 16th**. The doors open at 6:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. There will be no kitchen items this month, but we will have a special **Christmas** surprise for food. Come down for great items and great fun. It is not too late to get some great **Christmas** presents!!!

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**AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572**

Thanks to Tricia Oehler for helping me grade the Americanism and Government Tests. We graded 80 11th grade tests and 1 senior from McNicholas High School. We did have a few good scores, so we will find out soon.

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**LEGISLATIVE Karol Monroe 513-915-3331**

If you are on Facebook, go into your settings (usually those three bars at the top right of your news feed), scroll down until you find Town Hall. In this area you will find contact information for your local, state, and federal representatives and senators including the president and vice president.

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**COMING SOON!**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff will be held on January 16, 2022, at American Legion Post 484 from 1 – 4 pm. There is a \$10 entry fee for contestants and \$5 fee for anyone wishing to enjoy many different recipes. It is an all you can eat after the Judges decide who the winner will be. Judging starts at 1 pm and contestants should arrive no later than 12 (noon) to get set-up. A toppings bar will be provided for everyone to use as needed.

For the winners, there is a cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. We will also have split the pot, door prizes and raffles for different items.

To enter as a contestant, to be a judge or for more information, please contact Debbie Holden at 513-400-7485 or [dholden824@gmail.com](mailto:dholden824@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there!

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**CHAPLAIN Karol Monroe 513-915-3331**

Please continue to pray for each other, an end to the pandemic, our veterans, military, world and national leaders, our community and most especially, for opportunities to serve in every way we can.

Please remember Lynn Sollberger & her family in your prayers and Pam & Lisa Young on the death of a husband and father as well as our other Legion/Auxiliary families who are struggling. You can call, text or email ([karol.monroe@aol.com](mailto:karol.monroe@aol.com)) anytime.



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**NATIONAL SECURITY Karol Monroe 513-915-3331.**

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**Welcome to The Inspiration Box!  
Sandy Pennington.  
513-231-6697**

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make," from Dr. Jane Goodall, anthropologist, primatologist, and conservationist.

"I walk slowly but never backwards," Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States.

"Without a struggle, there can be no progress," Frederick Douglass, former slave, abolitionist, and social reformer.

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**COOKBOOK Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597**

Cookbooks are still available. Get one before they're gone. They are available at the bar, meetings, and legion events or by contacting me at the number above. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased. This has been a great fundraiser for our veterans.

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**TURKEY RAFFLE**

The Turkey Raffle Committee would like to thank the following volunteers who helped make the raffle a HUGE success!

Bankers: Jerry Halvorsen & Steve Ervin

Runners: Tom Adkins, Rick Alrich, Debbie Newsome, Tom Palmer, Dour Morgan, Mike Hendricks

Door Cashiers: Chuck & Liz Castle

Split the Pot: Daryl Brandstetter

Announcer: Bill Hosking

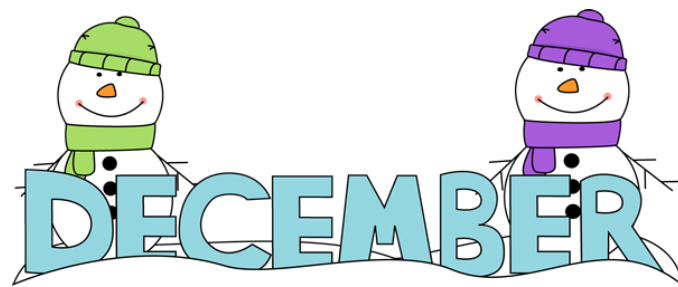
Service Bar: Megan Resor & Julie Ralston

Kitchen: That Guys BBQ – Eric, Howard & Brad

Maintenance: Dennis Foy

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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*For whatever you choose to celebrate...*

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*Blessings to one and ALL this  
Holiday Season!*

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-8:00
- 12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 9:00-12:00 – with Santa
- 14<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time, 7:30 meeting/party
- 16<sup>th</sup> Quarter Auction 6:00 doors open 7:00 starts
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

**DECEMBER BIRTHDATES**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Valerie F. Ratchford
- 31<sup>st</sup> Carol Ann Reyman

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Shannon & Ben Harwood
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**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 [jmederruzsa@ERSLIFE.ORG](mailto:jmederruzsa@ERSLIFE.ORG) or call her at 474-6710.

Thanks to everyone for sending articles for the newsletter.

**Happy  
New  
Year**

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