

# UNIT 484

# HAPPENINGS

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

February 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debbie Holden

513-400-7485

Good news for 2021! The monthly breakfast will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month except for July and August when the workers take a break and there is a lot of activity during the summer. The yearly fish fries during Lent will start on Friday, February 19 and continue until Good Friday, April 2. Spread the word to your family and friends about these two great events. The food is excellent, service is great, and we will still follow the Covid-19 guidelines to keep everyone safe. The Post 484 Family wants to maintain safety for its members and guests. Every event planned for this year will follow these guidelines. Please feel free to attend any and all that you are able.

January's Auxiliary meeting started a new tradition by saying Happy Birthday to the members during the month. Even though some members are unable to attend – we want them to know they are thought of during their special day. Before I retired, we did this at our monthly department meetings, and it was a welcome addition to the meeting. Even though a card is not being sent to each member, remember the Unit is wishing you a Happy Birthday! Enjoy your day!

Thanks to the following volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations on January 2: Chuck and Liz Castle, Vicki Monroe, Karol Monroe and Gary Holden!



Debbie

Poppy activities will begin again in March.



**Breakfast for February is on Valentine's Day and food will be the same, but the post bar will open at 10 am with special drinks. Fish fry starts in February 19 at 4:30. Volunteers are welcome. Both events will follow COVID guidelines.**

**BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597  
February 14 – 9am- Noon**

Hello All! We are pleased to announce that Breakfast is Back! Please join us for our socially distanced and responsible breakfast

We hope you are able to join us. As always volunteers are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Tricia Oehler at 513-476-8597.

---

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

As it has been the Cinti. VAMC is still shut down to visitors.

I have asked Donna Ray Cinti. VAMC Voluntary Services to speak at this month's meeting. She will speak about activities that will be going on at the Cinti. VAMC which we will be able to participate in.

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.

---

**COMMUNITY SERVICE Liz Castle 232-5648**

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.

If anyone is doing any runs or walks, maybe virtual, your Unit would like to donate and help your charity.

Please let us know if you have a charity that you would like us to help.

---

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

If there is anything the Jr. Girls can help with, please let us know! They are willing and wanting to help their Legion Family. The next Jr meeting will be Feb10th at 7pm. We'd love to see new faces!

---

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

Please remember that your dues are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> or you will be delinquent. That means that if you went to use any of your benefits such as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, any of the insurances you may have through the Auxiliary or any of the Member Benefits you would be denied. So please send your \$30.00 for Seniors or \$7.00 for Juniors to me as soon as possible. My address is 7988 Asbury Hills Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45255.

You also have a chance to win \$25.00 by recruiting a new member. That drawing will be held at the May meeting.

---



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

At the January Legion meeting, Glenn Johnson and I presented our 5 winners of the A & G Test. Four of our winners went on to win at the County level and two won at the District level. Congratulations to these outstanding young men and women.

---



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

For Children and Youth: 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.

If anyone is doing any runs or walks, maybe virtual, your Unit would like to donate and help your charity.

Please let us know if you have a charity that you would like us to help.

---



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

Join us for our February Quarter Auction on February 18th. Doors open at 6:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. The kitchen opens at 6:00 so there is plenty of time to grab some dinner before the fun begins. Not sure how it works? There are plenty of friendly members and vendors who would be happy to coach you.

---

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

One of our adopted soldiers, Josh was able to come home for the holidays.

Please keep our soldiers in your prayers.

As it is safe to do so, I will begin sending cards to our adopted soldiers. Of anyone has ideas or thoughts on how we can support these young soldiers, I'm open to all suggestions.

---



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

I would like to share a story of faith and sacrifice with you. On the 77th anniversary of the loss of four brave chaplains.

On February 3, 1943, the Dorchester, a converted luxury cruise ship was transporting Army troops to Greenland. On board were 900 soldiers and four chaplains:

Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Father John Washington (Roman Catholic priest), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, and Reverend Clarke Poling (Dutch Reform).

At 12:55 a.m., the Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-boat in an area commonly known as Torpedo Junction. The lower decks quickly flooded, and hundreds of soldiers in those lower decks lost their lives.

Above decks, soldiers scrambled to survive the sinking of the Dorchester (of 900, two thirds would lose their lives this night). Many scrambling for life jackets and onto lifeboats.

The four chaplains worked together to bring calm in the chaos.

They would hand out life jackets, instruct the men on how to wear them, alleviate fears and pray with and for them.

When the terrifying moment came when they ran out of life jackets, these four selfless chaplains removed their own and gave them to others in need. They continued to help soldiers in need until the final moments, saving as many lives as they could, disregarding their own.

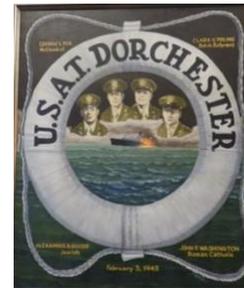
As the Dorchester sank, Reverend Fox, Father Washington, Rabbi Goode, and Reverend Poling were last seen linking arms together with heads bowed in prayer, they could also be heard singing.

They gave of themselves even when they may have been afraid, but faith and a love for America and their comrades gave them the strength to think of those they were serving until that final moment.

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Learn more at [jcca.org](http://jcca.org) and [fourchaplains.org](http://fourchaplains.org)

Please pray for each other, our nation, veterans, military and leaders along with leaders across the world. Stay safe and healthy.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Party
- 9<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time, 7:30 meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> Junior Girls Meeting 7:00 (
- 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast 9 am to 12 noon
- 15<sup>th</sup> President's Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- 18<sup>th</sup> Quarter Auction 6:00 doors open 7:00 starts
- 19<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry 4:30 to 8:00
- 20<sup>th</sup> Conceal Carry Class 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Cornhole Tournament 11:00 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry 4:30 to 8:00

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Peggy McNown
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Charlene (Charlie) Ries

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jackie & Dick Ruzsa
- 14<sup>th</sup> Becky & Perry Bush
- 28<sup>th</sup> Becky & Thomas Niehoff

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR  
PAM YOUNG 232-5084**

Please send articles or information to [pjyoung@fuse.net](mailto:pjyoung@fuse.net) before the 10<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.



### CHILI COOK-OFF

This event was a **HUGE** success due to the following volunteers from all parts of the Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Riders). These volunteers are:

Sandy Pennington, Tricia Oehler, Michelle Cremering, Bill Hosking, Jeff Snider, Tami Nash, Gary Holden, Sally Osborn, Kim Abner & Allison Bayer

These volunteers helped with electric, organizing the hall for the raffle and door prizes, setting the tables for the crock pots and door prize tickets, tend the service bar, disinfect tables after use and clean up after the event.

A **special** thanks go to the three judges of this event:

Steve Ervin, Jerry Hand and Joel Belcher

They had a tough decision to make, because there were 15 different recipes to taste. Thanks Judges!

The winners of this event are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Tony Hartlaub

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Josh Abner

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Mark & Carol Gearing

---

### Welcome to The Inspiration Box!

A quote from Harry S. Truman, the 33rd President of the United States

" America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

### WANTED

Old or new telephone for an Autistic Group Home. These four guys love these books and I am willing to pick them up from you. Please let me know by calling:

513-400-7485 or sending an email to:  
dholden824@gmail.com

Thanks! Debbie Holden

