

UNIT 484 HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

February 2022

With the recent addition of new members, it might be a good idea to go over our Mission Statement and Vision Statement:

MISSION STATEMENT:

In the spirit of *Service, Not Self*, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

VISION STATEMENT:

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by shaping a positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace, and security.

A huge THANKS goes out to the following volunteers who helped take down the Christmas decorations in the Legion Hall on January 7:

Chuck & Liz Castle
Gary Holden
Jake Suttmiller
Bill Hosking
Ryan Cook
and Rick Alrich -

for getting a new Christmas tree for the coming holiday season.

As always, stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Debbie



POPPY

Debbie Holden

513-400-7485

There was no activity in January, but Valentine's Day Bingo will be played at our meeting on February 14.



BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597

February 12 – 9am- Noon

Valentine's Dinner is a standard but how about Valentine's Breakfast? Come on out on **February 12th**, and beat the rush while spoiling your sweetie. We will again be serving our all you can eat buffet from 9-12 (\$10 adults, \$5 children 5-16) **SPECIAL NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST BREAKFAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER.** Our volunteers will be busy at Fish Fry so we have decided to give them a rest.

We hope to see you for this last breakfast of the season!

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, to be able to visit again. We do however have a Valentine's Day party scheduled for the residents. We will not be able to be present, but the American Legion Auxiliary and Unit 484 will be donating food, decorations and party bags for the residents to have a Happy Valentine's Day. The Unit will be putting the bags together with socks, cookies, crackers, and a card.

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

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.



EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

Hey everyone! Just a reminder that I will be collecting children's socks, hats and gloves for Sands Montessori School: so, if you happen to find any bargains around, please think of me!

With appreciation and thanks for all that our members do for our kids in the area! Thank you



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Sandy Pennington**

Their motto is "Home Away From Home." And who else would that be but the USO, who has served our armed forces in so many ways over the years. This time though, I want to highlight what the USO does for its military families, especially those who are deployed away from home and who have children. The children of the military are often referred to as "military brats," but those kids are so special, sometimes vulnerable, and often dealing with issues that are unimaginable. The USO has five ways in which they support these children, and I want to share this information with all of you: #1 The USO helps military kids stay connected with their reading program, the Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program. This program offers story time hours of open reading aloud to children at designated reading events. #2 Military children can bond with their deployed family and each other at USO centers around the country- there are 275 such centers by the way! Activities may range from simple arts and crafts to cooking classes and even scavenger hunts. Their aim is to be inclusive and welcoming to these very special kids, and if you ever see what these centers often look like you will be amazed! #3 The USO's Special Delivery Program, with the assistance of corporate sponsor, Johnson & Johnson, supports/hosts parents-to-be with social events, like a baby shower, and by having open access to other moms-to- be for help and support during this challenging time for them. #4 There are USO entertainments at specified times and areas, where military kids can feel connected and appreciated at home through these events. #5 Military children, aka, "the brats", can always find support at each and every USO center. Never been to a USO center? Well then- next time you take a flight from the Greater Cincinnati Airport, please stop in and visit the USO Center there. It is a great place, and they love visitors as well as seeing to the needs of our military men and women and children. Need more info on what the USO does for our armed forces? Check out uso.org - you will be surprised, and honored as well

MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are coming along. We have 6members, which is 81% of our goal. Now is a great time to take a minute to send in your dues to me or you can pay online.





QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231--3572

Now is the time to have some fun and win some great items. Our next Quarter Auction on **February 16th**. 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 Guys BBQ. They have lots of menu items for you to choose from. Come on down for a great time and stop thinking about the cold weather.

Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other." Author unknown

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." Albert Einstein

"Order without liberty and liberty without order are equally destructive." Theodore Roosevelt

AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 231--3572

For Americanism, I thought I would share a funny but true story of American History.:

Many of us have heard the story that the White House got its name because, after the British burned it in **August 1814** during the War of 1812, it was painted white to hide the damage. And if that were true, we would not be reading this. Massachusetts Congressman

Alijah Bigelow wrote to a colleague on **March 18, 1812** (three months before the United States declared war on Britain on **June 18, 1812**), "The White House has been called, at various times in history, The "President's House," the "President's Palace," and the "Executive Mansion.". In 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt officially named it the White House.

BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

We are looking for some great young ladies currently in their junior year who would like to attend BGS - a life changing experience. If you know of any young ladies, please let me know.

LEGISLATION Carol Reyman creyman44@ymail.com

"All politics is local", how true this statement is especially in these political times.

Therefore, this month I am listing Ohio State Representatives.

District 27 State of Ohio-House of Representative
Thomas E. Brinkman
ohiohouse.gov/thomas-e-brinkman-jr

District 7 State of Ohio Senate
Steve Wilson
ohiosenate.gov/senator/wilson

Questions regarding current State of Ohio bills before the Ohio Legislature <http://www.legislature.ohio.gov>

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 Legion/Auxiliary families who are struggling. You can call, text or email (karol.monroe@aol.com) anytime.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE Vicki Monroe. 513-231-3572



Mark your calendars now for **March 11, 2023** for our St. Patrick's Dance. We have live music by Six Pac from 8:00 to 11:00. Tickets are available by contacting me. Tickets are still \$10.00 per person. We have not raised our prices in over 20 years!!!





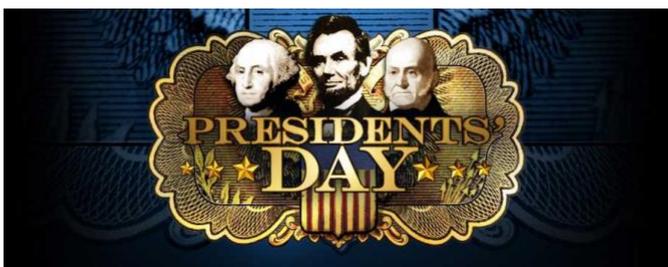
There will be a chili cook off on February 5, 2023.
American Legion Post 484,

1837 Sutton Ave - Mt Washington.

Contestants must be there by 12:00 pm with their entries. Judging will start at 1:00pm. There is a \$10.00 entry fee for contestants. For all others, \$5.00 at the door for all you can eat after the judging.

Entries must be reserved by calling or emailing me at: 513-400-7485 or dholden824@gmail.com. Deadline for entering the contest is January 31, 2023, by 4:00 pm. No entries will be allowed after that date. If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them contact me at the number or email address above.

Thanks, Debbie Holden, Chili Cookoff Coordinator



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2nd Ground Hog's Day
- 4th Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 5th Chili Cook Off
- 11th Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 pm
- 11th Armed Forces Day
- 12^h Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 12^h Breakfast 9 am – 12 pm
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 14th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time 7:30 mtg
- 16^h Quarter Auction 6:00 Doors open 7:00 auction
- 20th Presidents' Day
- 22nd George Washington's Birthday
- 22nd Ash Wednesday
- 24th Lenten Fish Fry 4-8pm



FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES

- 23rd Charlene (Charlie) Ries

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Jackie & Dick Ruzsa
- 14th Becky & Perry Bush

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.

