

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

FEBRUARY 2024

February is typically quick and whichever picture gets assigned to February in the beautiful calendar's we hang in our offices and homes typically got the short straw. However, we're in a leap year so this year's Snowy Owl will get to shine for an extra day. 😊 We're also one month closer to spring which can't seem to get here quick enough this year.

Please take a moment and observe Four Chaplains Day on Feb. 3, which commemorates the sacrifices made by four U.S. Army chaplains, who gave their lives trying to save as many lives as possible after a Nazi submarine torpedoed the U.S. Army transport Dorchester, as it crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 1943. Just after the Dorchester was struck, the ship lost power and began sinking. Army chaplains Reverend George L. Fox, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Father John P. Washington, and Reverend Clark V. Poling began assisting with the evacuation. Life jackets were dispersed, and passengers were directed to the lifeboats. Unfortunately, the Dorchester lacked enough life jackets for everyone on board. While passengers and crew members continued to seek shelter off the ship, all four chaplains gave up their life jackets, aware that the frigid waters of the North Atlantic offered virtually no chance of survival. As the ship continued to sink, survivor accounts claim the four chaplains held arms while singing hymns. Unfortunately, 700 souls lost their lives when the Dorchester met its demise.

As we begin the New Year, we're looking for new ideas. New fundraising opportunities, new events that our members can enjoy, spend time together and relish in some laughter. We'd love to hear your ideas and thoughts, all are welcomed.

One item I'm personally going to pursue is reviving Post 484's efforts of sending care packages to our active military overseas, for various holidays and "just because" throughout the year. I had several family members who served overseas and when they returned state side, were so grateful for the packages receive from not only the family but complete strangers. It made them so proud to serve after reading all the kind words from folks all over the USA, and enjoyed the treats and necessities included.

It's hard to believe it's almost Fish Fry season again. It's an exciting time of the year where we welcome large crowds to enjoy our wonderful seafood meals that are sure to please. Word around town is Post 484 is one of the top-rated Fish Fry's in town. As always, volunteers are key to its success, so we hope to see all of you at some point. We have a variety of roles that help maintain a smooth process so please be sure to let us know your availability. We hope to see you there!

Happy Valentine's Day to all, please thank a Veteran for their service and give them a hug, it's the simple gestures that mean so much.

For God and Country,
Cindy E Zimmerman



BREAKFAST BUFFET

FEBRUARY 11 – 9am- Noon

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

This month beginning February 12th we will be celebrating Salute to Veterans Week at the Cincinnati VAMC. During the week veterans that are at the hospital for either outpatient treatment or other care will receive a personnel care item. I also want to thank Tricia Oehler for bringing handmade scarfs, hats, mittens, and blankets to our January meeting. I will be taking them to the Women's Clinic at the VA.

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

An activity is planned for this month. Please join us and you might be a winner!



MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are doing OK in our membership. We are currently at 77% of our goal of 85. We have 6 new members this year!!! 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

Usually, I ask each of you to save your aluminum pull tabs from either your soda or other cans. I am happy to report that recently we were able to drop off 95.4 lbs. of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. I know that it does not sound like much, but because of your efforts, the families of young children that are receiving care are able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. Again, I thank you and remember to save your pull tabs. Together we can make a difference.



EDUCATION

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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I have some visits to catch up on at both Mt. Washington and Sands Montessori Schools. Each school is getting a few Kroger gift cards, plus a few bottles of detergent from our unit members. We will be making donations to Shriners Hospital for Children in Dayton, Ohio, and The Neediest Kids of All here in Cincinnati. Thought we'd branch out a bit to some organizations who are 100 percent for kids, period. That being said, please remember to help our neighbors with a donation to either the Free Store Food Bank, or our very own SEM Food Pantry on 2020 Beechmont Avenue. SEM collects food as well as personal hygiene items and infant supplies too.

It's almost time to say goodbye to the month of January, which means our next national observance will be for Presidents' Day on [February 19th](#) in a few weeks! Officially recognized as honoring both George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln, the holiday has branched out to recognize all our presidents, their achievements, their actions, and beliefs that have shaped our own United States History. If we keep the politics out of it, it is truly remarkable what we can observe and learn about the men who have achieved the highest office of our country. Honoring the flag, visiting a museum, or even attending a special function honoring the presidency, can be ways we can teach our children about their own country's history. Stay warm, and warm-hearted everyone!

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥



QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231—3572

The January Quarter Auction was canceled due to weather conditions. We are back on **February 15th**. The doors open at 6:00 and the Auctions 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.

Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



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"One kind word can warm three winter months." Japanese proverb

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." John Steinbeck, author

"Winter knows how to hush, still, listen, so the soul can speak." A. Welland-Crosby, author

LEGISLATION

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Happy 2024.

The following information is from "The Buckeye Messenger"; November, **December 2023 & January 2024**; Issue 1; p.9.

Cindy Boehnlein, Dept. Chairman

"...contact our congressmen to pass H.R. 5641 to Pay our Troops Act and H.R. 2639 Pay the Coast Guard Act..." ... are not passed and the government goes into shutdown, they will not have continued pay..."

The importance of keeping the government open is that government services are used and needed by our citizenry.- Veterans Benefits, VA Hospitals, Social Security, etc.

Call, text, email, write you US Congressmen and US Senators.

AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 231-3572
BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE
Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

I am beginning the search for 6 young ladies to attend BGS in June. I have information out to 7 High Schools. If you know of any girls in their junior year of high school that you believe would make good candidates to attend BGS, please give me their contact information and I will interview them.



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

We will be holding our St. Patrick's Day Dance on **Mar 16th, 2024**. We are changing the hours to 7:00 to 11:00. The cost will be \$10.00 per person and will include pop and draft beer. Anyone who wants a mixed drink can purchase them in the bar and bring them in the hall. There will be a Split the Pot and Raffle. We are looking for items for the raffle. If you can donate an item, please either bring them to our meeting or call me and I will arrange a pickup. Please call me if you would like to reserve a table.



COMING SOON! – SAVE THE DATE

The Chili Cook Off will be held on February 4, 2024. If you are interested in being a contestant, or need more information, please contact:

Debbie – 513-400-7485 or dholden824@gmail.com

Entry fee for contestants - \$10.00

All others \$5.00 at the door



CHAPLAIN

Karol Monroe 513-384-2351

Terri Crosswait passed away a few days before the new year. Terri was a life member and past president along with various positions on our executive board as well as past district president and other roles in the district and VA. Please pray for the Crosswait family, many are Auxiliary members, SAL and Junior Auxiliary members.

Gaynell Homan is a first-time grandmother; we pray for the new addition. Congratulations Gaynell!! Congratulations to Great Grandma Alene Potter as well.

We have many members like Terri in our unit who have contributed a lot, many are too ill to join us for meetings, many are in assisted living or other forms of housing. Reach out to them, remind them that we still think of them.

We also have members who cannot join our meetings for various reasons, let them know that we are here and are waiting for the time they are able to join us.

Remember, if anyone is ill, in the hospital, or have passed away, let me know so that we can help them. If anyone has great news to share, we need to celebrate with you or them. If I don't answer the phone, leave me a message or text.

Let us pray:

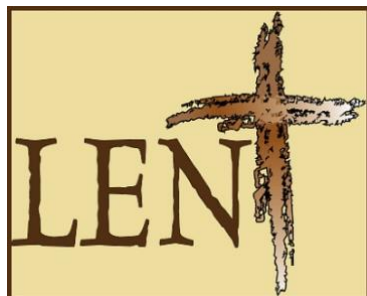
Father, we as in this time of Lent for your strength to sacrifice the things we want for the things others need.

Grant, Oh Lord Your unending love as we also celebrate love.

Bring peace to the brokenhearted and joy to those who have new life in the home.

Heal the sick, give wisdom, patience and kindness to our world leaders and peace to nations around the world.

-Amen



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2 – Ground Hog’s Day
- 4 – Chili Cookoff
- 7 – Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 11 – Breakfast 9 am – Noon
- 11 - Super Bowl Party
- 13 - Regular meeting – Social at 7pm mtg 7:30
- 14 -Valentine’s Day
- 14 – Ash Wednesday
- 15 – Quarter Auction 6:00
- 16 – Fish Fry – 4;30 to 8:00
- 19 – Presidents’ Day
- 23 – Fish Fry – 4;30 to 8:00



FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES

- 23 - Charlene (Charlie) Ries



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR JACKIE RUZSA

**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 jackieruzsa@gmail.com or call her at 474-6710.

Thanks to everyone for sending articles for the newsletter.