

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

January 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debbie Holden

513-400-7485

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Where did the year go! It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating 2021! Hope your holidays were good and you were able to spend time with family and friends.

Unit 484 had their meeting/Christmas Party on December 14 and there was a great variety of food and gifts to exchange. If you were unable to attend, ask someone you know how much fun the "left/right" game was that we played.

December was an active month for the Legion Family. The Legionnaires invited the Family to their meeting and Christmas dinner, Breakfast with Santa (he was great!), Unit 484 Christmas Party and Quarter Auction. The Post Bar held an "Ugly Sweater" Contest which was fun.

Mid-Winter will be held on January 21, 22, at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus. Hope you have your reservations because rooms go quickly. January 13 is the last day to make reservations so please call 614-885-1885 and select option #2. Use ALA for the code.

SAVE THE DATE: February 5, 2022.

Unit 484 is hosting a Leadership Roundtable. This event is very informative and the Unit will pay the fee for Unit 484 members that wish to attend. Please RSVP to Debbie @ 513-400-7485 by January 5 so that I can get the numbers to our District President. The Unit would love to see our members attend this event to show support for a wonderful organization. The information you learn will give more insight to things that have changed and how it keeps getting better.

Even though this is early, Summer Convention, will be held in Cincinnati this year and we would like to see as many as possible attend since it is so close to home. The dates are June 30 – July 2.

More information will be coming about this event in the next few months.



Debbie



Poppy

Activities will begin again in February.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597
January 9th– 9am- Noon**

Happy New Year! Welcome 2022! I hope the New Year brings you and yours blessings. Please join us for our January breakfast on the 9th from 9-12. We are hoping to see as many smiling faces in January as we did in December. Thank you to all who came to see Santa in December and helped us spread some holiday cheer. As a reminder breakfast is all you can eat for the bargain price of \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Tricia Oehler at 513-746-8597. We hope to see you on the 9th!

VA & R Liz Castle 513-232-5648

Unfortunately, we were not able to visit residents of the Cincinnati VA this past year. However, we were able to help in other ways, we purchased items and participated at the VA Baby Shower, we purchased items for the VA food pantry, and personal items and snacks for the VAVS volunteers to pass out in the hospital. We also donated to the DAV and Joseph House.

We were able to go to the Mt. Washington Care Center for Veterans Day. We passed out certificates, flags and poppies to all the veterans and shared cake and ice cream. It was good to be able to see them again.

Please remember our Veterans in this coming year and have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

COMMUNITY SERVICE Liz Castle 232-5648

2021 was again another tough year in our community, and again we were able to help our neighbors. We donated to The Flying Pig marathon, the DAV run, Clermont Co. Needy Kids raffle, over \$600.00 to SEM Food Pantry and \$750.00 to Inter Parish Ministries. We were also able to help a homeless man with boots and socks.

I wish all a very Happy, Healthy, and prosperous New Year.

EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

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. Happy New Year!



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

We've been busy spreading some good cheer to some youngsters in our area!

First, we were able to donate a generous amount of small stuffed animals to the Little Miami Fire Department: these will be distributed accordingly to children who are being evaluated by their life squad for care.

Second, I received a request for a Kroger gift card from Clough Elementary School: one of their teachers requested this to purchase treats for her students to inspire and reward them for their schoolwork. This was mailed and we have already received a thank you note from them.

Third, we did some shopping for some special students at Mt. Washington Elementary: we were asked if we would buy select games or school related items for their autistic classes. We purchased 17 items from Walmart, per the school's recommendation; these were wrapped and delivered to Mt Washington School on [December 8th](#). Ilene Hayes, school resource coordinator, was very appreciative of our ability to shop for these very special kids.

And finally, no matter how you celebrate this time of year, please keep our struggling families and veterans in your hearts... Peace all!

MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

After [December 31st](#), you are considered delinquent. 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.



QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231--3572

Our next Quarter Auction will be on [January 20th](#). Doors open at 6:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. This is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary and we are in danger of losing the Auction due to lack of attendance. Please consider coming down and joining us.



AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

Buckeye Girls State

It is time to start recruiting young ladies for BGS. We are able to send four girls. If you know of any girls who are currently Juniors in high school that might be interested in attending, please have them contact me or give me their info.

LEGISLATIVE Karol Monroe 513-915-3331

COMING SOON!



The 3rd 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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

Deadline for contestants to enter the cookoff is January 12, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the entryway and in the bar.

Hope to see you there!

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



NATIONAL SECURITY Karol Monroe 513-915-3331.

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

"Freshly cut [Christmas](#) trees smelling of stars and snow and pine resin - inhale deeply and fill your soul with wintry night."

"A holiday is an opportunity to journey within."
Prabhas, Indian film actor

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.



AMERICAN LEGION RIDER EVENT

The Riders will be holding a rummage sale/swap meet on February 26, 2022, in the hall or parking lot. Tables are \$10 each in the hall or \$5 for a spot in the parking lot.

Please respond to Debbie @ 513-400-7485 or Kim @ 513-312-1538 if interested.

Thanks!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY EVENTS

- 1st Eye Openers 10 am to 2 pm
- 2nd Take down decorations 10 am
- 5th Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 8th Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-8:00
- 9th Breakfast 9:00-12:00
- 11th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time, 7:30 meeting
- 16th Chili Cookoff 1-4 pm
- 17th Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20th Quarter Auction 6:00 doors open 7:00 starts
- 21st Mid-Winter Conference Begins (Columbus)

JANUARY BIRTHDATES

- 2nd Tammy Reynolds
- 5th Karol Monroe
- 6th Joan M. Davis
- 10th Lauren Campbell Kong
- 12th Lois Henson
- 17th Jeanette Brunett
- 22nd Terri Crowwait
- 23rd Nancy Morris

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**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.