

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

MARCH 2024

Mother Nature is teasing us with warmer than usual temperatures and it's even more exciting that March is finally upon us. The daffodils are already sprouting and will soon be in bloom and the birds are selecting and preparing their nests. Soon, new life will be all around us!

March is an exciting month as the ALA Foundation is preparing for, Celebrating Women of Service Day on March 8th. These remarkable women are honored for their contribution in shaping our history and continuing to make a difference. Our neighboring state of Indiana is proudly recognizing this year's heroes, Diane Richardson, Tammy Haynes, Lori Jerden, and Darla Treat. Thank you for your service and continued efforts as advocates for our Veterans.

Military children face a lot of challenges because of parents serving. In preparation for Military Children's Month (April) the ALA is hosting a Webinar on March 15th at noon EST that you can register to attend. This webinar will help us identify ways to celebrate military kids in our community during April and throughout the year. Please register for this 45-minute webinar at <https://bit.ly/4bKh4TH>

Celebrated on March 3rd and formed in 1915 in response to the outbreak of World War I, the Navy Reserve was established and made up more than 84% of the fighting force during the war. Since then, the Navy Reserve has served in every major war in which the United States has fought. It's extraordinary to know that on any given day, 25% of the Navy Reserve is delivering global operational support to the fleet and combat forces.

The Seabees celebrate a birthday on March 5th. Did you know their name derives from the United States Naval Construction Battalions? Seabee comes from abbreviating "Construction Battalions" to C.B. and a bit of navy-speak resulted in the spelling as Seabee. Beginning with WWII, Seabees have a dual mission to build and fight in support of combat operations, humanitarian outreach, and nation-building.

Lastly, please pay tribute March 29th to the Veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were prisoners of war or who were listed as Missing in Action (MIA). Vietnam veterans count for almost 10% of their generation. One out of every 10 of them was a casualty, and 75,000 were severely disabled. Despite this, Vietnam War veterans received little or nothing in terms of recognition and gratitude when they returned to the United States. On this day we honor those who, regardless of their personal feelings or family commitments, joined the service and served our country selflessly on the field of battle when their nation called.

For God and Country,
Cindy E Zimmerman



BREAKFAST BUFFET

Our breakfast will resume in September.

VA & R

Liz Castle 513-232-5648

In February we were able to have our monthly bingo at the Cinti. VA CLC Unit. I would like to thank, Vicki Monroe, Karol Monroe, Debbie Holden and Sandy Pennington for coming down to the CLC and helping with the bingo.

Remember this month our bingo will be on March 28th at 6:30 PM. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.

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

Valentine Bingo was played in February and the winners of Valentine gnomes and candy were Jackie Ruzsa and Wendi Ruzsa. Congratulations! Join us this month for St. Patrick's Day Bingo!



MEMBERSHIP

Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are getting closer and [closer](#) in our membership. We are now at 84% of our goal of 85. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send it in now. We would love to welcome your renewed membership. Please send it to 7988 Asbury Hills Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45255



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Liz Castle 232-5648

Please remember to **"Pull Together"** for the Ronald McDonald House. Again, I ask that you save your pull tabs from drink cans, pet food cans, food cans etc. and bring them to our monthly meeting and I will get them from you and take them to the Ronald McDonald House. Each year thousands of dollars are raised to help keep critically ill children together with their families. Together we can make a difference.

CHILI COOKOFF

This year's cookoff was a HUGE success thanks to the volunteers, contestants and judges. Volunteers donated their time and energy to sell tickets, handle the raffle table and split the pot. Without their help, the cookoff would not have happened. I would like to acknowledge each one for their efforts:

Cashiers – Gary Holden & Liz Castle

Split the Pot – Kim Berry

Raffle table – Jackie Ruzsa

Servers – Sandy Pennington & Kim Abner

Judges: - Steve Ervin – Julie Ralston – Alex Ruzsa

Contributors for the basket raffle: Jackie Ruzsa, Liz Castle & Ginny Kaldmo

A very "special" thanks goes to Gary Holden by supplying the electric cords for the crock pots.

These awesome people were there to do what was necessary to get the cookoff to a good start and wonderful finish.

A special thanks to the contestants who entered their favorite chili recipe for the judges and all others to enjoy.

Winners of the contest were:

1st Place – Mike Hendrick

2nd Place Ben Stayler

3rd Place – Wendi Ruzsa

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

From the Chili Cookoff Committee

ELECTION, ELECTION!

Upcoming Unit 484 Election

Hey everyone- it's that time of year when the changing weather is playing tricks on us- thank you, Madam Spring! But it also is the time of year when the Unit starts gathering names for the upcoming election of officers in May. Please consider running for an office, and do not be afraid if someone else is running for that same office either! The list of offices is as follows: President, First Vice, Second Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt. at Arms, Chaplain, Executive Board Committee members (3), and Historian. If you are interested, or have questions regarding duties of officers, please contact your exec. board committee members; Sandy Pennington @ 513.231.6697, Mary Nash @ 513.502.4467, and Jackie Ruzsa @ 513.460.2573. Thank you!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-706-0524

We are currently taking applications for Life Membership. The application and letter must be submitted by someone other than the person being nominated. The candidate must have been a member of Mt. Washington Unit 484 for 10 years. They must have provided invaluable service to Mt. Washington Unit 484. Please contact me if you wish to nominate someone so I can give you the form to fill out. A letter of recommendation must accompany the form. Both the form and letter must be received by me before April 1, 2024.



QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231—3572

The February Quarter Auction was great fun. I hope you were there!!! We are back on [March 21st](#). 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.



EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697



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

We received a request from Clough Elementary School for disinfectant wipes and snacks for their students. Mary Nash and I went shopping at Sam's and purchased a four pack of wipes, multi packs of snacks like peanut butter and cheese crackers, mini-cinnamon coffee cakes, Welch's fruit pouches and fruit roll ups- there was quite a few tasty items that our unit was able to give to them! We also had received notebook binders from Vicki Monroe, and these also will be going to Clough. On behalf of Unit 484, I received thank you letters from Shriner's Hospital for Children, and the Neediest Kids of All. I can only say a big thank you to our members for allowing me to be generous to our local children and organizations! Special thanks to Vicki, Mary, and Carol Reyman for their help with the above!

Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

"Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be." Author unknown

"Spring is when is when life's alive in everything."
Christina Rosetti



LEGISLATION

Carol Reyman creyman44@ymail.com

Primary Election - [Tuesday, March 19, 2024](#)
YOUR VOTE --- YOUR VOICE

1. How does your vote affect Ohio and US Legislation? Your VOTE affects every piece of legislation.
 2. Does NOT VOTING affect legislation? Yes, when you don't vote, your VOICE is not heard.
 3. Why you need to register to vote? Only a registered to vote person can vote.
 4. How is your voice heard when you are only one of many votes? It is the "accumulated effect" of each individual vote that counts.
 5. What happens when you vote for the candidate of your choice? You give that candidate the right to be your voice, allowing them to vote on proposed legislation.
 6. Why do you need to be aware of the ideology of your preferred candidate? Your preferred candidate (should they be elected) becomes your Voice in the adoption of all new legislation, Thus their ideology should be compatible with yours.
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**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.



CHAPLAIN **Karol Monroe 513-384-2351**

Please keep Janice DeMario in your prayers, she is having procedures done. She wishes to keep it private so just pray for her.

Congratulations to Ginger Teeters on becoming a grandmother again.

Karol Monroe is going in for Pets cans, pray for a positive outcome.

As always, please pray for each other, remember the Auxiliary members who can't be with us in activities or meetings.

Remember to pray for our military, veterans, community, children, nation and world leaders so that we may all know peace.

Let us pray:

Lord, we thank You for the beauty of spring. Your might and strength have always been there, and we are so grateful.

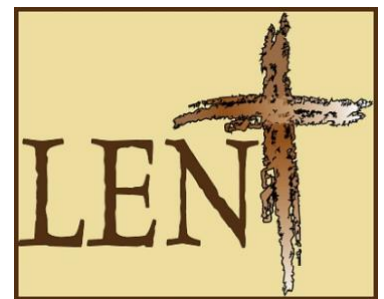
Please help our people who are sick in body or soul, give them Your unending strength. Give them courage.

Guide our military and veterans in their pursuits, remind them daily how much we love and respect their sacrifices for this great nation.

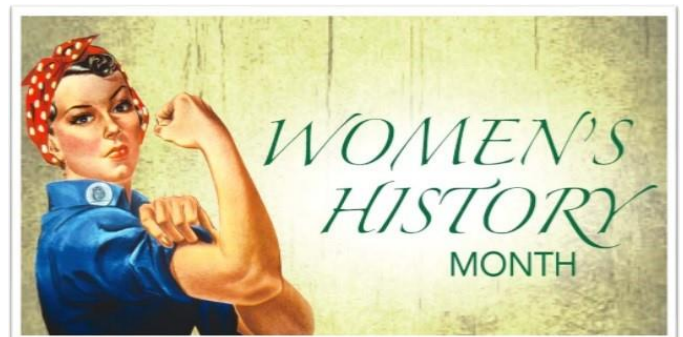
Please guide the hearts and tongues of Your people to speak love and kindness in every word we speak. Give Your people a listening heart as well.

Lord, watch over and be with Mt. Washington American Legion Auxiliary Unit 484 as we start to end this year. Help us to finish with grace and dignity.

-Amen



Happy Easter!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH EVENTS

- 1 – Fish Fry – 4:30 to 8:00
- 6– Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 8– Fish Fry – 4:30 to 8:00
- 11 – Spring forward – change your clocks
- 12 - Regular meeting – Social at 7pm mtg 7:30
- 15– Fish Fry – 4:30 to 8:00
- 16 – St. Patrick's Day Dance
- 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- 19 – Spring Begins
- 21 – Quarter Auction 6:00
- 22 – Fish Fry – 4:30 to 8:00
- 29 – Good Friday
- 29 – Fish Fry – 4:30 to 8:00
- 31 - Easter



MARCH BIRTHDATES

- 5 - Roanna McDaniel
- 5 - Theresa White
- 19 - Julie Broughton
- 30 - Jennifer Phillips



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR
PAM YOUNG 513-910-6875

Please send articles or information to pjyoung@fuse.net between the 15th and the 20th of the month. Please continue to send email addresses or updates to Jackie at 513.460.2573.

Thanks to everyone for sending articles for the newsletter.