

# UNIT 484

# HAPPENINGS

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

**May 2022**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Debbie Holden**

**513-400-7485**

It's election time again for year 2022-2023. Elections will be held at the Unit's regular meeting on May 10 between 6:00 – 7:30pm. The nominees for office are:

|                                   |                      |
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| President                         | Debbie Holden        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice              | Vicki Monroe         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice              | Sue Barnard          |
| Secretary                         | Lauren Campbell Kong |
| Treasurer                         | Lizanne Castle       |
| Chaplain                          | Karol Monroe         |
| Sgt. @ Arms                       | Tricia Oehler        |
| Historian                         | Sandy Pennington     |
| Executive Board: (vote for three) |                      |
|                                   | Annabelle Franz      |
|                                   | Julie Broughton      |
|                                   | Mary Nash            |
|                                   | Kelly Mayleben       |

Absentee ballots are available upon request 3 (three) days prior to the election by informing the Head Teller, (Arlene Potter), that you would like an absentee ballot. Her contact information is: 513-231-6618.

Upcoming conventions:

District: June 5 Mason Post 194 Registration: Noon Meeting: 1:00pm

Please respond to the District President @ [aux194@embarqmail.com](mailto:aux194@embarqmail.com) or 513-398-6566

Summer: June 30, 2022 thru July 2, 2022

Netherland Hilton Hotel in downtown Cincinnati. There is a parking fee for this hotel. To make reservations, please call: 1-800-HILTONS or 1-800-445-8667

Reference: **The American Legion Department of Ohio Convention.** Group rate is \$135/night + tax

Volunteers are needed for pages and registration. Please contact one of the Unit's officers for contact information.

As always, stay safe,  
Debbie



**POPPY****Debbie Hlolden 513-400-7485**

May 27, 2022 is National Poppy Day. Please wear a poppy to honor the veterans that have given the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free.



Letters have been sent to Legion Family Members requesting donations to the Poppy Program. The Poppy Committee will not be handing out poppies at local businesses again this year due to some restrictions in place.

**BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597****May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am- Noon**

Happy Spring! Hopefully the cold weather is behind us as the days grow longer. We are pleased to invite you to our monthly breakfast on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. We will be celebrating all the mom's out there on this special **Sunday**. Bring your mom, your grandmother, or any lady that you consider your mom, and she will have breakfast for \$5. As a reminder the buffet is served from 9-12 - adults (who are not moms) \$9 and children \$5. We hope to see your smiling face!

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

As it has been the Cinti. VAMC is still shut down to visitors. We are hoping it will be opening to visitors soon.

We have been able to help VAVS supply snacks to the in-patient veterans. I have been asked by some of our members to give a list of snacks we supply to the VA. Cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, Kellogg's protein meal bars, juice boxes (orange juice, cranberry juice, apple juice, fruit punch), Little Debbie snacks, pinwheels and Nutra Grain bars.

**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**

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.

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

Children and Youth program for April 12, 2022 for Mt. Washington Unit 484 monthly meeting.

The month of April has traditionally been Children and Youth month, and when we think of families we think of children, of course! But what of those parents who are serving in the armed forces? What about those children? This Friday- April 15<sup>th</sup> - is a special day, not only because it is the IRS tax day, or the religious observance of Good Friday, but it also is a day recognizing military children- the 15<sup>th</sup> is **MILITARY CHILDREN'S DAY**, and we have all been asked to "purple up!" and show how special these children are.

From Dept. of Ohio comes the following information concerning April 15<sup>th</sup>:

"The children of military families make sacrifices that other children do not have to contend with. Their parents might be deployed or their families might be on the move every two or three years."

At our meeting tonight, we are passing out a simple purple ribbon with a pin for you to wear honoring the children of our active military families. By the way, this date is recognized by the Department of Defense, and is considered a DOD Educational Activity. There will be parades, possibly a fair, or maybe some special contests even, held on military bases for the children to participate in. Purple is worn to show support and thank the military children for their strength and sacrifice. Purple itself represents all branches of the armed forces – Air Force blue, Army green, Navy blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue. Each of these colors when combined make – you guessed it! – **PURPLE!** Please wear this ribbon on Friday to show you recognize and care about these children. (Source for information: Veteran.com, "Purple Up" for Military Children's Day April 15<sup>th</sup>)





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

Our next Quarter Auction will be on **May 19th**. Doors open at 6:00 and the Auction begins at 7:00. We have changed to That Guy's BBQ for the food. There will be a full menu that has a lot of variety. We are starting our Poppy program to help our veterans. Come on down and help support this worthy program.



**AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572  
Buckeye Girls State**

We are very lucky to have 6 very talented and intelligent girls that will be attending BGS. 4 are from New Richmond High School, one is from Indian Hill High School, and one is from Summit Country Day. The girls will be attending Their orientation on **May 8th** at the Loveland Post. All of you are welcome to attend and learn more about this great program. Registration is at 12:30 and the orientation begins at 1:00.



Memorial Day is just around the corner. The Drill Squad will be going to 6 cemeteries and monuments on Memorial Day. Everyone is welcome to go with the Squad to help honor our departed veterans. The Auxiliary will be providing breakfast for the Squad and those going with them. There will be a special ceremony at the Monument at 10:30. (No parade).

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR LEGION MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTS!**

The Legion Family, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders), are always looking for volunteers to help at their events. Some events coming up are:

Breakfast – second Sunday of every month 9:00 – 12:00 noon (except for July & August)

These are just two events coming up but in future months there will be more. If you would be interested in volunteering, or you might know someone who would be interested, please let me know and I'll find an event suited just for you!

Call 513-400-7485 and ask for Debbie.

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

**LEGISLATIVE Karol Monroe 513-915-3331**

**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](mailto:karol.monroe@aol.com)) anytime.



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

From Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Secretary of State:

"The essence of America- that which really unites us- is not ethnicity, or nationality, or religion- it is an idea- and what an idea it is:

That you can come from humble circumstances and do great things."

From Mark Twain, American humorist:

"If you tell the truth, you won't have to remember anything."

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

### SAVE THE DATE!

May 21, 2022 from 7:00 – 11:00 pm

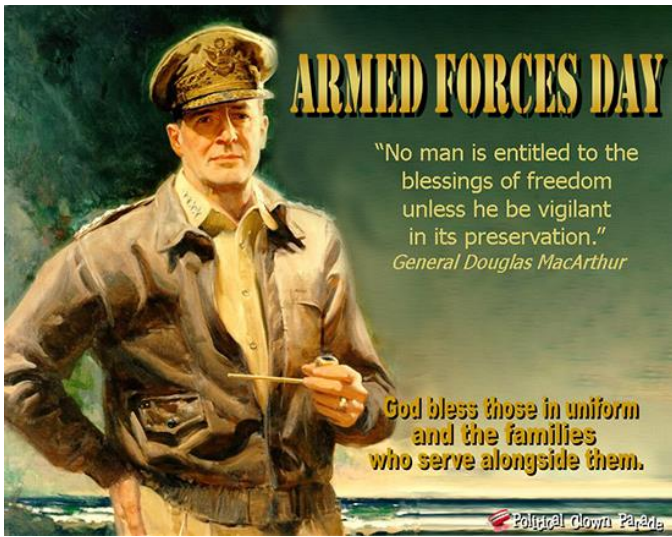
# DANCE

Post 484 Riders will be hosting a dance that night and have reserved the band, "Haymarket Riot" or AKA, "Red Hot Riot". This band has played at the Legion before, and they were great! Their music is a variety that will suit ages from teens to 100's! Come join us for a great time. Cost is \$10 per person. To reserve a table, you must have 8 or more. To reserve a table, please call Debbie at 513-400-7485 or Kim at 513-312-1538. There will be more details soon.

### MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are currently at 94% of our goal. Time is running out, however. Our fiscal year is getting close to the end. Please, if you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, take a minute, and send them to me. My address is: Vicki Monroe, 7988 Asbury Hills Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45255. We will have our Membership Drawing at our May meeting. If you recruited a new member this year, your name will be put in a drawing to win \$25.00.

### May 21 is Armed Forces Day



## Poppy



The Poppy Program is the oldest and most widely recognized Auxiliary program. Each year around Memorial Day, Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. Auxiliary members endeavor to explain the true meaning of this little flower to all those who receive it. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn and used by Auxiliary members to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.





## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **MAY EVENTS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> May Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> National Teachers' Day/Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Star Wars Day (May the Force be with you)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mothers' Day Breakfast 9:00-12:00
- 9<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 to 8:00
- 10<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time, 7:30 meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-8:00
- 19<sup>th</sup> Quarter Auction 6:00 doors open 7:00 starts
- 21<sup>st</sup> Armed Forces Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Spring Fling Dance – 7:00 – 11:00 (open to public)
- 27-29<sup>th</sup> Poppy Days
- 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

### **MAY BIRTHDATES**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Patty McAfee
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nancy Wright
- 14<sup>th</sup> Karen Leonard
- 19<sup>th</sup> Judy Brunett
- 26<sup>th</sup> Lana Makin

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bonnie & John Rossi
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mavis & Jim Briede
- 19<sup>th</sup> Kimberly & John Cumby
- 20<sup>th</sup> Rebecca & Christopher Daeger
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Julie & Donald Broughton
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Judy & John Brunett
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lynn & Charlie Sollberger
- 28<sup>th</sup> Valerie & John Ratchford

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

Please send articles or information to [pjyoung@fuse.net](mailto:pjyoung@fuse.net) before the 15<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!