

UNIT 484

HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

September 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debbie Holden

513-400-7485

Summer is almost gone, and fall is on the way. School has started so watch out for school busses and children waiting to be picked up. Always STOP when the bus has the sign out.

Most of you know the history behind the Auxiliary Emblem, but for those of you who don't, here is what the symbols on the Emblem mean: The Emblem is the Auxiliary's badge of distinction and honor. It stands for God and Country and the highest rights of man. It consists of several parts, and each part has a meaning. The rays of the sun that form the background stand for the American Legion Auxiliary principles of loyalty, justice, freedom, democracy and dispelling the darkness of violence, strife and evil. The unbroken circle of blue represents unity and loyalty. The field of white exemplifies the hope of Freedom. The star of blue is the emblem of service in war; it is no less the emblem of service in time of peace.

This is something I learned years ago, but every once in a while, need to remind myself why I'm a member of the Auxiliary – the best organization a woman/man can be a part of in this time of uncertainty.

Hope to see you soon.

Debbie



POPPY

Debbie Holden 513-400-7485

Activities will begin again soon. Please plan to attend a meeting and see what the Poppy Committee will do!



UPDATE!

BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597

September 11– 9am- Noon

Next breakfast in September so don't miss it! Buffet is all you can eat. **Adults \$10**, children \$5. Starting this month, breakfast will run from September thru February. We hope to see your smiling face!

VA & R

Liz Castle 513-232-5648

At this time, we do not have anything scheduled at the Cincinnati VAMC. I know that I have said this before, but we hope someday, to be able to visit again.

Easter Seals Honor Ride to "Honor a Vet, Help a Vet" was held on August 2. The Unit had a team signed up and donated \$200.00. Thank you, Tricia, for riding in our name.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Liz Castle 232-5648

We are always looking for ways to help our community. On October 1 there is a "Walk to end Alzheimer's" at Sawyer Point Park. Tricia Oehler will be walking in memory of her father, and we are more than happy to donate \$100.00 to this cause. If anyone would like us to donate to a cause or something in the community, please let me know.

MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are off to a great start!! We are at 36% of our goal. Please take a minute and send in your dues to me at 7988 Asbury Hills Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45255. If you send in your dues now you will be an "Early Bird" and you will be eligible to win \$25.00 on **November 11, 2022**. If you would prefer you can pay your dues online or by phone! Go to www.ALForveterans.org and click on the Login button. Enter your username and password to access your My Auxiliary account. Click on pay dues. If you do not have an account, click on the Log in button and click on create account. Visa and Mastercard credit and debit are accepted. You can print your membership card and a receipt will be mailed to you. You can also pay by phone by calling 317-569-4570. A live representative will help you through the process.

JUNIOR GIRLS - Chairman needed

NATIONAL SECURITY - Need a chairman



LEGISLATIVE Chairman needed

Many of you are familiar with who to contact about the upcoming election- but since we will soon be facing a barrage of election ads... thought the following would be of service to all!

Hamilton County Board of Elections: 513.632.7039 -
Clermont County Board of Elections: 513.732.7275

Please contact your board of elections for where to vote, the voting process, an absentee ballot or address changes.

The Ohio Secretary of State, Mr. Larose, oversees the legality and security of state elections; his phone number is 877.767.6446. He also a great comprehensive website! Other organizations have links for the voter to investigate:

ballotpedia.org, allows users to enter their address and see a sample ballot: opensecrets.org, details how money is raised and spent by candidates: vote411.org, is from the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization which supports active participation in government, and votesmart.org, where you can enter a candidate's name and find out

their voting record, past speeches, and funding sources! Never take our freedom for granted... always exercise your right to VOTE!



EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

A huge and sincere thank you to the ladies who brought multiple bags and boxes of school supplies for the children in the Mt. Washington area! We will be collecting these items in September too, so if you are shopping for them, please see me at our next meeting on **9/13/22!**

Children and Youth: I have heard from the brand-new contact person at Mt. Washington Elementary School, Nikki Marksberry. We had a great conversation and look forward to working together to see what programs or needs we can assist with in the coming school year. Also, I will be contacting Guardian Angels, Mt. Washington, and Sands Montessori schools, and ask if there are children of actively serving military families who we may help. I hope to have more information on that later this year. Thanks as always to all of you who support our children's programs



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AMERICANISM Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572
Buckeye Girls State

We hope you will come to the Buckeye Girls State/Boys State Dinner on [Sunday, September 18th](#) at 5:00. All the delegates will speak about their experiences at this great program. This is a free dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway or, please call Vicki Monroe at 513-231-3572 or call/text me at 513-706-0524 so we know how much food to have.

CRAFT BOUTIQUE Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

Our 35th Annual Craft Boutique will be on Saturday, [October 15th](#). We hope you will put it on your calendar and invite all your friends, relatives and neighbors to come down and see the items for sale by a wide variety of crafters. Our Unit will be having a Bake Sale and we would appreciate any donations you may be willing to give us. Arlene Potter and Jackie Ruzsa will be chairing the Sale. We will also be having a Basket Raffle. If you can donate any new baking or cooking items, please let Arlene Potter now. You can bring them to the September or October meeting. Liz and Chuck will be manning the kitchen, offering great lunch options.



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

From Amanda Gorman, Poet

"I look at fear not as cowardice, but as a call forward, a summons to fight for what we hold dear."

From Basketball player Russell Westbrook:

"I can name a lot of people who have rings. The ring is great, but what you do with that platform to impact other people is way more important."

And by the way, did you know ...

There is a day honoring Ft. McHenry Park in Baltimore, Maryland; it is called Defender's Day, and it is celebrated on every [September 12th](#) commemorating the anniversary of the successful defense of Baltimore against the British in 1814, and also the writing of the nation's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." This year that city will be hosting many historical events [September 9th](#) through the 11th at Ft. McHenry Park; go to their website and enjoy taking a step back in time!

Other dates to remember in September are: [September 2nd](#), V-J Day: Japan signed the formal surrender in 1945; [September 11th](#), Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, also Grandparents Day; [September 14th](#), the "Star-Spangled Banner," written by Francis Scott Key; [September 16th](#), POW/MIA Recognition Day; [September 17th](#), when the U.S. Constitution was approved in 1787, it is also Constitution and Citizenship Day; and most honored is [September 25th](#), Gold Star Mother's Day.



QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231--3572

Now that Fall is back and the kids are in school and you are looking for something fun to do, come down to our next Quarter Auction on [September 15th](#). 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 Guy's BBQ. They have lots of menu items for you to choose from. Come on down for a great time.

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 September thru February.

If you would be interested in volunteering, or you might 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 2nd VJ Day
- 7th Executive Board Meeting 7 pm
- 11th Patriots Day
- 11th Nat'l Day of Service & Remembrance
- 11th Breakfast 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 13th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time, 7:30 meeting
- 14th Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key
- 15th Quarter Auction 6:00 Doors open 7:00 auction
- 16th POW MIA Recognition Day
- 17th US Constitution ratified in 1787
- 17th Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-8:00
- 18th Buckeye Girls/Boys State Dinner 5:00
- 22nd First day of Autumn
- 25th Gold Star Mothers' Day

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDATES

- 6th Vicki Monroe
- 10th Jaclyn Ruzsa
- 12th Sandy Pennington
- 16th Lisa Young
- 30th Jean Stratton

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th Lauren & Jen Kong
- 15th Ann & Don Geis

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!