

UNIT 484 HAPPENINGS

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month

MARCH 2023

Purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary:

In fulfillment of our mission, The American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

- To support and advocate for veterans, military and their families.
- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion.
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship.
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy.
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals for freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and Patriotism in government.
- To increase our capacity to deliver our mission by providing volunteer opportunities within our communities.
- To empower our member ship to achieve personal fulfillment through *Service not Self*.

The Auxiliary is a vital part of the American Legion doing whatever it takes to assist our veterans throughout the world and especially at home.

As always, stay safe and hope to see you soon!

Debbie



POPPY

Debbie Holden 513-400-7485

The Poppy Committee had a Valentine's Day bingo game and there were two winners - Annabelle Franz and Karol Monroe! Congratulations!

This month there will be a St. Patrick's Day bingo game. Who will be the winner? Maybe YOU!



BREAKFAST BUFFET Tricia Oehler 513-476-8597

Our volunteers will be busy at Fish Fry so we have decided to give them a rest. !

VA & R Liz Castle 513-232-5648

At this time, we do not have any events scheduled at the Cincinnati VAMC. I know that I have said this before, but we hope someday, to be able to visit again. For St. Patrick's Day we will be making up gift bags for the residents of the Cincinnati VAMC CLC Unit. The bags will have socks, candy, crackers and cookies. We will not be able to hand deliver them, but we will drop them at the unit so all the veterans will get one to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

If you know any Veteran who is alone, give them a call or a visit, a small amount of your time can make a huge difference in their day

COMMUNITY SERVICE Liz Castle 232-5648

Please remember to "Pull Together" for the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati. Save your pull tabs (drink cans, pet food cans, food cans, etc.) and bring them to our meetings and I will get them from you and take them to the Ronald McDonald House. They raise thousands of dollars every year to help keep critically ill children and their families together.



EDUCATION Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

Recently I went to Sands Montessori to deliver two pairs of hats and gloves and some socks for both boys and girls: also delivered were individual tissue packets, pens, some bottles of shampoo and hand sanitizer too. The clothing items were specifically requested by the school: we will be bringing them non-perishable snacks to augment their weekend food packs in the next week or so. Also, I was given and incredible amount of school and art supplies by one of our members- these will be split up and brought to both Mt. Washington Elementary and Sands Montessori schools. Many thanks to our unit 484 members who always come through for the kids in our area!



**CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Sandy Pennington**

I received 10 of the most adorable, plump, soft and cuddly bears this month! These were donated to me for a Children and Youth project by Lynn Lieske, craft lady extraordinaire, and mother of Unit Chaplain, Karol Monroe! These are handmade, sewn with fun and vibrant fabrics, and are sure to be loved by some lucky children! I hope to give these to a worthwhile children's facility and will share more info when I can. Also, Unit 484 continues to donate to both local and national charities to support and care of children everywhere. We recently received a handsome banner that is worn with the U.S. flag when colors are posted; this banner was given to the unit by American Legion National Headquarters for our contribution to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. We are also donating a \$100 to the U.S.O. and earmarking it specifically for the MILITARY CHILDREN designation. As previously stated in an earlier newsletter, the children of those deployed who are serving their country are indeed, very special. We hope to support some of the incredible programs the USO has for these children.

MEMBERSHIP Vicki Monroe 513-231-3572

We are coming along. We have 71 members, which is 86% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who has paid their dues. If you have not, please take a minute to send in your dues to me or you can pay online.



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

We are looking for some great young ladies currently in their junior year who would like to attend BGS - a life changing experience. If you know of any young ladies, please let me know.



QUARTER AUCTION Vicki Monroe 231--3572

Now is the time to have some fun and win some great items. Our next Quarter Auction on **March 16th**. 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 and stop thinking about the cold weather.

LEGISLATION Carol Reyman creyman44@gmail.com

Ohio - US Senators and Representative and contact information.

US Senator Sherrod Brown -- brown.senate.gov
US Senator J.D. Vance -- vance.senate.gov
US Representative 2nd District Brad Wenstrup -- wenstrup.house.gov

Do You Know: The A.L. Auxiliary is a non-partisan organization and does not support any party, candidate, or policy. It **ADVOCATES** for the American Legion's position on legislation. As Advocates, we are the voice of veterans and their families.

The Legislative Committee Serves to **EDUCATE** the members, regarding legislation through unit bulletins. as well as identifying other means of information gathering, including social media. They are ALA Facebook group and ALA Zoom meetings,

Facebook can be accessed through -
- www.Facebook.com/groups/ALALegislative

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



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:

Our next meeting will be held on March 13, 2023 in the American Legion Hall. Members and supporters are welcome. Time: 7:00 pm.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE Vicki Monroe. 513-231-3572

It is almost time to celebrate another St. Patrick's Day!!! We will be having a dance to celebrate on **March 11**, 2023, from 8:00PM to 12:00 PM. There will be live music from The Pac.

The Pac



Cost is still only \$10.00 per person and that includes pop and draft beer. Mixed drinks are available for purchase. We are in need of items for our raffle table. If you can donate an item or two, please give me a call or bring them to the Exec board meeting. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, so please come to the dance and have a great time.

Mark your calendars now for **March 11**, 2023 for our St. Patrick's Dance. We have live music by Six Pac from 8:00 to 11:00. Tickets are available by contacting me. Tickets are still \$10.00 per person. We have not raised our prices in over 20 years!!!

Welcome to The Inspiration Box!



Sandy Pennington. 513-231-6697

"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future," Robert Penn Warren, American writer.

" Some say never meet your heroes. But I say if you are really blessed, you get them as parents," Laura Dern, actor.



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

- Cashier – Sandy Pennington
- Bartender – Nykky Kirchgessner
- Split the Pot – Kim Abner
- Raffle table – Jackie Ruzsa
- Servers – Dennis & Sue Gehring & Raychel Kelly
- Judges: - Steve Ervin – Jake Suttmiller – Scot Fague
- Contributors for the basket raffle: Jackie Ruzsa, Kathy Hosking & Julie & Jessica from the bar.

A very Special Thanks goes to Gary Holden for supplying the electric cords for the crock pots and my right-hand lady – Liz Castle. These two awesome people were there early to do what was necessary to get the cookoff to a good start and wonderful finish.

To all of you who came to enjoy the recipes that the contestants provided, THANK YOU!

Thanks, Debbie Holden, Chili Cookoff Coordinator



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH EVENTS

- 1st Executive Board Meeting 6-7 pm
- 3rd Lenten Fish Fry 4-8pm
- 11th St. Patricks' Day Dance 6:00 – 12:00
- 12th Daylight Savings Time begins
- 14th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Social Time 7:30 mtg
- 16^h Quarter Auction 6:00 Doors open 7:00 auction
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 17th Lenten Fish Fry 4-8pm
- 18th Spaghetti Dinner 4-8pm
- 20th Spring Begins
- 24th Lenten Fish Fry 4-8pm
- 31st Lenten Fish Fry 4-8pm



MARCH BIRTHDATES

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



MARCH 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.