

# The Scuttlebutt

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**The American Legion**  
**Navy – Marine Post 276**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

## Welcome

Thanks to the Marine Corps. League and others, the American Legion Navy-Marine Post 276 is making a comeback. Jim Upper and the others in the Marine Corps. League were concerned that some of the traditions developed by the post since it first received its Charter in the early part of 1920, might be lost. "The activities at Greenlawn Cemetery and the laying of the flowered anchor on the waters of the Scioto River from the Broad Street Bridge on Memorial Day need to continue," said Jim, "we can't forget those who have gone before us and those who have given their lives on the sea for our country." Thanks to the members of the Belleau Wood Detachment of the Marine Corps League, this post is again, alive and well.

For God and Country.

*Steve Ebersole – Newsletter Editor*

## Officers

<b>Commodore:</b>	Croft Merritt
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore</b>	Rick Rozzell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commodore</b>	Michael Muncy
<b>Paymaster</b>	Jim Upper
<b>Surgeon</b>	Bill Eberle
<b>Master-at-Arms</b>	Stan Miller
<b>Chief Yeoman</b>	Jim Upper
<b>Chaplain</b>	Earl Bailey

## Commodore's Comments

NAVY-MARINE Post has been rejuvenated!!!! On Saturday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup>, your post had an outstanding meeting with ten members present. We were able to initiate 7 newer members into the Post and the American Legion. I have been concerned over the lack of interest by the membership but this will no longer be a problem. We were able to appoint members to committee positions to continue the activities of the American Legion. Our Post Constitution is being brought up to date. The membership has increased and we are first Post in the 12<sup>th</sup> District to have quota. I want to acknowledge the efforts of Jim Upper, our Chief Yeoman, and Steve Ebersole in getting the Post reactivated. We look to seeing more members at our next meeting on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

*Croft Merritt – Commodore*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore

Welcome to all of the new officers and committee appointees. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore, Rick Rozzell transferred in to help the other former Marines who are working to keep the post alive. Besides the other officer listed elsewhere on this page, Earl Bailey will be doing Ceremonials and Public Relations. Earl will organize our Memorial Day activities as well as taking on our post spiritual needs as Chaplain. Steve Ebersole transferred in from another post where he is a Past Commander and he has been active in the 12<sup>th</sup> District operations over the past few years. Steve is our new Judge Advocate and is working on rewriting our Post Constitution and By-Laws. Steve will also take on the job of post Athletic Officer as we have been asked to sponsor a couple of baseball teams for American Legion Baseball.

We are grateful to everyone who has stepped up to fill the important jobs that need to be achieved.

## Chief Yeoman's Desk

Our Chief Yeoman and Paymaster, Jim Upper, has taken on the primary jobs that makes a post work. As Chief Yeoman, he will receive all communications from the National American Legion organization and Department of Ohio. Jim will be responsible for filling out the reams of forms that these two organizations require. Jim is also our Membership Chairman and is responsible to do all of the paper work that is associated with that job. He is responsible for keeping membership records, for issuing membership cards and sending all the necessary data to the National and Department organizations. As Paymaster, Jim is also responsible for all of the Post finances.

Jim will not be attending meetings for a few months as he is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery. Take a few moments and give Jim a call. Steve Ebersole will be stepping in to help Jim in his activities.

The new Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at the December meeting. If you need a copy, contact Steve Ebersole at (614)783-6862.



## Membership

We are the first Post to reach Quota in the 12<sup>th</sup> District. Our quotas was 33 members and we are at 36 already, this is 112.50 percent of quota. Having reached quota prior to Veterans Day, we will be seeing extra recognition from the Department of Ohio. We still have 11 members who have not renewed for 2009. Please get your renewals in.

Since we have not had an increase of dues since the last raises issued by National we have decided to raise our dues starting with our 2010 dues. Our standard dues will be \$35.00. Anyone who renews before Veterans Day of 2009 will be able to renew for \$30.00.

## The New VA Clinic



The new Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Clinic will open for business on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We've waited for this for sometime and it is finally going to happen. The new clinic is located at 420 N. James Rd. just on the eastern side of DSCC. The new facility will provide greater variety of health care services, eliminating the need for many of our veterans to travel to Cincinnati or other locations.

The current location will be closing down from November 3 to November 11. You may refer any questions that you have regarding your health care needs during this time to (614) 257-5200

[www.ALOHIO276.org](http://www.ALOHIO276.org)

Check out the new Website. It is under construction.

This newsletter will be printed every 3 months. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be January, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Join the American Legion Navy-Marine Post 276 and the Marine Corp. League, Belleau Wood Detachment for Breakfast the morning before the General Meeting. Amvets Post 89 starts serving at 8:00 AM and the cost is between \$4 and \$5. Cooked to order.

## Army vs Navy – 2008

**Dec. 6 at Noon**

Winking Lizard Tavern, 100 Hutchison Ave., Columbus OH 43235 (I-270 & Rt 23)

\$20.00 per person, free food, cash bar, raffles and prizes

Proceeds to benefit the Dublin Veterans Memorial Project

Sponsored by American Legion Post 800 and VFW Post 10691

## Calendar

### November

**Nov. 1, Sat 10:00 AM** – Post General Meeting, at Amvets 89  
**Nov. 9, Sun.** - Baseball Scheduling Meeting, 1PM at Post 239  
**Nov. 11, Tues.** - Veterans Day Parade, 7PM at Post 614  
**Nov. 25, Tues.** - District Council Meeting, 7:30PM at Post 98

### December

**Dec. 6, Sat. 10:00 AM** – Post General Meeting, at Amvets 89  
**Dec. 6, Sat.** - Dept. Exec, Committee Meeting at Ramada Plaza in Columbus  
**Dec. 6, Sat. 12 Noon** – Army Navy Game, Leaping Lizard Tavern, Columbus  
**Dec. 25, Thur.** - Gifts for Yanks Distribution, 9AM at Chillicothe VA

### January

**Jan. 3, Sat. 10:00 AM** – Post General Meeting, at Amvets 89  
**Jan 10, Sat.** - SAL Chili Cook off at Bexley Post 430  
**Jan. 11, Sun.** - Fall Conferences at Bexley Post 430, SAL - 11AM, Legion – 1PM  
**Jan. 16-18** Midwinter Conference, Dept of Ohio at Ramada Plaza  
**Jan. 30, Fri.** - Ohio Legion News Deadline