

# The Scuttlebutt

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The American Legion  
Navy – Marine Post 276  
Columbus, Ohio

## Congratulations To The New Officers

Congratulations to Commodore, Earl Bailey, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore, Rick Rozzell and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commodore, Norm Woehrl. The post has placed their complete confidence in you to lead Navy-Marine Post in the coming year. You have some big shoes to fill. The post has a long history of great leaders, especially Immediate Past Commodore, Croft Merritt. Croft is a true Legionnaire who understands the four pillars that the Legion was built on. Croft, I know our leaders will be able to continue to receive your guidance and support in your most important role as Immediate Past Commodore.

For God and Country.

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## Officers

<b>Commodore:</b>	Earl Bailey
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore</b>	Rick Rozzell
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commodore</b>	Norm Woehrl
<b>Paymaster</b>	Steve Ebersole
<b>Surgeon</b>	Bill Eberle
<b>Master-at-Arms</b>	Stan Miller
<b>Chief Yeoman</b>	Steve Ebersole
<b>Chaplain</b>	Charles Lammers

## Commodore's Notes

The new Legion year is starting and we have a lot to do. I want to thank Past Commodore, Croft Merritt for all of his work over the past few years holding the post together. I will be depending on his knowledge of the American Legion to get through the coming year and I will be depending the new team to continue to grow this post.

We had a successful Memorial Day event at the Broad Street Bridge this past week. We had a greater number of people there than we have had in the past few years. I want to thank all of the post members that helped make it a success and to the Columbus Police Department and Police Chief Distelzweig and all of their help.

As I indicated earlier, we have a lot to do this year. We need to grow the post. We ended the year with 39 members and I would like to see that grow by at least 50%. I would like to see a close working relationship between the Marine Corps League and the Navy-Marine Post in next years Memorial Day Activities, both at the Bridge and at the Cemetery. 2010 will be the 90<sup>th</sup> year of the Broad Street Bridge services. We should set a goal of making it the premier remembrance service in Columbus again. We also need to continue our work with the schools, especially Buckeye Boys State.

Earle Bailey - Commodore  
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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore

With the passing of another Memorial Day we pay tribute to all of the veterans who have gone their rest before us. It is incumbent on all living veterans to keep their service in the minds of Americans. Our Navy-Marine Post has helped to do that with our annual Broad Street Bridge ceremony.

To keep these sentiments alive we must continue to recruit new members. Recently our influx of new members had waned. We need to reverse this trend if Post 276 is to continue its recovery. Also remember that we meet the first Saturday of each month at 1000 in the ball room of AmVets post 89. Attendance at meetings has been meager and we could use some additional support.

Rick Rozzell - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore  
1stVice@alohio276.org

## Chief Yeoman's Desk

I want to thank my predecessor, Jim Upper. Without his efforts and his dedication to our fellow veterans, our post may not have survived. I only hope that I can continue his path to further develop our revived post. Thanks Jim for all of your past efforts, I know that we will be able to continue to depend on your enthusiasm and dedication.



We will soon be starting the new membership year. I should receive the new membership cards in a few weeks. Remember that we have increased our dues. The early bird renewal is \$30.00 to be paid prior to Veterans Day. All new members and any renewals coming in after November 11 will need to submit \$35.00. Renew early and save.

I will be attending the Department Convention in Dayton from June 25-27.

Steve Ebersole - Chief Yeoman / Paymaster  
ChiefYeoman@alohio276.org



## Membership

Our membership year ends at 39. This has been a great year. Thanks to all of the new members that have helped to grow the post. Commodore Earl Bailey has indicated that he would like to see the post grow by at least 25 new members this year. 27 new members will take us to the next level allowing us a second delegate to the Department Convention. That is a big challenge to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commodore, Rick Rozzell and all of the members of Navy-Marine Post 276.

## Past Commodore's Notes

At our May meeting, the newly elected officers were installed into their respective offices for the 2009-2010. It was great for me to have the opportunity to see this event and call myself "Past Commodore." Earl Bailey, our new Commodore, got involved in the Memorial Day ceremony which was conducted on the Broad Street bridge on Monday, May 25th. I feel certain that your new officers will carry out the traditions of Navy-Marine Post. You will find that they are taking an active interest in the activities of the American Legion. The Post is in "good hands."

As I watched the installation of these new officers, I thought about the first time I served as the Commodore (1950-1951). I was recalled to active duty in August, 1950 and Jack Price replaced me for the last month of my term of office.

I want to thank all of you for the assistance that you have given me over the years. God Bless you, the American Legion, and especially God Bless America and the service men and women serving in harms way.

Thank you, Croft Merritt

## Washington Conference

I attended the American Legion Washington Conference held on March 1 through the 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a legislative conference with briefings from different Governmental Agencies, and visits to members of Congress and the Senate to promote the Legion's agenda for the year. I heard Briefings of Special Weapons development and Public Relations. Carole, my wife, and I along with Department Adjutant, Roger Hight and Past Department Commander, Glenn Hickman met with Andy Hardy, the Legislative Assistant to Congressman Pat Tiberi. We also met with Brad Simmons (USMC) of Senator Sharod Browns office along with Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Lou Dimmerman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Dennis Clausing and Judge Advocate, Art Lustig. We hit the primary talking points covering the DOD and VA Budget issues as well as advanced appropriations for the VA, issues with claims and adjudications, mental health care, the War on Terrorism and our stand on illegal immigration. Both offices were very receptive to our issues. All of these issues are a result of the presentation of Resolutions voted on at the last National Convention and meetings of the American Legion National Executive Committee. Most resolutions begin at the post level are voted at the District and Department Conventions.

Steve Ebersole

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Check out the new Website.

This newsletter is printed every 3 months. This is your newsletter so send your articles to [newsletter@alohio276.org](mailto:newsletter@alohio276.org) or get them to Steve Ebersole. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be July, 24<sup>th</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.

## Relief Fund

It is our intention to start a Relief Fund to be used for the rehabilitation and welfare work of our Legion family. We will start this by offering Poppies as do many American Legion Posts throughout the nation. Since we do not have a Post home we will be offering a virtual Poppy Memorial on the Post Web site. This Memorial Day, let's remember not only those who gave all but also those of our fellow Veteran's that continue to need our help. Please donate generously.



## June

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 AM – Post General Meeting  
June 13-21 – Buckeye Boys State, Bowling Green Univ.  
June 26-28 – Department Convention in Dayton, OH.  
June 26-28 – Special Olympics, OSU

## July

Saturday, July 4, Independence Day (Post meeting will be held 7/11 at Blood Drive-Business will be suspended)  
Saturday, July 11, 9 AM – 2 PM – Blood Drive for the Troops, Army Reserve Center, 165 N. Yearling Rd.

## August

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM – Post General Meeting, at Amvets Post 89

**Navy-Marine American Legion Post 276  
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Dear American Legion Family Member,

It is Poppy Days again and as in the past years, the American Legion Family wishes to remind Americans of the sacrifices of life and health made by the men and women of the Armed Forces.

The little red flower is made by the Veterans in the hospitals. All contributions are used entirely for the rehabilitation and all welfare work done by the Legion Family. Your support to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated and the enclosed self addressed envelope is for your convenience.

Any donation of \$5.00 or more will have a "Memory" Poppy displayed at our Web site at [www.alohio276.org](http://www.alohio276.org) . With your donation provide a name of a deceased veteran or living military to be displayed with the "Memory" Poppy.

**In Flanders Fields  
By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)**



**In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**

Thank you for your support,

Steve Ebersole, Poppy Chairman

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