

The Scuttlebutt

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The American Legion
Navy – Marine Post 276
Columbus, Ohio



Boys State Governor

The Governor elected for the American Legion Buckeye Boys State for 2009 was Marquis Lovejoy, a junior from Beechcroft High School and was sponsored by the Navy Marine Post 276. "It is a proud day for the Navy Marine Post," stated past Commodore and Governor's Office Coundelor Croft Merritt when he called Chief Yeoman Steve Ebersole to inform him of the event. Croft had an interesting bit of trivia at the same time. It seems that the last time the 12th District had a Governor elected was in 1988 and he, too, was sponsored by Post 276.

This was Commodore and Boys State Chairman Earl Bailey's first experience in selecting boys for Boys State but he found a winner and knew it. The Navy Marine Post also sponsored Tyler Chandler and Jared Freeman from Gahanna Lincoln High School. All of these young men have worked hard and represented Post 276 with honor and we have helped to provide them a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we can be proud of. Now we can start planning for 2010 Buckeye Boys State.



Officers

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

Commodore's Notes

As some of you may know that Jim Weant of the Marine Corps League, has agreed to serve as Chairman for this year's Toy's for Tots campaign. This is a huge responsibility and Jim will need everyone who can possibly give any time to this year's drive. The Navy'/ Marine family fully understands the word "give"

Please join us in making this the biggest drive ever. Doing so will show the men of Lima Co., just how much we appreciate all their hard work, in last year's campaign. We also need to show them what their efforts mean to our country as they leave for Afghanistan in November.

Earle Bailey - Commodore
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1st Vice Commodore

Ahh. The warm days of summer are upon us. These long days produce many diversions and make us lethargic which leads to the deferral of important tasks. Don't let this ease keep you from renewing your Post membership. Remember there is an early bird discount in effect until Veterans Day. Any savings in tough economic times should be perused. We currently have 328 renewed members so a good "well done" to all of those supporters. For the rest, send in your \$30.00 to the Post address on your return label.

We also need to keep up our new member recruiting so everyone needs to be out beating the bushes for eligible recruits. Anyone needing applications can contact me or our Chief Yeoman.

Rick Rozzell - 1st Vice Commodore
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Chief Yeoman's Desk

The new Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) dues are effective as of October 1. The bad news is that the PUFL dues program has increased but the good news is that the annual payment program has been changed to the 36 month payment plan. The PUFL rate is dependent on the IRS life expectancy tables and is based on your age and the Post's annual dues. For example, if you are between the age of 50 and 54 with our annual post dues of \$35.00 your monthly payment will be 28.69 for 36 months or you can pay the total amount in a lump sum if you choose. The benefits are that once your PUFL is paid up you will never have to worry about your dues again and your magazine subscription will continue for life (even if the annual dues are increased). Check with me if you have any more questions and to find out about the other benefits.

Steve Ebersole - Chief Yeoman / Paymaster
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The Chalmers P Wylie VA Clinic

I was honored to have been invited by Congressman Pat Tiberi to participate on a roundtable at the new Chalmers P Wylie Clinic along with American Legion Past National Executive Committeeman, Carl Swisher of Post 82 as well as representatives from the VFW, Amvets, Disabled American Veterans and other veterans. We met with the Clinic Director, Dr. Lilian Thome, Associate Director John Glacken and other staff members. Also present was Congressman Tiberi and from his Staff, Jason Dominguez (recently of Post 276), Mark Bell (Post 82), of the Colubus office and Andy Hardy from his Washington DC office. Issues were discussed that included conditions at the clinic, new services being offered, the progress in eliminating the backlog of claims and volunteer services. Everyone had a chance to state their issues and concerns. The new Clinic offers many improvements over the old clinic, including more space, many more services and the backlog is dwindling. We expressed our concerns over support for our National Guard and Reserves and discussed how we can help in recognizing potential PTSD cases and aid in them getting the help that they need..

Parking is one concern that is being addressed. Half of the warehouse on DSCC grounds directly across from the Clinic's main entrance is being replaced by another 250 parking spaces. The hiring of new ejudicators was discussed and the concern was brought up on the length of time that it takes for them to ramp up as well as concerns on their process for handling claims. Concerns were also expressed about the new Director of Volunteer Services and how volunteers with many years of service were seemingly being pushed aside by paid contractors from the AARP.

The Director and her staff were complimented on their efforts and our appreciation for being able to take part in their efforts to improve the service was stated by many.

Congressman Tiberi then took an opportunity to recognize the efforts of the local American Legion on the Missing in America Project (MIAP). He announced that because of the Legion bringing this issue to his attention he introduce House Bill HR-2642 requiring the VA to work with local Veterans Service Organization in resolving the proper interment of any abandoned or unclaimed remains of all Veterans.

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 or get them to Steve Ebersole. Deadline for articles for the next newsletter will be October, 24th.

Join the American Legion Navy-Marine Post 276 and the Marine Corp. League, Belleau Wood Detachment on the first Saturday of the month for breakfast before the General Meeting. Amvets Post 89 starts serving at 8:00 AM and the cost is between \$4 and \$5. Cooked to order. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM

Relief Fund



Our Poppy program has started with a bang. Thanks to the generous nature of all Legionaires we have ta good start to our Relief Fund. You will now find nine memorials on the Poppy page at the post Web site.It is obvious that you don't want this to end with the period around Memorial Day so we will continue through the end of the year. These funds will only be used for Veteran's who need our help, this is the legacy of the Poppy. Please continue to send your donations to the Post along with you Poppy memorial request..

August

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM – Post General Meeting
August 21-27 – Nationa Convention, Louisville, KY

September

Saturday, September 4, 10:00 AM – Post General Meeting
Saturday, September 11, 9 AM – 2 PM – Blood Drive for the Troops, Army Reserve Center, 165 N. Yearling Rd.
Wednesday, September 16, American Legion Day
Friday, September 18, POW/MIA Day
Friday, September 18, 12th District Golf Outing

October

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM – Post General Meeting, at Amvets Post 89
October 17, Department Commander's Homecoming