



90th Anniversary Memorial Day Observance

In December of 1919, the Navy Marine Post received its temporary Charter and on Decoration Day in May of 1920 they remembered their dead in the War to End All Wars. Years later, parades were introduced and the name of the day was changed to Memorial Day. Unfortunately, there have been more wars and more of our fallen need to be remembered. In talking to one of our newest members recently, he stated that, "I remember going downtown and sitting on my Dad's shoulders to watch the parade." Then he said that they would walk to the Broad St. Bridge over the Scioto River and watch them lower a flowered anchor on to the waters.

This will be our 90th year to remember our comrades, of the sea services, who have sacrificed all to preserve our freedoms. We will again, lower a flowered anchor on the waters of the Scioto River remembering all who have died in all of our wars. Join us in this long tradition on Monday, May 31 at 9:00 AM at the Broad St. Bridge above the waters of the Scioto River.

Program

Salutation
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Invocation
Speaker's Remarks
Presentation of Honors
Laying of the Anchor
Navy Hymn (Hastings Middle School Glee Club)
Amazing Grace (Highland Bagpiper)
Rifle Volley
Taps
Closing Prayer

Commodore

As spring gets here, it is, again, time to remember our fallen heroes in another Memorial Day observance. Please join us at the Scioto River.

This year we are pleased to be sending five boys to Buckeye Boys State. We may be small but we are making a big impact on the community.

We had a good year of growth. Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of the month for breakfast at 8 A.M. and then our meeting at 9:30 A.M. at Amvets Post 89 on Westerville Rd. The next meeting will be May 15th.

Earl Bailey - Commodore
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Chief Yeoman's Desk



We had the post elections last month and most of the officers have agreed to stay on. We will have the installation of these officers at the May meeting.

We have found many historical documents in a storage locker at Veterans Memorial. We have our original temporary Charter for Navy Post 276, that is dated, December of 1919. It has fifteen names at least two are different than our final Charter issued in March of 1921. There was a picture of the 1937 National Convention Parade passing by the State House. There also was a picture of our first Commodore, George R. Le Sauvage, Commodore from 1919 to 1920. We also found many documents from our Ladies Auxiliary from the 1950s. I've been told there are more surprises in a locker. So there is more history to come.

Steve Ebersole - Chief Yeoman / Paymaster
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1st Vice Commodore

As we approach the summer months a number of patriotic events loom. First is the Broad Street bridge Ceremony on Memorial Day. Please take the time to attend this moving event that has honored members of the Naval Services that have fallen in service to their country. This year marks its 90th celebration.

Also keep recruiting in mind. While we have made our quota for this year, next year will be upon us shortly and we will need to start all over again. Norm Whorley has had some great brochures prepared that provide a summary of American Legion programs. Contact him to get some of them to help get our message out.

Rick Rozzell - 1st Vice Commodore

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Supreme Court Decision On Mojave Cross Is A Victory

On April 28 the Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision to reverse a lower court decision that could have required the removal of a cross that has stood in the Mojave National Preserver for more than 75 years. The American Legion joined as a "friend of the court" in action favoring preservation of the monument that resulted in the case being argued before the U. S. Supreme Court last year.

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the ruling, "The goal of avoiding governmental endorsement does not require eradication of all religious symbols in the public realm. Here one Latin cross in the desert evokes far more than religion. It evokes thousands of small crosses in foreign fields marking the graves of Americans who fell in battles, battles whose tragedies are compounded if the fallen are forgotten."

However, the battle may not be entirely over. The Court remanded the case to the U.S. District Court to give it a chance to see if any other legal alternatives exist. However, the High Court reminded the District Court that: "Respect for a coordinate branch of Government forbids striking down an Act of Congress except upon a clear showing of unconstitutionality." The cross will remain covered pending the District Court's review.

"The American Legion will continue to fight for the values and freedoms veterans gave their lives for," stated National Commander, Clarence Hill said.

Join the American Legion Navy-Marine Post 276 and the Marine Corp. League, Belleau Wood Detachment on the third 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 9:30 AM

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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 July, 24th.

May

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 AM – Post General Meeting
Saturday, May 22 - Blood Drive for the Troops
Sunday, May 23 - 12th District Convention
Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day

June

Tuesday, June 14 – Flag Day (Disposal) Post 532
Saturday, June 19, 9:30 AM – Post General Meeting
June 12-20 – Buckeye Boys State
Thursday, June 24 – DEC Meeting, Toledo
June 25-27 – Department Convention, Toledo
Sunday, June 27 – DEC Meeting, Toledo

July

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day
Saturday, July 17, 9:30 AM – Post General Meeting
Saturday, July 17 – SAL DEC, PR Committee, Dept HQ
Saturday, July 24 – DEC, Dept HQ

**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. Send any donations with the form below to The American Legion Navy Marine Post 276, 3934 Maidstone Dr., Columbus, OH 43230.

Any donation of \$5.00 or more will have a "Memory" Poppy displayed at our Web site at 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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